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County still waiting for \$1 million for 2001 flood

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

In the last three years, Floyd County has spent nearly \$4 million for flood damages, of which approximately \$846,000 has been used with no hope of reimbursement.

Presently, the county awaits just over \$1 million owed from both the state and the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in reimbursements for money spent during the August flooding of 2001.

Total cost damages for that flood, when combined with costs attached to the relatively smaller flood in May, were \$3.2 million and left the county holding a \$416,000 tab, based on the 13 percent contributed by a county in a declared emergency.

FEMA agrees to pay 75 percent of those costs,

while the state picks up the additional 12 percent, but repayment of the \$1.05 million has not yet come. With approximately \$300,000 in flood repairs still needing to be done, county officials are becoming anxious to replace the money.

According to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, \$1,125,000 has already been spent finishing projects throughout the county. The money, he said, was taken from the both the county's gen-

eral and road funds with the promise of repayment in mind.

Thompson said that about \$70,000 will be needed for the addition of baskets and resurfacing on Clark's Branch at Buffalo, with most of the rest to be used to repair broken roads throughout the county.

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briefs

Sex assault suspects enter not guilty pleas

MOREHEAD — Five men charged with sexually assaulting a Morehead State University student in her dorm last fall entered innocent pleas in Rowan County Circuit Court on Friday.

Entering the pleas were Nathan Blackburn, 18, of Pikeville; Jordan H. Tackett, 19, of Jenkins; Trevor K. Duncan, 19, of Olympia; Quinton L. Martindale, 18, of Louisville and Calvin G. Roach, 18, of Louisville.

Circuit Judge Beth Lewis Maze scheduled a July 28 trial for the five.

The men, all current or former students at Morehead State, are charged with using a minor in a sexual performance. The 17-year-old girl reported to police that she was gang raped at Waterfield Hall, a coed dorm where all the accused lived.

The alleged victim has since turned 18 and left school.



photo by Sheldon Compton

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and three of his four fiscal court magistrates, Gerald Derossett, Larry Foster Stumbo and newly-elected Alan Williams, were sworn in Friday. District 2 magistrate Jackie Edford Owens was sworn in separately, while attended by his mother.

Floyd officials take office

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was a packed house in the Floyd County Courthouse Friday for the swearing in of county officials.

The afternoon began with the swearing in of Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and three of his four magistrates — Larry Foster Stumbo,

Gerald Derossett and Alan Williams.

Jackie Edford Owens, who regained his position as District 2 magistrate with the county's return to a magisterial form of government, apologetically requested to be sworn in separately while attended by his mother.

"It's not that I don't want to be sworn in with the other magistrates, but I already promised my mom,"

Owens told those in attendance.

Following the swearing in of fiscal court members, Judges John David Caudill, Eric Hall, Danny P. Caudill, Julie Paxton and James R. Allen performed ceremonies for long-time county coroner Roger Nelson, Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Jailer Roger Webb, as well as the county constable

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Advocates for victims fight funding freeze

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A plan to cut at least 13 percent of the money that domestic violence and sexual assault crisis centers receive will directly affect services in the region according to Margaret Pelfrey, director of victim services for Mountain Comprehensive Care in Prestonsburg.

The money that the centers receive is from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which is funded when felons pay fines that have been imposed on them. The money that is collected is then used for victim services.

"They put a cap on the fund and even though the

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Slow car tips officers to pot

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A slow, leisurely drive led to the arrest of two Ohio men on Tuesday after marijuana was located in their vehicle.

According to police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Dennis Hutchinson noticed a 1992 Pontiac that was driving too slow for traffic on Route 80 near Martin. The vehicle had a long line of traffic behind it and was clocked at 43 miles per hour.

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Despite fire, cancer, Billy Ray's owner planning to bounce back

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Regardless of failing health, the owner of a Prestonsburg "family restaurant" says that the business will soon be open in a new building with a bigger kitchen, but it will still employ the family atmosphere that it has for years.

The landmark building known as Billy Ray's burned on Sept. 12 as the result of a gas leak that caught from a pilot light. At that time, Collins reported that the building had been built in 1927 and had housed a restaurant since 1940.

Extensive damages required that the

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The Prestonsburg City Council declared 25 feet of land, beside the vacant lot that was the site of Billy Ray's Restaurant, to be surplus property. Billy Ray Collins, owner of the restaurant and member of the council, will purchase the land, which will be used when erecting a new building with a larger kitchen.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Ring in the new year with the joyful sounds of a baby's cries are new parents, Stephen Newsome and Vaniesha Robinson who welcomed the arrival of their son, Stephen Anthony Newsome, on New Year's Day. The baby arrived, via Caesarean section, at 8:43 a.m., weighing in at 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is the maternal grandson of Gail Pinson and the late Curtis Robinson and the paternal grandson of Estill and Ruth Newsome. Stephen Anthony has one older brother, Harley D. Robinson.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



First round of smallpox vaccinations set to begin

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Although the Centers for Disease Control has approved the Kentucky Pre-Event Vaccination Plan, beginning the first phase of the president's plan to fight bioterrorism and planning for the second, it has not released smallpox vaccine for phase three as federal offi-

cialists do not recommend immunization to the general public at this time.

In compliance with President Bush's national plan to combat bioterrorism, specifically smallpox, the CDC approved Kentucky's plan on Jan. 3, which will soon begin the first phase of the president's plan by offering vac-

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Odds and Ends

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — Archaeologists excavating trash deposits at the Palace of the Governors discovered a brass tag bearing the name of a 19th-century governor known for relegating many historical documents to the trash heap.

The inscription on the tag, found in deposits dating from the mid- to late 19th century, reads: "Wm. A. Pile, 512 Pine, St. Louis, Mo." Pile was governor of New Mexico Territory from 1869 to 1870.

Frances Levine, director of the Palace, said it's ironic archaeologists "would find a reference to Governor Pile in the trash deposits behind the Palace."

In May 1869, in an apparent effort to clean up the seat of Territorial government, Pile ordered the disposal of a large number of documents.

Territorial librarian Ira Bond, following Pile's instructions, sorted through the documents, keeping what he considered important. The rest was relegated to a shed, where papers were distributed throughout the community as scrap.

■ **LANTANA, Fla.** — It didn't take long to crack this case.

Detectives say a forgetful thief left his wallet behind when he pulled a gas station stickup. Authorities said Alfonso

Valbuena, 22, opened his wallet and asked a gas station clerk for change. He then allegedly set his wallet on the counter and pulled a gun.

Valbuena robbed the store of about \$200 and fled, deputies said. The clerk wasn't hurt.

When deputies arrived on the scene, they found the wallet still on the counter. They used several traffic citations inside to find owner's car, along with Valbuena, in an apartment complex.

Deputies recovered the weapon used in the robbery and the money. He was being held in the county jail without bond on an armed robbery charge.

■ **CADILLAC, Mich.** — The 'S' pilfered months ago from the front of the Floyd Sundstrom building has finally surfaced.

The remaining letters are still missing, however, apparent victims of community pranksters who freed the letter 'S' Tuesday during the city's New Year's celebration.

Wexford County Historical Society member Diane Hora showed up with the 'S' handcuffed to her wrist.

"They gave it to me at about 3:30 at the school and told me to return it to Frank (Youngman) and then it was going to be given back to us later at the pep rally," Hora said. She declined

to say who 'they' were.

Hora returned the 'S' to Youngman, who this summer used the vacant Sundstrom building to construct Sound Garden, a community music and art project. He handed it back to Hora, who said the letter will be displayed in a local museum.

The stolen 'S' spawned months of intrigue around the community, as the letter frequently popped up at events, only to quickly disappear.

Ransom notes for the 'S' were sent to Youngman at the Sundstrom building, to Carol Potter at the Cadillac Area Visitor's Bureau and to the Cadillac News office.

■ **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.**

— An error in a newspaper advertisement touting a New Year's Day sale at a sporting goods store created extra work for some 911 dispatchers and police officers.

In the full-page ad that ran Tuesday morning in The Grand Rapids Press, the prefix for the telephone number of Dunham's Sports store was incorrectly listed as 911. The correct prefix is 977.

When readers dialed the first three digits of the incorrect phone number, their calls automatically went to the 911 dispatchers.

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Smallpox

nation for smallpox, a disease that does not currently exist, to health care workers.

The CDC has released enough vaccine to offer up to 8,000 health care and public health professionals vaccination, which will be members of smallpox response teams, starting as soon as next

month.

In adhering to phase one of the White House's plan, those offered the vaccine have been identified by the state's 55 local health departments and 103 acute care hospitals as being able to provide medical, disease investigation and vaccination capabilities in the event of a

smallpox outbreak. These people would be the first to come into contact with smallpox cases.

Upon completion of phase one,

the state expects the CDC to release additional supplies of the vaccine to first responders, such as firefighters, emergency medical

workers and law enforcement. However, the CDC has not released vaccine for phase three, as federal officials do not recommend

immunization of the general public at this time.

Although smallpox was globally eradicated in 1977, the Department for Public Health acknowledges in its Smallpox Response Plan that the disease could be used as a weapon and it has been 30 years since vaccination was required, therefore leaving most people in need of the vaccine. However, the plan states that many Kentuckians have medical conditions that make it unwise to

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Officials

representatives.

Just as the afternoon session of ceremonies was coming to an end, Thompson, with newly elected magistrate Alan Williams at his side, addressed the crowd.

Thompson explained that Williams, who had held a Bible before, during and after the cere-

mony, had brought it to honor the late Derek Kane Hale, to whom the Bible belonged.

Hale, who lost to Williams in the magistrate race for District 4, died on May 30, just after the election. The exact details surrounding his death remain unclear.

Advocates

felons are putting money in, it is not getting to the victims," Pelfrey said.

The victim services program at Mountain Comprehensive Care uses the funds to assist rape and domestic violence victims.

"We will go to any of the six local hospitals at any time that a victim wants an advocate to come to them," Pelfrey said.

The money is used by the program to pay for staff and for clothes that are provided to victims of rape.

"They take many of the victims' underwear and pants as evidence. We provide clothes at the hospitals for them to wear,"

Pelfrey said.

The money from the fund that is acquired through a grant in order to use the money locally and allows the service to be given to the victims for free.

"This is a very important thing for our community to be aware of," Pelfrey said.

As part of an effort to alert U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell to the consequences of the VOCA cap, the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs are asking volunteers and supporters to urge McConnell to vote to lift the cap.

Waiting

"There were so many emergencies declared across the state during the August floods in 2001 and then in May of 2002 that everybody is behind," Thompson said. "Fortunately we had some money and we were able to get most of our work done except Clark Branch and some projects to drive steel for broken roads."

But work cannot move ahead on those projects until reimbursements are in place, according to Thompson.

"Assuming we could get in all of the money by April, and do the work needed to be done, we could get \$750,000 of our money back spent in repairing roads," Thompson said. "That's clear

money that would go back into the county budget."

Thompson said there had been probably \$100,000 to \$150,000 spent by the county for flood repairs that would slip through FEMA's assessment because the repairs were a collection of small details often overlooked.

But in spite of figures taken from flood repair costs, Thompson remains optimistic in retrospect, saying without the foresight to undertake flood protection projects in the county, damages and costs could have been more.

"If the Left Beaver Creek flood project hadn't been in place," Thompson said, speaking of a focused construction effort to

Slow

After pulling over the vehicle, Hutchinson noticed an odor of marijuana and asked the driver if he had any in the car. When the driver said no, Hutchinson asked if he could search the vehicle.

After searching the car, Hutchinson located a bag of marijuana beside the driver's seat along with a baby food jar filled with seeds. Hutchinson then checked the passenger side of the vehicle where he located three bags of marijuana under the seat. The passenger in the vehicle also had some rolling papers in his possession.

Dustin M. Taylor, 18, was charged with driving too slow for traffic, no insurance, possession of marijuana and use or possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger in the vehicle, Joseph L. Meyers, 19, was charged with possession of marijuana and use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both men are being held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$2,000 bond. They are scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Jan. 14.

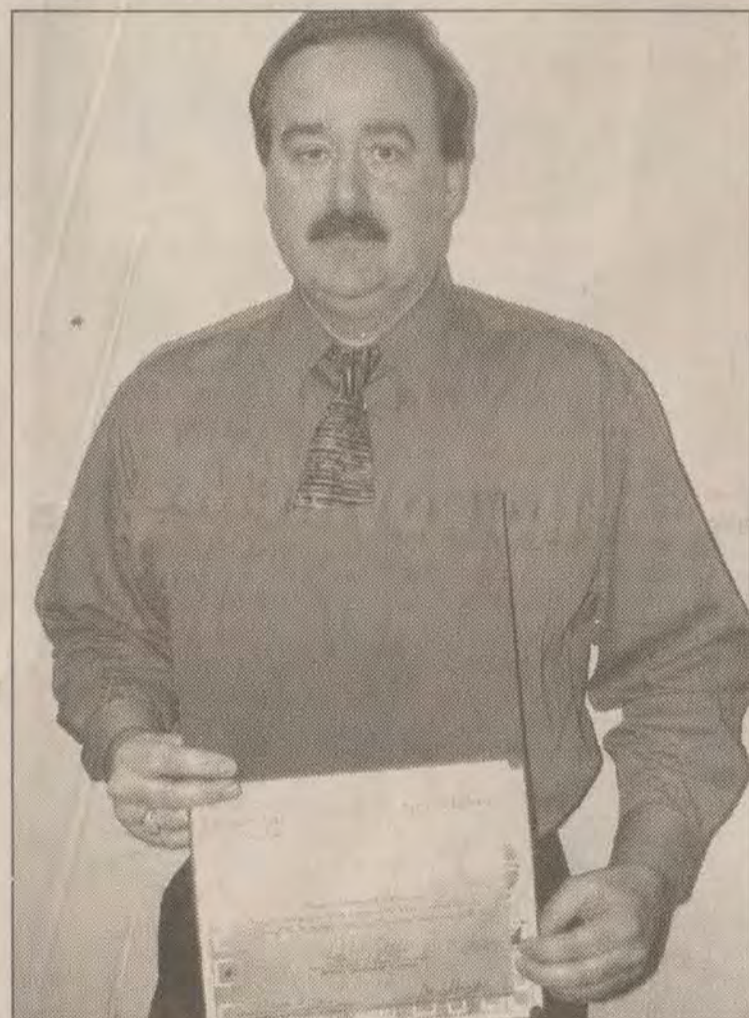


photo by Sheldon Compton

Floyd County Board of Education member Jeff Stumbo recently received the 2002 Governor's Award for his work as chairman and director of the local organization EKORE. Stumbo initiated the group in response to flash flooding which damaged hundreds of homes throughout Floyd County in August 2001. The group, which has now ceased operation, helped over 100 local homeowners make flood repairs, Stumbo said.

Stumbo rewarded for volunteer work

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Now that damages from the county's most recent bout with flooding rains have been dealt with, one Floyd County man has been recognized as having spearheaded a volunteer effort that brought assistance to hundreds of area homeowners who may have not otherwise found help.

Floyd County school board member Jeff Stumbo was recently awarded a 2002 Governor's Award for outstanding volunteer service for his organization's contributions in the wake of the flood disaster last August.

Stumbo, who was the chairman and director of the flood assistance group EKORE, gathered together a resourceful group of people, of which only two members were paid employees, and managed to supply those suffering flood damage the proper materials to make needed repairs.

Many of the families who benefited from the organization's efforts were also given valuable information about where to go for further assistance from programs such as FEMA, according to Stumbo.

Stumbo said the first hurdle the group was presented with was securing money to offer those in need.

"I can't thank the people who donated and pledged donations enough," said Stumbo. "They helped us find a way to get the help to people who really needed it."

Stumbo and company were forced to think of creative ways to raise money and one of those ways was through a telethon which he said was a success.

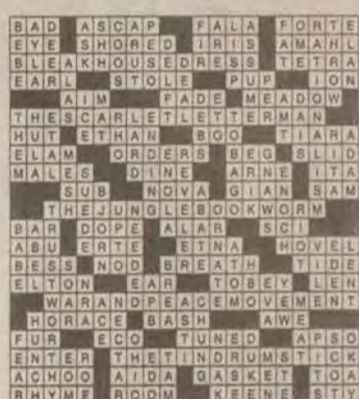
"A good number of people pledged donations during the telethon and then United Way done so much, too," said Stumbo.

United Way covered salary expenses for the organization's only employees, Todd Goodman and Renee Thornsberry, who spent their time assessing damages throughout the county, Stumbo said.

"I especially want to thank those two (Goodman and Thornsberry)," said Stumbo, who maintains the award was not simply meant to reflect his contributions alone.

The group has currently ceased operations, said Stumbo, who added, "The work that needed to be done, was done."

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Legal Aid facing slow strangulation

The latest crisis facing Legal Services for the poor is not a surprise. But at this moment in history - when the richest Americans are enjoying the favors of massive federal tax cuts and the poor scramble to feed their children and obtain benefits after losing their jobs - it is emblematic. Emblematic of a troubled economy and declining revenues.

Emblematic of a society that too often equates wealth and success with goodness and right.

And emblematic of a political system that too often acts as if justice is reserved for those who have means, while those without are due far less.

The basic cause is that federal support for the Legal Services Corp., which partially funds what is known in Kentucky as "Legal Aid," has been flat during the Bush years - a retreat in commitment fully backed by the GOP House of Representatives ...

This is not a surprise. Conservatives have long viewed legal representation for the poor with hostility.

Now, instead of moving to kill Legal Services outright, they are cutting it back or keeping funding constant - a dangerous proposition for a vital program that was never adequately funded.

What are legal services for the poor? Cases involving domestic violence, home foreclosures, evictions, predatory lenders and issues facing the elderly and disabled.

Federal support for such basic protections in Kentucky will fall by at least \$1.3 million in 2003 - in part a result of a shift of money to other states faring even worse economically.

Four Legal Aid divisions in the commonwealth face substantial cuts. Some offices are being closed. Staff is being laid off.

Of course, there never was enough revenue for this important service. Legal Aid lawyers are some of the most altruistic in the profession, and also among the least paid. Contributions from the bar and private donors try to make up the difference, but it's never enough.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



— Jim Davidson

The secret of achievement

Some time back I heard about a real estate developer in California who made a fortune by developing an idea that all the other developers had overlooked. It seems there was a tract of land in his area that was a swamp and considered worthless by everyone who looked at it. However, this developer got the idea of digging canals throughout the area and when the swamp drained, he was left with choice lots where each home had a private boat dock and all the other benefits of living on a lake.

Now this true illustration should give rise to a very interesting question: Why did one developer see real opportunity, while all the others did not? The answer to this question lies in the complexity of the human mind and the fact that every human being is unique.

How we view the world and the circumstances we are in is closely linked to our success and to personal achievement, which is something most of us desire. There is no question that this developer is an achiever and he received both the tangible and intangible rewards that go with it.

Before I proceed, let me pose this question to you: Do you consider your-

self to be an achiever? If your answer was "yes", then you already know and will appreciate many of the things I'm going to say. However, if by chance your answer was "no", and you would like to become an achiever, please give some thought to what I'm saying because I can definitely help you get started off on the right foot. You know that the most important step in any journey is the first one.

At this point you may ask just what is an achiever? Well, an achiever is someone who accomplishes what he or she sets out to accomplish. In other words, an achiever is someone who has goals and persists or stays with their goals until they reach them.

You have probably heard someone say about another person that he or she is a "high achiever." The difference between a high achiever and a low achiever can basically be found in what kind of goals they have. A person can only become a high achiever if they establish high goals. The same thing applies to low goals or no goals. This is the root problem for most people: They never take the time to establish definite, written, clear-cut goals, and because they have no goals, there is no way they can become an achiever.

Alfred Adler, Austrian born psychologist (1870-1937), came to the same con-

clusion. After a lifetime of study in this field, he became convinced that a continuous striving toward a self-chosen goal, not sex alone, is what motivates human beings. Now, I want to tell you the secret of achievement. The secret of achievement is not to let what you are doing get to you before you get to it. If you will think about this a moment, I believe you will see the truth of it. What keeps most



people from becoming high achievers is that in most cases, they become discouraged and give up. In short, they quit too soon.

Let me share something called "Press On" that I believe you will find to be very appropriate. "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded

genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Here is something to think about until our next visit: Set your goal and don't quit until you reach it. In other words, don't let it get to you, before you get to it.

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

— beyond the beltway

The many reasons for war — all bad

by DONALD KAUL

I've got a holiday present for George Bush, our president. I'm going to give him a good reason for attacking Iraq. That's more than he's ever given me.

Thus far, President Bush has tried to convince us that war with Iraq is a necessity because:

1. It has weapons of mass destruction that it might turn on us at any moment.
2. Failing that, it will turn them on its neighbors.
3. Failing that, it will sell them to terrorist groups who will use them on us.
4. And anyway, it was behind the attacks of 9/11, sort of.

None of which seems terribly persuasive to me. If Saddam attacks us, or his neighbors with massive force, he runs risk of obliteration. He knows that. He's nuts, but he's not suicidal. (There is no evidence, by the way, that he was involved with the 9/11 plotters.)

As far as sales to terrorists groups go, our main threat there is the former Soviet states which do have biological, chemical and nuclear weapons — under the care of underpaid, demoralized technicians, looking for a payday.

So what's wrong with relying on U.N. inspectors to ferret out these terrible weapons?

Oh, I know, inspections don't work. Dick Cheney said so. I don't get that. We have spy planes that can photograph the printing on a golf ball from 20,000 feet. You mean to tell me we haven't observed the place closely enough for the past 10 years that we don't know where the suspicious sites are?

It seems to me that inspections, pursued assiduously, should at the very least allow us to limit the capacity of Saddam for mischief. The rest of the risk can be made minimal by our threat of massive retaliation.

A more persuasive case for the war has been made by former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, now the president of the New School in New York City.

Kerrey argues that we have a moral duty to get rid of Saddam, on humanitarian grounds. Yes, that's what I said — humanitarian grounds.

To leave him in place, says Kerrey, is to condemn the people of Iraq to a perpetual living hell and to put the entire region at risk of a similar fate. If you believe that the United States should be a champion of human rights, how can you not be for dislodging Saddam?

This is the liberal argument for war; one which liberals have not warmed to. Student and faculty members at his school — a bastion of liberalism for decades — have protested his stance and called for his resignation, but he has held his ground.

It's difficult to argue that Saddam is not a very, very bad man. The record is replete with stories of the torture and

mutilation of children while their parents are made to watch, of the rape of women in the presence of their families, of political prisoners killed slowly in excruciating ways (being dipped gradually in a vat of acid being one of the more baroque). He is a monster.

And yet ... and yet, I hesitate to embrace a war against him. I don't see any way to go into Iraq without extensive bombing, with all that means in terms of civilian casualties. And Saddam has promised a "scorched earth" policy if attacked; that is, he would destroy his country's oil fields, electrical power plants and food storage sites, leaving his already impoverished nation destitute. Surely, if he does have weapons of mass destruction, he would use them indiscriminately on us and on his own people if necessary.

We would then be left in the position of having destroyed Iraq in order to save it. We've been there before.

So there's a case to be made for the war, and a case against it. My great hope is that Saddam will back down in this game of chicken he's playing with President Bush, gather up his stolen millions, and go off someplace to live the life of a deposed tyrant.

It's not much of a hope, but it's all I've got.

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Nashville ministry pays children \$10 each to learn Ten Commandments

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — George Kelley believes the nation has lost its moral conscience and he plans to do something about it — one child and \$10 at a time.

The 76-year-old retired flower shop owner has started a ministry out of his home that pays children \$10 each to memorize and recite the Ten Commandments.

With the help of donations, Kelley said nearly 7,000 children nationwide have taken advantage of the offer over the past five years. He hopes even-

tually to persuade 10 million children to participate.

"When I say 10 million, you say that's crazy," Kelley said, chuckling. "Well, if you have a small dream, nobody pays any attention to it."

Kelley's project was born out of disgust in 1997 after a part-time cook murdered seven workers at three Tennessee restaurants — a string of slayings that terrorized the Nashville area. Kelley saw the crimes as another sign that young people did not understand right from wrong.

"Kids were running around shooting each other for tennis shoes and jackets," he said.

With help from friends, Kelley and his wife, Marion, started the Ten Commandments Project. The Kelleys, both Presbyterians, felt children who memorized the Ten Commandments perhaps would think about them when tempted to lie, steal or get involved in other wrongdoing.

At first the Kelleys were concerned about how they would fund the effort, but supporters started sending donations — from \$15 to \$10,000 — and a wealthy friend promised to help when needed.

"It turned out, when our bank account got a little low, somebody would send some money in," George Kelley said.

To qualify for the \$10, children must be 16 or younger, live in the United States and recite the commandments to a pastor, rabbi, priest, teacher or other "authorized" adult witness. The witness then must sign an affidavit form they can download from the ministry's Web site — tenccommandmentsproject.org — pledging that they heard the child's recitation.

"An authorized witness is not a relative," Kelley said. "They would be inclined to fudge a little."

Marion Kelley said she and her husband have not been concerned about fraud, partly because they write checks to individuals — instead of to groups of several children at a time. Fabricating affidavits "would be a lot of trouble for just \$10," she said.

Also, adult leaders of youth groups whose members want to participate often call the Kelleys first for permission to act as authorized witnesses, providing more assurance that the affi-

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Odds

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Many callers hung up as soon as they realized a mistake had been made, requiring dispatchers to return the calls to make sure there were no emergencies, said Jay Vermeer, dispatch supervisor for Kent County.

Some of the dispatchers' returned calls went unanswered, so police officers were sent to homes to investigate.

Vermeer did not know how many calls dispatchers answered Tuesday but estimated they received about 50 to 100 calls the next day. The newspaper published a correction Wednesday.

TAMPA, Fla. — It's a chance of a lifetime to own a piece of history — chads and all.

Hillsborough County elections officials are giving away 140,000 unused ballots — complete with attached chads — printed for the maligned punch-card machines retired after the 2000 election debacle, said Pam Iorio, the county's elections supervisor.

Anyone wanting some free ballots may pick them up during business hours Thursday or Friday in Iorio's office in downtown Tampa or at the Elections Service Center in suburban Brandon.

All Florida counties that used punch cards in 2000 have since shifted to modern voting machines, such as touch-screen systems.

Ballots that were used in the presidential election and its disputed recounts are sitting in warehouses around the state, while officials decide whether they should be saved for posterity.

DURAND, Mich. — Junked mufflers become works of art in the hands of Mike Malachowski.

His creations include a fisherman, police inspector, weight lifter, sword fighter, railroad workers, heavy metal musicians and Santa Claus. The sculptures hang around Dave's Mufflers just long enough to be snapped up as collector's items or gifts.

Malachowski uses discarded mufflers, old cans, pipe and steel tubing, worn brake rotors and other scrap as his raw materials.

The father of four said in past winters, he and his employees at the muffler shop "stood around and looked at each other, complained about how slow it was."

Plus, a lot of useable scrap material in the shop went to waste in the past. No longer.

Now, they create their own race of metal men.

"I've always had a way of fixing things up," Malachowski said.

PLEASANTON, Calif. — Jigsaw isn't a typical family pet. He's more than 4 feet long, has a dorsal fin and loves calamari.

The 2 1/2-year-old white-tipped reef shark has been living with John Valentine and his family for more than two years. But the beloved pet has grown too large for their living room aquarium, so the family found Jigsaw bigger digs at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"We want to do the right thing for him," said Valentine. "We love him, but he'll be better off with four or five other reef sharks in a bigger tank."

Jigsaw was just 16 inches long when Valentine bought him from a friend in August 2000. Since then, Jigsaw has become a part of the family.

Though he'll eat any new fish introduced into his tank, the Valentines said he steers clear of munching on the ones he's lived with since he was small.

"He's friends with the fish in there. They cohabitate," said Valentine's wife, Whitney.

White-tipped reef sharks can

grow as long as 6 1/2 feet long and are commonly found in shallow tropical waters from the Galapagos Islands to the Indian Ocean, according to Kevin Lewand, a biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

VALPARAISO, Ind. — When David L. Chidester and Mary R. Harper were sworn in as judges, it wasn't the first oath they had taken together.

Chidester, a Porter Superior Court judge, and Harper, judge of Porter Circuit Court, have been married for 10 years.

Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Harris Vardik, who administered the oath of office to the couple on New Year's Day, said they were believed to be the first judges in the state who were married to each other.

Chidester, a Democrat, was beginning his first term of elected judicial office. His wife, a Republican, was taking the oath after being re-elected.

Billy Ray's

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building be torn down and, since then, Collins has been dealing with the insurance company and failing health attributed to lung cancer. Nonetheless, Collins said that he has held on to the goal of rebuilding the home of the "Billy Ray Burger", beloved to Floyd Countians, as well as tourists all over the nation.

Collins was informed that he had lung cancer after an x-ray exposed the place in his lung. After the diagnosis, he drove back from Lexington, thinking he was doomed.

"The prayers of this town changed that for me," said Collins.

He said that he was informed that he would recover if he had the affected area removed from his lung within two or three months, which he is scheduled to have done on Tuesday. He said that the rebuilding of "our" restaurant would begin after his return on Saturday.

The "our" is in reference to those who kept Billy Ray's going for years and have shown irreplaceable devotion throughout this tragic time for Collins. He said that Shelia Collins, manager, and Lee Collins, who are not related, have been with him "the whole time" and that his employees have chosen to draw unemployment instead of taking jobs at other businesses.

"That kind of dedication can't be bought," said Collins.

That family-oriented environment is what people associate with the downtown restaurant that offered a home cooked meal at an affordable price, and advertised the "best burger in

town". Collins vowed that this atmosphere would return with the business.

The Prestonsburg City Council held a special-called meeting on Thursday, at which time they declared 25 feet of the parking lot beside the vacant spot that was once Billy Ray's to be surplus property. Collins said that the extra land will give him the space he needs to build a bigger kitchen in order to bring the new building up to state codes.

"The administration didn't want to present any under-the-table deals," said Collins, 19-year city council member, in reference to any allegations of favoritism.

"I wouldn't do anything to skim off this town," said Collins. "The good Lord has given me a second chance and I wouldn't do anything against Him."

According to Collins, Dixon Nunnery will appraise the land and he will pay the exact amount of the appraisal price for the land. He said that he would begin pouring footers and building a firewall when he returns from Lexington and he hopes that the building will be ready in six to eight weeks.

In reference to his 19-year service to Prestonsburg, Collins said that he feels he had done "the right thing" by serving the people and would never regret it. He feels that it is the prayers of his family, friends and community that are responsible for his chances of recovering from the often fatal disease of cancer.

"I've been touched by the Lord," said Collins.

Smallpox

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vaccinate them in the absence of smallpox.

The vaccination strategy discussed in the state's plan calls for "Smallpox Response Teams" to be vaccinated even if there is no disease so that they can provide a quick response in possible cases and potential exposure to the disease. The plan does not anticipate vaccinating everyone in the state if isolated cases are reported, but will use the ring vaccination approach used in the 1970s that worked to eradicate the disease.

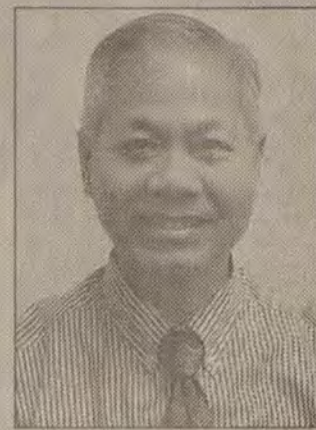
Historically, naturally occurring smallpox has been one of the most feared diseases because of its 30

percent fatality rate and ability to spread in any climate or season. The disease was declared eradicated in 1980 by the World Health Organization, but the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare a month later have prompted the U.S. government to take precautions even though the likelihood of a deliberate release of smallpox as an epidemic disease is unknown.

The United States currently has a stockpile of smallpox vaccine that would vaccinate everyone who might need it in the event of an emergency, while Kentucky has an approved plan to respond.

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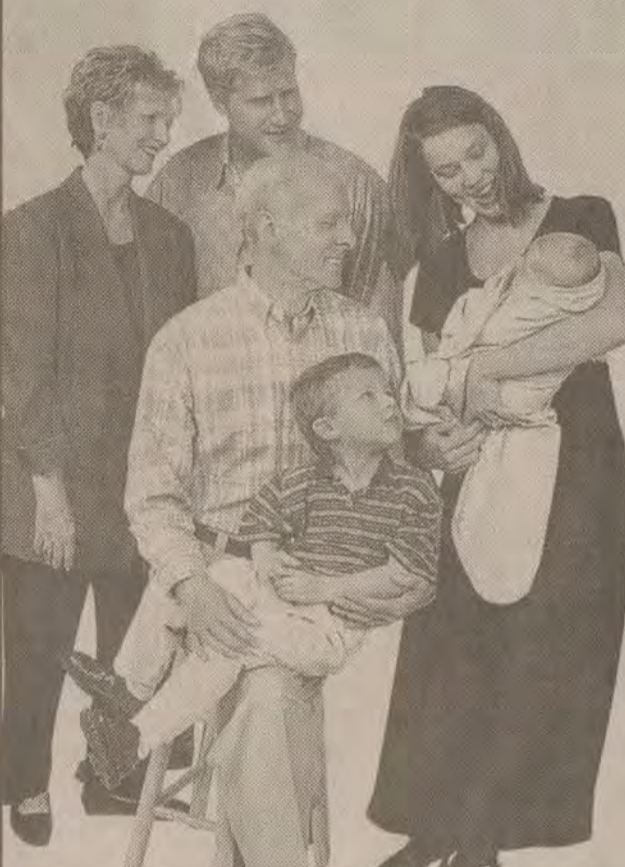


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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Curtis Akers, 70, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, December 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sadie Bakay, 85, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, December 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Ramey Childers, 65, of Hippo, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, December 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillian Frances Compton, 84, of Bean Station, Tennessee, formerly of Banner, died Friday, December 20, at Morristown Health Care Center, Morristown, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Irene Ledford, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 2, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 5, the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Spencer Mutter, 93, of Odessa, Texas, formerly of Martin, died Tuesday, December 31, at his son's residence in Odessa. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Ruth Reffett Pitts, 76, of Blue River, died Friday, December 27,

2002, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. She is survived by her husband, Shade Pitts. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lawrence Archie "Bud" Shafer, 82, died Thursday, December 19, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Sara Ann Dickinson Shafer. A private graveside ceremony was held in the Wells-Buckingham Cemetery. Services were cared for by Preston Funeral Home.

Angie Belle Skaggs, 86, a native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, December 25. She is survived by her husband, Hurshal James Skaggs. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Hazel Stephens, 85, of Allen, died Wednesday, January 1, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Billie Marie Stratton Wilson, 78, of Ivel, died Friday, December 27, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Knott County

Kelly Combs, 79, of Fairborn, Ohio, a native of Ritchie, died Sunday, November 24, in Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Angeline Owens Combs. Funeral services were conducted at Burcham Funeral Home, Fairborn.

Nealy Gayheart, 96, of Leburn, died Thursday, December 19, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Debbie Faye Maggard, 39, of Pinetop, died Thursday, December 19, at the Samaritan Hospital at Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Freddie Maggard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Annie Napier, 78, of Emmalena, died Wednesday, December 18, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Elbert Owens, 72, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, December 27, at the Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Aziz Pirani, 57, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died Saturday, December 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Watson Pirani. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Fair Ellen Prater, of Hollybush, died Saturday, December 28, at Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 31, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Caleb James Slone, died Tuesday, December 17, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday,

December 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lester Smith, 84, of Amburgey, died Friday, December 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ollie M. Smith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Forest Thomas, 71, of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, December 29, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Thomas. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Dallie Slone Waddles, 81, of Hindman, died Friday, December 13, at the Knott County Nursing Home at Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Evelyn Martin Williams, 87, of Redfox, died Friday, December 13, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 20, under the direction of Hindman Services.

Johnson County

Jennie M. Collins, 79, died Friday, December 27, at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. She is survived by her husband, Chester Allen Collins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 31, under the direction of DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home.

James Lee "Jimmy" Daniels, 61, died Friday, December 27, at his Boons Camp residence. He is survived by his wife, Veneda Crum Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Delby "Hardtimes" Kestner, 63, died Wednesday, December 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alice Skaggs Kestner. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Mildred O'Bryan, 82, a Johnson County native, died Friday, December 20, at the Pike Community Hospital, Waverly, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 22, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Clyde Moses "Moe" Ray, 67, of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, December 31, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Virgie Faye Johnson Ray. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Oaklie Scarberry, 82, a native of Nippa, died Monday, December 16, at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 19, under the direction of Barnes Funeral Home.

Edith Moore Thompson, 64, a native of Norris, died Saturday, December 28, in Grove City, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Lonzo C. Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30.

Evelyn Walden Vinson, 73, died Tuesday, December 24. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 28, under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home.

Charles Ray Wells, 72, a Johnson County native, died Friday, December 27. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Luther Adkins, 84, of Hurrucane Creek, died Wednesday, January 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Joe Blackburn, 55, of North Chicago, Illinois, a native of Pike County, died Tuesday, December 31, at Highland Park Hospital, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Requia Morton Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 5, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Archie C. Blankenship, 67, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, died Saturday, December 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lura Mae Mahon Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Arthur Blankenship, 89, of Stopover, died Tuesday, December 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edna Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Debra Faye Burke, 41, of McRoberts, died Wednesday, December 25, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Granville Burke. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 29, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Gyulene I. Miller Calhoun, 65, of Virgie, died Sunday, December 29, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Ollie J. Calhoun. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Katherine Ratliff Castle, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, January 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Cindy Henderson Chaney, 86, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, December 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

James H. Fields, 70, of Phyllis, died Monday, December 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Helen Fay Fields. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Josephine Hall, 81, of Powells Creek, died Sunday, December 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Oma Ray Jones, 77, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, December 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Edgar Boyd Farris Jr., 55, of Mount Sterling, died Sunday, December 29, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Marketta Blackburn Farris. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Herald and Stewart Home for Funerals Chapel.

David Michael Kinder, 50, of Bowling Fork Road, died Friday, December 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Adkins Kinder. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Marie Ratliff Mayhorn, 88, of Freeburn, died Monday, December 30, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

James R. Maynard, 67, of Pikeville, died Friday, December 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his

wife, Janice L. Kimble Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bessie L. Maynard, 61, of McAndrews, died Monday, December 30, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Buddy Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ollie Mae McCoy, 80, of Sidney, died Saturday, December 28, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Marsha Jane Bevins Milward, 30, of Lexington, formerly of South Williamson, died Wednesday, January 1, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Christopher Milward. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of W.R. Milward Funeral Home.

Margaret Roecker Owen, 76, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 21, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jean R. Owen. Memorial services were held Saturday, January 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Bonnie Jean Pinson, 60, of Hatfield, died Tuesday, December 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Fair Ellen Prater, 66, of Hollybush, died Saturday, December 28, in the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 31, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Burley Rogers, 63, of Chloe Road, died Monday, December 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Justine Thacker Rogers. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Ruby Mae Gibson Thacker, 72, of Virgie, died Thursday, December 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 25, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elder Berlin Thornsby, 70, of Dix Fork, died Sunday, December 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Thura Jene Smith Thornsby. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Carl Ward, 69, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hazard, died Saturday, December 28, at Mount Carmel West Hospital, Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Helen D. Burchett Ward. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

John C. White, 74, of Somerset, formerly of McVeigh, died Wednesday, January 1, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Mills White. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Verna Harris Wilhite, of Ransom, died Thursday, December 26, at the home of her daughter in Staffordsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 29, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Lawrence County

Edith Moore Thompson, 64, of Louisa, died Saturday, December 28, at her home in Grove City, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Lonzo C. Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martin County

Ernest Porter, 88, of Debord, died Friday, December 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Noldia Porter. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Carl Mills, 90, of Inez, died Wednesday, December 25, at Inez. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bertha Maynard, 71, of Turkey Creek, died Sunday, December 22, at Williamson A.R.H. She is survived by her husband, Edward Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Justin Horn, 23, of Inez, died Sunday, December 22, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Obituary

Ina Slone

Ina Slone, 69, of Blue River, died Thursday, January 2, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born January 15, 1933, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Milton and Ocie Johnson Shepherd. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Irvin Slone of Blue River.

Other survivors include two sons, Charles Slone and Shannon Slone, both of Blue River; two daughters, Carolyn Wallace and April Lynn Slone, both of Blue River; three brothers, Fred Shepherd and Elmer Shepherd, both of Michigan, and Arnold Shepherd of Lackey; four sisters, Goldie Miller and Christine Bailey, both of Prestonsburg, Lila West of Michigan, and Rosemary Serin of Ohio; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Lon Irvin Slone; one daughter, Linda Ann Blair; two brothers, Chris Shepherd and Jimmy Shepherd; and one sister, Nora Shepherd Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 5, at 1 p.m., at the Middle Creek Baptist Church in Blue River, with Vernon Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Family Cemetery at Buckeye, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Arminia Newman would like to extend their appreciation to all those family, friends, and neighbors who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, cards, and prayers, or just spoke kind words. Special thanks to the United Baptist ministers for their comforting words, and to the church family who furnished us such a wonderful meal after the funeral. Thanks, also, to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF ARMINIA NEWMAN

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davits are real, Marion Kelley said.

Brian Runge, a Lutheran pastor in Houston, discovered the project while surfing the Web. He brought the idea to St. Mark Lutheran School in Houston, where more than 100 students participated and earned their money during the fall. Many planned to donate the funds to needy children in Zimbabwe.

"The Ten Commandments are the basis of moral law for human beings, regardless of what your perspective is," Runge said. "The more kids that know them, the more they'll know how to live."

Angela Gloyna, an 11-year-old fifth-grader, called the \$10 payment "a big incentive," and she joked that a similar offer on all her studies would make her a millionaire.

Classmate Sophia Pereira, also 11, said "they taught us a lot of stuff we had to do, like not to believe in other gods and not to murder."

About 500 students at David Lipscomb Elementary, a Church of Christ school in Nashville, also memorized the commandments last year, then gave their checks to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

For the retired couple, the ministry has become a passion.

"We try to dream up ways to promote it," he said. "Marion

thought we ought to get a couple of camels and donkeys and go across the nation as Moses."

The Kelleys concede that some children will participate simply for the excitement of receiving a letter and check in the mail. However, they have faith that the young people will remember the lesson well after the money is gone.

"We hope someday that it won't be the \$10 that's important, but that they'll have God's word in their heart," Marion Kelley said.

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- 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 _____
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- Barber _____
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- Boss _____
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- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
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- Dentist _____
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- Photographer _____
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- Store Cashier _____
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- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
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- 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 _____
- Pern _____
- 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 _____
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- 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 _____
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- Motel/Hotel _____
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- Music Store _____
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COMMENTARY

UK quickly
taking on look
of Oregonby BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's simply not true that University of Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart wants to ditch the Wildcats nickname in favor of Ducks, that he's lobbying to change the university's colors to green and yellow, or that

he's going to see if he can get Cumberland Gap re-named The Oregon Trail.

But by hiring ex-Oregon coach Rich Brooks to replace Guy Morriss as UK's football coach,

Barnhart has expanded his inner circle of cronies and insiders. Brooks joins Rob Mullens, Greg Byrne, Rick Thompson and Joe Sharpe, all white males who have zero Kentucky ties, as administrators who quack when Barnhart says jump.

What makes this puzzling is that Dr. Lee Todd, when he replaced Dr. Charles Wethington as UK president, vowed to break up the "good ol' boy



■ Reed

(See REED, page four)

LITTLE LEAGUE

Prestonsburg Little
League officersby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Little League will hold its election of officers for the 2003 season on Saturday at the 1 p.m. in the Adams Middle School Cafeteria. For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232. Hughes, who also oversees the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League, serves as league president.

LOUISVILLE

Cardinals hit
the road with
first ranking
since 2000by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Louisville Cardinals are coming off their biggest win of the season, but coach Rick Pitino said a bigger test began with yesterday's game at Ohio State.

The No. 24 Cardinals (7-1) are ranked for the first time since January 2000 after their 81-63 rout of Kentucky at Freedom Hall last Saturday.

Now, Louisville plays three of its next four games on the road, where it's won only four times in 15 games in two seasons under Pitino.

"They're very excited with the Kentucky win, they're very excited to be in the Top 25. All I told them was that it could be very short-lived when you go on the road," Pitino said Thursday.

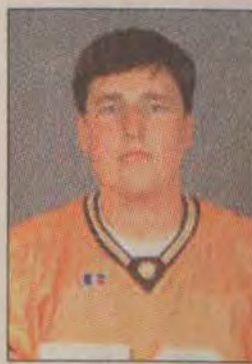
The Cardinals have played only two road games this season and didn't face a raucous crowd at either venue.

Louisville had abundant fan support in an 86-84 loss to Purdue at the Consecration Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Nov. 30. Two weeks later, the Cardinals beat Seton Hall 91-70 at the less than half-filled Meadowlands Arena.

Pitino was expecting a much more rabid atmosphere in Columbus, where the Buckeyes are unbeaten in seven games this year. The Cardinals play at Charlotte Wednesday, host Saint Louis on Jan. 11, then visit East Carolina on Jan. 16.

"The next three games are going to be real road games," Pitino said.

(See RANKING, page three)

■ Adam Bailey,
offensive lineman■ Hank Mullins,
defensive backGilliam brings experience, Floyd ties
to Pikeville College grid programby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — John Gilliam, who began his coaching career as an assistant at Union College,

replaces Zak Willis, who accepted the head coaching position at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C.

Pikeville compiled a 6-4 record last season.

Gilliam comes to Pikeville College after serving as the defensive coordinator at Morehead State. An alumnus of Prestonsburg

(See GILLIAM, page three)

— Michael Hall nets 25 in South Floyd victory —

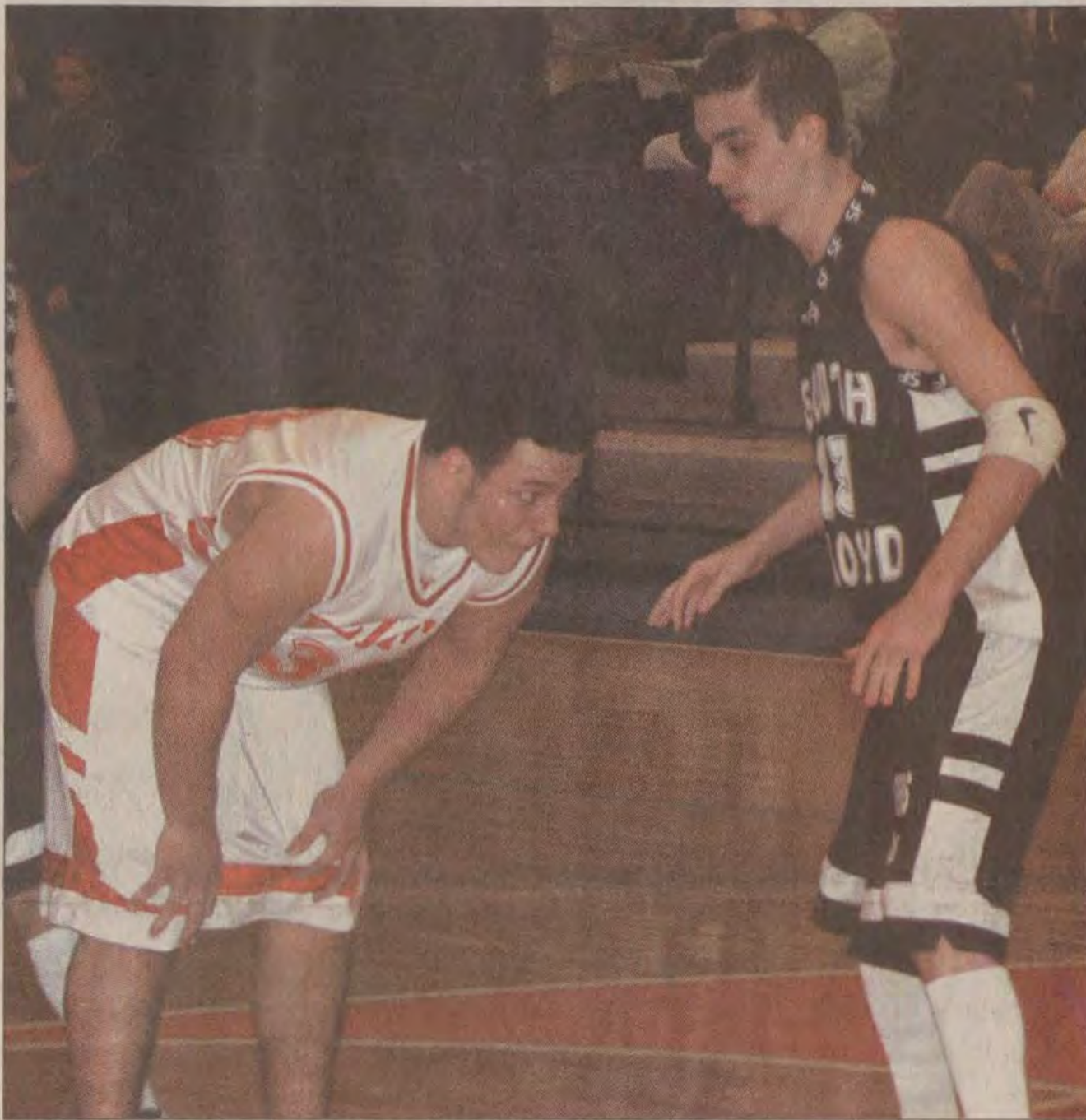


photo by Jamie Howell

Justin Hall found an opposing Belfry player to get in front of during an inbounds play. Hall finished the game with four points for the Raiders.

RAIDERS ADVANCE
IN COCA COLA
HOOPS CLASSICby JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The South Floyd Raiders gave their fans a scare in the opening round of the 2003 Coca Cola Hoops Classic Thursday night. South Floyd trailed the Belfry Pirates 31-27 at the half, but a 24-8 run in the third quarter gave the Raiders a 51-39 lead after three quarters en route to a 77-45 win. The game started slowly

for both teams as the first basket of the game was scored at the 3:58 mark of the first quarter. Belfry suffered a blow early in the first half as point guard Paul Howard went down hard and came out of the game with a back injury. South Floyd Coach Henry Webb was not impressed with his team's performance in the first half, and the Raiders looked like a different team after the break.

The tandem of senior Michael Hall

and Tyler Hall combined for 18 third quarter points and the Raider defense held Belfry to only 8 third quarter points. Belfry held the normally effective Tyler Hall scoreless in the first half, but like any good shooter Tyler Hall came alive in the third stanza.

South Floyd led by 12 points heading into the final quarter and increased that lead over the final eight minutes. The Raiders outscored Belfry 26-6 in the final quarter which turned a four-point halftime deficit into a 32-point win.

In the earlier games on the night, Lawrence County rallied from 13 points down in the third quarter to defeat Pikeville. Scoring was as follows for South Floyd — Michael Hall 25, Tyler Hall 15, Heath Hall 10, Jack Slone 9, Justin Hall 4, Charles Ray 4, Ryan Johnson 3, Wes Hall 3, Adam Tackett 2, Clinton Meade 2.

Center Zane Smith paced Belfry with 17 points.

Semifinals play continued on Friday night. Results from the rest of the tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition of The Times.

KENTUCKY

Wildcats
work through
tough stretchby CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky coach Tubby Smith was asked this week if the Wildcats' brutal non-conference schedule was preparing his team for the NCAA tournament in March.

"March? You know how far away March is?" Smith answered.

The No. 20 Wildcats (8-3) have already played five teams that were ranked in The

Associated Press Top 25 at some point this season.

This week, the schedule has eased up, with home games against

(See WILDCATS, page three)

Kidd back
with team
after being
out sickby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Contrary to various information and rumors circulating, Prestonsburg senior boys' basketball player Chris Kidd, a strong contributor to the Blackcat hoops program throughout his high school years, is still a contributing member of the program.

Kidd, one of the 15th Region's top players last season as a junior, missed some games last month when he was out sick. He is now back practicing with the team in hopes of helping lead the squad out of the 58th District and back to the 15th Region Tournament.

Kidd emerged last season as a starter following a sophomore campaign in which he didn't see as much varsity playing time. He started as a

(See KIDD, page three)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Bears steal win
over Oakland City

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 23 Pikeville College picked up 14 steals and forced 27 turnovers en route to a 68-49 win over Oakland City (Ind.) University on Thursday.

Senior Teccoa Gallion led the way with 16 points and seven rebounds while classmate Amanda Collins contributed 14 points and six rebounds in the win. Senior Courtney Mercer didn't score but handed out

seven assists.

Freshman Jessica Lovell finished with five assists as the Lady Bears had 19 for the game.

The game wasn't a thing of beauty, as the Lady Bears had 17 turnovers of their own. They did shoot pretty well, hitting 46.3 percent (25-of-54), and hit 4-of-8 from the arc. In addition, they were solid from the line, hitting 14-of-18 (77.8 percent).

(See BEARS, page three)



Pikeville College freshman Jessica Lovell, a graduate of Belfry High School, ranks as one of the top first-year players in the Mid-South Conference.

COCA COLA HOOPS CLASSIC

Lawrence Co. 75,
Pikeville 69by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — In the first second round game Thursday night in the Coca Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central High School, Lawrence County erupted for 25 points in the fourth quarter en route to a 75-69 win over Pikeville. The Bulldogs outscored Pikeville 25-12 in the final quarter to post the win.

Adam Brown, a transfer from Sheldon Clark High School, post-

ed a game-high 29 points to lead Lawrence County to the victory. Steven

Driver added 14 points for the Bulldogs.

Driver scored a school-record 44 points earlier this season in December in a win over Betsy Layne.

Pikeville led 20-11 at the end of the first quarter and 42-31 at the half. Lawrence County outscored Pikeville 17-15 in the

(See PIKEVILLE, page three)

S P O R T S B O A R D

Paintsville Little League sets signup dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville Little League will begin its 50th year of offering Little League baseball in the upcoming 2003 season. Our 3 fields are located at the Recreation Center, at the junction of Bridge Street and Euclid

Avenue. Any youth that lives in Johnson County, is eligible to play. The Paintsville charter offers eight different divisions of play.

The Paintsville Little League Board of Directors has expressed excitement about girls softball being included in its program. This division will be new, but

the young ladies participating will benefit from the early instruction. Coaches and players from both Johnson Central High School and Paintsville High School will help with clinics, coaches training, drills and structure. The league will also be hosting the 2003 Kentucky State Little League Girls

Softball Tournament at its facilities. Registration dates for the league's upcoming season have been announced. The dates follow.

- Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Tuesday, Mar. 11, 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 20, 6-8 p.m.

Tryouts/evaluations will be held Saturday, Mar. 22 at Minor League Field. Division times have yet to be

(See **DATES**, page four)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Call from Kentucky ends Brooks' wait

by **CHRIS DUNCAN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rich Brooks knew was only getting older, and wondered if another coaching opportunity would ever come up.

"Age is always a factor," Brooks said. "I was very concerned. There were periods in the last six months to a year that I thought I wasn't going to get a shot at it."



Then the University of Kentucky called, and the 61-year-old Brooks was hired Monday as

the Wildcats' new coach. He signed a five-year contract worth \$725,000 a year.

Brooks, who previously coached Oregon and the St. Louis Rams, has been out of football since January 2001, when he resigned as the Atlanta Falcons' defensive coordinator.

When Guy Morriss left Kentucky for

(See **BROOKS**, page three)

YMCA

YMCA announces registration for basketball leagues

by **STEVE leMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pikeville Area Family YMCA will sponsor a men's, women's, church and 35-and-over basketball league beginning later this year. Registration for the league is currently being held. Registration runs through Jan. 24. Play in the various leagues is expected to begin later this month.

League games will be held at the old Oil Springs Gymnasium in Johnson County and in at the YMCA. For more information, call Carl Johnson at the Pikeville Area Family YMCA, 606/433-9622.

NFL

Coughlin heads to Cincinnati for interview

by **EDDIE PELLIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tom Coughlin flew to Cincinnati on Friday to interview for the Bengals' coaching job.

Coughlin, fired on Monday by the Jacksonville Jaguars, is one of five reported candidates for the Cincinnati job.

Also on the list are Washington defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis, Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and two Bengals assistants — defensive coordinator Mark Duffner and running backs coach Jim Anderson.

Coughlin said he was looking forward to talking with Bengals owner Mike Brown.

"They're a talented group, certainly in an excellent position in the draft," Coughlin said in an interview with WTEV-TV. "It will be an interesting meeting."

Coughlin was fired by the Jaguars after going 72-64 over eight seasons. Some say he might be a good fit with

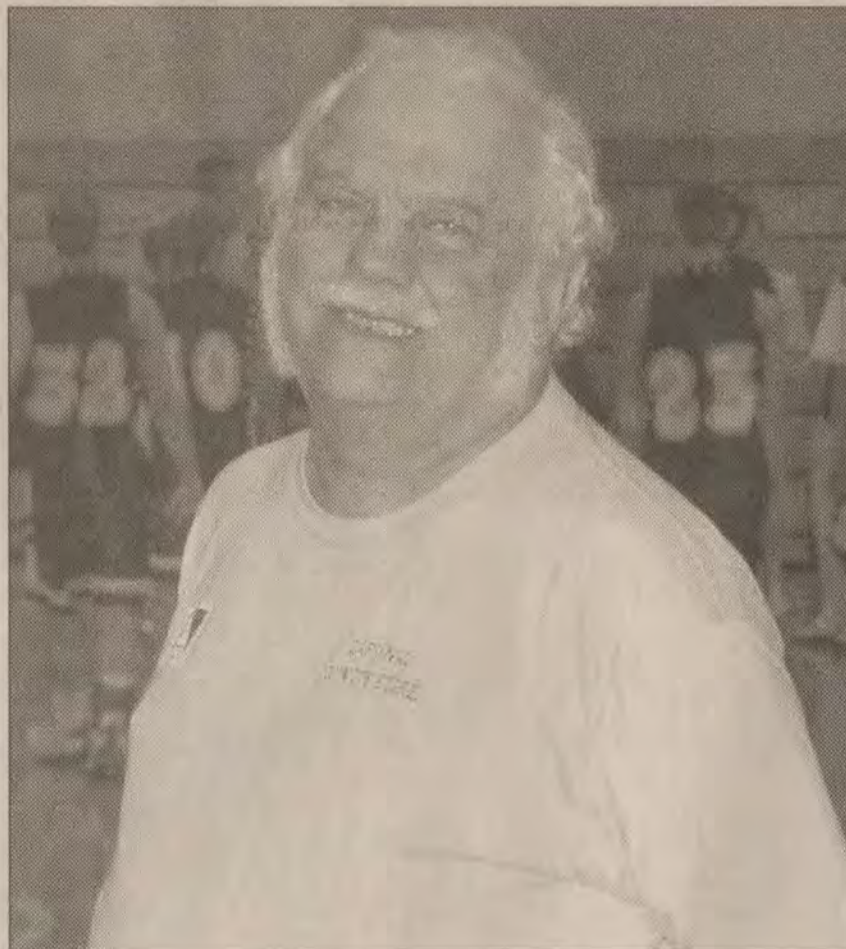
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— COCA COLA HOOPS CLASSIC —



photo by Jamie Howell
ABOVE: Belfry head coach David Hatfield gathered his team around during a timeout.

RIGHT: South Floyd Raider Basketball supporter Perry Jones was out in full force Thursday night when the Raiders took on Belfry.



HUNTING

Holbrook, Watson claim December grouse hunt

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Grouse Hunters, an organization formed eight years ago, in protest to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's efforts to close grouse season on Dec. 31, are still at it.

The KDFW along with six other Appalachian states completed a six-year study on grouse in an effort to gain information to why our grouse

population is or was declining. Results from this study will be used as a guide to shorten grouse season or leave seasons as is, closing on Feb. 28.

Preliminary results have shown that lack of habitat and predators play the largest roll in declining grouse populations along with pure mash crops. In recent years the Kentucky Grouse Hunters have worked to improve habitat on our

WMA's in Eastern Kentucky and educating hunters throughout Kentucky on matters related to grouse and grouse hunting. On the recreation side of this matter the Kentucky Grouse Hunters offer club hunts. These hunts start in December and run through February. These hunts are usually two day hunts, meaning you can

(See **GROUSE**, page three)

NASCAR

Gatorade races in the way of McMurray's first 500 start

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA, Fla. — Jamie McMurray has already won a NASCAR Winston Cup Series race, but he hasn't even started a Daytona 500 yet.

McMurray captured his first Winston Cup victory in only his second career start late in the 2002 season while filling in for the injured Sterling Marlin in the No. 40 Coors Light Dodge for Chip Ganassi Racing.

In 2003, McMurray has been tapped to drive the No. 42

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At press time, South Floyd was still playing at Pike County Central High School in the Coca Cola Hoops Classic.

H.S. SCOREBOARD

Girls: Thursday's games

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| Cawood 83 | | Harlan 21 |
| Elliott County 50 | | Fairview 39 |
| Fleming-Neon 64 | | Letcher 42 |
| Jackson County 52 | | South Laurel 44 |
| Lafayette 50 | | Somerset 33 |
| Nicholas County 80 | | Menifee County 75 (OT) |
| Phelps 43 | | Delbarton Burch, W.Va. 41 |
| Wayne County 62 | | Russell County 34 |
| Whitesburg 77 | | Jenkins 36 |

Boys: Thursday's games

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|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Bullitt East 66 | | Hazard 64 |
| (Banker's Classic) | | |
| Lawrence County 75 | | Pikeville 69 |
| (Coca Cola Hoops Classic) | | |
| Magoffin County 69 | | Cordia 66 |
| (Coca Cola Classic Hoops Classic) | | |
| South Floyd 77 | | Belfry 45 |
| (Coca-Cola Classic) | | |

Sports Briefs

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells is the unyielding taskmaster and demanding coach. Jerry Jones is the meddling owner and general manager of the Dallas Cowboys.

They insist they can work — and succeed — together.

Parcells returned to the NFL when he was introduced as the head coach of the Cowboys by Jones, who after three straight 5-11 seasons is willing to do anything he can to win again.

NEW YORK — Some good came out of the XFL, after all. Just ask the Pittsburgh Steelers, who found their quarterback and The Associated Press NFL Comeback Player of the Year: Tommy Maddox.

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb plans to play in the Philadelphia Eagles' first playoff game. Andy Reid isn't ready to make it official.

McNabb practiced for the first time since breaking his right ankle 1 1/2 months ago. Reid said his star quarterback took all the reps with the first-team offense in a short practice closed to reporters.

NEW YORK — The addition of a 32nd franchise in Houston helped the NFL break its season attendance record again.

A total of 16,880,144 tickets were sold to the league's games, beating last season's record by more than 700,000. The average attendance this season also was a record — 65,938, compared with 65,187 in 2001.

NEW YORK — The NFL's TV ratings jumped 4.4 percent this season, the biggest increase since at least 1994. Overall, the league's games drew an average national rating of 9.5.

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan bit his lip, smiled sheepishly and mouthed "Thank you" as a standing ovation swept across the United Center and welcomed him back for the next-to-last time.

And when he hit the floor at the familiar arena where his retired number, and six Chicago Bulls championship banners hang from the rafters, he couldn't help but reflect. No one could.

OLYMPICS

LOS ANGELES — U.S. Olympic chief executive Lloyd Ward apologized for allegedly helping his brother's company try to land a deal with the 2003 Pan American Games but maintained he did "nothing wrong."

In an e-mail sent to most of the USOC's policy-making executive committee, Ward acknowledged an "error in judgment" and offered his "extreme regret" over the situation, the Los Angeles Times reported.

BASEBALL

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Baseball's annual Hall of Fame game and the induction ceremonies will take place on different weekends for the first time.

The exhibition game between Philadelphia and Tampa Bay will be played June 16 and the induction will take place July 27. The change was needed because of a conflict with the major league schedule.

Brooks

Baylor on Dec. 9, Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart immediately called Brooks at his Springfield, Ore., home. The two worked together at Oregon in the early 1980s.

Barnhart didn't offer Brooks a job, he was only seeking advice.

"I didn't think I was at the top of his list. What I did was comment on the people he had," Brooks said. "Basically, I expressed an interest and we proceeded from there."

Two days later, Barnhart visited former NFL head coach Bill Parcells in New York. He eventually offered Parcells the job, but Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones also began talks with Parcells, derailing Barnhart's efforts.

"People can say what they want, like, 'Oh, was it real?' or 'Was he really genuinely interested?'" Barnhart said. "The

bottom line is we had some very nice conversations. We had an offer in front of him. I thought it was going to happen."

But it didn't, and Barnhart said he talked to at least nine other candidates before going back to Brooks.

"The more I went through the process, it became more apparent that he wanted it, and I became more comfortable with him," Barnhart said.

Brooks coached Oregon from 1977-94, capping his tenure by leading the Ducks to their first Rose Bowl berth since 1958. He coached the NFL's Rams from 1995-96, but was fired after going 13-19. He was hired by the Falcons the following year and was an assistant in the 1999 Super Bowl.

"I'm a lot better football coach than I was in '94," Brooks said. "All I did for six straight years was grind out on football.

That NFL season is very long. I know a lot more about defense, offense and kicking game than I did in '94."

Brooks, who had a 91-109-4 record at Oregon, becomes Kentucky's third coach in 22 months.

Morriss succeeded Hal Mumme, who resigned in February 2001 amid an NCAA investigation. The NCAA uncovered recruiting violations and punished Kentucky with a one-year bowl ban, a reduction of five scholarships over three seasons, and three years of probation.

"It certainly isn't the most ideal situation," Brooks said of the restrictions. "You don't necessarily need numbers, you need quality. Certainly, you've got a better chance of having more quality when you've got the numbers, but those are the guidelines we'll deal with."

Early in his career, Brooks' program had problem of its own with the NCAA.

Brooks, who attended the Tennessee State-Kentucky game Monday night, confirmed that Oregon was banned from a bowl game and faced other sanctions in 1981 after an assistant coach arranged for players to travel with unused plane tickets.

The assistant coach, whom Brooks would not name, resigned. Brooks also offered his resignation to the school's

administration, but it was rejected, he said.

Both the school and the NCAA conducted investigations and Brooks said he was exonerated.

"I did not know this was happening," Brooks said. "I was not personally sanctioned, but it certainly made me more diligent. I learned from it. After that, there was never another hint of infractions in any of my programs."

Barnhart worked for Oregon's athletic fund in 1983. He knew about the violation then, but said that didn't affect his decision to hire Brooks now.

"That was more than 20 years ago," Barnhart said Monday night. "We checked with the NCAA. Since that violation, his record of compliance has been exemplary. He has been an outstanding person for college football."

Barnhart said he wasn't concerned about the perception of Kentucky hiring a coach linked to past NCAA violations.

"Rich Brooks is an outstanding guy," Barnhart said. "This doesn't change the way I think of him, this doesn't change my decision to bring him here, this doesn't change my decision to go forward with him."

Kentucky started this season 4-0, and Morriss was rewarded with a contract extension through 2007. The Wildcats finished 7-5, only their third winning record since 1984.

Morriss made \$400,000 per year, but Barnhart admitted Kentucky wasn't ready to match Baylor's more lucrative offer.

Brooks inherits several key players, including quarterback Jared Lorenzen and receiver

Derek Abney.

The 6-foot-4, 275-pound Lorenzen led the Southeastern Conference with 24 touchdown passes in 2002. Abney led the league in all-purpose yardage and set an NCAA record with six kick returns for touchdowns this season.

Brooks met with Lorenzen and about a dozen other players for 45 minutes before Monday's announcement.

"We're really looking forward to what Coach Brooks has in store for us," said Lorenzen, who will be a senior next season. "I'm sure the fans will have some negative things to say, but once you meet him, once you get to know him, he's a great guy. Just give him a chance."

Steelers' Maddox is NFL Comeback Player of Year

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Nobody ever did a comeback like Tommy Maddox did.

Previous NFL Comeback Players of the Year overcame injuries, adversity, trades or a somebody's talent miscalculation. Never before had a winner overcome league-wide disinterest and a layoff that lasted longer than many players' careers.

Maddox easily beat Miami running back Robert Edwards in

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Grouse

hunt either Saturday or Sunday or both. Birds that are taken on these hunts are aged, sexed, and checked for the type of food they're feeding on, and kept for research purposes.

These hunts have been dominated by two gentlemen from Eastern Kentucky, Jerry Holbrook and Wesley Watson. These two individuals hunt a line of setters that are second to none. Last year, they won six of seven hunts. The duo started this season

as they ended last season by winning the December hunt with four birds.

If you're a grouse hunter or if you would be interested in hunting grouse, the Kentucky Grouse Hunter's Association is running a membership drive. Dues are \$12.00 a year. If you are interested, give the Kentucky Grouse Hunters a call at 606/789-2612.

This club is expanding its horizons statewide from Elkhorn City to Paducah.

Bengals

the Bengals, who are largely viewed as undisciplined underachievers. The Bengals have the smallest scouting staff in the league, but Coughlin might actually like that, given his liking for having control of personnel moves.

Brown won't comment on the team's search for a coach. Brown fired Dick LeBeau on Monday after the Bengals went 2-14, the worst record in team history.

Coughlin said he was still getting over Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver's decision to fire him. The Jaguars, who finished 6-10, lost five of those games by a total of 10 points.

"You put yourselves in posi-

tion to win those games and who knows?" Coughlin said. "But it didn't happen. That's reality, and you move forward."

This was Coughlin's first interview since being fired Monday. Those close to the coach say he has been very disappointed at not getting a chance to help the Jaguars, the team he built from scratch, take the next step in their rebuilding process.

Still, the man loves coaching and apparently doesn't want to sit out long.

"I think it's difficult, but nevertheless, you move on," he said. "That's the nature of the business."

Pikeville

third quarter.

Four players checked in double figures scoring for Pikeville.

— Consolation game —

Magoffin holds on to beat Cordia

Magoffin County ead coach Danny Adams got his second close game in as many nights Thursday with a 69-66 win over Cordia in a consolation game of the Coca Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County

Central High School.

Magoffin raced out to a 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and led 35-27 at the half. The Hornets eventually got outscored in the final quarter, 21-13, but held on to win.

Jason Arnett led the way for Magoffin with a game-high 28 points. Clifton Barker finished the contest with 22 in a strong supporting effort.

Blake Helton and Pitt Connelley finished with eight and six points, respectively.

Brent Perkins led the way for Cordia with 20 points.

Kidd

junior and contributed greatly. Kidd, during his career has been named Floyd County Times Athlete of the Week on numer-

ous occasions. Earlier this season he took home WYMT Player and WMDJ Player of the Week honors in the same week.

Gilliam

High School, Gilliam brings area, state and national ties to the Pikeville College grid program.

"We're very excited that John has agreed to become our new football coach," said athletics director Ron Damron. "He's young and enthusiastic and will bring a lot of energy to our program. We look forward to working with him."

Gilliam, 37, was assistant head coach at Union, where he helped lead the Bulldogs to the 1992 Mid-South Conference championship. He then went to Morehead State as defensive coordinator, Morehead State went 9-3 last season and finished at the top of the southern division of the Pioneer Football League.

Offensive lineman Adam Bailey, a player who signed to play for Eastern Kentucky University coming out of high school, and Hank Mullins, a

defensive back, both Prestonsburg High graduates, have spent the past three seasons in the Pikeville College football program.

And more Prestonsburg players could be headed to the Pike County college. Fullback Mikeal Fannin is one player who has visited the Mid-South Conference school.

"I think Pikeville College made an excellent choice with Coach (John) Gilliam," said Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett.

Gilliam has proven his worth as both a recruiter and a defensive coordinator. While working under head coach Matt Ballard at Morehead State, Gilliam did a great amount of the recruiting.

The new Pikeville College head coach will meet the media Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the Pikeville College Gymnasium.

Gatorade

Havoline Dodge for Chip Ganassi Racing and compete for Raybestos Rookie of the Year honors in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series.

McMurray, who also collected his two career NASCAR Busch Series victories last year, is excited beyond belief about the upcoming 2003 season and his first opportunity to compete in the Daytona 500.

"I know that every year that I've run Daytona, whether it was with the trucks or the Busch cars, there's something about when you get in the car," McMurray said. "They're all lined up on pit road ready to pull out. There's just a feeling that goes through your stomach that's like no other. I don't get nervous for any race. I don't know if it's the first race or because it's Daytona, but the Daytona 500 is huge."

McMurray will not only feel the pressure of his first full season in NASCAR's big leagues, but he'll also be concerned about qualifying for the Daytona 500.

Daytona 500 qualifying is done in a unique format.

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Wildcats

overmatched Tennessee State and Alcorn State. The easy wins have finally given Smith a chance to get playing time for his freshmen and other seldom-used reserves.

But after Saturday's game against Ohio (3-5) in Cincinnati, the Wildcats plunge into Southeastern Conference play, and Smith wishes he would've had more opportunities in December to develop his bench.

"When you're playing the type of schedule we play, every possession is do-or-die, and it's tough," Smith said. "It's still early, and you're still trying different things. That's why it's important to build your schedule so that everybody who you feel can contribute is getting the chance to show what they can do."

Smith used freshmen Kelenna Azubuike and Bernard Cote to illustrate his point. Azubuike is shooting 56 percent - second-best on the team - but was averaging five minutes per game before playing 18 minutes against Tennessee State on Monday. Cote has made the only 3-pointer he's attempted this year but is averaging fewer than seven minutes per game.

"We play so many tough games early, a guy like Kelenna Azubuike is getting only about five minutes," Smith said. "Bernard is playing well. He's got good stats, he's talented, but it's hard to get him in the game, because he's a freshman."

Another residual effect of the tough schedule is the mental drain it's taking on the Wildcats who are playing.

Between Dec. 7 and Dec. 28, the Wildcats played at No. 12 North Carolina, hosted No. 21 Michigan State, then played No. 6 Indiana and archival Louisville on consecutive Saturdays at Freedom Hall.

In the final game of the stretch, the Wildcats led the

Cardinals 20-9, then collapsed in the final 30 minutes, losing 81-63.

"I was trying to put my finger on why we hit the wall like we did," Smith said. "(Assistant coach) Scott Rigot said, 'Coach, it's unbelievable how we have to get these guys up over and over again for such big games.'"

"Looking back, we had North Carolina, then Michigan State - that was a tough loss to Michigan State, and that took some wind out of our sails," Smith said. "We were able to bounce back and play well against Indiana. But then, we had exams and then we had that time off for Christmas and then you have to come back for another big game."

The Wildcats have played in Cincinnati semi-regularly since the 1991-92 season. They've played there the past four seasons and usually lined up an easy opponent.

But three years ago, the Wildcats played Dayton three days after losing to Arizona the championship of the Preseason NIT. Kentucky lost to the Flyers in Cincinnati, then fell to Indiana a week later.

"You have to be careful who you pick," Smith said. "Dayton had their best year they've had in a number of years. You don't know. You have to prepare by setting your schedule the right way."

Smith has more control over scheduling than he used to have, but Kentucky is locked into another demanding preseason slate next season, with road games with UCLA, Michigan State, Indiana and Notre Dame.

"I've always felt it's too much," Smith said of Kentucky's schedule. "Your kids, psychologically, have to be up so many times. It takes something away from the biggest games you play, which are the conference games."

Dates

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The registration cost is \$25 per player (if no other family members are playing), \$20 per player (if two family members are playing) and \$15 per player (if three or more family members are playing).

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Team sponsorships available for T-ball, Rookie and girls softball divisions.

Bears

announced

OCU (2-6), on the other hand, was 20-of-50 (40 percent) from the floor and made only five of their nine free throw tries.

Lindsay Macon came off the bench to lead the Lady Oaks with 13 points. Lindsey

McCully followed with nine points and led the squad with three assists.

Pikeville (14-4) was scheduled back in action on Saturday, playing host to regional rival Alice Lloyd.

Results were unavailable.

Ranking

"Playing on the road in college basketball is very difficult. The home-court advantage is strong because of the emotional edge. When you go on the road, you don't have that edge."

Pitino feels better about playing road games this year than he did last year. The Cardinals were 3-10 away from home last season and lost seven road games by double-digits.

"It's all about talent," he said. "We didn't win on the road last year not because we were mentally weak but because we didn't have any talent. You have to have great talent to win on the road. It's always been that way."

"You play every game as if it's a potential victory, and you hope for the best."

The Buckeyes (7-3) have averaged 83 points in their last four victories at Value City Arena. Since shooting 32 percent in a 69-49 loss at fourth-ranked Pittsburgh, the Buckeyes have shot 47 percent or better in their last four games, all at home.

Louisville has played its last four games at home and held

each of its opponents below 40 percent shooting.

"Now, you go on the road, and teams are going to shoot better, so now you have to play great perimeter defense and not let them shoot a high percentage," Pitino said. "Your team has got to understand that if they've got an eight-point lead on the road, it's nothing. They've got to stay mentally tough and they've got to realize they can't rely on that lead."

Pitino was eager to see how freshmen Francisco Garcia and Taquan Dean respond in their first truly hostile environment. Garcia has scored in double-figures in five straight games, and Dean is the team's third-best 3-point shooter.

"They're ready to get their feet wet," Pitino said.

Garcia, Louisville's fourth-leading scorer, is confident.

"I'm going to play my game," said Garcia, who's shooting 50 percent (33-of-66) from the field. "It'll be a new experience. But I'm not worried at all."

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network' that had controlled the athletics department and find ways to curb athletic department spending.

So he hired Barnhart for far more than C.M. Newton was paid, embarrassed Newton by abruptly ending the deferred income that he had been promised, and then watched Barnhart set up a new good ol' boy network (one with webbed feet instead of cats' paws), accelerate fund-raising to build a new basketball practice facility, and warn that ticket prices and donor payments would increase sharply next season.

If changes are there, they're difficult to see with the naked eye.

Todd also had to feel uncomfortable about the cavalier way Barnhart mishandled the Guy Morriss situation. Morriss, who worked miracles with last season's 7-5 team, loved Lexington and wanted to stay, even at less money than Baylor was offering him.

But he never got the feeling that Barnhart really wanted him and would support him if times got tough again, as they very well may next fall. So he left UK to go to a place where he felt really wanted, a natural human emotion that's more important than money.

The hiring of Brooks ended a zany three-week period in which Barnhart seemed to offer the job to everybody except the ghost of Amos Alonzo Stagg. His version of events and the recollections of some of the coaches he interviewed indicate there was, at best, a serious communications gap.

All anybody knows for certain is that Morriss announced on December 9 that he was leaving UK for Baylor, and that Barnhart introduced Brooks on December 30 as the newest, and oldest, UK head football coach since World War II.

Exactly what happened in the intervening 21 days may never be completely known. Barnhart claims that some of the coaches who say they turned down the job were never offered it, but some of the coaches have strongly implied that they withdrew because they felt Barnhart was only keeping them hanging while he explored his options.

Barnhart says he first went to

see Bill Parcells, the former coach of the New York Giants, New England Patriots, and New York Jets. He implied that Parcells was seriously considering the UK job, but that was never treated seriously by the New York media except for Jim Nantz of CBS.

While Parcells was pondering the UK job, according to Barnhart, he didn't want to offer it to anyone else. That might come as news to Mike Kruczek of Central Florida, Norm Chow of Southern Cal, David Cutcliffe of Ole Miss, Mike Riley of the New Orleans Saints, former Georgia Coach Jim Donnan, and Grambling's Doug Williams, who all were led to believe they were at the top of Barnhart's short list.

When owner Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys began talking to Parcells about replacing Dave Campo, Barnhart backed off Parcells, he says, and began considering his other options. Brooks' name didn't surface until the very end, even though he claims to have begun talking with Barnhart soon after Morriss resigned.

Alas for Mitch, his Machiavellian machinations looked decidedly amateurish when compared with the way his U of L counterpart, Tom Jurich, hired Petrino to replace John L. Smith. Jurich immediately identified Bobby Petrino as his

No. 1 choice and told that to other candidates. It took him all of five days to get his man.

The pluses for Brooks are that he has a solid reputation for integrity and honesty, took the Ducks to the Rose Bowl in his 18th and final season in Eugene, believes in a wide-open offense and coaching all aspects of the game, and was the defensive coordinator for the 1998 Atlanta Falcons team that made it to the Super Bowl.

The minuses are that he's 61 (UK has never hired a head coach older than 52), has been out of college coaching for eight years and out of coaching at any level for two, had losing records both at Oregon (91-109-4) and with the St. Louis Rams (13-19), owns a bowl record of 1-3, and has no experience recruiting or competing in the South.

The age factor is important. He's 20 years' older than

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Petrino, the new U of L coach who has previously worked in Louisville, the NFL and the SEC, and 10 years older than Morriss, who made believers of his players, the public, and recruits by taking a probation-ridden program from 2-9 to what should have been 9-2, given a couple of breaks.

But Brooks also will have the luxury of being "Barnhart's man," something that Morriss could never be. The A.D. will give him the support and assurances, financial and otherwise, that he withheld from Morriss.

That's assuming, of course, that Barnhart hangs around for awhile. He still hasn't signed his contract, leading to speculation that perhaps he's holding out for a clause that would give him the right to take the Tennessee job, if he's offered it when Doug Dickey retires this year.

Between his stints at Oregon in 1983 (where he worked with Brooks) and Oregon State from 1997-02 (where he hooked up with Byrne and Thompson), Barnhart worked 12 years in Knoxville as one of Dickey's assistants. But no matter what you might hear, he's not — repeat, not — a Vol spy trying to mess up UK football more than it's usually messed up.

The Brooks decision isn't nearly as interesting or exciting as Newton's decision to hire Hal Mumme in 1996. Although Mumme had never been a head coach in Division I-A, he at least was an interesting young coach with a unique offensive philosophy.

For Mumme's first three years, Newton was hailed as a virtual genius for hiring him and returning excitement to UK football. Only after the Mumme-Claude Bassett scandal became public did the Lexington media turn on Newton and vilify him.

Despite UK's spin-control attempts, it's apparent that Brooks was hired not because he was the coach Barnhart wanted, but the only one he could get after his other picks had bailed out on him. Quack if you think Brooks is going to be a significant improvement over Morriss.

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Maddox

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voting by NFL writers and broadcasters.

It was startling enough when Maddox became the starting quarterback four games into the season, 10 years after making his only four previous starts as a Denver Broncos rookie.

Just as unexpected was how well Maddox played once he finally a chance — namely, like a seasoned, polished pro with a decade's worth of experience, not one who spent nearly that long trying to find regular employment.

When Steelers receiver Plaxico Burress first saw Maddox's accurate passes zipping his way, hitting him in full stride, "It was love at first sight."

"I think I definitely have the longest period between starts of any NFL player and, probably, I sat out the longest of anyone since coming back, but it's just something else to add to my book someday," Maddox said. "It's been exciting. It's been a different journey."

That journey from first-round draft pick to four-time NFL reject to insurance agent to Arena Football and XFL star to NFL starter, as coach Bill Cowher said, "A great story — a great life story."

Maddox didn't play a down in the NFL from 1995 until last season, when the Steelers were the only team to answer his fax seeking a tryout following his MVP season in the XFL.

"That was probably the biggest thing, just wondering if you ever would get a chance," said Maddox, who spent part of his NFL layoff as a volunteer high school coach. "Probably as the years went on, those chances seemed slim."

As slim as replacing 2001 Steelers MVP Kordell Stewart at quarterback. But when Stewart flopped during Pittsburgh's 0-2 start, Maddox replaced him in the fourth quarter to lead a dramatic overtime victory over Cleveland on Sept. 29.

Now, he will make his first career playoff start against the Browns on Sunday.

With Maddox at quarterback,

the Steelers threw for more than 4,000 yards for the first time, including his team-record 473 yards against Atlanta. Burress and Hines Ward each made more than 1,300 yards in receptions.

"Sometimes it is about being in the right place at the right time, and having the mindset that if you want something bad enough, you will continue to pursue it," Cowher said.

Maddox's impossible-to-script story includes a comeback within a comeback.

He was paralyzed briefly by a seemingly routine hit in Tennessee on Nov. 17, perhaps the scariest injury of the NFL season. The game was stopped for 20 minutes as Maddox, unable to move his arms and legs, was carefully strapped to a backboard.

Remarkably, he needed less than two days to get over his spinal cord and head injuries and returned to start Pittsburgh's final four games.

Now, the 31-year-old Maddox wants to prove he's no one-year wonder. The Steelers, who will probably trade or release Stewart after the season, seem willing to give him that chance.

Maddox also hopes to extend another remarkable streak. He could become the fourth quarterback in as many seasons to come off the bench to start for the Super Bowl winner, following Tom Brady (New England), Trent Dilfer (Baltimore) and Kurt Warner (St. Louis).

"I tell people all the time. I still feel like I'm going up and I still feel like my best football is ahead of me," Maddox said.

Edwards, returning from three seasons out of the NFL after tearing up his left knee in a beach football game at the February 1999 Pro Bowl, had 14 votes, nine more than Buffalo quarterback Drew Bledsoe. Baltimore running back Jamal Lewis had two. Getting one vote each were Carolina quarterback Rodney Peete, Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James, and Jacksonville running back Fred Taylor.

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MSU alum wins NNA award

MOREHEAD — A Morehead State University alumnus has been honored with a National Newspaper Association award for his news coverage of a Pike County house fire that claimed five lives.

Michael Cornett, a 1997 graduate, placed third in the 2002 Better

Newspaper Contest, presented earlier this year at the NNA's 116th Annual Convention in Portland, Ore. The category was best breaking news story for multi-weekly newspapers with 6,000 or more subscribers.

His winning article, published in Pike County's "Appalachian News-

Express," profiled one of the deadliest fires in Kentucky in recent years. The entry placed behind spot news accounts of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks published by a New York City newspaper.

Cornett also won second place for an editorial page entry.

A former editor of the University's campus newspaper, "The Trail Blazer," Cornett earned his bachelor's degree in print journalism in December 1997. He worked for "The Winchester Sun" before

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■ Darlene Stephens

A View from the Hill

As I complete my senior year in the communication program at Pikeville College, I can say that I have enjoyed the education I received at this institution. For a number of years I wanted to study communication because I was interested in broadcast media. After completing all my core and theory classes, I had an opportunity to complete a six-hour internship at WYMT-TV in Hazard.

From my first day at the station, I realized I had chosen a career I would enjoy. It did not take long for me to understand how important what I learned in the classroom would be to my job. My studies in communication theory, journalism, public relations, and communication law, along with a variety of other classes, prepared me for the internship that would complete my degree.

I learned a lot in the classroom and I also came to understand the value of hands-on experience. Although Pikeville College does not offer a broadcast degree, my internship at the television station provided the training I needed to succeed in this field. The on-the-job training enabled me to direct and produce on-air news programs, introduced me to the editing process, commercial production, on-location filming, working the audio board, dubbing, shooting footage for public service announcements and commercials, and running chyron (names seen at the bottom of the T.V. screen for identification). I also gained limited experience in running the master control board.

Internships often lead to employment. My internship at

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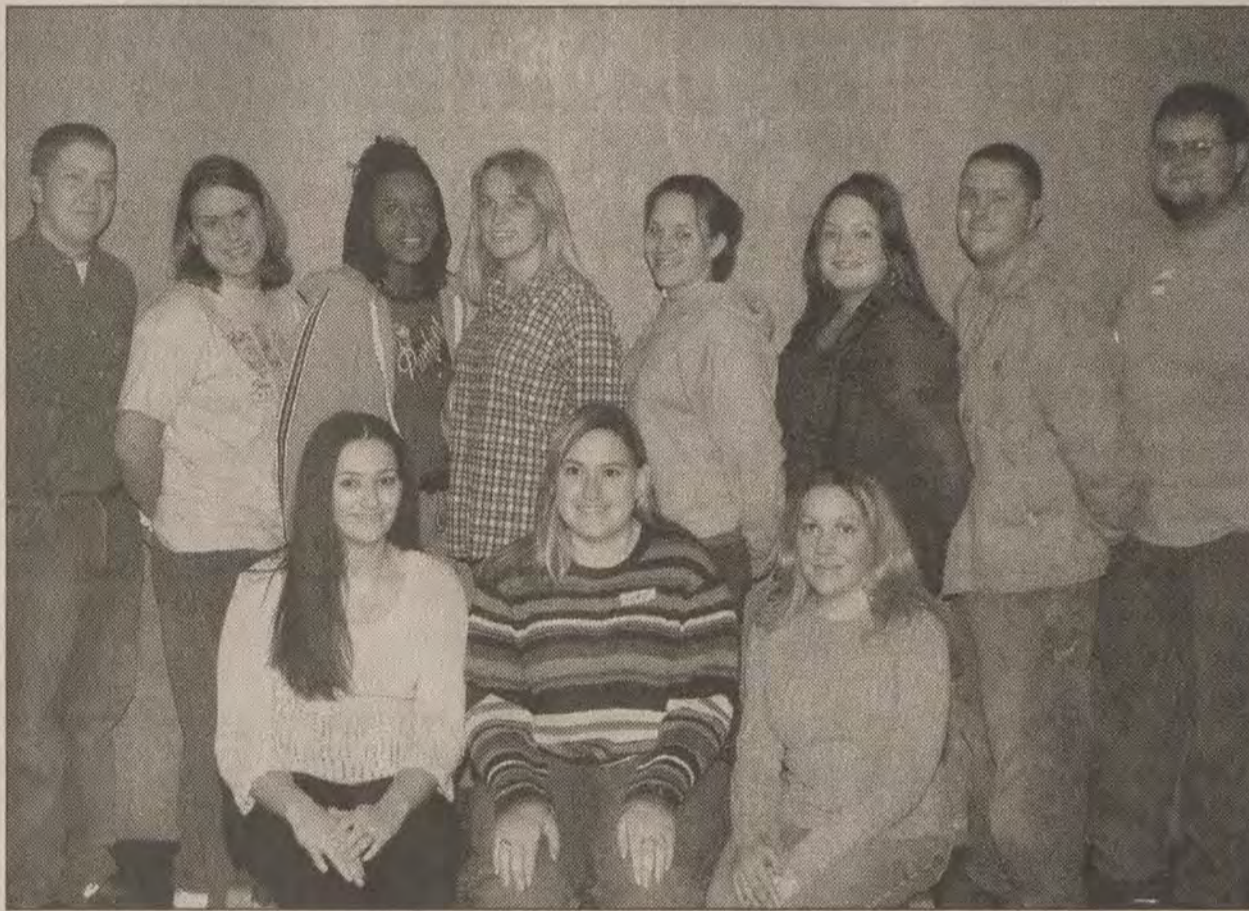
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Evening class registration will be Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 13.

Late registration dates are January 13 to 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedules are available on the web at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu, or for more information call the Prestonsburg Campus at 606-886-3863, or toll free at 888-641-4132 and for the Mayo Campus call 606-789-5321.

LAMBDA SIGMA



The National Board of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society recently designated Pikeville College's chapter of Lambda Sigma as an "Honor Chapter," the highest recognition the organization gives. Lambda Sigma is a national honor society for second-year college students dedicated to fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service among its members as they promote the interests of the colleges and universities they represent. Candidates for membership are first-year students who place in the top 35 percent of the class academically at the time of selection and who have shown strong evidence of leadership. Lambda Sigma members are seated, from left, Rachael Reynolds, Laura Pasbrig, and Lisa Syck. Standing, from left, is Tyler Green, Karrie Bilitier, Dia Mulumba, Autumn Vanover, Loralle Varney, Tiffany Williams, John Dales, and Robert Isaac. Not pictured are Lambda Sigma members Becky Blair, Jon Coleman, Jenny Parsons, and Chad Webb.

COLLEGE NEWS

Spring registration at Pikeville College

Open registration for the spring 2003 semester at Pikeville College is Thursday, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students who need to pre-register should report to the Administration Building, lower level. Classes begin Friday, Jan. 10.

Pikeville College offers associate and bachelor's degrees and a doctorate program through the School of Osteopathic Medicine. Programs of study include majors in art, biology, business, chemistry, communication, computer science,

criminal justice, education, English, history/political science, human services, medical technology, nursing (a two-year program leading to an associate of science degree and an LPN to RN program), psychology, religion, social sciences, and sociology. Pre-professional programs include dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine. Among the newest fields of study are majors in communication and criminal justice, and minors in music, anthro-

pology and Spanish.

Founded in 1889 by Presbyterians, Pikeville College is committed to offering a broad liberal arts and sciences education. For over a century, the College's commitment to students, to education, to Christian tradition, and to the community and region has been a vital part of its founding mission. To learn more about the opportunities at Pikeville College, call the Admissions Office at (606) 218-5251 or visit us on the Web at www.pc.edu.

Nearly 450 graduate from MSU

MOREHEAD — The importance of education was emphasized amidst the cheers as family members took photographs and videotaped the Winter Commencement exercises at Morehead State University, Dec. 14.

Nearly 450 graduates and undergraduates were degree candidates on this dreary, December day as the student speaker told how a teacher helped change her life and honorary degrees were conferred on "two outstanding women who have distinguished themselves in their professions."

The honorary Doctor of Public Service degree was awarded to Sara Walter Combs, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge, and Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw (Ga.) State University. Both had the significance of being firsts: Combs was the first woman appointed to the Kentucky Supreme Court and Dr. Siegel, who was celebrating her 20th anniversary as president of Kennesaw, was the first woman to head an institution in the 34-unit University System of Georgia.

But it was student speaker Shannon Dawn Hill of Clearfield, who recently finished her student teaching, that offered the most emotional message. Sharing her life, she spoke of the turmoil she had faced:

living in a one-room log cabin with her mother, brother and sister; being the child of divorced parents with her father in prison; the object of teasing in elementary school because she had only yard sale

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"For those of you who are going out into the world to teach, I ask this of you: love, guide and support them, but most of all give them value. Whether you know it or not, you are molding the person

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 clothes; dropping out before finishing high school, and being a mother at 16. She was able to change the course of her life when an angel in the form of a guidance counselor "saw my potential and took on the nurturing task."

"For those of you who are going out into the world to teach, I ask this of you: love, guide and support them, but most of all give them value. Whether you know it or not, you are molding the person they will become.

"Hold them to high expectations, so that they might reach their highest goal."

A Dean's List student, Hill will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. "It has not been an easy road," she said, "But no matter what has happened, I have not spent a lot of time looking back. I am looking forward with pride and confidence."

At the conclusion of her talk, MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin remarked that in his 50-100 commencements, he had never seen the audience rise to show its appreciation. "Your story is what we are all about. We are encouraged that you have overcome the obstacles." He then urged the crowd to be reminded that you can make a difference in the lives of others.

In accepting her award, Dr. Siegel noted that it was good to be home. A Harlan County native, she spoke of her life and the death of her father in the coalmine. "I was a coal

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Campus Connection

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

Good advice is something we each seek when we are uncertain about something. If we have car trouble we would seek the advice of a mechanic. If we have a medical problem we would seek the advice of a doctor. But from whom would you seek advice if you were planning to attend college?



You could ask a friend who has previously attended. You could ask an instructor, being that they teach at the college. Actually you could ask several different

people but you wouldn't ask a dentist advice on how to groom your dog and you wouldn't want to just ask anyone for advice on returning to school.

Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College realize the importance that "good advice" plays in the role of obtaining a good education. Whether you are a high school graduate preparing to

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CONFERENCE

Floyd ALC students recognized

PIPPA PASSES — Several Floyd Countians earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College during the fall semester.

Named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade-point average were Melissa Caudill of Printer, Amy Tufts of Melvin, Sarah Noble of Garrett and Kurastine Adkins of Tram.

Named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade-point average higher than 3.75 were Jonda Conley of Garrett, Amber Bilitier of Grethel, Shawna Hall of Wheelwright, John Slone of Estill, Jessica Thornsby of David

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Crafty Christmas Bazaar

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

Saturday December 14th was the date of the first ever Crafty Christmas Bazaar at Prestonsburg Community College. Sponsored by the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Inc. and the Community and Economic Development Department of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, the show was a considerable success. 22 vendors participated in the show that highlighted area craftspeople's.

All proceeds from table rentals benefited the scholarship fund of the BSCEF Inc. and netted over \$400 for scholarships, numerous toys and non-perishable food items for needy area families.

The bazaar was a new event and all vendors left seemingly satisfied and eager to participate again next year. Our hopes are that the event will serve to encourage area craft and home business entrepreneurs, as well as assisting our students. In addition to the crafts, there was a Christmas Carnival, pictures with Santa Claus, and concessions.

A little inflation may be what the economy needs

by RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — Whenever there's talk about inflation, it's usually about how higher prices can hurt the economy.

But maybe a tiny bit of inflation right now wouldn't be such a bad thing. That's not to say that there should be hope for consumer prices to skyrocket for a prolonged period of time. But a slight rise in inflation could help stimulate the economy and pull it from a possible deflationary slump.

"A little inflation is like grease in the engine that keeps the economy humming, while deflation is like throwing sand into it," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis.

Inflation isn't a problem right now. In fact, some economists say the low inflation rate, which has been trending around 2 percent to 2.5 percent over the last year, exemplifies disinflation — or a slowdown in price increases.

It's true that some possible inflationary pressures, namely higher oil prices, do exist and could become a more serious threat if they linger through the next year.

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminStar Federal

What is a Medicare deductible?

A deductible is the amount you must pay each year before Medicare begins paying its portion of your medical bill. There are deductibles for both the Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (doctor and other outpatient services) portions of Medicare. The Medicare Part A deductible for 2003 is \$840.00 per benefit period. The Medicare Part B deductible for 2003 is \$100.00.

Is the Medicare Part A deductible an annual deductible, meaning do I only have to pay it once during 2003?

The Medicare Part A deductible works in conjunction with your benefit periods. You are responsible for the \$840.00 for each new benefit period if you are an inpatient at the hospital.

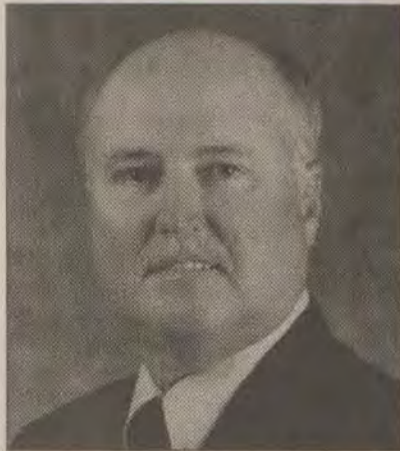
What is a benefit period?

A benefit period is the way Medicare measures your use of days in the hospital. A benefit period begins with your first day of admission to the facility and ends after you have been discharged from the hospital or skilled nursing facility for a period of 60 consecutive days. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods you may have.

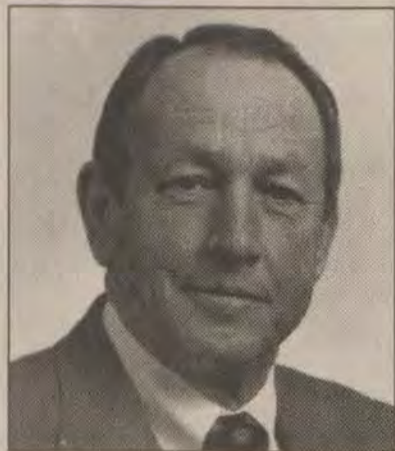
How will I know how much I owe on my hospital bill?

Medicare will send you a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) after your claim from the hospital is processed. The notice explains what was billed to Medicare and the amount you may be billed. If you have questions about your notice, call the Medicare contractor that processed your claim. The contractor's phone number will be on the MSN. It is possible that your supplement insurance or a state assistance program like Qualified Medicare Beneficiary may pay all or part of your Medicare deductibles.

CHAMBER NOTES



■ Senator Johnny Ray Turner



■ Rep. Hubert Collins



■ Rep. Gregory D. Stumbo

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION BREAKFAST

by REGINA BECKNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will be holding their next "Eggs & Issues" Breakfast Meeting on January 15, from 7 to 9 a.m. at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge. On this date, the Government/Civic Affairs Committee will host a "Legislative Reception Breakfast," welcoming legislators: Representative Hubert Collins (House District - 97), Representative Greg Stumbo (House District - 95) and Senator Johnny Ray Turner (Senate District - 29).

All are welcome to join the Chamber business members in welcoming these new legislators, who will be updating members on issues to be addressed during the upcoming legislative session. They will also be available to listen as area businesses share their ideas, thoughts and concerns on those issues now affecting Kentucky and our local region.

At this same time, the Membership Committee will also introduce the Chamber's newest members. Our new members include: Dollar Tree (Mr. James VanHoose) and Associate Court Extension Service (Mr. Jim Isaacs).

The Chamber invites everyone to show their support of area businesses by attending this, and other, upcoming Chamber events.

Mark your calendars now and purchase your breakfast ticket (\$10 each) by calling the Chamber office (606) 886-0364. Tickets for breakfast will also be available the day of the event. If you are a group inter-

ested in attending, please make advance reservations. All attending organizations, groups and county representatives will be recognized.

For more information on this exciting event, as well as other Chamber activities, get online at www.floydcountykentucky.com or call the Chamber office at 886-0364. Our website features Event Highlights, Chamber Calendar, economic development, member businesses, programs, services, tourism, our new Floyd County Magazine and so much more. The Chamber makes available to all online visitors the opportunity to view and print our county magazine and gain insight on the county, region and business community.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a "Safe and Happy New Year."

Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Dec. 27 to Jan. 3.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

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

- Cecil Tillis Jervis and Anna Bell Jervis, of East Point.
- Tracy Lynn Taylor, of Prestonsburg.
- Lois Ann Bowling, of Salyersville.
- Thomas B. Whitaker, of Salyersville.
- James Isaac Sargent, of Raccoon.
- Wilma V. Gipson, of Salyersville.
- Ricky Dale Dotson and Michelle Leigh Dotson, of Pinson Fork.
- Kathy Lynn Cornett, of Carrie.

- Margie Block, of Inez.
- Stevie Riley and Lavon Kay Riley, of Harold.
- Lucas Newsome and Viki Leigh Newsome, of Inez.
- Jeff Alex Goble, of Dwale.
- Daniel Garrick Collins, of Pikeville.

Chapter 13

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

- Josephine S. Inmon, of Banner.

Patton recommends 19 projects totaling \$5.8 million for ARC funding

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton and the Department for Local Government announced today 19 projects that will be recommended for funding to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

Full project applications for funding will be forwarded to the Federal ARC office in Washington D.C. for final approval. Projects can begin when final approval is received and grant agreements are signed.

Gov. Patton said, "The ARC has been a partner in progress with state and local governments for more than 35 years. I'm pleased that through this partnership we are able to recommend federal funds be directed to these projects."

Gov. Patton said thousands of Kentuckians would directly benefit from

the federal dollars. "The nine water projects and four wastewater projects that will be funded will deliver or improve drinking water and sanitary sewer service to more than 6,600 households, two schools and one juvenile correctional camp.

"These projects also will influence the creation of hundreds of jobs by providing site and infrastructure development to industrial sites," the governor added.

The following is a brief synopsis of the projects that are recommended for funding. Projects are listed in alphabetical order by county.

BREATHITT COUNTY

The Breathitt County Water District will construct water lines along

Highway 30 to serve Highland Turner Elementary School and 174 households. Grant amount: \$500,000.

EDMONSON COUNTY

The Edmonson County Water and Sewer District will extend sewer collection service to nine households and 26 commercial customers. Grant amount: \$400,000.

ELLIOTT COUNTY

The city of Sandy Hook will rehabilitate existing sewer collection lines and extend service to an elementary school and the Laurel Gorge Tourism Welcome Center. Grant amount: \$293,000.

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FRANKFORT

Ky Employment Services will continue to accept applications for extended benefits

FRANKFORT - Extended federal unemployment benefits are scheduled to end Dec. 28, but the Kentucky Department for Employment Services will continue to take applications in anticipation of possible Congressional action in early January.

Unemployed workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of unemployment benefits have generally been eligible for up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, officially known as Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC). President George W. Bush has appealed to Congress to reauthorize the TEUC benefit program when Congress reconvenes on Jan. 7.

Department for Employment Services Commissioner James F. Thompson said that continuing to take applications will minimize any potential delay in payments should Congress extend the program retroactively to Dec. 29.

"We want to be prepared so that Kentuckians who need this assistance will have little or no interruption in their benefits if Congress reauthorizes the extended benefits," said Thompson.

Nearly 18,000 Kentuckians potentially could be affected by the termination of TEUC.

The Department for Employment Services is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

CONSUMER NEWS

Bush's new plan likely to draw objections from Democrats

by MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — President Bush is putting together an economic stimulus plan likely to raise major objections among Democrats that it is heavily tilted to higher-income taxpayers.

In an effort to pre-empt those arguments, Bush branded such objections as a false effort by opponents to pit different income classes against each other.

"Some would like to turn this into class warfare," he said after giving reporters a tour of his Crawford, Texas, ranch on Thursday. "That's not how I think. I think about the overall economy and how best to help those folks who are looking for work."

While Bush refused to disclose any details of the plan he will unveil in a speech in Chicago next Tuesday, White House officials said that two major components are likely to be an acceleration of personal income tax rate cuts that were included in the 2001 tax bill and a new tax break for investors who get income from corporate dividend payments.

Because higher income individuals, who pay more taxes, get the biggest benefits from rate cuts, the administration had considered not accelerating the scheduled reductions in the top tax rate, currently at 38.6 percent, but instead focus just on the three lower rates.

However, this idea prompted a storm of objections from conservative groups and a senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said late Thursday that Bush had decided against excluding the top rate from any acceleration.

This official, however, said that Bush still had not made the final decision to go ahead with an acceleration in the rate cuts. The next rate cuts are not scheduled

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Ky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation announces distribution of compensation checks to farmers

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton announced today the distribution of payment checks compensating tobacco growers and quota owners in Kentucky as a result of the national legal settlements with tobacco companies. Compensation checks totaling over \$134 million from the settlement are being distributed this week to 149,000 Kentucky tobacco growers and quota owners.

The compensation comes from

the 1999 Phase II settlement between tobacco-growing states and the four largest cigarette manufacturers to offset income losses farmers are expected to experience as a result of changes within the tobacco industry. This distribution represents the fourth of the scheduled twelve annual payments from the Trust. The agreement provides Kentucky farmers \$1.5 billion for annual payments through the year 2010. To date, the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust

Corporation has facilitated payments of more than \$328 million since the establishment of the Trust in 1999.

Phase II tobacco settlement compensation is provided equally for three factors of tobacco production: quota, land and labor. Quota compensation is based on crop year 2001 basic quota. Land and labor compensation is based on an average of crop years 1998, 1999, and 2000 effective quota and actual marketing. This aver-

age is referred to as payment pounds. The payment rate from the National Trust is 19.66 cents per basic quota pound. Payments to the individuals or entities that control land and employ labor used to produce burley tobacco are based on an average of the three crop years 1998, 1999, and 2000. Individuals will receive a payment that corresponds to their level of production activity in each crop year.

The payment rate for the

Growing Farm is 3.17 cents per payment pound for crop year 1998, 3.87 cents per payment pound for crop year 1999, and 7.63 cents per payment pound for crop year 2000. The payment rate for the Grower/Tenant is 3.19 cents per payment pound for crop year 1998, 3.88 cents per payment pound for crop year 1999, and 7.63 cents per payment pound for crop year 2000.

Kentucky also receives funding as part of the Phase I tobacco settlement, established in 1998 as a result of the landmark \$206 billion legal agreement made between major cigarette manufacturers and 46 state attorneys general.

This fund is designed to compensate state governments for expenses incurred in the treatment of tobacco-related illness. Kentucky invests 50% of its Phase I dollars in agricultural development, 25% in early childhood development and 25% in smoking cessation and other health related programs.

Gov. Paul E. Patton negotiated favorable terms for distribution of

the \$5.15 billion National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust Fund (Phase I tobacco settlement). States' shares are determined by relative share of the total 1998 basic quota for flue-cured and burley tobacco. This formula ensured Kentucky received 30 percent of the funds - the second largest state share.

"One of the most important aspects of my job is protecting the interests of tobacco farmers and other agricultural producers in Kentucky," said Patton.

"I was pleased to be part of the negotiation process on behalf of our state's farmers."

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation was established in 1999 to manage fund distribution, and maintains the lowest administrative costs of all major tobacco states.

More information on both the Phase I and Phase II tobacco settlement programs including photos of today's press conference, Phase I funds by county, and general information on the Phase I and Phase II programs

License tax won't go into effect until 2004

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A judge has ruled that a potentially significant tax increase for some Kentucky corporations will become effective in 2004 rather than next year.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden issued the ruling Friday in a lawsuit involving Kentucky's corporate license tax, and a follow-up written order could be issued within a week.

The case stems from a class-action lawsuit filed in 2000 by Illinois Tool Works against the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, challenging the tax on a company's capital.

Certain Kentucky companies with subsidiaries may compute their license tax on a consolidated basis, while non-Kentucky companies may not. In a Dec. 5 ruling, Crittenden declared that provision of Kentucky tax law unconstitutional because it allows some Kentucky companies to pay less tax than out-of-state companies.

The longstanding license tax is \$2.10 per \$1,000 of capital employed in the business. In basic terms, a company's capital for purposes of the license tax is the result of assets plus capital stock, less certain debts.

But companies can reduce the capital to be taxed by subtracting loans that parents and subsidiaries make to each other by consolidating the tax returns of the parent company and its subsidiaries. Filing separate returns means the intercompany loans add to each company's capital,

making the total license tax greater as a whole.

The judge struck down Kentucky companies' ability to file consolidated license tax returns, putting them on equal footing with out-of-state corporations.

The ruling "has the effect of requiring many companies with headquarters in Kentucky to pay substantially more license tax than they had paid in the past," said Joseph Ardery, a Louisville attorney and partner with Frost Brown Todd, who was once part of the lawsuit. "For some companies with a lot of subsidiaries, this could mean a lot of money. For some companies, taxes could double, or more."

Crittenden also ordered the Revenue Cabinet to issue two years' worth of refunds to out-of-state companies included in the class.

The tax is "for the privilege of doing business in Kentucky," said Mike Kalinyak, an attorney for the Revenue Cabinet, which said that for this year, through the end of June, the tax generated about \$117.5 million.

Debra Eucker, a legal spokeswoman for the Revenue Cabinet, said the ruling could trigger increased tax revenue.

Non-Kentucky corporations that do business in the state only through a partnership or as the sole member of a limited liability company are exempt from the license tax.

Economy

But the focus today is on deflation, and how to stem the damaging economic effect that falling prices could cause.

Deflation works like this: A weak economy forces businesses to lower prices, and that spurs consumers to hold back on spending because they think even better deals are on the way. Then businesses cut prices even more to stimulate demand, which in turn lowers profits. That sets off a vicious cycle that is tough to stop.

There are already pockets of deflation at work. During the holiday season, retailers had to significantly slash prices on clothing, toys, computers and electronics to get consumers to buy. The same has gone on with auto sales over the last year.

While economists are divided on whether widespread deflation is even a risk, the Federal Reserve officials, in their usual cagey, indirect way, have talked about the possibility of deflation emerging and the importance of fighting it.

That's where inflation comes

in.

"Our levered American economy requires at least a modicum of inflation in order for it to continue to function as we have experienced it," wrote Bill Gross, who runs Pacific Investment Management Company's Total Return Fund — the world's largest bond fund, in a recent report.

The Fed has pushed down short-term interest rates so much — its 12 rate cuts over the last two years have left rates at 40-year lows of 1.25 percent — that there isn't much more that it can do to lift the economy by easing rates.

The government, therefore, may have to turn to other means to get the economy going again.

An option often talked about these days is reflation. That is when money is pumped into the economy by a range of monetary and fiscal policies, including tax cuts.

"Reflation helps lift prices and demand so that some pricing flexibility returns to business," said Carol Stone, deputy

chief economist at Nomura Securities. "It is inflationary, without all the negative connotations."

By putting more money into circulation, the presumption is that consumers and businesses will be more eager to spend.

Additionally, just the threat of higher prices can spur spending because consumers and businesses worry that prices jumps are imminent. Companies, therefore, have improved pricing power because they don't have to discount as much to boost sales.

But there are also risks. If too much money is put into the economy, it could spur bigger-than-expected price gains.

"As things begin to pick up, you have to be cautious because you don't want to rekindle deep-seeded inflation," Stone said.

It's not often that you hear inflation talked about as the answer to any economic problem.

At this moment in time, it may very well be.

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and Alexis Collins of Betsy Layne.

Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade-point average higher than 3.25 were Roy Johnson of Harold, Samantha Stephens of Langley, Terri Bailey of Bypro, Staci Prater of Prestonsburg, Nicholas Samons of Martin, Angela Howard of Banner, Shannon Sizemore of Martin, Nikki Patton of Wayland, Sheena Hall of Wheelwright, Jenny Wells of Langley and Joseph Skeans of McDowell.

Plan

to go into effect until 2004 and 2006.

The other key component of the president's plan is expected to be a reduction in taxes paid on corporate dividend payments, a long cherished goal of conservatives.

However, in a bow to arguments that these payments flow primarily to higher-income Americans, the administration is considering limiting the amount of the tax reduction in this area to far less than the total elimination of dividend taxes that many conservatives would like to see.

One option is exempting the first \$1,000 in dividends from taxes, which would have the benefit of making stock purchases more attractive to middle-income Americans while not providing a huge windfall to the wealthiest investors with vast stock holdings.

Even with modifications, Bush's plan when it is unveiled is likely to differ drastically from

Democratic proposals.

In a signal that Bush will have to compromise on whatever plan he puts forward next week, Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, the incoming chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said that any proposal will need bipartisan support "given the realities of working in a closely divided Senate."

For that reason, some analysts said Bush may opt to include some tax breaks that would have appeal for Democrats, such as accelerating increases in the child tax credit or planned reductions in the so-called marriage penalty imposed on two-earner couples.

Those changes were included in the massive \$1.35 trillion tax cut Bush got Congress to pass in 2001, but they are not scheduled to become fully effective until later in this decade.

However, supply side Republicans are warning the administration that it should not stray too far from reductions in marginal tax rates and business tax breaks, which they believe do the

best job of stimulating economic growth.

"There is no question that the left will try to drag out the pagan god of class warfare and say this is just a sop to the president's rich friends," said Daniel Mitchell, an economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation. "The purpose of making these changes is to get more investment into the economy and create more jobs. That's what really matters."

In addition to accelerating rate cuts and reducing taxes on corporate dividend payments, the president was also considering including an expanded tax break for businesses to encourage more capital investment and possibly making a down-payment in fixing problems in the alternative minimum tax. The AMT was originally intended to make sure the wealthy did not escape paying some income taxes but is now hitting more and more middle-income taxpayers.

Bush's entire stimulus package is expected to cost \$300 billion over a 10-year period.

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moving to the "Appalachian News-Express" where he served as news editor from 1999 until July 2002.

He has won more than 30 Kentucky Press Association reporting and photography awards since 1998, earning 12 first-place awards in several categories, including spot news coverage and investigative reporting.

Currently a program journalist for the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. in Hazard, Cornett lives in Pikeville with his wife, Melissa, also a 1997 MSU graduate who is a media relations coordinator with SouthEast Telephone Corporation in Pikeville.

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WYMT-TV, coupled with the time I spent in the classroom, helped prepare me for a career in television production. It provided training I would not have otherwise and has given me experience, confidence, and more important, probable employment after graduation.

Darlene Stephens, of Salyersville, graduated from Pikeville College in December with a major in communication.

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attend college or you have been out of school for 10 years, you need someone with the experience and knowledge to help you lay a solid educational foundation and we have just the people you need.

We have exceptional counselors whose greatest desire is to see an individual succeed in continuing their education. As with anything, taking the first step is hard but taking the first step in the right direction is of greater importance.

For example, if you were planning a trip to a place that you had never been before, you could get on the Internet, type in your destination, and you would be given a complete, thorough set of directions. However, if you just get in your car and stop at every gas station along the way for directions, your trip could become lengthy, frustrating and not the enjoyable trip that you had hoped for.

The same applies to getting an education; it is best to seek the advice of one who is able to give you complete directions to your destination rather than making unnecessary detours. The counselors, at Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community

College, are the world atlas to getting an education.

On the Paintsville campus counselors Juanita Fannin, Janie Beverly and Beverly Martin are there to help you begin your educational journey. On the Prestonsburg campus, counselor Jeff Hicks awaits your visit, and on the Pikeville campus you will find Elizabeth Cole ready to help.

If attending college is something that you have often thought about, then you need to let our counselors give you the "good advice" that you need to begin this wonderful journey.

Registration for spring classes begins on Monday, Jan. 6, and continues through Thursday, Jan. 9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will be evening class registration and classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 13. Late registration dates are January 13 to 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you need a schedule or would just like some information about us, visit www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu. We are expecting you. It's a great way to start the new year.

ARC

ESTILL COUNTY

Irvine Municipal Utilities will implement improvements in the wastewater collection system in order to regionalize services in the county. Grant amount: \$88,000.

HARLAN COUNTY

The city of Lynch will replace water lines to decrease water loss due to an antiquated water distribution system, allowing the city to treat and distribute water to customers more efficiently. Grant amount: \$35,000.

HART COUNTY

Hart County will prepare an industrial site for a new industry that will create 191 jobs. Grant amount: \$400,000.

KNOTT COUNTY

The city of Hindman will complete the construction of water lines to serve the Bear Branch and Ball Branch areas of Knott County. Grant amount: \$48,000.

LINCOLN COUNTY

The city of Hustonville will replace existing deteriorated cast iron water lines to serve 35 households. Grant amount: \$184,000.

MENIFEE COUNTY

The Cave Run Water Commission will construct a two million-gallon per day regional water treatment plant near Cave Run Lake. This regional plant will

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miner's daughter. Loretta Lynn got the money but I got an education," she quipped.

She encouraged the graduates to always remember your roots. "None of us got here by ourselves," she said.

Judge Combs likened the courtroom to a classroom. "The power in your hands is more vast than you will realize until later in life," she said.

ensure an adequate supply of water for about 5,000 water customers within the four counties of Menifee, Morgan, Montgomery and Wolfe. Grant amount: \$500,000.

MONROE COUNTY

The city of Tompkinsville will construct a 300,000-gallon water storage tank that will increase water pressure and fire protection that is currently lacking in many parts of the city. With these improvements, a lumber company will expand its operation. Grant amount: \$400,000.

MORGAN COUNTY

The Morgan County Water District will construct about 34 miles of water line to provide service to 278 customers in Morgan County, including the Woodsbend Boys' Correctional Facility Camp. Grant amount: \$400,000.

PIKE COUNTY

The city of Pikeville will complete the final phase of the underground utility relocation project. Grant amount: \$500,000.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

The Western Rockcastle Water Association will extend water service to approximately 48 new customers and improve service for 150 households in Rockcastle, Lincoln, Pulaski, and Garrard counties. Grant amount: \$250,000.

WHITLEY COUNTY

The Cumberland Falls Highway Water District will construct about 37 miles of water line, a storage tank and pump station to serve 211 new customers along 10 roads in Whitley County. Grant amount: \$400,000.

WOLFE COUNTY

The city of Campton will construct a new wastewater treatment plant to allow for continued service to 186 existing customers as well as provide for capacity to serve potential industries in the Pine Ridge Regional Business Park. Grant amount: \$250,000.

REGIONAL PROJECTS

The East Kentucky Science Center is currently constructing an education facility that's scheduled to open in 2003. ARC funds will provide necessary equipment and software for the multimedia planetarium. Grant amount: \$436,480.

The Southern Appalachian Fund (SAF) is a limited partnership and a conditionally approved New Markets Venture Capital Fund. The SAF will provide financing and development activities to small businesses in low-income areas within the Appalachian counties of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi and the entire states of Kentucky and Tennessee. Grant amount: \$324,000.

Hazard Community College will construct office, classroom and meeting space on the first floor of the Clemons Center for use by the University Center of the Mountains. Grant amount: \$316,000.

The Kentucky Appalachian Development Institute will organize a network of public and private post-secondary education institutions serving the region to inventory the current research and development capacity, channel research and development capacity to local government and non-profit entities, and encourage further development of resources and capacity. Grant amount: \$125,000.

The Kentucky Department of Local Government Administration projects funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun
by Donna Erickson

Have fun framing Your Computer

Brighten your family computer with a jazzy frame you can design and make together with your kids. There's even a clever storage container for the mouse when the computer isn't in use!

Measure the outside screen dimensions of the computer monitor and mark them on a sheet of craft foam or poster board to cre-



DAVID LAROCHELLE

ate a 2-inch-wide frame. Cut out. Decorate the frame by creating designs in contrasting colors of foam or poster board. For example, if you want to have a jungle theme, cut a shape for a palm tree and glue to one side of the frame. Make a parrot or a wild snake and let him slither around the opposite side and bottom of the frame.

Attach two 2-inch strips of Velcro to the top and bottom of the back of the decorated frame. Attach matching pieces to the monitor and press frame to computer. Add a plastic clip to the side for tiny notepaper.

Make a house to store your mouse! Juice boxes and single-portion cereal boxes are a perfect size. First, cut off the top of the box and discard. Measure down 1 inch on the front of the box. Draw a horizontal line across the box at the 1-inch point and use as a guide to cut off the top front.

Paint or cover the box with adhesive-backed paper or craft foam. Attach Velcro to the back and a matching piece to the side of your computer. Attach it in place. Store your mouse inside the decorative box when not in use.

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

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SHRIMP COCKTAIL IS AN ELEGANT FIRST COURSE

Treat your family as you would guests, and it needn't be a special occasion, a birthday or holiday meal. Make it a Sunday dinner for no reason at all except to reaffirm how important the family is. It's a good idea, too, to involve youngsters in the dinner preparation.

Your family dinner, whether it's a roast, stew, meatloaf or hamburgers, takes on elegance when it starts with a first course like this Santa Fe shrimp cocktail. This is not your Grandma's shrimp cocktail. Its ingredients include avocado, salsa and crunchy french fried onions.

Its presentation is a standout. Dig out those old champagne glasses that have been replaced by flutes, the oversized martini glasses or the coupes you no longer have time to use. Don't have any of those? Then arrange the ingredients on small glass plates or your salad plates, because for this occasion, presentation is almost as essential as the ingredients. It really looks celebratory — and yummy.

Leave the tail-end shells on only because it helps hold the shrimp's shape and looks good. Helpful hint: Buy already cleaned, shelled, cooked shrimp at your market.

For dessert, consider a fondue for dipping chunks of healthful fresh fruit. Is there anything better for creating family fun than a dipping session? The second recipe

here, developed by Best Foods, takes only about 10 minutes to make and can be done a day ahead, covered and refrigerated then reheated for serving.

SANTA FE SHRIMP COCKTAIL

1 (16-ounce) jar mild salsa

- 1 small ripe avocado, peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon Frank's Red Hot cayenne pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 pound large shrimp, shelled, deveined and cooked
- 1 cup French's french fried onions
- 1 lime, cut into 6 wedges

1. In large bowl, combine salsa, avocado, cayenne pepper, sauce, lime juice and cilantro. Alternately layer shrimp and salsa mixture in 6 margarita or martini glasses.

2. Microwave onion on HIGH for 1 minute or until golden, or heat in conventional oven 5 minutes. Sprinkle onions over shrimp. Garnish with lime wedges. Makes 6 servings.

(See **BLOCK**, page five)



by Philomena Corradeno

Comfort foods Always room for muffins



by JoAnna M. Lund

Somehow, muffins seem to fit the bill for a filling breakfast, a tasty snack and even sometimes as an

offering for dessert. These muffins are no exception!

OATMEAL RAISIN MUFFINS

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup quick oats
- 1 cup raisins
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 egg or equivalent in egg substitute

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Spray a 12-hole muffin pan with

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Our Rainbow wasn't enough

Matt Sharpe

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

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The day that Grandpa came to school to pick me up, I knew something was wrong, because Mom was supposed to be there. We were all supposed to go out to dinner that night to celebrate our friend Sherry's birthday. When Grandpa told me that you had a heart attack, I thought he was just kidding. When I could see that he was serious, I thought I was going to die. I was too shocked to even cry. I felt so numb and helpless. I just sat there, thinking, Why? You were so big, strong and healthy. You worked every day. I thought you would be the

last person, ever, to have a heart attack.

Being in the hospital was terrifying. You were in a coma. You had so many tubes and machines all around you. You didn't look at all like yourself. I could feel myself shaking. I just wanted you to wake up from this horrible nightmare and take me home.

The whole hospital was filled with many people who came to see you. They treated me very nicely. I never knew you had so many kind friends. Sherry was there, too, but we didn't celebrate her birthday.

That first day was followed by a couple of days of restless sorrow, sleepless nights and lots of praying. None of

it worked. On Feb. 26, the most tragic thing of my entire 10 years of life, and for probably the rest of my life, happened to me. The one person I

looked up to more than anyone else in the world died. I don't even know if you heard me tell you goodbye.

I had never been to a funeral before. I was astonished to see that over a thousand people came. All our family and friends were there, and a lot of people I didn't even know. I figured out afterward that you must have treated them the same special way you treated me. That's why they all loved you. Of course, I always knew you were so special, but you were my dad. On that day

I found out how special you were to so many other people.

Even though it has been over a year, I still think about you all the time and miss you very much. Some nights I cry myself to sleep, but I try not to get too downhearted. I know I still have a lot to be thankful for. You gave me more love in 10 years than a lot of kids probably ever get in their whole lives. Sure, I know you can't play ball with me anymore on the weekends, take me to Denny's for breakfast, tell your corny jokes or sneak me doughnuts. But I also know that you are still with me. You're in my heart and in my bones. I hear your voice inside my head, helping to guide me through life. When I don't know what to do, I try to think about what you would tell me. You are still here, giving me advice and helping me

figure things out. I know that whatever I do, I will always love you and remember you.

I've heard that whenever someone dies, God sends a rainbow to take the person to heaven. The day you died, a double rainbow appeared in the sky.

You were 6 foot 4. I guess one rainbow wasn't enough to carry you all the way to heaven.

I love you, Daddy.

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by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Heartburn can lead to cancer but rarely does so

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have had a heartburn problem for many years. It was getting so bad that I saw a specialist, who looked into my esophagus with a scope. He took a biopsy. The results of the biopsy showed changes that the doctor said could turn into cancer. I am taking medicine, which works wonders for the heartburn, but the doctor wants to scope me again. Won't the medicine take care of the cancer threat? — J.R.

ANSWER:

You have a Barrett's esophagus. The upward spurt of stomach juices into your esophagus gave you heartburn pain. It also altered the cells that line the lower part of the esophagus. Those cells can further change into cancer cells — but hold on. This is not a time for panic.

The number of people who have heartburn is great. Only a few of those people develop the changes of Barrett's esophagus. Of those

(See **HEALTH**, page five)

Books: Recipe books, reviewed by Ealish Waddell

"Does America Need a Foreign Policy?"
by: Henry Kissinger
(Touchstone Books, \$15)

Reviewed by Gareth Vaughan

Veteran diplomat and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, newly appointed to head a post-9/11 inquiry commission, addresses the need for a U.S. foreign policy in the

timely and informative "Does America Need a Foreign Policy?" Kissinger answers the question posed in the title of this work with a resounding "yes."

Noting that the United States has held three presidential elections without any mention of a foreign-policy platform, Kissinger outlines new questions posed and old concerns reawakened in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He discusses such issues as global-

ization, the United States and the Gulf region and American relations with post-communist Russia, and he outlines the need for foreign policy in today's volatile international climate.

"Does America Need a Foreign Policy?" makes a bold statement regarding diplomacy in the 21st century — that isolationism is an antiquated memento of the past. Diplomacy is no longer an option, but a mandatory response to the dangers

prevalent in the world today. Kissinger, backed by years of intense and concentrated experience, deftly illustrates this point to both an American and global audience.

"Does America Need a Foreign Policy?" is an informative and important work.

Books reviewed in this column are available through your local bookstore.

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

My girlfriend, "Nora," and I have been together for three years. Recently, we've been talking about moving in together. I'm all for it. I love Nora like I've never loved a woman before. Even though I haven't told her, I know in my heart that Nora is the woman I want to share the rest of my life with.

Here's the problem: Not long after we decided that we would be living together (we're planning the move for mid-February), Nora began acting kind of strange. She went on a serious diet, has changed her hairstyle and hair color, and has been aloof.

A woman I work with said

Are drastic changes a sign of cheating?

that those are signs that Nora could be having an affair. How can this be? Why would she agree to move in with me and then start an affair? I just don't get it. And Nora isn't talking. What do I do?

— WORRIED
IN WARREN, OHIO

DAVE SAYS:

Y'know, Warren, you could play the "What If" game until you wind up in a fetal position on the floor. Don't. You can't read Nora's mind, and neither can I. So, unless you find a way to get her to talk to you, you aren't going to get any closer to the truth.

If it's any consolation, I don't totally believe your work friend. There are many reasons for Nora to be acting the way she has. She could have been shopping and some snotty young clerk may have made a comment about her weight and looks. That could have been

enough to set Nora off. I don't know. I don't know Nora. But you see what I mean about playing the "What If" game.

Sit Nora down and talk to her. Tell her that she can tell you anything, and it will be OK. And MEAN IT. My guess is, Nora agreed to move in with you, but then had second thoughts (maybe she thinks it's too soon for her). And now she could feel like if she backs out, it might totally damage your relationship. If that's the case, tell Nora that it's cool — you don't have to move in together in February. Let her know that you don't want to rush into anything that would make her feel uncomfortable.

SAM SAYS:

Just because a woman changes her hairstyle and hair color doesn't mean that she is cheating on you. Your work friend is either an idiot or she likes to cause trouble.

But I do find it telling that Nora decides to begin a huge personal renovation project not soon after deciding to move in with you. It could mean, as Dave said, that she's freaking out about the move and may not be ready for a life change as serious as this.

On the other hand, Nora could just be in mood for a change. Period. End of story.

Just to be safe, though, don't put any money down on a new place or sign anything until you and Nora sit down and work everything out. The last thing you need is to spend a lot of money on moving expenses only to wind up in a new place you can't afford on your own.

And if Nora isn't willing to talk to you about this, you not only shouldn't make the move, you should also think about whether you want to be in a relationship with a woman who isn't willing to communicate with you.



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

Welcome to 2003! Here's a look at what is coming up for the month of January.

Florida Manatee Festival

On Jan. 11 and 12, Crystal River, Fla., hosts the Florida Manatee Festival, a tribute to the gentle giants of Florida's seaways and rivers. The event will be held in downtown Crystal River, along Citrus Avenue, and free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Crystal River Mall. There will be a judged art show, as well as manatee-themed art of local schoolchildren, plus plenty of manatee education. For a very small fee, take a boat tour to see a manatee for yourself. Also, parrotheads won't want to miss the Sounds Like Buffett To Me band contest. For more information, contact the Citrus County Chamber at (352) 726-2801

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or log on to www.citruscounty.com

Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition

At Snississippi Park in Rockford, Ill., you'll find that there's no art like snow art — especially during the Snow Sculpting Competition to be held Jan. 15-18. Teams of three to four artists sculpt blocks of snow (provided by the Greater Rockford Airport) into frozen fantasies, beginning Wednesday and working continuously until 10 a.m. on Saturday. This is the 17th year of the competition. For more information, call (815) 987-8800 or check out www.rockford-parks.org and click on the link to Snow Sculpting.

Return of the Sea Lions to Pier 39

San Francisco's Pier 39 welcomes sea lions back for the 13th year in a row on Jan. 18. These peppy creatures return by the hun-

dreds for the plentiful herring and the hospitable environment. To fully enjoy the experience, catch one of the free, guided talks on K Dock on the weekends. Call (415) 705-5500 or log on to www.pier39.com for directions and more.

Sports Car Racing on Ice

If you thought NASCAR racing was fraught with peril, just think about putting those cars on ice! South Lindstrom Lake in Lindstrom, Minn., will host a sanctioned round of ice racing on Jan. 25-26. Yes, the cars get out and race on ice. What a sight. Check out the International Ice Racing Association's Web site for more details (and to make sure the event goes on as scheduled — they are, after all, slaves to the weather) at www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace. Or call the IIRA hot line at (612) 330-0080.

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Cleopatra's husband was her brother, Ptolemy

■ It was Plato who observed, "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

■ Cleopatra's husband was her brother, Ptolemy.

■ Melanie Roberts, a 41-year-old Ohio woman, was forced to have her left leg amputated. Shortly thereafter, while still recovering, she was shocked to receive a \$600 bill for the funeral of her leg. Evidently, she was supposed to pay for the limb's burial — and the bill was even broken down into the separate costs for the plot, the minister, the hearse and the gravediggers.

■ Despite the fact that roughly 70 percent of the earth is covered with water, only about 1 percent is drinkable.



■ During the Muslim feast of Al-Adha, a sheep was to be sacrificed on top of a four-story building in Cairo, Egypt. In a fit of terror or anger, the doomed sheep rushed the executioner, who then lost his balance and fell to his death.

■ There are more people in New York than on the entire continent of Australia.

■ Ever wonder why so many coin banks are shaped like pigs? Here's the story: In

ancient times, a lump of clay was called a "pygg." A clay bowl formed from this lump would often be used to hold loose change, and it was called a pygg bowl bank. According to legend, at a later point in history, a potter unfamiliar with the term received an order for several of these pygg bowl banks. Instead of the bowls, he made coin banks shaped like pigs; they became such a hit that they're still around today.

■ The Puritans wouldn't allow the singing of Christmas carols.

Thought for the Day:
"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former." — Albert Einstein

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INFOLINK Big Brother is watching

Civil liberty and privacy advocates are up in arms about the recent passage of the Homeland Security Bill and the formation of the Information Awareness Office. But it's not just the radical groups that are concerned.

The IAO will aspire to "total information awareness" and will integrate current intelligence data to catch would-be terrorists by seeing patterns of terrorist activity. The data will come from a myriad of sources — e-mail, credit card purchases, telephone records, plane ticket purchases, medical records, rental car data and so on. The goal of TIA is to "detect, classify, ID, track,

understand, pre-empt."

And there's a creepy IAO logo to boot: An eye looms over a pyramid and appears to scan the world. The motto reads: "Scientia Est Potentia," or "Knowledge Is Power."

The unlimited governmental use of what used to be personal information is an alarming precedent in a free country — a precedent predicted in George Orwell's "1984": "How often, or in what system, the Thought Police plugged in on any individual wire was guesswork. It was even conceivable that they watched everybody all the time."

But who cares? A complicit media has already made fas-

ionable the idea of being watched and monitored, and it's no surprise the networks who brought you "Big Brother" in prime time aren't putting up much of a fight against the real thing.

When faced with the threat of terrorism, freedom-loving Americans are eager to let the government monitor their e-mails for the sake of security. "I have nothing to hide," most will say.

The IAO is the brainchild of retired Adm. John Poindexter, the Reagan national-security adviser famous for his criminal destruction of information in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Poindexter has been advo-

cating an IAO for years, but now we have a threat credible enough to justify its implementation. The Bush administration gave him the nod because no other agency had an alternate plan to address the threat.

Even though defenders of the system have emphasized that the information collected is subject to Privacy Act restrictions, and that the IAO will not keep dossiers on every U.S. citizen and will protect the anonymity of non-involved citizens, it's amazing the administration would let so shady a character come to the table for lack of a better idea.

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New Year's evolution



The new year provides what sounds like the perfect backdrop for the start of a new and improved fitness program. Letting go the old and bringing in the new — there's hope for a year in which all of your fitness goals will come true and change your life forever. You will become leaner, stronger and more flexible than ever before. No one will stop you!

While all of that sounds great, the reality is that for many people, New Year's fitness resolutions don't make it far out of the gates.

This new year, I challenge you to take a different approach to fitness and begin what I call a New Year's Evolution.

Fitness is truly a journey, not a destination. There's no place called FitLand where, once you've arrived, you never have to exercise again. Even if you get into the best shape of your life, you still must maintain a fitness program to support the progress you have made.

Approach fitness as an evolution, or growth and change, in your lifestyle and attitude toward exercise. Throughout each month take a step to incorporate fitness more and more into your life, and by year's end, exercise will be no sweat. Below are some tips to get you started.

January: Don't allow TV, magazines or other people to pressure you into beginning any exercise program you're

not comfortable with. Start off your year by consulting with your physician or fitness professional to set SAFE exercise goals and routines. In fitness, there is no single regimen that fits all people and ages. Get some direction from someone you trust — and then get started.

February-March: By now you may be getting too comfortable with the program that was designed for you. It's time to renew your vows to stay consistent and keep progressing! Try new classes and exercises so you don't get bored. Keep working hard.

April-May: Exercise is no big deal! You feel comfortable and confident with your fitness routines. Consult with your medical or fitness professional to check progress and modify your program if needed.

June-July: The summer is here; be adventurous. And finish the rest of the year strong!

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CHOCOLATE FONDUE

2/3 cup Karo light or dark corn syrup
1/2 cup heavy cream
8 (1-ounce) squares semi-sweet chocolate
Assorted fresh fruit

In medium saucepan combine corn syrup and cream. Bring to boil over medium heat. Remove from heat. Add

chocolate; stir until completely melted. Serve warm as a dip for fruit. Makes 1 1/2 cup fondue.

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS: In medium microwavable bowl, combine corn syrup and cream. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent), 1 1/2 minutes or until boiling. Add chocolate; stir until completely melted. Serve as above.

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Foods

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butter-flavored cooking spray or line with paper liners. In a large bowl, combine flour, oats, raisins, sugar substitute, baking powder, baking soda and apple pie spice. In a small bowl, combine milk, sour cream, applesauce and egg. Mix well with a fork to combine. Add milk mixture to flour mixture. Mix just until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Evenly divide batter into prepared muffin wells. Bake for 18 to 22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center of a muffin comes out clean. Place muffin pan on a

wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and continue cooling on wire rack. Makes 12 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 129 calories, 1 g fat, 4 g protein, 26 g carbs., 140 g sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fruit.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyechanges.com or call 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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with Barrett's, even fewer go on to develop cancer of the esophagus.

Ridding a person of heartburn does not rid a person of the Barrett changes nor of the slight threat of cancer. For that reason, doctors put people with Barrett's esophagus on a schedule of follow-up scope exams so that cancer changes can be spotted early and taken care of promptly.

If you look at it in another light, you are quite fortunate. You will never have cancer of the esophagus sneak up on you. In addition, the medicine has cured your heartburn.

The new pamphlet on heartburn and hiatal hernias explains the intricacies of this problem and how it is treated. Readers who want more information on the subject can send for the pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter called to tell

me that my granddaughter has hand-foot-and-mouth disease. At first, I thought she was kidding, and I laughed. She is not kidding. I never heard of such a thing. Is it common?

Isn't there any medicine for it? My granddaughter is not taking any. — R.B.

ANSWER:

Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is real and common. It's mostly a disease of childhood. The symptoms are a painful throat and a mouth of tender, shallow sores. Small blisters appear on the backs of the hands, tops of the feet and sides of the toes and fingers.

It is a viral infection. There is no medicine for it. Doctors might give an infected child prescriptions for medicines that numb the mouth and throat to make swallowing less painful. Such medicines are not indicated for every child with the condition.

This is an illness that goes away on its own accord. It takes about a week to leave.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

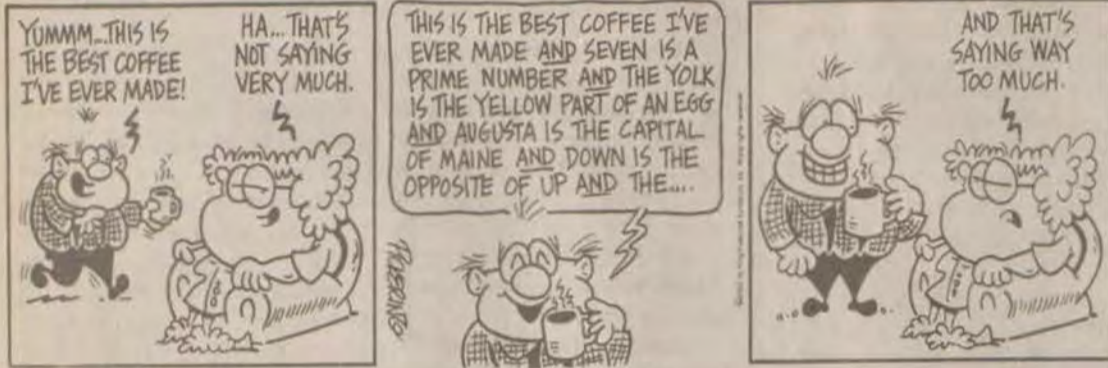
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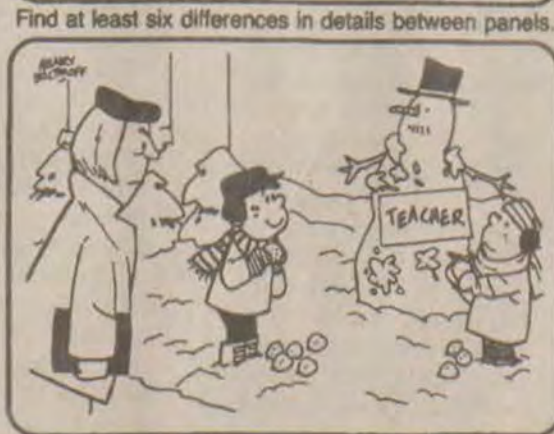
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.

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



Super Crossword BEGINNINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 "One — Apple" (71 song)
 - 4 Broadway org.
 - 9 Presidential pooch
 - 13 Loudly, to Liszt
 - 18 Spud bud
 - 19 Propped (up)
 - 21 Author Murdoch
 - 22 Menotti title character
 - 23 Over- laundered muumuu?
 - 26 Aquarium fish
 - 27 Viscount's better
 - 28 Walked off with
 - 29 Baby beagle
 - 31 Noun suffix
 - 32 Objective
 - 35 Lose luster
 - 38 One of the Sopranos
 - 41 Embarrassed late-night host?
 - 48 Humble abode
 - 49 Hawke of "Training Day"
 - 50 Start to cry?
 - 51 Pageant prop
 - 54 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
 - 56 Dicta change?
 - 59 Seek
 - 62 Coasted
 - 63 Cock and bull
 - 65 Sup in style
 - 66 "Rule Britannia" composer
 - 68 Call — day
 - 69 Fill in
 - 71 — Scotia
 - 73 Sculptor Bernini
 - 74 Snead or Spiegel
 - 75 Tarzan the Studious?
 - 80 Ingot
 - 82 Airhead
 - 83 Fruit-tree spray
 - 84 Biol. or chem.
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KIDS AT PLAY

The East Ridge High School boys' basketball team is in its first season of competition. The Pike County school opened its doors in Fall 2002.



Members of the Bulls team headed up the court during a Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League game played earlier this season.



Adams Middle School players Allen Craynon and Matt Sword fight for the ball against McDowell player during a December game. Middle school play continues through the majority of the winter.

AROUND FLOYD COUNTY

Basketball signups slated for Osborne...

Little Eagles Basketball signups will be held January 6-10 at Osborne Elementary in conjunction with the Rainbow Junction FRC (Family Resource Center). A parent or guardian will need to bring a proof of insurance. Students eligible to

play are boys and girls in grades K-4.

Special Olympics meeting scheduled...

The Floyd Co. Special Olympics will hold its next meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg.



The Herald Whitaker Middle School boys' basketball team won the Rowan County Tournament in early-December. The team is coached by Steve Miller (far right, back row).

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