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Man tries to run over Groopers

FEDS CREEK - A Pike County man faces two charges of attempted murder after he tried to run over two state troopers with his car, Kentucky State Police said.

Mitchell Looney, 21, was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center after his arrest Tuesday

State troopers Bo Cure and Luke Vanhoose were responding to an unrelated complaint on Feds Creek Road when Looney tried to hit them with his car about 7:30 p.m.

The officers were out of their cruiser when they spotted Looney's car being driven "in a very reckless manner," a police report

As Looney approached the officers in his car, he slowed down, then speeded up and tried to hit them, police said. Neither officer was injured.

Looney was arrested about four hours later. police said

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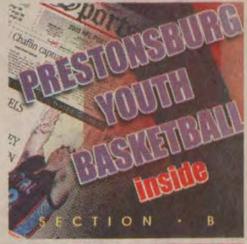
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ner policeman accused of rape

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Hi Hat man, arrested Wednesday and charged with raping his daughter this past September, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment yesterday morning in Floyd District Court.

Rodney Newsome, 48, of Bryant Branch was arrested by Kentucky State Police Detective David the following morning on two separate counts of first-degree rape.

Maynard alleges in court documents that Newsome, a former Wheelwright police officer and Sunday school bus driver for his local church, raped his 15-year-old daughter on Sept. 9 and again on Sept. 10 of last year.

Past court records suggest that the recent charges against Newsome

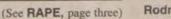
Maynard Wednesday and arraigned may have been one part of an ongoing problem within the family.

On Dec. 16 a domestic violence petition was filed against Newsome by his wife, 45-year-old Nina Newsome, in which she said he "made threats about killing people" and threatened to break down the door of her home.

I am afraid he is going to hurt me and my child," Nina Newsome wrote in her Dec. 16 complaint. "He

is on medication and he does have a gun."

Family Court Judge Julie Paxton scheduled a domestic hearing in response to the complaint, and, at that hearing on Dec. 27, ordered that Nina Newsome undergo counseling for victims of domestic violence. Rodney Newsome was fitted with an emergency protection order forbid-





Rodney Newsome

TROUBLE



This deer was so badly frozen that it could not stand for days. The RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center were afraid that it would have to be euthanized because of its injuries. The deer was able to stand on Thursday.

Cold weather brin need for rescue

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK - The recent cold temperatures have not been safe for man or beast, as evident by the rescue of two deer that were almost frozen to death.

The first deer was found on the river bank at Goble Roberts last week. The animal could not make it up the bank because of snow and ice and had become lethargic due to exertion and the cold temperatures.

The deer was rescued by the combined effort of the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Prestonsburg Fire Department and Transtar Ambulance Service.

According to Penelope Roberts, owner of

(See DEER, page three)



photo by Jarrid Deaton

This deer was rescued from the banks of the Big Sandy River in Goble Roberts and was taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Endicott. The eyes of the deer were covered to prevent it from becoming frightened.

Pit bull stolen in burglary

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

WEST PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Animal shelter was once again the victim of a break-in on Thursday.

During the break-in, a large pit bull was taken from the shelter. According to Kathy Mullins, director of the animal shelter, the dog seemed to be the only thing that the suspects were after.

"They had to plan this out. This is not the kind of dog that you would just walk up to," Mullins said. Mullins is worried that the

dog could be aggressive towards other animals and "This is a 90-pound dog. It

could really be a dangerous animal in the wrong hands," Mullins said.

Because of a break-in last year, the shelter had a security system installed in an attempt to prevent future occurrences. According to

(See PIT BULL, page three)

Martin city council approves annexation

STAFF WRITER

MARTIN - Martin City Council's first meeting of 2003, held Tuesday evening, included the reading of annexation ordinances and the creation of a new city position for an electrical inspector, as well as negotiations with American Electric

by LORETTA BLACKBURN Power for a franchise. The council did a second

> reading of ordinance 2-05, which annexed about onehalf of a mile of property that houses Hall Funeral Home, a private home, the Deguzman Clinic, and the First Assembly Church of God, A first reading of ordinance 3-

(See COUNCIL, page five)

Have a drug tip? Don't call the jail

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb is persistent in explaining that his employees from cooks to deputy jailers - have absolutely no authority in investigating drug activity throughout the coun-

His insistence on this point began in mid-January, when his office began receiving almost daily phone calls, apparently from the same person, informing Webb that drugs are being sold in her community.

Beginning on Jan. 16, Webb began to pick up mes-

(See TIPS, page three)



Patty Wilson

Newspaper contest sending Wilson to Bahamas by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Floyd County Times circulation manager Patty Wilson was recently named as the first place winner of a company contest organized by Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. (CNHI).

Wilson, who finished first in

the Conference 14 division, was awarded an all-expense-paid fourday, three-night stay in Nassau, Bahamas, for her achievements in the contest.

The contest was implemented to boost all revenues and increase circulation among CNHI's 335 newspapers across 19 states and lasted five months.

During those five months, com-

peting newspapers were given monthly updates of their progress.

"During the whole five months, I was always in the running," said Wilson, who maintained at least first, second or third place for the length of the contest. "Somebody was ahead of me in November and that was the last we had heard until

Wilson said she is looking for-

ward to the trip.

"I can't wait," Wilson said. "Me and my husband are going and we're really looking forward to it."

In addition to Wilson's firstplace finish, Times publisher Rod Collins commended his circulation manager at The Hazard Herald,

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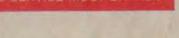
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Odds and Ends

■ ST. PAUL. Minn. — If to be on the safe side, a House state lawmakers decide to act, agriculture committee will conthe world-famous Cirque du Soleil can rest assured its next Minnesota performance will be strictly legal.

Last year, the international troupe of clowns, acrobats, mimes, dancers and trapeze artists appeared at the same time the State Fair was under way in suburban Falcon Heights.

This was a clear violation of a statute banning circuses anywhere in Minnesota while the State Fair is on, from late August through Labor Day.

So were the Cirque performers entertainers or outlaws?

"Well, technically, it would be illegal," said Jerry Hammer, the Fair's general manager. "Maybe they're only half a circus," he said, in apparent reference to Cirque's theatrical flair and absence of animal acts.

Legislators doubt any prosecutor would enforce the "gross misdemeanor" punishable by up to \$3,000 and a year in jail. But

The Floyd County Times and Holiday Inn presents

sider repeal of the 1933 anti-circus law.

In the 1920s and '30s. Hammer explains, getting to the State Fair was an all-day trek for many, so crafty promoters set up circuses everywhere to lure away fairgoers. Today's organizers express confidence the Great Minnesota Get-Together is safely second-to-none.

■ MOBERLY, Mo. — "He's gone. He's dead," was the first thought church secretary Marie Taylor had as she held the postcard addressed to the late Rev. Jack Stanton.

Then she took a closer look and read the postmark - 9:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 1949.

The card, relayed by the Postal Service, finally reached its destination last week at the Carpenter Street Baptist Church, where Stanton was pastor from 1947 to 1951. He died last year.

The card, with a correct one-

cent stamp, featured a picture of a St. Louis evangelist, Del Fehsenfeld, who was planning a revival in Burbank, Calif., in

Promised topics included "Are you ready to meet God?" and "Will the atomic-bomb end

Taylor used the Internet to track down the 90-year-old Fehsenfeld in Greenville, S.C. He recalled passing through Missouri many times and said he'd like to visit again, Taylor

Postal officials had their theories about how the card went missing for more than half a century.

It could have been stuck in a machine or a piece of furniture in a Burbank post office and didn't get found until a recent renovation, said Rich Skaggs, the Moberly postmaster.

But Terri Bouffiou, spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service in Southern California. said there wasn't any renovation or move lately at any Burbank post office.

What would the late pastor think about his never-received mail? "He would get a kick out of it," said current pastor Brian Wilson.

PRESTON, Minn. -

Everybody into the jury pool. With a drug trial ready to start and not enough potential jurors on hand, the judge told Sheriff Jim Connolly: Find them where you can.

Connolly nabbed his first two right in the courthouse, as Fillmore County Board Chairman Marc Prestby stood in plain view, talking with a friend and thinking about having

"We both kind of laughed about it and thought he was joking," Prestby said Tuesday. "Then the judge himself came by and thanked us for volunteer-

To collar his next four, Connolly had only to visit the Victory Cafe across the street. "You finish your lunch and be at the courthouse by 1 o'clock," he told them.

His next stops were a grocery and nearby deli, where he scored two customers and an assistant manager.

At the local newspaper, the Fillmore County Journal, Connolly looked publisher John Torgrimson in the eye. "He came along without a problem."

reported Connolly. Ten people with other plans

had became 10 potential jurors. "That's the old-fashioned way of doing it." Connolly said.

■ COTTAGE GROVE, Wis. - Instead of a groundhog, the local Lions Club will use a potbellied pig to forecast the weather this weekend.

The club is also switching the date of its celebration from Feb. 2 to Feb. 1 because it can't muster enough volunteers to sell tickets at the door any other day.

Besides, the hall where the event is held has already been rented by a local church.

The Lions argue that Hamlet the Potbellied Pig proved his powers of prediction last year when he agreed with Jimmy the Groundhog: A sunny dawn meant spring would wait awhile.

Some traditionalists say the Lions Club is making a farce of the holiday.

"They're making a fallacy of it. They're demeaning Jimmy," joked Sun Prairie mayor Jo Ann Orfan.

Lee Phillips, food committee chairman, said last year's groundhog breakfast fed 462 people and raised money for scout clubs, scholarships and

(See ODDS, page five)



The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2003. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer

On this date:

■ In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

■ In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna,

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named General-in-Chief of all the Confederate armies

■ In 1917, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine war-

In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt devalued the dollar in relation to gold.

■ In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

■ In 1950, President Truman announced he had ordered devel-

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opment of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1971, astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell and Stuart A. Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

■ In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard.

Ten years ago:

The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills 52-17 in Super Bowl 27, played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Five years ago:

Astronaut David returned to Earth aboard space shuttle Endeavour after four months on the Russian space station Mir.

One year ago:

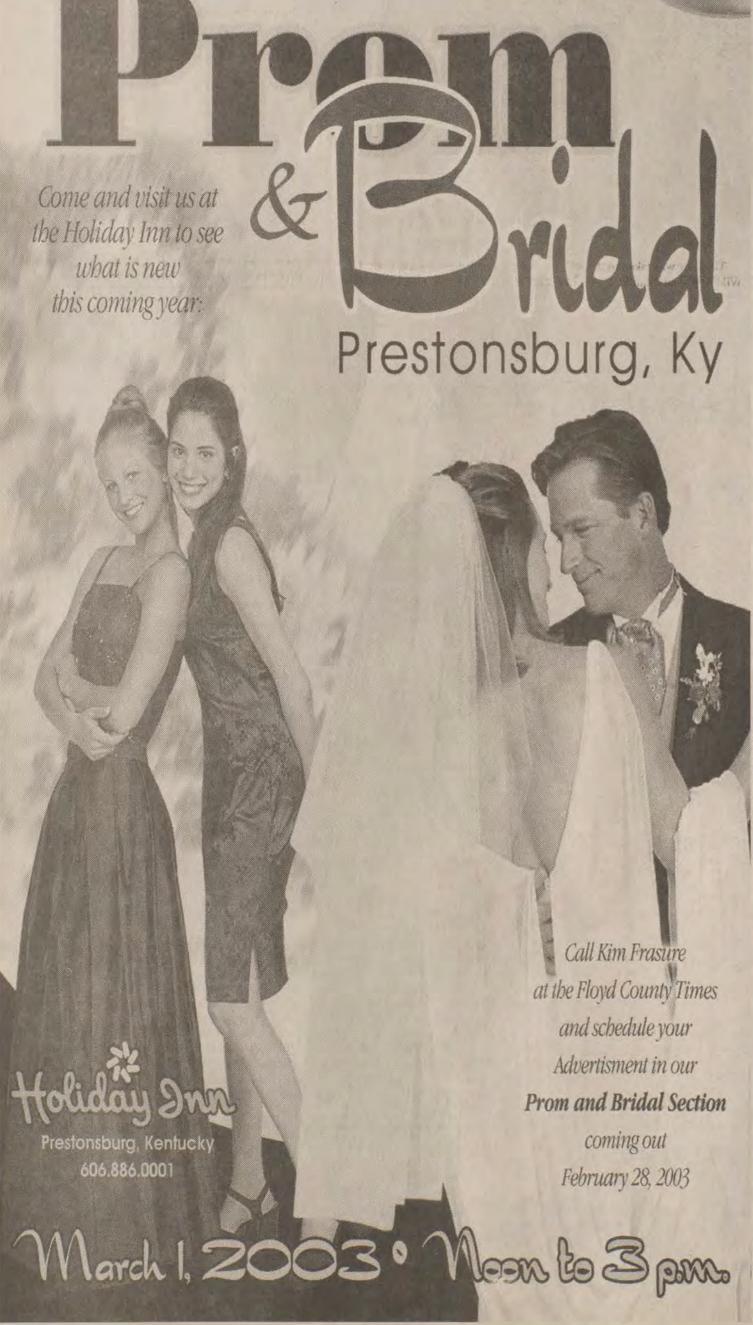
The Bush administration handed abortion opponents a symbolic victory, classifying a developing fetus as an "unborn child" as a way of extending prenatal care to low-income pregnant women under the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a speech that the United States had to prepare for potential surprise attacks "vastly more deadly" than the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings. Kentucky, cited by the NCAA for more than three dozen recruiting violations, was placed on three years' proba-

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 82.

Author Norman Mailer is 80. Actress Jean Simmons is 74. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 72. Composer Philip Glass is 66. Actress Suzanne Pleshette is 66. Actor Stuart Margolin is 63. Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., is 62. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 59. Actress Jessica Walter is 59. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 56. Singer Phil Collins is 52. Singermusician KC (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 52. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 47. Actress Kelly Lynch is 44. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 44. Singermusician Lloyd Cole is 42. Actor John Dye is 40. Rock musician Al Jaworski (Jesus Jones) is 37. Actress Minnie Driver is 32. Actress Portia de Rossi is 30. Singer Justin Timberlake ('N Sync) is 22.

Thought for Today:

"We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is disappearing." - R.D. Laing, Scottish nsvchiatrist (1927-1989)





Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson presented Dr. Chandra Varia with an award of appreciation for her service to the Floyd County Board of Education on Tuesday, when she found humor in a debate over who could talk more between the two of them.

shelter.

Pitbull

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Mullins, the suspects kicked in was scheduled to be neutered the only door not hooked up to the security system.

"It was the only door that wasn't hooked up because of the renovations we are doing," Mullins said,

Mullins said that the pit bull had already been adopted and when it was taken from the

"I think that whoever took it wants to use it for breeding or fighting," Mullins said.

A \$200 reward is being offered for the return of the

Rape

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his wife and was also ordered to have no firearms.

Newsome and his wife filed for divorce less than a month later on Jan. 22, one week before his arrest.

After being appointed a public defender during court yester-

ding him to be within 500 feet of day morning, Newsome was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center, where he is being held on a \$200,000 cash

During yesterday's arraignment, a preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 3 before District Court Judge Eric D. Hall.

Court OKs plan to tackle garbage

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Fiscal Court held special called meeting Wednesday that included the approval of a solid waste plan for the county.

According to the resolution. the county wants to be in compliance with the Natural Resource Cabinet's requirement for a new five-year plan cover- pay East Equipment in the ing 2003-2007

According to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the plan is not much different from the previous solid waste plan used by the county.

District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens voted no to the motion to approve the plan because he did not have time to read over it.

"Because of all the snow, I haven't had time to read the whole thing," Owens said.

Also at the meeting, a motion was passed to issue a check for \$8,455 to Laurel Construction for the Spurlock Creek Waterline Project.

The court also passed a resolution to raise the hourly rate of Estill Mullins, park worker, to \$10.40 per hour.

A motion was also passed to amount of \$13,890.14 and Prestonsburg City Utilities in the amount of \$2,159.43 for the Ivel Industrial Site

The final resolution passed by the court was the adoption of a portion of road in Little Mud Creek the county road system.

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

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Martin council pays tribute to Varia

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

MARTIN - On behalf of the of Martin, Mayor Thomasine Robinson presented Dr. Chandra Varia with an award of appreciation for her service and representation on the Floyd County Board of Education.

Following the city council meeting on Tuesday evening, Robinson had Pam Justice retrieve the award, which she presented to a grateful Dr. Varia. She accepted the award and stated that "Martin is our home" in reference to herself and her husband Dr. Mahendra Varia, who serves on the Martin City Council.

"You do for your home," said

Recounting events from her campaign, Varia talked about how she kept running into people that had received medical assistance from her in the past, She said that she was in the "head of a hollow" when she introduced herself to a woman that informed her she had performed a hysterectomy on her three years prior.

Varia told of how neighbors in one of these hollows told her

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Dr. Joey Collins, with the

East Kentucky Animal Center,

provided services to both of the

deer and was going to euthanize

the second deer because of its

christened "Charlie Brown".

was able to stand on Thursday to

a little while longer because he

is still dependent on us,"

center does not usually take

adult deer but made an exception

the delight of Branham.

because of the situation.

The second deer, which was

"We will need to keep him for

According to Branham, the

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Doug Hall stands with former chief deputy clerk Doris Anderson at a celebration in her honor on Thursday. Doris Anderson had been with the Floyd County Justice System since Nov. 1966 and officially retired Dec. 31. Anderson has worked longer for the Floyd County Justice System than any other current employee.

Branham said.

condition.

Branham said.

Penelope's Pets, the deer would have to be put down,' would have died without the assistance of the ambulance ser-

"They provided a backboard to carry the deer on and heat packs to warm her up," Roberts

The deer was taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Endicott for treatment.

"We named her 'Charity' because it took a team effort to save her," said Robin Branham, with the rehabilitation center. "Charity" was released the next

The second deer was in almost the same situation at Lower John's Creek in Pike

The second deer was also taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to be treat-

"We thought his pelvis was fractured. We were afraid he

Tips

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sages on his office phone from a distressed caller complaining that drug exchanges were being made near their home.

Each of the six following messages stored on Webb's answering machine reflect the irritation of the caller, who pleaded with Webb to "get the drugs out of here."

The calls, which began with the first on Jan. 16 and have since been followed with similar calls on Jan. 18, 19, 20 and 23, have Webb concerned.

"It's bad to think there are people out there in the county who think this is the place to call and report these things," Webb said. "They need to know that we have nothing to do with catching drug dealers.'

Webb said some of his employees live in the area mentioned by the caller and one of his concerns is for them.

"I have deputies who live in that area and I'm afraid something might happen to them," said Webb. "It's just something people need to know.'

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said yesterday that his office had received no phone calls similar in content to that of Webb's and agrees that successfully redirecting the calls could help both agencies.

"I would be glad to have any information like that, it's the kind of information we're looking for" said Blackburn, "We need more people like that to come forward and help us. That's why we have this drug task force, and we're looking for information like that."

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The Regional Water Management Council will recognize newly elected officials and indicate participants' roles and responsibilities as members of the Regional Water Management Council. The Regional Water Management Council will also work toward the completion of the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Plan and Source Water Area Protection Plan.

Public attendance is welcomed. Further meetings concerning planning goals and objectives will be scheduled and publicly announced.

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-George Bernard Shaw

Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, on Bush's State of the Union speech:

Last night, President Bush offered the most specific explanation to date for his drive to make war on Iraq. Less forceful, and less credible, was his outline of a domestic battle plan.

Bush framed the need to force the disarmament of Iraq in the global context of the larger war on terrorism. His speech linked the body of evidence that Saddam Hussein has continued to amass chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and al-Qaida.

The president used that link as justification for military action to prevent future terrorist attacks. ...

But trusting solely in military might is likewise neither strategy nor option. Building a truly democratic nation out of the ruins of Iraq's fallen dictatorship will take time, money and likely continued loss of American lives. ...

Bush's defense of his strategy on domestic matters was less compelling, and far more familiar: Boost the economy with tax cuts heavily weighted toward the top of the economic scale. Make health care more affordable by limiting injured patients' ability to seek compensation. Shift social service expenses to private agencies and charities. Spend more on drug treatment but earmark much of it for "faith-based" programs. Offer senior citizens much-needed prescription drug coverage but only if they leave Medicare for private insurance programs. Create "healthy forests" by lifting restrictions on timber harvests on federal forestlands. ...

There was certainly more power in Bush's speech when he talked of carrying war abroad than when he spoke of delivering economic security at home. After last night, it seems there can be little to deter Bush from imposing America's will on Iraq, with or without the support of the rest of the world.

The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, on the dismissed lawsuit against McDonald's:

There's been no shortage of snickering since a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit by McDonald's patrons seeking damages because Big Macs made their kids fat. There seems to be a consensus that intelligent life understands that burgers, fries and shakes are fattening.

And just days before Judge Robert Sweet dismissed the suit, researchers from the University of North Carolina quantified a fast-food problem that even casual gluttons ought to understand by now: The portions at restaurants such as McDonald's and Burger King have grown dramatically. Customers are "super-sizing" like crazy, and for a few extra quarters downing more fries and more soda, the most profitable offerings for the restaurants.

The restaurants' public relations people often point out that the average person still eats three-quarters of his food at home. Indeed, blame for the growing of America's waistline can't be laid just at the feet of the Golden Arches. But one wonders whether the super-sizing we do at the drive-thru has taught us to do a lot of super-sizing at home. Or was it the other way around? This much is simple math: As our meals get bigger, so do we.



In the moment

She suffers no more

Although inanimate objects are incapable of emotions, they can be the object of our emotional attachment. Take the ring that is passed down from grandmother to mother to daughter; it is precious to the woman who now wears it. The reason being that the round piece of jewelry has meaning for the person who shares its presence.

I acknowledge that I have an emotional attachment to a car that finally shouted "I can do no more." The reason being that it has meaning that is much more than just a source of transportation.

I bought the car nearly four years ago for \$750 from a wonderful agency initiated by the Christian Appalachian
Project. At that time, I was working as a
waitress at Billy Ray's Restaurant, struggling to pay bills and make my way
through college. I was thrilled to have
transportation again. It meant
that I didn't have to walk anymore and I didn't have to
wait on taxis.

In her used car fashion, she was a beautiful sight to me. Never mind that she was in dire need of a paint job; she was wonderful in my opinion. From the day that I first sat down in her and drove myself to class, she has carried me forward to many

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places. She and I have struggled through nearly four years of working, school, basketball and football games, cheerleading practice, swimming pools, and an occasional joy ride. There were times that she needed a rest and some repairs, but she would bounce back quickly and we would go on.

Part of the struggle will be over for me in May, when I pick up a hard-earned degree that, though difficult to acquire, has been an enjoyable experience for me. It seems that she will not go with me these last miles, but will rest, probably permanently. That fact evokes sadness in me

because she is special, but at the same time I am moved by what I see as proof of a higher power providing what I need,

I will soon begin a new phase of my life and, thanks to Jason Bentley of Prestonsburg Auto Mart, I will begin it with

a new car. Not new as in a recent model, but new to me. I will begin this relationship as I did with the last one; with gratitude for the blessings that I have been given and an optimistic attitude.

Letter

Christmas event successful

The City of Wayland had another successful Christmas treats for the children project, thanks to many generous people and businesses.

We would like to extend our thanks to Elmer and Stella Castle of Castle's Grocery and Bobby and Dale Hamilton, of Wayland Quick Mart. Both of these local businesses have always given generously to help with any project for the children in our community.

We also wish to thank Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Pikeville Wal-Mart, Elk Horn Coal Corp., Ken Hall of the Christian Appalachian Project, Florence Morrison, and "Santa's helper," Larry Puckett.

We would like to send out a special thanks to Jeff Burchett of the Christian Appalachian Project in Corbin. We made two trips to Corbin and both times we received several extra very nice toys for the treat bags.

I would also like to extend thanks to the City Commissioners and residents who gave so freely of their time to help put it all together dures" did not cause the gigantic Martin County coal sludge spill of October 2000. Such a claim was made despite the agency's own failure to pay adequate attention to evidence that the 2.1 billion gallon impoundment was leaking.

The agency's denial that it played a key role in causing the worst blackwater spill in U.S. history is a bold-faced

lie.

In its initial response to letting 300 million gallons of coal sludge flood miles upon miles of streams, Martin County Coal had the audacity to call the spill an act of God.

As seen with MSHA's review, the game of denying responsibility for this environmental disaster continues to this day.

Until mining laws are properly enforced and obeyed, no one will be able to say with much assurance that such a catastrophe will not occur again.

The coal industry, our legislators, and government agencies that are supposed to be enforcing mining laws must be held accountable by we the people. As the saying goes, those who forget history are doomed to repeat it.

Greg Doggett Lexington

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Rogers will be chairman of Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee

The Associated Press

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers will be the first chairman of the new Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, House Appropriations Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said Wednesday.

01 proposed that the city annex

the Martin Community Center

and one-eighth of a mile of

reading of ordinance 2-06,

which created a position for a

city electrical inspector. The first

reading of ordinance 3-02 pro-

posed that Kevin Potter be

appointed emergency manage-

ment director, replacing Lon

of community services, was pre-

sent to discuss the renewal of its

franchise, which ends July 6.

Begley proposed that AEP

would advertise for three con-

secutive weeks and deliver bids

Mary Begley, AEP manager

The council did a second

Council

Route 80.

the funding and oversight of the new Department of Homeland Security, the third-largest cabinet agency. Included in the department Transportation Security Administration, the Immigration and Naturalization Service,

vote to accept. This routine

process happens every 20 years

and is state mandated by KRS

278.020(3) to ensure that utility

companies are granted a legal

right to perform maintenance

closed session to discuss litiga-

tion with city attorney Dwight S.

Marshall and upon returning

announced that they would be

turning the matter over St. Paul,

After the city council

adjourned, Mayor Thomasine

Robinson presented Dr. Chandra

Varia with an appreciation award

for her service and representa-

tion on the Floyd County Board

their insurance company.

The council then went into

and upgrades.

The panel is responsible for

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Customs Service, Secret Service and Coast Guard.

This is a very heavy responsibility because the foremost mission of government is to ensure the safety and security of our nation and its citizens," Rogers said in a statement.

Rogers, who represents Kentucky's 5th District, is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee who has served as chairman of the Subcommittee Transportation since 2001.

The statement from Rogers' office said he will become chairman of the new subcommittee after fiscal year 2003 appropriations bills are completed. When he takes over the new committee, Rogers will give up the chairmanship of the transportation subcommittee but remain as one of its members, his staff

to stay away from a certain residence, warning that there was drug activity taking place. Varia said that she told them she was obligated to go anywhere there was a child who attended a Floyd County school. She laughed when she disclosed that upon her arrival at this residence, she found a 9- to 10year-old boy with chubby cheeks and nice clothes, who greeted her by saying, "You delivered me".

"With my patients in this area, nobody in Kentucky could beat me," said Varia.

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She then launched her concerns about how budget cuts are often met with proposals to raise taxes as opposed to looking at how money is being spent. She said that \$551,000 was spent on substitute teachers while \$251,000 was spent on classified employees, which made for three-quarter of a million dollars spent on replacing personnel. She also commented that 10 percent of the county's children fail to attend school, which results in a financial loss to the school system. She proposed that if everyone would encourage their neighbors to send their children to school and all school employees would come to work, the county could save money.

"Tell them to get out there and drive those buses and go to school," said Varia.

Bahamas

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Jenny Jones, who also captured a first place finish in the contest in Conference 15.

Collins said Wilson's and Jones' first-place finishes were certainly deserving and a cause for celebration.

"As a publisher, I am certainly proud," said Collins. "Both of them worked hard and deserve it. There's nothing better than two of your circulation managers getting first place."

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to the council, which would then Odds

vision tests for kids.

The club also contributed \$2,000 for Taylor Prairie School playground equipment and helped a local man who was seriously injured in a hunting accident, Phillips said.

Even the traditionalists agree the celebration has its advan-

"They can have their fun, certainly," Orfan said. "I think they're not terribly conversant with history."

■ SAGINAW, Mich. -

Guests of dentist Val Kolpakov are discouraged from brushing their teeth - that is, with any of the more than 800 tubes of toothpaste in his collection.

Kolpakov started collecting toothpaste just 10 months ago. The Saginaw dentist said he's spent about \$3,000 to buy toothpaste tubes from Japan, China, India, Ukraine and his native Russia.

The collection now takes up half of one of Kolpakov's bed-

"When I have visitors, they sleep there with the fresh scent of toothpaste," Kolpakov, 36, told The Saginaw News for a

story Tuesday.

of Education.

Kolpakov said his goal is to have his collection listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest. He said that would mean squeezing past a German named Carsten Gutzeit, who claims on his Web site that he has 898 tubes but doesn't mention being listed in Guinness.

"I'm almost there. I'm pretty sure I have the most in the United States," Kolpakov said. "I'm moving really fast."

Kolpakov's oldest item is a Colgate tube from 1908. He also has a used tube found in Germany during World War II and a 1960s-era Scotch whiskyflavored toothpaste that has "no more than 3 percent alcohol."

■ TACOMA, Wash. — Yours for the taking: One 500-

inmate jail. Covers 48,000 square feet. Includes 45 sinks, toilets and urinals. Estimated value \$6.2 million. Some disassembly required.

About \$300,000 to \$350,000 in disassembly to be exact, according to a Pierce County

That, plus shipping, would

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be the sole expense to the company, agency or municipality that removes the County Jail Annex, a windowless steel structure beside the County-City Building on a steep down-

town hillside. The annex, built in 1996, won't be needed once a new 1,000-bed jail is opened next

The structure might be of use to another city or county that needs a jail, said Scott Hogman, county construction projects manager. It could also be reborn as a basketball arena or vehicle maintenance garage, said Dan Cagle, county facilities manage-

ment director. Dick Ferguson, a county spokesman, said there had been four serious inquiries from Alaska and central Washington state. If no taker is found by the end of this spring, county officials say they'll sell parts of the building for salvage and demol-

■ SHAWNEE, Kan. —

The Shawnee City Council has approved a program that will provide residents with radar guns to monitor traffic.

Under the program, approved with a 7-1 vote Monday, the Kansas City suburb will lend out up to eight radar guns at any given time and then follow up with warning letters to speeders. The aim is to curb speeding and identify where it occurs.

Volunteer participants will work in two-member teams, one to operate the radar gun and the other to record the speed, description and license plate number of the vehicles.

After two weeks, a log of violators will be turned over to the police, who will run the plate numbers and issue warning letters urging vehicle owners to slow down. No tickets will be issued.

The program will be re-evaluated in June, and all letters to car owners will be purged from police records.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — A woman who says she bought magic wands from a selfdescribed psychic to erase negative thoughts says \$5,400 of her money was all that disappeared.

Joann Zansky, 57, said she paid a woman who claims to be a psychic \$1,800 for each of three wands.

'She was a terrific actress," Zansky said. "I believed her."

Zansky said she contacted Bethlehem police Friday after she became suspicious about the effectiveness of the wands.

"We're investigating," police Lt. Robert Righi said Monday. "Possibly it is some violation of consumer fraud."

No charges have been filed against the woman named in the complaint. A person who answered the phone at the woman's business said she was unavailable.

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Josh Turns Ten!



Joshua Dylan Mardis celebrated his 10th birthday on January 29th. He is the son of Sherry Huff Mardis, of Bevinsville; and Ron Mardis, of Florence, Kentucky.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Nicole Ousley, 16, to Tyron McKune, 20, of Harold.

Shanda Bethelreen Kidd, 16, to Patrick Todd Jarrell, 18, of Prestonsburg.

Cindy Malynn Slone, 22, to John Christopher Murphy, 23, of

Mary Ellen Marsillett, 30, of Prestonsburg, to Leroy Lewis Prater. 22, of Langley.

Civil Suits Filed

Nina Newsome vs. Rodney Newsome; divorce.

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Pamela J. Teel vs. Clayton Teel Ray Honeycutt; divorce. Jr.; divorce.

Robin Blevins vs. Dane Blevins; divorce.

Jessica Nicole Bishop vs. Rodney Steven Bishop; divorce.

Ada Slone vs. Jimmy T. Little; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Kentucky Foster Care System vs. Rodney Mullins; petition for child support and health care

Donna M. Morrison vs. Roger D. Morrison; petition for health care insurance.

Madonnia Gibson vs. Garnett Gibson Jr.; divorce.

Yvonne Honeycutt vs. Tony

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Susan Crum vs. Alan Wade Crum; divorce.

Henry Clifton vs. Johnnie Clifton: divorce. Maye Carter vs. Obie Tackett;

petition for child support and health care insurance.

Lenny Little vs. Tonya Renee Little; divorce.

Ron Christopher Hunter vs. Barbara Ann Hunter; divorce. David todd Tackett vs. Melissa Dawn Wells Tackett; divorce,

Small Claims Filings

John Perry vs. William

Morrison; collection of rent.

Charges Filed

Shannon D. Slone, 28, Blue river, second-degree burglary.

Rhonda J. Hughes, 28, Hagar Hill, theft by unlawful taking. Lester Chambers,

Portsmouth, Ohio, alcohol intoxi-Jason Tackett, 22, Allen, sim-

ple assault. Ricky Samons, age unlisted,

Prestonsburg, trafficking in a Schedule IV controlled substance. Stephanie Danese Lawson, 27,

David, terroristic threatening. Jennifer Leigh Marshall, 22,

Harry Conn

January 29, 2003, at the

Born February 19, 1919, in

Floyd County, he was the son of

the late Columbus and Polly

Ann Conn. He was a retired coal

miner, member of UMWA Local

Union No. 9845, and a member

of the Church of God, at Dwale.

his wife, Ruth Kilburn Conn.

He was preceded in death by

Survivors include two sons,

Roy Eugene Conn of Endicott,

and R.B. Conn of Martin; two

daughters, Fayetta Samons of

Drift, and Doris Pitts of Martin;

a brother, Rexford Conn of

Floyd County; two sisters, Ida

Ann Meade of Printer and

Martha Belle Holthouse of

Garrett; nine grandchildren and

In addition to his parents and

wife, he was preceded in death

by a son, Albert Conn; six broth-

ers, Levi Conn, Jim Conn, B.R.

Conn, Fred Conn, Wilmer Conn

and Sammy Conn; and four sis-

ters, Hattie Kilburn, Elizabeth

Crum, Vernetta Amburgey and

ducted Saturday, February 1, at

Funeral Home, in Martin, with

Woody Crum and Phillip Meade

Burial will be in the Davidson

Visitation is at the funeral

(Paid obituary)

Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Funeral services will be con-

p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier

Letha Humble.

officiating.

home.

five great-grandchildren.

died

Harry Conn, age 83, of

Wednesday,

Appalachian

Prestonsburg, harassing communications.

Dale Stevens, age unlisted, Langley, theft by failure to make

required distribution of property. Paul Edwin Howard, 37, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Brenda L. Allen, 34, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication. Ritchie Elkins, 42, Hi Hat, harboring a vicious animal.

Gregory Randall Jones II, 26, Prestonsburg, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.

Donald Leckrone, Prestonsburg, harassment, thirddegree criminal trespassing.

Roger Duane Barnett, 32, Martin, theft by deception. Rodney D. Baker, 35, Lackey,

alcohol intoxication. Angela Sammons, 34, Allen,

public intoxication, prescription in improper container. Tommy Messer, 23, Inez, theft

by deception.

Scotty Lee Gibson, 28, Wayland, fugitive from another

Edward Osborne, 32, Melvin, criminal trespassing.

Brenda Burke, Prestonsburg, harassment. Andrea D. Osborne, 24,

Topmost, theft by deception. Teresa Hall, 42, Wheelwright, registering vehicle in another state to avoid taxes, license from anoth-

Allison K. Lowe, age unlisted, Regina, theft by deception.

Inspections

Reno's Road House, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigeration and freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, refrigerator door will not close, rest room door in bad repair, automatic dishwashing unit discharging onto the floor, facility does not have chemical test kits, wiping cloth use not restricted, spray nozzle at sink extending down below top of sink creating a possible cross connection with water build up in the sink, walls in bad repair, floors in bad

repair. Score: 87. Nellie's Grill, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Refrigerator unit is without a conspicuous thermometer, ice dispensing utensil not properly stored, cardboard box not approved for a garbage disposal. Score: 96

Country Kitchen, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bag of onions stored on floor, wiping cloth use not properly restricted, cleaning equipment not properly stored. Score: 95.

Bingo Zone, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Refrigerator and freezer units have no conspicuous thermometers, counter in disrepair, floor in food prep area in slight disrepair. Score:

Property

Transfers

Paul Tackett and Virginia Tackett to James Tackett, property location not listed.

Nellie Tackett to Jason Lee Tackett, property located on Tackett Fork of Big Mud Creek.

Chattie Dingus to Merlene Dingus, property located near Printer.

Randall A. and Kathy Hayes to Robert McKinney, and Jennifer Hayes McKinney, property located along Old Mare Creek Road.

Franklin Bradley to Alonzo Bradley, property location not list-

Hall and Hylton Development Inc. to Irma Groves and Robert Groves, property located, Penhook Branch.

Wesley Leon Hall and Charlotte Robinson Hall to James E. Conley, property location not

Audilee Mae Hall to Wesley Leon Hall, property location not

The Estate of Nayoma Conn to Clyde Conn and Mary Conn, prop-

erty location not listed. Charles T. Hamilton to Ray and Dollie Williams, property location not listed.

Michael Case and Margaret Case to Amy Mast, property located on Left Beaver Creek. Mountain Housing Corporation

Pikeville, LLC, property located, City of Wheelwright. Rebecca Ousley and Donnie Ousley to LaDonna Shepherd and

to Landmark Development of

Clyde Shepherd, property located on Short Branch of Abbott Creek. Merle Horn and Thelma Horn to Rebecca Ousley and Donnie Ousley, property located on Short

Branch of Abbott Creek. Lewis Collins Jr. and Pam Collins, Emma Shepherd and Andy Shepherd to Michael Salyer, property located on Wilson Creek.

Bankers Trust Company of California to David Mullins, property location not listed.

Master Commissioner's deed: Terry Johnson et al., to Bankers Trust Company of California, property location not listed.

Larry E. Jarrell and Jessica Jarrell to Woodrow Jarrell Jr. and Carria Jarrell, property location not

Jerry Chaffins and Vonnie Chaffins to Steven Hunter and Elaine Ousley, property located, Eagle Trace Subdivision.

Big Branch Development Company Inc., to Brian Music and Amy Music, property located on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Ralph Goble and Karen Goble to Knott-Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush

Obituaries

Martin.

McDowell

Regional Hospital.

Grace Evelyn Martin Bryan

Grace Evelyn Martin Bryan, 85, of (Meade Branch), Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at

the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. Born November

11, 1917, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Grover C. Martin and Mary Coburn Martin. She was a former legal secretary and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, M. Miller Norcie Prestonsburg; one brother, Bernard Martin of David; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Columbus B. Martin, and one sister. Minnie E. Martin.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

Interment will be in the Elliott Family Cemetery, (Meade Branch), Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, at 2 p.m., at the funeral home.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Bryan family.

Pallbearers: Joshua Blanton, Brad Wells, Russel Hager, Phillip William Elliott, Phillip Elliott and Michael D. Blanton.

(Paid obituary)

Johnie Sparkman

Johnie Sparkman Jr., age 58, of Hueysville, husband of Lillian Allen Sparkman, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

He was born January 25, 1945, in Hueysville, the son of Johnie Sparkman Hueysville, and the late Ranie Mae Shepherd Sparkman. He was a coal miner, formerly employed by Inco Coal Company.

In addition to his wife, and father, he is survived by two brothers, Burnis Sparkman and Paul Edward Sparkman, both of Waterloo, Indiana, and one sister, Dulcine Petty, of Angola,

Funeral services for Johnie Sparkman Jr., will be conducted Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Martin. Chapel. with Clergyman Jerry Manns offici-

Burial will follow in the Press Shepherd Cemetery, at Hueys-ville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Billy J. "Big Bill" Robinson

Billy J. "Big Bill" Robinson, 67, of Langley, died Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 28, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John and Hollie Reynolds Robinson. He was a disabled heavy equipment operator for Martin County Coal and Peres Processing.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Marlene Hughes Robinson, of

Other survivors include two sons, Timothy Joe Robinson of Eastern, and Barry Robinson of Langley; two daughters, Genevieve Williams and Lori Delisa Fields, both of Langley; two brothers, Clarence Ray Robinson of Langley, and Tommy Robinson of Wayland; a sister, Bridgette Lovins of Langley; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry David Robinson; two brothers, Carl Edward Robinson and Ricky Dean Robinson; and a sister, Louise Lumpkins. Funeral services will be con-

ducted Friday, January 31, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Taulbee Goodman and Malcolm Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Hughes Family Cemetery, at Hueysville. Visitation is at the funeral home, where nightly services were held.

(Paid obituary)

Members reach new professional development mark by BEVERLY CRISMAN,

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF **EDUCATION COMMUNITY** INVOLVEMENT SPECIALIST

Just like other leaders in business or public service, local school board members must keep up-todate on advances in their fields. Kentucky law requires members of the state's 176 public boards of education to receive professional development training annually. Annually, just one in 10 Kentucky school board members exceed the minimum requirements by completing the courses necessary to reach a new level of certification.

In 2002, that distinction includes Carol Stumbo, Chandra Varia, Glenna Slone, and Jeff Stumbo, all members of the Floyd County Board of Education, and former board chairman, Rev. Johnnie Ross.

Board members Chandra Varia and Glenna Slone have achieved Level I Certification in the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) Academy of Studies for completing 30 hours of approved training. Board members Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo have achieved Level III in the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) for completing 90 hours of approved training. Former board chair, Rev. Johnnie Ross, has achieved Level II Certification in the Kentucky School Boards Association Academy of Studies for completing 60 hours of approved training during his service.

KSBA President Joe Brothers of the Elizabethtown Board of Education praised the dedication of Stumbo, Varia, Stumbo, Slone and Ross in achieving the new marks of professional develop-

"The maximum number of annual training hours required under state law is 12, and that's just for first-term school board members," said Brothers. "So reaching another level in the Academy of Studies represents a major commitment. This is more than going to a few meetings or reading a book. This is real work on behalf of Kentucky's chil-

KSBA Academy of Studies training covers areas such as use of student achievement data to set district goals and plan budgets, education law, superintendent selection and evaluation, school construction, strategic planning, policy development, effective board meetings and community involvement.





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the hardwood is still in question. See more on the Raiders inside.

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. Mr. Russell: One of a dying breed

by BILLY REED TIMES COLUMNIST

I grew up with sports columnists who were gentlemen, above all. They wanted what was best for their cities and local teams without being "homers."

They could

be trusted to keep a confidence, even if

it cost them a 'scoop.' They respect-

ed the people about whom they wrote,

and when

they criti-

cized, it was



Billy Reed

Columnist

never personal. One of the last of this breed, Fred Russell, died Sunday in Nashville at the age of 96. He became sports editor of the nowdefunct Nashville Banner in 1929, and was still writing columns for the Tennessean as recently as the late 1990s.

He always fussed at me for calling him "Mr. Russell" instead of "Freddie," but I respected him so much that it took me a long time to break the

(See REED, page three)

COLLEGE Barnhart visits Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville Rotary Club featured the University of Kentucky's new athletics director as its guest speaker Wednesday.

Mitch Barnhart, who became UK's athletics director in early



Mitch Barnhart

spoke to the Rotary Club around noon during its regular meeting at the Mark II Convention Center.

September,

Barnhart was named to

replace Larry Ivy as UK's top athletics administrator in the wake of several scandals in UK's athletics department. That included a twoyear probation period and recruiting penalties handed down in the wake of a recruiting scandal.

Since then the UK grid program has turned around but Guy Morriss, the coach responsible for that, left and Barnhart selected former Oregon State Coach Rich Brooks to take over the Wildcats' program.

H.S. BASKETBALL

15th Region winter meeting on docket for Tuesday

> by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The 15th Region Policy Board will hold its winter meeting on Tuesday at Johnson Central High School at 1 p.m. Plans for the upcoming

(See B'BALL, page four)

Raiders roll past Phelps

36-13 run sparks Raiders to first round win

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE - The first round of the 2003 15th Region All "A" Classic was just what the doctor ordered for the South Floyd

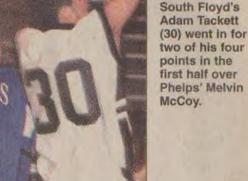
Raiders. Coach Henry Webb's team had struggled through some tough times of late and needed a game to get well. On Wednesday night at Pikeville it was South Floyd who turned things around with a 82-59 thumping of the

Phelps Hornets.

Phelps has struggled this season and has yet to post its first win of the year. South Floyd came out of the gate slowly as Phelps

(See RAIDERS, page four)





- BETSY LAYNE VS. PIKEVILLE -



photo by Jamie Howell Preston Simon got out on a runout for the Bobcats. Simon hit on four straight jumpers to lead Betsy Layne in a second-quarter spurt. He also sunk two free throws in the overtime period.

BETSY LAYNE CLIPS HOST PIKEVILLE IN OT

Bobcats go 14-for-14 from line to seal win

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose couldn't have asked for a much better time for his team to step up and play up to his expectations and gel as a collective team. The Bobcats faced tournament host Pikeville in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Wednesday night and upended the home team, beating the

Panthers 71-63 in overtime. Betsy Layne hit 14-of-14 free throw attempts in overtime to seal the win. Point guard Jordan Kidd was a perfect 10-of-10 from the line in the extra period. Preston Simon, a player who hit on four uncontested jumpers from near the same spot on the floor in the second period, made good on four attempts in the overtime period.

(See OT, page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Ladycats await 7th Region champ

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne's Ladycats put a quality win in the books Monday night on the road at Magoffin County. The Ladycats beat the Lady Hornets and were scheduled to be back in action last night, hosting Piarist. Results from last night's game were unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne won last week's 15th Region All "A" Classic and now awaits the winner of the 7th Region All "A" Classic. The 7th Region tournament is currently being played and will conclude with a champion being crowned

(See REGION, page five)



Whitney Lykens (5) and Natasha Stratton (34), pictured in action last week in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic against Paintsville.

Board schedules meeting to decide on games

ALLEN - A meeting called by Roy Johnson to sort out and reschedule games missed by Floyd County grade school and middle school basketball teams will take

(See BOARD, page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Golden Eagles get up early, down Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The return of junior Nicholas Jamerson should help Prestonsburg along the way this season. However, Tuesday night the Blackcats had an uphill battle and challenge in the form of Johnson Central, a team which many believe to be one of the top three of

(See BLACKCATS, page four)



file photo Jason

Robinson (00) is one of the many reasons why Pikeville College men's basketball team continues to rise up in the NAIA poll. See story page

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

3 Floyd teams remain in All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Three of the four remaining teams in the 15th Region All "A" Classic are from Floyd County. One team, Allen Central, heads into the second round of the tournament following an opening round bye. The Runnin'

(See TEAMS, page four)





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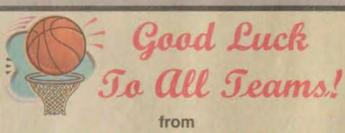
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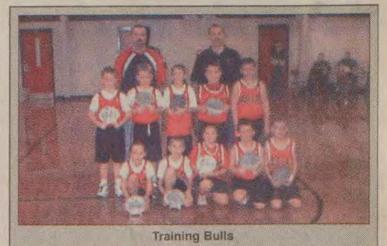
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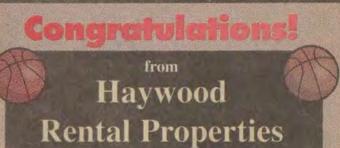
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VARSITY

Sixers 51, Grizzlies 12

Chayse Martin scored 18 points and Amber Whitaker and Nathan Robinson each had seven points in the Sixers' win. Michael Lackey scored six. Pamela Slone and Brittany Ousley each scored four apiece for the Sixers. Benjamin Fish scored three and Elizabeth Chaffins chipped in

Kendra Sammons led the Grizzlies in scoring with five points, including one three-pointer. Jarrod Willis, Rikki Hughes and Brittany Collins each had two points apiece while Matt Doyle had

The Sixers got the early lead and played on to the win.

Lakers 34, Wizards 30

Josh Rodebaugh scored 13 and Bobby Hughes added eight for the Lakers in a 34-30 win over the Wizards. Josiah Reno and John Michael Turner each scored six points. Carman Maines rounded out the scoring for the Lakers with a free throw.

Seth Moore paced the Wizards with 14 points including two three-pointers. Logan Grindstaff scored five while Chris Dane Sizemore and Chris Barker scored four each for the Wizards. Justin Conn rounded out the Wizards' scoring total with

JUNIOR VARSITY

Bulls 25, Lakers 19

Tasha Wallen netted 10 points with eight of her points coming in the second half to lead the Bulls. Dustin Coleman added seven points for the Bulls. Vincent Hayes and Austin Ward each had four

Savannah Reno led the Lakers with a team-

high eight points. Bradley Hicks scored five for the Lakers and Devin Clifton chipped in four. Nicholas Conn also got into the scoring act for the Lakers with two points.

Spurs 21, Jazz 18

Hot-shooting D.J. Ousley tossed in 12 points and teammate Austin McKinney added five to lift the Spurs to a 21-18 triumph over the Jazz. Stacey Perry and Hannah Fitzpatrick each had two points apiece for the Spurs.

Wes Hall netted 12 for the Jazz. Billy Robinson added six for the Spurs.

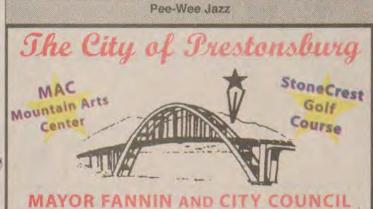
TRAINING LEAGUE

Hawks 13, Raptors 11

Bryson Williams scored six, Nathan Lafferty netted three, and Joshua Stambaugh and Kain

(See BASKETBALL, page four)









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Griffith netted five.

Teams

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Board

urged to attend.

grade school season.

Collins each had two apiece in the Hawks' close victory over the Raptors. Two players scored for the Raptors. Alex Griffith scored six points and Adam

Hornets 17, Lakers 14 Scoring was balanced for the

Hornets in the three-point win. Robert Grigsby scored seven

and Tyler Sparkman tossed in five for the Hornets. Patrick McGuire and Joseph Kidd each had two points. Kayla Hall rounded out the scoring for the Hornets with a first-quarter free

Rebels have a date with Betsy

Layne tonight at 6:30. Allen

Central beat Betsy Layne 71-53

recently in a game played on

tonight pits two old rivals. South

place Monday evening at Allen

Elementary. The meeting will be

All Floyd County coaches are

Separate measurable snow-

falls this season have helped to

put a clamp on the Floyd County

held at 4:15 that evening.

The second round game

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throw

Caleb Petry led the Lakers with a game-high 10 points. Destiny Wright and Rachel Dingus each had two points.

Knicks 25, Sonics 18

Thomas Skeens scored four points in the first period and six more in the final quarter for a total of 10 in the Knicks' 25-10 win over the Sonics. Frankie Conn chipped in six for the Knicks and Tyler Shelton and Tyler Keans each had four points. Taylor Tackett also scored for the Knicks on a free

Floyd, a first-round winner in

Paintsville, the tournament's

defending champion. Tipoff for

tonight's second game is set at

Paintsville at home the same

night Allen Central beat Betsy

Layne. The Tigers beat South

Floyd 62-43 in the Raiders' first

game without Tyler Hall. Hall is

Tonight: Betsy Layne-Allen

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Classic

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

South Floyd fell to

tournament,

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throw.

Shawn Burkett netted a game-high 12 points for the Sonics. Luke Williams scored four and Zachary Rowe, who is also a member of the Prestonsburg Junior Wrestling Club, ended the contest with

Warriors 26, Bulls 12

Erica Meade and Nathaniel Fraley both scored 10 points as the Warriors ended Saturday on a winning note with a 14-point win over the Bulls.

Blake Goble and Chad Ousley finished with four and two points, respectively, for the Bulls.

Wil Allen led the Bulls in scoring with six points. Chase Baldridge, Brian Branham and James Sturgill each had two points apiece for the Bulls.

PEE-WEE

Raptors 7, Hornets 4

Aaron Foley scored four and Nathan Armstrong netted three for the victorious Raptors.

B'ball

15th Region Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments will be finalized during the meeting.

This year, first-round games of the regional tournament will be played at the district winners' home sites. The Johnson County school will serve as the host for the tournament and the operation of the tournament will be under the direction of Johnson

Central High School. The school has put together a very thorough plan which will be discussed at the meeting.

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In the event that bad weather forces the closure of some schools on Tuesday, anyone with questions about the meeting and its status should call Johnson Central High School at 606/789-3500.

"We had some different people step up for us tonight," said Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose.

Betsy Layne and Pikeville swapped leads in the first period before Pikeville pulled out at the end of the quarter and exited the frame with a slim 12-11 lead. The second period saw Betsy Layne outscore Pikeville 21-13 to go into the half with a 33-25 lead.

Each team left the third and fourth periods tied. The two squads were deadlocked at 44 after three quarters, and 55 at the end of regulation. Betsy Layne, at the end of the regulation, had a chance at the last shot but turned the ball over. At the other end, the Bobcats held Pikeville and stopped the Bobcats from scoring to put the game in over-

Jordan Mullins keyed a Pikeville rally in the second half hitting on a pair of three-pointers in the third period.

Pikeville guard Justin Bell put his team on top in the overtime with a layin. However, once Betsy Layne grabbed a lead, it kept the advantage.

The opening round win over Pikeville places Betsy Layne into a second round game against 58th District foe Allen Central. The two teams open second-round play tonight at

Betsy Layne had five different players score in double figures. Brent Newsome led the Bobcats with a game-high 16 points. Simon finished with 14

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while Kidd and backcourt mate Bobo Hamilton finished with 13 points each. Brandon Hall scored 10. Chris Cochran and Brandon Kidd finished with three and two points, respective-

Mullins led Pikeville with 14 points. Bell ended the game with 13.

BETSY LAYNE (71) - B. Newsome 16, Hall 10, Simon 14, Kidd 13, Hamilton 13, B. Kidd 2, Cochran 3.

PIKEVILLE (63) - Bell 13, Mullins 14, Parrish 5, Fish 8, Walls 3, Shurtleff 8, Jones 8, Gibson 4.

RECORDS - Betsy Layne 5-10, Pikeville 10-7.

Hayley Howell and Jessica Hall each had two points for the Hornets.

Bulls 13, Jazz 13

Billy Holliday, after going with no points in the first quarter, scored all 13 of his team's points in the tie with the Jazz.

Steven Perry led the Jazz with eight points. Kyle Wallace and Luke Crider scored three and two points, respectively.

Knicks 12, Celtics 7

Tyler Bays tossed in six points and Corey Conley scored four in the Knicks' 12-7 win over the Celtics.

Cjay Ousley rounded out the scoring for the scoring for the

Knicks with two points.

Christopher Fitch led the Celtics in scoring with four points. Kelsi Tackett scored two and Braxton Tibbs added one.

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Warriors 8, Pacers 6

Tate Goble scored two points in the second quarter and one more in the fourth for three points in the 8-6 Warriors win over the Pacers.

Dustin Branham and Coty Shortridge each had two points. Joshua Crider scored one point in the first period.

Madison Wright scored four and Tyler Honeycutt two for the

- Times Staff Report

Blackcats

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four teams in the 15th Region. At the fieldhouse inside Johnson Central, the host Golden Eagles went up early, doubling up Prestonsburg 24-12 in the first period. When the final horn sounded, Central was a 79-56 winner in rather easy fashion.

The host Golden Eagles, powered by the post duo of seniors Brandon Wheeler and Justin Woods, outscored the Blackcats in each quarter. Woods led Johnson Central in scoring with points. Walters chipped in 13. Sophomore Tony Hatfield came off the bench to score 10 points for the Golden Eagles. Nick Music scored eight for Johnson Central while Jacob Callis and Josh Stapleton, each key reserves to Coach Les Trimble's Eagle team, finished with six each.

Prestonsburg sophomore Kris Bentley led all scorers with a game-high 17 points. Joey Willis scored 12 and Joe Blackbuirn finished with eight.

Trevor Compton chipped in six for Prestonsburg. Jamerson ended the game with four markers.

As far as his team's play Tuesday night, the Johnson Central coach liked what he saw from his team.

"I thought we came out and played well and played aggressive early on," said Trimble, a third-year head coach for the Eagles.

Both Johnson Central and Prestonsburg play on the road tonight. Johnson Central is at Magoffin County in a key 57th District game. Prestonsburg is out of the 58th District, playing on the road at Pike County Central. Tip-off for both varsity games is scheduled for 7:30.

PRESTONSBURG (56) -Bentley 17, McGuire 2, M. Stephens 2, Jamerson 4, Willis 12, Compton 6, Morrison 3, Blackburn 8, J. Stephens 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (79) -Whitaker 2, S. Music 2, Walters 9, Stapleton 6, Hatfield 10, Hurt 2, Callis 6, N. Music 8, Fairchild 2, Rice 4, Wheeler 13, Woods 15.

RECORDS - Prestonsburg 5-8, Johnson Central 11-4.

Reed

habit.

Even in his declining years, his wavy hair still had auburn streaks and his eyes danced brightly with mischief. The only thing he enjoyed more than a terrific sports event or a wellcrafted column was a good practical joke on one of his buddies.

His southern contemporaries included such names as Furman Bisher and Jesse Outlar of Atlanta, Tom Siler of Knoxville, Benny Marshall of Birmingham, Earl Ruby of Louisville, Joe Palmer of Lexington, and Dudley "Waxo" Green of Nashville.

One of the first southern sports editors to leave the region to cover national and international events, Russell became friends with syndicated stars such as Red Smith, Damon Runyon, and Grantland Rice. In fact, Vanderbilt University offers the Fred Russell-Grantland Rice scholarship for aspiring turf writers.

For years, Russell served on the committee that met annually to select the scholarship recipient, and he loved entertaining his fellow committee members with elegant dinners at his Nashville home.

As I recall it, his various awards were displayed at various places around the house, but always in a discreet manner. He knew who he was without having to constantly remind him-

The year I served on the scholarship committee, I tried to pick his brain about why he had become so successful. But all I learned is that Russell, true to the tradition of a southern gentleman, was too modest to talk much about himself.

Like Rice, Russell tended to be a bit of a hero-worshipper, but not to the point that it compromised his ability to write and report honestly about the coaches and players he admired.

It was just that he was raised to look for the best in everybody he met, an endearing downhome quality that earned him the respect and trust of such sporting icons as heavyweight champion Jack Demsey, football icon Red Grange, and golfing legend Bobby Jones.

His predecessor on the Vanderbilt beat at the Banner was Ralph McGill, who went on to become a Pulitzer Prize-winning crusader for civil rights while writing for the Atlanta

newspapers. But stridency Russell's style. Like the best of the southern politicians, he believed in working quietly behind the scenes, using his influence and prestige to influence thinking and promote what he thought was best for

Nashville. In 1940, for example, he talked the powers-that-be at Vanderbilt into hiring a young assistant football coach whom Russell found interesting. The coach's name was Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Besides his columns for The Banner, he wrote a weekly college football column for the Saturday Evening Post and authored several books. Around the nation, his name became synonymous with the South and football.

The Kentucky Derby always was a must-cover event on Russell's annual itinerary. He loved to spend the mornings on the backside at Churchill Downs, hob-nobbing with writing pals such as Smith, Rice, and Mike Barry.

One year he and Si Burick,

who was to Dayton, Ohio, what Russell was to Nashville, asked me to drive them to Paris, Ky.,

so they could see Secretariat at

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Claiborne Farm. As we stood watching the 1973 Triple Crown winner, Secretariat became aroused. It was, after all, the breeding season. He unsheathed his man-

waggled it up and down. 'Freddie," said Burick, leaning over to whisper in his friend's ear. "On your best day,

hood, to put it in proper terms

for a family newspaper, and

could you do that?" But that was as close to risqué as Mr. Russell - ah, Freddie - came to being, at least in public. He always was able to maintain his dignity, but was never a stuffed shirt, which is as good a way as any to define a

gentleman. Today it's difficult to find a newspaper sports columnist who's also considered a civic treasure. I'm not sure if that says more about Fred Russell or about the way our business has

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Raiders

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actually led 11-10 with 1:02 remaining in the first quarter, but a 44-14 run by the Raiders over the final 8-minutes of the first half put the game on ice.

South Floyd senior guard Michael Hall led the Raiders with 25 points despite sitting out most of the second half, Hall has recently committed to Pikeville College and coach Randy McCoy to play his college basketball. South Floyd opened the game with full court pressure and stayed with the press throughout the first half.

Phelps handled the press in the early stages of the first quarter, but the Raider defense quickly began to wear down Phelps and create turnover after turnover. In the first half alone it was the pressure of South Floyd that caused 20-plus Phelps turnovers. The Raiders led by a whooping 30 points at the half, and cruised in the second half. Heath Hall was a bright spot for Coach Webb as the youngster connected on four treys on the night and finished with 12 points in the contest.

South Floyd rested its starters in the second half which allowed some of the Raider reserves to gain some valuable playing time. The Raiders finished the game with 12 players denting the scoring column.

Phelps was led by Melvin McCoy with 14 points The third quarter saw South Floyd outscore Phelps 18-17 to take a 72-41 lead after three quarters

The final stanza helped the Raiders give playing time to the youngsters as players like Ryan Johnson, Wes Hall and Mason Hall all saw minutes in the contest. Scoring was as follows: South Floyd - Mi. Hall 25, J. Slone 8, A. Tackett 4, H. Hall 12, J. Hall 6, B. Meade 9, S. Stanley 8, R. Johnson 2, W. Hall 3, Vance 2, Mason Hall 2, S. Allen 1. Phelps - McCoy 14, Gentry 15, Smith 3, Stratton 2, Stevens 9, Daniels 12, Hardin 4.

RECORDS: South Floyd 12-5 Phelps 0-15



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Lady Bears up, Bears down in NAIA poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - There was a lot of activity on the NAIA polls this week, with the Pikeville College teams right in the middle of it.

The Lady Bears moved from 13th into a tie for 12th, while the Bears slid from 10th to 15th in the weekly Div. I ratings, released today from the national office in Olathe, Kan. Only four women's teams and two men's clubs stayed put from last week.

The men's drop was somewhat surprising, as they went

1-1 against two Top 25 teams last week and now stand at 18-4. The Bears knocked off then-No. 12 Martin Methodist 71-66 in overtime last Monday before losing to then-No. 11 Mountain State 100-91 on Saturday.

Martin Methodist fell six places to No. 18, while Mountain State, which lost at Wilberforce earlier in the week, slipped to No. 13.

The Lady Bears have ridden seven straight wins up the poll to their new spot, the highest they have ever been rated. Their only game last week was a 77-63 decision over then-No. 18 Cumberland College, and now are tied with Trevecca Nazarene from Nashville,

Cumberland dropped only one spot in this week's ratings. Elsewhere in the Mid-South

Conference, Georgetown's men are still No. 1, pulling in 11 of the 12 first-place votes. Cumberland College is up six

Sports Calendar

Special Olympics

Meeting

The Floyd County Special Olympics chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Community Connections located on 1070 Riverside Drive in Prestonsburg.

Basketball

Tournament

The East Kentucky Starz will hold its third annual Girls Basketball Tournament May 2-4 in Ashland. The tournament offers a guarantee of four games - U11,U12,U13,U14. The entry fee is \$225. It is an AAU-sanctioned tournament. Contact Hal Zimmer at 606/329-0413 or an email hzimmerky@aol.com for more information.

15th Region AAU meeting

There will be a 15th Region AAU organizational meeting at Jerry's Restaurant in Pikeville on Sunday at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions about the meeting should call Robert Newsome at 606/639-2252

places to no. 19, while Lindsey Wilson's 15-4 record is good enough to get them in the poll for the first time at No. 21.

In the women's poll, Campbellsville's 10-point loss at Georgetown to open MSC play cost them four places, landing at No. 8. It worked out well for Georgetown, however, as it moved into the poll at No.

Both the Bears and Lady Bears have two MSC games this week. On Thursday night, the teams were at home against Lambuth (Tenn.) University. Results from both games were unavailable.

On Saturday, the Lady No. play Bears Campbellsville at 2 p.m., while the men play the Tigers at 4



Steven Stanley (52) pulled down a rebound for the Raiders in Wednesday night's win over Phelps. Stanley scored eight

photo by Jamie Howell

points for South Floyd. The South Floyd win sets up another showdown tonight with Paintsville.

BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Notes from 'The Game'

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

"When the Lord splits the sky," our host said adamantly, his arm cutting a path through the air

in front of him. "there'll still be two races in Bristol.'

Believe it or not, that's how our Super Bowl party began last weekend. By the way, talks leading to that emotional outcry had nothing to do with the coming NASCAR

season. The chat was about the fantasy league several of our partiers will be in this season.

And so it began, a gathering of seven friends and family members in the quaint hamlet of Flatwoods. We gathered at the home of Brad and Kristy Lockard. He, you may recall, is the former sports editor of the News-Express, and she is the best thing to ever happen to him. She will also, for the remainder of this column, be known as she is around the Lockard mansion: The

Also in attendance is Brad's Cousin Brian, who we all refer to as Cousin Brian simply because that's pretty well what Brad has called him every day since we met him. Kristy's sister was there too, a grad student at Morehead State whose name is probably Kendra, but we'll call her what

Brad does, The Sister-In-Law. Those four were joined by the three locals who made the journey from Pikeville, landing just before the snow slammed once again onto our mountains. Former News-Express Editor David Gross, current Copy Editor Jimmy Raines and I arrived at the scene at about 2:15, presumably

to help with the cooking. Back in August, we took a trip to see the Lockards and watched the infamous Bristol Night Race, which probably shouldn't be capitalized but will be anyway, if for no other reason than the reverence

We decided to document it with a running diary, and it seemed to be quite popular, so we thought this would be the perfect time to do that again. One more thing. You probably

noticed that in the roll

call a few graphs up, there were two members of the female species in attendance. I have nothing against women. which is unfortunate most of the time, but

at my normal Super

Bowl gathering none are around. I was certainly glad they were there - while I don't know The Sister-In-Law very well, I do know The Wife can dish it out better than most of any gender - and it made for some inter-

Now, on with the rundown:

esting discussions.

■ 5:36 - Still nearly an hour before kickoff, Cousin Brian is laying waste to David, who, by the way, is also a cousin in this family. David is a huge Redskins fan and as a clip runs of Emmitt Smith running all over the Skins, Brian deadpans, "Now that was fun to watch."

■ 5:57 - Finally, we're down to business. Hank Williams Jr. is singing, and for the Super Bowl has brought along his illegitimate son Bobby, known to the rest of the world as Kid Rock. It's usually a good day when Hank is singing, and as long as Bobby sings and doesn't rap, we're fine with him too.

■ 6:00 -We're joined by the ABC Monday Night Football gang, which consists of Al Michaels, John Madden and Melissa Stark, and thankfully does not consist of Eric Dickerson anymore. Apparently, Lynn Swann joined the gang for some

reason, too. ■ 6:00.30 – A debate is raging over the color of the Tampa Bay uniforms. The official color is pewter, although the women

important, Jimmy stops eating long enough to chime in. "I couldn't live without my 'puter.' Lest you think Raines is the

only one eating, let me assure you it isn't the case. In addition to fruits, veggies, chips and every dip known to man, the star of the day was clearly the chicken. The Wife and The Sister-In-Law turned 15 pounds of boneless. skinless chicken into KC style honey barbecue and Hooter's hot and three-mile chicken. I'm telling you, it was a scene,

■ 6:01 - The first appearance of the angelic Melissa Stark. Apparently she was talking about football.

■ 6:03 - The Wife thinks there's too much chicken, and the gang from Pikeville may have to take some with them. "No, no!." says Cousin Brian. "It's not going with them!"

■ 6:08 - According to the Sister-In-Law, Tampa doesn't wear a true pewter, but "more of a coppery pewter. I have nail polish

See, guys? I bet the men's only parties didn't get that kind of

■ 6:13 - While the gang is split 4-3 on who to cheer for (The Wife is straddling the fence, so there is no clear majority), it's unanimous that Celine Dion was a poor choice to sing, "God Bless America." She is Canadian, you

■ 6:16 – As the Dixie Chicks appear to sing the national anthem, David describes them as "quite comely." Could I get called as a witness in his divorce proceedings for mentioning that?

■ 6:24 - Don Shula, who seems to always be on the field before Super Bowls, tosses the coin and Tampa will receive. No word from Melissa if they're shaken by the debate of their

■ 6:27 - Finally, it's kickoff

■ 6:28 - Cousin Brian has decided on a game plan for his Bucs. They should take advantage

Berea sweeps ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College men's and women's basketball teams experienced a sweep Tuesday night. The teams from Berea College made the trek to Knott County and beat the Alice Lloyd teams.

The Alice Lloyd women fell to Berea, 70-55. In the win, Berea had three different players score in double figures. The Berea women also won the rebounding battle, pulling down 46 boards opposed to Alice Lloyd's 34.

Delores Jenkins led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 18 points. Leah Whitley netted 16. Andrea Kelley, Devon Reynolds and Belicia Mullins each had five points. Erica Webb scored four and Kim Tackett chipped in two.

The host Lady Eagles hit four-of-23 three-point field goals. Berea was an outstanding seven-of-19 from beyond the arc. Men's game: Berea 70, Alice Lloyd 67

The Alice Lloyd men had three players score in double figures, but it wasn't enough to take a win away from the Berea men. Berea topped Alice Lloyd, winning 70-67,

Aaron Taylor scored 24 to lead Berea in the win. Cody Nickles had a double-double of 17 points and 14 rebounds for the Mountaineers.

Tommy McKenzie scored 14 points to lead Alice Lloyd. Kent Campbell and Matt Spencer each had 12 points apiece. Nick Samons scored eight and Shannon Akers chipped in seven. Hondo Hearne scored six and Ryan Shannon flipped in four. Floyd County natives Jeremy Daniels and Jimmy Stumbo each

had two points to round out the scoring for Alice Lloyd.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG- In the first of two games, the Blackcat fifth-grade team rallied from a 9-4 deficit at halftime to win by a score of 17-9. In the second half defensive shutout, several players contributed to the strong effort. Josh Crayon led the way with tough defense and also scored 11 points. Josh Blackburn scored four points and Austin McKinney netted two to round out the scoring for

Some of the top teams in the

region opposite Betsy Layne in

the All "A" include Christian

Academy, Kentucky Country Day and Collegiate.

the 7th Region include Nikki

Thompson (Christian Aca-

Some of the top players in

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on Saturday night.

Adams. Wil Allen, Andrew Skeens, Brad Stanley, James Sturgill, Nick Conn, Storm Roop, Cody McCoy and Brad Hicks all contributed solid defense for the Blackcats. Cook and Turner each scored four points each for McDowell and Brandon Marson scored one.

Adams takes two from McDowell

C-TEAM GAME

In the nightcap, the Adams C-Team turned up the defensive heat from the opening tip to take a 16-0 lead after one quarter. In

■ Continued from p1 Smith (Collegiate) and Celeste Hollensead (Kentucky Country

While a champion is being crowned in the 7th, chances are the Ladycats will be back on road home from Sheldon Clark. The Betsy Layne girls travel to Sheldon Clark on Saturday for a game with the Lady

Cardinals.

the first quarter, Jody Tackett scored 14 points and Seth Setser added his only two points of the game for the Blackcats. Tackett finished with a game-high 24 points, mostly on fast-break

The young 'Cats led 29-6 at halftime and won by a final score of 45-25.

Alex Stumbo scored six points, Josh Craynon scored four points and Stephen Patrick scored three points on a threepoint field goal. Austin Gearheart, Luke Sturgill and Matt Sword each scored two

points for the Blackcats. Chris Schoolcraft, Allen Craynon, Kyle Hall, Adam Kimbler, Tyler Gearheart, Josh Blackburn and Wil Allen all contributed solid defensive play

for the Blackcats. Mitchell played a great game for McDowell and finished with 13 points. Tackett scored seven points, Gearheart and Howell netted two each and Brandon Marson scored one to round out



of Raider defensive back Charles the game, imagine what Robbins a refill on the chicken. This will Woodson, who has played a good portion of the season with a bro-

6:29 - Interception, Woodson. Cousin Brian tries to slink into his recliner, but the heckling has begun.

Janikowski's field goal makes it 3-0. Pregame reports surrounded the mysterious disappearance of Watching the often-arrested Janikowski on the field caused me to wonder about this. "If

must have done."

■ 6:35 - During the first comken foot. "I'd throw at him all day mercial of the game, Budweiser as a, well, a well-endowed model trots out the Clydesdales, whose game is held up while a zebra checks in for a review. That was a good spot.

■ 6:45 – Tampa ties the game ■ 6:34 - Sebastian on a field goal by whichever of the celebrating Gramaticas it happens to employ. This causes Brad's blood to boil, because he Raider center Barret Robbins. detests all of "them little Gramatica boys."

■ 6:48 - Our gang makes it through the Ozzy Osbourne spot hearing about this Tampa defense. Janikowski was able to make it to for Pepsi before the line forms for

be a recurring theme.

■ 7:05 – David wonders aloud pitches a product with cases of it behind her. "Are they wellstocked?" he asks. The Wife doesn't bat an eye. "More like well stacked."

■ 7:10 – A commercial for ribs is found particularly funny by David, who is in a laughing fit. Trying to stand, he realizes how much he's eaten. "I can't even lean forward," he moans.

■ 7:11 - David: "I'm tired of They're overrated!" he emphatically exclaims.

■ 7:12 – Interception, Tampa. "OVER-RATED" chants are heard throughout Flatwoods.

■ 7:13 - David: "It's still

■ 7:16 - David Gross is en fuago. Seeing a particularly unappealing commercial and remembering how much he'd eaten, he deadpans, "See, now that's gonna make me puke."

Oh, brother.

■ 7:20 - Gramatica boots another field goal. Raines, with an empty plate in his lap, says, "Another Gramatically correct kick." Boo.

■ 7:28 - "How do you get your hair parted that way?" With that, I'm snapped back out of my food-induced coma. The Wife has noticed something different in her sister's hair. Brad rolls his eyes. I chuckle. Never heard that at a

Super Bowl party. ■ 7:31 - The Sister-In-Law, about a movie she'd seen the previous night: "Who knew the tooth fairy was scary?" Clearly, the women have become bored with

■ 7:36 - Mike Alstott, who is either a "hotty" or a "cutie," depending on which woman you listen to, scores the game's first touchdown.

■ 7:51 - "Brad is like a princess ..."

I don't remember what brought that on, but I couldn't write this without mentioning

■ 7:59 – Someone describes a lineman as a "burly man." Raines thinks for a second, then proclaims, "That's just a grown up husky boy."

■ 8:03 – Halftime, finally, and it's Tampa 20, Oakland 3.

■ 8:07 - Mocking something he's seen on the Saturday Night Live halftime show, David chooses to do a Shakira-style belly dance. Unfortunately, this isn't the last we'd hear of his desire to bust a, ahem, move.

■ 8:39 – The Wife to David: "Are the wings less hot now that they're cold?" I could not possibly make this up.

■ 8:43 – Brad is pulling for the Bucs, but just as he has a distaste for Gramatica, he's not a fan of receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who has taken a vow of silence for the rest of his career, or until the end of the game, whichever comes first. Brad is skeptical. "I'm sure he's a man of his word."

■ 8:53 – Of all the non-local advertisements, the Jarred from Subway spots are my least favorites. Here, our boy is walking toward a Subway counter, with a man behind it and a woman sitting in front of it. Someone, I believe The Wife, says that's Jarred's wife.

"Who, the lady or the guy behind the counter?" Brad asks.

■ 8:56 - OVER-RATED!! Another Tampa interception has David frustrated, while Cousin Brian is just happy because people aren't on him about his Charles Woodson remarks.

■ 8:58 - When a player gets kicked in the head, The Sister-In-Law isn't pleased. "Well, that was uncalled for." I'm telling you, guys, have women at next year's

■ 9:18 – The menu has made it's way to dessert, which is cake and ice cream, except for David who went with ice cream only. He looks at his food and debates combining chicken wings and ice cream. One of our group is excited about the possibility. "Do it! It'd be good!" The Wife begs.

■ 9:21 – What was left of one of the dips looked a little rough, according to The Sister-In-Law. "It looks like it'd been down and back up again," she said.

■ 9:57 - The camera enters the booth, where Michaels and Madden are discussing the importance of football to our national security or something. "Look," The Wife says, "their ties are identical except they're different

■ 9:58 – As Oakland attempts a comeback, David, clearly intoxicated from too many chicken wings, proclaims if the Raiders win, "I'm gonna belly dance!"

■ 10:20 - Two interceptions turned into touchdowns later, David leaves the living room frustrated. He sighs and mumbles, "No belly dance ..." and wonders off through the house.

In the end, Tampa won 48-21, thanks to their overrated defense producing five interceptions and scoring 21 points of their own. Our group was too stuffed to move a lot, so the party finally broke up shortly before 11.

I'm telling you, better than the games themselves, better than the commercials, Super Bowl parties are the way to go. Especially if you can find a group grown up enough to not try to be drunk by the opening kickoff.

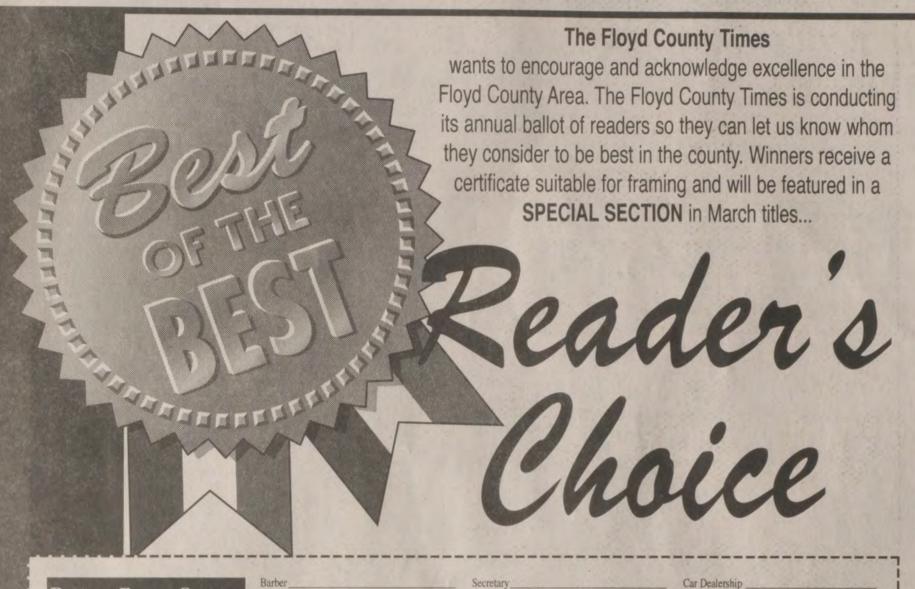
I've found another group like this, and like them just fine. I only hope they enjoyed it as much as I

See you next January.

Corrections

South Floyd junior Ashley Johnson was incorrectly credited with teammate Amanda Johnson's points scored in a game against Piarist in an article in Wednesday's edition. Amanda Johnson was the player who scored. Ashley Johnson was still out with an injury she suffered in a game last week against Pikeville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic and didn't play.

Prestonsburg Wrestling Club member Steven Thompson was misidentified as Shawn Thompson in an article which ran in Wednesday's edition. Steven Thompson is a sophomore member of the Prestonsburg team.



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THROUGH MY EYES

· Talkin' it up

Clyde Pack wrote about our "funny" English language this week in "Poison Oak." It reminded me of a couple of recent conversations with my son, Elliott.

While dining in the May Lodge a couple of weekends



Lifestyles editor

ago, my son chastised me for using the word, "holler." "It's not 'holler,' Mom, it's 'hollow," he said.

Then just a few evenings back he was listening to a conversation I was having with his younger sister, Elizabeth. When we were finished, he looked up

"Mom, how many times have you ever read that it's proper to use the word, 'ain't,'?" I looked up to see if he was serious or just trying to

from his reading to ask,

be a wise guy

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THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a eekly column that looked at Floyd

County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

It's times like this, when ideas for this column have gone skedaddling, that I'm tempted to reminisce. But I have an idea this business of harking back, as they say, isn't as popular as it might

THE HOME-MADE BRAND

Some of the boys hereabouts have taken a shine to archery, some using the bow and arrow, at least one whom I know very well indeed going strong for the crossbow. These bows they've bought are of beautiful workmanship, and are no ordinary bowan'-ar' such as you and I

It might interest these young blades to know that, back when you didn't sit down and order such things, men sat down with a stout knife, and whittled and scraped, and came up with rattling-good crossbows and such. Which reminds me that boys-and some girls- in other days had a good supply

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Science Fair gives students the winning ed

In order to compete for top prizes, students entering the East Kentucky Science Center's Regional Science Fair need to understand the definition of a science fair project, according to Solomon Kilburn, chairman of the EKSC Regional Science Fair Committee and a science teacher at Allen Central Middle School.

Kilburn said the East Kentucky Science Center staff has fielded numerous questions recently regarding demonstration-oriented entries.

The misconception is that if you build a model, that's a science fair project. Science fair projects are not demonstration. Volcanoes, models or displays explaining basic concepts, such as cloud formations, levers, or motors, are not science fair projects.

"Inventions are also ineligible for entry into the Regional Science Fair. This is not an invention competition. Students competing in a science fair have gathered information through the scientific method. They must be able to report and display that information in a

clear and concise manner," he said. To further clarify the issue, Kilburn explained the steps involved in using

the scientific method for student projects: •Research ideas. Before students can identify a problem, they must have basic knowledge of that problem; so

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SHARING THEIR SKILLS



photo by Kathy J. Prater Cheerleaders Michelle Lackey and Jerri Mitchell lead the "kindergarten" squad in some activities set to music.

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

The cheerleading squad of Prestonsburg High School held a "Cheer Camp" this past Saturday to get kids from kindergarten through high school excited about the world of team spirit. Despite still lingering icy conditions, the turnout for the fundraising

event was very good.

"I actually think that all the snowy weather has probably helped some with turnout," said Leslie Ousley, Prestonsburg Elementary school counselor and sponsor for the cheerleading squad. "I think everyone was probably ready to get out and do something."

The day-long clinic began at 9 a.m. and ran past 4 p.m., with kindergarten

through fifth grade taking the morning sessions and middle and high schoolers participating in the afternoon. Students from surrounding schools including Prestonsburg, Clark and Allen Elementaries as well as Wesley Christian and Adams Middle showed up to learn about somersaults, cart

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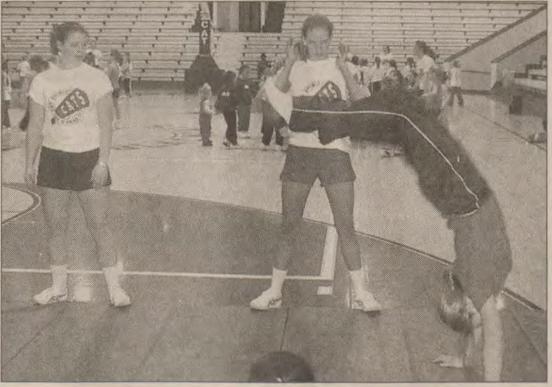


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Camp attendee **Brittany Peppi** showed no fear when it came to the tumbling exercises of the training session. In background, cheerleader/trainer All Meyer offers some enthusiastic praise, while teammate Ashley Collins looks

POSTSCRIPT

Deep doo-doo

Dr. Carol Combs-Morris' column last week hit home to me. I always look forward to her columns for instructions and experiences about animals, for good laughs and, sometimes sadly, good cries. The recent one about the dog trapped in the mineshaft kept me in suspense and, thankfully, ended happily.

I've lost pets before, but never in a mineshaft. But I could truly relate to last week's piece on animals that get carsick.

My big Bubba can relate to it, too. (I suppose I should read it to him.) He is several months overdue for his three-year shots and every week I promise him (and me) that I'll take



him on Saturday. By Saturday, however, I've talked myself into putting the trip off until the next week. It's not that

he misbehaves. In fact, every time we go to Dr. Joel Salyers'

office, people remark on how well behaved he is for a big dog with the face of a persistent felon. He always goes in gently and sits quietly while we wait our turn. He lets the vet poke, prod and shoot him with hardly a flinch and never a growl.

But, sure as anything, when he hops in the back seat of the car and we hit the road, no matter how smoothly I drive, he loses last night's supper. I try talking to him, try to soothe his fears as best I can. He's not buying it. Or, as I prefer to believe, he simply cannot help himself. His digestive system fails him, regardless of how hard he tries.

Sometimes, we are almost in sight of home and I think, aha, we're going to make it. No such luck. The heaves start and what's left of the last several meals comes irrevocably forward.

One time, tragically (for me), the contents spurted from both ends. Fortunately, I had a blanket on the back seat, but unfortunately, there was still some spillage.

I have to believe it's a tribute to my character that I have been able to clean up my car after this experience without killing or maiming Bubba or without losing my own last few meals.

I will advise using a strong, antibacterial cleanser when clean

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THINGS TO PONDER

Getting along with that special someone

The topic of human relationships is a vast one and we certainly need to know all we can about them. Relationships are also a frequent topic with the folks I see in the office. Besides the usual day-to-day interactions with others that are needed to make life move along, there is always great interest in and emotional concerns related to that someone special. The following are some tidbits shared by a friend, who heard a lecture given by Dr.

Bailey at East Tennessee State University in Kingsport/Johnson City, concerning romantic interests.

Dr. Bailey began with the idea that a romantic relationship between two people had three stages: attraction; maintenance over time; and termination. He also explained how there were basic characteristics of successful relationships, such as (1) happiness, being a temporary mood state and life satisfaction, consisting of a sense of belonging

and not temporary. This ongoing contentment with a relationship is usually supported by the two individuals sharing a sense of meaning, common interests, and short-term and long-term goals. An example might be the dating couple that enjoy the same activity in their free time together or have significant agreement about spiritual beliefs.

As we all know, the basic components of a romantic relationship require arousal of the heart and a willing partner. There's nothing that can be more disappointing than one person not returning the expressed interest of the other person. Lots of research has been done about how a couple gets together, seemingly sometimes by chance. There's always been that saying "whatever floats your boat" with regard to what really excites one person about another. Cupid seems to do a variety of

(See PONDER, page two)



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource

Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are

located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

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

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and refreshments to hard-work-

The cheerleading clinic was

ing "campers."

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

MCDOWELL **ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE** CENTER

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

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

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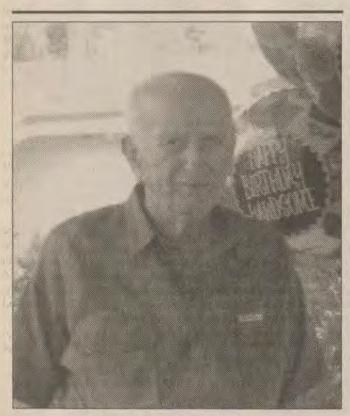
Weddings



Spradlin-Howard

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Spradlin, of Nippa, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Addie Francis, to Bob Howard, the son of Wendell and Stella Howard, of Paintsville. Addie is the granddaughter of Eugene and Noma Jean Crisp, of Martin, and the late Ernest and Roberta Spradlin, formerly of Tutor Key. Bob is the grandson of the late Opal and Austin Daniels, formerly of Thealka, and the late Hermalee and Bobby Howard, formerly of Paintsville. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, February 15, at half past the afternoon hour of three o'clock, at the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Nippa. The graclous custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Birthdays



Celebrates 90th birthday at Florida home

Mr. Delmas Saunders, of Abbott Creek, recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday on January 13, 2003, at his winter home in Bonita Springs, Florida with a host of friends and one very special guest, his granddaughter, Mollie Saunders, who traveled all the way from San Francisco to share the special day with her grandfather. Mollie is Mr. Saunders' closest living relative. Phyllis Stanley and Viola May, both of Prestonsburg, and Sandra Reasor, of Rural Retreat, Virginia coordinated the birthday celebration which was also attended by the following guests: Gene Stanley, Edward May, and Frank Reasor, husbands of the party-planners; Tom and Mary Bingham, formerly of Auxier Road and now of Cape Coral, Florida; Harold and Loretta Gallogly, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Arvella Becker, of Peoria, Illinois; and Bonita Springs residents J. Clarke and Robin Stewart, with daughters Rachael, Marcle and Miranda; and Mr. Saunders' next-door neighbor, Cheryl Lancaster, and Naples, Florida resident Keith Smirnov. Guests were treated to birthday cake, finger foods and soft drinks. Mr. Saunders, the author of "History of Abbott Creek and the Village of Bonanza," also reports that he received numerous cards and phone calls in observance of the landmark occasion.

Camp

wheels, handsprings and the one "center" area to another in vide energy boosting snacks movements. The lessons were taught to the beat and rhythm of with groups alternating from

execution of "sharp" arm order to concentrate on a specific skill.

Cheerleader "Moms" and a music and in group sessions sundry of helpers were on hand to register attendees and pro-

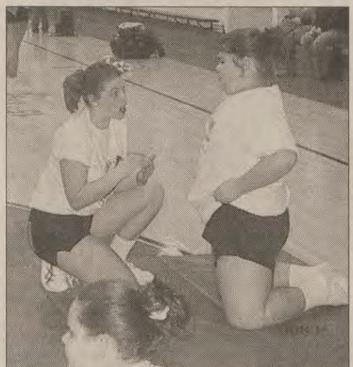


photo by Kathy J. Prater PHS cheerleader, Ashley Collins, left, encourages a hesitant "camper" to "just try" to do a somersault.

held as a fundraiser for the PHS cheerleading squad who are responsible for the majority of any costs associated with their program such as the cost of uniforms and equipment as well as any costs associated with travel expenses.

'We're fortunate to be able to travel with the teams on the buses when they have away games," said Ousley, "but when we have competitions and that sort of thing, we're on our own. Cheerleading isn't recognized in Kentucky as a sport, though a few states have recently decided to recognize it in that way. And we have one of the top cheerleading squads in the nation at UK. It'd be nice if we could get cheerleading recognized here as a sport, because you know, it really is. Cheerleaders work really hard, it's very physical and demanding and it would help so much if we could get some funding, but, in the meantime we appreciate all the help we get through the support of our fundraisers."

Postscript

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ing up after a carsick dog, the kind with the pungent aroma that smells hospital antiseptic. Then, don't tell any passengers what has taken place near where they are riding. Most won't understand.

I don't know why Bubba has difficulty riding in a car. His brother Ben seems perfectly comfortable riding. Both, of course, had a bad experience on what was probably their first excursion. Their original caretaker took care of them by dumping them at the mouth of a holler near where one of my cousins lives. Perhaps Bubba, who was just a little puppy then, scarcely weaned, has unpleasant memories of riding in a car and being left, far removed from his mama and a steady meal. That's enough to scare any creature, including those of us who walk around on two legs and sometimes do horrible deeds - such as abandoning other creatures.

Dr. Combs-Morris had some pointers for dealing with animals, like Bubba, whose digestive tracts are averse to movement. I plan to use them soon to take Bubba to the vet. Maybe next Saturday.

Eyes

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He was serious.

The question facilitated a rather lively discussion between the three of us with me singing the praises of "colorful language" while his sister reminded him that the word

in question is "in the dictionary." Nothing we said would persuade my son, who is one of those types who believe that the world consists only of what is right and what is wrong as well as believing that there is only black versus white and nothing in between. Kinda hard on a mom who operates the majority of the time in the

"gray areas" of life. Well, that conversation passed with my continuing to use the word, "ain't" and my son continuing to dislike it. Life goes on,

Then just two days ago we were traveling along in our car having a conversation about future goals. Elliott sets very high personal standards for himself, both in academics and in his moral outlooks and beliefs and, thusly, has set quite a few ambitious goals for himself and his future. Among them, becoming a doctor and attaining a substantial amount of wealth. Knowing my son, I have every reason to believe that if he continues on the same path he is now on, as well as maintaining the staunch moral character he now possesses, I will have no reason to worry once old age (for me) sets in.

Yes, I say this tongue-in-cheek for I fully realize that it is my responsibility and not my son's (or daughter's) to provide me with the leisurely retirement befitting someone who has worked and struggled so hard for so long (hear the melodrama?), BUT, I have to rib him when he begins to talk this way.

"I fully support those decisions, buddy. There's absolutely no reason you can't achieve those goals as long as you work hard and keep your nose clean. But tell me, will you still remember your poor, worked to the bone mother when you become affluent and spend all your time rubbin' elbows with the jet set on the golf course greens?". And then, for added effect, I said (in the best "old mountain woman" voice I could muster), "Come in, come in, son, glad to have ye back. The ole' hut's 'bout to git wore out, but she's still a'standin'. Come on in, now, jest scoot that ole' dog on over thar and set down. Yeah, I bin a' doin' purty good, boy, purty good. Jest gettin' a little tard of eatin' this ole' cat food s'all."

I looked at my son. "Mom," he said, "the first thing I'm gonna do when I get rich is come back and get you out of here so you can go someplace and learn how to talk."

My son...my prince...my knight in shin-



photo by Kathy J. Prater

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Learning how to execute sharp arm movements was done in a "sing-song" manner that held the attention of camp attendees. PHS Cheerleader sponsor, Leslie Ousley and cheerleaders Katie Hale and Shonda Collins led the group activity.

Ponder

"pitter-pat". Not that I would know for sure, but the story goes that some men supposedly look twice at tall, slender, females with long, blonde hair. Some people bank on that first glimpse, with its resulting magic, whether it is up close or across a crowded room. That certain smile, position of the head, level of the eyelids, body language, and many different little motions might be the one thing that stimulates the inner heart of one person for another. In contrast, some things considered negative by most of society might be a part of other individuals being stimulated romantically and

things to create a special feel-

ing and make the heart go

having a resulting interest, such as anger and jealously. The professor at ETSU thought that everyone wants justice in a meaningful relationship and he identified three different types. One was the justice of equality with

everything being 50:50, all

being equally divided, usually no matter what. Second was justice of equity. This is where the more one person does the more he or she gets from the situation or the relationship. Third was the justice of need, which is based on the partner's specific need at the time or need in general. An example might be where the married couple pitches in together to balance a life of both of them working, while they rear children.

Not everyone needs a professor to tell him or her that romantic relationships between two humans are very likely to have their ups and downs. Dr. Bailey discussed how there often was a "magic" ratio in the give and take of relationships and that it helped to determine whether or not the relationship survived the ways stressors. The maximum level is supposedly when one person is "giving" five times more than the other person.

However, the relationship is

seen as completely imbalanced when the ratio becomes six to one. It seems at that level one partner is definitely giving too much and doing so much more than the other In his review of the

research, Dr. Bailey described men and women as having differing and similar viewpoints regarding relationships. One example was that men think that the bigger the gift to the woman, the better. In contrast, women supposedly see several small gifts as showing more caring and carry more weight for her. Men and women tend to view the other as interfering with the relationship in a negative manner. Women gave these unacceptable characteristics of men: becoming angry too easily; being jealous too often; being too demanding regarding sex; being too domineering; criticizing her speech; not communicating

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By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



I have had a number of X-rays over my lifetime. Now, whenever I have to undergo an X-ray I get very stressed. In fact, nowadays there is a requirement to have a complete medical checkup before taking up a new job, and so I have to appear for another routine chest X-ray! I have had six or seven chest X-rays before. Please give me some advice. Will it really have a bad effect on my health?

You ask a very interesting question that raises issues of concern to many people. First of

all, the type of X-ray you are talking about, a chest X-ray, is referred to as a diagnostic X-ray. A diagnostic X-ray is used to discover what might be wrong with you. For example, an Xray of the arm would answer the question: Is the arm broken or not? As the name implies this is part of the process that doctors use in arriving at a diag-

Therapeutic X-rays are used to treat conditions like cancer. They have much higher levels of radiation. For instance, a cancer patient might be given the equivalent of 800 chest Xrays each treatment session over a

Reader shouldn't worry about minimal radiation from chest x-rays

number of days. So, as you can see, used in construction. A brick home is 5 millirem per trip. exposure is a matter of degree. The radiation you'll receive from one additional chest X-ray presents very little

Another way to put this in perspective is to take a look at the natural sources of background radiation that we are all exposed to on a daily basis. These include cosmic radiation, terrestrial radiation, and internal sources.

Cosmic radiation is composed of particles from the sun, other stars, and events deep in space. The atmosphere acts as a shield, and most cosmic rays don't reach the earth. Cosmic radiation levels are higher at higher altitudes, so a person living in Denver gets about twice as much cosmic radiation as a person living at sea level. Air travel increases your dose of cosmic radiation as well.

Terrestrial radiation comes from the naturally occurring radioactive particles in soil and in building materials

a source of terrestrial radiation.

Our bodies also produce natural isotopes - radioactive particles - as a consequence of general metabolism. This is internal radiation.

The most prominent source of environmental radiation is radon gas, This gas comes from radioactive decay in the soil, and it is inhaled. The average radon gas exposure is about as much as the cosmic, terrestrial and internal sources combined.

The average total yearly exposure to radiation from all of these background sources for the average, lowland, non-smoking American is about 325 millirem per year. A single chest X-ray, by comparison, is 8 millirem. If you smoke, that activity alone

increases your dose of radiation exposure by 280 millirem per year - the equivalent of an additional 35 chest X-

A cross country round trip by air is

So you see, a chest X-ray - even once or twice a year - is not a significant increase in exposure. Other types of diagnostic X-rays, such as an upper GI, use higher levels of radiation. The benefits, though, of having a correct diagnosis still far outweigh any radiation risk.

Some cautions about getting X-rays are advisable, though. If you are pregnant or think you might be pregnant, X-ray studies that are not ABSOLUTELY necessary should be postponed.

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School

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

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

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

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

PRESTONSBURG **ELEMENTARY AND** FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Feb. 3 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., school audito-

PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Jan. 31 - Drugs and Prevention Addiction Awareness classroom presenta-

Walking track open to

public (except during special event).

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

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

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

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

STUMBO **ELEMENTARY/MUD** CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Parsons. Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett,

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday

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

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

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

■ Tuesday

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

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

-Auxier Family Learning

Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

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■ Wednesday

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

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

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

■ Thursday

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

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

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

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program,

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

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



Two recent graduates of the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center were pleased with the opportunities offered by the

Auxier Center prepares for fourth year of classes

submitted article

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center (ALLC) is preparing now to begin its fourth year of computer, crafting, and GED instruction. As the center closed its third year of instruction in December, they gave away 41 used, donated computers to stu-

often enough; being sexually

unfaithful; spending money on

foolish things; drinking alco-

holic beverages too often; and

having irritating personal habits.

Men had these negative descrip-

tions of women in relationships:

get hurt too easily; are sensitive

to criticism; are too moody; tend

to be an irritating person; spend

money on foolish things; are too

disinterested in sex; are more

interested in others; and want to

each relationship is not going to

be perfect and it is going to have

its advantages and disadvan-

tages. Sometimes it seems just

amazing that two particular indi-

viduals have maintained a rela-

tionship for as long as they have.

Most folks would agree that

talk about insignificant things.

dents who had completed a course in computer skills. The computers are given away to low income students who do not already have and cannot afford to purchase a computer for their home. A total of 80 students registered to attend classes during the center's fall 2002 semester.

The center staff realize that in

was forgiveness. Many books

have been written on the diffi-

culties of truly forgiving another

for an act that produces undue

emotional pain. Even though

one person forgives another, the

healthy process of forgiveness

requires that both individuals

accept the responsibility of set-

ting boundaries and not repeat-

edly accepting inappropriate

behaviors. There is the possibil-

ity that a couple can be partners

and companions, while having a

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today's world, it has become almost mandatory to be able to operate a computer both in the workplace and at home. The combination of learning computer skills along with the prospect of obtaining a free computer helps many who would otherwise be left behind in today's "computer age."

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center is located in the old Auxier School building. Classes will begin again on February 17. At this writing, the center has scheduled classes in computer skills, sewing, knitting, and quilting. For class times, please call

the center for more information. Also, GED classes will be offered to those interested each Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anyone interested in taking classes, or volunteering to teach a class, are asked to please call the center at 886-0709 for more information. Office hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

World

loving relationship.

of such things. I've seen a water gun fashioned from a section of What do you think is the most hollowed-out elder stem which important characteristic of a would get you as wet as the lasting relationship? According water pistols they sell at the to Dr. Bailey, the most valuable stores today. And popguns were part of an ongoing relationship made from the same material.

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times with welt-raising effect. We took a page out of the savage's book, too, and enjoyed a home-made blow gun. Again the elder stem was used; the tip of a squirrel's tail held an ordinary pin; puff-and the pin and its surrounding tuft of squirrel hair would hit the target several feet away, if you were a real marksman.

other, chewed-up paper, some-

Anybody for a game of hull-

EKSC

programs.

research ideas and projects first. Ideas can come from first-hand knowledge, newspapers, articles, teachers and the Science Center's website, www.wedoscience.org, which will link students to numerous science fairrelated sites. Don't do anything dangerous or harmful. Consult an adult.

- State the problem. This is a scientific question to be solved. The problem should be stated as an open-ended question. To identify a problem, students must have a basic knowledge of the activity.
- is what the student thinks the answer will be, a prediction of what will happen. ■ Conduct the experiment.

■ State the hypotheses. This

- The experiment tests the hypotheses.
- Form a conclusion. What

happened as a result of the experiment? It is okay if the conclusion is different than the hypothesis.

Kilburn said one of the most important items students prepare for judges to see is their journal. Journals can be typed or handwritten, according to Kilburn, but they need to be neat and pre-"The journal is usually a

bound notebook that contains original ideas from the students. Plagiarism will disqualify your entry. Be careful not to copy sources word for word. In your journal, describe each step you followed. Include dates, drawings, diagrams, graphs, and written observations of results."

Kilburn said that students were also judged on how their displays looked overall and how well it was organized. An example of a good display is in the Information Booklet on page 10.

At last year's Regional

Science Fair, judges not only put a strong emphasis on organization of the display, but also on students' verbal communication skills and on the number of resources used, according to Kilburn. Judges base their scores on a rubric provided by the East Kentucky Science Center. The rubric is contained in the information booklet, distributed to teachers upon request. "Judges commented on the

ability of the student to communicate orally to express the importance of their project in itself. Students should be able to tell what is the practical application of the project and be able to tell someone else what they learned during the process

"Judges also commented on the number of resources the students used. The best projects used up to five sources of information. Students used books, journals, magazines and the Internet. Judges were also impressed with how students

had used technology in their displays. Students must show evidence in their reporting and they used spreadsheets to display this information. Kilburn said the Science Fair

Committee is continuing its search for judges for the event and needs medical professionals, engineers, and others who are involved in the field of science. Anyone who is interested in serving as a judge for the Science Fair can contact Kilburn at the Science Center at (606) 889-0303 or by email at skilburn@hotmail.com.

The East Kentucky Regional Science Fair will be held on Saturday, March 15, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg. It is open to 4th-12th grade school science fair winners in Breathitt, Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry,

Pike and Wolfe counties. The

Continued from p1 Regional Science Fair is partially

sponsored by Citizens National Bank (enbonline.com). Although the Science Center is

not participating in this year's state science fair, students competing in the Regional Science Fair may enter the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair. Student entries must pass a stringent inspection for entry into the state event. The deadline for students from nonaffiliated counties or fairs to register for the state is March 19. Contact Dr. Robert Creek at (859) 622-1531 or Kim Alexander (859) 269-6432 for information about the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair.

For additional information about the East Kentucky Science Center Regional Science Fair, call the Science Center at (606) 889-0303 or visit the Center's website at www.wedoscience, org and follow the Regional Science Fair links.

TV HAS ITS POINTS There have been and still are,

times when I wish I had never seen a television screen. But there are other times when I'm

real thankful for this goof-box. Such a time was a recent afternoon when I watched a golfer named Arnold Palmer hit his ball too lustily, with the result that it wound up in the waters of the nearby Pacific Ocean. There he was, with a million duffers watching him take an ignoble 9, on this par-3 hole. Scenes such as this do us snake-killers a lot of good.

Mr. Palmer should be grateful, too, for the TV cameras. If there hadn't been one trained on him, he more than likely would have lost his temper, expressed his true feelings and thrown a club or two in after the ball.

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Behind the Wheel

Mercury **Marauder: A** no-nonsense · cop car for the tough guy

by ANN M. JOB FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you love cop cars - or otherwise muscle-bound versions of big, full-size sedans - the 2003 Mercury Marauder is for you.

Based on the roomy and more relaxed-riding Mercury Grand Marquis, the new-for-2003 Marauder is powered up with a 302-horsepower V8, big, 18-inch wheels and tires, updated chassis and a no-nonsense

(See WHEEL, page two)

2003 Mercury Marauder

BASE PRICE: \$33,770.

AS TESTED: \$35,090.

TYPE: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, five-passenger, large sedan.

ENGINE: 4.6-liter, double overhead

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Wrong size pipes might muffle mileage

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I went to get my car (1987 Toyota Tercel) inspected, and the inspector told me that my exhaust system (which has never had any part of it replaced) was bad and had to be replaced (the whole thing, from the exhaust manifold to the muffler). I took it to a certain discount muffler shop, and the guy (who said he is the assistant owner) told me that he didn't have the right-size piping to fix it and that he'd put a larger-diameter pipe on it. I asked him if it would affect my gas mileage, because I had always been getting

around 35 miles per gallon. He said the only thing putting larger piping on the car would do is that it would give me more horsepower, but it



wouldn't affect the gas mileage at all. Well, after being charged \$600, I left. Since September (when I got it done), I have only gotten about 20 miles per gallon. Is there any correlation between gas mileage and exhaust piping? Please let me know. If so, do you think the shop is obligated to fix my exhaust system and make it work like it used to? - Scott

RAY:

Well, first of all, I'd like to know what an "assistant owner" is. In fact, I think I might like to BE one. But let's put that aside for the moment.

TOM:

The answer to your question is yes, Scott. A larger exhaust pipe could possibly lower your gas mileage.

You might not know this, Scott, but engines "breathe." Cylinders breathe in fresh charge (gasoline and air), and breathe out exhaust. And the better an engine breathes, the more power you can get from it.

TOM:

In fact, that's why multivalve engines have gotten so popular. They allow more stuff to go into and out of each cylinder quickly, improving the performance of the engine.

But it only works up to a point. And that's the key, in your case. If the engine breathes too well, some of that fresh charge will get pulled out through the exhaust system before it even has a chance to be used. And that's wasteful.

TOM:

So if your muffler guy didn't have the right-size pipe for your car and put on one with a bigger diameter, he might be responsible for a drop in mileage.

RAY:

That said, your mileage has dropped 40 percent, which is a huge drop. So he would have had to use a pipe that's significantly larger than the original, like going from a 1-inch pipe to an inch and a half. It's not easy to fit a pipe that much bigger in the front of the Tercel, but I suppose it's possible.

A pipe big enough to cause a 40 percent drop in fuel economy would also have produced a significant increase in power. So if you've been leaving Corvettes and 350ZXs in your wake, that might be a hint.

On the other hand, the drop in your mileage might have nothing to do with your exhaust system. It could be something like a thermostat that's stuck open or a bad vacuum leak. So I'd take it to a dealer or a Toyota specialist, and ask him to have a look.

TOM:

If he says your exhaust pipes are 50 percent bigger than they're supposed to be, then you have a good reason to go back to the muffler shop and ask the guy to take out what he installed and put in the correct-size system.

RAY:

And in the future, consider having your regular mechanic get you a factory exhaust system. While there's nothing wrong with the muffler shops, the factory mufflers (that your mechanic would buy from the dealer) are exactly the same as the ones they replace. They have the same bends, flanges and pipe diameters, and they never have to be knocked with a hammer or resized with orange-juice cans. So you're less likely to get rattles and noises later on, and more likely to be able to buy individual

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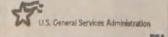
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Wheel

cop car look.

Mercury said target buyers are predominantly men in their mid-40s with college degrees and household income of \$70,000-plus.

The Mercury Marauder name dates back to the 1960s, about the time these kinds of buyers were impressionable youths.

The original Marauders, like the new one, were based on mainstream Mercury sedans. But they were designed to exude all-American performance as the nation's muscle-car era took shape.

Today, "the potential market encompasses any person who ever owned a rear-wheel-drive muscle car and everyone who ever wanted one," said Steve Babcock, Marauder program manager at Ford Motor Co.

To be sure, there isn't a direct competitor to the new Marauder - one that's a performance-oriented, domestic-labeled, V8powered, rear-drive, full-size sedan. And that's before you add in the Marauder's dark, monotone paint job, black grille and cop car-like taillights.

Riders notice right off that in place of the front bench seat available on the 2003 Grand

Marquis, the Marauder has two large bucket seats and a shifter in the center console.

The long, straight dashboard has the same shape and size as the one in the Grand Marquis, but gauges are satin aluminum here, and the word "Marauder" is a red-lighted graphic.

In addition, there are two additional gauges under the Marauder's low-mounted radio. They're Auto Meter-branded, high-performance oil pressure and voltmeter gauges.

The Marauder's biggest differentiator from its Grand Marquis sibling is the the 4.6liter, double overhead cam V8 with aluminum block and heads.

With the help of four valves per cylinder and revised intake manifold and exhaust system, it generates peak torque of 318 foot-pounds at 4,300 rpm and uses premium unleaded gaso-

In contrast, the 2003 Grand Marquis is available with a 224horsepower, 4.6-liter, single overhead cam V8 with two valves per cylinder and a castiron block. Maximum torque is 272 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm, and regular unleaded gas is the recommended fuel,

Mercury upgraded the 16inch tires and wheels of the Grand Marquis to 18-inch, per-

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formance rubber on the Marauder. And because power hits the road via the rear tires, these tires are a bit wider than those on the Marauder's front wheels. Meanwhile, the chassis for

this nearly 4,200-pound car is stiffened, and suspension includes load-leveling air springs at the rear that also are used on Ford police cars.

As you might expect in a fullsize sedan, there's good ample room for prisoners, er, passengers, front and back.

This car's trunk is sizable, too, at 20.6 cubic feet. It's the same as in a Grand Marquis.

The Marauder four-door comes with standard climate control, antilock brakes, power windows, mirrors and door locks, remote keyless entry, floor mats, AM/FM stereo with CD and cassette players, side airbags and traction control.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, is \$34,495 for a Marauder. This is nearly \$10,000 more than the price of a base 2003 Grand Marquis.

Sometimes the spark-plug

hole gets stripped, and then

your mechanic has to rethread

it or install an insert before you

can screw the plug back in. But

given the timing of your prob-

lem, I'd put money on the "for-

got to tighten that one" theory,

stances.

RAY:

Darrell.

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replacement parts instead of replacing the whole system again. And you might be surprised to find that the costs are not that different, so it's worth checking out. Good luck, Scott.

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Loose spark plugs are all bark and no bite

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently had new plugs and wires installed in my '93 Chevy Cavalier V-6. After about 2,000 miles, I was driving home from my local grocery store when the car started making a horrible noise, followed by running extremely roughly and a loss of power. I finished driving the less than 1 mile to my house. When I opened the hood, I found that one of the spark plugs had come COMPLETE-LY out of the engine. It was still attached to the wire. The plug appeared dry, but there is a black ring around the white coating at the top half of the plug. I need to know what kind of damage this might have done to my engine. - Darrell

RAY:

Probably none, Darrell. But I bet it scared the hell out of you, huh?

TOM:

Here's what happened. You had the spark plugs replaced, and the mechanic forgot to tighten one of them down completely. He left it "hand-tight."

Then, as the engine ran and

vibrated, the plug slowly unscrewed itself. When it was most of the way out, carbon from the cylinder was blowing past it, which is what left that dark ring. If you could have heard the exhaust escaping over all the other noises your engine makes, you would have a heard a "pffft, pffft," or a "tick, tick, tick" sound at that point.

Finally, the plug unscrewed itself the rest of the way and popped out of its hole. That's when it got real loud! And what you were hearing was compressed air trying to escape through the spark-plug hole.

RAY: It sounds like a "Gatling

gun."

TOM: But most likely, there was no damage done. And all you have to do is screw the spark plug back in and go on your

merry way. But I'd check the

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fuel. Acceleration, you ask? How about 0-60 in 6.6 seconds! Considering the LS430 weighs

nearly 4,000 pounds, this is very impressive.

Our model came with a \$5,730 navigation system coupled to a Mark Levinson Audio Package that featured 11 speakers and 240 watts of premium audio enhancement. The DVDnavigation system receives info from satellites and then synchronizes with a DVDpowered map and travel database to a 7-inch screen in the center of the dash. Also included in this option are steering wheel voice-command button, power moon roof with shade, front climate-control seats with heat and cool options, heated rear seats and a sonar intuitive parking

Redesigned in 2001, the LS model received more than just a facelift. The wheelbase was stretched 3 inches, to 115.2 inches, while the roof received another 1.4 inches to allow more front and rear headroom. However, even with these changes, Lexus kept the car the same as the previous version LS400 at an overall length of 196.7 inches.

The trunk area is quite large, offering 20.2 cubic-feet of cargo space, and we don't want to forget the High Intensity Discharge

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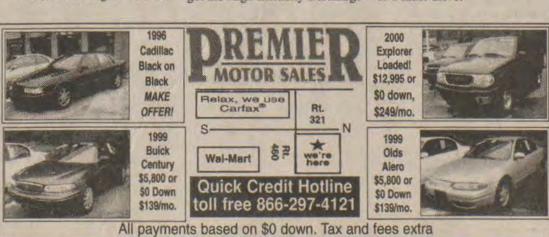
shield wipers and front side window glass that help repel water and enhance visibility. The cabin is truly a work of

art and technology. Lexus engineers relied on computers to d arrive at a perfect fit for all items from seats to panels to coffee holders. The high-grade cushioned leather heat/cool seats were comfortable yet snug, while safety items from side curtain air bag protection to impact crumple zones help protect all occupants. Even gimmicks that we find unacceptable in other cars are re-worked to wizardry by the Lexus designers. There's literally too much to write about, so be prepared when you test drive this car. It's

loaded with great ideas. Other important numbers include a 22.2-gallon fuel cell, 17-inch wheels and tires and true five-passenger seating capacity. Anti-lock brakes and the advanced vehicle skid-control system help the rear-drive LS430 better move through bad weather, but this is not a car for everyday use in snow condi-

In summary, we hated to see the LS430 go back to the factory. It's one of the finest cars we've driven to date. If you shop in this segment, this Lexus is a must-drive.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO APPLICATION** NUMBER 836-0295 AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with

KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 74.08 acres and delete 2.52 acres of surface disturbance, and add 28.10 acres and delete 21.21 acres of auger area for total of 288.28 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979, and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud

The proposed operpany, Inc., P.O. Box ation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corp-oration, Curt Hall Heirs, 1 mile southeast from Charles Hall, Walker

or Marlene Howell, received within 30 Eastern Standard of \$10 each, and Ivalee days of today's date.

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Sealed bids will be The application has received by the been filed for public Department inspection at the Highways, in Department for Sur-Division of contract face Mining Recla-Procurement and/or mation and Enforcthe Auditorium, locat-Prestoned on the 1st floor of sburg Regional Ofthe fice, 3140 South Lake Building, Frankfort, 6, Kentucky, until 10:00 Prestonsburg, Kentu-EASTERN Written STANDARD TIME on objecthe 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003, at tions, or requests for which time bids will must be filed with the be publicly opened the and read for the Division of Permits, improvement of: #2 Hudson Hollow FDGR 03 0000072,

Complex, U.S. 127 FLOYD COUNTY Flood Repair on Various Roads. (See Proposal for Additional mation)

This is the final advertisement of the Bid proposals for all application. All com- projects will be availments, objections, or able at the Division of requests for a permit Contract

Friday, FEBRUARY of Kentucky, must 14, 2003. Bid propos- accompany request Specimen proposals for all projects will for proposals (NON- als for all projects will Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

to the State Treasurer

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Time, preceding the remittance, payable

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WHY.

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