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### briefs

#### Right number, wrong person, trip to jail

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

**BIG BRANCH** — An officer who answered the telephone at a home where he was executing a search warrant found himself making a date for his next arrest.

An Ohio woman has been arrested and charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after a drug bust on Wednesday.

Phyllis M. Goodwin, 62, was arrested by the Kentucky State Police when she allegedly possessed a Lortab pill, a bottle of pills consistent with Vicodin, a cut-off straw with pill residue and \$5,440 in cash.

According to police, officers were executing a search warrant at Big Branch in Harold when one of the officers was contacted via telephone by a subject wanting to buy a half ounce of cocaine. The officers then contacted Goodwin and a man named Doug Anderson before calling the subject who wanted the cocaine. Goodwin was arrested after the drugs and paraphernalia were discovered on her person.

Goodwin is being held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 12.

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**Tomorrow**  
Cloudy  
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## Money for schools not reaching them

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

With Floyd County schools struggling of late to make ends meet financially, the last thing a school principal wants to hear is that entitled and secured funds are inaccessible.

But this would appear to be the case.

Apparently there exists tens or perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars sitting in an account somewhere meant for

at least three county schools as profit from charitable bingo operations that have yet to be handed over, Floyd County Schools Supt. Paul Fanning verified Wednesday.

According to Fanning, when he arrived in Floyd County as school superintendent in 1999, there was already a good deal of discussion surrounding school affiliated bingo games. Fanning said these discussions continued after his arrival until the board finally "had enough"

and decided to request a formal inquiry through the board attorney.

The last straw, it would seem, came after legal questions were raised about a Betsy Layne bingo operation arranged to serve both Betsy Layne and South Floyd High School.

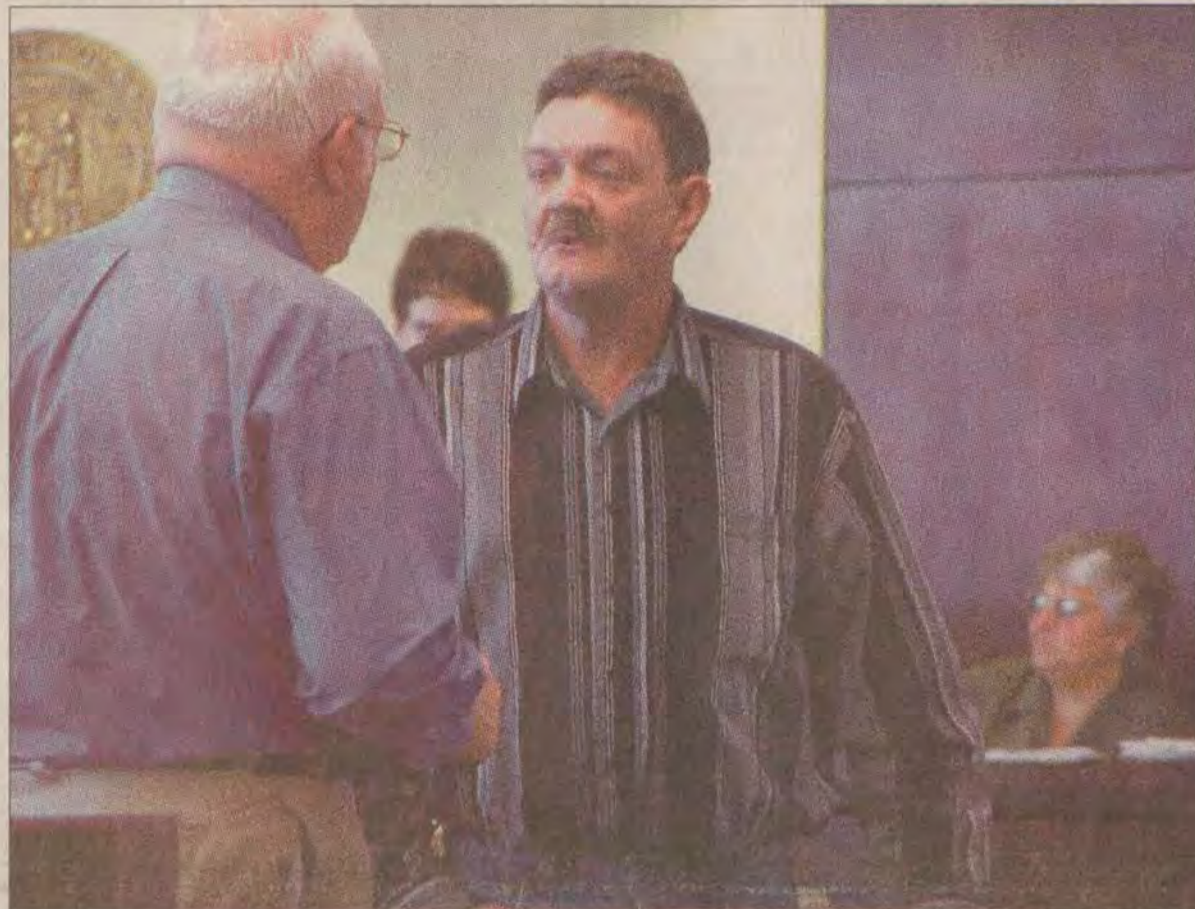
"The board noticed a drop in receipts going to the school [Betsy Layne]," Fanning said.

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A Betsy Layne bingo parlor's association with one school has been removed from its sign with tape.

photo by Sheldon Compton



Robert Michael Compton pleaded guilty on Friday to charges that he failed to register as a sex offender after moving from Floyd County to Colorado.

## Sex offender guilty of not registering

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Colorado man pleaded guilty in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday to failing to register with the state as a sex offender.

Robert Michael Compton, 49, entered a plea to charges that he failed to register as a sex offender

after moving to Colorado from Floyd County.

Compton was originally charged with sex abuse and incest in 1997. Compton pleaded guilty to a charge of sex abuse and sex offenses. One charge of sex abuse and the charge of incest were amended down.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Tay-

lor, Compton failed to register as a sex offender when he moved to Colorado and did not keep in contact with authorities in Floyd County.

In exchange for a plea of guilty, the commonwealth recommended a sentence of five years in a penitentiary with three years probated.

Sentencing for Compton is scheduled for April 4.

## \$17 million road work begins tomorrow

### Delays not expected for 3 weeks

Times Staff Report

**ALLEN** — Tomorrow will mark the beginning of a multi-million-dollar rehabilitation project on U.S. 23 in Floyd County, but the state Transportation Cabinet reports that it will be 3-to-4 weeks before motorists who travel by New Allen to the Pike County line will experience any major traffic flow changes.

According to a press release from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Mountain Enterprises will begin what Dan Hall, chief engineer of District 12, says is a \$17.2 million contract. Doug Wright, construction branch manager at

District 12, said the project will continue the rehab work that was completed in 2001 from New Allen to Route 114, picking up at Allen and continuing to the Pike County line.

Although the work may pose major inconveniences for motorists, business owners and residents, Wright said that the end result would be more than worth the trouble and expenses.

"Folks will have essentially a brand-new road," said Wright.

The expected three-month project involves cleaning ditches, culverts and underdrains, as well as placing six inches of asphalt over the existing road bed. New

quadrails are also included and crews will do some back stowing — blowing rock into old mine openings to seal them — in the Betsy Layne Area. Wrights said that this will provide more support for the rock benches and also make these areas safer. The depressed median will be eliminated and left-turn lanes will be installed near the BP station in the Ivel Area.

The first three or four weeks will not hold major traffic flow problems as the contractor will work on ditchline cleaning and drainage issues.

"We may have a shoulder closed or one lane from time to time, but major lane closures and traffic delays will not begin for about a month," said Wright.

## Knott judge, court accused of reprisal

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — A former county employee has filed a lawsuit against the Knott County Fiscal Court and county judge-executive, claiming that his dismissal was the result of his confronting Judge Donnie Newsome about "improprieties of the bidding process," and a medical leave he took as a result of Newsome's unfair treatment.

According to the document filed in the U.S. District Court in Pikeville, Roger Combs was hired by Newsome as an emergency management director for the Knott County Fiscal Court, at which time he resigned his position with a private employer based on the terms given by Newsome. The lawsuit states that Combs was to make a certain salary and would remain employed as long as Newsome was judge-executive.

Combs alleges that he became aware of certain

improprieties in the bidding process while serving in his position, and when he confronted Newsome with the fact that the process should be changed, Newsome began to treat him in an "unacceptable and confrontational manner."

Combs claims that the treatment became so unacceptable that he began to suffer medical problems and on August 20, 2001, he took a "federally protected" medical leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

At the time of the leave, Combs said that his annual salary was a little more than \$32,000, but four days later, during an open meeting, his salary was decreased to approximately \$20,000. He claims false statements were made during that meeting about him originally being hired in a part-time status, that he had received additional pay in March 2000 for assuming other responsibilities, and that he was in need of an

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

## Hays indicted on vote-buying charge

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**PIKEVILLE** — A federal grand jury indicted an eastern Kentucky lawyer and eight campaign workers for allegedly conspiring to buy votes in last year's race for district judge in Pike County.

The indictment charges that John Doug Hays engaged in the conspiracy to pay people to vote for him in the Nov. 5 election. It was returned in Lexington on Friday after two days of testimony from more than 40 witnesses.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said the conspiracy was to buy votes under the guise of paying people to haul voters to polls.

"We have known for a long time in our state that so-called 'vote hauling,' while legal, is subject to abuse," Van

Tatenhove said. "Not every candidate abuses the practice. But when it is used as cover for the purchase of a vote rather than the compensation for legitimate services, the integrity of the ballot box is threatened. We believe that is precisely what occurred in this case."

The Hays campaign paid 1,217 people \$50 each to drive voters to the polls on election day. His opponent, incumbent Darrell Mullins, paid about 140 designated vote-haulers \$50 each, according to campaign-finance records. Mullins defeated Hays, a former state senator, 10,835 to 7,817.

Hays and his wife, Brenda Hays, were listed in only one count of the indictment, the alleged conspiracy to buy

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# Odds and Ends

## John Kirk's Legal Tips

Kentucky law now provides benefits to workers who have sustained hearing impairment from exposure to noise at work.

Workers presently employed are eligible and such claims may be submitted to the Department of Labor while the worker continues to work. Such claims do not affect the worker's legal ability to continue working.

Persons no longer working may also be eligible to file such claims if they last worked in Kentucky not more than two years ago.

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■ **PLYMOUTH, Minn.** — When the collection plate for St. Joseph's Catholic Church came around to Melvin Doyle he didn't just fill it — he buried it.

Doyle, 89, gave the church his massive coin collection, worth an estimated \$75,000.

"Took three pickup trucks and 12 men," Doyle said proudly. "I'm not a numismatist. I'm a hoarder."

While many people toss loose change into a jar or cigar box, Doyle is one of the rare people who doesn't raid that stash for laundry or bus fare.

His coins eventually filled and then spilled from jugs, buckets, jars and bags that accumulated in his basement and made his wife nervous.

## Kentucky Dam Village to hold two special events

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, in Gilbertsville, will sponsor special events on successive weekends later this month.

The park will celebrate romance with its Country Sweetheart Valentine's Weekend, scheduled for February 14-16.

A package price of \$170 per couple includes two nights' lodging, two nights of entertainment, a prime rib buffet and

country, dancing, featuring the band Critical Condition, on Saturday night, and Sunday brunch. If you're new to western dance, take advantage of the free lessons scheduled for Friday evening, followed by delicious "sweetheart sundaes."

Couples also can enjoy the dinner and dance only for \$65, or the dance only for \$40.

The following Saturday, February 22, the park will host its 30th annual Buffalo Dinner and Native American Heritage Day.

A special meal served from noon until 8 p.m., will include roast of buffalo, buffalo taco pie, barbecued buffalo, and other entrees. Also on the menu will be assorted vegetables and desserts, hot rolls and cornbread. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children.

Throughout the day, the Village Inn lobby will be the site for a variety of cultural demonstrations, ranging from storytelling, to dance, to bow making. There is no admission charge.

For more information on either special weekend, or to make room reservations, call the park toll-free at 1-800-325-0146.

"If you die before me, I'm putting all those coins in your casket with you," he quoted his wife, Marge, saying. "I don't want somebody breaking in here for them."

The quarters filled 26 five-gallon containers, and that's just since the end of silver. There was a keg of pre-1965 silver quarters, 3,500 silver dimes and sacks bulging with hundreds of silver dollars.

There were commemorative sets of fine silver coins celebrating presidents, railroads, explorers and generals, and there was gold, including a complete 18-coin set of \$2 gold pieces.

The money will go toward a \$5 million expansion and remodeling of the New Hope/Plymouth church's worship areas.

■ **LAS CRUCES, N.M.** — Could the New Mexico State University fight song be the most politically incorrect in the country?

Some alumni say so, and are lobbying for a change.

The song includes the line: "And when we win this game we'll buy a keg of booze and drink it to the Aggies 'til we wobble in our shoes."

There is a perception the song promotes excessive drinking, the alumni magazine said.

"The last few years, we've had some alumni say that New Mexico is one of the worst states in the nation for driving while intoxicated," said Debbie Widger, alumni relations director. "Earlier this year, we attended an alumni function in Denver, where once again the topic was raised.

"So based on that, the question is, 'OK, do we want to change it or not?' We're taking the question to alumni, and if they want us to change it we'll change it."

Widger said research would be needed to determine when the song was written, but said,

"We've been told by some alumni that they remembered singing the song in the late 1930s."

Widger said there's been "pretty strong opposition" to changing the song from some younger alumni.

"What threw me is that when they were asked if they knew the words to the fight song, they knew every single word of it," she said.

New Mexico State is the state's land-grant institution, with more than 24,000 graduate and undergraduate students on the main campus in Las Cruces and four branch campuses.

■ **DES MOINES, Iowa** — A

radio disc-jockey has lured the world's largest Cheeto from Hawaii to rural Iowa to become a tourist attraction.

Bryce Wilson, a disc jockey at KLLG-FM, is bringing the giant lump of orange snack food to Algona, a town of just 5,700 residents whose current claim to fame is the annual display of a wooden nativity scene carved by German prisoners of war during World War II.

Wilson, 24, said Thursday the super-sized Cheeto is comparable in size to a small lemon. It was discovered when Navy Petty

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## Senate panel approves plan to keep oil and gas industry regulations with state

by **JOE BIESK**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — Opponents of a hotly contested legislative proposal to prevent local governments from regulating the state's oil and gas industry seemed at least slightly appeased Thursday.

But they're still not totally satisfied with the latest version of the bill that would force the State Department of Mines and Minerals to create rules overseeing the industry.

"We live to fight another day," said Tom Fitzgerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee earlier in the week approved a similar version of the bill. However, the latest version puts

it in writing that the state must create rules for the industry.

Opponents worried the petroleum industry would operate unchecked because the bill did not require the state to install regulations, Fitzgerald said. That could jeopardize people living near oil and gas pipelines and wells, he said.

Still, Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, the bill's sponsor, echoed oil and gas producers who have been pushing the measure. They say the proposal is intended to prevent the industry from having to work under a patchwork of different rules in the state.

"We need to protect the people and have the same regulations on oil and gas all over the state," Collins said.

Now, the main problem critics have with the plan is it doesn't set a specific time frame for the state's regulations to be in place, Fitzgerald said.

"What you're doing is leveling local government authority on the assumption that eventually the department is going to put in place a regulatory program," Fitzgerald said.

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, said it could take up to six months for department rules to be fully installed.

Committee members indicated they may further alter the plan to set a date for the rules to be set.

The measure now heads to the full Senate for consideration. If the Senate passes the bill, it would then head back to the House for its concurrence.

(The legislation is House Bill 458.)

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**LOCAL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Floyd County Board of Education has scheduled a Local Board public hearing on the proposed District Facility Plan for Tuesday, March 25th, 2003, at the Allen Central High School, 6:00 p.m. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board office, 106 North Front Avenue, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., through March 25th, 2003. Questions may be directed to Superintendent Paul W. Fanning at 606-886-2354. Those individuals who would like to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the Local Board public hearing. The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education. The Local Board public hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 9, the 68th day of 2003. There are 297 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

### On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

■ In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.)

■ In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

■ In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

■ In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan.

■ In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

■ In 1975, work began on the Alaskan oil pipeline.

■ In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later.

■ In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

■ In 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

### Ten years ago:

Janet Reno sailed through her confirmation hearing on her way to becoming the nation's first female attorney general. Rodney King testified at the federal trial of four Los Angeles police officers accused of violating his civil rights, saying he'd been "attacked" by the defendants.

### Five years ago:

In a case pitting former high school sweethearts against each other, Brian Peterson pleaded guilty in Wilmington, Del., to manslaughter in the death of his newborn son in a Newark motel and agreed to testify against the mother, Amy Grossberg. (A month later, Grossberg also pleaded guilty to manslaughter; she received 2 1/2 years in prison; Peterson, 2 years.)

### One year ago:

The space shuttle Columbia's

astronauts released the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit after five days of repairs. Melissa Gilbert was elected president of the Screen Actors Guild, defeating challenger Valerie Harper.

### Today's Birthdays:

Author Mickey Spillane is 85. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 71. Singer Lloyd Price is 70. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 69. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 67. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 67. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 61. TV personality Charles Gibson is 60. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 60. Actress Trish Van Devere is 58. Rock musician Robin Trower is 58. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 55. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 55. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 54. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 52. Newscaster Faith Daniels is 46. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 43. Actress Juliette Binoche is 39. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 35. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 32. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 31. Actor Kerr Smith is 31. Actress Brittany Snow is 17. Rapper Bow Wow is 16. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 11.

### Thought for Today:

"It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him." — John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

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# Budget compromise includes axing runoff

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A proposed budget compromise reached Friday night includes more than money. If enacted, it also would change public policy by eliminating a runoff primary election for governor.

House and Senate conferees decided the money required for a primary — perhaps \$6 million — would be better spent on education, Medicaid and human services, Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards said.

The negotiated budget will be presented to the General Assembly on Monday, the leaders said.

"It might not be the ultimate decision of the House and

Senate," Williams said in a news conference with Richards. "But the conferees at the time felt like the cost involved (in a runoff) warranted a close look."

If the legislature goes along, "that was the reason and for no political reason whatsoever," Williams said.

Kentucky reinstated the gubernatorial runoff more than a decade ago, but it has never been triggered. Absent a change in the law, a runoff would be required if no candidate slate got at least 40 percent of the vote in the May 20 primary elections. There are four slates each on ballots for the Republican and Democratic nominations.

Earlier in the week, House and Senate negotiators agreed to recommend that, if the runoff

were to be preserved, the state would pay the entire cost.

But county clerks, who are in charge of local elections, weighed in with their fears that the sheer logistics of an extra election five weeks after the regular primary would be unworkable.

"We do not have a history in Kentucky of having runoff elections," said Richards, who is one of the Democratic candidates for governor. "The clerks were very concerned about having ballots printed, about having people to serve as judges. ... And they also were very concerned — we were all concerned — about in late June being able to get people to the polls."

As for the rest of the proposed budget, which would appropriate about \$15 billion

through fiscal 2004, Richards and Williams gave few insights and fewer specifics. They said they had scraped up more money for education, Medicaid, health services and "various infrastructure" projects than either chamber originally proposed.

Richards also said the budget bill would require school districts to give pay raises to teachers but also would include sufficient funding. He declined to say how much of a raise.

Richards and Williams also said the budget contains money with which to complete renovation of the Lexington Center, which includes Rupp Arena, plus authorization for bonds to

finance expansion of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

The state put up \$15 million for the \$20 million Lexington Center project in 2000. Another \$15 million was promised for 2002.

But state revenues plunged after work began, and Gov. Paul Patton omitted further funding from the budget he proposed in 2002. The General Assembly ultimately failed to enact a budget, anyway.

The project appears to be about half-finished, and there has been considerable sentiment in the legislature to appropriate at least enough money — perhaps \$1.4 million — for debt

service on a bond issue to cover the work.

"It appears both chambers are trying to live up to the commitment" to fund the project, Williams said Friday morning. He declined to give any specific Friday night, though he and Richards said nothing had changed since morning.

As for the Fair and Exposition Center, its governing board would be authorized to sell bonds, provided it uses its own money for debt service.

The General Assembly did not convene Friday to allow more time for the budget conference. The legislature can meet four more days before it has to adjourn.

## Hays

votes. Campaign workers Ross Harris, Taylor Slone, Jerry Joe Dotson, Bobby Roy Justice and Jackie Darrell Smith also were indicted on one count of conspiracy.

Tom Varney was indicted on one count of conspiracy to buy votes and one count of paying a person to vote in the election. David Dotson was indicted on a conspiracy count, plus seven counts of paying a person to vote.

John Doug and Brenda Hays declined to comment on the indictment Friday evening. None of the others listed in the indictment could be reached for comment.

Brenda Hays referred reporters to Covington attorney John West, who is representing her and her husband. West called the indictment unjustified.

"We intend to vigorously defend the case, and we expect to be successful," West said. "Vote hauling is not vote buying. Vote hauling is legal in Kentucky."

West said the Hayses will plead innocent to the charge against them. He said neither of them would ever consider buy-

ing votes.

"John Doug Hays has enough integrity for 10 people," West said. "He would not engage in illegal activity."

The indictment alleges John Doug and Brenda Hays were involved in meetings at which the voter payment scheme was discussed, and that Brenda Hays signed approximately 680 checks, all for \$50, from a campaign account.

The checks, according to the indictment, were delivered to potential voters who were asked

to vote for Hays. The indictment alleges that Varney told one voter who received a check to say it was for vote hauling, not vote buying.

Van Tatenhove said the investigation into vote buying in eastern Kentucky is continuing, and he didn't rule out additional indictments.

"The vast majority of voters in Pike County and elsewhere cast their votes with a clean conscience," Van Tatenhove said. "We owe it to them to make election crime a priority."

## Bingo

"The focus was on the Betsy Layne operation because our concern was that the school wasn't getting the money."

The board attorney then turned to the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming to formally request an audit of all county schools taking part in bingo operations, Fanning said.

The audit began, according to Fanning, well over a year ago.

"We're not sure where they are at with the audit, but it's been a long time since we heard from them," Fanning said.

For whatever reason, the money already in place for disbursement to participating schools has not been given out, according to Fanning, who said the hold on the money was not the decision of the school board.

"It was not frozen by the school board," Fanning said. "This is only speculation, but it might be that the money is being held until after the audit or by the nonprofit organizations assigned to handle disbursements."

According to Kentucky Revised Statute 238.550, each school taking part in such operations is to form a board of officers acting as a nonprofit organization. This organization is then strapped with the responsibility of handing out any money gained from games to their respective school after appropriate purchases have been made. The organization can consist of school officials, business professionals, community residents or anyone with an interest in beefing up funding coming into the school.

Fanning said he did not have records naming individual members of any of the related nonprofit organizations and said his detailed knowledge of those boards was limited.

Department of Charitable Gaming Licensing and Compliance Director Leah

Cooper says there is no chance the money is being kept from the schools due to ongoing investigations connected to that department's audit, for which she offered no estimated date of completion.

"An audit would not prohibit normal transfers," Cooper said. "There would be nothing about an audit that would not let that money be disbursed."

This would apparently leave the decision in the hands of the nonprofit organizations assigned to handle the money, which could just be playing it safe, according to Fanning.

"The NPO [nonprofit organization] might just be waiting until the audit is complete before giving any money because they don't want to give a school a certain amount and then have the audit be completed and then have to take it back," Fanning said.

Neither Fanning nor Cooper could offer speculation as to how much money could be involved. However, records from the Department of Charitable Gaming show that over \$8.3 million was generated by charitable gaming in Floyd County in 2001. Of that amount, over \$7.5 million was paid out in prize money and \$347,270.98 was used for expenses, leaving roughly half a million dollars.

Speaking on behalf of school principals waiting to receive money from these past operations, Fanning was straightforward.

"If they have money coming to their school, they want it."

At one point, at least four area schools participated in bingo operations. However, Betsy Layne, Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School have since shut down their bingo operations. Fanning said South Floyd continues its operations at the Betsy Layne location.

# Grigsby family divided over will

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

The children of a former Floyd County businessman have filed a lawsuit against three of their siblings concerning the last will and testament of their father.

Charles G. Grigsby, Richard V. Grigsby and David L. Grigsby filed suit against Pete Grigsby Jr., Stephen J. Grigsby and sister Marina Evans, claiming that the will of their father, E.P. Grigsby Sr., was not the one that he intended to file.

The suit claims that Grigsby

Sr. told Pete Grigsby Jr., executor of the estate, that the document was not the last will and testament that he intended but died before a new one could be written.

According to the suit, Charles, Richard and David Grigsby were omitted from being heirs to any part of their father's estate as a result and they are asking that Pete Grigsby Jr. not be allowed to distribute or divide any of their father's estate.

According to the lawsuit, the will called for the plaintiffs to be provided for by their mother's

estate and that every child has received an equal portion of Marena H. Grigsby's estate by way of trust.

The suit claims that Grigsby Sr. was unduly influenced by one of the siblings of the plaintiffs that his former wife's estate had been divided between Charles G. Grigsby, David L. Grigsby, Richard V. Grigsby and Jerry Grigsby.

The plaintiffs are also asking that the will of E.P. Grigsby Sr. be judged invalid on the grounds that it is not the proper last will and testament that he intended.

## Lawsuit

assistant.

Combs claims that he was hired full time, that the pay increase from March 2000 did not require him to perform additional duties, and that he was not in need of an assistant, as he already had one in place.

Combs alleges his salary reduction on August 24, 2001, was the result of "underlying reasons" including that he engaged in a medical leave and that he engaged in the reporting and/or complaining of improper conduct.

Combs claims that he remained on medical leave throughout the filing of this complaint due to treatment incurred from Judge Newsome and in August 2002 he was terminated from his position. He claims that Newsome also attempted to interfere with his service on various committees in the community.

However, Eddie Campbell, financial director, said Friday that the Knott Fiscal Court had handled the situation properly, claiming that Combs was hired as a part-time

employee and after a year he was given extra duties and received a pay increase. He said that a year-and-a-half later the extra duties were no longer needed, therefore his salary was reduced back to the original amount.

"There are no such thing as improprieties," said Campbell.

Campbell reported that Combs did take a medical leave, but the fiscal court never knew what the problem was as Combs would simply bring in a doctor's slip that stated he would be off work longer. Campbell said that Combs' sick leave ran over a year before he was terminated.

"We have followed everything to the letter of the law and we will stand by that," said Campbell.

Knott County and Judge Newsome are accused of a Family Medical Leave Act violation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, retaliation, breach of contract, and breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Combs requests a trial by jury where he is

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seeking judgment in excess of \$75,000.

"He don't know what he is talking about," Newsome said Friday in references to the allegations made by Combs.

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## Obituaries

### Rachel Leigh Fraley

Rachel Leigh Fraley, infant daughter of Stephen M. Fraley and Amanda Forman Fraley of Bevinville, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2003, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

She was born March 6, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents, Stephen and Rosie Fraley of Inez; her maternal grandparents, Mike and Sharon Forman of Bevinville; one brother, Dakota Bentley at home; and three aunts, Myra Hall and Megan Forman, both of Bevinville, and Erin Fraley of Inez.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, at the Wheelwright Free Baptist Church, at noon, with Louis Ferrari and John Allen officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinville, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, of Robinson Creek.

Visitation was Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. (Paid obituary)

## Art

"He came running across the street and said he had been looking for me for 20 years," Gardner said from his home in Sacramento, Calif. "He told me his plan, we took some pictures and went from there."

The 6-foot-3 Gardner, who lived in Versailles until two years ago, is featured in nearly all of the pieces.

"His paintings reach out to so many age groups, especially to the younger crowd. They love 'Undeclared' (where Christ wears boxing gloves in a boxing ring) and the tattooed one," Gardner said.

Not all of Sawyer's paintings depict a modern Jesus. He has others that show Christ in more solemn, traditional poses that

are sold through his central Kentucky studio and Gatlinburg, Tenn., gallery to churches throughout the country. But it is the Art for God series that has brought him the most attention.

University of Texas art history professor Jonathan Bober said Sawyer's depiction of Christ is hardly unusual. Christ has been represented in "as many ways as there are human beings," he said.

"There is no record what so ever of a definitive image of Christ," Bober said. "Part of the brilliance of Christianity is its flexibility in all of its cultures that it has taken root. Christ is represented in one time or another in many guises, the only common denominator is being a

young man."

Charles Hughes, of Chapman University in Orange, Calif., was co-editor of "Jesus Then & Now: Images of Jesus in History and Christology." Hughes agrees with Bober in that there is no documented representation of Christ.

"What people consider to be important about him doesn't have anything to do with his appearance," Hughes said.

Then why such a handsome God?

"His outward appearance reflected what he was on the inside," Hughes said, "beautiful, so beautiful."

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

— Felix Frankfurter

## OurView

# Patton can't be so blind

At first blush, the latest revelations in the Paul Patton-Tina Conner soap opera might not seem all that bad.

After all, what's wrong, as the governor put it, with "passing along information"? All he did was make a phone call to the state's director of vehicle enforcement recommending that one of Conner's friends, Officer Monty Clark, be promoted to a sergeant's job.

But it was wrong, and Patton's continuing blindness to the problem shows how completely he has lost his way.

Most obviously, Conner — in either her role as mistress or as Hickman County's Democratic political contact — should not be determining who will be promoted in a law enforcement agency. Further, there's the ludicrous reason why she thought Clark deserved a promotion: He "was a supporter," she said. "He helped us... I like Monty; Monty's a good guy."

And one of his best qualifications as a good guy was that, after Conner got a speeding ticket, he got it fixed.

So, in essence, Patton recommended Clark for a better law enforcement job simply because his mistress and/or party hack asked him to.

Is it really possible Patton can't see the problem?

Of course, this episode fits perfectly into a well-established pattern. In the Patton Transportation Cabinet, the rewards and punishments have routinely gone to the wrong people.

The whistle-blowers and the folks trying to operate by the book are the ones who have lost their jobs.

Meanwhile, the folks who failed to follow up on these important allegations — who tried to hide what was going on — were protected.

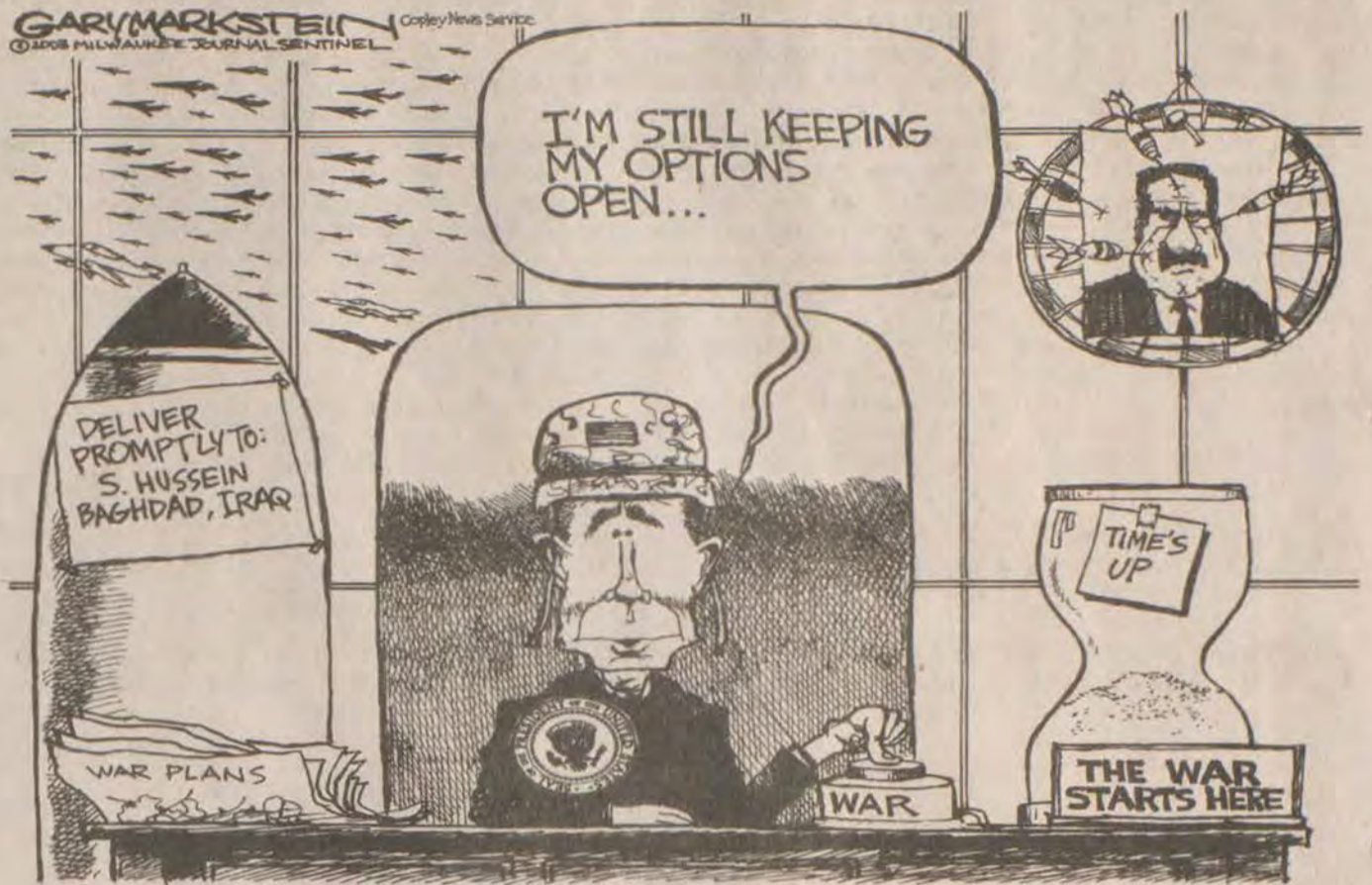
As each episode of the Patton-Conner soap opera has become public, Patton has insisted he didn't misuse his power. But clearly he used it to reward her.

At her request, he recommended the promotion of her friend. On her behalf, he encouraged the Transportation Cabinet to certify her for a program that would give her an advantage in winning road contracts.

The individual pieces of this story may seem more tawdry than scandalous, but they add up to a big, depressing story.

Unfortunately, that story confirms the worst about how state government operates, and it will take a long, long time for the damage to be undone.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



— Jim Davidson

## She's back in the saddle again

While I can't remember all the words, there is an old country and western song that goes, "I'm back in the saddle again. Out where a friend is a friend. Where the longhorn cattle roam, that's where I belong, back in the saddle again."

It has been years since I have heard that song but that's what I thought of the other day when Viola came home from a horseback riding session. More about this in a moment.

If you have read my column on a regular basis you know that my wife Viola has Parkinson's. I share this with you because a number of readers have asked me to give an update from time to time on her condition. It is also my prayer that the various things we are doing to cope with this disease may also help and be an encouragement to others who may be walking the same road. If not with Parkinson's, with something else that is debilitating.

Like any progressive disease, over time the Parkinson's is taking a toll. In her case it's just taking a toll on her body and not her spirit. I marvel at the way she keeps going, doing for others and doing her best day by day to cope with her condition.

Because she is the love of my life, it hurts me to see her suffer and be in almost constant pain. I would take the Parkinson's for her if I could and when I tell her that

she always responds, "You don't want what I have."

Several months ago when she began to have difficulty getting up from a seated position we took some steps that may be of interest to you. First, we bought a new rocker recliner that has wooden arms that makes it easier to rock forward and push up. Then a lady in our Sunday School class covered a four-inch-thick piece of foam rubber cut in the shape of a dining room chair for her to sit on. When she begins to get up the foam rubber rises and acts almost like someone taking her hand.

The one thing that we have been more excited about than anything else is her horseback riding sessions. When she was a young girl growing up she had a horse and has always loved horses. A few months ago she decided she wanted to ride a horse as therapy. We have since learned that this is called "Hippotherapy," after the Greek "Hippos," meaning horse.

There is something about the touch of an animal, like pets that are now part of the treatment regimen in some children's hospitals, that is healing to the body. The parts of the human body that move while sitting on a horse in motion is also part of the therapy.

In our community we have a wonderful young lady by the name of Miss Toby who has a good number of horses and as a busi-

ness, teaches horseback riding skills to mostly young people. Miss Toby is a former state rodeo queen, along with many other honors, and she has a wonderful helping spirit.

Along with her cohorts, Jamie and Cynthia, they have done wonders for Viola. She rides three times each week and really looks forward to it. She says it has helped her physically, emotionally and psychologically. The small amount of expense has been worth it many times over. Don't

know what the long-term outcome or results will be, but we are grateful that Miss Toby has come into our lives.

The other evening a lady said to me, "I am so sorry about Viola." My response was, "We are just grateful the way God has blessed us with so many good years and now we just take it one day at a time."

We do not feel sorry for ourselves because we see people each day that have life much more difficult than we do. The key to happiness has always been to forget our own problems and think about ways we can be of service to others. I know that Viola deeply appreciates your prayers and your concern and I'm just glad that "She's back in the saddle again."

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## — beyond the beltway

# Capital punishment — the debate goes on

by DONALD KAUL

The debate on capital punishment — yes Virginia, there is a debate on capital punishment — tends to take place on the outskirts of rational discourse. People are either all for it or all against it and neither group can understand nor abide the people on the other side.

Put me down in the against-it camp, but because of a natural sense of fairness, I can see the other side's argument, however dippy it may be.

Or I thought I could until I read a story in the "New York Times" the other day dealing with an exchange between a member of the Missouri Supreme Court and a state prosecutor. The prosecutor was attempting to block a death row inmate, a man named Amrine, from having his case reopened on the basis of new evidence.

The Supreme Court Justice, in an effort to clarify the argument, asked: "Are you suggesting even if we find Mr. Amrine is actually innocent, he should be executed?" And the assistant state attorney general replied: "That's correct, your honor."

You might think that was a bad answer by a bad lawyer, but no; it turns out that is a widely held view in the prosecuting business. The prosecutor's boss, Missouri Attorney General Jeremiah Nixon, said that the answer was the legally correct one; the point being that as a practical matter the Criminal Justice system needs to have cases resolved without having to deal with endless, often specious, appeals.

"The word 'innocent' has been tortured beyond recognition," said Joshua Marquis, co-chairman of the National District Attorneys Association's capital litigation committee. "Innocent" means didn't do it,

wasn't there. A very small portion of the people pardoned by Ryan, to say nothing of commuted, are innocent in that sense." (Former Gov. George Ryan of Illinois became so convinced of the haphazard nature of capital punishment that, after pardoning a number of death row inmates who were found to have been not guilty, he commuted the sentences of the remaining 164 prisoners scheduled for execution.)

The stance of the prosecutors, I must say, flabbergasts me. Damn me for a liberal but I think executing the wrong person for a crime smacks of unfairness. Let's leave that argument aside. It really doesn't make sense to me. Let's go back to the less exotic, tried-and-true arguments of old and sort them out:

Worst Argument for Capital Punishment — It is educational; it teaches people they shouldn't kill each other.

You can't prove that nor does it make sense on the face of it. The more obvious lesson to be learned from capital punishment is that it's OK to kill people if you have the power and optional if you think you have a good reason.

Best Argument for Capital Punishment — Retribution. Many capital punishment supporters shy away from this rationale but I don't see anything wrong with it. Some murderers simply deserve to die. Unfortunately it's difficult to write a law that discriminates between the monster

killer and your average once-in-a-lifetime-mistake killer.

Worst Case Against Capital Punishment — It's too expensive, more expensive actually than keeping criminals in jail.

I've always found that hard to believe but even if true, when you're dealing with issues of life and death you shouldn't be quick to put a dollar sign on them. If it's the right thing to do, it's right, expensive or not.

Best Argument Against Capital Punishment — There are two. One is the aforementioned killing of innocents. When a society purports to value life highly, as we do, we should not take lightly the possibility of taking an innocent life.

The other argument is merely that there's no good way to execute people in a humane way. The very act of state execution is inhumane and the spectacle of seeing a

person strapped into a chair and electrocuted or gassed or injected with poison by a mechanical device is stomach-turning.

In simple language, the process brutalizes our society and don't we get enough of that from our television?

There. I hope that clears things up for you.



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# Faith Extra

M I N I S T E R ' S M O M E N T

## Flood of trouble – where is it safe?

by PASTOR STEVE  
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Several women in the congregation where I serve are involved in a Bible study called "Living Free" by Beth Moore. Looking at the book, I have already found

some helpful insights. There is a word used in the Old Testament 49 times that represents a safe place. The word is stronghold. Beth offers the definition of a stronghold as a "fortress with difficult access" (p. 7). We would think of a walled structure with a strong gate.

Over time I have been

involved in the study of Satan's work, whereby he works to set up strongholds in person's lives, in families or even in territories. This insight by Beth reminds me that our God is the greatest stronghold that one could ever find. Psalm 91 says, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, Shall abide under the

shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.'" (verses 1-2, NKJV) In the Old Testament, where physical walls, caves and hill tops were the best strongholds, we must receive the words of the psalmist. The presence of God is the greatest spiritual stronghold.

As there is virtually no safe place on the face of the earth, there is and will be a safe place in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you ever been bothered by nagging thoughts of guilt even after you have repented? Have you experienced fear or confusion in the conducting of your life? The arrows that Satan uses today are different that the arrows of the Old Testament. Today they are arrows of piercing thoughts. Thoughts that can lower your attitude, drop your head, and ruin your day. Beth is accurate when she says that the battleground today is for our minds. I have found this to be true. Therefore, we must go to the Lord and find our inner safe place with Him. The world around us will increasingly become indulgent, deceived, violent and afraid. We must have a sanctuary or a stronghold in God's Spirit. It is like having a strong metal cage around a diver when he or she submerges to work in a shark infested area. The diver is not like the sharks, is vulnerable to the shark, but is protected from the shark. Without the stronghold cage, the diver would be in great danger.

This lesson is needed for each believer. The unguarded believer will be harassed and stolen from as the Jews were before Nehemiah built the wall around Jerusalem. Yet, this lesson has a broader impact upon our churches and even our counties. Could it be that God could set up a stronghold of salvation, healing

and love over a whole county? The truth is He can. It has been done in places in this generation.

The way to do this is in prayer ... the joint prayer of many, many believers. Through this kind of prayer, strongholds of Satan will be torn down just as enemy strongholds were torn down in the Old Testament. Through this kind of prayer, strongholds of heaven can be set up. This is what Jesus meant when He said "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." We can pray this kind of prayer today for God to set up His good and holy ways in us and through us. It is imperative that we pray in unity and in plenty.

The Floyd County Ministerial Association has begun a prayer meeting for this purpose of bringing God's goodness in greater measure to Floyd County. The meeting is held each Wednesday at 12:12 P.M. in the courtroom of the Fiscal Court on the second floor of the old courthouse. Where will it be safe in the days ahead? We want strongly for it to be safe in Floyd County. We want passionately for persons to be able to experience the power and love of Jesus Christ. Please seek the Lord for your own refuge. Please consider joining in prayer asking God to tear down evil and set up His full blessing over Floyd County. You can also pray at home while believers pray at the courthouse. Higher spiritual ground will be needed in the coming flood. We are to pray it here.

## Kentucky artist depicts a modern, even tattooed, image of Christ

by LORI BURLING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VERSAILLES — Stephen Sawyer paints images of Christ on his own terms.

Sometimes his modern-day Jesus is wearing blue jeans, sometimes a T-shirt or even boxing gloves. Many of the paintings have clear meanings, such as Christ holding blueprints of the world.

"I'm trying to bring out the simple truths in my paintings," said the 50-year-old artist, who describes himself as a Christian with no denomination. "Whatever Jesus spoke is represented in my work."

In one painting titled "No Appointment Necessary," a handsome, muscular Jesus lifts his T-shirt sleeve to reveal a tat-

too with a red heart that reads "Father."

Sawyer says the point of the piece is not to judge. "I've known many bikers who serve the Lord, but because of their long hair and body full of tattoos, they're still judged by some people. God judges no one."

But Sawyer says his series of more than 20 Jesus oil paintings called Art for God has been judged plenty, particularly by some Christians who see the work as sacrilegious.

"Sometimes it's hard to sell. My work is in-your-face kind of stuff," said Sawyer, adding that most recently a woman walked out of his gallery because she was offended by "Joy to the World," which depicts Jesus laughing.

University of Louisville religious studies professor Larry Smith said attempting to depict Christ is nearly always an invitation to controversy.

"Any time you make visual presentations of Jesus there is going to be someone who is offended by it, usually because they believe it dishonors Jesus in some sense," Smith said.

"It's the same kind of thing with the American flag," he said. "Some people would object to people wearing the flag as a bikini, seeing it as an insult to the nation, but others would see that as very patriotic."

Sawyer's spiritual and artistic journey began in 1975 after graduating from the University of Kentucky with a degree in advertising. He and his wife, Cindy, traveled the United

States while she pursued a modeling career. Sawyer was not satisfied with advertising and began studying theology and traveling Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Twenty years after his journey began, Sawyer was finally ready to merge his religious studies with his artistic talent. "I was making sure my beliefs were clear and my model was right because I'm going to affect the world with my art," he said.

That model - Tyrone Dove Gardner - is movie-star handsome with long, cascading, brown curls. From the moment Sawyer spotted him through the window of his Versailles studio, he knew Gardner was the perfect God.

(See ART, page three)

## Regional Obituaries

### Floyd County

Dorothy Blanton, 82, of Grethel, died Friday, February 28, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Agnes Caudill Burke, 43, of Bevinville, died Tuesday, February 25, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hillard "Skeeter" Cecil, 65, of Stanville, died Saturday, March 1, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Georgan Sarah Sellards Cecil. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carolyn Christian, 53, native of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 6, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She is survived by her husband, David M. Christian. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Indiana.

Gardenia Gaye Goodman, 60, of Emma, died Sunday, March 2, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Willie T. (Bill) Foley, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 2, at his residence, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Napier) Foley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Ethel Mullins Hall, 77, of Topmost, died Tuesday, March 4, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Eddie Douglas Hall, 45, of Blackie, formerly of Wheelwright,

died Sunday, March 2, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Russell Hamilton, 72, of Hi Hat, native of Floyd County, was dead on arrival at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Tuesday, March 4. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Josephine Crisp Hayes, 83, of Martin, died Friday, February 28, at the Unicoi County Memorial Hospital, Erwin, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Crit Martin, 76, of Hunter, died Thursday, February 27, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Syltana McKinney Martin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Raleigh Nelson, 27, of Pikeville, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, February 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Terri McCall Reynolds Nelson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Herbert Rex Osborne, 76, of Ravenswood, West Virginia, native of Martin, died Thursday, February 27, at his home in Ravenswood. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Roush Funeral Home, Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Albert Edward "Bubby" Prater, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 21, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Annie Gail Ray, 53, of Beaver, died Friday, February 28, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Helen June Hunter Skillings, 69, of Norcross, Georgia, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, February 28, at the Peachtree Christian Hospice, Delute, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Danny C. Skillings. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Blaine Slone, 90, of Craynor, died Wednesday, March 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eliza Taylor, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

### Johnson County

Billy E. Daniels, 70, died Friday, February 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Aye Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 23, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Sylvia Dotson, 93, of Hager Hill, died Saturday, March 1, at Mountain Manor Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Eddie Kimbler, 59, of Sitka, died Wednesday, February 26. He is survived by his wife, Martha Cantrell Kimbler. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

### Lawrence County

Maude Ellen Hardwick, 79, of Louisa, died Friday, February 28, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Frances Marie Pylant, 46, of Allons, Tennessee, died Wednesday, February 26, at Livingston Regional Hospital,

Livingston, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Roberta Hayes VanHoose, 65, of Louisa, died Wednesday, February 26. She is survived by her husband, George W. VanHoose. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

### Martin County

Jordan Isaac Harris, infant son of Patrick and Tammy Harris, died March 2, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Gladys Maynard, 79, of Inez, died Thursday, February 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

David Lee Pack, 17, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Friday, February 28, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Marrowbone, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

James H. Stepp, 72, of Warfield, native of Inez, died Friday, February 28, at the VA Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Warfield Chapel.

Sidney Workman, 65, of Warfield, died Wednesday, February 26, at Mingo Manor Nursing. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Workman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Warfield Chapel.

### Knott County

Dwana Adams, 55, of Jeremiah, died Saturday, March 1. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Letcher

Funeral Home.

Eunice Bates, 91, of Kite, died Thursday, March 6, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Agnes Caudill Burke, 43, of Bevinville, died Tuesday, February 25, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dorothy M. Caudill, 61, of Nicholasville, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, March 1, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Emery Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Earnest Meade, 55, of Mallie, died Wednesday, February 26, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg. He is survived by his wife, Leada Sandlin Meade. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Juanita Brewer Prater, 73, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, February 25, at home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

### Pike County

Pamela Adkins, 43, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday, March 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Avonelle Justice Blackburn, 77, of Detroit, formerly of Zebulon, died Wednesday, February 26, at Belmont Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home.

Florence Collins, 78, of Elkhorn City, formerly of Rock Ridge, West Virginia, died Friday, February 28,

at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Clifford Damron, 71, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 3, at Lake Hospital Systems, Willoughby, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Kenneth Walker Dotson, 43, of Wilmington, North Carolina, formerly of McCarr, died Wednesday, February 19, in Wilmington, the result of a boating accident. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ollie Coleman Harmon, 78, of Rockhouse, died Monday, March 3, at her home. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Edith Lyons Howard, 88, of Lower Johns Creek, died Sunday, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Kermit Howard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Rita Sue Hughes, 44, of Newhall, West Virginia, died Tuesday, March 4, at the Clinch Valley Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Hughes. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Arnold Reynolds, 68, of Island Creek, died Friday, February 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Colleen Anderson Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Marie William Stanley, 89, of Canada, died Saturday, March 1, at Parkview Nursing Home, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.





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COMMENTARY

## A 'crisis of credibility' plagues athletics

by BILLY REED  
TIMES COLUMNIST

This should be the time of year when everybody who loves college basketball is excited about how their favorite team might fare in post-season play.

Most of the conference tournaments will be held next week. Good ol' March Madness finally is here.

Instead, consider some of the headlines from last

Tuesday's Courier-Journal sports section: "Stone case nearly complete." "Fresno State hoops to miss postseason." "Harrick,



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trouble go hand in hand."

"Harrick investigated at Rhode Island, too."

"Cyclones assistant faces child porn charges."

"St. Bonaventure barred from postseason tourney."

Honk if you think the NCAA investigators and their cheating adversaries have joined forces to drain the fun and idealism out of a sport that many of us love.

Nobody wears a white hat anymore. As was demonstrated in the NCAA's outrageous "investigation" of the University of Louisville's Marvin Stone and his high school AAU coach, the NCAA can be as guilty of conduct unbecoming as any of the rules violators it pursues.

The innocent victims are the large majority of players, who work hard to achieve their

(See REED, page two)



Fans, like this young lady from Betsy Layne, were out in full-force during the recent Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament.

57TH DISTRICT

## Lady Hornets no match for Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Tradition is a hard thing to make up and/or overcome. Johnson Central took all of its tradition (and a near perfect record) into Thursday night's 57th District Championship against Magoffin County. The Lady Eagles beat Magoffin County twice in the regular season and clinched a district title with a win over the Lady Hornets Thursday night. Johnson Central grabbed a first-quarter

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The Allen Central High School girls' basketball program is the 58th District Champion for the first time since 1998. Allen Central will host a first-round regional tournament game this week.

photos by Steve LeMaster

# ACHS LADY REBS DISTRICT CHAMPS

## Lady Rebels top Betsy Layne for district crown

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – The third time was the charm for Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert. Halbert, in her third season as coach of the Lady Rebels, won her first 58th District Championship Thursday night when Allen Central beat a talented Betsy Layne squad, 58-54.

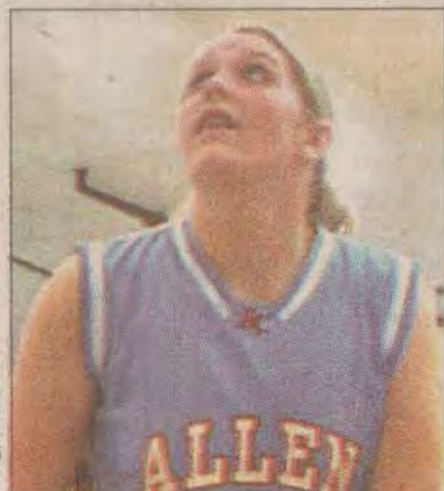
Going into Thursday night's game, Betsy Layne held a 2-1 advantage over the Lady Rebels in games played between the two teams this season.

The win was definitely a sweet victory for Halbert and her team.

"I challenged everyone on this team," said Halbert. "I challenged these underclassmen and asked them to step up and allow our two seniors (Tiffany Turner and Amber Scott) to wear nets home around their necks tonight. It's a special time for these girls."

Halbert also praised her coaching staff, which includes Wesley Case and Ronnie Patton. "I've got the best coaching

(See REBELS, page two)



Megan Harris

### – 58th District Finals at South Floyd –

ALLEN CENTRAL (58) – Scott 12, Turner 21, Mullins 14, Harris 5, Thomas 6.

BETSY LAYNE (53) – Stratton 22, Clark 8, Meade 6, Witt 5, Daniels 2, Lykens 11.

RECORDS – Allen Central 18-10, Betsy Layne 23-5.

HONORS

## Stratton named player of year

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Following another Floyd County Conference championship season, Betsy Layne had another individual player take top honors on Thursday night when hardware was handed out at South

Floyd's Raider Arena. Senior Natasha Stratton, a player who scored career point No. 1,000 earlier this season, was named the conference player of the year.

And what a senior season she's had.

Stratton, who leads Betsy Layne in scoring and is also near the top in other categories including rebounding, assists,

steals and blocks, helped lead Betsy Layne to the 15th Region All "A" Classic title and the All-A State Tournament for a second season in a row. Stratton scored a game-high 22 points for Betsy Layne in Thursday night's 58th District championship game loss to Allen Central. She is currently undecided on college.



Natasha Stratton



photo by Erik Campos

Grady Wallace went from Betsy Layne High to the University of South Carolina where he was an All-American and led the nation in scoring. In between Betsy Layne and USC was a stop in Pikeville.

GRADY WALLACE

## Humble in the wake of greatness

by BOB SPEAR  
THE STATE (S.C.)

Note: Grady Wallace played his high school basketball at Betsy Layne High School before eventually moving on to the University of South Carolina.

college basketball world waits for him to sing praises to himself, the silence will be deafening. No problem; Grady Wallace's actions on the court require no amplification.

He came out of the Kentucky mountains with a scoring touch to envy and modesty to match.

He led the nation in scoring

and the ACC in rebounding, set the school standard (since broken) with 54 points in a game and said farewell to South Carolina fans with a 44-point, 20-rebound masterpiece in his final home game.

Today, Wallace is retired, spends time with his grandchildren

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goals as student-athletes, and the fans, who underwrite their favorite program with their dollars, their emotions, and their trust.

Even at the high school level, there are issues that turn the stomach. Begin with the

unseemly furor surrounding LeBron James, the high-school phenom from Akron. Then move to the issue of whether private schools have inherent recruiting advantages over public schools.

What in the name of James

Naismith ever happened to the principles that are the foundation of any sport? They include honesty, integrity, decency, sportsmanship, and commitment to the concept of a level playing field.

What possible satisfaction can any administrator or coach or player ever get from winning a championship by bending or breaking the rules?

The answer, sadly, is that cheating has become commonplace in every aspect of American life. We cheat on our expense accounts and our tax forms. We cheat on our spouses and our employers. We cheat on our golf handicaps and our friends. We cheat every chance we get.

Playing by the rules is for nerds and geeks. Finding an edge or a loophole is cool. The ugly concept of taking advantage has replaced the moral imperative of taking the high road.

So where do we turn in search of honesty and decency and morality? Not big-time sports, amateur or professional. Not pol-

itics or government or organized religion. Not Madison Avenue or television. Not university presidents or athletics directors or fund-raisers.

Maybe the professional golf tour is an oasis of integrity. Maybe women's basketball and sports in the lesser NCAA divisions. Or maybe you don't have to look any farther than your own heart.

You don't have to be a Phi Beta Kappa to understand the differences between right and wrong. It's simple, really. Go back to your Bible or your Koran or whatever value system that

works for you.

But there's no question that athletics, at every level, is undergoing a crisis of credibility. Where are the heroes and role models who deserve our unconditional support and respect? Where are the spokesmen from the programs that succeed without cheating?

The questions overwhelm the answers.

Where are the umbrella organizations, such as the NCAA, which purports to have the student-athlete's best interests at heart, but then tramples all over his, or her, civil rights when it's

on a vendetta to nail somebody?

I'm not being holier-than-thou. I'm sure I also cheat in ways that I may, or may not, be aware.

I'm just tired of seeing the sports section read like a police blotter. Yet

I also believe there's nothing wrong with amateur sports that can't be cured by a charismatic leader who preaches the idea that winning isn't important unless it's done the right way.

For the moment, though, all I know to do is pull for the Ivy League champion in the NCAA tournament.

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# Betsy, AC finish 1-2 in girls' cheer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**HI HAT**— The Betsy Layne cheerleading team took top honors in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament. The girls' varsity unit from Betsy Layne topped the team from Allen Central for first-place honors. Allen Central's cheerleaders finished second and also received a team trophy for their collective efforts.

Results of the boys' varsity cheerleading competition were unavailable at press time and will appear in Wednesday's edition.



The 58th District Tournament All-Tournament Team.

photo by Steve LeMaster



The Floyd County Conference All-Conference Team.

photo by Steve LeMaster



Betsy Layne, 58th District runner-up, will play on the road in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament.

photo by Steve LeMaster

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lead and led throughout, winning by 20 points 62-42.

The Lady Eagles (25-1), undefeated in the state of Kentucky, having lost to a team from Florida in a tournament down south early in the season, led 20-12 at the end of the first quarter and 33-23 at halftime. Johnson Central's domination continued in the third quarter. In

the third period, the Lady Eagles outscored Magoffin County 22-11, doubling up Coach Neil West's Lady Hornets.

Magoffin County, which fell to 19-7, still advances to the 15th Region Tournament for a second consecutive season, the second in school history.

Pikeville College signee Ashley Wireman, daughter of

head coach Philip Wireman, led Johnson Central with a game-high 17 points. Tiffany Howard finished with 13 and Rhonda Adams chipped in seven.

Michaela Howard paced Magoffin County with 16 points.

Johnson Central will have a home game for the first round of the 15th Region Tournament and will stay at home for the event as long as it wins. The Lady Eagles will try for another trip to the Girls' Sweet Sixteen.

57th District Finals at Paintsville

**MAGOFFIN CO. (42)**  
Shepherd 2, Adams 5, S. Howard 4, C. Howard 1, A. Howard 8, M. Howard 16, Manns 6.

**JOHNSON CENTRAL (62)**  
Wireman 17, Daniels 6, Dials 5, Adams 7, Murphy 4, Daniel 6, Music 4, Howard 13.

**RECORDS** — Magoffin Co. 19-7, Johnson Central 25-1.

Hawks

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Central in scoring with 19 points.

Anna Bevins' game-high 22 led Belfry.

Each team will advance to this week's 15th Region Tournament. Pike Central, with the win, earns the right to host a tournament game in the first round. The loss deals Belfry a road game.

The draw for this year's 15th Region Tournament was scheduled for yesterday. Pairings were

not available at press time.

**BELFRY (73)**  
Hall 19, Bevins 22, Smith 10, Hensley 4, Mahon 10, Hunter 5, Chapman 3.

**PIKE CO. CENTRAL (77)**  
Ratliff 17, Weddington 19, Thompson 2, Russell 7, Coleman 8, Brown 6, Lowe 7, Birchfield 11.

**RECORDS** — Belfry 13-14, Pike Co. Central 19-8.

Wallace

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dren and fusses about the state of his golf game.

He worked for the state probation, pardon and parole board for 30 years, retiring in 1990. As director of parole, he helped build case files for board members to study.

"We provided the support work; we didn't make decisions," he says. "Some of the cases were more publicized than others. The ones when a patrolman had been killed were really tough situations."

After starring for the Gamecocks from 1955-57, he played a couple of 70-game seasons for the industrial league's Phillips Oilers before returning to Columbia. "They didn't have any real money in the pros then," he says.

He finished his degree requirements at USC, married the former Janet Boney, and, in addition to working for the state agency, coached at Cardinal Newman High for nine seasons (and to two state championships).

He and Janet have been married 43 years, have two children

Ortega

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this season. Joining Ortega on the all-tournament team were Jason Morris of Trinity, the tourney MVP, Sean Devins (Trinity), Devin Sona (Centre) and Joe Ringer (Depauw).

Ortega and the Colonels fell short in the conference championship game, losing to Trinity, 58-54.

A recap of the conference championship game follows.

(2) Trinity 58,  
(4) Centre 54

Trinity sophomore guard Andy Bates hit two free throws with :06 remaining, icing a 58-54 victory over Centre and providing the Tigers the 2003 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Men's Basketball Championship and a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

Trinity improved to 21-7 and will find out its first-round opponent on Sunday night when the brackets are announced.

After the Tigers' Peter Murray nailed a three-pointer to give Trinity a 54-48 lead with 5:17 remaining, Centre cut the lead to 54-52 just over a minute later behind two free throws by Jason Atwell and a two-point jumper from James Booker.

A made shot by Trinity's Sean Devins increased the lead to 56-52 at the 2:25 mark, but a driving, circus layup by the Colonels' Jon Ortega sliced the Tigers' lead to 56-54 with 2:05 remaining.

Both teams missed chances to score down the stretch, and Centre found itself with the ball and a chance to tie or win with :18 remaining. After a timeout to set up a shot, Centre got the inside look they wanted, but Devin Sona was called for traveling before he could get off his shot, and the Colonels were forced to foul Trinity's Bates on the ensuing inbounds pass. And the sophomore proved to be up to the challenge as he calmly sank both free throws.

Tournament MVP Jason Morris had 12 points for Trinity, and Bates finished with a team-high 13. Sean Devins, who was an all-tournament selection, had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Centre, which ended its season at 18-9, was led by Ortega's 18 points and five rebounds. Atwell had 13 points and Rob King and James Booker had eight points each. King also had seven rebounds, as did Sona.

and three grandchildren. Grandchildren Sarah, Kate and Matthew, he says ruefully, "are into baseball."

Although arthritis that makes walking steps difficult keeps Wallace from USC basketball games, he often can be found playing golf at Charwood. But, he says, "My game has been so lousy that I'm looking for a fishing pond."

Opponents beware. The scouting report from Charwood regulars says he hits the ball long and high, but not always straight, and plays better than he admits.

Pester him for the highlight in his record-setting basketball career with the Gamecocks and he comes up with an 84-81 victory over Duke in the 1957 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

"I can't remember the exact numbers, but they were up by a substantial margin and we made a little push in the second half and won," he says.

Bob Fulton, the longtime USC broadcaster, laughs, calling the description accurate — but lacking in detail.

"Basically, Grady stood in the corner and tore the nets down," Fulton remembers.

Wallace scored the Gamecocks' final 14 points, putting an exclamation point on a 41-point game with an old-fashioned three-point play to boost USC in front 82-81 with 20 seconds to play. Two free throws wrapped up the upset.

"That's the first time that Carolina had made an impact in ACC basketball," Fulton says.

Wallace came back with a 31-point, 17-rebound in USC's 74-64 win over Maryland and scored 28 in a 95-75 loss to eventual national champion North Carolina in the ACC final. The tournament performance

Rebels

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staff in the region," said Halbert, "these guys are great."

Ashley Rosen, a former player for Halbert at Belfry High School, also assists the team in a couple of different capacities.

The Allen Central head coach wasn't about to take anything away from Betsy Layne, the 2002 58th District champ.

"Cassandra (Akers) does a great job at Betsy Layne," added Halbert. "It was a real challenge for us, but our I felt that our girls were ready."

Throughout the tournament, over the two games it played, Allen Central had different players to step up and contribute. In the opening round game against South Floyd, it was sophomores Becky Thomas and Megan Harris combining for 40 points. Thursday night, two seniors and a junior put forth big games for the Lady Rebels.

Senior guard Tiffany Turner stepped up in a big way for Allen Central in the championship contest. Turner hit three three-point field-goals and scored 21 points. Junior guard Terri Mullins hit seven-of-eight free-throws in the final period and scored 14 points in the title game. Senior Amber Scott scored 12 points on six field-goals to give Allen Central three players in double figures on the night.

Allen Central's sophomore starters also got into the scoring act. Thomas and Harris finished with five and six points, respectively. Harris scored her five in the first period, three on a three-point field-goal, and two on a pair of charity shots.

Thomas got into some early foul trouble and had to spend some time on the Allen Central bench. Harris was defended heavily by Betsy Layne, but still managed to

lifted his scoring average to 31.3 and ensured he would lead the nation in scoring. The chief challengers included Joe Gibbon of Mississippi, Elgin Baylor of Seattle, Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas and Chet Forte of Columbia.

Who would have envisioned such lofty achievements from a 6-foot-4, 164-pound string bean? Not Wallace, who honed his skills by playing basketball "all day, everyday" at his home in Mare Creek, Ky.

"Rain or snow didn't matter," he says. "I loved basketball. That was the love of my life in athletics. But setting records? I never thought about that. I just wanted to play."

Walt Hambrick, his coach at Pikeville College, moved to South Carolina as an assistant, and Wallace came, too. He averaged 23.9 points in 1956, then followed with a monster senior year.

"We had some good players," Wallace says, determined to share the spotlight. "Early in the season, we almost beat North Carolina," losing in overtime to the team that finished undefeated. "I fouled out the first 15 seconds of the overtime."

Wallace scored 1,456 points in his two seasons, and his career scoring average of 28.0 is by far the best in school history.

**RESUME** — All-American basketball player his senior season at South Carolina.

**FAMOUS FOR** — Led nation's major college basketball players in scoring in 1957 with an average of 31.3 points per game.

**CURRENTLY** — 69 years old, retired, living in Columbia, S.C., enjoying his family and complaining about state of his golf game.

get open and create some things offensively for the Lady Rebels.

All five Allen Central starters were named to the all-tournament team.

Jessica Isaac came in off the bench for Allen Central and gave some valuable minutes.

Natasha Stratton led defending district champ Betsy Layne with a game-high 22 points. Whitney Lykens, who recently returned from what was thought to be a possible season-ending injury, and who did not start in the championship game, scored 11.

Kim Clark scored eight and Tiffany Meade netted six. Tabitha Witt and Kristal Daniels, two inside players for the Betsy Layne girls, finished with five and two points, respectively.

Betsy Layne trailed by just four points with seconds left in the game, but could not cut the lead and get any closer.

The win was an emotional triumph for the Allen Central faithful. Former Lady Rebel Shannon Sizemore, the first Cindy Halbert-coached player from Allen Central to sign to play college basketball, was seen wiping away tears. Sizemore is a current member of the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team. She played her senior season at Allen Central under Halbert.

The latest district championship is the 14th for the Allen Central girls' basketball program and its first since 1998.

The district win gives Allen Central a first-round home game in this week's 15th Region Tournament. The loss will send Betsy Layne on the road for the first outing. All semifinal games and the finals of the regional tournament will be played at Johnson Central High School.





**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT** - Celina Elizabeth Rowe, 18, 2003 Prestonsburg High School (PHS) Basketball Homecoming Queen. Rowe is the daughter of Bobby and Beth Rowe of Prestonsburg. Hobbies - Showing walking horses, snow skiing and water sports. She is a four-year member of the PHS Dance Cats. In addition, she is a Who's Who Among High School Student honoree. She will be attending Transylvania University in the fall. She plans to major in pre-med.

**PIARIST SCHOOL**

# Piarist winless streak at 67

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - An opening round loss to Prestonsburg in the 58th District Tournament ran the winless streak for the girls' basketball team at the Piarist School to 67 games. The streak stretches over the better part of four campaigns.

Current head coach Darnella Bradley coached the Lady Knights to the last win in school history.

When Prestonsburg defeated Piarist last night, it ended Piarist's season with a 0-23 record. Piarist went 0-21 last season and 0-13

the season before that. To find the last win, one has to go back four seasons to Jan. 7, 2000. On that cold winter night, the Lady Knights scored a six-point victory over Oneida Baptist Institute.

Bradley returned to the program and school after being gone two seasons. She left the small private school in 2000 to take a position at Montgomery County High School. Gary Kidd was her replacement as the athletic director and coach of both the boys' and girls' teams at Piarist. The Piarist girls' program showed evident improvement this season with Bradley back at the helm.

# STARS Battle of the Bluegrass ready for round number two

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The second edition of the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will kick off with a doubleheader weekend of racing action on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. The season begins at the McCoy Motor Speedway in Glasgow on Friday night and then the series ventures to the Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown for a Saturday night show. Both events will pay \$3000-to-win and the total purse for the weekend of racing is \$30,000.

The series, which debuted in 2002 and was late in getting started now has a full season of sanctioning dirt late model races under its belt and has scheduled 25 events for the 2003 racing season. With total purses exceeding the \$400,000 mark it has been announced the 2003 series champion will receive \$10,000 and the points will pay back 15 positions this year. The 2003 Rookie of the Year award is set at \$3500 cash to the recipient.

Of the 25 races scheduled 18 of those events will be \$3000 to win and seven races will have a \$5000 top prize to the winner. There are three tracks that will host four events each with Bardstown, Ponderosa Speedway in Junction City and Thunder Ridge Racing Complex in Prestonsburg running the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series. McCoy Motor Speedway in Glasgow and the Richmond Raceway in Richmond will play host to three BOB races each. Five other Kentucky race tracks will host single day events including Florence Speedway in Union, Clinton County Speedway in Alpha, Soggy Bottom

Speedway in Morgantown, Mountain Motor Speedway in Isom, in Letcher County and 201 Speedway in Sitka in Johnson County. The series will also make its debut in the Volunteer State of Tennessee with two shows this season. Crossville's Raceway USA and Scenic Raceway will host "Border Wars 2003" in mid-July.

As far as the 2003 STARS Battle of the Bluegrass rules are concerned there are no major changes in the offing, just some minor clarifications on some of the car construction rules and track procedures. Again in 2003 the series will utilize the same tire rule as he did in its inaugural season with Hoosier and American Race Tires being allowed along with incoming tire manufacturer, Goodyear. Series director, Spencer Wilson notes that, "We will use all three tire companies this season, to work with each tire representative has been good, because they

each bring different ideas to the table and they are trying to do their best to assure that the BOB series will continue to grow."

As mentioned the 2003 season will see two events scheduled for the state of Tennessee. Even though the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass is based in Kentucky the demand for racing in Tennessee is great, but crossing the state boundaries will not diminish the overall betterment of dirt late model racing in Kentucky.

The support of the track promoters, drivers, car owners, sponsors and fans was great in 2002 and look for that to continue in 2003 as the series continues to grow in stature and following. Wilson also notes that James Essex will return as the series announcer, public relations director and co-race director. "James has done a tremendous job for us, we appreciate his abilities and knowledge he brings to the series." "He is not only one of the top announcers

in the country, but his story writing and PR work is not full of garbage and he gets straight to the point."

Other personnel changes and additions for the 2003 edition of the series will be evident come opening night weekend the last of April. "We are trying to assemble the best staff possible at the race track, the drivers deserve this because what they want is consistency in rule enforcement and the running of the race program the same each time out." "We are trying our very best to honor that request."

The complete 2003 race schedule, rules and membership forms are available by logging on to the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass website at [www.battleofthebluegrass.com](http://www.battleofthebluegrass.com). The series e-mail address is [boblatermodeltour@aol.com](mailto:boblatermodeltour@aol.com).

For those drivers and car owners not on the mailing list can contact the series office at 859/271-4501.

**64TH DISTRICT**

# Ashland knocks out Lawrence

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SUMMIT - Wednesday night was not a good night for the Lawrence County Bulldogs. It was, however, a good night for the Ashland Tomcats.

Ashland opened post-season play by nailing Lawrence County 83-44 at Boyd County Middle School.

Ashland extended its winning streak to eight games by breaking the 80-point mark for the first time this season.

Ashland rolled to a 40-15

half-time lead and hardly slowed down. The margin reached 41 points on reserve guard Andrew Hancock's three-pointer with 1:36 remaining.

Ashland's man-to-man defense smothered a Lawrence County team playing without one of the state's top scorers. Senior forward Steven Driver, averaging 27.4 points, watched the game in street clothes from the stands due to a suspension.

Driver had a big game against the Tomcats last month before Ashland held on for a 64-

59 victory.

Without Driver and main guard Joe Muncy, who didn't make the trip, Lawrence County (9-17) managed to hang close for a quarter. Thomas Lewis sank two free throws at the outset of the second quarter to trim Ashland's lead to 13-11.

That's when the Tomcats shifted went on a 23-0 run to leave Lawrence County in the dust. A red-hot Howard fueled the surge with two 3-pointers and also hit a 16-foot jumper.

Davis, a senior forward, lived up to his reputation as a tournament-type player with game highs of 24 points and 11 rebounds."

Davis accounted for seven of Ashland's 19 offensive rebounds against Lawrence County. The Tomcats dominated the boards 43-17 and shot 53 percent from the field.

Ashland's Jeremy Howell scored 15 points in the first three quarters, while Chad Cook's steady play also had Flynn nodding his head approvingly. The junior forward supplied seven points and eight rebounds.

The Tomcats improved to 18-8 and 13-1 against 16th Region opponents.

Ashland's victory also completed the field for next week's regional tournament in Morehead. Ashland joined Rose Hill, Raceland, Russell, East Carter, West Carter, Morgan County and Rowan County.

**54TH DISTRICT**

# Lady 'Dores secure district title from line

54th District:  
Perry Central 75,  
Leslie County 64

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD - In front of a huge home crowd, the host Perry County Central Lady Commodores shot 21-for-28 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to capture another 54th District title. The final score: Perry Central 75, Leslie

County 64. Perry Central (24-3) had to fight for the win. The Lady Commodores didn't take the lead until two minutes into the final period. The host team eventually pulled away late. Junior guard Polly Sebastian led the Lady Commodores with 24 points, eight steals and five rebounds and junior center Brittany Baker had 17 points and seven rebounds for the winning team.

With her usual standout performance, Heather Benton led Leslie County, scoring a game-high 32 points.

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Megan Harris drove the baseline in Allen Central's opening round win over South Floyd. Harris, a sophomore, was named to both the all-district and all-conference teams. Teammates Amber Scott, Becky Thomas, Tiffany Turner and Terri Mullins were also honored.

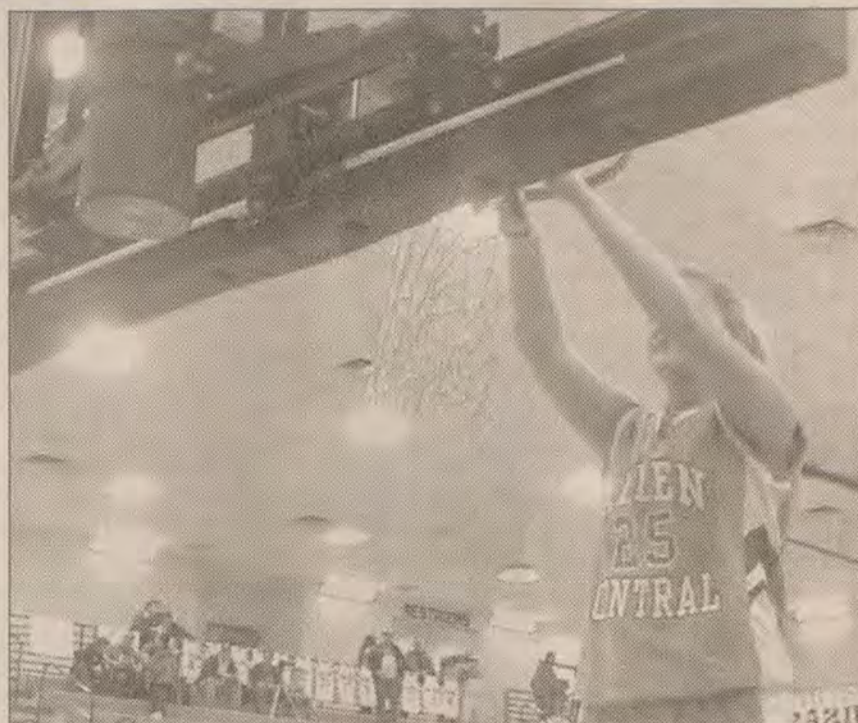


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Jessica Isaac took her turn at cutting the net following Allen Central's 58th District Championship win. Isaac came in off the bench in the Lady Rebels' victory over defending champ Betsy Layne.



# LADY REBELS

58TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: It was time to cut nets and celebrate following Allen Central's title game win.

photo by Steve LeMaster



photos by Steve LeMaster

Left: Junior guard Terri Mullins was more than excited following Allen Central's championship victory. It is the first title under head coach Cindy Halbert. Right: The AC Lady Rebels were all smiles.



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## Space antenna gets first funding

MOREHEAD — Thanks to U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, Morehead State University now has the funds to purchase and erect a satellite antenna system as the first phase of its Space Science Center.

The congressman has announced that the new federal budget includes

\$450,000 headed to NASA for MSU's antenna project. This new appropriation brings the total amount of federal money earmarked for the antenna and related projects to nearly \$3 million over the last three fiscal years. Earlier earmarks secured by Rep. Rogers were for almost \$2 million and \$500,000.

"We are delighted by the news and deeply grateful to Congressman Rogers for his untiring efforts to bring advanced science and technology to our campus and East Kentucky," said MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. "In addition to significantly strengthening our academic programs, this project

holds great promise for regional economic development tied to the telecommunications industry."

In addition to the satellite antenna, the federal funds channeled to MSU by the congressman also are financing GPS (global positioning system) ground stations at MSU,

Campbellsville University, Southeast Community College in Cumberland and the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. The project also includes weather stations at airports in Somerset and Rowan County.

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COLLEGE NEWS

### ALC sponsors PBL week

The Phi Beta Chapter (PBL) of Alice Lloyd College held PBL Week February 9-15. The Chapter's goal for the week was to introduce the benefits of the club to the community and encourage new members at ALC to participate in fundraisers and service projects.

Richard Kennedy, ALC professor and mayor of Pippa Passes, proclaimed the week as PBL Week. A special recognition reception was held for chapter advisors. PBL President Jim Douglas and Vice President of Fundraising Jonda Barker spoke to the freshman class about PBL and invited them to join.

COLLEGE NEWS

### Early fall registration

Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College priority registration for the fall will begin April 14. This is registration for returning students. Class schedules for Fall will be ready by April 1st. Advising begins April 1st. Contact your advisor for an appointment.

Registration for Intercession will begin May 12, Summer Session A will begin June 4, Summer Session B will begin July 3 and the full Summer Session will register June 4. Schedules for Intercession and Summer are available at the colleges and on the web at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/schedule.htm.

### KET highlights ALC professor/author

Each month, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) introduces a monthly book by a Kentucky author. The book for March is *Hell and Ohio: Stories of Southern Appalachia* authored by Alice Lloyd College English professor Chris Holbrook, of Pippa Passes. Professor Holbrook examines the complexities of contemporary life in the Eastern Kentucky mountains where he was born and still lives. In *Hell and Ohio* his characters struggle with personal heart-break, unemployment, the temptations of alcohol, and abuses of the land in the name of individual or economic progress. But they also hold fiercely to family, faith, community, and the hills themselves. Tune in to KET during the following times to catch the program hosted by Bill Newman: Sunday, March 30 at 3:00; Tuesday, April 8 at 8:30; and, Saturday, April 19 at 5:30.

### — "THE ODD COUPLE" —



The Odd Couple Cast

Little Theatre of Hazard announces the cast for their spring production of the female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple". Standing, from left, are Allison Mosley, Adrienne Szabo, stage manager Jackie Goodin, and Leslie Shockey. Front, from left, are Missy Combs, Robert Smith, and Rebecca Fletcher. Cast members not pictured include Jack Faust and Lisa Feltner. The play is part of the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series and will be performed Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. with an encore performance the following evening and a matinee on Sunday, April 13 in the Learning Resource Center at Hazard Community College.

## Little Theatre announces cast for "The Odd Couple"

The Little Theatre of Hazard held auditions last week for their spring production of Neil Simon's Broadway classic "The Odd Couple" (female version) and now has a cast for the upcoming play.

A modern twist on the 1965 play by the same name, "The Odd Couple" (female version) comically depicts the no-holds-barred conflicts that best friends with drastically differentiating lifestyles and dispositions encounter when trying to coexist as roommates in a small New York apartment during the 1980s.

Olive Madison (played by Rebecca Fletcher) is a career woman and recent divorcee who revels in her

own cluttered lifestyle, bragging to friends she can "read a book and leave a mess." Florence Unger (played by Missy Combs) is a domestically focused mother of two who finds herself single and

homeless when her husband, a five-foot three-inch urban cowboy with boots that reach above his knee, suddenly announces that he wants a divorce after 14 years of marriage.

Olive invites Flo to become her roommate when she shows up at the weekly trivial pursuit match distraught

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COMMENTARY

## A View from the Hill

"We've got spirit, yes we do!" With basketball season in full swing and softball and baseball just getting under way, Pikeville College students are full of school spirit.

Many students, like me, have been wearing orange and black to support the Bears. Since Pikeville is such a small

town, attending the basketball games throughout the week is a great way to pass the time.

Pikeville College has such a small student body that it is easy to get to know everyone on campus. This makes the games much more fun because I'm not just watching my college team compete; I am really watching my friends and classmates.

The men's and women's teams are doing well this season; both teams have been nationally ranked for several weeks. The games are very upbeat and enthusiastic and both the teams and the fans get very excited. The pep band, cheerleaders, and dance team also add to the spirit-charged atmosphere.

As tournament time begins, spirits rise and crowds begin to grow. If you are looking for something fun to do I highly recommend coming out to the games and supporting the Bears.

Jennifer McCoart of Van Lear, is a sophomore at Pikeville College majoring in biology.



JENNIFER MCCOART

EVENTS

## College Calendar

### Wastewater Operator Training

The Prestonsburg Community College Office of Community and Economic Development will be offering Continuing Education classes for certified wastewater operators at the Prestonsburg Campus.

The classes will be held Monday, March 24, through Thursday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The areas of wastewater microbiology, wastewater chemistry, mathematics for wastewater operators, and safety will be part of this program.

To sign up for the class or receive more information please call the PCC office of Community and Economic Development toll free at (888) 641-4132, ext. 6258, or locally (606) 886-3863 ext. 6258.

### ACT Preparation

The office of Community and Economic Development at Prestonsburg Community College will be holding ACT Prep Workshops Saturday, March 22, and Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. All areas of the ACT will be covered in individual two-hour sessions.

For more information or to sign-up for these workshops contact the PCC office of Community and Economic Development toll free (888) 641-4132, ext. 6258, or locally (606) 886-3863, ext. 6258.

### Septic Installer Class

There will be a septic installers class at Mayo Technical College on March 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the auditorium building C. The fee is \$50 and this will be the last septic class offered this year.

For more information, call 606-789-

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## New service award established



Jean Dorton

The Big Sandy Educational Foundation Board recently authorized a new service award. Jean Dorton introduced The Interstate Natural Gas Community Service Award, which is open to any student or employee of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District. The award is \$1,000 which will go to one student and one employee of the district.

The awards will be announced at Commencement May 9, 2003, at the Mountain Arts Center.

Foundation members, employees or students may nominate someone for this award. Award Criteria will be for:

- an employee or student performing community service or civi-

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## Peking Acrobats

The Peking Acrobats will perform Tuesday, April 1, at The Forum - Hal Rogers Center, in Hazard, at 7 p.m. Peking Acrobats is the largest and most amazing attraction of its kind. This premiere 26-member group delivers an acrobatic carnival, accompanied by a live Chinese orchestra.

"Amazing" is how New York Times described them during their three-week Broadway sell-out in April, 2001. The show is part of the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series. Admission will be \$16 for adults and \$8 for students. Age five

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**Record gasoline prices predicted for April**by H. JOSEF HEBERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices are expected to continue their upward climb and reach a

record national average of \$1.76 a gallon in April, the Energy Department forecast Thursday.

It predicted gas prices will average about \$1.70 a gallon

for regular brands through the summer driving season.

Gasoline prices have soared during the past month because of high crude oil costs, heavy demand for heating oil and

tight inventories of crude as well as most petroleum products.

Already many parts of the country have been paying \$2 or more at the pump. This week

prices soared on the West Coast, where refining problems added to the price spike.

Gasoline prices increased to an average of \$1.68 a gallon nationally this week, a hike of

nearly 3 cents from last week and 54 cents higher than a year ago. Prices on the West Coast took the biggest jump, increas

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**Medicare  
AND YOU**Donna R. Morton  
Medicare Beneficiary  
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**Q** What information is available about the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announcement on January 17, 2003 to suspend enrollment of certain Veterans who are not currently enrolled in the VA system?

**A** On January 17, 2003, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi announced a decision to suspend enrollment of certain Veterans who are not currently enrolled in the Veterans Administration (VA) system. The Secretary's decision means that this group of high-income veterans with no service-connected disability will no longer have access to health care services provided by the VA. For further details on this VA decision, you should contact the VA.

**Q** Does the announcement affect my Medicare eligibility as a veteran?

**A** This announcement does not affect veterans' Medicare eligibility, only the opportunity for certain veterans to obtain VA services.

**Q** What is being done to assure these veterans of health care options?

**A** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking action to preserve the available health care options for these individuals. CMS is working actively with the VA to create a Medicare+Choice option that will allow affected veterans to continue to get health care services at certain VA facilities. CMS and the VA are currently working out the details of the new program. It is expected that the new VA+Choice Medicare option will allow Medicare-eligible veterans to enroll in a program with a benefit level determined by the VA and to receive services through the VA and other providers. The costs of this new option would be paid through a combination of Medicare+Choice payments and enrollee premiums. It is expected

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## — STREAMLINE SALES TAX PROJECT —



Rep. Harry Moberly has introduced legislation which could ultimately result in Kentuckians paying sales tax on internet purchases. States currently cannot charge sales tax on most internet purchases, but if 35 states adopt similar legislation, Congress is expected to pass legislation allowing them to do so.

**Bill could lead to tax on internet purchases**

FRANKFORT — A bill pending in the Senate could make it easier for Kentucky to collect sales tax from Internet sales in the future.

House Bill 293, sponsored by Rep. Harry Moberly, passed the Kentucky House of Representatives 79-15 yesterday. It makes changes to a 2001 state law that added Kentucky to a growing list of states that have simplified their sales and use tax laws to accommodate e-commerce.

The tax changes are part of a national Streamlined Sales Tax Project in which Kentucky is a participant. Moberly said that if 35 states pass laws conforming to the project, Congress is expected to act on the issue of

e-commerce taxation.

If Congress passes legislation that allows the states to capture that revenue, Moberly said it would create \$286 million in new revenue.

Moberly said HB 293 changes definitions in Kentucky law to tax shipping, as well as handling, on all delivery charges, personal property delivered electronically and dietary supplements, candy and soft drinks. It exempts prescription medication, prosthetics and continues to exempt baked goods from sales tax.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1992 said that

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## COLLEGE NEWS

**Workshop shares 'seven habits'**

MOREHEAD — With daily news headlines about state budget cuts, struggling economy and falling stock prices, how can your business or organization stay productive and effective?

A new three-day course offered by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education can help you maximize the performance of your business and its employees.

In "Seven Habits of Highly

Effective People," professional trainer Doug Bruce will lead participants through the successful steps detailed in Stephen Covey's best-selling book of the same name.

Topics will include personality versus character ethics, dependence and interdependence, proactive vision, personal management, principles of creative cooperation and balanced self-renewal.

The program will be held

Tuesday through Thursday, April 8-10, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Waterfield Hall, Conference Room 3.

Registration is \$250 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and all training materials.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or visit www.ed2go.com/moreheadstate.

**W.Va. Senate passes 55-cent cigarette tax**by GAVIN McCORMICK  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The state Senate on Friday sent to Gov. Bob Wise his proposal to increase the state's cigarette tax from 17 cents to 55 cents per pack.

The Senate, which originally passed the bill (SB105) last week, agreed over Republican objections

to a House of Delegates amendment to move the bill's effective date from July 1 to May 1.

That change would give the state an estimated \$12.5 million in the budget year that ends June 30.

The vote was 20-14. The House of Delegates voted 59-38 Thursday to increase the tax.

Wise sought the 38-cent increase to raise an annual \$60 million for

the state's Medicaid program, which provides health care to low-income and disabled residents.

Wise has said failure to pass the tax would create a \$225 million hole in next year's Medicaid budget and cause the loss of 4,906 health care jobs.

Sen. Karen Facemyer, R-

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## RATE INCREASE

**Unemployment rate rises to 5.8 percent in Feb.**by LEIGH STROPE  
AP LABOR WRITER

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate increased to 5.8 percent in February and companies across the economy slashed 308,000 jobs — the steepest one-month slide since hiring hit a slump in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

With the country now on the verge of war with Iraq, the overall civilian jobless rate climbed a tenth of a percentage point from the 5.7 percent figure recorded in January, the Labor Department reported Friday.

Economists had predicted the modest rise, but they did not expect the hemorrhaging of jobs that wiped out large hiring gains the month before. Analysts actually had forecast job gains of 20,000.

Instead, employers last month shed the most jobs since November 2001, when they purged 327,000 from their payrolls following the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

David Wyss, chief financial economist at Standard and Poor's DRI, called the jobs report "dreadful."

"There's not a lot here to give you any optimism, frankly," he said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the report should serve as an "important reminder" to Congress that President Bush's tax-cutting package needs to be passed. Fleischer acknowledged that the prospect of war has slowed down the economy.

Nearly 2 million jobs have been lost since hiring peaked in March 2001.

In February alone, 8.5 million people were unemployed, a 2.8 million increase

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**State becomes net importer of labor**

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky gets more commuting workers from bordering states than it exports, new figures from the 2000 census show.

"We're now actually an importer of labor," said Ron Crouch, executive director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville.

Figures released Thursday showed that 115,460 people commuted from a neighboring state to a job site in Kentucky in the week preceding the 2000 Census. That was 5,251 more than the number of Kentuckians who commuted to jobs in neighboring states.

Of workers who lived out of state, more than 46,000 were in Indiana. Over half of the out-commuting Kentuckians — 59,100 — went to Ohio, especially from northern Kentucky's Cincinnati suburbs.

"The big urban centers supply the jobs," said Crouch, whose agency jointly analyzed the data with the Workforce Development Cabinet. "They may live in the suburban counties, but they work in the urban counties."

For example, a quarter of the people who worked in Jefferson County — nearly 101,000 — lived elsewhere, according to the data. In Fayette County, the total was 49,544 — 29.6 percent of all workers in the county.

Crouch said the figures were indicative of a trend that bodes well for the Southeast, the fastest-growing region of the United States.

"Even if we're in something of an economic downturn, the Southeast is really the best place to live now," Crouch said.



# Art show takes viewers 'Behind the Walls'



"Behind the Walls: Art in Confinement," a special exhibit that is composed of the work of inmates in Kentucky's prisons, is currently on display at the Kentucky Folk Art Center. Among the works to be exhibited is this color pencil on paper drawing by William Miller, entitled "Who Am I." The display will include a variety of media including paintings, sculptures in wood, metal and paper, found materials and playable musical instruments made entirely from matchsticks.

MOREHEAD — The Kentucky Folk Art Center opened a new exhibit titled "Behind the Walls: Art in Confinement," on Thursday, Feb. 20.

This display, composed of the works of inmates in Kentucky prisons, is described as offering new perspective on a world unknown to most of us on the outside, as it sheds new light on the human spirit and how it responds to extreme circumstances.

"The environment in a prison is complicated, composed of scheduled lock-downs and periodic shakedowns," explained exhibition curator/artist Craig Bunting of Kuttawa, who has conducted visual arts projects in four Kentucky prisons during the past few years.

"Possessions are limited and only two pieces of art are allowed in an individual's

cell at a time. The art must never be larger than 14 by 21 inches," he continued. "Inside, it takes only a few moments to become aware of a prison's psychosis, an awareness of the loss of individuality."

"Prisons operate according to a social order all its own," said KFAC curator Adrian Swain. "This is the art of a very different culture. As such, it offers intense new insights into the human experience that we can nevertheless identify with and learn from."

The artists included "are all doing 10 years of time or more," writes Bunting in the exhibition catalogue. "Almost half of them have been sentenced to spend the rest of their lives behind bars. Time spent in insular communities with limited access to materials creates common traditions and imagery."

The exhibition includes work in several

different media, including paintings, drawings, sculptures in wood, metal and paper, found materials and playable musical instruments made entirely from matchsticks.

The show opened with a public reception at the Center on Feb. 20, with refreshments and live music, including traditional tunes played on the matchstick fiddle, guitar and mandolin.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic service of Morehead State University.

The show runs through May 31. Additional information is available from the Center's Web site at [www.kyfolkart.org](http://www.kyfolkart.org), or by calling (606) 783-2204. KFAC, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

## Rise

since the fall of 2000. The number of long-term jobless tripled during this period. About 1.9 million people have been jobless for 27 weeks or more, comprising 22 percent of total unemployment.

Businesses have been wary of making long-term hiring and spending commitments as the economy struggled toward recovery. Any improvements in the jobs market now appear to be quashed as the nation inches toward war with Iraq.

It was that same climate of uncertainty that dampened business confidence in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and soured job prospects for the unemployed.

Until the Iraq conflict is resolved, economists don't expect any consistent hiring by companies. "Tell me what's going to happen in Iraq — I think that's going to swing it," Wyss said. "As long as we see continued problems over there, I don't see people climbing out of their holes."

Job losses in February were widespread. The nation's factories were hit particularly hard last month, which was not unexpected. Manufacturing employment has been obliterated since April 1998 and some 2.5 million

jobs have been lost, most of them since the recession started in March 2001.

A sharp in construction employment wiped out gains in January. Since the recession began, construction jobs have been cut by 3.8 percent, substantially less than in other industries.

Employment in services fell by 86,000 last month, the largest monthly job loss since the fall of 2001. In that category, stores, restaurants and bars accounted for most of the decline.

Hiring in amusement and recreation services, and at hotels and lodging places, all fell considerably short of their

normal February levels.

The health care industry, one where growth has been consistent, again added jobs last month, although the increase was the smallest since 1999.

Hiring also continued in mortgage banking, which has added 122,000 jobs since January 2001. That reflects a mortgage refinancing spree and general strength in the housing market.

Mortgage rates dropped to a new low this week, spurred by falling rates in the Treasury bond market. Investors worried about war are seeking safer investments in bonds.

## Odd

and quasi-suicidal about her sudden separation from her husband. Through a series of hilarious situations that pit Olive's messy nature against Flo's pension for neatness and detail, the pair soon realizes that they cannot coexist and must, themselves, "divorce."

Livening-up the mix are the virile Costazuela brothers, Jesus (played by Jack Faust) and Manolo (played by Robert Smith). These brothers from

Barcelona, who work in airline sales and administration, live in the apartment above Olive. The absurdly romantic pair demonstrates a passion for life and the high strung Flo that culminates in a surprise ending to the play.

Supporting cast for Little Theatre's production of "The Odd Couple," include Adrienne Szabo playing Mickey, a tightly-wound female cop who would go to drastic lengths to help (or subdue) a friend; Allison Mosely playing Vera, a sweet but befuddled character with good intentions but no clue; Lisa Feltner playing Renee, the only confirmed bachelorette in the group; and Leslie

Shockey playing Sylvie, the cynical and wisecracking friend.

Opening night for Little Theatre's "The Odd Couple" is scheduled for Friday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. with an encore performance the following evening and a matinee on Sunday, April 13.

## Space

Dr. Eaglin announced that bids have been taken on the antenna system, to be located on a ridgetop west of Eagle Lake on the MSU campus, and that a contract is expected to be awarded within a few weeks. The successful vendor must manufacture the antenna this year and erect it during 2004. Final plans are being prepared for the construction of an access road to the antenna site. Bids will be sought this summer.

The satellite antenna will have a 60-foot wide dish and stand eight stories high. Control facilities will be established temporarily in three 40-year-old

buildings in MSU's Lakewood Terrace area.

The second phase of the Space Science Center will be the construction of a classroom and laboratory building estimated at \$15 million. It is MSU's top capital construction priority for state funding.

## Floyd Countians named to HCC Dean's List

The following Floyd County Hazard Community College (HCC) students have been named to the Dean's List at HCC for the fall 2002 semester: Joe Henry Burkett, of Banner; Dorothy A. Slone, of Auxier; and Steffanie Renee Tackett, of Hi Hat. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have attained a grade average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

## Award

ally engaged as a volunteer

- volunteer activities of the nominee
- possible areas of volunteerism, to include but not limited to:
  - Recreation
  - Health Care
  - Child Care
  - Literacy
  - Rural Development
  - Education (including tutorial services)
  - Community Improvement
  - Support services to students with disabilities

Forms for nominating a person for this award may be found at [www.biggsandy.kctcs.edu/awards.htm](http://www.biggsandy.kctcs.edu/awards.htm).



HCC receives donation from Hazard Kiwanis

Brian Elsea, right, treasurer of the Hazard Kiwanis Club, presents Hazard Community College president and CEO, Jay Box, left, with a check for \$2,500 for the University Center of the Mountains. The Kiwanis Club raised the money by holding a variety of different fundraising projects. The club hopes, through its donation, to increase educational opportunities in the area.



Employee of the Semester

Ron Daley, right, director of the Knott County Branch, is honored as "Employee of the Semester," Hazard Campus, at Hazard Community College. Dr. Jay K. Box, left, president and CEO of HCC, recognized Daley for his dedication to students and hard work.

## Record

ing by 8.5 cents to \$1.93 a gallon, according to the Energy Information Administration.

"With the driving season beginning next month, pump prices are expected to continue to rise," said the EIA in a short-term energy forecast released Thursday.

The EIA said gasoline inventories remained tight, close to the lower end of the five-year aver-

age. This "is one of the reasons current pump prices are high," said the EIA, the department's statistical agency.

The \$1.76 a gallon forecast for April would be a nickel more per gallon than the record high of \$1.71 set in May 2001, said the agency.

These prices would still be somewhat of a bargain compared to gasoline costs in 1981 if inflation were taken into account, the EIA noted. Using today's dollar, motorists were paying the equivalent of \$2.90 a gallon in March 1981, said the EIA.

The EIA said crude oil prices in February "moved higher than expected pushed by fears of war in Iraq, lower inventories (and) slow recovery of Venezuela's exports." The price of West Texas Intermediary, a benchmark crude, averaged \$36 a barrel, a level not seen since October 1990, just

## Nurse aide class starts at Tech Campus

Hazard Community College will offer a nurse aide class beginning on Tuesday, March 18; the class will be taught by JoAnn Gibson on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Technical Campus.

Registration is on Friday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.; students should report to the Nursing Department in the Business and Office Education Building and then proceed to the student affairs area in the Devert Owens Building. Tuition is \$200.

Those interested can call Admissions at 436-5721, ext. 8309 or Nursing Department at ext. 8368.

## Tax

state taxation of Internet sales and use was unconstitutional because it might hurt interstate commerce. The Court suggested, however, that Congress could address the matter through legislation. The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the authority to "regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states."

## You

that this option will be available in certain parts of the country later this year.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy G. Thompson has broad authority under Medicare+Choice to waive requirements that hinder contracting

Medicare+Choice organizations and employer or union groups. We have determined that this group of veterans may be considered as an employer group for the purposes of this waiver authority. CMS is working with the VA to determine the details of this new program and hopes to announce

## Learn newest hair trends from Tiny Carroll

The Technical Campus of Hazard Community College is delighted to announce the return of professional and nationally known hairstylist Charles "Tiny" Carroll assisted by Chris Johns.

Their class "Cut and Color: 2003 Spring Trends" will be held Sunday, March 30, begin-

ning at 9:45 a.m. Six hours of continuing education can be used for the 2002 - 2003 licensing requirement. Pre-registration is highly advisable because class size is limited.

To register contact Christina at (606) 435-6101 or 1-800-246-7521 ext. 8316 or 8347.

## Passes

Jackson, objected that the bill's earlier effective date would hurt convenience stores and other small businesses, especially in counties bordering Ohio, Kentucky or Virginia.

Ohio also has a 55-cent cigarette tax. Kentucky's is 3 cents, while Virginia's is 2 cents, though Virginia communities can set higher taxes.

"We're crucifying these border counties and the businesses within them," Facemyer said. "At the very least, stick with the original effective date of July 1st so businesses have a chance to prepare for this."

Senate Finance Chairman Walt Helmick, D-Pocahontas, said he planned to put all the additional \$12.5 million into the state's Medicaid budget, drawing another \$37.5 million in federal matching funds.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Jeffrey Kessler, D-Marshal, said the extra cash would help offset a \$10 million tax credit given to physicians this year as part of medical malpractice

legislation.

In other action, senators unanimously passed to Wise a bill (SB648) revamping state election law.

The bill would keep the state in line with the federal Help America Vote act and paves the way for it to receive \$19.5 million in federal funds to automate voting equipment. It also changes early voting periods.

The House amended the bill Wednesday, and the Senate agreed to those minor changes.

Senators also passed back to the House a bill (HB3051) to increase from \$25 to at least \$200 the amount lobbyists may spend on a legislator each year before reporting that lawmaker's name in disclosure statements to the state Ethics Commission. The vote was 23-11.

The House had proposed to increase the amount to \$50 a year. Delegates must agree to the Senate change before the bill can be sent to Wise.

months before the start of the Gulf War, the agency said.

Alluding to possible fighting in Iraq, the report said that "even without additional disruptions to world (oil) supply in the near term, prices are likely to remain on the high side and subject to substantial volatility through 2003."

Cold weather and tight supplies of both natural gas and heating oil caused residential heating bills to soar this winter.

The government estimated that if normal temperatures prevail through the end of this month, residential heating bills, compared with last year's cost, will be up by 30 percent for homes using natural gas, 60 percent for homes using oil, and 25 percent for homes using propane.

The cost of heating oil climbed to \$1.83 cents a gallon this week, or 68 cents higher than a year ago, the government said. Propane increased to \$1.72 a gallon, 60 cents more than a year ago. Natural gas prices have receded somewhat, but remained high.

## Peking

and under admitted free. For more information, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 800-246-7521, ext. 8067 or at [Tammy.Duff@kctcs.edu](mailto:Tammy.Duff@kctcs.edu)

those details later this year.

Where may I find additional information about the original announcement?

You can view the entire January 17, 2003 press release from Department of Veterans Affairs titled "VA Announces Record Budget, Health Care Changes" by visiting their website, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

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

## Calendar

5321, or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 4322.

## Tai Chi Class

The office of Community and Economic Development will be offering a Tai-Chi class in the Johnson Building on the Prestonsburg Community College campus. Classes will take place on Saturdays beginning March 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register for this class please call the office of Community and Economic Development at either (888) 641-4132, or (606) 886-3863 ext. 6258.

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## Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Mix 'n' match rainy-day art fun

When kids are cooped up on a winter's day, wondering what to do, they can fill idle time creatively making zany, wacky creatures using a simple sheet of paper, magazine pictures, crayons, scissors and glue.

#### AGES 5 AND UP

School-age kids will quickly discover that three minds can be better than one when they let their imaginations shape a new creature in three parts



DAVID LAROCHELLE

from head to toe.

The first person folds a sheet of paper in thirds and draws the head of a person, monster or alien creature in the space of the top third of the paper. When complete, he folds this top third back along the crease and hands the paper to another person without showing the drawn portion. The second person draws the torso in the middle of the paper, folds it back and hands it to another person without revealing the first two drawings. The third person draws legs, tentacles, fins, etc. When done, the paper is unfolded to reveal a crazy body.

(To help connect the parts, your kids might wish to extend the first and second drawings below the creases a fraction of an inch as a guide for the next person's drawing.)

#### AGES 3-5

Preschoolers can enjoy making zany characters, too, when they mix 'n' match cutout magazine pictures. To make a creature collage, help them find colorful pictures of people and animals. Cut out the head of a cat, the body of a giraffe, the tail of a bird, etc. Look for unrelated items to enhance the combination, such as oranges for hands, tree branches for arms, a tin can for a top hat, etc. Glue the cutouts to a sheet of paper, and then name the funny character. It's fun to cut up extra family photos, too, and add them to the collage to personalize the final creation. Your child might also like to draw a scene around the finished character using paints, crayons or markers — and more cutouts!

Parenting Tip: At bedtime, use the collage as a "story starter" for an original tale. Make up an adventure about the character using as many descriptive words as possible.



## KIDS WILL LOVE THESE CHEESY SEAFOOD DISHES

Today we have two dinner dishes that will surely call for repeats. One features small pasta shapes such as little rotini, shells or elbows; the other has rice. You may use long grain rice or Arborio.

Each dish makes a hunger-appeasing meal. Both include veggies and seafood — tuna in one, scallops in the other — and both are enriched with Norway's Jarlsberg cheese. They'll please the young ones because kids go for cheesy things. Don't they just love macaroni and cheese, pizza and grilled cheese? Try these on them.

#### TUNA PASTA BAKE

- 1/4 cup Licini extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 12 ounces mushrooms, chopped
- 2 large tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 1 cup chopped Italian parsley leaves, or 1/4 cup dried parsley
- 1 (16-ounce) can blackeye peas, rinsed and drained
- 2 (7-ounce) cans tuna, drained and flaked
- 6 ounces small pasta, cooked (shells, rotini, elbows)
- 2 cups shredded Jarlsberg Lite cheese

by JoAnna M. Lund

We've all heard that we should eat more vegetables, but more often than not, those eating at our tables don't want to. Well, put this on the

Preheat oven to 350 F. In large skillet, heat oil; add onion and cook, stirring until transparent. Add garlic and cook until garlic is lightly golden. Add bell peppers, mushrooms and tomatoes; cook, stirring, 3 to 5 minutes or until mushrooms begin to brown. Add red pepper flakes, oregano and parsley (add salt and pepper to taste, if desired). Add blackeye peas, tuna, cooked pasta and cheese, tossing to mix. Spoon mixture into an oil-sprayed baking dish. Bake, covered, 30 minutes or until cooked through. Makes 6 servings.

#### RISOTTO WITH CHEESE AND SCALLOPS

- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon Licini extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and cut in small, thin strips
- 1 clove garlic, or more to taste, minced
- 1 cup arborio or long grain white rice
- 3 cups hot vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 1 cup minced scallions
- 1/2 cup dry vermouth or vegetable broth
- 1 pound sea scallops, washed, dried and sliced
- 2 cups grated Jarlsberg cheese

1. In large, heavy pot, heat olive oil; add onion and

(See **BLOCK**, page five)

### THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

### Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

We've all heard that we should eat more vegetables, but more often than not, those eating at our tables don't want to. Well, put this on the

### Getting five a day is easy this way

menu and see if all those veggie haters don't turn into veggie lovers with the very first bite!

#### CALIFORNIA SIMMERED BEANS

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 (16-ounce) cans cut green beans, rinsed and drained

In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion for 5 minutes. Stir in tomato soup, basil, rosemary and black pepper. Add green beans. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 6 to 8 minutes or until mixture is heated through, stirring often. Makes 6 (1/2 cup) servings.

■ Each serving equals: 52 calories, 0 g fat, 2 g protein, 11 g carb., 155 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable.

# Chicken Soup for the Soul: Erik's old man

Nancy Dahlberg, submitted by  
Walfred Erickson(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE  
CHRISTIAN SOUL")Reprinted by permission of Nancy L.  
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Our family was driving from San Francisco to Los Angeles on Christmas Day. That year Christmas came on Sunday, and we needed to be in Los Angeles on Monday morning, having spent Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with my husband's parents.

We stopped for lunch at a diner in King City. I was enjoying a review of the happiness and meanings of the day

when my reverie was interrupted. I heard Erik, our 1-year-old son, scream with glee in his highchair.

"Hi there." (Two words that would were one.) He pounded his fat baby hands — whack, whack — on the metal tray of the highchair. His face was alive with excitement, eyes wide, gums bared in a toothless grin. He wriggled and chirped and giggled, and then I saw the source of his merriment.

A tattered rag of a coat, greasy, worn. Baggy pants, both they and the

zipper at half mast over a spindly body. Toes that poked out of would-be shoes. A shirt that had ring-around-the-collar all over, and a face like none other. Gums as bare as Erik's. Hair unwashed, uncombed, unbearable. Whiskers too short for a beard but way beyond the shadow stage. And a nose so varicose that it looked like the map of

New York. I was too far away to smell him, but I knew he smelled. His hands were waving in the air, flapping about on loose wrists. "Hi there, baby. Hi there, big boy. I see ya,

buster." Erik continued to laugh and call, "Hi there." Every call was answered. I shoved a cracker at Erik, and he pulverized it in his tray. I turned the highchair. Erik screamed and twisted around to face his old buddy.

The waitresses' eyebrows were rising. Several diners went "ahem." This old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby! Now the bum was shouting from across the room: "Do ya know peekaboo? Hey, look, he knows peekaboo."

The old guy was drunk. Nobody thought anything was cute. My husband was embarrassed. I was humiliated. Even our 6-year-old wanted to

know why that man was talking so loud. We ate hurriedly and in silence, all except Erik, who continued to run through his repertoire with the bum.

My husband rose to pay the check, telling me to meet him in the parking lot. I grabbed Erik and headed for the exit. The old man sat poised and waiting, his chair directly between me and the door. "Lord, let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik."

I tried to sidestep to put my back between Erik and any air the old man might be breathing. But Erik, with his eyes riveted on his best friend, leaned far over my arm, reaching out with

(See **SOUP**, page five)

## Dear Diane...

### Letter from a happy lady

#### DEAR READERS:

When I asked you all to send in testimonials to the Great Guy in your life, I had no idea the response would be so huge. Here is another letter from one happy lady.

#### DEAR DIANE:

I brag about my husband all the time. He is the best — hands-down. All our lives together he worked and I stayed home. I worked only when I wanted to. Then times changed and we had to change roles. He now stays home and I work; but that's not all.

He does all the cooking, the laundry, the housework and the yard work, and my dinner is on the table when I walk in the door. He gardens and grows a lot of the food we eat. He is restoring the house I grew up in; it is 100 years old and in sorry shape. But let's not stop there.

He also takes care of my parents because I am gone 13 hours a day and work in another town. My father is in his 80s and has a hard time getting around. He falls a lot, and he wanders off and gets lost, so my husband has to keep a very close eye on him. And let's not forget my mother, who is only 68, but blind, and mean as the day is long.

Why does my husband do all of this? Because he loves me.

We met our first day of high school in fourth-hour math class, and we married at the ages of 16 and 18. We had three boys and lots of hard times — we even divorced once for a short time but remarried and renewed our vows on our 25th anniversary.

He is my rock. He is what holds my world together, and I would be lost without him.

We are even more in love now than 34 years ago, when we met. We will be married 29 years in October, and I pray every night that God will give us 30 more years together.

All the women I work with envy me. They ask me every night on the way home what he is making for dinner, and then they say, "You are so lucky."

I always answer, "Yes, I am."

— Jennie, via e-mail

## Husband's nighttime kicks disturb wife's peaceful sleep

#### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My husband and I have shared the same bed for 40 years. Unless you can help us, I am going to get us twin beds. In the past year, he has turned my nights into kickboxing exercises. His legs move all over the place, and I take a pummeling. Is this something unique to my husband, or do others have it? What can be done to make it stop? — K.R.

#### ANSWER:

Your husband is not alone. His jerking, kicking legs have a name — periodic limb movements of sleep. The kicker remains

sleeping. The kickee wakes up. The kicker has no recollection of what transpired during the night, but his bed partner can prove the beating she took by showing her bruises. (It can just as well be a female-male attack.)

Some self-help maneuvers might keep your husband's legs quiet. Have your husband soak in a warm bath before going to bed, and you massage his legs after the bath. If the kicking persists, medicines can often turn it off. Low doses of Parkinson's medicines can still the leg movements. Let me make this clear: Periodic limb movements of sleep is not Parkinson's disease and does not become

(See **HEALTH**, page five)To Your  
Good  
Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



# Books: The First National Bank of Dad

**The First National Bank of Dad**  
by David Owen  
(Simon & Schuster, \$19.95)  
Reviewed by Clark James

Most parents do more harm than good when they try to teach their children about money. They make savings seem like a punishment and unwittingly encourage reckless spending.

In "The First National Bank of Dad," author David Owen explains how, by turning his back on conventional wisdom,

he helped his own son and daughter become eager savers and rational spenders.

How unconventional is Owen? Answer true or false to the following statements: 1) An allowance should be set low enough to prevent a child from spending foolishly. 2) A child should be required to put part of his allowance into savings. 3) A child should be required to give part of her allowance to charity. 4) A child should be required to earn his allowance by performing regular household chores. 5) An older child's allowance

should be linked, at least in part, to school performance.

If you answered true to any of these statements, Owen has a bone to pick with you.

"The real purpose of parent-mandated savings schemes is not self-improvement but confiscation," Owen says. "In order to become responsible spenders, children need to be given opportunities to spend. They need to be given chances to make wise and foolish decisions, and they need to be given those chances fairly often."

"Keeping children on an

excessively short financial leash promotes fiscal irresponsibility. ... They are not savers. When they grow up, they will max out their credit cards."

From pre-school through high school, Owen shows how you can help your children grow into financially responsible adults. Buying this book could be the best investment you make for your children.

*Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.*

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# Simon and Garfunkel a.k.a Tom and Jerry

Someone once asked Mahatma Gandhi what he thought of Western civilization. He replied, "I think it would be a good idea."

A new study shows that 26 percent of modern Miss Americas could be considered medically malnourished.

Sports hero Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a professional basketball game in 1962.

In Manhattan, Kansas, a house valued at \$59,000 was accidentally entered into the city's database as being worth \$200,059,000. By the time the \$200 million difference was discovered, the town's property value had been overestimated by 6.5 percent, causing a rather large budget shortfall for the politicians to deal with.

Simon and Garfunkel were originally known as Tom and Jerry.

## Strange BUT TRUE

The yo-yo is a popular toy that was introduced in America in 1929. Its origins are a bit more sinister, however. In the 16th century, it was used in the Philippine Islands as a weapon. At that time, the yo-yo weighed 4 pounds and was attached to a 20-foot cord.

At the age of 12, Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote an epic poem that was 6,000 words long.

Ladies, do you think you know how to tell when a man is lying? In one study,

men who were lying tended to look longer and deeper into a woman's eyes than when they were telling the truth.

Dry ice doesn't melt. It evaporates.

Did you ever wonder why Franklin Delano Roosevelt was chosen to be pictured on the dime? It's because of the work he did on behalf of the March of Dimes, helping in its battle against polio, the disease that crippled him.

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### Thought for the Day:

"We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves filled with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship." -- James Harvey Robinson

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# Port of Call: Erin Go Braugh

By Bethany Murray

It's been more than 1,500 years since the events that would make St. Patrick famous throughout the centuries and around the world. Following a celestial vision, in 432 A.D. the Christian bishop headed to Ireland and drove out "them snakes."

What we all know he really probably did was convert the people of Ireland to Christianity, thus driving paganism (the "snakes") from the Emerald Isle. By the eighth century the people were claiming him as Ireland's saint, and by the ninth, they were remembering him with a special three-day, three-night celebration. The old bishop is so much a part of Ireland that you will still hear the salutation "May God, Mary and Patrick bless you."

So it's kind of a surprise that the St. Paddy's Day celebrations in places like

Boston, New York City and Savannah, Ga., would predate any in Dublin. But the Dubliners have realized the error of their ways, and these days they throw a St. Patrick's Festival to put green beer to shame.

It started in 1996 with just one day and night dedicated to celebrating and honoring all that it means to be Irish, but popularity and attendance have grown so much that this year, the party goes on March 11-17. There's the Festival Music Village: 20 concerts over six days, including dance, rock, traditional, roots and classical; the Spoken Word Series, "a feast of Irish literature"; the Irish Visions Exhibition Series, displaying a range of Irish art; and new this year, the Talking Irish symposium, a meeting ground for key figures in the arts, society and business, and anyone else who's interested, to explore Irish self-perceptions, happiness, success, contributions

to the world and prospects for the future. There's also a Fun Fair and a treasure hunt through the city of Dublin.

The best part is saved for last, and for the big guy's feast day itself. The "Voyages and Visions" parade will feature 3,500 performers and be led by the Lilliputian Exploration Party (presented by street theater group Bui Bolg). Afterward, kick up your heels to the best of traditional Irish music in the Lucozade Céilí Mór. If watching Riverdance makes you want to jump up and jig, this is your chance. You'll dance to the airs of the Kilfenora Céilí Band, Galldubh and Gráda (featuring Alan Doherty, flute soloist on the soundtrack of "The Lord of the Rings"). The day comes to a close with fireworks.

For more information and for help with travel, accommodations, tours, etc., go to [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie).

# Coupon cutter: Dietary Supplements



By Marge Svenson

Doctors will tell you that exercise and diet have a lot to do with maintaining good health, but there is a persistent belief that it can't hurt to take a few extra herbal supplements or vitamins regularly to ensure well being.

In fact, Americans spend millions of dollars each year on such products.

Some people swear by the effectiveness of taking supplements. Others take them under the assumption that the supplements might do some good, even if they don't

have proven results.

Here are this week's coupons savings:  
 ■ Save \$5 on any package of Nature Made's Joint Action, SAM-e or Triple Flex herbal supplements, and save \$2 on Cholest-Off. The company also offers a \$1 coupon on any Nature Made product. Expires April 30.

■ Knox offers a \$3 coupon on any of its NutraJoint Plus Glucosamine dietary supplement and a \$1.50 coupon on any 5 oz. package of Knox for Nails or Knox NutraJoint Unflavored Gelatin. Expires May 31.

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# Happy feet



There are many factors that contribute to a successful fitness plan. One very important one is choosing the proper footwear. It may not seem like a big deal, but continuous movement in improper footwear can lead to serious ankle, knee, hip and back problems.

For example, you begin a running program and soon after experience discomfort in your knees. It's possible that this discomfort is a result of unhappy feet in improper footwear. Before you begin to engage in an exercise program, make sure your feet are happy and ready to go.

Jasen A. Langley, DPM, AACFAS, a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, recommends the following steps in selecting the proper footwear for your activity level.

1. Fit: This is the most important factor in purchasing footwear. You should be fitted by a knowledgeable shoe salesperson. Running shoes should always have some room, since runners are susceptible to blisters.

2. Purpose: Buy the shoe that best fits your activity and activity level.

3. Brands: No single brand is better than another. Try various styles to determine which

brand is stylish yet comfortable.

4. Support: Those "cool" colors in the sole of the sneakers are built into the shoe for a reason. The colors represent different densities of material. Rule of thumb: The denser the material, the more support there tends to be in the shoe.

5. Orthotics: Your new sneakers or footwear should accommodate orthotic devices. If you use orthotic devices, I suggest you bring them to the store with you to have them properly fitted into your shoe. For those who do not know what orthotic devices are, ask a podiatrist.

6. Durability: Look at the overall aspect of the shoe. Inspect the material. Check the style of the shoe. If you exercise hard, you change shoes every two to three months. The wear of your shoes causes stress and strain in the foot.

7. Reputation: Go to reputable stores. Running stores usually have salespeople who are very knowledgeable about running- and cross-training shoes.

8. Ask: Contact your local podiatrist for questions or concerns you may have about your feet or footwear. You will receive very knowledgeable information about conditions of the foot, treatment options and proper shoe selection.

## Block

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sauté over medium heat until translucent. Add carrot and garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add rice and sauté until opaque, about 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low. Add 2 cups hot broth and stir constantly until liquid is almost all absorbed. Add remaining 1 cup hot broth, stirring constantly until liquid is almost absorbed (process should take 20 to 30 minutes). Test rice for doneness. It should still have

some firmness. Cover and keep warm.

2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in large saucepan; add parsley, scallions, vermouth and scallops; cook, stirring gently over low heat, until scallops are opaque. Gently add scallop mixture to risotto. Mix in cheese, and if desired, season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

## Soup

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both arms in a baby's pick-me-up gesture. In the split second of balancing my baby and turning to counter his weight, I came eye to eye with the old man. His eyes were imploring. "Would you let me hold your baby?"

There was no need to answer. Erik propelled himself from my arms into the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands, full of grime and pain and hard labor, gently, so gently, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back.

The old man stroked and rocked Erik for a moment, then opened his eyes and looked squarely in mine. He said in a firm, commanding voice, "You take care of this

baby."

I said, "I will."  
 He pried Erik from his chest, unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I held my arms open to receive my baby, and again the gentleman addressed me. "God bless you, ma'am. You've given me my Christmas present."  
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## Health

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Parkinson's disease.

The limb-movement syndrome has a twin-brother problem. That is restless leg syndrome. The bed partner suffers no consequences from it. Here, people experience an unpleasant sensation in their legs. They feel like something is crawling beneath the skin. Parkinson's medicines such as Sinemet and Mirapex have been successful treatments for some people. So has the seizure medicine Neurontin (restless legs are not signs of seizures). In a few instances, iron deficiency can be found along with this syndrome, so it is worth the effort to have blood iron checked.

Some people have the misfortune of having both conditions.

The pamphlet discussing restless leg syndrome and nighttime muscle cramps can help people who have those problems to understand what is happening and what treatment is available. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 306W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (U.S. funds only, no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and

address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My sister died recently from leukemia. She bit her fingernails or had her fingers in her mouth more or less every day. Her nails were very small as a result. Would chewing her nails have anything to do with her leukemia? — W.H.

### ANSWER:

I don't need to use any weasel words like "might," "could be" or "perhaps" here. I can tell you, without reservation, that your sister did not come down with leukemia from chewing her nails.  
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*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

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## Glum Over Glue

By Samantha Mazzotta

I have two questions. First, we are going to take down some old wall paneling from around the tub that was glued to Gyprock with what looks like very good glue. What, if anything, will remove this glue?

Second, can we put (imitation) hardwood flooring on the cement floor in the basement? — Marvin H., via e-mail

To your first question, I say, "oy." Removing old glue from the walls can be difficult for many reasons, including how well it has

adhered to the Gyprock (paneling made up of a gypsum core sheathed in linerboard).

The glue you're dealing with is most likely a wet area paneling adhesive (a polychloroprene rubber-based sealant usually sold next to Gyprock or Sheetrock products). It's designed to form a flexible heat- and moisture-resistant bond between the wall paneling and Gyprock in warm, humid areas of the house, such as your bathroom.

So how do you clean it off the plasterboard? Start with careful steps, and then progress to tougher measures, since the exact brand of adhesive isn't known.

First, try heating the old glue with a hair dryer or a heat gun. Bring the temperature above 140 degrees F, and then try to gently scrape away the softened glue with a putty knife, being

careful not to tear the sheathing.

If this doesn't work, a tougher measure is required. Apply mineral spirits or petroleum jelly to the glue, and let the solvents soak in for anywhere from several hours to several days. Try an adhesive remover as well, but make sure it's the right solvent for the right product (in this case, wet area paneling adhesive). As with any solvent, make sure the room is well-ventilated throughout this process.

(Note: In the United States, Liquid Nails is a popular adhesive product, with versions for several areas of the house. This adhesive was widely used in new homes during the 1970s, so if the old paneling dates from that period, then an adhesive remover from the Liquid Nails company may work well. More information is available from its Web site: [www.liquidnails.com](http://www.liquidnails.com).)

As to your second question:

Yes, it's possible to install imitation (laminated) hardwood flooring directly over cement, but I'd recommend against it. Concrete is porous, so a thin (6 millimeter) polyethylene film should be installed over the floor as a vapor barrier to keep out moisture that could cause mold and eventual warping. A foam underlayment is also recommended, to reduce noise.

Prior to installation, make sure that the concrete is clean, dry and flat; fill in any indentations greater than 3/16 inch with a leveling compound, and smooth out ridges in the cement.

### HOME TIP

Put a light coat of linseed oil on your putty knife prior to applying or scraping putty. The product won't stick to the blade.



# Sunday Comics

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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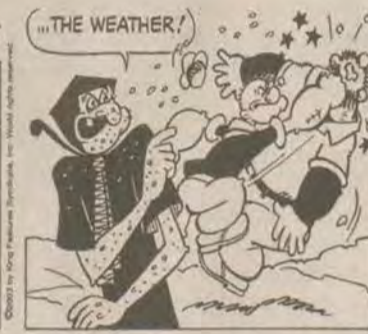
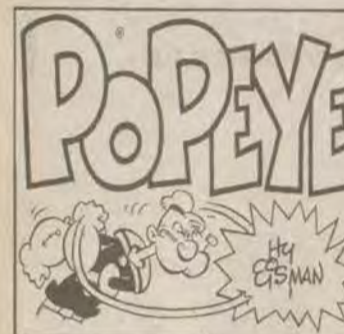
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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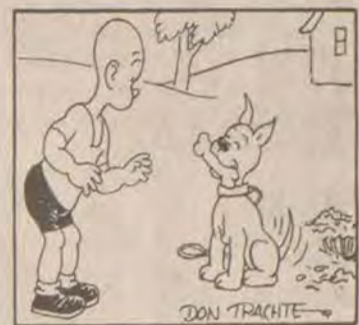
## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Globe replaces toy car. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Letters on sign are black. 4. Shopper has a ponytail. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Sign near escalator is missing.

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



## Super Crossword OFF-THE-WALL STREET

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mr. Diller
  - 5 Domino or Waller
  - 9 It may be strapless
  - 12 Request an encore
  - 16 Done
  - 17 Rock's Quiet —
  - 18 Jagger and Jones
  - 20 Snapshot
  - 21 Mediterranean port
  - 22 Actress Paquin
  - 23 Home, to Hopalong?
  - 24 Poet Conrad
  - 25 Escalator stocks
  - 29 Exhausted
  - 31 Aye opponent
  - 32 "Bolero" composer
  - 33 Pigeon English?
  - 34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel
  - 36 Dandy dude?
  - 37 "I could — horse!"
  - 38 Read quickly
  - 42 Mining shares
  - 46 Tolkien creation
  - 48 Neighbor of Tenn.
  - 49 Notes from Verdi?
  - 50 Noun suffix
  - 51 "The Simpsons" character
  - 53 Propelled a shell
  - 55 First name in art
  - 58 Hitching post?
  - 60 Fleet
  - 61 Boxer Norton
  - 62 Ferret's foot
  - 63 Bandleader Lyman
  - 64 Despot
  - 66 List entry
  - 67 Diaper stocks
  - 71 Mock
  - 74 Pole star?
  - 75 Daniel — Lewis
  - 76 Diving bird
  - 77 Comic Philips
  - 80 Physicist Fermi
  - 82 Surrealist Max
  - 84 Chorus
  - 86 Playground feature
  - 87 Actress Susan
  - 88 Flicka's food
  - 89 Wan
  - 90 Chinese export
  - 91 Mouth piece?
  - 94 Cutlery shares
  - 99 Active volcano
  - 101 Some computers
  - 103 Chanteuse Lemp
  - 104 Cobb and Hardin
  - 105 '75 Abba tune
  - 106 Polish coin
  - 108 One — million
  - 109 Like a hot fudge sundae
  - 111 Barbell stocks
  - 118 Actor Warner
  - 119 Cold sound
  - 120 Bronte heroine
  - 121 Crazy
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  - 127 — J. Pakula
  - 128 Spirit
  - 129 Baseball's Sammy
  - 130 Farm feature
  - 131 Tardy
  - 132 Barber's cry?
  - 3 Pince —
  - 4 Singer Slick
  - 5 Over-wrought
  - 6 "— No Sunshine" ('71 hit)
  - 7 Author Morrison
  - 8 Mikita or Musial
  - 9 Like some eyes
  - 10 Rave's partner
  - 11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline
  - 12 Flu symptom
  - 13 Valhalla villain
  - 14 "— o'clock scholar"
  - 15 Commmeal concoction
  - 18 Stargazed
  - 19 Hardly hyper
  - 20 New York university
  - 26 Aware of
  - 27 Textbook heading
  - 28 Writer Hunter
  - 29 Posh party
  - 30 Elixir
  - 33 Teacher's aid
  - 35 Logging-camp feature
  - 36 Provost of "Lassie"
  - 37 Compassion
  - 39 Metal measure
  - 40 — la Cite
  - 41 Lady of the house
  - 43 Fled
  - 44 Start to cry?
  - 45 — bran
  - 47 Rocky hill
  - 52 — Major
  - 54 In the thick of
  - 56 Gibbon or gorilla
  - 57 Stallone
  - 58 — Dhabi
  - 59 — a hand (aids)
  - 60 Press one's point
  - 63 Poppins' portrayer
  - 65 Equity expert
  - 67 Actor Wallace
  - 68 Enraged
  - 69 See 11 Down
  - 70 Just manage, with "out"
  - 71 "Beau —" ('39 film)
  - 72 Cove
  - 73 Jones of the Stones
  - 77 Slip by
  - 78 Tennis great Gardner
  - 79 Accepts authority
  - 81 "Aladdin" frame
  - 83 Carrie or Louis
  - 84 Opening
  - 85 EMT's skill
  - 88 Shade
  - 92 "— Fire" ('85 hit)
  - 93 Turkish titles
  - 95 "Guys and Dolls" author
  - 96 Coup d'—
  - 97 Cleanliness
  - 98 "Unto us — is given"
  - 100 Schedule
  - 102 People from Prague
  - 107 Take a taxi
  - 108 Tower material?
  - 110 Brash Nash
  - 111 Tiers
  - 112 Gallimaufry
  - 113 Maglie and Mineo
  - 114 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
  - 115 Actual
  - 116 Auel heroine
  - 117 "Confound it!"
  - 122 Stout relative
  - 123 Send out a page
  - 124 Big bang letters

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