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A NEW REIGN IN THE 15TH



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Betsy Layne senior Natasha Stratton, right, was congratulated after the Lady Bobcats' stunning capture of the 15th Region crown. Players and fans alike were overcome with emotion following the win, which sends the team to Bowling Green to compete for a state championship.

Betsy Layne is area's newest title town

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — For the second time this school year, a regional championship has made its way to one Floyd County high school — Betsy Layne High School.

This year's Betsy Layne girls' basketball team, coached by Cassandra Akers, consists of a good group of basketball talent from top to bottom with contributors in each class.

Betsy Layne. Title town?

For now, yes.

Parades and caravans began shortly after Betsy Layne's 48-44 championship victory over mighty Johnson Central. Yes, the same Johnson Central team which has worn the 15th Region crown the past two seasons. The same Johnson Central team which was an outstanding 27-1 prior to Saturday night's championship game.

One has to go back to the sixth game of the season and to the home of DisneyWorld, Orlando, Fla., to find Central's last loss. But that didn't phase the

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3-year-old struck by car, dies

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

LANCER — A toddler who died about an hour after being hit by a car in Prestonsburg Saturday was laid to rest during funeral ceremonies yesterday.

Anderson Isaiah Craft, the 3-year-old son of Prestonsburg residents Andy and Judy Craft, was pronounced dead at Highlands Regional Medical Center just before noon Saturday after apparently wandering into the path of an oncoming car just east of Prestonsburg's Fire Station No. 2.

Police say when they arrived at the scene of the accident, the driver of a 2001 Toyota Avalon told them that the child "ran into the path of his vehicle" and that he had "no time to react".

Investigating officer George Tussey was not available to release the name of the driver, but Prestonsburg Director of Public Safety Mike Omerod was able to address a whirlwind of rumors that has surrounded the incident since the weekend.

Rumors that the child's mother, Judy Craft, was served negligence papers just before the accident have circulated throughout the community since the incident. However, Omerod said yesterday the papers District 1 Constable Brandon Spencer served Mrs. Craft that morning where charges for having failed to send another of her children to school.

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Magoffin men plead guilty to attack

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Two of the four Salyersville men accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting five juveniles in Magoffin County last July entered guilty pleas on Monday when they were scheduled to go to trial.

Freddie Brown, 19, and Jeremy Brian Howard, 21, pleaded guilty to the charges in a plea agreement. In exchange for the pleas, the charges of kidnapping were amended to unlawful imprisonment and the other charges were dismissed.

Brown and Howard, along with Matthew Howard and Chris Helton, allegedly held five juveniles against their will by threatening them with knives. The four suspects then allegedly forced the juveniles to consume alcohol and attempted to force them to perform sexual acts.

A sentencing date for Freddie Brown and Jeremy Brian Howard is scheduled for May 1.

'Master' named in sex abuse complaint

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER



Ike Jason England

HAROLD — The owner of a nude video sales company at Harold has been implicated in an incident occurring Friday, when he allegedly subjected a woman to sexual contact after giving her a substance that rendered her physically helpless.

According to court documents, Ike Jason England, 32, was arrested at his business

address on March 14, and charged with first-degree sexual abuse. The criminal complaint states that the woman he allegedly abused was incapable of consent because she was physically helpless due to having been given a substance the incapacitated her.

England's company, Sly Productions, has recently received a lot of publicity, as it was the topic of the lawsuit, Ike Jason England

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Observant woman finds purse snatchers after cops give up

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

COAL RUN VILLAGE — Prestonsburg resident Peggy Roark had more than a little help in recovering a stolen purse this past weekend after a Pikeville woman played detective and led police to the find.

Roark said she had just left a birthday party in Pikeville with five kids in tow when she stopped off at Wal-Mart for some shopping. She finished her shopping and was on the way to her next stop when she realized she left her purse behind.

"I got down the road and realized my

purse wasn't in the car," Roark said. "With five kids, I was under stress and left my purse in the buggy."

Back at Wal-Mart, Roark searched the parking lot, asked store employees about the forgotten purse and finally ended up at the customer service desk making calls to cancel her credit cards and ringing Kentucky State Police Post 9 to report the incident.

"In the meantime, while I was talking, this lady comes out of the blue and says, 'I seen your purse,'" Roark said. "She described the purse and then told me she saw the people who took it."

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Coca-Cola Enterprises displayed the new bottles and carriers commemorating the 27th anniversary of the Hillbilly Days Festival at a press conference held Monday in Pikeville.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Cats' Pause coming Friday

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briefs

Driver hit, killed by coal truck

HAZARD — The driver was killed when a coal truck rolled out of control backward at a strip mine in Perry County, state regulators said Tuesday.

William Hollins, 48, of Viper, apparently jumped from the 18-wheel rig Monday as it rolled backward down the haulage road from the West Lick Mine of Starfire Mining Co., according to a statement from the Department of Mines and Minerals.

Hollins' body was found on the roadway. Investigators theorized the truck struck him or rolled over him, but the investigation is not complete, the statement said.

The Perry County coroner pronounced Hollins dead at 7:28 p.m., the statement said. Hollins' death was the state's second mine fatality of 2003.

Smallpox public forum to be held

There will be a public forum held at PCC's Pike Auditorium Friday, from 6 to 8 p.m., to discuss, inform and answer questions in regard to smallpox.

The forum is sponsored by Prestonsburg Community College, the Big Sandy Area NPS Team, and local Big Sandy Area Health Departments and is intended to inform members of the community as to what steps are being taken by local health facilities toward protecting local residents from an outbreak of the disease.

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■ **HEALDSBURG, Calif.** — The game "Rock, Scissors, Paper" has settled countless childhood disputes. Now the game is determining who gets some serious cash.

About 120 enthusiasts of the game vied for the \$1,000 prize at a contest Saturday in this town north of San Francisco.

"It's really about the mind games," said Doug Walker, co-president of the Toronto-based World Rock Scissors Paper Society, which sponsored the annual contest. "There's a lot of trash talking and mental intimidation."

It's all about subtle strategy, contestants said.

"Whenever you see a tense muscle, they're going rock," said Jeff Johnson, a salesman from nearby Santa Rosa. "If they looked relaxed, it's going to be paper."

The contest was billed as the second world championship, organizers said. The first one last year was in Toronto. A similar contest also was held at the Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert.

The \$1,000 prize went to Ana Martinez, a 20-year-old student from Oakland whose rock smashed her opponent's scissors.

■ **MIAMI** — State officials say a Florida man's personalized license plate that reads "JEW-BAN" is OK after all.

That's because the term is commonly used by Cuban Jews in South Florida to describe themselves.

"It became apparent that the prevailing interpretation of Jewban is not derogatory to a group," said Bob Sanchez, spokesman for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Tabares Gomer, 63, said he got the plate last year because he is proud of his Cuban Jewish heritage. But the Highway Safety department wrote him asking that he remove the plate, which could be construed as anti-Semitic.

Gomer appealed. "I am a Cuban Jew and people call me Jewban. That's not offensive to anyone," Tabares Gomer said. "If they take my plate away, they take away my identity."

The department told him Friday that the plate was his for keeps.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Thanks to the goodwill of some musicians and an anonymous donor, the Cody-Kilgore boys' basketball team had a pep band for its opening game at the state basketball tournament.

It just wasn't their school band.

The 34-member Norris High School Titans band showed up to support the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys, whose band couldn't afford to make the 560-mile round trip to Lincoln.

"I think it's a really cool thing that we're doing this," Norris saxophone player Michael Zimmer said. "It shows how Norris is always willing to

help out anybody."

The players were grateful.

"It's a good deal for us because it adds a lot of atmosphere to the game and the warmup that we really appreciate," said Cody-Kilgore senior guard Eric Johnson.

A \$127 anonymous donation paid for the band's tickets to get into the game, which Cody-Kilgore lost to Prague High School 58-50 in overtime.

Kipp Scott, who read about the team's lack of a band in the newspapers, said he approached Norris about playing for Cody-Kilgore. "It seemed like somebody was being left behind," he said.

Cody-Kilgore is a small school district in northern Nebraska, where ranchers have been hard hit by the drought. Superintendent Dale Meritt said he couldn't justify the cost of sending the band this year, say-

ing that money could be used for textbooks and other academic needs.

■ **VIRDEN, N.M.** — In the village of Virden, population 143, people still talk about when Linda McClure won \$30,000 in the state lottery.

A year later, minus one day, another Virden resident, Deborah Morrow, has hit it big, winning \$20,000 with a New Mexico Lottery Cash Zone scratch ticket, lottery officials announced Sunday.

Morrow said she narrowly missed winning last year.

"I was going to buy the very same ticket Linda did," Morrow said in a statement. "But I was running late for a wedding and decided not to stop. Linda went in a few minutes later, bought the ticket and won."

Both winning tickets were bought from the same store, The

Line, on the New Mexico-Arizona line.

■ **PRIOR LAKE, Minn.** — Bill Seefeldt's friends thought he was just scraping by, living in a cluttered cabin, clutching coupons and wearing threadbare clothes.

When Seefeldt died last year at 89, he left \$4.6 million to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"He never let on that he had that kind of money," said Jean Thompson, a friend and music director at Prior Lake's Church of St. Michael, where the retired military chaplain celebrated Mass every Monday until he was 87. "Father Bill was so tight. He was a cranky old thing, but lovable."

Seefeldt was a chaplain for 30 years — first for the Army

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Today is Wednesday, March 19, the 78th day of 2003. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 19, 1953, the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; the proceedings in Hollywood and New York were carried on NBC. "The Greatest Show on Earth," directed by Cecil B. DeMille, was named best picture of 1952; John Ford was recognized as best director for "The Quiet Man"; Gary Cooper won best actor for "High Noon" while Shirley Booth received best actress for "Come Back, Little Sheba."

On this date:

■ In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

■ In 1917, the Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour work day for railroads.

■ In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time.

■ In 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

■ In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling.

■ In 1945, about 800 people were killed as Kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved.

■ In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

■ In 1951, Herman Wouk's war novel "The Caine Mutiny" was first published.

■ In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage.

■ In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business.

Ten years ago:

Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White announced plans to retire. (White's departure paved the way for Ruth Bader Ginsburg to become the court's second female justice.)

Five years ago:

Completing baseball's transformation from family ownership to corporate control, Rupert Murdoch's Fox Group won approval to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers for a record \$350 million.

One year ago:

U.S. intelligence analyst Ana Belen Montes pleaded guilty in federal court to spying for Cuba; she was later sentenced to 25 years in prison. Hewlett-Packard chief Carly Fiorina claimed victory in the nasty proxy fight over the \$20 billion purchase of Compaq Computer Corporation.

Today's Birthdays:

Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is

78. Actor-director Patrick McGoochan is 75. Theologian Hans Kung is 75. Author Philip Roth is 70. Actress Renee Taylor is 70. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 68. Actress Ursula Andress is 67. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 66. Rock musician Paul Atkinson (The Zombies) is 57. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 57. Actress Glenn Close is 56. Actor Bruce Willis is 48. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 33. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 27. Actor Craig T. Nelson ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 14.

Thought for Today:

"It is the darling delusion of mankind that the world is progressive in religion, toleration, freedom, as it is progressive in machinery." — Moncure D. Conway, American clergyman and author (1832-1907).

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Title town

Betsy Layne girls.
Ice water running through the veins?
Most definitely.
Johnson Central's season began with a win. Betsy Layne's got underway with a loss.
The Ladycat win over the weekend kept Johnson Central from winning its third straight regional championship.
Betsy Layne dropped its season-opener against Whitesburg in a tournament at Perry Central way back on Dec. 6. After the opening-game setback, the Ladycats won six straight before their next loss at the end of the Christmas month on Dec. 30.

Betsy Layne is 26-5 and playing another day. It is the only girls' basketball program in the 15th Region with at least one game left to play this season.

All of the buzz in and around Betsy Layne centers around this girls' high school basketball team which exactly one week from today will head out west, to Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University to be exact, hoping to conquer not only the west, but the entire state.

The Ladycats await the 10th Region winner.

Last night's 10th Region championship game pitted Bishop Brossart against Campbell County.

In regional championship number two of the current season, Betsy Layne never trailed in the title game.

The first regional title of the season for Betsy Layne came on Jan. 23. The Ladycats rolled to a 15th Region All-A crown, beating Pikeville, 48-26.

Betsy Layne's girls beat host Belfry to win the Lady Pirate Invitational in the mid-December.

If the Betsy Layne faithful

were happy then, they are most likely ecstatic now.

History probably isn't on the side of the Betsy Layne girls. But, new history is made every day.

No 15th Region girls' basketball team has ever captured a state championship. Fourteenth Region member Hazard last brought a state title back to Eastern Kentucky in 1997. A girls' team from Hazard also conquered the state in 1930. Another 14th Region team, M.C. Napier, before consolidating with Dilce Combs to form

Sex Abuse

and Amanda England vs. Charles Hopkins. As previously reported by The Floyd County Times, the lawsuit alleges that Hopkins attempted to interfere with the business that he had allegedly relinquished any ownership of by wrongfully claiming an interest in the production of "Miss WWW America: Party Girls".

In a written defense filed on Feb. 5, Hopkins stated that he never signed the acquisition agreement that dissolved the business relationship between him and England. He stated that England forged his name on the document, which Hopkins claims he sent to England after enduring 60 days of threats and intimidation from an "alter-ego named Big Louie". However, when England allegedly asked Hopkins for all money obligations to be repaid, Hopkins refused to comply and would not sign the agreement. Presumably, that was when, Hopkins alleges, England forged Hopkins' name and e-mailed the forced copy to all interested parties of the pro-

Perry County Central, took the top state honor in 1994

Out of the 16th Region, Ashland Paul Blazer's girls' program has five titles to its credit.

The Ladycats' All-A trip earlier this winter ended with a 60-47 loss to Christian Academy-Louisville. In Betsy Layne's defense, the team was without the services of junior Whitney Lykens. This year's trip to Richmond and the All "A" Classic was preceded by the second straight 15th Region All

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ject.
Hopkins also filed e-mail correspondence between him and other interested parties, some of whom accuse England of attempting to elicit sex from them with the promise of money or the Miss WWW America title.

England named Amanda England Miss WWW America 2002. However, in an e-mail dated Jan. 4, that was filed in the lawsuit by Hopkins, the "producer" wrote that Amanda Pinion had been officially notified and stripped of her title for her working against the interests of the producer.

A motion to amend, filed Feb. 13, notes that Amanda England no longer desires to pursue the complaint against Hopkins.

Jason and Amanda England were a "news" item at the beginning of last year when The Floyd County Times broke the story after becoming aware of a slave contract the two entered into, which both later said was "for fun" and was filed in the Pike County Clerk's office by mistake. The contract proposed that Amanda Pinion, Amanda England's real name, agreed to be a slave to Jason England.

Purse

Nicole Burchfield, the middle-age Pikeville woman who was now apparently a witness to the purse snatching, continued saying she had seen a heavyset woman and a man with a baby take the purse. She told Roark the couple had been driving a black Malibu.

Roark said the most amazing thing was that Burchfield told her she had memorized the Malibu's tag number.

A Post 9 trooper arrived and took Burchfield's statement, but told Roark there wasn't much hope of retrieving her purse, even with the additional information. It turned out the Malibu had West Virginia tags.

"Well, I got home and the phone was ringing," Roark said. "It was the police officer and he told me they had found my purse."

What Roark later found had happened was that Burchfield, passing nearby Kmart after leaving Wal-Mart, had noticed a black Malibu in the parking lot. She stopped and, after checking the tags, found it was the same vehicle. Burchfield then called the police, Roark said, and the purse was returned, as well as \$213 of the \$220 that was in the purse.

"When I got up there, he (the officer) said he had my purse, but

the money had been hard to get back," Roark said.

Police told Roark the couple had been stopped just short of checking out at the store and questioned.

"They told him the purse was out in their car and they were planning to return it," Roark said. "They said they didn't see the cash."

Instead, Roark said the couple were informed by police that there had been a witness who had seen them take the purse, at which time they had then fished through their belongings and produced a couple of 100-dollar bills.

"He (the officer) said they reached down and came up with \$200 and offered it to help me," Roark said. "And all the time, this is my money!"

Roark said she believes the couple was not arrested after returning the money, but stresses the moral of the story to be that of goodwill.

"She didn't want a reward," Roark said. "I told her I would give her my diamond ring off my finger and she said that all she wanted was a hug and for me to know that I had found a friend ... There ain't many people in the world that would have done what she did."

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Post 9 trooper receives high honor

by **JARRID DEATON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Salyersville native has been named "Trooper of the Year-Southern Region" by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Craig Stalker was honored for his efforts in rescuing five people from two burning cars in Johnson County on March 16, 2002.

According to police, Stalker was off duty on that date when he came upon a severe accident involving two cars. One of the vehicles was burning and its doors were jammed due to damage from the crash.

Stalker broke out the rear window to rescue a 16-year-old passenger trapped in the back seat. The 17-year-old driver of the vehicle was pinned by the steering wheel. With assistance from two motorists, Stalker was able to open one of the doors to pull the unconscious victim to safety sec-

onds before the vehicle was engulfed in flames.

Stalker then assisted the driver and passenger of the second vehicle to safety before re-entering the burning car to rescue an unconscious victim and begin CPR.

Although suffering injuries to his back and shoulders, Stalker rendered aid until medical personnel arrived.

All of the victims of the crash survived. Stalker was later hospitalized for pneumonia caused by smoke and heat from the burning vehicles.

"This is the first time that a member of our agency has received this award," said KSP Commissioner Patrick N. Simpson. "We are all immensely proud of Trooper Stalker. On behalf of the agency, I congratulate him on the award and for a job well done."

Stalker has served as a member of the Kentucky State Police for two years. He is assigned to KSP Post 9 in Pikeville.

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Viewpoint

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—Arthur Schopenhauer

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Guest View

Petty politics 1, higher education 0

Before the General Assembly slithered out of Frankfort, it turned its dyspeptic attention to higher education.

And faster than you can say, "Maybe we deserve to be at the bottom," our lawmakers passed a spanking new state law aimed at resolving an unspecified grudge by removing a single regent from the board of one state university.

The case for such mischief was complicated by an inconvenient obstacle: The regent in question, C. Fred Rice, chairman of Eastern Kentucky University's board, had apparently done nothing wrong.

Indeed, seven regents and other important folks on campus wrote to urge the defeat of the bill.

To no avail. Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, apparently acting in collusion with House Budget Committee Chairman Harry Moberly, both Democrats from EKV's hometown of Richmond, pushed the bill through.

A docile Paul Patton, who once aspired to make higher education his legacy as governor, signed the bill, highlighting his political depletion.

And the content of this nonsense? The bill would require regents at regional universities to live within the 50 states, thus disqualifying Mr. Rice (and apparently only Mr. Rice). He still owns property in Kentucky, but he moved last year from Florida to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This would be comical if it were just a couple of self-aggrandizing legislative poohbahs making fools of themselves.

But this sort of political meddling in the governance of public universities risks great harm.

So, Frankfort, take note, one more time: Universities are not designed to be playgrounds - not for basketball and certainly not for petty, local political intrigue. They exist to generate the teaching, learning and research necessary to produce an educated citizenry and to create an environment for economic and social growth.

Many other states, responding to a shrinking world and a global economy, are reaching out to attract more regents from beyond their borders.

But not Kentucky. Here, the message is that provincialism and political interference continue unabated to smother universities.

And top faculty, administrators and students - who could brighten Kentucky's future incalculably by coming to Kentucky campuses - will take note, and be justifiably wary.

The Courier-Journal



Sticks & Stones

Politics or public service?

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

— Harry S Truman

Allow me a chance to reenforce the insightful nature of this statement as a reminder of just where you stand with your elected officials.

The American Heritage Dictionary offers this as one definition of a politician: "One who seeks personal or partisan gain, often by scheming and maneuvering."

Seems to fit nicely. So sayeth the American Heritage Fourth Edition, so sayeth the people.

For your interests, a public servant

can be described rightfully and definitively as: "Someone publicly employed to perform services on behalf of the people."

It is important to understand then that public servants become politicians by choice, not by necessity.

It's a shame to find that in Floyd County the true meaning of being a public servant has been lost, if not simply tossed beneath the shadow of those seeking power and recognition.

Last week a drug-related arrest was made in Prestonsburg and, according to the police citation, the arresting officer was a member of the Prestonsburg Police Department. You were informed of the arrest, as well as afforded the additional information provided by the Floyd County Sheriff's

Office reminding us that the Floyd County Drug Task Force had a hand in the arrest.

It just wasn't enough. Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn felt more detailed credit should have been given to his department for the arrest, something that is almost always secondary to the importance of the arrest itself, like it or not.

And worse, Sheriff Blackburn issued his complaint in the most unprofessional manner possible.

While you were enjoying Sunday afternoon with your family, Sheriff Blackburn was busy slinging profanities at me over the phone, demanding more publicity and threatening me and this newspaper

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SHELDONCOMPTON

Letters

Abuse makes old age risky

Getting old in this country is risky. When old people go to a nursing home, they run the risk of being abused. Perpetrators of financial abuse occasionally go to court, but perpetrators of physical abuse are virtually never brought to justice.

Physical abuse is addressed in house, if it is addressed at all. Nursing homes do their own investigating. State Departments of Health are a law unto themselves, becoming prosecutor, judge, and jury, meting out meager sentences: citations, requiring written plans of correction, and occasionally imposing a fine.

This is a paperwork system of justice, neat, tidy, sterile. No one is placed in the dock, not the abuser, not the

administrator, who is responsible for care of residents, not the owners, who let their thirst for profits stand in the way of quality care. There is no airing of dirty linen, and there is a great deal of dirty linen in the health care system that should be aired.

If old people in nursing homes are to receive equal justice under the law, the government must place those who are guilty of abuse and neglect in the hands of law enforcement. Let real investigators investigate. Let real prosecutors prosecute. Let real juries determine guilt or innocence. Let real judges impose real sentences. Let abusers serve real time.

Until that happens, old and helpless people in nursing homes will continue to be treated the way families used to treat a mentally ill or physically handicapped family member, who was kept in a back room, hidden from

view.
Jane Marshall
Clarksville, Tenn.

Bogale will be missed

On Sunday morning, March 9, I received word from Lexington that my dear friend and colleague, Hailu Bogale, had passed away. I am writing this letter, because, to my knowledge, there was no mention of it in the papers here, and I know there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people in this region who had the good fortune of knowing this God-fearing, loving man. Surely, after living in and serving our community for two decades, he is due such respect.

Hailu Bogale came to Prestonsburg about 25 years ago, with his wife, Yeshe, to teach mathematics and engi-

neering/surveying at Prestonsburg Community College. He was extremely well educated. In his native Ethiopia, Mr. Bogale earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Addis Ababa University. His outstanding academic and professional accomplishments won him a scholarship from the Ethiopian government to do graduate work at Villanova University (in PA), then at Farleigh Dickerson University (in NJ), where he received a master's degree in mechanical engineering. While teaching at Queens College, in New York, Mr. Bogale earned a second master's degree in the same subject area. PCC was fortunate to get a man with such credentials to teach here.

I must say that as a colleague, Professor Hailu Bogale was the best. He had

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Health Extra

Asian outbreak may be new strain of flu or exotic virus

by EMMA ROSS
AP MEDICAL WRITER

A deadly, mysterious respiratory illness spread largely among health care workers in Asia could be a new strain of flu or even an exotic virus passed from animals to people, a health official said Sunday.

Probably the most feared by health experts, however, would be a new and deadly strain of flu.

The illness, which carries flu-like symptoms, has killed nine people — seven in Asia and two in North America. Its rapid spread in southeast Asia in recent weeks caused a rare worldwide health alert to be issued on Saturday.

Health officials say it may be several more days before they are able to identify the disease. However, they said several of its features suggest it is caused

by a virus, which can often be difficult to pinpoint quickly using standard lab tests.

"Certainly influenza is on the minds of many people," said Dr. David Heymann, communicable diseases chief for the World Health Organization.

Lab tests have ruled out some varieties of flu as well as some viruses that cause hemorrhagic fever. However, many other possibilities remain, Heymann said.

Those include "a new strain of influenza" or such exotic diseases as the closely related Hendra and Nipah viruses — both newly recognized, causing flu-like symptoms and capable of being spread from animals to people.

"If it really is the flu, it could be we have a new organism that could cause a pandemic," said Dr. R. Bradley Sack, director of Johns Hopkins' international

travel clinic. "People immediately start thinking of 1917," the year a worldwide flu epidemic killed at least 20 million people.

Experts discounted the possibility that terrorism is the source and believe it almost certainly is a contagious infection that spreads most easily from victims to their doctors, nurses and families through coughing, sneezing and other contact with nasal fluids.

"Nothing about that pattern suggests bioterrorism," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Officials said they are encouraged that some recent victims seem to be recovering, although they are unsure whether that is because of the many antibiotic and antiviral drugs they have been given or simply the natural course of the disease.

Heymann said three or four patients had stabilized enough to be moved out of intensive

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Mary Martin and Betty Little were named the winners of the Waneta P. Newsome Employee Recognition Award and received assorted gifts and \$100 in cash.

OLW recognizes valued employees

MARTIN — It was a fitting beginning to 2003. Employees of Our Lady of the Way Hospital had the opportunity to recognize those individuals who give special meaning to the hospital's core values — reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence.

Mary Martin and Betty Little were named the winners of the Waneta P. Newsome Employee Recognition Award and received assorted gifts and \$100 in cash.

Martin, a registered nurse and the infection control coordinator, has been with Our Lady of the Way Hospital for 21 years.

"It was truly an honor to be selected by your peers," Martin said. "The wonderful gifts were an added bonus."

She went on to say that OLW is "home" and truly a place that the core values are visible in the care extended to all patients.

Little, a member of the housekeeping team, began her tenure with OLW in 1981. Little

sees her personality as a good mesh with the core values and her job.

"I love what I do," Little said. "I enjoy meeting people and making them as comfortable as possible."

Little also said that the gifts were great, but the real honor came from the nomination itself.

Other employees who were nominated by their peers and give special meaning to the core values — reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence — included Teresa Bailey, Carol Bentley, Dolly Carroll, Neva Francis, Sharon Hite, Wanda Justice, Stephanie Kidd, Shirley Lawson, Mary Little, Evelyn Martin, Carol Jo May, Erma Jean May, Susan Pelphrey, Larry Robinson, Faye Slone, Debbie Steffey, Meri Wallace, Dorita Wilcox.

OLW is a not-for-profit facility located in Martin and a member of Catholic Health Initiatives with headquarters in Denver, Colo.

Answers to some of the questions about deadly, mystery illness

The Associated Press

World health experts are trying to identify what has caused a new form of deadly pneumonia called severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS. It spread first in southeast Asia and now has affected Canadians and perhaps one American who traveled to Asia.

Q: What are the symptoms?
A fever of about 101, coughing and shortness of breath. Other possible symptoms include headache, muscular stiffness, loss of appetite, confusion, rash and diarrhea.

Q: How quickly can someone get the disease after being exposed to it?
Three to seven days.

Q: How does someone catch it?
It appears to spread through close contact, such as between family members or between patient and doctor. Experts believe it is spread through coughing, sneezing and other contact with nasal fluids.

Q: What causes it?
Researchers don't know whether it is caused by a bacteria or a virus, and they may not know the answer for several more days.

Q: How is it treated?
Those suspected of having SARS are being quarantined. The best treatment is unclear because different medicines have been used in different hospitals.

Q: What are the chances of recovering from it?
So far there are nine fatalities among the 150 most recent cases.

Q: Where did the disease first appear?
SARS was first recognized in

Hanoi, Vietnam, on Feb. 26. An outbreak of pneumonia of similar symptoms struck Guangdong province, China, last November and was only brought under control in mid-February.

Q: Is it dangerous to travel in those regions?

U.S. health officials said travelers should consider postponing trips to countries at risk. Those who have traveled to Hong Kong or Guangdong province in China, or Hanoi, Vietnam, are being told to monitor their health for seven days. If a fever and shortness of breath develop, they are advised to see a doctor.

Source: World Health Organization; U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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2. Permanent in-ground flower containers are not authorized for placement in any burial section of the cemetery.
3. All flowers, artificial or fresh, on the ground will be removed from graves and disposed of by cemetery personnel when they become withered, faded or otherwise unsightly.
4. Permanent plantings, statues, breakable objects of any kind, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time. These and other hazardous objects will be removed by cemetery personnel whenever found on a grave.
5. During the Christmas season, Christmas wreaths, and grave floral blankets will be permitted commencing December 1 and allowed to remain on the grave through January 1.
6. Between March 15 and March 31, all artificial and fresh flowers or decorations that are on the ground will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

If there would be any questions concerning the above regulations, please contact the cemeteries at (606) 886-1312

Obituaries

Virus

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care Sunday in Hanoi, Vietnam, although all still had breathing problems.

The illness is being called "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS. The incubation period appears to be three to seven days. It often begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and sore throat. Victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

The World Health Organization has been aware of the outbreak for about three weeks but issued its global alert this weekend because of concern that the illness would spread to North America and Europe.

The WHO estimates that perhaps 500 people in all have been sickened if an earlier outbreak that peaked last month in Guangdong province in China turns out to be part of the same disease, as they suspect it is.

Ninety percent of the most recent cases have been in health care workers.

The CDC prepared cards that were being given to travelers arriving from Hanoi, Hong Kong or Guangdong province in China, warning they may have been exposed. It recommended they see a doctor if they get a fever accompanied by a cough or difficulty breathing over the next week.

Investigators suspect a virus is involved, because victims do not seem to respond well to standard antibiotics, which kill only bacteria, and because their white blood counts drop. That typically happens with viral infections but not bacterial ones.

Few drugs exist for treating viral diseases and often they must run their course until brought under control by the body's natural immune defenses.

Tests so far have ruled out the H5N1 bird flu, which has popped up occasionally in China and which many fear could be catastrophic if it spread widely among humans.

No cases have been confirmed in the United States, but Gerberding said the CDC is checking out a few calls. The North American fatalities were a woman and her grown son who died in Toronto after visiting Hong Kong.

A 32-year-old physician from Singapore suspected of having the disease was taken off an airliner during a stopover in Frankfurt, Germany, on Saturday after being in New York City for a medical conference. He was held in quarantine, along with his mother, who had a fever, and his wife, who remained healthy.

However, on Sunday, the man's physician, Dr. Hanns-Reinhardt Brodt, said he was uncertain the case was SARS; he was treating him for ordinary pneumonia.

Also on Sunday, the WHO released a report from the China Ministry of Health on the Guangdong outbreak, which said "the epidemic situation has been controlled and the patients are being cured one by one."

In that outbreak, the Chinese said, most victims were young adults, and the disease apparently was spread similarly to SARS. The outbreak peaked between Feb. 3 and 14 in Guangzhou City and has since decreased markedly.

The Chinese said 7 percent of patients required breathing tubes, but most eventually got better, especially if they were not also infected with bacteria. The disease seemed to weaken as it passed from person to person.

Lusinda "Cinda" Laferty

Lusinda "Cinda" Laferty, age 90, of Grove City, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Magalene Fraley; and her husband, Charlie M. Laferty in 1988.

Survivors include her children, Charles E. (Brenda) Laferty of South Dakota, Sue (Harry) Thomas of Grove City, and Betty (Jack) Hale of Kentucky; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many other dear family members and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 19, at 1:30 p.m., at the Schoedinger-Norris Chapel, 3920 Broadway, Grove City, with Rev. David Berna officiating.

Interment will be at Grove City Cemetery.

Friends, if they wish, may contribute in Cinda's memory to Mt. Carmel Palliative Care, 793 W. State St. Columbus, Ohio 43222, or Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 16810, Columbus, Ohio 43272. "A beautiful life that came to an end, she died as she lived, everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of one we loved, and will never forget."

Visit www.schoedinger.com to send online condolences to the family. (Paid obituary)

James Dingus

James Dingus, 64, of Mansfield, Ohio, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at MedCentral Mansfield Hospital, following a battle with cancer.

He was born March 16, 1939, in Floyd County, residing in the Mansfield area since 1960. He retired from General Motors, and attended Taylortown Community Church of Shelby. He was a veteran of the United States Army. James enjoyed woodworking; he loved his cat; and was especially proud of his three step-grandsons who are attending college.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Dailey Dingus of Mansfield.

Other survivors include one daughter, Teresa Dingus of Mansfield; four sons and daughters-in-law, James Dingus of Mansfield, Danny and Vickie Dingus of Mansfield, Mitchell and Carol Dingus of Lexington; and Robert "Bruce" and Jacqueline Dingus of Olivesburg, Ohio; one step-daughter, and one step-son-in-law, Sharon and Dennis McNary of Mansfield; one step-son, James Buckler Jr. of Lexington; 13 grandchildren, and seven step-grandchildren; four brothers, Danny Dingus of Kennersville, Indiana; Mitchell Dingus of New Concord, Ohio, Bill Dingus of Columbus, Georgia; and Philip Dingus of South Whitney, Indiana; and four sisters, all of Indiana, Nancy Woods, Pat Minnex, Willa Fay Dingus and Hester Dingus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lacy and Pauline Dingus, and his first wife, Shirley Crockett Dingus.

Friends may call at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 11 a.m., at the Taylortown Community Church of Shelby.

Additional calling hours will be held on Friday, March 21, after 4 p.m., at Globe Funeral Home in Olive Hill, Kentucky, with funeral services being held on Saturday, 11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Military graveside services will be held at Stallard Cemetery in Carter County.

Online guest registry at www.wappner.com (Paid obituary)

Angie Ethel Bays

Angie Ethel Bays, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 16, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born July 19, 1915, in Brainard, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Sarah Baldrige Manuel. She was a homemaker and mother, and a member of the Bonanza United Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Bays.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Bays of Kenton, Ohio, and Gary Bays and Ricky Bays, both of Prestonsburg; five daughters, Juanita Spradlin of Kenton, Ohio, Phyllis Wyatt of Holton Lake, Michigan, Ethel Spears of Prestonsburg, Bonnie Mulkey of Banner, and Fredia Ann Calton of Fayetteville, North Carolina; 25 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sons, Donald Bays, Elbert Douglas Bays and Vernon Bays; a daughter, Sarah Shaeen; an infant brother; and four sisters, Goldie Frasure, Gladys Spradlin, Pheba Merritt and Susie Puckett; one grandchild, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 19, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial will be in the Conley Cemetery at Bonanza.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Ted Keathley

Ted Keathley, 59, of Grethel, died Friday, March 14, 2003, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

Born March 20, 1943, at Galveston, he was the son of the late Ellis and Roxie Hall Keathley. He was a disabled construction welder.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Mae Hall Keathley.

Other survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Donna Keathley of Betsy Layne; six brothers, Hershel Keathley of Boise, Idaho, Wallace Keathley of Garrett, Paul Keathley and Chester Keathley, both of Galveston, Marcus Keathley of Betsy Layne, and Herbert Keathley of Lorain, Ohio; five sisters, Joyce Brewer and Velvia Hall, both of Galveston, Lois Kidd of Grethel, Donna Barker of Lorain, Ohio, and Plumer Milborn of Galena, Ohio; and a granddaughter, Shenna Lynn Keathley.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Thomas Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Kidd Family Cemetery at Grethel.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Nellie Ann Rice

Nellie Ann Rice, age 91, of Banner, widow of Oscar Ola Rice, passed away Friday, March 14, 2003, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville.

She was born March 19, 1911, in Banner, the daughter of the late Roscoe Compton and Elizabeth Compton.

Survivors include three sons, Lucian George Rice and Howard Ray Rice, both of Salyersville, and Oscar Elmer Rice of Martin; one daughter, Betty Jane Hopkins of Charleston, South Carolina; one sister, Maxine Rice of Charleston, South Carolina; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, James Luther Rice, and Jack Moses Rice; and two brothers, Alvis Compton and James Compton.

Funeral services for Nellie Ann Rice were conducted Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman John Pelphrey officiating.

Burial was in the Gunnels Cemetery, at Banner, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Howard Rice, Oscar Rice, Danny Ray Rice, Carson Hopkins, Don McFarland, and Carl Rice.

Honorary: Lucian G. Rice, Dustin Menix, Joseph Menix, Maxwell Rice, Colby Rice, Jason Rice, Justin Aldler, Calan Davis, and Hayes Thibodeaux. (Paid obituary)

Virgil Cross

Virgil Cross, age 71, of Drift, husband of Clara Nitchie Cross, passed away Friday, March 14, 2003, at his residence.

He was born March 15, 1931, in Ligon, the son of the late Sam Cross and Cora Jones Cross. He was a retired die maker, formerly employed by Fournier Rubber Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Survivors include one son, Larry Cross, and his wife, Sharon, of Drift; two sisters, Donie Estep and Pearl Mullins, both of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Virgil Cross were conducted Sunday, March 16, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Elder Charles Nitchie, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Salisbury and Nitchie Cemetery, at Hunter, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Eric Stump, Brian Addis, Larry Cross Jr., Sammy Nitchie, Pete Nitchie, and Tony Salisbury.

Honorary: Virgil Shane Cross, Don Estep, Robbie Kirk and Phillip Estep. (Paid obituary)

James W. McKinney

James W. McKinney, age 66, of Pikeville, husband of Betty Sue Fife McKinney, passed away Friday, March 14, 2003, in the Owensboro Mercy Health Hospital, Owensboro.

He was born March 19, 1936, in Harold, the son of the late Wilson McKinney and Artie Mullins McKinney. He was an appliance repair worker, a member of the Church of Christ, and a Korean War, Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife and two sons, David Lee McKinney of Hawesville, and Wayne Adkins of Pikeville; four daughters, Darlene Rydahl of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Marlene Rich of Hardinsburg, Cindy McKinney of Florida, and Debbie Scherch of Carey, North Carolina; four brothers, Harold Bowling of New London, Ohio, Willard McKinney of El Paso, Texas, Charles McKinney of Kingman, Arizona, and Kenneth

McKinney of Auxier; one sister, Anna Mae Perkins of Webbville; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for James W. McKinney, were conducted Monday, March 17, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Bruce Coleman officiating.

Burial was in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, at Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Joseph Masterson, Andrew Rich, Dillon McKinney, Roger Shepherd, David McKinney, and Cris Terry.

Honorary: B. J. King, Sgt. Kenneth McKinney, and Sgt. Timothy Ray McKinney.

Sign the register book for the family at: www.hallfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

Anna Martin Mullins

Anna Martin Mullins, age 87, of Kite, widow of Alex Mullins Jr., passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2003, in the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born August 20, 1915, at Hall, the daughter of the late Perry Bruce and Josie Hall Martin.

She was a retired postmaster of the Hall Post Office, and a grocery store owner.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Junellen Hall; a son, Bruce Raymond Mullins; and two sisters, Effie Hall and Clara Bates.

Survivors include four sons, Shelby G. Mullins, and Paul E. Mullins, both of Kite, and Maurice W. Mullins and Billie L. Mullins, both of Lexington; one daughter, Bernice Hall of Kite; two sisters, Julie Akers and Lucy Smith, both of Burnside; 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a special great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 18, at 11 a.m., in the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Kite, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Bruce Martin Cemetery at Kite.

Arrangements were entrusted to Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Sign the register for the family at: www.hallfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

Sticks

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with lawsuits. I spent the rest of my after noon trying to explain what was wrong to my 7-year-old son, who overheard my end of the conversation. I hope he understood.

Sheriff Blackburn seems more concerned with who gets credit for an arrest than if an arrest was made, when all anyone really cares about is that the alleged lawbreaker was put in jail.

Ultimately, Sheriff Blackburn will find that his effectiveness in office will not be measured by how often he is credited, but by how willingly he can decide to start being a public servant for the people and stop being a politician for himself.



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It has been a year since she passed away, and this passage is dedicated in her honor:

*Although her walk was winding and slow,
We traveled it with her, here below.*

*The rocks were sharp along the road,
We could not bear her heavy load.*

Her pain was great, and she longed to go on.

*And we knew that Heaven would not wait;
The soul was wrapped in a glowing light,
And slipped forever from our sight.*

And now she has left us all alone.

*She's found peace in Heaven above,
Now she knows that perfect love.*

*We shall miss her, till we see her again,
When the Heavenly Gate shall open wide for all of us.*

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The family of Gary E. Crum would like to sincerely thank friends, neighbors, and loved ones who shared our loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind and comforting words. Special thanks to Clergyman Garfield Potter for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for assisting in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their efficient and professional service.

The Family of Gary E. Crum

Card of Thanks

The family of Lillian Margaret Fultz would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke kind words. A special thanks to Greg Johnson for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in traffic control, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF LILLIAN MARGARET FULTZ

Card of Thanks

The family of Hazel Robinson wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Lori Vannucci for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department, for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF HAZEL ROBINSON

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL

Checkout Wednesday & Friday LIFESTYLES for weekly school updates and schedules.



Odds

during World War II, then for the Minnesota National Guard and the Minneapolis Veterans Medical Center.

For the past 20 years, St. Michael's was his spiritual



Lavernon

Gene Corbett

HORNELL—Lavernon Gene Corbett, 75, of Maple Court Homes, passed away Saturday morning, (February 1, 2003) at McAuley Manor in North Hornell.

Born in Crosby, Pa., he was raised in Roulette, Pa., and had served his country in the United States Navy. He was a graduate of the Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, and then spent his adult years as a missionary in Liberia, West Africa, Arizona, Kentucky, New Jersey, Prince Edward Island, Indiana and Georgia. He had moved from Shinglehouse, Pa., to Hornell about two years ago. He was currently a member of the Hillside Baptist Church in Hornell, New York.

Surviving are his wife, Carol (Watkins) Corbett, whom he married June 24, 1950; his 10 children, Roxanna (Brian) Dickinson of Galeton, Pa., Melody (Richard) Tintle of Galeton, Pa., Rev. Drue (Evelyn) Corbett of Dansville, Daurolyn (Greg) Pratt of Florida, Luke (Lorraine) Corbett of New Jersey, Rev. Lael (Brenda) Corbett of Georgia, Rev. Dathan (Lou Ann) Corbett of Hornell, Sola (John) Prince of Alfred, Orin (Kelli) Corbett of Georgia, Rev. Tenny (Tammi) Corbett of Indiana; a sister, Dorla (Arnold) Adams of Georgia; two brothers, Dan (Beverly) Corbett and Fred (Anne) Corbett, both of Georgia; 34 grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family was present from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, to receive friends at the Hillside Baptist Church, 805 County Route 66 (Webbs Crossing Road), Hornell, where funeral services followed calling hours at 4 p.m.

Burial was in the Roulette Hill Cemetery, Roulette, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing to remember Gene, are asked to consider a contribution to the Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland, Ohio 44130-8011, c/o Carol Corbett for a memorial fund which she will dispense to ministries of her choice. Contribution envelopes will be available at the church.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo St., Hornell.

home and family. Once a week he would arrive at the parish office with stale doughnuts or his signature banana bread for the staff, bragging about the deal he got on bananas.

Unlike many members of religious orders, diocesan priests take no vow of poverty. Seefeldt parlayed a family inheritance of \$100,000 and pensions from the Army, civil service and his Social Security into a fortune with the investment advice of Roy Stueve, a friend of 50 years.

"Father Bill had the Midas touch," Stueve said. "He gave me some money to invest in the market. I said I could lose it all. He said not to worry, the good Lord would provide."

DELAWARE WATER GAP, Pa.—It's mating season, and the National Park Service believes that spotted salamanders, wood frogs and other amphibians should be able to let nature take its course — without being run over.

That's why they're closing five miles of a road that passes through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

The park service said it will periodically close River Road when it rains at night so the creatures can safely crawl, hop and slither their way across the road to wetlands to mate.

"There can be significant mortality caused by traffic; salamanders are pretty slow," said Robin Jung, Northeast coordinator of the U.S. Geological Survey's Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative.

Jung cited a 1990 report that said if traffic density exceeds 26 cars an hour, between 50 and

100 percent of migrating amphibians may be killed when crossing.

Naturalist John Serrao and his wife, Felicia, came upon 650 flattened frogs and 30 dead spotted salamanders last year on River Road.

"We were in shock," said John Serrao. "We tried to rescue as many as we could."

Since amphibians are most active at night, River Road will be closed between 4 p.m. and 5 a.m. The closures, which could last through mid-April, are contingent on the weather.

BALTIMORE — It's the middle of the night and your Internet search fails to call up the fact or information you need. If you live in Maryland, don't despair.

A new service allows Maryland residents to reach a librarian online around the clock for information ranging from recipes to tax information, or just about anything they could find in the state's libraries.

On Monday, libraries across the state will begin offering a free service called Maryland AskUsNow! Librarians will be available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week for online chat sessions.

"What we're really doing is we're breaking down those barriers of time and space that have existed for hundreds of years," said Joe Thompson, project coordinator for the service.

The service will be available to all Maryland residents by logging on to local library Web sites or <http://www.askusnow.info>.

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Letters

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an open-minded, positive attitude that allowed him to entertain new ideas, see their merit, and work towards their fulfillment. Because of this and his genuine love and concern for PCC students, he and I were able to frequently collaborate on educational issues that not only connected our disciplines, i.e., math and science, but also sought overall improvement in student learning and success, particularly among non-traditionals. In fact, only a few weeks ago, the editor of the "Adult Learner Newsletter", a Minnesota publication for non-traditional students, asked me to seek Professor Bogale's permission to publish his "10 Recommendations For Math Teachers", which had been included in a paper we had worked together on some years back. Right before he passed away, he made sure I got the message that it would be alright with him.

Everything in Hailu Bogale's life was tied to his faith and love of God. As a devout Christian, who had equal respect for people of other religions, he made it his life's work to help others, without discrimination or reservation, and spread God's word at every opportunity. He and his family were forever opening their arms and home to those in need, no matter what the cost to their personal comfort. As I sat in the Lexington chapel at his funeral, awaiting to deliver his Eulogy, I listened to testimony after testimony about Hailu Bogale's goodness to humanity and how truly loved he was by all who knew him. It was beautiful. Peggy Prater, who worked with Professor Bogale in the PCC Division of Physical Sciences for many years, summed it all up by saying, "He was one in a million - an awesome man!"

I sincerely feel honored that my family and I had been among

those whose lives Hailu Bogale had touched in such meaningful ways, and can only hope that other people in Eastern Kentucky, who also have been beneficiaries of this fine man's moral, spiritual, and academic excellence, will feel honored, too. If ever there was a man who completely fulfilled Jesus' Commandment, "... love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12), it was Hailu Bogale. We will miss him.

John G. Shiber
 Professor of Biology
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Stolen, returned dog at center of dispute

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

director of the shelter, the dog was the only thing taken during a break-in.

"This is a 90-pound dog. It could really be a dangerous animal in the wrong hands," Mullins said.

The dog was eventually located and returned to the shelter in early February. According to the complaint, the plaintiff was not notified that the dog was returned to the shelter.

According to Mullins, the situation has to be reevaluated after the dog was returned.

"We have to take the best outlook for the animals," Mullins said.

"We are here for the animals, not the public."

According to the complaint, the plaintiff is asking for possession of

the dog or \$1,500.

Samons said that the complaint would be filed again so a new court date can be set.

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Case goes from traffic stop to trafficking

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Shepherdsville man was charged with trafficking marijuana pursuant to being stopped for speeding, at which time a consented police search yielded eight ounces of marijuana.

According to Kentucky State Police, Randall B. Slone, 55, was arrested on Thursday, after being stopped for speeding. The document states that

Slone and his passenger had different stories of names, locations and knowledge of each other.

After obtaining consent to search the vehicle, the reporting officer stated that he located approximately eight ounces of processed marijuana, \$747 in cash, and several items of drug paraphernalia.

Shepherd was charged with trafficking between 8 ounces and 5 pounds of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Wayland wants to rid streets of four-wheelers

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — The use of four-wheelers on public roads was the main issue discussed at a meeting of the Wayland City Commission on Monday.

According to Mayor Tommy Murphy, the vehicles are becoming a danger on the streets of Wayland.

"The four-wheelers have to stop, that's all there is to it," Murphy said.

Murphy told Wayland police officer Terry Hill that he would be required to work this weekend in order to put a stop to the four-wheelers.

"They are flying up and down the streets where kids play. We need to put a stop to it before something happens," Murphy said.

The commission also voted to prepare for the Easter holiday by giving Murphy permission to buy 300 plastic eggs and 300 real eggs to be used for event.

The second reading of an ordinance regarding campaign posters in the city was also completed at the meeting. The ordinance prohibits any campaign posters from being placed on property owned by the city. A \$100 a month fine will be charged to those you place posters on city property and do not taken them down within 10 days of notification.

The commission also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Wayland Senior Citizen's Center to help with the cut that they received in funding.

The next meeting of the Wayland City Commission will be April 14.

Man charged with over \$33K in welfare fraud

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Benton man is being held in the Pike County Detention Center on a \$40,000 cash bond after being arrested on charges of welfare fraud.

According to court documents, David G. Williams Sr., 34, was arrested on Friday and charged with four counts of welfare fraud, two felony and two misdemeanor.

The criminal complaint states

that he committed the offense on Jan. 15 by receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children, medical assistance, and food stamp benefits unlawfully. It states that Williams failed to report a change in the factors affecting his eligibility for the benefits.

The sum total of the fraudulent benefits allegedly received by Williams is \$33,434.16. The total included were \$1,792 in AFDC, \$1,110 in food stamps, and \$30,532.16 in medical assistance.

Killed

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"Brandon told us that he was up there prior to the accident to serve papers," Omerod said, "but they had to do with truancy."

According to court records, Floyd County Board of Education director of pupil personnel Kristina Springer swore a criminal complaint against Craft two days before the accident on March 13 citing a single misdemeanor charge of parent failure to send child to school.

The complaint was filed in Floyd District Court yesterday, and asks that Mrs. Craft appear in court to answer to the charge

on April 23. Regardless, because speculation has reached such a high level, Omerod said his department would continue to investigate the incident.

"We're looking into the possibilities and investigating allegations, but don't anticipate any charges at this time," Omerod said.

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., at the property site at 2507 KY RT 850, Pyramid, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$34,346.10 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$10,982.43, plus interest in the amount of \$4,737.02 as of August 21, 2002, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$7.2926 per day from August 21, 2002, until the date of judgement, plus interest on the judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 1.47%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 02-170 on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on December 16, 2002, in the case of United States of America vs. Brenda Huffman and the Unknown Spouse of Brenda Huffman, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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There is hereby reserved from this conveyance right of way for the construction and maintenance of a gas line from this property and there is hereby conveyed a right of way for the construction and maintenance of a gas line over, upon and under the property.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated December 18, 1992, recorded in Deed Book 362, Page 808, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting community meeting dates and public service announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or emailed: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will

not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS AT FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, are currently available to assist in preparing income tax forms for elderly and low-income taxpayers on Tuesday of each week, at the Floyd County Library. Hours are from 9-3:30. Bring last year's tax return and information for 2002. The service is free.

JENNY WILEY CHAPTER AARP TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

In its first meeting of 2003, Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will conduct its election and installation of officers on Friday, March 21, at the office complex of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Jane Bond, from the Floyd County Health Department, will address the smallpox vaccination program, and the preparations being made in the event that there is an outbreak of the disease.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

ACHS MATH DAY

To be held Friday, April 18. Interested schools should reply by March 19. Space limited to 100 students. Assistance available for bus transportation needs. Contact Amy Halbert, Allen Central High School Math Dept. for more info.

PHS VARSITY CHEER TRYOUTS

■ March 24, 6-6:45 p.m. - Question/Answer session. Parents should accompany students.

■ March 25, 26 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Completed forms due in. Tryout practice.

■ March 31, April 1 - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal practice.

■ April 3 - 5 to 8 p.m. Official Tryouts - KAPOs judging.

■ April 4 - Notification of elected squad members.

MAYTOWN CENTER NEWS

■ First Saturday of each month - Karaoke/Line Dancing Night.

■ Last Friday of each month - Friday Night Live Talent Showcase & Jam Session. 6:30 to 10 p.m.

■ Community Library now open in Main Building. Monday thru Thursday, 3-5 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Smallpox public forum to be held in Pike Auditorium, PCC, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by: PCC, Big Sandy

Area NPS Team, and Big Sandy Area Health Depts.

2ND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS BASH

American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" to hold a Bluegrass Bash, sponsored by Big Sandy RECC. Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., at the Johnson County Middle School. Lonesome Mt. Boys, Salvation Rain, Ronnie Spriggs, 5 Miles from Nowhere, Big Sandy RECC Employee Trio. For ticket info., call 789-4095.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

To be held on April 19, on the PHS football field, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Volunteers needed. Call Community Connections at 886-8655 and ask to speak to Robin Crider if you would like to volunteer or offer a donation for this event.

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BLHS ALUMNI CONCERT

The Betsy Layne High School Alumni will present a concert featuring music from the 60s and 70s performed by guests - the Shangri La's, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, and Billy J. Kramer, on Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m., at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse, Betsy Layne Elementary campus. Tickets to see these musical greats in person may be purchased at the following locations: Betsy Layne

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For every opening, the school has about 12 applicants, President Jerry C. Davis said. That is up from about 10 last year. Ten years

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Troops prepare for combat as Saddam mocks Bush's ultimatum

by DAVID ESPO
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In an edgy prelude to war, Saddam Hussein mocked an American ultimatum Tuesday to surrender power, and the Bush administration claimed public support from 30 nations for its international coalition supporting Iraq's disarmament.

The streets of Baghdad captured the moment - panic buying by residents bracing for a fearsome U.S.-led attack, side by side with a government-prompt-

ed, mass demonstration in support of Saddam.

"This war, in short, is tantamount to genocide," charged Mohammed Aldouri, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, in one of a string of insults the Iraqi high command hurled at Bush.

It was a daylong act of defiance in the face of an invasion force of more than 250,000 troops ringing Iraq, a nation of more than 23 million that Saddam has ruled brutally for nearly a quarter century.

One day after President Bush set his deadline of 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, troops in the Kuwaiti desert loaded their ammunition and combat gear into fighting vehicles, ready to invade on short notice.

"I think I'd probably have a better chance of being elected pope than we have of Mr. Saddam Hussein leaving the country," Capt. Thomas A. Parker said aboard the USS Kitty Hawk - an aircraft carrier preparing to take on a supply of 1,000-pound, satellite-guided

bombs from a nearby munitions ship.

"So this is probably going to follow to its logical conclusion." As the hours dwindled toward Bush's deadline, the White House worked to keep Saddam guessing.

Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer would not rule out a U.S. attack before Bush's 48-hour clock ran out. "Saddam Hussein has to figure out what this means," he said.

One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush was leaving the door open in case Saddam makes a preemptive attack or U.S. intelligence warns that one is likely.

Underscoring what the president said on Monday night, Fleischer told reporters that U.S.

troops would enter Iraq, either as an invading force, or as part of an unmolested effort to locate weapons of mass destruction.

At the same time the administration prepared for an invasion, it announced a series of steps at home to protect against terrorist attacks.

"We know that our interests have been attacked abroad. And we should prepare for potential attacks, either here or abroad at this time," said Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

The plan, dubbed "Operation Liberty Shield," heightens security at the nation's borders, at airports, seaports and railways, at nuclear and chemical plants and elements of the nation's food supply and distribution system. Ridge said governors

are being asked to deploy National Guard troops or extra state police to help.

At the State Department, Secretary of State Colin Powell said 30 nations had joined the administration's "coalition of the willing," and that another 15 had quietly pledged support.

At least two of the 30 nations, Spain and the Netherlands, have explicitly ruled out the use of troops to invade Iraq, though. Another, Japan, was identified as only a post-conflict member of the coalition.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said some of the countries "may put troops on the ground" and others may take

(See PREPARE, page eleven)

Patton: No specific terror targets in Kentucky

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Federal authorities know of no specific terrorism threat or target in Kentucky, Gov. Paul Patton said Tuesday.

Patton, who is chairman of the National Governors Association, said he was included in a conference call Monday night with Homeland Security Secretary

Tom Ridge.

Ridge believes the al-Qaida terrorist network will soon attempt to attack Americans, here and abroad, Patton said.

But, "I think we can say we have not been advised of any specific target in Kentucky or any specific threat to anything in Kentucky," Patton said in a news conference.

Patton said Kentucky's own security officials have been analyzing the state's "potentially vulnerable points" since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and have plans for protecting and watching them.

He said the list includes the

uranium plant at Paducah, chemical plants and oil refineries, power plants, roads and bridges — "things you could wreak havoc with."

But Ray A. Nelson, executive director of the state Office for Security Coordination, said stepping up security solely at large installations makes "soft targets" more vulnerable.

"Large gatherings of people — basketball games, theaters, the Kentucky Derby, things like that — we have to be concerned about," Nelson said. "We have to apply our security measures ... to all of these venues as well, not just our critical infrastructure."

Calendar

High School, all Cardinal Mart locations, Collins Trophy and T's (Banner), and K&E Market (Teaberry).

GOSPEL SING

To be held Friday, March 28, at 6 p.m., at the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church (located on Rt. 1428, near Worldwide Equipment). Will feature: New Hearts, Gateway Quartet, Voices of Faith, many others. All proceeds will benefit Children's Miracle Network and local children's hospitals.

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"NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

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

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

A Social Security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday during the months of February and March to assist in filing claims for Social Security Retirement, Disability, Survivor's Benefits, SSI, Black Lung, and in obtaining a Social Security Number. The representative may also assist in filing appeals and answering general questions.

HRMC CALENDAR

■ March 20 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m.
■ March 21 - Floyd County AARP Meeting Place B, 6-7 p.m.
■ March 27 - Living Well with Diabetes, Floyd Room, 5-6 p.m.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

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

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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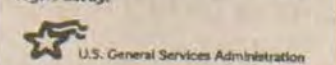
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Trophy mixup?

Many Betsy Layne fans are unhappy with the trophies players received at the conclusion of Saturday's championship game. Johnson Central High School appears on the trophies. Johnson Central was the host school.

Get your tickets

Locally, tickets for the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament are on sale at Betsy Layne High School now until noon on Tuesday, March 25. Advance tickets on sale at Betsy

Layne are \$7 each.

Tickets may also be ordered by calling the WKU's Diddle Arena box office at (800) 5-BIG-RED or (270) 745-5222. Advance tickets are \$13 for side arena single session and \$7 for

end zone arena single session. Tickets purchased at the gate the day of the game will be \$14 and \$8 each. All participating schools now have tickets available in the end zone cheering sections for \$7 each.

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Former cop indicted on sex allegations

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Included in the six sealed indictments handed down by a Floyd County grand jury last week was an indictment for Rodney Newsome, the 48-year-old Hi

Hat man arrested in late January for allegedly raping his daughter in September.

Newsome, a former Wheelwright police officer and Sunday school bus driver for his local church, was served with an indictment warrant by sheriff's deputies this past weekend and will now face an undetermined number of counts connected with the alleged incident.

Newsome, who has been in jail under a \$200,000 cash bond since his arrest, was served the indictment warrant while in jail.

As of Tuesday, an order to unseal Newsome's indictment had not been issued, according to court officials. As a result, the counts for which the grand jury indicted Newsome could not be ascertained.

When arrested by Kentucky State Police officials in January, Newsome was charged with two counts of first-degree rape for allegedly raping his 15-year-old child on Sept. 9 and then again the following day on Sept. 10 of last year. Those charges, however, may have changed, depending on the grand jury's findings.

Past court records obtained in January revealed Newsome's wife, Nina Newsome, had filed a domestic violence petition against him roughly two months after the alleged rape. In that petition, claims were made that Newsome had "made threats about killing people".

Nina Newsome wrote in the petition that she was afraid her husband was "going to hurt" her and her child.

Commanding general of 101st says Saddam appears to be showing signs of desperation

by **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMP NEW JERSEY, Kuwait — Saddam Hussein's decision to reorganize his defenses against a possible U.S.-led invasion could be an act of desperation, the commanding general of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division said Sunday.

"I would hope that he's getting ready for something," Maj. Gen. David Petraeus said in an interview. "It might be seen as a sign of desperation, that in the final days before possible action that he's making sweeping changes, which would seem to reflect some sense of insecurity and lack of confidence in the existing structure that has been in place for years."

Saddam issued a decree on Saturday night, placing his son, Qusai, and three trusted lieutenants in command of four military regions. Saddam retained sole authority to use aircraft and surface-to-surface missiles against invaders, according to the decree.

"We are prepared should he use all of his various systems, and what we does to organize his country for defenses is really up to him," Petraeus said. "We are prepared to deal with whatever is out there."

Under the reorganization plan, command of the strategic southern district facing U.S. forces in Kuwait went to Saddam's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Ali Chemical" for his role in the 1988 campaign against rebellious Kurds in northern Iraq, which left thousands of Kurds dead, many from chemical attacks.

The 101st is equipped to

defend itself against chemical warfare. Petraeus said, and soldiers have already begun taking chemical suits out of wrappers to try on and mark with their names. The suits are designed to be worn 45 days after they are removed.

"We have trained for those possibilities. We have the world's best individual protective equipment. We have sophisticated decontamination equipment, and I'm sure should he use those systems, he won't use them again," Petraeus said.

Petraeus said a date hasn't yet been set for the division nicknamed the "Screaming Eagles" to attack Iraq. U.S. President George W. Bush meets Sunday in the Azores with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar to decide what to do now that their diplomatic effort to win U.N. endorsement for a war appears to have failed.

The lethality of the 101st Apache helicopter fleet and its ability to strike deep into enemy territory makes it likely the division would play a leading role in a war against Iraq.

All three brigades from the Fort Campbell, Kentucky-based division have deployed together for possible combat for only the second time since the Vietnam War. All three brigades fought in the 1991 Gulf War. Some but not all of the division's units fought in Afghanistan.

In upcoming days, "we'll complete what we call pre-combat inspections, rehearsals, final orders and back briefs, distribution of ammunition, supplies and organizing specific elements for combat," Petraeus said.

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on roles such as assisting in a defense against the use of chemical and biological weapons.

With war looming in the Persian Gulf, the diplomatic and political fallout circled the globe.

In London, the House of Commons backed British Prime Minister Tony Blair's strong endorsement of Bush's policy, defeating an anti-war resolution. "The Liberal Democrats, unified as ever in opportunism and error," the prime minister snapped at one point.

But it wasn't only opposition members of Parliament he had to worry about. There was a fresh resignation from his government, and Blair looked to conservatives to offset defections from his own Labor party in the vote.

French President Jacques Chirac, whose country led opposition to war within the United Nations Security Council, said the action Bush had chosen would undermine future efforts at peaceful disarmament. "Iraq does not represent today an immediate threat that would justify an immediate war," he said.

German Chancellor Gerhard

Schroeder said much the same thing, and said U.N. weapons inspectors should have more time to try to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

Both European leaders were sending their foreign ministers to a U.N. Security Council meeting set for Wednesday in New York.

But by Bush's word, laid down in a stern speech Monday night, the time for diplomacy - and weapons inspections - had clearly come and gone.

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa scrapped plans for a last-minute peace-making trip to Iraq. And the U.N. peacekeepers boarded a plane out of Iraq, their mission at an end.

For his part, the Iraqi leader appeared on television wearing a military uniform for the first time since the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

Iraq's al-Shabab television, owned by one of Saddam's sons, said the decision to defy Bush's ultimatum was made in a leadership meeting chaired by the Iraqi leader.

"The pathetic Bush was hoping ... to achieve his evil targets without a fight," it said. "...The

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KABC hands out awards

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) has announced its 2003 Regional Coaches and Players of the Year. The players and coaches will be recognized at the State Tournament on Friday, with an on-the-

floor awards presentation at halftime of the first games at the afternoon session. The Regional Players of the Year will receive an automatic tryout for the Kentucky All-Star Team and the Coaches of the Year will act as evaluators at the tryouts.

From the 15th Region, South Floyd senior Michael Hall won the top player

award. Veteran Paintsville Coach Bill Mike Runyon was voted as the region's top coach.

The KABC has also announced its 2003 Coaches Court of Honor award-winners. The Court of Honor is made up of 16 boys' coaches. They are selected on an annual basis and will be honored between games on Friday afternoon at

the Boys' State Tournament in Rupp Arena. Nominations are taken each January on a regional basis and final selection made by the KABC Awards Committee. The KABC Court of Honor will be developed in the Brick Yard at the KHSAA building in Lexington. Each

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Michael Hall

PROFILE

Clark named 15th Region tourney MVP

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Even as a grade school player at Betsy Layne Elementary, Kim Clark made opposing coaches and players take notice. Clark, now a sophomore at Betsy Layne High, continues to add to an impressive playing resume. She is the newest Girls' 15th



Kim Clark

Region Tournament MVP. Clark toasted Magoffin County's Lady Hornets for a game-high showing and followed that performance up with eight points in the tournament championship game against Johnson Central.

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- REGIONAL CHAMPION -



The Betsy Layne girls' basketball team shocked host Johnson Central for a 15th Region championship.

BETSY LAYNE STUNS JOHNSON CENTRAL

Ladycats deny Lady Eagles three-peat

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Johnson Central, undefeated against in-state competition going into Saturday's championship game of the 15th Region girls'

tournament, was expected by many to win its third consecutive 15th Region title. But no one told Betsy Layne. Coach Cassandra Akers and her team. The Ladycats met Johnson Central in the 2002 finals at Pike County Central and came up short. Saturday night, the

Ladycats did not come up short, instead, stunning host Johnson Central 48-44.

Before the game, Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers played the

(See BETSY LAYNE, page three)

15th Region Girls' Finals at Johnson Central

BETSY LAYNE (48) - Stratton 14, Clark 8, Witt 9, Lykens 10, Daniels 4, Meade 3.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (44) - Wireman 12, Adams 9, Daniels 9, Murphy 6, Music 5, Howard 4.

RECORDS - Betsy Layne 26-5, Johnson Central 27-2.

NAIA

Bears pull upset, reach MSC title game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG - Seniors Jason Robinson and Michael Thomas turned in double-doubles and four players were in double figures as Pikeville College upset Cumberland College 68-62 Saturday in the semifinals of the Mid-South Conference tournament.

The win puts the 23rd-ranked but fourth-seeded Bears in the finals of the league tournament for the second time in their brief three-year history in the conference. Just like 2001, the Georgetown College awaits them after the fifth-ranked Tigers knocked off Lindsey Wilson 76-58.

The win also prevented Cumberland from knocking off the Bears for a third time this season; Pikeville will need to win Tuesday to keep Georgetown from turning the trick itself.

(See BEARS, page three)

Alice Lloyd baseball team down south

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - Don't be looking for the Alice Lloyd College baseball team in or around Pippa Passes for the next couple of days. The team isn't in town.

The Eagle baseball team left directly from King College in Bristol, Tenn. over the weekend and is in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a spring break trip full of sun and baseball. While at the beach the team will play Coker, Francis Marion and Benedict College.

Former Alice Lloyd star Scott Cornett is back for his 13th season as head coach.

(See SOUTH, page three)



Erica Meade recently signed up to play in the Harold-Allen-Prater Little League. Final signups will be held this weekend.

photo by Jamie Howell

Shelby Valley's Patrick Tackett kept a close check on a Paintsville player. Tackett scored 14 points in the championship game and was named tournament MVP. Valley is headed back to the State Tournament for a second consecutive season.



H.S. BASKETBALL

Shelby Valley ousts favored Paintsville

Wildcats head back to Rupp for second year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The difference a year makes was none in the end Friday night.

Shelby Valley captured its second consecutive 15th Region crown Friday night, edging Paintsville 50-42 in front of a packed house at the Golden Eagle Field House.

The Wildcats used both defense and rebounding to

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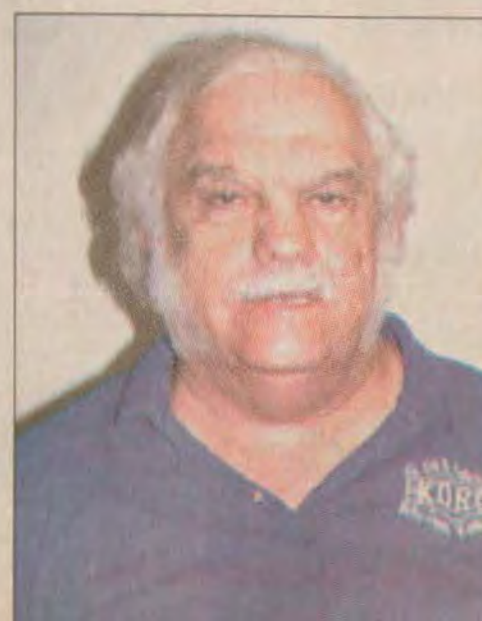


photo by Steve LeMaster

43 YEARS - Floyd County resident Perry Jones, fresh off working a 15th Region Tournament at Johnson Central, will be in attendance at his 43rd KHSAA State Boys' Basketball Tournament this week in Lexington.

Todd Bodine wins Busch race

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Todd Bodine lost control of his car — but not his instincts — after hitting Jamie McMurray during the final moments of

their last-lap duel at Darlington Raceway.

Bodine slid across the finish line Monday to win his first Busch race of the season at the r a i n - d e l a y e d DarlingtonRaceway.com 200 as McMurray's car spun toward the

inside. "I held it wide open," Bodine said. "I knew I was pointed the right way down the race track. I was just hoping it would get there."

It was the second straight dramatic finish at the track. On Sunday, Ricky Craven beat Kurt Busch by a few inches — officially .002 seconds — in the closest finish since Winston Cup went to its electronic scoring system in 1993.

"Jamie's a good friend of mine. I didn't want to wreck him," Bodine said. "You want to race clean like they did yesterday and have it come down to inches."

Scott Riggs was third, followed by Stacey Compton, who tried to steal the race on fuel mileage as the lone driver who did not pit with 25 or so laps remaining. Johnny Sauter was fifth.

Bodine's win closed a thrilling, if somewhat soggy, weekend at the "Track Too Tough To Tame."

Busch qualifying was rained out Thursday, then the cars were parked for Saturday's event soon after the call of "Gentlemen, start your engines," from grand marshal Jack Roush.

When Craven caught Busch in the exciting finish to the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, it was hard to think the Busch cars could heat up a dreary, overcast Monday with their own thriller ending.

But there was McMurray,

who did not lead a lap, nosing in front of Bodine with only moments left in the race.

"I knew those guys were going to get pretty ugly with each other," Riggs said. "Both those guys are pretty aggressive."

Bodine hit McMurray, pointing his car's nose at the wall and sending the No. 1 Dodge spinning away.

Bodine said he had no control of the car and simply hoped

to clear McMurray and remain in front.

McMurray said his left rear tire went flat after tangling with Bodine.

"I'm not upset with Todd," said McMurray, whose Dodge held on for second. "It's not like he was trying to run me into the wall. He was out of control, just like I was."

And just like Craven and Busch on Sunday, both Bodine and McMurray were respectful

and friendly afterward.

McMurray said if his competitor didn't slip, he never would have had the chance at first. Bodine says he would have come up short if McMurray's tire didn't blow.

Compton was nearly the headliner as he passed up a pit stop to gamble on fuel and fading tires. But Bodine, McMurray and Riggs passed

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky up to No. 1 in final poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky men's basketball finished the season ranked as the No. 1 team in the final Associated Press poll, the news service announced Monday evening. It marks the first time since 1978 that the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the final AP poll. Earlier this season, UK celebrated the 25th anniversary of that national championship team.

"This has been a season of historical marks for this program, and to be voted as the nation's best team in the final poll is quite an honor," said Tubby Smith, who captures his first No. 1 ranking since becoming a head coach. "It really says a lot about these young men and where they were able to come

from. No one has ever gone 19-0 against SEC teams. And to play the caliber of competition that we have faced, it's quite an achievement. But these young men deserve it and have earned it."

UK enters the NCAA Tournament with a 29-3 overall record, winning the SEC Championship and the SEC Tournament title. The Cats spent the past four weeks ranked second nationally. Kentucky has had more No. 1 finishes prior to NCAA Tournament play than any other team in the nation. The Cats also topped the final poll in 1949, '51, '52, '54, '66, '70 and '78. The AP began its weekly rankings in 1949.

Kentucky has finished in the AP top 10 more than any other team in college basketball — 36 times in 100 seasons.

Awards

coach will be enshrined in the courtyard facility. All award recipients will be honored at a reception at the Radisson Hotel's ballrooms 1 and 2 on Friday from 10-11 a.m. All members are invited to these events.

Pikeville legend John Bill Trivette is a 2003 Court of Honor member.

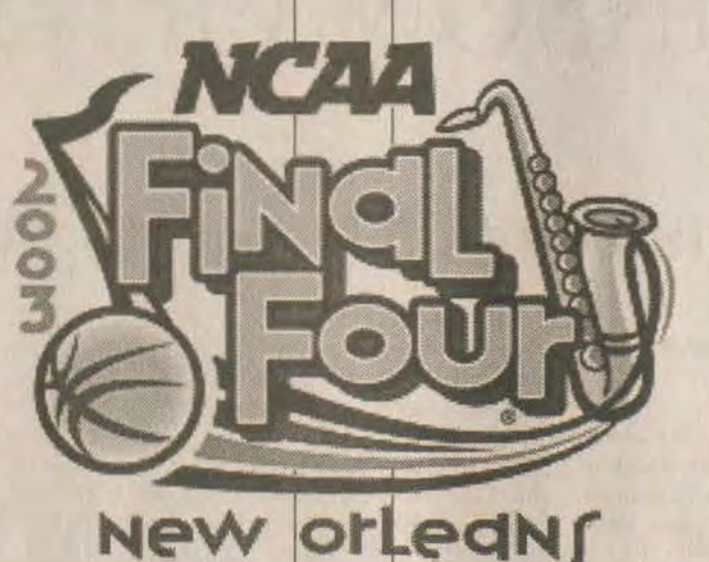
Boys' coaches and players of the year for all 16 regions follow.

Players: Region 1 — Jimmy Bynum, Calloway County; Region 2 — Russ Gibson, Henderson County; Region 3 — Matt West, Daviess County; Region 4 — Brett Meredith, Edmonson County; Region 5 — Kevin Bridgewater, Adair County; Region 6 — Donte Sweatt, PRP; Region 7 — Torey Meagher, St. Xavier; Region 8 — Tyler Jones, Grant County; Region 9 — Justin Doellman, Ryle; Region 10 — Andrew Preston, Clark County; Region 11 — Lamont Campbell, Henry Clay; Region 12 — Joe White, Mercer County; Region 13 — Chris Wilson, Evarts; Region 14 — Dwayne Hatten, Powell County; Region 15 — Michael Hall, South Floyd; Region 16 — Steven Kidd, Rowan County.

Coaches: Region 1 — Jimmy Long, Heath; Region 2 — Matt Bell, Webster County; Region 3 — Greg Baughn, Apollo; Region 4 — Jeff Moore, Glasgow; Region 5 — James Haire,

Elizabethtown; Region 6 — Dale Mabry, PRP; Region 7 — Joe Bergamini, St. Xavier; Region 8 — Gary Forest, Oldham County; Region 9 — David Faust, St. Henry; Region 10 — Kelly Wells, Mason County; Region 11 — Kirk Chiles, Henry Clay; Region 12 — Rodney Woods, Wayne County; Region 13 — Don Haynes, Williamsburg; Region 14 — Greg Coldiron, Powell County; Region 15 — Bill Mike Runyon, Paintsville; Region 16 — Mike Flynn, Ashland Paul Blazer.

Boys' Court of Honor 2003 award winners follow. Region 1 — McCoy Tarry, Brewers High; Region 2 — Lyle Dunbar, Christian County; Region 3 — Don Morris, Breckinridge County; Region 4 — Jimmy Bazzell, Allen County; Region 5 — John Burr, Adair County; Region 6 — Stan Hardin, Fairdale; Region 7 — Bob Mulchay, Seneca; Region 8 — Evan Settle, Shelbyville; Region 9 — Stan Arzen, Newport Central Catholic; Region 10 — Letcher Norton, Clark County; Region 11 — S. T. Roach, Lexington Dunbar; Region 12 — Raymond Reed, Hazel Green/Laurel County; Region 13 — John D. Wilson, Red Bird; Region 14 — Fairce Woods, Breathitt County; Region 15 — John Bill Trivette, Pikeville; Region 16 — Jack Fultz, Olive Hill.



NCAA Final Four
New Orleans

EAST

March 28 & 30
Pepsi Arena
Albany, N.Y.

1 Oklahoma (24-6)
16 So. Carolina St. (20-10)
MARCH 20 & 22; FORD CENTER; OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

8 California (21-8)

9 N.C. State (18-12)

5 Mississippi State (21-9)

12 Butler (25-5)
MARCH 21 & 23; BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER

4 Louisville (24-6)

13 Austin Peay (23-7)

6 Oklahoma State (21-9)

11 Penn (22-5)
MARCH 21 & 23; FLEETCENTER; BOSTON, MASS.

3 Syracuse (24-5)

14 Manhattan (23-6)

7 St. Joseph's (23-6)

10 Auburn (21-11)
MARCH 21 & 23; ICE PALACE ARENA; TAMPA, FLA.

2 Wake Forest (24-5)

15 East Tenn. State (20-10)

1 Texas (22-6)

16 Play in Game*
MARCH 21 & 23; BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER

8 LSU (21-10)

9 Purdue (18-10)

5 Connecticut (21-9)

12 BYU (23-8)
MARCH 20 & 22; SPOKANE (WASH.) ARENA

4 Stanford (23-8)

13 San Diego (18-11)

6 Maryland (19-9)

11 UNC-Wilmington (24-6)
MARCH 21 & 23; GAYLORD CENTER; NASHVILLE, TENN.

3 Xavier (25-5)

14 Troy State (26-5)

7 Michigan State (19-12)

10 Colorado (20-11)
MARCH 21 & 23; ICE PALACE ARENA; TAMPA, FLA.

2 Florida (24-7)

15 Sam Houston St. (23-6)

MIDWEST

March 27 & 29
HHH Metrodome
Minneapolis, Minn.

Kentucky (29-3) 1

IUPUI (20-13) 16
MARCH 21 & 23; GAYLORD CENTER; NASHVILLE, TENN.

Oregon (23-9) 8

Utah (24-7) 9

Wisconsin (22-7) 5

Weber State (26-5) 12
MARCH 20 & 22; SPOKANE (WASH.) ARENA

Dayton (24-5) 4

Tulsa (22-9) 13

Missouri (21-10) 6

Southern Illinois (24-6) 11
MARCH 20 & 22; RCA DOME; INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Marquette (23-5) 3

Holy Cross (25-4) 14

Indiana (20-12) 7

Alabama (17-11) 10
MARCH 21 & 23; FLEETCENTER, BOSTON, MASS.

Pittsburgh (26-4) 2

Wagner (21-10) 15

Arizona (25-3) 1

Vermont (21-11) 16
MARCH 20 & 22; HUNTSMAN CENTER; SALT LAKE CITY

Cincinnati (17-11) 8

Gonzaga (23-8) 9

Notre Dame (22-10) 5

Wisc.-Milwaukee (24-7) 12
MARCH 20 & 22; RCA DOME; INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Illinois (24-6) 4

Western Kentucky (24-8) 13

Creighton (29-4) 6

Central Michigan (24-6) 11
MARCH 20 & 22; HUNTSMAN CENTER; SALT LAKE CITY

Duke (24-6) 3

Colorado State (19-13) 14

Memphis (23-6) 7

Arizona State (19-11) 10
MARCH 20 & 22; FORD CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Kansas (25-7) 2

Utah State (24-8) 15

SOUTH


March 28 & 30
Alamodome
San Antonio, Texas

WEST

March 27 & 29
Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.

FINAL FOUR
April 5 & 7
Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, La.

* Play in Game:
UNC-Asheville (14-16) vs. Texas Southern (18-12)

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LOOK AT SPORTS

From the charity stripe is where Lady Cats advance

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Let's see! When you are standing at the free-throw line, you are supposed to convert them because that is the reason they are free. I mean, no one is guarding you, so why miss a shot that is only 15-feet away? Right? Wrong! How often have

we seen it. They can hit nothing but net from the three-point arc, but have trouble dropping in a free throw from the line.

But for the Betsy Layne Lady Cats it is because of some clutch free-throw shooting they are on their way to Bowling Green and a trip to the Girls' Sweet 16 after upsetting heavily favored Johnson Central, 48-

44, who never lost to a regional team this season and suffered only one setback all year. The two teams were scheduled to play each other during the regular season but snow cancelled the contest that never was rescheduled. It marks the first time Betsy Layne has made the big dance since the '93 Lady Cats in an upset of Belfry in the

15th Region finals. In the closing seconds of the game with the Lady Cats holding to a slim lead, Whitney Lykens sank two free throws with just 33 seconds left and Kim "Cool" Clark dropped in two with only 12 seconds left to give Betsy Layne the win.

and in my earlier conversation with Coach Akers before the season tipped off, she was excited and confident that this team could make a run.

What can you say about Natasha Stratton? I remember



Natasha in elementary school and I said she was going to be a great high school player. She always played hard, rebounded with the best of them and I felt played a little too unselfish at times. But she always struck me as a team player. What

a reward for her senior season, going to the big show.

Stratton led the Lady Bobcats with 14 points in the low scoring affair. But Coach Akers was quick to point out another unsung hero in the championship game.

"Tabetha (Witt) played the game of her career for us," said

an excited Betsy Layne coach. "She scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds as well as hitting five of six free throws."

Lykens, not too soon back from nursing two broken fingers, had to play in foul trouble and was on the bench for most of the game. As always, Lykens is the focus of any defense and was hounded most of the night. But her being the attention-getter of the defense allowed Stratton to get her offense going.

"I am proud of these girls," said Coach Akers. "It all seems a little unreal right now, but I wanted to be the first to invite you to Bowling Green (speaking to me) and we hope to see you there."

The Lady Cats will face the winner out of Region 10 in a first round game next Wednesday in a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

Lykens, who missed the All "A" state tournament, had a lot to shout about. "I am going to the state tournament and I get to play this time!"

Betsy Layne led the entire game and held the hot-shooting Lady Eagles to just two three-point baskets. That came late in the game when Ashley Wireman (a tremendous player)

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Tigers

defeat the Tigers for the second time this season, avenging a regular-season home loss (48-46).

"I'm speechless," Shelby Valley coach Rodney Rowe said in an interview following his team's win second consecutive regional championship win over Paintsville. "This feels great. These kids have worked very hard all year. Even though a lot of people didn't think we had a chance, we still won it."

Shelby Valley (20-8) will play Louisville Ballard in the 86th KHSAA Boys' State Tournament Thursday (8 p.m.) at Rupp Arena.

As a player, Rowe reached the State Tournament three times and the win Friday makes two as a coach.

"I think this second one (as a coach) is sweeter than all of the rest," said Rowe. "We played a very hard schedule and it helped us in the postseason."

Shelby Valley led 6-2 early, but soon found itself playing from behind.

The Tigers scored the final five points of the period to take an 11-9 lead.

Paintsville never trailed in the second quarter and led at the break, 21-19.

A key 5-0 run midway through the third quarter gave Shelby Valley the momentum. Patrick Tackett's three-pointer knotted the game at 26-26 and a jumper by Fleming at 3:01 put the Wildcats ahead 28-26.

With 1:35 left in the game, Adam Rice's putback pulled Paintsville to within 41-40. But every time the Tigers got close, Shelby Valley responded.

A 9-0 run with less than two minutes left sealed the victory for the Wildcats. In that stretch, Rowe's team hit seven of eight from the foul line.

"You have to give Shelby Valley credit," Paintsville coach Bill Mike Runyon said. "They played well, but we stood around on offense just too much. Coach Rowe gets everything out of his players." Paintsville, which had its

13-game winning streak snapped, ended the year 24-4. The Tigers entered the championship game undefeated in 15th Region play.

Conley came off the bench for 18 for the Tigers while no other Paintsville player had more than seven.

"Defensive has won many games for us this year. I think our kids played a great defensive game," said Rowe.

The Wildcats, playing the role of a second half team, hit 11 of 18 second half shots from the field (61.1 percent) and finished the game at 46 percent (19 of 41).

Paintsville hit 31.9 percent (15 of 47) for the game, including seven of 25 (28 percent) in the second half.

ALL-TOURNAMENT

- Pike Central - Barry Sanders
- South Floyd - Michael Hall
- Phelps - Edward Gentry
- East Ridge - Robbie Spears
- Prestonsburg - Nick Jamerson, Joey Willis
- Johnson Central - Chris Hurt, Brandon Wheeler
- Paintsville - Adam Rice, Shane Simpkins, Ryan Jarrell
- Shelby Valley - Seth Kiser, Kelsey Friend, Paul Terry Fleming
- MVP - Patrick Tackett

South

Morehead State product Julian Deaton, Huesyville, is back for his third as an assistant coach. New to the coaching staff this season will be former ALC standout Eddie Browning as he makes the jump to the college ranks as an assistant after previously being the head coach of Buckhorn High School in Perry County.

Browning's primary position on the staff will be as pitching coach. Rounding out the coaching staff will be student assistants Michael Davidson and Jason Stowers. Davidson will fill various roles on the coaching staff including recruiting. Stowers the most valuable player for ALC as a senior in 2002 will primarily be working with the middle infielders.

runout layup at the buzzer to settle the margin at six.

Robinson led the Bears with 15 points and 10 rebounds to go along with three assists and two steals. Michael Thomas had 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Teon Knox added 13. Davis came off the bench to score 12 on 4-of-6 shooting from the arc, and had seven rebounds despite standing only 5-8.

Cumberland had only one player in double figures, as Thomas finished with 24. The Pats played most of the game without two-time MSC Player of the Year Ivan Johnson. The senior had eight points in eight minutes before suffering a severe ankle sprain. He returned to the bench in the second half in street clothes and left the gym on crutches with the ankle in a walking boot.

Pikeville survived 5-of-13 shooting from the line thanks to hitting 9-of-21 from the arc, and won the rebounding battle 46-37.

Betsy Layne

role of a calm, cool and collected customer, saying, "her team would go in loose and play and have fun, and that all of the pressure was on Johnson Central."

Betsy Layne took a first quarter lead over the near-perfect Johnson Central team and never trailed en route to the championship victory.

Senior Natasha Stratton, the leading scorer on the season for Betsy Layne, scored 14 points, and Whitney Lykens flipped in 10. Eventual tournament MVP Kim Clark added eight to help Betsy Layne to the championship feat.

Stratton and Clark were joined by teammates Tiffany Meade, a senior, and Whitney Lykens, a junior, as members of the all-tournament team.

The Ladycats went into the regional tournament as a runner-up out of the 58th District, but played second fiddle to no one.

Betsy Layne got to the championship game with a first-round win on the road at Pike County Central. The semifinals yielded a win over upstart Magoffin County.

Johnson Central rolled over Belfry in the opening round of the tourney before barely escaping Allen Central 64-63 in a squeaker in the semifinals.

Against Johnson Central, Betsy Layne got on the scoreboard first on a layin. By the end of the first period, the Ladycats led 16-9.

Bears

Game time is slated for 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Pikeville stormed out of the gates on the top-seeded Patriots, who are ranked eighth nationally. When Robinson hit a three with 17:05 left, the Bears had opened with a 9-0 lead.

Cumberland quickly trimmed it to four, but could get no closer. For the next eight minutes the Pikeville lead bounced up and down single digits, but when Cumberland senior Demorrius Thomas hit a three with 9:39 remaining, the edge was down to one (18-17).

But Pikeville scored the next seven to regain some breathing room and maintained the lead into the final two minutes of the half when center Patrick Deveney made two free throws to put the Pats in front 29-28 with 1:29 left.

A three by Greg Davis came before the break, however, and Pikeville went to the half with a 33-29 lead.

After watching the Bears score the first nine of the opening frame, the Patriots returned the favor after the half, and when Mikael Hadiri hit the second of two from the line, Cumberland's lead was 38-33.

They held the edge one more time at five before Pikeville went on another run. Davis hit two three-pointers in the stretch, and when Joey Mirus scored inside, the Bears had scored 12 unanswered and led 49-42 with 11:28 left.

The lead got as large as 14, including 65-51 when Michael Thomas scored inside with 2:33 left before Cumberland began a furious rally.

Demorrius Thomas, all six-feet of him, tried to put his team on his shoulders and carry them to the title game. He scored the game's next 11 points, including three three-point baskets, the third cutting it to 65-62 with only 11 seconds left.

In the meantime, the Bears managed to miss the front end of three bonuses, a stat complicated more by Robinson missing the first of two with 10 seconds left. But the senior made the second to make it a four-point game before blocking Thomas' three-point attempt and closing the game with a

Clark

Clark is now headed to the Girls' State Tournament with the majority of an already fabulous sophomore campaign behind her.

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Race

him three laps from the end.

"You're a sitting duck out there with old tires," Compton said. "It was only a matter of time, and we just ran out of laps."

For Bodine, who led 71 of the 147 laps, it was his 15th career Busch victory and his first at Darlington. The win also moved him into the series points lead, 37 in front of McMurray.

Bodine also continued a run of Winston Cup success at the Busch series so far this year. Joe Nemechek won at Daytona, McMurray at North Carolina

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Note: Ricky Craven won Sunday's NASCAR Winston Cup race with a thrilling finish.

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(Draft for Teams, 3:00)

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raises the bar for patient satisfaction

The management at PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL has released data generated by a recent patient satisfaction survey conducted by Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

The survey ranked PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL significantly higher in many areas of patient care than 200 other hospitals. These hospitals included such prestigious facilities as Mount Sinai Medical Center in Chicago, Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. and Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, a teaching hospital for Harvard Medical School.

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| Discharge Instructions | 100% |
| Hospital Staff's Courtesy and Friendliness | 99% |
| Discharge Process | 99% |
| Doctors' Instructions/Explanations of Tests and Treatments | 98% |
| Teamwork Between Doctors and Nurses | 98% |
| Nurses' Respect for Patient's Privacy | 97% |
| Maintenance (Overall Room Accommodations) | 97% |
| Housekeeping (Cleanliness of Hospital) | 97% |
| Doctors' Involving Patients in Decisions about Care | 97% |
| Pain Management by Staff | 96% |
| Nurses' Communication with Patient and Family | 96% |
| Nurses' Promptness in Responding to Calls | 95% |
| Doctors' Communication with Patient and Family | 95% |
| Nurses' Instructions, Explanation of Tests and Treatments | 94% |
| Overall Quality of Doctors' Care | 92% |

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- Board President Walter E. May

Eddie Carrier Jr. to team with Carl Grover Motorsports

Eddie Carrier Jr. coming off of a extremely successful season where he captured the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series Championship and the regular season points title at the Thunder Ridge Racing Complex in Prestonsburg will be teaming up with Carl Grover of Carl Grover Motorsports for the 2003 racing season. The team will be based in Ona, W.Va. with Carrier relocating to the Mountaineer State from his Lebum home in Knott County. The 32 year old driver coming off of a breakthrough season in 2002 will be back to defend his STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Championship and

along with that the team expects to make trips to Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio for the Dream and the World 100 races that Carrier has yet to race in. The team will make its season debut together at Columbus, MS on April 4-5 for an \$11,000-to-win late model special.

Carrier will join with current Carl Grover Motorsports driver Thomas Ware of Cynthiana to form a dynamic duo of young talent. Ware coming off of some impressive runs at Volusia County Speedway in Florida back in February joined the Grover Motorsports team late in the 2002 racing season and together with Carrier hope to see the Grover colors up front in 2003. Carrier will still be racing the familiar No. 1 Rockets Chassis with a slight color change to orange and yellow instead of orange and black that carried him to the BOB title last

year. The team will utilize Rocket Chassis this season with Grover Racing Engines and Cornett providing the Ford powered engines under the hood. Some new and past sponsors have joined the Carrier-Grover team including Railway

Equipment Inc., Engines, Inc Railcar Division, Grover Racing Engines, American Race Tires, AFKO Racing Products, Real Wheels, Simpson Products, Ringers Gloves, Outerwears, Integrity Graphics, Phase II Vinyl Supplies, Racing Optics,

Arizona Sport Shirts and Cizmar Racing Products.

Carrier also wanted to thank longtime friend and sponsor Bob Miller for his assistance in his racing career. "Bob and Barb Miller mean the world to me, I appreciate what they have done

for me, I called Bob and told him about this deal I had working and I received his full blessing on it, he said I should not turn it down." While the familial Miller Brothers Coal and

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HONORS

Pikeville coach, players honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON, Tenn. — Pikeville College Coach Bill Watson has been named national NAIA Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and two of his players are Kodak/WBCA All-Americans as released tonight.

Amanda Collins and Tecco Gallion, Pikeville's inside force that has combined for just under 4,000 points, was selected by a committee of WBCA members across the country.

The announcements were made at a banquet held annually on the eve of the NAIA Div. I basketball tournament. The Lady Bears will begin play in it Thursday afternoon, taking on The Master's College from Santa Clarita, Calif., at 2:15 p.m. CST.

Watson was named regional coach of the year by the WBCA last week. In his sixth year as head coach of the Lady Bears, he has guided his team to a 24-9 record this season and a share of the Mid-South Conference championship. The Lady Bears are in the midst of their third 20-win season and second NAIA tournament appearance, all under Watson's guidance.

This season's 24 wins is a school record. Watson, who's team enters the tournament ranked 21st in the last poll, was earlier named co-coach of the

year in the Mid-South Conference, an honor he shared with Georgetown College's Susan Johnson. It was his third coach-of-the-year honor.

"This is a tremendous honor for me, one as a coach you could never anticipate," said Watson. "Obviously I'm happy for how this reflects on our school and our team. Robert Staggs and John Kitchen work hard every day for us, and the players on this team are quality people and great basketball players. I thank the WBCA for this honor."

Collins was named to the 10-player squad for the second time in her career. She is a four-time all-conference performer and as both a sophomore and junior was named third-team All-American by the NAIA. This season, the 5-10 senior from Raccoon is averaging 17.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. She's shooting 54.2 percent from the field and 41.2 percent on three-pointers. >From the line, she connects on 77.1 percent of her tries.

Gallion was recently picked as co-player of the year in the Mid-South Conference. She will take averages of 18.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game into the national tournament. She's hitting 51.8 percent from the floor and 73.7 percent from the line on the season.

Collins is currently third on the all-time scoring list at Pikeville College with 2,202 points, leaving her 32 points shy of Teresa Ray in second place. The all-time leader is Renee Brewer with 2,333 points.

Gallion, meanwhile, is sixth with 1,709 points, only two points away from Rosemary Gilliam for fifth all-time.

The Pikeville duo was joined on the list by Campbellsville senior center Whitney Lee, who shared player of the year honors in the Mid-South Conference with Gallion.

The State Farm/WBCA Player of the Year is Jessica Henson of Union (Tenn.) University. Henson is a 5-11 junior guard for the third-ranked Lady Bulldogs.

14TH REGION GIRLS

Knott Central girls fall to Whitesburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JENKINS — A slowed down game did not favor the Knott County Central Lady Patriots. Whitesburg and head coach Dickie Adams kept the score down Monday night in the semi-finals of the 14th Region girls' basketball tourney. Whitesburg built a first quarter lead, then a halftime advantage, before holding on for a 47-43 win. The victory advances Whitesburg into the championship game of the 14th Region finals against Perry Central.

Leading 14-9 at the end of the first quarter, Whitesburg outscored Knott Central 17-14 in the second period to lead 31-23 at halftime. The Lady Patriots outscored the Whitesburg girls 10-8 in each of the final two quarters, but couldn't make up enough ground to come from behind for the win.

Forward Camille Cook led Whitesburg in scoring with 15 points. Chastity Fox scored 13. Another forward, Whitney

Hogg, added seven. Center Ashley Stidham checked in with six.

High-scoring guard Tonya Amburgey, a Pikeville College signee, was held under double figures. She finished with nine. Tiffany Stone led the Lady Patriots with 16. Francie Chaffin chipped in nine.

Knott Central came into the current season favored by many to dethrone perennial power Perry Central as the top team in the 14th.

Perry Central 70, Wolfe Co. 34

The Wolfe County Lady Wolves didn't give much of a fight in their semifinals meeting with Perry County Central. The Lady Commodores got through the first quarter with a 16-11 lead and exceeded the first quarter effort the rest of the way. Perry Central led Wolfe County 35-19 at halftime and 55-29 at the end of three periods.

Polly Sebastian and Brittany Baker each had 14 points in the Perry Central win.

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Thurs., March 20 12:00 p.m.
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Fri., March 21 6:30 p.m.

Calloway County (19-11)
Thurs., March 20 1:30 p.m.
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Sat., March 22 11:30 a.m.

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Thurs., March 20 6:30 p.m.
Rose Hill (26-8)
Fri., March 21 8:00 p.m.

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Thurs., March 20 8:00 p.m.
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photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Whitney Lykens (5) and Tabettha Witt defended Johnson Central's Brianne Daniels.

Bowlers set for postseason play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Pikeville College bowling program has experienced a meteoric rise in its brief history, and it will look to take another step toward a national championship when the postseason begins this weekend.

The nation's top bowling teams will participate in one of four sectional tournaments, and when field assignments were released, Pikeville College was assigned to Ten Pin Lanes in Louisville. The other sectionals are in Las Vegas, Chesterfield, Mo., and Downingtown, Penn.

The top four men's and women's teams in each section will advance to Tulsa, Okla., to participate in the national finals April 23-27.

"Over the course of the season we've competed with all these teams and know we can bowl with any of them," said Pikeville Coach Ron Damron, who is also director of athletics at the school. "Hopefully we can relax, compete and put ourselves in position for the national tournament in Tulsa."

The Lady Bears are currently ranked ninth in the NCBCA Coaches Team Poll, and seventh in the Bowling Writer's Association of America Poll.

According to the coaches poll, Pikeville will compete against only one team ranked ahead of it in the 17-team field. Indiana State is ranked fourth. Three other Top 20 teams are

in the field: No. 11 Florida State, No. 12 Central Florida and No. 15 Western Illinois.

On the men's side, the Bears enter the postseason unranked in the latest coaches poll but 20th by the writers. They're in a loaded bracket, with four of the top eight teams — No. 3 Saginaw Valley State, No. 4 Vincennes University and No. 6 Western Illinois — as well as No. 17 Central Florida.

AUTO RACING

Country Singer John Michael Montgomery joins DSM

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Lakeland Florida March 22.

WAYNE, W.Va. — Country music singer and star John Michael Montgomery, has gone from four-wheel drive to Vortec Engines. John Michael has teamed up with ASA driver Davin Scites to "Go Short track Racin'" for the 2003 ASA series season.

"I'm very excited about being apart of Davin Scites Motorsports, I love racin' and I look forward in being involved with Davin," said Montgomery. Davin Scites and the DSM crew will make there 3rd season appearance in Lakeland Florida for the first race of the season, and will be running for Rookie of the Year for 2003.

As a major contingency sponsor Coyne Textile Services has also come on board for our first full season in the ASA series.

"I'm ready to go!" Scites said. "I'm so excited to have John Michael on board with us, I've been a fan of his for a long time! And him being from Kentucky just across the river from my home town makes it even better," said Scites.

"I'm starting a brand new season with a new car and tons more experience in this series and I feel that this will be a good year," Scites said. "We have learned a lot by running a limited schedule!" said Scites.

ASA Racing will make it's 36th season start at the USA International Speedway in

Davin Scites and the DSM crew plan for there first full year in the ASA series, and look forward to what the future holds for them after that.

In addition to a new DavinScites.com website to be released soon, DSM Motorsports has joined forces with Catchfence.com (The Only Thing Between YOU and the Action) to expand the coverage on Davin as well as the ASA series.

"We are proud to be working with Catchfence.com throughout the entire 2003 season," stated Davin.

"Chris Knight and the whole gang at Catchfence.com work very hard for what they do and are an asset to this team, and the American Speed Association as well," Scites also mentioned. "We are excited to have them on board!"

The first race of the 2003 ASA season, the JANI-King 200 will be live Saturday night 9 p.m. EST and can be seen live on the Speed Channel.

For more information on John Michael Montgomery please visit

<http://www.johnmichael.com>, for Catchfence.com ASA page log on to <http://www.catchfence.com/bgncts/bgncts.html> and for more information on the American Speed Association please go to <http://www.asaracing.com>

Sports Calendar

BASEBALL

Little League

Paintsville — Paintsville Little League will hold tryouts Saturday at the Minor League field at the following times: seven year olds, 9:30 a.m.; eight year olds, 10:30 a.m.; nine year olds, 11:30 a.m.; 10 year olds, 12:15 p.m.; 11 years olds, 1 p.m.; 12 year olds, 1:45 p.m.; girls' softball, 2:30 p.m.; 13-14, 15-16 year olds, 3 p.m.

Martin County — Martin County Little League is now conducting signups for Little League, tee-ball, coach-pitch and junior and senior leagues. For more information, contact league president Randy Lafferty at 606/298-4285.

Harold-Allen-Prater — Final signups and tryouts for the Harold-Allen-Prater will be held Friday and Saturday. More details on the signups and tryouts appear below.

HUNTING

Education course

The Pike County Extension Service Educational Center will host a hunter education course from 6-9 p.m. March 27-29. For more information or to register call: 606/432-2534 or 800/233-1390. Instructor Larry Dotson may also be contacted by calling 606/432-3702 after 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Boys' tournament

The fourth annual Northern Kentucky Tar Heels Spring Shootout is scheduled for April 4-6 in Covington. The tournament will have 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under divisions. For more information, contact James Pouncy at 859/491-5478 or via email at jamespouncy@hotmail.com

RUNNING

Tug Valley Road Runners Club

The Tug Valley Road Runners Club and the city of Williamson, W.Va. will present a 10k run on Saturday, April 26. The race will start at 8 a.m. at the SWVCTC campus in Williamson.

Later this year, the Hatfield-McCoy Marathon/Half marathon will be held. Saturday, June 14 is the date slated for the Hatfield-McCoy races. The half marathon will start in Goody in Pike County and end in Matewan, W.Va. The full marathon will also start in Goody, but will end in Williamson.

Both the half marathon and the marathon will begin at 7 a.m.

For information on any of the aforementioned races, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626 or email tvrcc@hotmail.com.

HAP LITTLE LEAGUE

HAP Little League to host golf tourney

ALLEN — The Harold-Allen-Prater Little League Association will host a golf scramble on Saturday, April 12 at 8 a.m. at Stumbo Park in Allen.

The league invites everyone to join new league president Mike Jarrell in a fun day of golf and fellowship. There will be prize money awarded as follows: First-place — \$1,000; Second-place — \$750; Third-place \$500. There will be a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one contest, along with a \$100 prize for the closest-to-the-hole.

The tournament will be a captain's choice, four-man team, best ball format. Allen Park does not allow metal cleats on its course. Members of participating teams are urged to inform their members of this rule.

The cost of playing in the upcoming tournament is \$50 per player. The entry fee will include a free pig roast and free beverages. The league is encouraging all companies to be a hole sponsor at \$100 per hole.

For additional information on the tournament, contact Mike Jarrell at 606/874-8165, after 6 p.m.; Tommie Layne at 606/874-9481, after 6 p.m., or Mindi Watson at 606/478-1482, anytime.

Signups, tryouts

HAP Little League will hold its final signups this weekend, along with tryouts. The first set of signups will be held on Friday night from 5-7 p.m. at the Allen Park concession stand with tryouts to take place during the same time frame.

Signups and tryouts will also take place on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. and ending when every child has signed up and completed tryouts.

All new players in the Little League division must tryout this weekend and all players must be signed up before Saturday.

New to the league this season is girls' softball. The girls' softball league is for girls ages 7-12. The pee wee league, which is a coach-pitch league, is for ages 5-8. Little League is for players ages 9-12.

Sports

hit two to bring the Lady Eagles to within one point. But clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch sealed the win for Betsy Layne.

"We played a very good game, a smart game," said the Betsy Layne coach. "We jumped out early and never trailed in the game."

I remember Coach Akers telling me just before the finals, that if her

team went out and played as they did against two good teams like Pike Central and Magoffin County that they would be all right. Only one point separated another Allen Central-Betsy Layne matchup in the finals. Allen Central, which is going to be a team to reckon with, fell by one point to Johnson Central in a semifinal game.

The Lady Cats led by as many as 10 points in the game and held a nine-point lead going to the locker room at the half.

We will try to make the tournament in Bowling Green. I wish the Lady Cats the best and we are proud of this team, just as their coach and fans are. Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



BL girls, Lady Eagles lead all-tourney selections

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The all-tournament team was selected at the conclusion of the Girls' 15th Region Basketball Tournament. Champion Betsy Layne and runner-up Johnson Central led the team with four and three selections each. Magoffin County and Allen Central each had two players chosen.

Betsy Layne Ladycat Kim Clark was named Tournament MVP.

Pike Central, Shelby Valley, Belfry and Pikeville, all Pike County teams, and all first-round losers, each had one selection. Pike County honorees included Haley Ratliff (Pike Central), Jerrica Dye (Shelby Valley), Anna Bevins (Belfry) and Shawna Howard (Pikeville). From Magoffin County,

Amanda Shepherd, a Pikeville College signee, and Calloray Howard, were chosen. The two picked from Allen Central were Becky Thomas and Amber Scott.

Johnson Central's Ashley Wireman, Rhonda Adams and Melissa Murphy made the team. Natasha Stratton, Whitney Lykens and Tiffany Meade joined MVP Clark as honorees from Betsy Layne.

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Carrier

Hawkeye Trucking sponsorship will not appear on Carrier's car this year Carrier expressed his gratitude to Miller and his wife for their previous sponsorship commitment. Carrier is set to defend his

STARS Battle of the Bluegrass title the end of April with back-to-back \$3000-to-win events at Glasgow and Bardstown on April 25-26. He is a regular at several area tracks.

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ACHS Class of '93

The Allen Central High School Class of 1993, will be holding a meeting to plan their 10-year class reunion on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., in the ACHS lunchroom. For any questions contact Evelyn at (606)358-4347.

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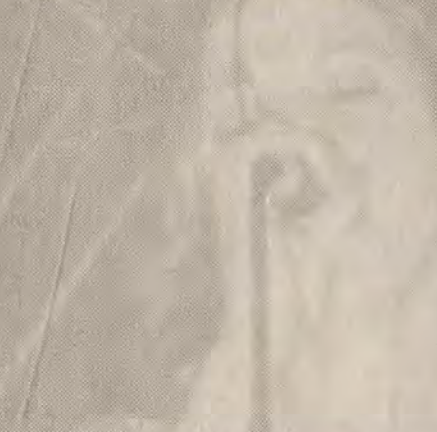
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QUOTE

"I have always had a love for music," she said, "For as long as I can remember."
 "My first public performance was at the age of eight for my church. My whole family is musically inclined. I guess you can say it was my destiny."

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- A S H L E Y H A L L -

Following God's lead



by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Her passion for music hits you full in the face as Ashley Hall, our Jr. Pro spotlight member for this week, tells you, "Music is such a powerful tool. A song can bring so much emotion, from laughter to tears, and it can bring back a flood of memories. It can even bring about a change in a person...talent isn't all I want to bring to people when I sing...I want not only for people to say I am talented, but that I am anointed. Music has the ability to change people's lives...I want them to say, 'Hey, I need to change,' or 'I want what she has.' If I can accomplish that in one person's life, then I feel like I am doing what I have been called to do."

Ashley, who has been a performing member of the KY Opry Jr. Pro's for five

years, is also a member of the Christian rock band, "bigtone," with which she has performed "all over the U.S." The group has been quite successful and are signed to the "TrueTunes" label. Additionally, this energetic 18-year old is a member of the Rising Son Church gospel group, "Praise & Worship Band." Rising Son Church is located in Allen.

Ashley both sings and plays guitar, though her performances with the Opry are mostly limited to her vocal talents. Ashley shares that a love of music has been handed to her through generations of her family, being "passed from my grandparents, to my parents, and on to me."

"I have always had a love for music," she said, "For as long as I can remember." "My first public performance

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Ashley's family says she "always hammin' it up" even as a very young child.

NEWS & NOTES

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ March 14 - Nutrition class.
■ March 17 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

■ March 18 - "Eating Disorders" program, 6th grade.

■ March 20 - "Bridges" parent meeting, 8:30-10:00 and 1:30-3:00.

■ March 21 - Baby-Sitting classes for 8th grade girls.

■ March 24 - Wolfe Brothers.
■ March 24 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

■ March 28 - MAC trip, 6th grade.
■ March 31 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

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

Please turn in all your Food City receipts to your home room teachers.

■ Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m and lasting

(See SCHOOL, page two)

POISON OAK

East Kentucky Lupercal?

by CLYDE PACK

In just a couple of days, the long-awaited spring of 2003 will officially arrive. Don't know about you, but I couldn't be happier about the whole thing. As a matter

of fact, I would be in favor of declaring the first day of spring a legal holiday.

The ancient Romans did, you know. They called it the "Feast of the

Lupercal," (or Lupercalia) and every February 15—a bit early, at least for this part of the world—they'd gather in the streets and dance and eat and play games, all to honor the coming of spring.

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KIM'S KORNER

Rewards and punishments

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

Rewards and punishments shall be this week's topic. And though we think in terms of rewards and punishments with children, and not being children any longer life's little bowl of cherries sure can be full of pits at times especially when we realize we still must engage in the punishment aspect of it.

Hadn't really given the punishment role much thought since leaving home, getting married, and having children of my own. Okay, so I lived with my head in and out

of the clouds for a while. Hey, I thought it was my time to get to hand out the ground rules for this or that. I paid my dues, dearly, growing up.

The rewards portion is just flat out awesome! And I must admit it didn't take long to figure out that good behavior warranted good rewards.

Like my own children, as a child myself my parents could get me to do their hearts' desire by simply asking. Too, like my own, whenever Mom or Dad were in one of their "moods", and came in huffin' and puffin', rantin' and ravin' due to a bad

day at work, or whatever, and demanded this be done like so, and this instant. Well, let's just say, the old "I don't think so" attitude came into play and rebellion set forth. Can I get an AMEN!

If you have a teenager I am guaranteed one!

Well, lo and behold I sat down with a book this past weekend titled *Inspiring Employees to Better Performance*. The very first sentence read: "Most managers recognize two ways to motivate employ-

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Kim Frasure

School

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through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ March 20, 27 - "Manners Matter" presentations, 5th grade.

■ March 17, 21 - "Health Careers" presentation, K-5.

■ March 24 - "Street Smarts" assembly, 9 a.m.

■ School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to the school Family Resource Center.

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

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

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ March 27 - Wulfe Brothers, school assembly program, 9:20 a.m.

■ April 1 - Community Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in school gym.

■ April 3 - "Stranger Danger" programs, primary grades.

■ April 4 - "Birds of Prey" school assembly program.

■ April 3, 4 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; TB skin tests, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director. FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to

administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the communi-

ty, as well as students.

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

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

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

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ March 14 - Health Careers (ARH), 8:30 a.m.

■ March 19 - Cory Booth, (Magic Show), "Character Counts," 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

■ March 21 - Tour Toyota Plant, 8th grade. Bus leaves school at 6:00 a.m.

■ March 24 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 5th grade, 9:00 a.m.

■ March 25 - Rain Forest program, 4th and 5th.

■ March 26, 27 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 9:00 a.m., 5th grade.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 24 & 26, 1993)

Floyd County Board Chairman "Shag" Campbell, died Sunday of a massive heart attack at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, where he had been hospitalized for almost a month. Campbell, 73, of Banner, had served on the board of education for 10 years and was serving in his second term as chairman...A July 26 trial date has been set for a Floyd County man accused of killing his estranged wife and her boyfriend on January 31. Phillip Hunter, 46, of Honaker, is charged with two counts of capital murder for the shooting deaths of his wife, Ella Hunter, 42, of Honaker, and Darrell Blackburn, 45, of Pike County...Two Kentucky National Guardsmen, Calvin Setser of Auxier and Terry Ward of Van Lear, were awarded medals of valor, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg armory for their heroic efforts to get a sick child out of a remote area in Magoffin County to a hospital during the blizzard that swept through the county almost two weeks ago...In Floyd Circuit Court, Friday, formal sentencing began for a Letcher County woman and her husband in connection with the 1987 slayings of her parents and mentally retarded brother. Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo sentenced Carolyn Smith, 26, to 18 years in a correctional institution Friday, despite pleas for a probated sentence. Stumbo sentenced Anthony Smith, to a total of 25 years in prison...Two Floyd County high school seniors have achieved one of the highest academic honors in the nation. Heather Watson of Allen Central, and Lisa Hobson, of McDowell, have been named National Merit finalists by the National Merit Corporation in Evanston, Illinois...Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones met with President Bill Clinton, this week, in an effort to procure a portion of the president's proposed \$16.3 billion economic stimulus package for the state. Jones, along with other Kentucky officials, hoped to gain more than \$700 million for the state, which would be used to begin statewide construction projects and create literally thousands of jobs...Results of a special session of a Floyd County Grand Jury, Wednesday, will not be released until April 5, because of a scheduling conflict with a grand juror, and the illness of the father of the commonwealth attorney. Grand jurors met in special session this week to review an unusually high number of murder and assault cases, which have occurred in the county since February. The grand jury reviewed evidence in four murder cases and a host of assault cases...A Martin City Councilman

has been charged with second degree wanton endangerment for allegedly trying to run a vehicle off the road with his vehicle on Tuesday. A criminal summons was issued, Wednesday, in Floyd County District Court, for councilman Jeff Jones. The complaint charges that Jones tried to run a vehicle off the road in which James Meade of Hi Hat, and Margaret Woods of McDowell, were riding...A Johnson County man led state police on a high-speed, two-county chase, Tuesday afternoon, after allegedly firing shots into a Paintsville, business. Harold Dingus, of Paintsville, allegedly shot into the offices of the Ferrellgas Company, located on U.S. 23 in Paintsville, before leading Kentucky State Trooper Scott Hazelette on a high-speed chase that ended in Floyd County...There died: Ted Keathley, 75, of Harold, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Dina Little, 89, of Wheelwright, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Gordon Lee Clark, 60, of Harold, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Josephine Bryant Mullins, 96, of Hi Hat, Wednesday, at her residence; Ray "Shag" Campbell, 73, of Banner, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Cecil Hamilton, 66, of Grethel, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Sylvia Foley Nunnery Purdy, 80, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Maxie Lee Bentley, 87, of Banner, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Claude Arthur Daniels, 45, of Spencerville, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at Osteopathic Hospital, Flint, Michigan; Zula Sexton Slone, 91, of Adrian, Michigan, formerly of Hueysville, Friday; Verna Layne, 67, of Willard, Ohio, Friday, at her home; Lanna Clark Winslow, 67, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Drift, Wednesday, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 30, 1983)

President Reagan was expected to sign the federal jobs bill, this week, and as sure as he does, the Big Sandy Regional Airport to serve Floyd, Johnson, and Martin counties, will be funded, and on its way to construction...A combination of reduced severance tax, and new bills, mean that the county will have to trim another \$95,376 off its budget over the next three months...There died: William (Bill) Hall Sr., 90, of Weeksbury, Monday, at home; Kinnel L. Mosley, 60, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, at Central Baptist Hospital; Nollie Mayo Akers, 85, of Martin, Monday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Gomer R. Martin Sr., 90,

of Drift, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Burgess Compton, 88, of Price, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sue Ellen Banks Harris, 42, of Melvin, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Liza Ann Cook, 91, of McDowell, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ora Long Cheek, 85, of Wayland, Saturday, at Riverside Manor Nursing Home; Sarah Bell Johnson, 85, of Dema, March 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Green Jones, 86, of Garrett, Friday, at his home; Ivel Green, 61, of Dema, March 22, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 28, 1963)

The district office of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, which was moved to Thelma from Prestonsburg, soon after Governor Nunn began his term of office, is scheduled to be relocated here...The body of nine-year-old Roxie Ann Keathley, former Floyd County child who had been the object of a wide search since her disappearance from her home near Elyria, O., March 12, was found Saturday morning, and a 21-year-old plant worker is being held on a charge of murder...Contractors' bids on the construction of an 18,000-square foot structure near here to serve as a "hub" for specialized mental health services in the region are expected to be asked next month...A shooting incident in a Columbus, Ohio bar early Sunday morning claimed the life of a 45-year-old former Weeksbury man, Raymond Little...There died: Benton Eugene Ray, 51-year-old Abbott man Saturday morning of carbon monoxide poisoning; William Rose Burgess, 62, of West Prestonsburg, Wednesday, in a Lexington Hospital; Elihan (Tena) Hall, 71, March 7, at his home at Topmost; Richard Hurt, 68, March 17, at his home at Weeksbury; Kelly Hamilton, 45, of Drift, Sunday, in a Lexington hospital; Willie Ramey, 62, of Auxier, Saturday, in a Lexington hospital; Curtis Ted Martin, 63, of Garrett, Wednesday, at his home; Mrs. Minerva Trent, 72, of Tram, Tuesday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Lillie C. Miller, 71, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, in a hospital, here; Mrs. Olga Wells Porter, 58, of East Point, Sunday, at a Paintsville hospital; Roger Lee Stowers, 22, of Warsaw, Ind., Saturday, in an auto accident; Mrs. Rennie Hall, of Tram, who, at 104, is believed to have been the county's oldest resident, Wednesday, at her home; Charles B. Lykins, 63, of Celina, O., formerly of this county, recently, in Van Wert

County Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(March 28, 1963)

Flood troubles along the Big Sandy itself should be over, five years from now, according to Col. Harrington Cochrane, district engineer, U. S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington, W. Va., who pointed to Corps projects already underway which should alleviate the threat...Approximately 11,000 typhoid shots have been administered by personnel of the Floyd County Health Department since the March 12-13 flood. Dr. Russell L. Hall, health doctor, said this week...A total of 665,575 strawberry plants—enough to plant between 165 and 170 acres—have been ordered from the several counties of this area to be served by the Prestonsburg processing plant...Approximately 1,100 flood-stricken families in this county will receive assistance from the American Red Cross, it was announced this week by the local chapter...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman, a daughter, Catherine Hill Coleman, Feb. 4, at Gainesville, Florida; to Mr. and Mrs. Hondel Adams, a son, Les Michael, Sunday, at Whiteland, Indiana...There died: Ralph B. Davis, 58, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Elizabeth Dingus May, 91, of Langley, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Walker Moore, 51, of East McDowell, following multiple injuries suffered Monday, while at work on a construction job at Narrows, Va.; Mrs. Sarah O'Dell, 99, Sunday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; Alex L. Meade, 90, Saturday, at his home at Blue Moon; Mrs. Sinthey Hopper, 75, of Topmost, last Tuesday, at the home of a daughter at Estill; Dan Prater, 56, of Hueysville, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Haulie Castle, 46, last Thursday, at home at Hueysville; Mrs. Sophia Layne, 61, of Martin, Sunday, at home; Hunter Bradshaw, 59, of Dana, Saturday; David W. Wallen, 88, Floyd native who became tax commissioner and circuit court clerk of Knott County, March 5, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mary Rogers Presley, 73, of Wheelwright, March 7, at the home of her son.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 26, 1953)

Date of the Passion Pageant has been changed to May 3, with an alternate May 10 date set in the event of bad weather.

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Hall

was at the age of eight for my church. My whole family is musically inclined. I guess you can say it was my destiny."

Ashley also says that she has always loved the KY Opry. "When I was young, I made my mom and dad take me to every Opry show. I told them that I wanted to be in the Opry someday...Billie Jean heard me sing in the 23 Showcase and not long after she called and asked me to come to an Opry practice and try-out. Later, she called and told me

that I was in."

Ashley says that she has enjoyed working with and traveling with the Opry, noting trips taken to "Richmond, Virginia, Somerset, Charleston, and Lexington." "I love having the opportunity to perform with so many talented people. I have learned so much from being in the Jr. Pros, it has really helped me to grow musically."

Ashley has also been involved with Jenny Wiley Theatre as a cast member "for three years," played

the role of "Pepper" in the theatre's production of "Annie," and was also a cast member of the "Wizard of Oz" production.

She says that she is a strong supporter of music education in our public schools saying that "Music is not only fun, but it teaches you about the brilliant musicians that have been a huge influence on the music of today."

Ashley credits her parents, Kevin and Pam Hall, as being her strongest supporters in her musical interests, and notes that perform-

ers Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow, and Norah Jones have most influenced her musical style. Ashley says that she has a love for a "wide variety of music" and that she knows that "music is my calling and my love."

"I plan to work hard and do all I can to have a career in music. I would love to write and sing my own songs. I am working on achieving every one of these goals," she said.

When questioned about talent vs. image, Ashley said, "I find tal-

ent to be more important than image. The music industry has started putting too much emphasis on image and letting the talent slip away. There are so many talented people out there trying to have a career in music, but people turn them away because they don't have "the look" that they are looking for."

She continues, "I am so blessed to be able to sing for people...I want people to feel when they hear me, 'Wow, she really feels what she sings. She is so passionate

about it.' More so, when I minister in song in a church or a youth gathering, or wherever God might lead...I want to touch someone's life. If I can accomplish that in one person's life, then I feel like I am doing what I am called to do."

Ashley, who is currently attending Eastern Kentucky Beauty College, is a 2002 graduate of Pike Central High School. She has one younger brother, Jarod, age 15.

Ashley Hall - shining for the MAC, and for God!

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Korner

ees: Rewards and Punishment." Want to take a guess at which one granted better performance over a 200-year survey done by Ohio State University? To use another quote from the book, it read: "You get what you reward" and "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar". Well, my very first thought was could the author be an Eastern Kentuckian? After all, I've heard this ol' wives' tale for many a year.

Wives' tale or not, fact remains catching more flies with honey than with vinegar is just plain fact. And though a unique analogy it is, honey represents

"positive" (good) while the vinegar represents (yuck, sour, bad & negative)! Yes, this book told that managers are more likely to lead employees to great results by focusing on their positive accomplishments than finding fault with and punishing their negative outcomes. Who would've ever thunk it? That mere positive speech could warrant such results in life.

Dah! The Bible's over 2,000 years old and it's been telling us this all along. If only people would pick it up and read it. Example: Colossians 4: 6 "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to

answer each one."

Yes, rewards and punishment continue to follow us throughout life. If only we could just remember to sow the positive we could reap the rewards. For the negatives instill fear and intimidation, ridicule, resentment and lack of performance, be it as children and as simple as cleaning our room, to adults and performing our jobs. Here's hoping you catch a few flies with honey. And leave the vinegar for the deviled eggs!

To Justin, Sherry, Melissa and Rita, I appreciate all you do and am blessed to have you!

'Til next week, God bless each of you.

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Oak

Wouldn't be surprised if even ole' Nero hit a note or two of "The Orange Blossom Special" on his fiddle.

Don't know what kind of winter winds danced around their little togas, but the coming of spring was obviously a pretty big deal to them. After the winter we've just had, maybe we ought to make a big to-do about it, too. After all, what's another festival among friends anyway?

Now don't misunderstand. It's not that I dislike winter, it's just that I hate it. But if the Romans can make a holiday out of spring's arrival, so can we. We could rope off Main Street, and since it'd be a

lot closer to actual summertime than when the Romans held their celebration, we could even include some warm weather activities. Like grass cutting, for instance. We could have a parade of lawnmowers. We could decorate them up with crepe paper and balloons, divide them into different categories... like push and ride... and give a big prize to the winner. Maybe we could even have a prize for the best decorated weed eater.

And, since it wouldn't be long until we could count on sunshine on a daily basis, it might be fun, too, if in honor of our true Anglo-Saxon heritage and our winter of indoor activities, we stage a

whitest-legs contest. Of course, those who've been to Myrtle Beach or a tanning bed would no doubt giggle and poke fun, but who cares, right?

The possibilities are endless. Why, with a little effort, we might even be able to get a few local politicians to make speeches, a few local bands to sing some spring-time songs from beds of flat-bed trucks, and a few local organizations to sell lemonade. What is sure to be a downer for some, though, is the idea that we wouldn't permit anyone to sell chalk dogs and velvet Elvises for this one.

Oh well. Guess we can't have everything.

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Critter Corner: Open wide, Kitty! Part Two

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Here's the second installment on the subject of handling and medicating cats. Last week we got our cat bundled up and properly restrained in our bath towel. Now we are ready to give his medicine!

To give a pill, I place my left hand (remember, I am right-handed, so southpaws will need to make adjustments) across the cat's head, with my thumb at one corner of the mouth and my middle finger at the opposite corner. Pressure applied on the skin against the back teeth causes the cat to open his mouth a little. His jaw tissue is between his teeth and my fingers, so his own reflexes are going to limit his biting down hard. I then hold the pill between my right

thumb and forefinger, and use my right middle finger against the lower front teeth between the canines to pry open the jaw a little further.

The pill is then placed on the base of the tongue—actually, I sort of "toss" it toward the back of the throat—and gently pushed down over the base of the tongue. Immediately close the cat's mouth and hold it shut a few seconds.

I find that stroking the cat's throat is less effective than blowing a quick puff of air on the cat's nose to encourage a startled gulp. Cats who have learned to hold a pill in their mouth can sometimes be tricked into swallowing it with a few drops of water or broth dripped in their mouth with a syringe or dropper. When they reflexively swallow the liquid, often the pill

goes down too.

If you're still having trouble, ask your vet for a "pill gun". These are nifty little plastic syringe-like gadgets that have an opening large enough to accept a tablet or capsule, and a plunger to shoot it down an animal's throat. They are durable, cheap (generally less than five dollars), come apart for cleaning, and allow the cat to chomp down on plastic rather than your fingers.

A small dab of really wonderful food that the cat loves and seldom gets (tuna, sardines, cheese, etc.) after the ordeal may help convince the cat that it really wasn't so bad after all.

Liquids are much simpler to give. There is no need to open the mouth. With the cat immobilized as above, position the dropper or syringe in one corner of the cat's mouth, and dribble the medicine into the mouth at a rate that gives the cat time to swallow without getting choked.

Check with your vet before deciding to dissolve a tablet or capsule in liquid. It's usually OK, but some medicines don't work as well if their physical form is altered.

Now that I've gone through this long discussion of how the process is SUPPOSED to work, I can't help but tack on this tongue-in-cheek version that sometimes is closer to the truth:

Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently



"Scruffles." Scruffles is a 7-year old long-haired tabby that belongs to Marshall and Jackie Fugate, of Prestonsburg. We like that fashionable bandana, Scruffles!

apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. (Hmmm...so far pretty much the same as my system...)

Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw away soggy pill.

Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding

rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.

Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees. Hold head firmly with one hand while forcing mouth open with wooden ruler. Drop pill in over ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

Retrieve cat from curtain rod; get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered porcelain figurines from hearth and set aside for gluing later.

Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil eraser and blow pill down drinking straw.

Check label to make sure pill is not harmful to humans and drink large glass of water to take taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Place cat

in cupboard and close door on neck to leave head showing. Pry mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

Fetch screwdriver from garage and put door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records or date of last tetanus shot. Throw away bloody T-shirt and fetch new one from bedroom.

Ring fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

Find heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed; force cat's mouth open with small spatula. Push pill into mouth wrapped in large piece of meat. Hold head vertically until cat swallows.

Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room, then sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearms and removes pill remnants from right eye. Stop at furniture store on way home to pick out a new kitchen table.

Take cat to vet, who puts cat on exam table. Watch cat lie there quietly while vet pops open mouth and drops in pill.

Cat swallows pill; vet turns to you and says, "See how easy that was?"

AARP holds first annual meeting this Friday

In its first meeting of 2003, the Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will conduct its election and installation of officers on Friday, March 21, at the office complex of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Jane Bond, Floyd County Health Dept., will be present to address the smallpox vaccination program and the preparations that are being made in the event that there is an outbreak of the disease. The food court at the hospital will be open for those who wish to have their evening meal prior to the meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Yesterdays

The pageant will be staged at Martin...Franklin Conley is presiding as governor at the youth assembly in Frankfort, this week...John Delmar Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughes, of Prestonsburg, has been named to the national high school All American football team...L. R. Johnson, soil conservationist, said this week that 85,000 trees are expected to be planted in Floyd County this year...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ottis D. Spurlock, of Allen, March 13, a son—Randolph Lee...There died: Charlie Pope, 67, of Betsy Layne, a native of Roumania, Saturday, when hit by a train at Pikeville; L. C. Hubbard, 73, of Auxier, March 13, at a Paintsville hospital; Edith, 8, daughter of Hershel Hunt, of Ivel, at Ashland, March 20; Norman Miles, 45, formerly of Wayland, March 18, at Willard, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Whitaker, 72, March 21, at home on Middle Creek; Mrs. Lena Elliot, 68, of Ligon, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Glenna Cremeans, 48, formerly of this county, March 19, at Dayton, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 25, 1943)

A countywide local option election has been set for May 15...Warrant officer Charles Moore, of Fed, is a Japanese prisoner and Pfc. Billy R. Kendrick, of Emma, has been wounded in the Tunisian fighting...Lattice Fouts, 37, Wheelwright miner, drowned Sunday, when his auto plunged into a rain-swollen stream at Lookout, Pike County...An investigation is being made of the serious stabbing of Willard Howell, 19, of

McDowell...Ninety Floyd selectees will leave for armed forces induction April 9...E. L. Johnson, 74, was killed, almost instantly, at Jack's Creek, Saturday, when hit in the temple by a thrown rock...Prestonsburg's newest social group is the "War Widows Club"...Four men were injured early Tuesday, in a truck-auto collision near Allen. They are Merle Wilson and Hugh White, of Prestonsburg, John Thornsby of Ashland, and Marshall Gaynor, Salem, West Virginia...There died: John W. Clark, 73, of Allen, March 17, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Thomas Buskirk, 83, Friday, at Davella, Martin County, buried here; Mrs. Mary Bradley Huff, 67, of Wayland, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Rebecca Hall, 69, Saturday, at Blue Moon.

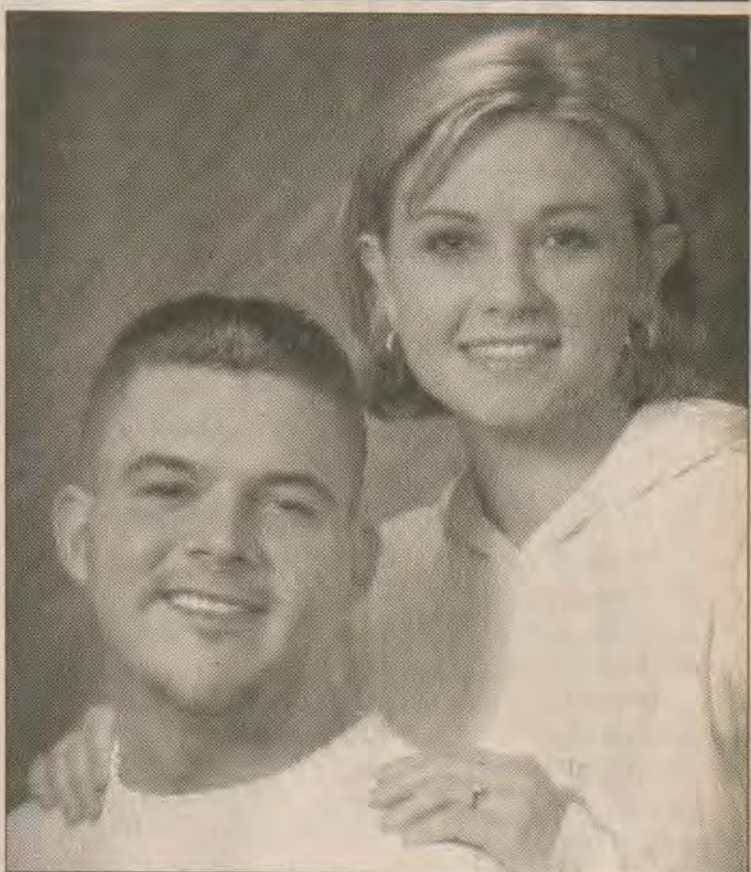
Seventy Years Ago

(March 24, 1933)

Bids will be received May 10, on approximately 11 miles of the Left Beaver road from McDowell to Wheelwright junction...Bill Jack, three-year-old son of Dick Robinson, of Dock, was drowned last Sunday, in Spurlock Creek...The barn of Walker Spears was destroyed by fire, March 14, near Edgar. A horse, three cows, five hogs and four haystacks were lost in the blaze...Married: Miss Freda May Bingham, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Seldon Ward, of Paintsville, at Salyersville, March 15...There died: Miss Alta Akers, 21, Saturday, at Allen of a bullet wound; Jimmy Pokus, 40, a miner, in a slate fall at Garrett; Mrs. Albert Owens, 28, Sunday, at the home here of her sister, Mrs. Russel Hall.

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Wedding Engagements



Hall-Cusick

Gail and Tracy Stumbo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda J. Hall, to Christopher M. Cusick. The bride-elect is a 1999 alumnus of South Floyd High School. She is currently attending Penn State Cosmetology Academy, in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Her fiancée is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cusick, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. He is 1998 alumnus of Sharpsville High School, and is currently employed as an electrician at Winner Steel, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. The couple are planning a wedding to be held June 7, 2003, in McDowell. They will reside in Sharpsville following their marriage.

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THE DAVID SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.

Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

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the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

March 28 - *Spring Fundraiser Dinner* - 7 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 874-8328. A \$1,000 door prize will be given away.

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

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Pet Adoption Corner



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The puppy in the top picture is a male hound mix, one of a litter of two and about five months old. On the bottom is a cocker-spaniel mix female puppy, extremely shy and affectionate.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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PHS Varsity Cheerleaders

Travels toward success

submitted article

The Prestonsburg High Varsity Cheerleaders have received many honors and awards this year. While attending the UCA camp in July at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, the squad received overall Superior Trophies in Floor Cheer and Sideline Performances. In addition, they received third

overall placement in the Home Dance Routine which was choreographed by Jennifer Willis. The routine included 17 other squads. Four of the PHS squad members, Kristi Barrowman, senior, Melissa Slone, senior, Teela Gayheart, junior, and Michelle Lackey, sophomore, received "All Star" camp honors recognition for their outstanding individual camp performances. At the preseason PHS Football Recreational Bowl in Mount Sterling, Barrowman was awarded a scholarship to a Kentucky college of her choice for an essay related to Appalachian Heritage & Culture.

As the year progressed, the squad received Grand Champion honors in the East Kentucky Cheer and Dance competition sponsored by the PHS Dancecats at Prestonsburg High School in October. One of the squad's stunt groups received top honors as well. Members of the stunt group included Barrowman, Slone, and Lackey, as well as Tiffany

Goble and Jerri Mitchell, both members of the junior class.

At the Regional KAPO (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) competition held at Pike Central High School in March, the squad received a 58th District Traditional Championship trophy and the 15th Regional Runner-Up trophy in an extremely close decision by the judges. This event included a 60-second simple, gymnastic, and stunt/mount-based cheer performance and a 1 and 1/2 minute pom-pom routine that was choreographed by Jody Shepherd. Possibly, the greatest moment of the competition was when Melissa Slone received the Jeanette Elder Scholarship for outstanding academic and cheer performance to a Kentucky college of her choice.

Most recently, the squad placed first in the 58th District Boys Competition held at South Floyd High School on March 7th.

The PHS Varsity Cheerleading squad has spent many long hours practicing and preparing for games and competitions throughout the PHS football, basketball, and wrestling seasons. Currently, the squad is making plans for

an exciting PHS baseball season under the direction of new head coach John DeRossett. They also have kept busy by sponsoring a variety of community-based fundraisers and activities. The most successful activities being the Pre-season Area Youth Cheer Clinics held at Prestonsburg High School and area elementary schools across the county.

At this time, advocates of the positive aspects that cheerleading brings to our youth are quite disappointed with the fact that cheerleading itself is not viewed as a sport unto itself by the state of Kentucky and KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association). This, even though cheerleading squads across the state have to comply with KHSAA academic and sports related standards. Cheerleading advocates feel that the cheerleading strongly incorporates the development of multiple athletic abilities and responsibilities. Due to the fact that cheerleading, nonetheless, is not recognized as a "sport" by Kentucky school sports authorities, cheerleading squads rely heavily on community support for funding.

The PHS Varsity squad and their coaches, Leslie Ousley and Leslie Setser, would like to

take this opportunity to thank any and all who have extended a helping hand to aid the squad in reaching their full potential this school year. Without the strong support of our community, the squads exemplary accomplishments would not have been possible.

Members of the PHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad are: Senior members - Kristi Barrowman and Melissa Slone; Junior members - Stacy Clark, Teela Gayheart, Tiffany Goble, Jerri Mitchell, and Morgan Slone; Sophomore members - Ashley Collins, Laura Hall, Michelle Lackey, and Ali Meyer; Freshmen members - Shonda Collins, Katie Hale, and Sara Tackett. PHS Varsity Cheerleader Mascots are: Allyson DeRossett and Maddy Ousley.

Tryouts for the 2003-04 season will begin soon and area schools will be contacted by squad coaches with specific information for those incoming eighth graders that are interested in cheering for PHS.

Plans for the upcoming season include attending a NCA Cheer Camp, in June, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; competing in the Cheer Competition at King's Island, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Labor Day weekend; competing in the New Year's Cheer competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; and returning to the District and Regional sponsored KAPO competitions in March of 2004.

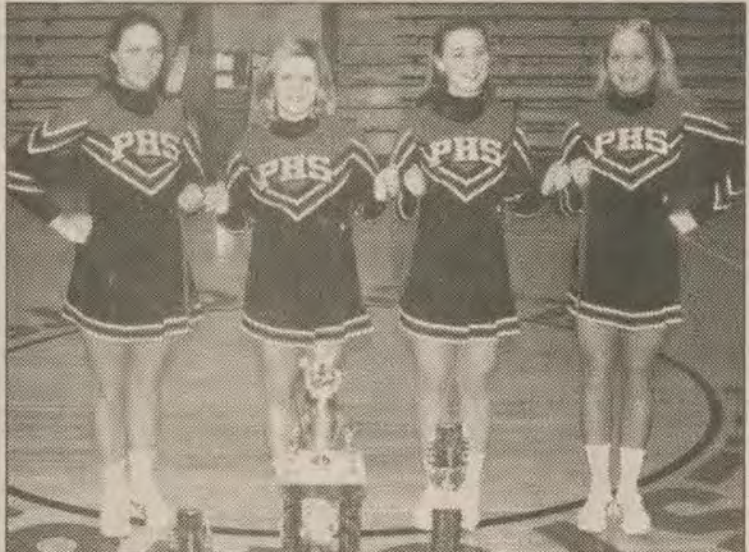
And, of course, as always, cheering the PHS football, basketball, wrestling and baseball teams on to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y in the 2003-04 seasons!



PHS Varsity Cheerleader Mascot, Miss Maddy Ousley



The 2002-2003 PHS Varsity Cheerleaders. From left to right, first row: Kristi Barrowman, Maddy Ousley, mascot, and Melissa Slone. Second row: Morgan Slone, Ali Meyer, Jerri Mitchell, Ashley Collins, Shonda Collins, and Stacy Clark. Third row: Michelle Lackey, Laura Hall, Teela Gayheart, Katie Hale, Tiffany Goble, and Sara Tackett. Sponsors Leslie Ousley and Leslie Setser, and mascot Allyson DeRossett, are not pictured.



From left to right, Michelle Lackey, Teela Gayheart, Kristi Barrowman, and Melissa Slone, PHS Varsity Cheerleader 2002-2003 UCA Camp "All Stars," Appalachian State University.



Kristi Barrowman, PHS Varsity Cheerleader Senior Captain, 2002-2003 Recreational Bowl Scholarship winner.



Melissa Slone, PHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad, Senior Captain, 2002-2003 15th Region Jeanette Elder Scholarship winner.

New bonds approved by property and buildings commission

Savings net \$6.5 million for General Fund; University of Louisville

FRANKFORT, Ky.- The State Property and Buildings Commission has announced two previously approved refinancings for educational buildings and housing bonds for the University of Louisville would net more than \$6.5 million in savings for the state and the university. These refinancings will save the commonwealth more than \$5.5 million over the next 13 years and more than \$975,000 for the University of Louisville over the next decade. "In these tight financial times, every dollar counts," Gordon Duke, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet said. "We are pleased

that we have been able to capitalize on historically low interest rates to save these dollars for the commonwealth."

The Kentucky Housing Corporation has received the commission's approval for issuance of up to \$86 million in bonds to make mortgage loans available for low-to-moderate income Kentucky families. The commission has also approved the issuance of student loan revenue bonds. These bonds would enable the Kentucky Student Loan Corporation to offer more than \$121 million in loans to college-bound Kentuckians.

Due to continued low interest rates, the commission also approved refinancing of bonds for the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University. These refinancings are projected to save a total of \$960,000 for the state and the two universities.

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Second, women have made significant gains in earning power during the last 20 years due to greater access to education. Despite these gains, there are still many female homebuyers with low-to moderate-incomes who need down payment assistance. And don't forget about single women because they bought twice as many houses in 2001 as single men." (from Who Is the Down Payment Assistance Buyer? by Greg Ciliberti)

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REAL ESTATE

530-Houses
2 STORY HOUSE FOR SALE: At Abbott 3 B.R. 2 1/2 bath, garage. 886-6082 *

FOR SALE: 7 ROOM COUNTRY HOME, aluminum siding, Approx. 35 acres. Big Barn. Free gas, central heat/AC. City water, out of flood range. Just out of Martin, Ky city limits, on old Rt. 80. 8 miles from Jenny Wiley State Park. 606-285-3437 evenings. *

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RENTALS

610-Apartments
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670-Comm. Property
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815-Lost/Found

REWARD OFFERED: LOST CAT: Tabby, black & gray striped. Last seen March 10th, at 587 North Arnold Ave. 886-6119.

REWARD OFFERED for 4 Boxer, 1 year females, 3 boy puppies, last seen Feb. 5th on Beach Road at Talcum in Knott County. 251-3574. Owner misses them very much.

REWARD OFFERED: LOST Small white dog, brown head with pointed ears and curly tail. Last seen on Crider Branch, 886-1661.

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Henson Branch Coal, Inc., 512 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0285, which was last issued on September 17, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 5.42 acres, located 0.25 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.25 mile east from RY 122's junction with Frozen Creek, and located 0.60 mile south of Jump Station. The latitude is 37°28'57". The longitude is 82°45'05".

The bond now in effect for this permit is a letter of certificate of deposit in the amount of twenty thousand two hundred dollars (\$20,200.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$20,200 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, seeding, completed in October 2002.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 18, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference, is received by April 18, 2003.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 18, 2003.

1991 Eagle Talon VIN#E3CS44RXME 088452

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
The following item will be offered at public sale on March 28th, 2003, at 11:00, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, KY 41649

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL L.L.C., P.O. BOX 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase I release on Permit Number 836-5433, which was last issued on 12/02/02. The application covers an area of approximately 4 acres, located 1 mile south of Estill, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from Rte. 7 junction with KY Rte. 1086, and located 0.2 mile southwest of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°26'46". The longitude is 82°49'03".

The bond now in effect for 836-5433 is \$37,000.00. 60% of the original bond amount of \$37,000.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding, completed 1/22/03.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 5/02/03.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 5/06/03, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference, is received by 5/02/03.

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The following item will be offered at public sale on March 28th, 2003, at 11:00, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky.

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Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. First Guaranty Bank 36 Main Street P.O. Box 888 Martin, KY 41649

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5096, Major Revision

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Don Goble Mining, P.O. Box 879, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining operation, located 0.10 mile northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage or underground acreage to the permit area.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.08 mile north from KY Route 3's junction with KY Route 1428, and located 0.01 mile east of Brandykeg Creek. The latitude is 37°40'18". The longitude is 82°43'45".

The proposed major revision is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Archer Music Enterprises. The major revision will underlie land owned by Archer Music Enterprises, Darrell & Wanda Sexton, Everette Kendrick Estate, Randall Clyde & Sandra Cecilia Burchett, Gregory Dean & Debra Campbell, Chadwick & Amy Spears, James W. & Blanch B. Cox, Wendell & Nellie Meade, Wendell L. Martin, Jack & Verna L. Childress, Paul Jnr. & Sharon Skeens, Raymond Ratliff and Thomas Randall Ratliff.

The major revision proposes a post mining land use change from pastureland to one of industrial/commercial. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-00567 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. EDNA HALE, GEORGE HALE, FIRST GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK, THE ASSOCIATES MORTGAGE COMPANY, KENTUCKY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC., COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$34,940.44, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 243 Cane Fork Road, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Arkansas Creek, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a hornbeam tree; thence a straight line to a locust at a bluff; thence a straight line to a hickory tree; thence a straight line back down the hill to a rock; thence a straight line down by the road going south to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed by Family Federal Savings and Loan Association to George Hale and Wife, Edna Hale, by deed dated 8/1/84, and recorded 8/6/84, in Book 286, Page 457, of the public records of Floyd County, Ky.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

COUNSEL: Hon. Lori R. Leach Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00429

ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS.

RUBY SAMONS JOHN F. SAMONS, SR. COUNTY OF FLOYD, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$24,732.91, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 805 Arkansas Road, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Arkansas Creek, and being in more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the west side of the branch, and on the line of Lee Samons, and witnessed by a black oak bearing S 14E W 90.5 feet; thence with Lee Samons line N 60E to a pine on the ridge; thence down the ridge to an iron wood and rock and to the line of Jim Samons then leaving the ridge and down the hill with Jim Samons' line S 80 W to a stake on West bank of branch witnessed by a Buckeye at the mouth of a drain bearing N 87 E fifty-two and one-half (52 1/2) feet.

Being the same property described in a Deed of Conveyance from Muncie Samons, single, to Ruby Samons dated May 7, 1991, of record in Deed Book 347, Page 760, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force

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(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. David E. Johnson Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Pen Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III Bond Release on Permit No. 836-0248, which was last issued on March 11, 1998. The permit covers a surface area of approximately 236.95 acres, and does not involve any underground area. The operation is located approximately 0.57 mile northwest of Collierville in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.64 mile southwest from KY 80's junction with KY 122, and is located 0.37 mile west of Eel Branch, and is located on the Harold and Martin 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in effect for the operation is \$48,200.00, 100% of the original bond amount (surety) of \$708,400.00 is included in this request for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching, and was completed in Spring 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by May 2, 2003.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for May 6, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 2, 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE 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, 6:00PM. 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 8AM and 4PM 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-01 CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, CERTAIN TERRITORY WHICH IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, AND MADE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the territory, hereinafter described, be made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as it is now incorporated, to be annexed and made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky.

BEGINNING at an un-monumented point near the Southwest corner of the intersection of Ky. Rt. 1210 and Ky. Rt. 80, having Kentucky State Plane coordinate (North Section, NAD 27) N. 458,895.09 E. 2,863,155.04. Said point is located at the most Easterly corner of ordinance 01-05 at the Southeast corner of the entrance from Ky. Rt. 1210 to the Rush Properties, Inc., occupied by Dollar General Store and Save-a-Lot. Thence running across Ky. Rt. 80 to a point having Kentucky State Plane Coordinate, N. 458,710.24, E. 2,863,336.40 and located at the Northwest corner of the Christian Appalachian Project, Inc. property, occupied by Mountain Christian Academy which is

described in ordinance No. 00-04. Thence running with said ordinance boundary to a point located 100 feet East of the centerline of Rt. 80 having Kentucky State Plane Coordinate N. 458,524.90 E. 2,863,307.61. Thence running with a line 100 feet East of Rt. 80 in a Southerly direction to a point in the ditch on the North side of the Community Center having Ky. State Plane Coordinate, N. 455,123.13, E. 2,862,864.26. Thence running with said ditch, ascending up the hollow in an Easterly direction to a point having Ky. State Plane Coordinates, N. 455,120.94, E. 2,863,170.50. Thence running in a Southerly direction so as to be 100 feet behind (up the hollow from) and parallel to the most Easterly edge of the concrete pad behind the Community Center Building to a point in the drain having Ky. State Plane Coordinate, N. 454,991.51, E. 2,863,173.23. Thence running down the drain in a Westerly direction, passing the Community Center Building to a point 100 feet East of the centerline of Ky. Rt. 80. Thence running in a Southerly direction to a point 100 feet East of the centerline of Rt. 80 to a point having Ky. State Coordinates, N. 454,962.71, E. 2,862,842.78 Thence running in a Westerly direction, crossing Rt. 80 to a point 100 feet West of the centerline of Rt. 80, having Ky. State Plane Coordinates, N. 454,962.71, E. 2,862,842.78 Thence running in a Northerly direction along a line 100 feet West of the centerline of Rt. 80 to a point having Ky. State Plane coordinates, N. 458,417.25, E. 2,863,067.16. Thence running in a Westerly direction to a point having Ky. State Plane

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Coordinates, N. 458,417.25, E. 2,863,067.16, a point at the Southeast corner of Rush Properties, Inc. (Ordinance No. 01-05). Thence with Ordinance No. 01-05 to the BEGINNING, containing 18.79 acres.

It is the intent of this description to encompass the Martin Community Center located on Rt. 80.

SO ORDAINED, This the 25th day of February, 2003, by the full City Council of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Thomasine Robinson
THOMASINE ROBINSON, MAYOR
CITY OF MARTIN

ATTEST:

Parula Justice
Parula Justice, City Clerk

1st reading 01-28-03
2nd reading 02-25-03
Advertised 03-14-03

Clerk's Certification

I certify I am the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Martin, Kentucky, and the foregoing two pages of Ordinance No.03-01 is a true, correct and complete copy duly adopted by the Martin City Council at a duly convened meeting held on February 25, 2003, all as appears in the official records of said City.

WITNESS, my hand and Seal, this the 25th day of February, 2003.

Parula Justice
Parula Justice, City Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4028, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground mining and reclamation operation, located 0.6 mile northwest of Owsley in Pike County. The amendment will add 0.0 acres of surface disturbance acres, and will underlie an additional 1909.3 acres located in both Pike and Floyd counties, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2699.6 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 3.5 miles northwest from KY 1384's junction with U.S. 23, and located 0.2 mile west of Hurricane Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broadbottom and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. There is no additional surface area to be disturbed. The operation will underlie land owned by Larry Thomas Fortenberry, Rena and Paul Diehm, Gloria Gibson, Regina Ann Burton, Bobby and Teresa Swiney, Rora Ellen Justice and Carol Robinette, William Harrison Adkins, Homer Stone, Alice and Melvin Stevens, Herry and Phyllis Young, Verniece Overstreet, Danny and Genevieve McKinney, John Salisbury, Everett Salisbury, John Henry Salisbury, Dinah Anderson, Mickey and Debra K. Stapleton, Henry Jr., and Kathryn B. Moore, John Salisbury, George F. Salisbury, George F. and Lorraine Salisbury, Joe Salisbury, Selena Rogers, Joe Ross Keathley, Kate Weddington Estate, Suda Weddington, Joe Keathley, Elzy Salisbury, Robert C. Billips, Dawson James, William and Lisa Warner, Roscoe Adkins, Bob Hamilton, Waldo Roberts, James M. Justice, Essie and David Ray, Ruth Justice, Gary R.

and Violet Osborne, Mike and Marsha Huffman, Elmer and Betty Justice, Franklin and Angela Hamilton, Joe B. and Hattie Justice, Matthew and Elsie Justice, Ocie Jane Justice, Edward Lee Adkins, Howard and Norma Jean Justice, Bobby E. and Caroline Justice, Mark and Marieta Daniels, James and Christina Daniels, Sterling and Teresa Blackburn, Eura L. Dials, Zell Harrington, Gary and Dreama J. Boyd, Jerry and Eva Boyd, Douglas and Robin Boyd, Darryl and Michelle Boyd, Tony and Lois Boyd, Amy Muddy, Sue Ratliff, A.C. Mimms, Randy and Betty Stevens, Thelma Stevens, Burnis and Mary Lou Spears, Wayne and Bertley Spears, Jessie Stevens, Ronnie and Wanda Jean Stevens, Bruce and Beanita G. Coleman, Kenneth Allen, Tilda Lawson, Bob and Nola Belle Hamilton, Larhene Allen Howell, Clifton, Jewel, and Anna M. Howell, Jimmy and Dottie Rogers, Melvin M. Stevens, Milford & Wanda Sue Stevens, Herbert and Kaye Keathley, Kenis Tackett, Eddie and Doris Rowe, Hubert Meade, Roger and Melinda Skeens, Judith Ann Elswick, Colin and Virginia Muldune, Peggy Hunt Maynard, Billy G. and Carolyn Patton, John Henry Justice, Cecil and Eunice Damron, Ned H. and Lucille R. Bush, Ted and Patricia B. Elkins, Sarah Hall Hamilton, Zella Mae Salisbury, Rhoda Belle King, Joig Ray Stevens, Shipyard River Coal Terminal Co., Phil Dean & Thelma Justice, and Mrs. Marvin Salisbury Estate.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. ***(FOR FINAL ADVERTISEMENT ONLY):** This is the

final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of this date.

LEGAL NOTICE

This is a legal notice to the unknown spouse of Nokomis Moore and the unknown spouse of Mellie Moore. A civil action has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court styled Bankers Trust Company of California versus Alma Tackett, et al., Civil Action No. 03-CI-273. The nature of the action is collection upon a mortgage note. The unknown spouse of Nokomis Moore and the unknown spouse of Mellie Moore have been named as defendants in this civil action as these persons may have an interest in the property which is subject to this legal action.

Attorney, Bobby Rowe, having been appointed by the Court as Warning Order Attorney for the unknown spouse of Nokomis Moore and the unknown spouse of Mellie Moore is hereby publishing this legal notice for the purposes of notifying said persons of the nature and pendency of this action. The unknown spouse of Nokomis Moore should upon learning of this legal notice and the pendency of this civil action immediately contact an attorney of their choosing for the purposes of entering their appearance in this legal action to protect any interest they may have in this property.

The operation disturbs 55.53 surface acres and will underlie 1,767.26 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 1.0 mile northwest of Beaver, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile west from KY 979's junction with Mitchell. Branch Road, and located in the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle, at latitude 37°24'37" and longitude 82°39'55".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments and objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, at a regular meeting, held on the 25th day of February, 2003, directed me, the undersigned, to advertise for sale an electric franchise and,

THEREFORE, pursuant to Order and Ordinance of said Council, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the same,

Notice is hereby given that I, City Clerk of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, or in my absence, Thomasine Robinson, Mayor of the City, will, at the front door of the City Building, in City of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, on the 25th day of March, 2003, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., Martin Time, in the City of Martin, offer for sale an electric franchise, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforesaid ordinance of said City Council, and subject to conditions of said Ordinance, which Ordinance and conditions are as follows, to-wit:

SECTION NO. 1

That there be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across, and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exists or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors; with all the necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons, and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and any other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of same within, through, or across said City.

SECTION NO. 2

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places.

SECTION NO. 3

The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION NO. 4

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising in any way from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance, or

operating of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION NO. 5

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Martin, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work until completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

SECTION NO. 6

Wherever in this franchise either the City of Martin or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges, and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the respective successors and assigns of said City and said grantee, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION NO. 7

The grantee of this franchise to be offered for sale may make such rules and regulations, covering the furnishing of said electric energy, as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like quality, that is, adequate, efficient and reasonable; to that now being rendered to said City.

SECTION NO. 8

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for the sale of said franchise, privilege, right and authority and for the use and occupancy of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City, in lieu of any street or alley rental or of any charge for the use and occupancy of said streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, or other public places of the City, and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION NO. 9

City Clerk of the City of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed City Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sale same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City

Building in Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, at 6:00 p. m., on 3-25, 2003, after he/she has advertised the same, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law by inserting a notice of sale in the Floyd County Times Newspaper of general circulation in Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this ordinance.

SECTION NO. 10

Each bidder for the sale of said franchise, privilege, right and authority, shall file, as a part of his bid, a certified copy of his bid a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

SECTION NO. 11

Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby directed to be sold shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or the City Clerk upon the date and at the time fixed by the Clerk and/or Mayor in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Clerk and/or Mayor shall report and submit to the City Council, at the time and place to be fixed by it, said bids and proposals for said Council's approval, and said City Council reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Martin to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Clerk and/or Mayor shall be refused by the said City Council, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefor shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However, such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning, in or adjacent to the City of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this resolution.

SECTION NO. 12

This Ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

Done by a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, entered at its meeting held on the 25th day of February, 2003.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 28th day of February, 2003.

Pamela Justice
 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF Martin, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY.



EDWARD B. HATCHETT, JR.
 AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky
 Honorable Paul E. Patton, Governor
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 Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive
 Honorable Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk
 Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

The enclosed report prepared by Berger & Ross, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2001.

We engaged Berger & Ross, PLLC to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Berger & Ross, PLLC evaluated the Floyd County Clerk's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hatchett, Jr.
 Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
 Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.kyauditor.net or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 144 Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities and equity arising from cash transactions of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2002, the statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances, and the related statement of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, Floyd County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and equity arising primarily from cash transactions of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2002, and the revenues received and expenditures paid, and the cash flows of its enterprise fund for the year then ended in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 21, 2003, on our consideration of Floyd County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Floyd County, Kentucky. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the schedule of findings and questioned costs, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The Fiscal Court Should Have Required The Floyd County (Martin) Community Center To Submit Monthly Financial Statements And An Annual Financial Statement
- The Floyd County (Martin) Community Center Should Not Have Paid Bonuses

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hatchett
Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
February 21, 2003

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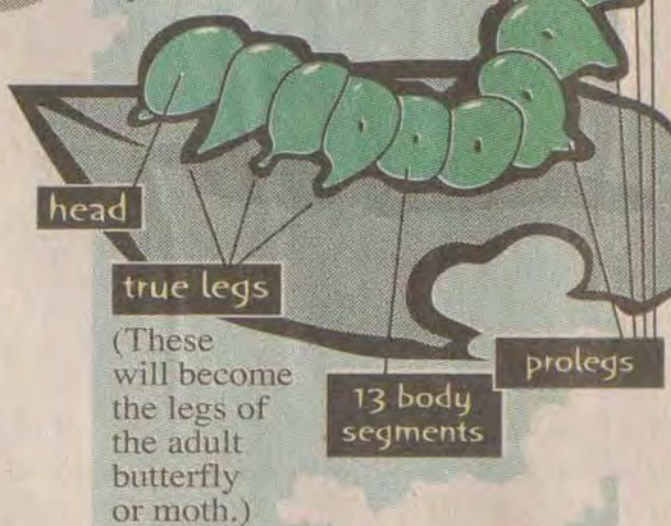
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Do you hear a soft and constant crunching sound? Tiny little crawlers have chewed their way out of tiny little eggs. They are munching leaves and grass. They eat upside down, they eat sideways, they don't care which way they eat. But they hardly stop eating. They're...

Caterpillars

Caterpillar Bodies

Big, little, bare or fuzzy, all caterpillars have the same body parts.

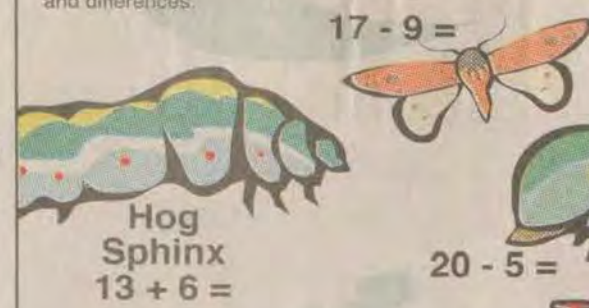
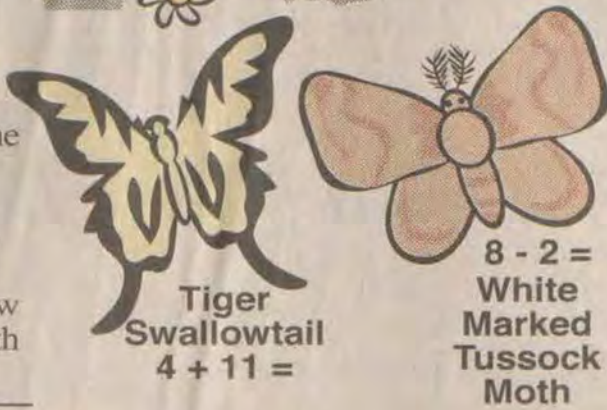


What Will I Be When I Grow Up?

Different caterpillars will become different moths or butterflies.

Do the math problems on each caterpillar, butterfly and moth. The matching answers will show you what kind of butterfly or moth each caterpillar will become.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Compute sums and differences.



The Big Guy
 One of the biggest of all caterpillars is the hickory horned devil. To find out how big it is, count all of the _____ inches on today's page.



What is a proleg?

These "legs" support and move the growing caterpillar. Prolegs help the caterpillar to hold tightly to a branch or leaf.

A newly hatched caterpillar is about 1 millimeter long. In a couple of months most will be about 2 centimeters long. This is about a 2,000 percent increase in length. If you grew 2,000 percent, how tall would you be?

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

Extra! Extra!

Crawl Through the News

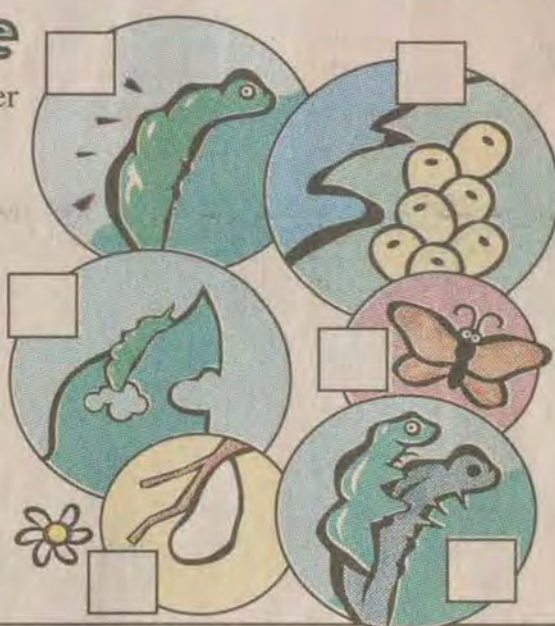
Draw a caterpillar with 13 body segments. Crawl through the newspaper looking for 13 words that begin with the letter C. Glue these words onto your caterpillar in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension, Word Analysis, match beginning sounds, Spelling: arrange words in alphabetical order.

Life of Change

Number each picture in the order in which the lifecycle events occur.

1. The adult moth or butterfly lays eggs.
2. Once a caterpillar hatches, it needs to eat to grow. So it eats and eats and eats.
3. When you grow, your skin grows with you. But when a caterpillar grows, its skin gets tighter and tighter until it no longer fits.



4. The old skin splits down the back and the caterpillar crawls out with a new, looser skin. This is called **molting**.
5. After it molts 3 to 5 times, the caterpillar attaches to a twig or other surface and changes into a **pupa**.
6. Inside the pupal case, the **larva** changes into a moth or a butterfly.

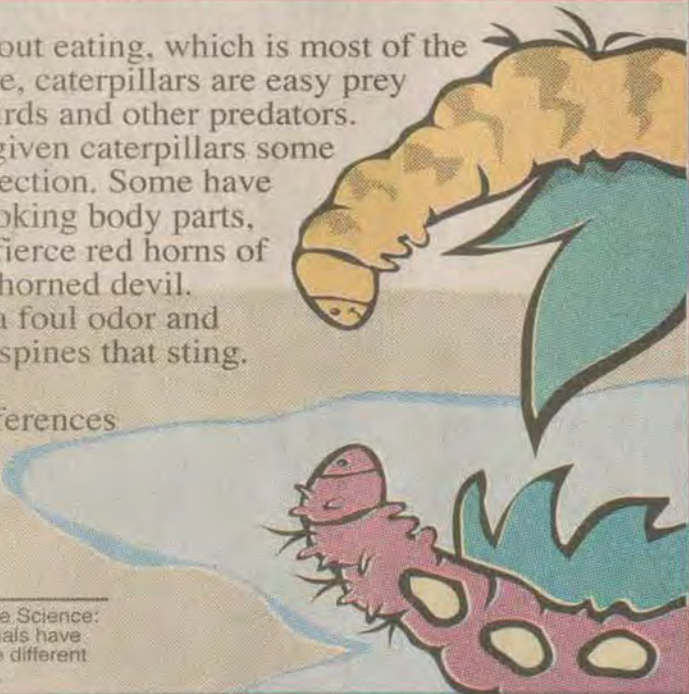
Standards Link: Life Science: Students know sequential stages of life cycles are different for different animals.

Made for Protection

While out eating, which is most of the time, caterpillars are easy prey for birds and other predators. Nature has given caterpillars some built-in protection. Some have alarming-looking body parts, such as the fierce red horns of the hickory horned devil. Some have a foul odor and others have spines that sting.

Find the differences between the caterpillar and its reflection.

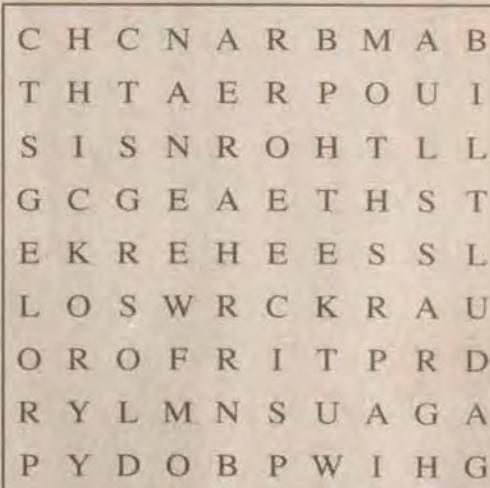
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Double Double Word Search

- BUTTERFLY
- MOTHS
- TIGER
- PROLEGS
- HATCHES
- PUPAL
- HORNS
- CAREER
- SKIN
- ADULT
- HICKORY
- BRANCH
- GRASS
- BODY

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



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

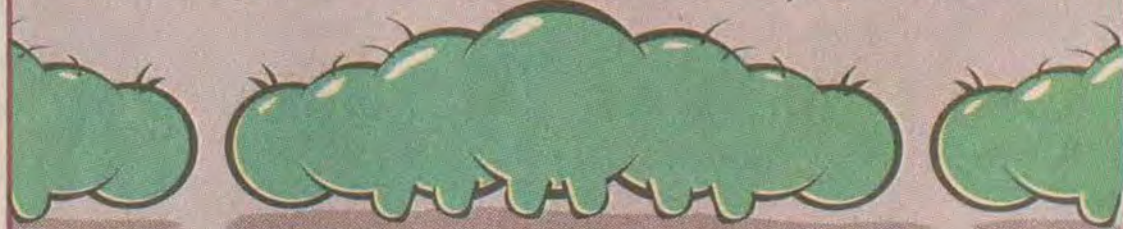
BEYOND Kid Scoop

What will you be?

Find a newspaper picture or a story about a career you find interesting. Research the steps that person took to get into that career. Explain how growing into that career was like growing from an egg to a butterfly.

Standards Link: Writing Applications; Write research reports that develop a topic with facts, details, examples & explanations.

How can you tell which end of a caterpillar is which?



ANSWER: Tickle it in the middle and see which end laughs.

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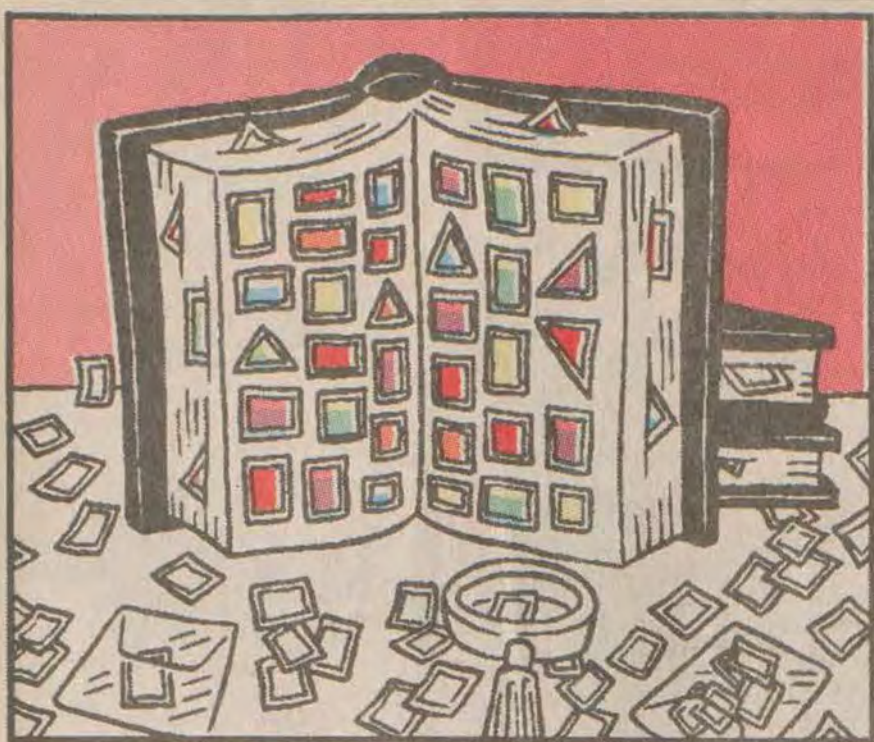
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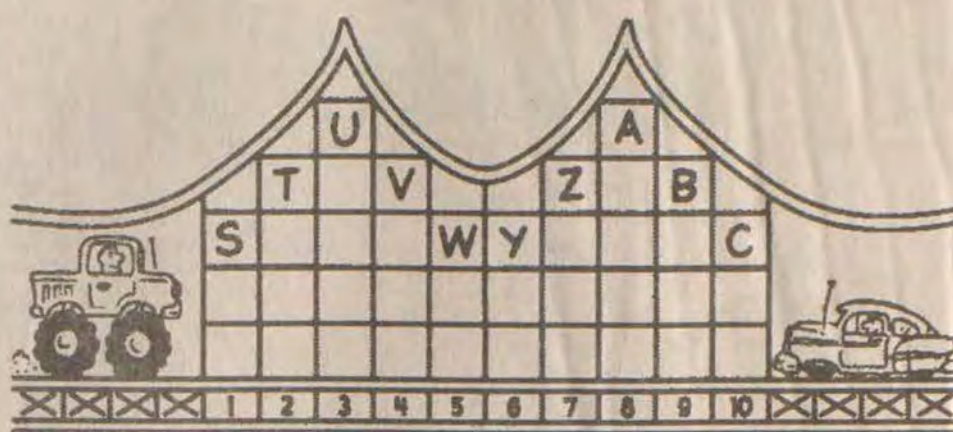
A STAMP STUMPER! You have 30 seconds to lick this challenge. See if you can correctly count all the postage stamps pictured.

Answer: Our count was 80. Did you miss any?

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

Illustrated by David Coulson

1. A gullible person (sl.).
2. Able to speak without offending.
3. To turn over.
4. To change direction; swerve.
5. A humorous person.
6. Wild, shaggy-haired animal.
7. Spirited enjoyment; gusto.
8. Unpleasantly sharp taste or smell.
9. Found on a radar screen.
10. A shy or modest person.

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Answers: 1. Sap. 2. Tact. 3. Upend. 4. Veer. 5. Wit. 6. Yak. 7. Zest. 8. Acrid. 9. Blip. 10. Coy.

FIND THE HIDDEN CITY in this man's sentence!

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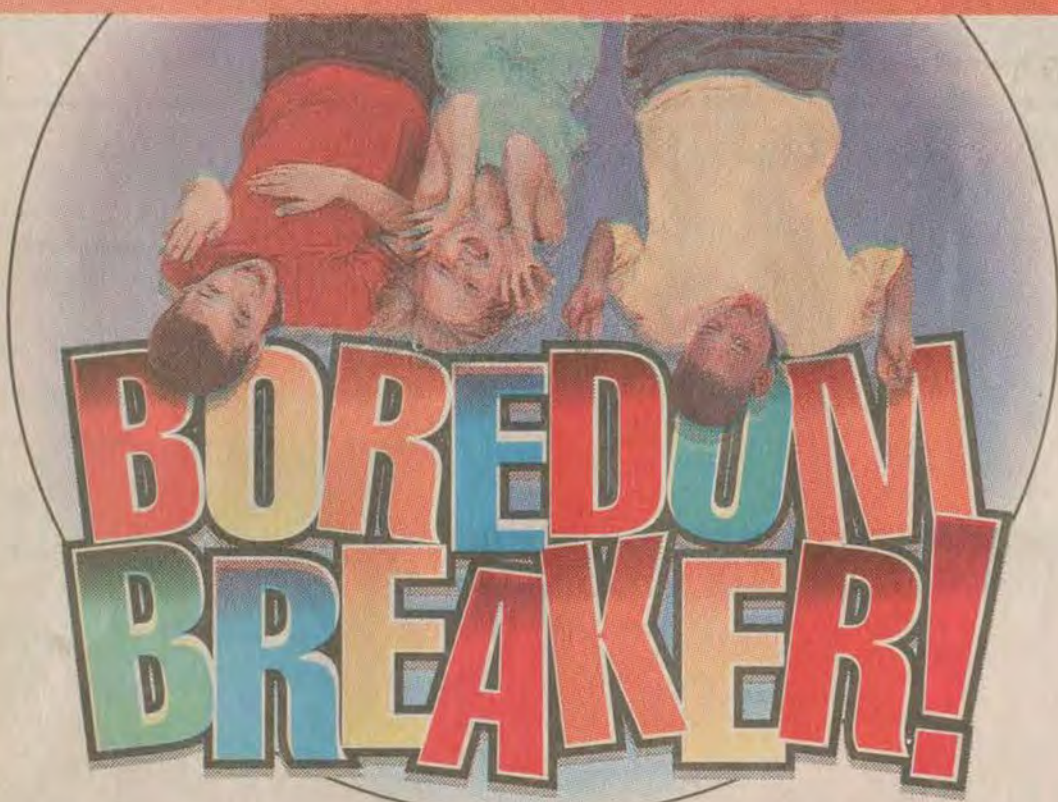
Answer: The city is ... LEN IN GRAD ... (Russia).

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "BRUNET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across) bat, rue, ire, man. (Down) Britn, aura, teen.

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- 5 Sch. org.
- 8 Distort
- 12 Hired hoodlum
- 13 Floral adornment
- 14 Louisville's river
- 15 Leading man?
- 16 Termite-eating animal
- 18 Hereditary ruler
- 20 Evening affair
- 21 Crystal gazer
- 23 Fetch
- 24 "Tonight Show" alumnus
- 28 Go sight-seeing
- 31 Rhoda's mom
- 32 Old TV set's innards
- 34 Home of the brave
- 35 The Red Planet
- 37 Bowed in obeisance
- 39 Modern-day evidence
- 41 Pinball foul-up
- 42 Esoteric knowledge
- 45 Bring into harmony
- 49 Architect Eero
- 51 From the beginning
- 52 Existence

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- 1 "Zounds!"
- 2 Buffalo Bill's last name
- 3 Equine coloration
- 4 Expose
- 5 Southwestern
- 6 Midafternoon potation
- 7 Freshens
- 8 Bygone
- 9 Sudan's capital
- 10 Green land
- 11 Played reveille
- 17 Pooch
- 19 Calendar abbr.
- 22 Morocco's capital
- 24 Backus or Belushi
- 25 Oklahoma city
- 26 Visitor's ID holder
- 27 Trustfulness
- 29 Work with
- 30 "Awesome!"
- 33 Flavor enhancer
- 36 Catches
- 38 Reach
- 40 Blackbird
- 42 Cruising
- 43 Grate
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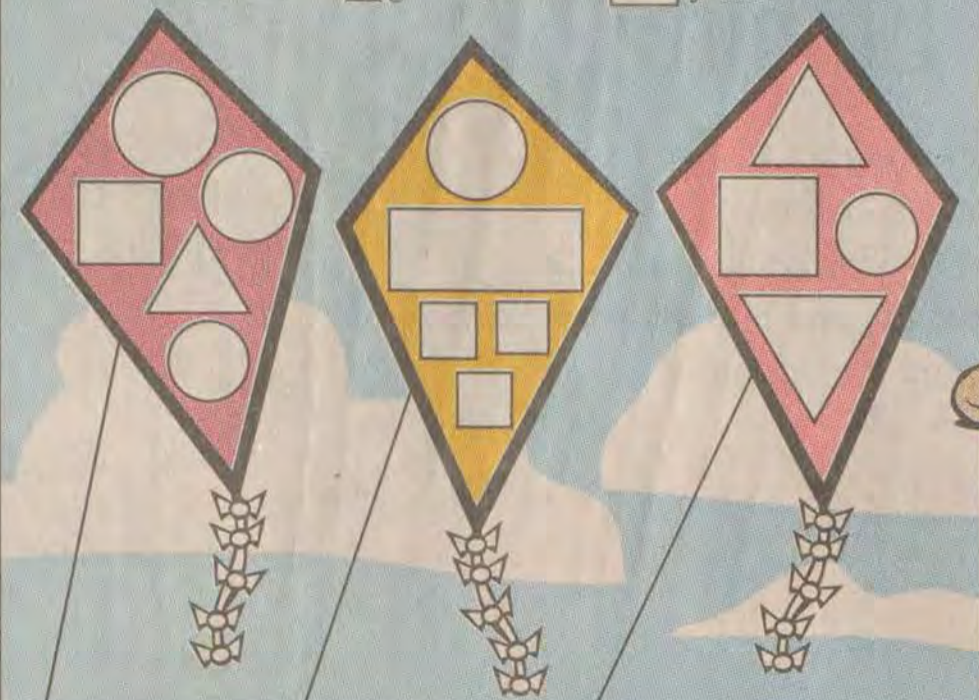
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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Color the Kites

Color each ○ red. Color each □ blue.
Color each △ green. Color the _____ yellow.



My Rhyme Time

K is for Kenneth,
Who kept a large kite.
He kept it for Kira,
Who turned on the light.

My Letters

K is for Kite
k is for kite



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

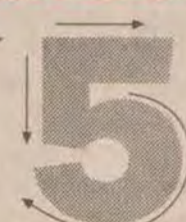
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter **K** makes in the word kite?

My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My kite is _____



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound the letter **K** makes in the word kite.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Count the Colors
With your child, count how many things you can find in the paper that are red, yellow, blue and green.

Wednesday

Things That Fly
Look through the newspaper and name all of the different animals and things you can find that fly.

Thursday

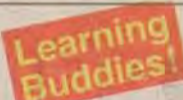
Make a Garden
Look through the newspaper with your child and cut out pictures of flowers and other plants. Have your child glue the pictures onto a piece of blank paper to make a garden.

Friday

Find the Four-Leaf Clover
Before you go through the paper with your child, look through it to find one shamrock and turn it into a four-leaf clover. Then, with your child, hunt through the paper to find that lucky clover.

Saturday

Newspaper Kite
Roll a page lengthwise to make a tube. Tape the tube together. Put tape around one open end. Punch two holes in the taped end, one on either side. Tie string to each hole and hang up your windsock kite!



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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



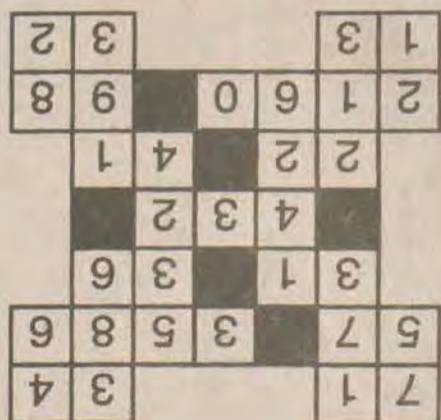
ACROSS

- Forty more than 8-Across
- 18-Across plus 15-Down
- Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
- 15-Across plus 9-Down
- Digits of 18-Across reversed
- Two more than 3-Across
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Sum of the digits of 6-Across
- One-half of 17-Down
- Five times 11-Across
- 5-Across plus 13-Across
- The last digit is three times the first digit
- Nine less than 13-Across

DOWN

- Consecutive odd digits in descending order
- Twenty less than 14-Down
- 2-Down plus 12-Down
- Consecutive even digits in ascending order
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- 8-Across times 4-Down
- Three times 1-Across
- One-half of 3-Down
- One less than 12-Across
- Seven more than 1-Down

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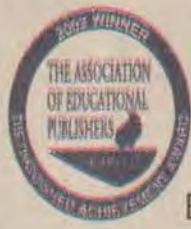
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The original Mongols (later known as the **Tatars**) were a **nomadic** people who lived on the plains of central Asia from the Ural Mountains to the Gobi Desert. They spent much time on horseback and traveled with herds of sheep, camels, oxen and goats. When not on the move, the Mongols lived in tents made of felt called **yurts** or gers. A Mongol leader was called **khan**.



Genghis Khan (1162?-1227)

In 1206, after much war and many campaigns, a Mongol chief called Temujin united all the Mongol tribes and trained them in the arts of war. He became khan of all the Mongols and took the name **Genghis Khan**.



Ogodei Khan (1185-1241)

Genghis Khan was ambitious; under his leadership the Mongols conquered vast territories. By the end of his life-time, the Mongol Empire stretched from Beijing to the Caspian Sea, and his generals had raided Persia and Russia.

Genghis Khan's son Ogodei continued the Mongol invasion into Europe, but he died in 1241 and the Mongols returned home.

Kublai Khan

Kublai Khan was the **grandson** of Genghis Khan. He became khan in 1260, after his brother Mongke Khan died. The Mongols under Kublai Khan completed the conquest of China and established the capital at Cambaluc (present-day **Beijing**). Kublai attempted to expand his empire into Japan more than once, but each time bad weather defeated his armies. Kublai Khan was tolerant of various religions and sometimes sought the help of Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and Taoists. He also supported the ideas of Confucianism and adopted many Chinese political ideas. Kublai Khan seemed to welcome European missionaries and was very interested in exchanging goods and ideas with the West. Unfortunately, Kublai's other brothers did not accept his authority and, as a result, greatly contributed to the end of the Mongol Empire.



Kublai Khan (1215-1294)

Visiting merchants

In 1271, Marco Polo set sail from **Venice** with the intention of establishing trade with China. He was accompanied by his uncle and his father. They traveled by ship to Palestine and then by camel along the famous Silk Road. Marco Polo remained in China for about 17 years. When Marco Polo returned to Italy in 1295, he spoke of a strange land called Cathay.



Marco Polo (1254-1324)

Ibn Battutah was a Muslim Arab born in Morocco. Like Marco Polo, he spent 24 years of his life away from home, traveling and writing about the world. China was one of the lands he visited. Battutah's accounts of his travels remain important historical documents to this day.



Ibn Battutah (1304-1368?)

When it happened

1206 — Temujin is elected to be khan of all the Mongols. He takes the new name Genghis Khan.

1237 — Mongols begin a campaign against Russia.

1215 — Kublai Khan is born.

1211 — China is attacked by the Mongol army. Beijing is taken in 1215.

1260 — Kublai institutes his official period of reign.

1274 — A Mongol army is sent to attack Japan, but storms drive the fleet back.

1271 — Marco Polo begins his journey to China.

1294 — Kublai Khan dies.

1281 — A second attack is launched against Japan, but bad weather foils the plan.

1325 — Ibn Battutah begins his 24-year journey from Morocco through Persia, India, Indonesia and China.



Crane

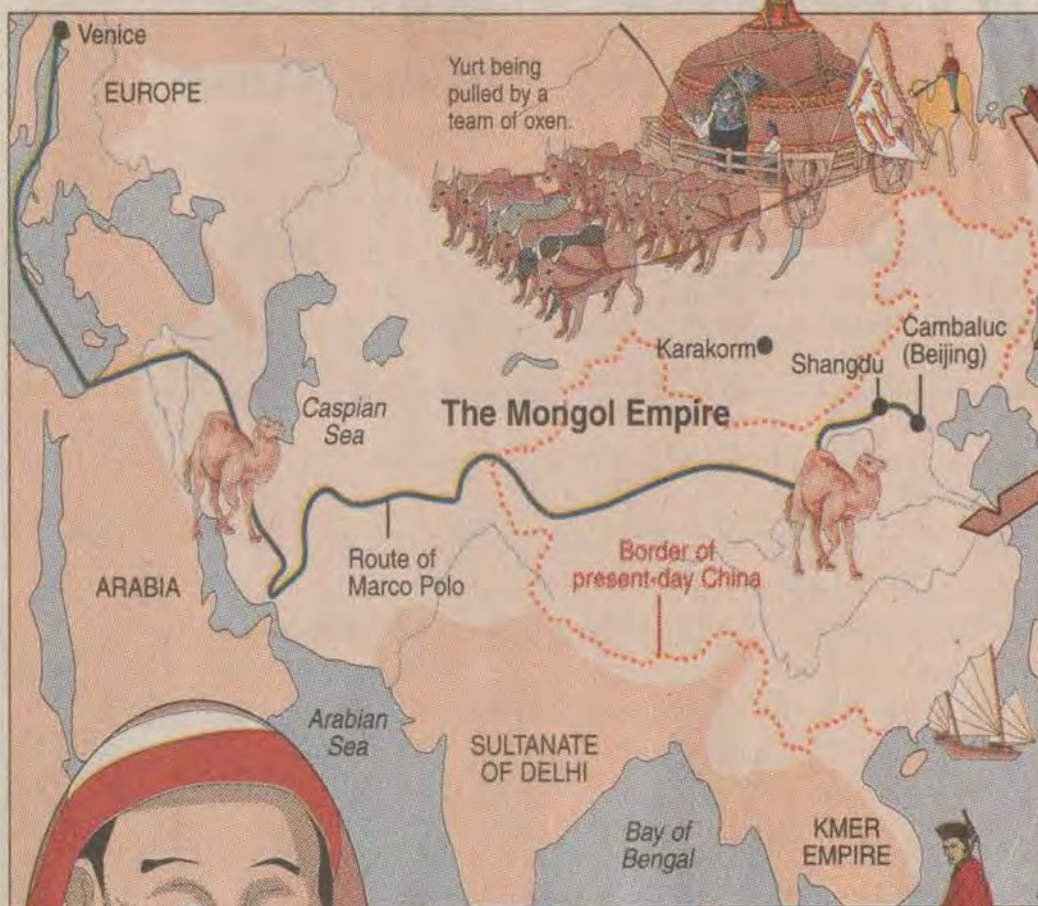
1395 — 1402 — Tamerlane, a descendant of Genghis Khan, invades southern Russia. In 1398, he invades Delhi, India.

1368 — The Mongols are expelled from China by the Ming Dynasty.

1405 — Tamerlane dies.

KUBLAI KHAN and the Mongol Empire

During the 13th century, Mongol armies conquered vast areas of land, creating the largest empire in history. For 200 years the Mongols dominated the Asian countryside. These warriors were known for their bravery and brutality, but they were also responsible for opening trade routes.



The warriors

Mongol soldiers wore armor and a tightly woven silk undergarment, which helped prevent deep wounds. Each man had at least three or four horses, carried a shield and was an expert archer. In addition to bows and arrows, soldiers were armed with a curved sword called a **scimitar**, along with a battle-ax and a long, hooked lance for unseating enemies on horseback. Mongol warriors were also very familiar with military tactics and the art of siege. Huge walled cities fell to the Mongols, in part because they had learned how to use catapults and scaling ladders. They also employed **sandbags** to cross moats. The Mongols showed no mercy when conquering a city, and the terror their name inspired became yet another weapon.



Mongol warrior

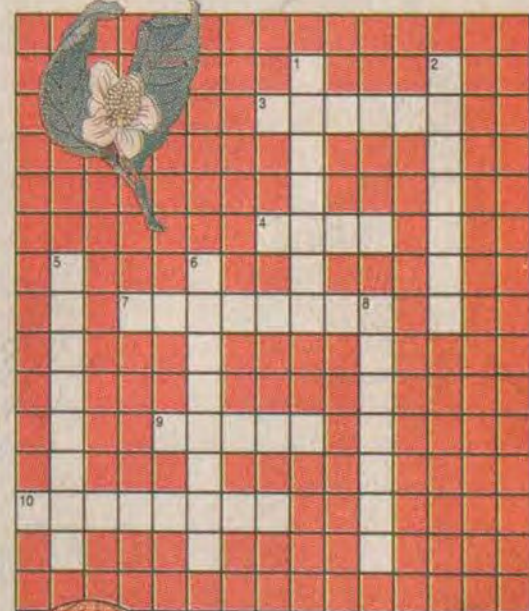
What do you know?

ACROSS

- City that Marco Polo set out from
- Term for a Mongol leader
- Kublai Khan's relationship to Genghis Khan
- Mongol felt tents
- Soldiers used these to help cross moats

DOWN

- Temujin united the Mongol tribes and took this name
- Cambaluc became this modern city
- A curved sword used by Mongol soldiers
- Arab Muslim who traveled for 24 years; his writings are historically important
- People who live mostly on horseback and are usually on the move



ANSWERS
ACROSS
3 VENICE
4 KHAN
7 GRANDSON
9 YURTS
10 SANDBAGS
DOWN
1 GENGHIS
2 BEIJING
3 SCIMITAR
4 BATTUTAH
5 NOMADIC

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Tamerlane (1336?-1405)

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