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### briefs

## Mine fire still burning

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Crews still were trying Wednesday to extinguish a fire burning in an underground coal mine in Eastern Kentucky.

The Excel No. 3 mine outside Pikeville had to be evacuated and shut down because of the fire. No one was injured.

The mine will be closed only temporarily until the fire can be extinguished. The mine is operated by MC Mining, a subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners in Tulsa, Okla.

Employees discovered the fire late Saturday night.

Charles Wolfe, spokesman for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, said crews continued pumping nitrogen and water into the mine on Wednesday through holes drilled from the surface to try to suffocate the fire.

Conditions inside the mine are being monitored by fiber optic camera and by gas-detecting instruments.

### 2 DAY FORECAST

**Today**  
**Evening showers**  
High: 62 • Low: 47

**Tomorrow**  
**Some showers**  
High: 64 • Low: 47

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Shawn Roop greeted members of the law enforcement community on Wednesday who came out to wish him well before he leaves to join the war in Iraq. Roop, right, heard well wishes from Judge Danny P. Caudill, center, and Sheriff John K. Blackburn, left.

photos by Tom Doty

## Law enforcement community sends off comrade heading to war zone

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lt. Shawn Roop, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, got two surprises during the holidays.

First, he was allowed to go home on leave to be with his family during the holidays before he ships off to Iraq.

His second surprise was a party thrown by the sheriff's department, which celebrated his service to the county and made sure he went off to war with the support of his friends and colleagues.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn surprised Roop with a box of yellow ribbon magnets that will adorn the department's cruisers until Roop is back home. Blackburn had to fight back tears as he showed the ribbons to Roop and said, "Shawn has been an excellent employee and become a very close friend."

Many stories were revisited as each person in attendance recounted tales about Roop going back through his 15 years with the department.

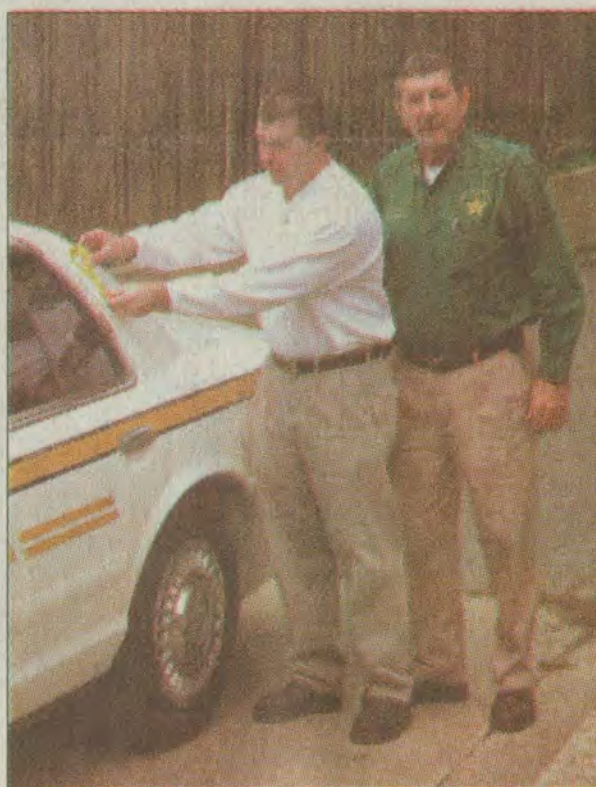
Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill said, "I've known Shawn since he was a boy in Wheelwright and have stories that I know he won't want me to tell. When he became a deputy he learned and was a good officer. I am proud to know him and enjoyed when he would have me visit the classes he taught at [Big Sandy Community and Technical College]."

Circuit Court Judge John D. Caudill was also in attendance and announced, "Everybody here is proud to know you. We're not here just because you're going to Iraq. We're here because of who you are."

Roop was asked to address the crowd and talked about what he will be doing in Iraq.

"I will be in charge of 40 men," Roop said. "I will be planning missions that involve roadblocks and checkpoints and the statistics tell me I will probably lose at least one man under my command. It's an awesome responsibility."

Roop noted that he is the sum of everyone he has worked with and returned the day's honors when he



Shawn Roop, left, placed a yellow ribbon magnet on a sheriff's department cruiser Wednesday. Sheriff John K. Blackburn purchased a ribbon magnet for every car in the department. The ribbons will stay affixed to the cruisers until Roop returns from military duty in Iraq.

said, "It is all building blocks. My parents helped me get started in school. The department helped me to develop the resources to finish that commitment. There was always a job here for me. It is all the people you know and learn from that make you who you are. Any success I've had comes from all the people I know."

Roop also talked about his experiences within the

(See OFFICER, page three)

## Drug find made at roadblock

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — A vehicle safety checkpoint set up on U.S. 23 at Ivel two weeks ago saw two men from Manchester arrested when officers from Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement felt them to be acting suspiciously.

Officer Keith Justice made the arrests, which followed a search of the 1998 Ford truck that they were driving while the vehicle was stopped for a safety check. The officer found the truck to not be overweight but did charge the driver William White, 43, and passenger Terry Smallwood, 37, with multiple charges when it was discovered that the men had drugs, drug paraphernalia and a lot of cash in their possession.

White was charged with possession of marijuana and also trafficking in the drug, which amounted to less than 8 ounces divided into four bags. He also was charged with possession of a controlled substance for having three bottles of pills, with each containing an assortment of drugs that included 11 blue pills and 53 white pills. White also had rolling papers which led to the drug paraphernalia charge and a little over \$1,700 in cash.

Smallwood was charged with the same offenses for the contents of the vehicle.

Each man was arraigned on Dec. 17 and had a preliminary hearing on the charges set for Jan. 10.

The men were both out of jail two days before their scheduled arraignment date when a third party posted the high cash bonds that were set for them. The bonds were paid in cash, with \$5,000 going towards Smallwood's bond and \$10,000 being posted for White.

## Man charged with assault, resisting

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

HI HAT — Edmand Isaacs, 22, of Hi Hat, was arrested after the sheriff's department was summoned to his home last Friday to investigate a domestic disturbance. Deputy Jeremy Shepherd responded to the call, which included a concern expressed by family members that Isaacs was threatening to harm himself.

When Shepherd arrived, he found that a Left Beaver ambulance was also on site and that the family of Isaacs was in the home trying to convince him to seek medical treatment. Shepherd eventually had to intercede when Isaacs became more distressed and refused to go with the ambulance. Shepherd cuffed him and proceeded to his cruiser, while Isaacs allegedly continued to curse at his family as well as the officer.

Isaacs allegedly refused to go quietly and kicked out the cruiser's back window. When Shepherd opened the door to see if his prisoner had been cut by the broken glass, he received a kick for his troubles.

Family members informed Shepherd that Isaacs was allegedly under the influence of a fifth of tequila

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## State insurance, Iraq war top 2004 Kentucky

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky teachers flexed their political muscle in 2004, and their threatened statewide strike forced a special legislative session to improve state health insurance benefits for next year.

Kentuckians also monitored

the Iraq war's effects on the home front, played out in the state's newspapers and newscasts throughout the year.

A panel of Kentucky newspaper editors and broadcasters ranked those as the state's top stories of 2004 in a survey by The Associated Press.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher called the General Assembly into a special

session in October to resolve a crisis with the state's 2005 state health insurance plan. The governor's original proposal outraged thousands of state workers and public school employees who said it presented them with unexpected and expensive out-of-pocket costs.

Members of the Kentucky Education Association voted for a

statewide strike on Oct. 27 if their 2004 benefits weren't restored. Faced with huge public outcry — and a possible backlash at the polls — lawmakers forged a substitute health insurance package and eventually averted the strike.

"The reason that it dominated the news in an election year, and was such a hot topic, was because of the number of people it

impacted," KEA President Frances Steenbergen said in a telephone interview. "It had the human element. It affected Republicans, Democrats and independents. It totally crossed party lines, and it was such an important issue to so many."

Meanwhile, Kentucky soldiers

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# Odds & Ends

■ **KETCHIKAN, Alaska** — The term "airborne" took on a new meaning when a woman gave birth high above Southeast Alaska on a floatplane that was evacuating her after her labor began earlier than expected. The baby girl was delivered safely to Jenifer Chinuhuk aboard a Pacific Airways float-

plane Sunday. Isabelle Chinuhuk weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long. "She's perfect," Chinuhuk, of Metlakatla, said Monday at Ketchikan General Hospital. Jenifer and husband Jamie Chinuhuk had not expected the birth of Isabelle until mid-

January, but when Jenifer's labor began on Sunday, a medical evacuation was arranged and she was brought to the Metlakatla dock by ambulance. Two doctors were on the flight, but Jamie Chinuhuk had to stay behind because there was not enough room on the plane. The child was born as the

plane descended into Ketchikan. "I heard the baby cry as I was starting to land," pilot Randy Sullivan said. "The doctor yelled, 'It's a girl!'" Jamie Chinuhuk arrived later that afternoon, after pacing the dock waiting for the next Ketchikan-bound flight. During his flight, he heard that Jenifer had given birth, but he didn't know the child was a girl until he walked into the hospital room and his wife said, "You missed her."

The new mother said the trip was the nicest flight she ever had and thanked Sullivan. The pilot took his own daughter to visit the newborn at the hospital on Sunday evening. "I've done medevacs before, but usually it's someone who has broken their arm out in the bush," Sullivan said. "(Sunday) was pretty incredible. I certainly wasn't expecting her to give birth on the aircraft."

boarding pass and ID ready as you approach the ... bus? A combination of two canceled flights and holiday travel snags forced United Airlines to bus passengers about 330 miles to Chicago to catch connecting flights. Passengers said they were told the next United flight from Des Moines to Chicago with any extra room would be Thursday or Friday, so United chartered two buses Monday and another Tuesday to send passengers on their way. "It was chaos, to tell you the truth," Des Moines resident Patrick Sriedel, 19, said on his cellular telephone aboard the Chicago-bound bus Tuesday. A United spokesman attributed the travel problems to snowstorms that socked the Northeast over the weekend and left the airline short-staffed across the country.

"It's kind of a last measure when we've exhausted all other options," said United spokesman Jeff Green. "Our No. 1 priority is to get people to their destination." A total of 224 passengers had reservations for the two canceled flights, but United's Green didn't know how many ended up on the buses. Many tried to keep their spirits high on the five-hour-plus road trip to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. "You might as well laugh. What else are you going to do?" said Jean Carroccio, 48, who hoped to reach her home in Washington, D.C., before the new year. To make matters worse, she said, the bus driver got lost as they left the Des Moines airport, and riders were taken on a brief tour of West Des Moines before heading east.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 366th and final day of 2004.

■ **Today's Highlight in History:** On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

■ In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gens. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

■ In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

■ In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

■ In 1877, President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (technically, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

■ In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

■ In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

■ In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

■ In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, mark-

ing the end of diplomatic relations with the United States.

■ In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

■ In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

■ **Ten years ago:** Bosnian government officials and Bosnian Serb leaders signed a U.N.-brokered cease-fire agreement. Russian ground forces launched a ferocious assault on the Chechen capital of Grozny. John C. Salvi III, accused of killing two receptionists at two Boston-area abortion clinics, was arrested in Norfolk, Va. (Salvi, later convicted of murder, committed suicide in prison.)

■ **Five years ago:** People around the world celebrated the arrival of the year 2000. Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation. The eight-day hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane in Afghanistan ended peacefully. The United States prepared to hand over the Panama Canal to Panama at the stroke of midnight. Former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson died in Boston at age 79.

■ **One year ago:** A car bomb ripped through a crowded restaurant hosting a New Year's Eve party in Baghdad, Iraq, killing eight Iraqis.

■ **Today's Birthdays:** Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal is 96. Folk and blues singer Odetta is 74. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 67. Actor Tim Considine ("My Three Sons") is 64. Actress Sarah Miles is 63. Rock musician Andy Summers is 62. Actor Ben Kingsley is 61. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 60. Fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is 58. Actor Tim Matheson is 57. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 57. Singer Donna Summer is 56. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 56. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 53. Actor James Remar is 51. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 46. Actor Val Kilmer is 45. Singer Paul Westerberg is 45. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 42. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 41. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 32.

■ **Thought for Today:** "In masks outrageous and austere

The years go by in single file;

But none has merited my fear,

And none has quite escaped my smile."

— Elinor Wylie, American author (1885-1928).

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### Ruth Mae Bowens Snodgrass

Ruth Mae Bowens Snodgrass, 81, of Ivel, died Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Born October 23, 1923, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Myrtle McCoy Bowens and Homer Bowens. She was a homemaker and member of Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hent Snodgrass, in May of 1993. Survivors include three sons: Kent (Vicky) Snodgrass of Carleton, Michigan, Delbert Lee (Carol) Snodgrass of Ivel, and Homer Dwayne (Charolette) Snodgrass of Prestonsburg; and five daughters, Betty Lou Moore of Ivel, Joann Scott (Gilbert) of Ecorse, Michigan, Shelia West of Betsy Layne, Debra Lynn Mitchell (Larry) of Harold, and Rita Lucille Stone (Johnny Ray) of Harold; 18 grandchildren and 16 grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Albert Bowens. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 1, 2005, at 1 p.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Park, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home, Pikeville. Visitation is at the funeral home, with evening services at 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Pallbearers: Larry Mitchell, Johnny Ray Stone, Gilbert Scott, Worthie McGuire, Steven Mitchell, Robby Clay, Eddie Moore, Nicholas West, and Brian Moore.

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Obituaries

**Patricia Ellis Cobb Leonard**

Patricia Ellis Cobb Leonard, age 65, of Van Lear, passed away, Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born October 19, 1939, in Wheelwright, the daughter of the late James "Buck" Ellis and Pearl Lemaster Ellis. She was a graduate of Morehead State University with a degree in Social Work. She was employed by Stewart Home School, in Frankfort, and was a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sons: Jeff Ellis of Van Lear, John Cobb of Covington, Bill Cobb of Salyersville, and Jamie Cobb of Van Lear; six daughters, Tammy Tahour of Victorville, California, Robin Cobb of West Liberty, Patty Cobb of Jackson, Ohio, Maria Leonard of Owingsville, Laura Watkins of Morehead, and Debbie Holbrook of Elliott County; two brothers: Bucky Ellis of Wellington, and Charlie Ellis of Syracuse, Indiana; three sisters: Joy Gibson, Sande Moore and Carolyn Moore, all of Langley; and 19 grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Ray Ellis; and one sister, Martha Slone.

Funeral services for Patricia Ellis Cobb Leonard will be conducted Friday, December 31, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Richard Kelly officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Stories

and their families had an emotional year, as a steady flow of troops returned home while others left for battle.

The 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, returned from Iraq in early 2004 with nearly 60 of its soldiers dead. By the end of the year, its troops received word that nearly the entire division would be returning to Iraq as early as the middle of 2005.

A Marine from Eastern Kentucky, Lance Cpl. James Blake Miller, became an instant celebrity, after a photograph of him was printed in more than 100 newspapers and broadcast on television nationwide. Miller's gritty portrait was taken during fighting in the city of Fallujah. He appeared exhausted from battle — with a bloody scratch on his nose, and a cigarette hanging out of the side of his mouth.

Kentucky Army National Guardsmen also played a role in the Iraq war, and two of its troops were killed there in 2004. The Kentucky Guard's presence in Iraq is expected to grow to about 1,500 troops by the middle of January, a figure that "eclipses the number of troops deployed during the Persian Gulf War, back in 1991," Guard spokesman David Altom said.

The General Assembly's failure to pass a state budget ranked as the No. 3 story of the year. Political differences caused Kentucky lawmakers to adjourn in April without passing a budget; they were divided along partisan lines over Fletcher's proposal to overhaul the state tax code.

A Franklin County circuit judge recently ruled that law-makers have until the end of

June to pass a budget. Beyond that, only "essential services" can be paid for out of the state treasury, the court ruled.

Other top stories were: U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning won a second Senate term, despite a bitter campaign battle with state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, of Hazard.

Bunning contributed to some of his campaign's missteps that led to a tight race. He told an audience that Mongiardo looked like one of Saddam Hussein's sons. And, during their one debate, Bunning appeared via satellite and used a TelePrompster.

Rounding out the top five stories was the federal government's passage of a tobacco buyout, which abolishes the Depression-era quota system that has controlled the plant's price and production.

Kentucky's vote to amend the state constitution and limit marriage to one man and one woman was ranked sixth in the AP survey.

That was followed by the GOP's success in the November legislative races. Republicans maintained their advantage in the state Senate, and increased their presence in the House where they now trail 57-43.

Two stories tied for eighth on the list:

In a story that played out over the course of the year, former Louisville police officer McKenzie Mattingly was acquitted of murder, manslaughter and reckless homicide charges in September. Mattingly, who is white, was indicted for the January shooting death of Michael Newby, a 19-year-old black man. Since his acquittal, Mattingly has asked a police merit board for

Officer

department and acknowledged that Ricky Thornsberry helped him a lot when he started.

"I thought I had to make arrests all of the time, but he showed me that it was always better to try and help people work out their problems and that avoiding jail was a win," Roop said. "The fact is that I learned

that taking away someone's freedom is a big responsibility. It should be the last resort."

Roop also talked about the work that awaits him in Iraq, saying, "It's going to be tough. Hopefully I will have the wisdom to guide me to send my people to the right places and to do the right things."

Drugs

and about 30 Xanax tablets.

When Issacs arrived at the jail, he began to ask for medical treatment for the injuries he'd given himself and was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Isaacs was later charged with resisting arrest, assault of a police officer, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, menacing, terroristic threatening and public intoxication.

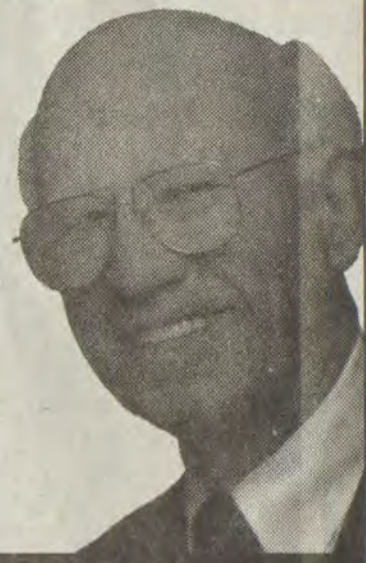
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— Samuel Butler

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## Guest View

### When nature strikes

It is something of a truism to point out that natural disasters — floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, sometimes even mudslides — can be as overwhelming as the disasters that human beings occasionally visit on each other. But it takes one of them to drive the lesson home and give it force and meaning.

One occurred Sunday, when the biggest earthquake in 40 years, deep beneath the Indian Ocean off the coast of Indonesia, generated massive tsunamis that zoomed through the water at hundreds of miles an hour and killed tens of thousands of people in Asia and Africa. Millions of others were made homeless. The scope and suddenness of the devastation makes one think of an attack by weapons of mass destruction, and the possibility that deadly waterborne diseases might emerge amid the devastation only compounds the shock and horror.

There is no way that a massive earthquake and a series of tsunamis could fail to inflict immense damage. Nevertheless, thousands of lives in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and elsewhere could have been saved if an early warning system similar to one that exists for countries (such as the United States) that border the Pacific Ocean had been in place.

If people had been able to move even a few hundred yards inland, they might have been saved. But in the absence of an alert system, it was not possible to give them a timely warning.

It had always been believed that countries bordering the Indian Ocean were relatively safe from earthquakes and the tsunamis they cause because the seismic activity in that region is much lower than it is along the notoriously unstable Pacific Rim.

But many scientists advised that a warning system in that part of the world should have been installed long ago, partly because coastal regions in many countries in the Indian Ocean are heavily populated. Just last June, at a meeting of a United Nations oceanographic commission, experts warned that the Indian Ocean had "a significant threat from both local and distant tsunamis."

This warning should not have gone unheeded.

What remains in the aftermath is the need for a massive and lengthy relief operation by private organizations, the United Nations, the United States and others. The Bush administration has promised that this country will do all it can. Other governments should do the same.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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## Guest Column

### Medication nation

by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Americans pay the world's highest prices for brand-name drugs. Are we getting our money's worth?

Absolutely, say the pharmaceutical companies. Prescription drugs are "the best value in health care — saving lives, reducing pain and suffering, keeping people out of hospitals and nursing homes and reducing other forms of health care spending." In fact, the industry trade group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America says that every dollar spent on newer medications saves \$4.44 in future hospitalizations. Let's check the math.

Between 1980 and 2002, the average American's share of the nation's prescription drug bill soared from \$52.08 to \$569.82. That's a nearly elevenfold increase.

Over that same 22-year period, the average American's share of our nation's hospital bill grew rather than declined. It jumped from \$440.54 per person in 1980 to \$1,704.02 in 2002. That's not the kind of dollar savings most of us would recognize. If the American health care system is a fun-house mirror image of capitalism, the drug industry is Alice's rabbit hole — gateway to a world where decades of new, money-saving drug therapies have resulted in skyrocketing spending, a place where the rules of logic don't necessarily apply.

Even PhRMA's name is misleading. Five of PhRMA's 10 biggest members are not "of America." GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca are both based in England; Novartis and Roche, both in Switzerland; and Aventis, in France. All three of those countries have national health insurance, the very thing drug companies say would destroy their incentive to innovate if it were adopted in America.

#### BEYOND PRICE

Let's start with a primer on how Americans have gotten hooked on an expensive medicine cabinet of new pills. The pharmaceutical industry accounts for a relatively small piece of the nation's

health care spending — about 10 percent.

But that's double what it was in 1980, and in recent years drug spending has been growing at double-digit rates. Overall drug spending quadrupled between 1990 and 2002. It is projected to grow an additional 50 percent before the end of next year. Higher prices are part of the reason for increased drug spending. But price isn't the only reason, or even the biggest reason, we're spending more on drugs.

The real reason is that we are filling more prescriptions and using more medicines. The nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that increases in the number of prescriptions filled account for 42 percent of the increased spending. Another third is attributable to changes in the drugs prescribed, more specifically a switch to newer and more expensive medications. Only about 25 percent of the increased spending is caused by drug companies raising their prices.

Medications have come to play an increasingly important role in the treatment of many diseases. The newest generation of psychiatric drugs, for example, have revolutionized treatment for people with schizophrenia and depression. There are many similar success stories.

But not every new drug represents a breakthrough. Despite industry advertising claims, newer drugs aren't always better. Most aren't even an advance over current treatments. Instead, they are new formulations of existing medications, or so-called "me too" drugs. Cialis and Levitra, for example, are me-too drugs that work the same way as the anti-impotence drug Viagra.

During the first 11 months of this year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved 99 new drugs. Just 19 of those were classified by the agency as a "significant improvement" over available treatments. That's about the same ratio as previous years. You wouldn't guess that from watching the ads. And since the FDA loosened rules governing drug advertising aimed at consumers in 1997, we all have spent more

and more time watching those ads.

#### IMAGE AND ADVERTISING

Drug companies say ads directed at consumers are an educational tool to raise awareness about various conditions, and to inform patients about available treatments. There is some truth to that. But the primary purpose of drug ads is to sell drugs, and they are very effective. Heavy advertising transformed Celebrex, Vioxx, Claritin and a number of drugs into blockbusters with sales of more than \$1 billion a year. Those ads also go a long way toward convincing patients that newer drugs are more effective, even if they aren't.

For a study published earlier this year in the journal Health Affairs, Dartmouth Medical School researchers asked patients to rate the effectiveness of the arthritis drug Vioxx — first, after having seen a commercial for the drug, then after having reviewed objective information about its benefits. After having seen only the commercial, 65 percent of patients rated Vioxx as very effective at treating arthritis symptoms. Fewer than 10 percent rated the drug as ineffective. After having read the objective information, just about 25 percent rated Vioxx as very effective; more than 20 percent rated it as ineffective.

As it turns out, Vioxx was not only less effective than many patients believed, but it also was more dangerous than many doctors realized. It was withdrawn from the market after studies showed it increased the risk of heart problems and strokes in certain patients. Despite the marketing buzz that drugs like Vioxx and Celebrex created, most published studies found them to be about as effective as ibuprofen in controlling arthritis pain. That should come as no surprise, since both the new and older drugs reduce pain the same way: by blocking an enzyme called Cox2. Research that specifically compares newer drugs to older ones is rare because drug companies fund most drug research, and they have nothing to gain by paying

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### Greetings from Kosovo,

I would just like to

wish my family and friends, the students and faculty at South Floyd High School, and the wonderful staff at Our Lady of the Way Hospital

a happy new year and good luck to the Raiders basketball team.

I'd also like to say to my family — Linda, Nathan, Andrew, Jeremy

and Jessica — thanks for all the support and I can't wait to see you, I love you all.

SPC Daniel Lafferty  
Minnie

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for studies that might find their new product less effective than a competitor's existing one. Not surprisingly, when drug effectiveness studies are paid for by drug companies, they tend to find significantly better results than when such studies are conducted by independent reviewers.

SELECTIVE PUBLICATION

Because they pay for the studies, drug companies can — and sometimes do — refuse to publish research that shows their products are less effective than alternatives. That publication bias can subtly skew what doctors think about a particular drug and distort the market for prescription medicines. Doctors prescribe the newer, more expensive drug because they see a handful of studies showing its effectiveness, but not dozens of others with less favorable results. Patients are willing to pay much more money for medications that provide only modest benefits over older drugs.

Even if most new drugs are not breakthroughs, some are. Those drugs result from years of expensive research. But just whose research it is and how much it really costs have become a subject of controversy.

Drug companies point to a 2001 study by the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, which is funded largely by industry. It put the cost of developing a new drug at \$802 million. But the study looked at a limited number of drugs developed completely by pharmaceutical companies; its results are not applicable to

many newly approved medications. Many innovative drugs — such as AZT, the first drug to treat AIDS — are developed completely through taxpayer-funded research. What's more, the Tufts study used an accounting gimmick to double the estimated research and development costs.

Despite those shortcomings, that \$802 million figure is used often by the industry and its allies to argue that imposing controls on drug prices inevitably would dry up the pipeline of new medications. That position, in its extreme, is enshrined in the Medicare prescription drug bill, which prohibits the federal government from using its enormous purchasing power to bargain for the lowest possible drug prices.

Drug companies also exaggerate the relationship between spending on research and development and the discovery and creation of new drugs. Adjusting for inflation, R&D spending has grown steadily from about \$5 billion in 1980 to just over \$30 billion in 2002. But the number of newly approved drugs peaked in 1996 and has fallen since. The number of newly discovered or created drugs approved last year was about the same as the number approved in 1990, when R&D spending was half of what it was last year. Value versus price.

The higher drug prices paid by Americans subsidize virtually all of the pharmaceutical industry's R&D. Should we act to control drug prices, the industry argues, R&D funding would dry up and so would the steady stream of new miracle drugs. In

fact, the steady stream of innovative new drugs already is drying up, even as R&D spending grows. Today, big drug companies routinely "develop" new drugs by buying a smaller company that already has done most of the development work.

It's possible that price controls would result in less R&D, but that doesn't have to be the case. Drug companies spend substantially more money on what they call "marketing and administration" than on R&D — 2 1/2 times as much, measured as a percentage of sales, during 2002. Included in that category are the shockingly high salaries given to drug company executives. Charles A. Heimbold Jr., the former chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb, made \$75 million in 2001. He also got stock options that would have been worth another \$76 million.

Drug companies are extraordinarily profitable, earning 5 1/2 times the average net return of all other Fortune 500 companies, measured as a percentage of sales.

That brings us back to value and to the hugely significant change that took place over the 1990s, as drug spending began to soar. More and more Americans began receiving prescription drug coverage through their jobs. It's difficult to measure the impact of that simple change. But the common-sense conclusion is that one reason for increased spending was that many of us were no longer paying for the drugs we used.

Beginning two or three years ago, companies started trying to restrain health spending by shifting more of those drug costs

onto workers in the form of higher co-pays and more stringent formularies. Anecdotal evidence suggests that when those co-pays were instituted, some workers became more selective in the prescriptions they filled. Those workers had decided that the value of the medications they were taking was less than the value of the co-pays. In most cases, those co-pays were no more than a third of the drug's actual cost.

Shifting drug costs onto workers is a bad way to control drug spending. Cash-strapped, low-wage workers are more likely to stop taking drugs for chronic conditions like high blood pressure or high cholesterol — conditions for which symptoms are few and consequences distant. But those drugs may be very cost-effective in the long run.

Still, the change ought to tell us — and the big international pharmaceutical companies — something about how ordinary people value these new and expensive drugs.

The days of American consumers paying the world's highest prices without complaint are over. Buying cheaper medicines from Canada and overseas is a Band-Aid response, not a solution. But a solution will be found.

Big pharmaceutical companies must realize that they no longer can do business as usual. If they don't, they will find patients, employers, insurance companies and doctors' groups lined up against them. No super pill yet envisioned will be able to cure their ills when that happens.

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

The week after Christmas turned out to be a smorgasbord for film lovers with six releases of new films and two television releases that are sure to please fans of the fantastic.

"Anchorman" leads the pack with a hilarious performance by Will Ferrell as a newscaster, circa the 1970s, who feels threatened when his network hires a woman, Christina Applegate, to co-anchor.

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" is the sequel to the 2002 box office hit that starred Milla Jovovich as a zombie-killing heroine decked out in a red nightie. This film picks up with Milla trapped in a city of the undead and basically offers an hour-and-a-half of zombie killing unencumbered by plot.

"Open Water" is the surprise box office champ that cost about as much as "The Blair Witch Project." This film earned its theatrical release after a successful run on the film festival circuit. Based on a true story, this film follows a long night for a honeymooning couple who are accidentally left behind in shark infested waters when their snorkeling group messes up their head count before going back to the hotel.

"Wimbledon" is a love story set at the grand slam event for tennis players and follows the romance between an aging male on the brink of retirement

and an up-and-coming woman's player. Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst star.

"Code 46" is a sci-fi drama in the "Gattaca" mode. Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton star as lovers who violate the titular rule. The story takes place in a future in which the world has developed one language and culture — I did say it was sci-fi — and has strict laws on breeding. No one who shares at least 25 percent of the same DNA are allowed to mate. Robbins and Morton find out how unforgiving their society can be when they violate the rules.

Television has two more offerings for DVD this week and both have a science fiction bent. "Battlestar Galactica" is the 2003 mini-series remake from the folks at the Science Fiction Channel. This is a total overhaul of the original concept that fares well for those who are not overly nostalgic for the original series. The best thing is they got rid of those annoyingly cute space critters (daggets) but they also, unfortunately, cut out the Cylons. Edward James Olmos does a fair job replacing Lorne Greene as Adama and this time out Starbuck, loosely based on Han Solo, is a woman. All in all this is a good space opera but probably won't appeal to strict fans of the original series.

Another TV remake hits DVD this week with the release of the 1985 version of "The Twilight Zone." This is far superior to last year's ver-

sion. There are 24 one-hour episodes here and the talent involved is impressive to say the least. You get scripts by the likes of Ray Bradbury, Richard Matheson and Harlan Ellison. Directors who worked on the series include Wes Craven ("Scream"), William Friedkin ("The Exorcist") and Joe Dante ("Gremlins"). The actors involved here are also topnotch and include appearances by Bruce Willis, Martin Landau, Morgan Freeman and Danny Kaye.

Next week look for the big budget film "Troy" which got greenlit because of the incredible success of "Gladiator."

VHS Alert: Movie Gallery is having a huge sale on used VHS movies. Hundreds of tapes are available at the low price of \$1.99. To top it off you get one free tape for every one you buy at the sale. All genres are well represented, with many titles on sale that have yet to make the leap to DVD.

Rental Central mourns the loss of New York stage and screen actor Jerry Orbach. He began his career as a song-and-dance man and originated the role of the suave lawyer in the musical "Chicago" when it opened on Broadway in the 1970s. He also originated the role of the narrator in the longest running off-Broadway musical "The Fantasticks." His impressive film resume included roles in Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors" as well as Sidney Lumet's scathing police-corruption epic "Prince of the City." Orbach

hit his last career high starring on NBC's "Law and Order" essaying the role of Lennie Briscoe for 12 seasons. He was at work on the latest spinoff from that series "Trial by Jury" when he succumbed to prostate cancer.

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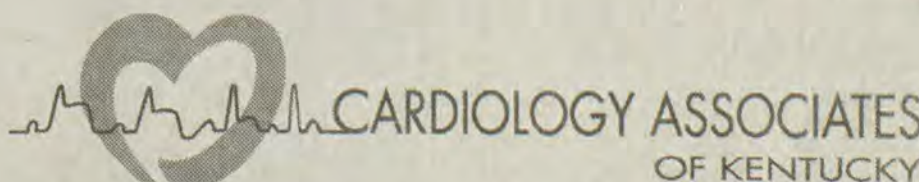
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**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers);** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.  
**Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist;** Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
**United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville;** Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.  
**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

### CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Dannon, pastor.

### CHRISTIAN

**First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
**Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett;** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.  
**Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.;** Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
**Church of Christ, South Lake Drive;** Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.  
**Harold Church of Christ, Harold;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.  
**Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Hueysville Church of Christ;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.  
**Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.  
**Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Martin Church of Christ, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

**Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.  
**Weeksbury Church of Christ;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

### CHURCH OF GOD

**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.  
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**Garrett Church of God, Garrett;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.  
**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.  
**Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.  
**The Church of God of Prophecy, H Hat;** Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. Singing; Wednesday night, 7 p.m. Prayer Service, Ralph Hall, Pastor.  
**The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

### EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

### LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

### METHODIST

**Auxier United Methodist, Auxier;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.  
**Christ United Methodist, Allen;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.  
**Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.);** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolito, Minister.  
**Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.  
**Emma United Methodist, Emma;** Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.  
**First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue;** 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.  
**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier;** Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.  
**Martin Methodist;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
**Maytown United Methodist, Langley;** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
**Salisbury United Methodist, Printer;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.  
**Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

**Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.  
**Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold;** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.  
**Drift Pentecostal, Drift;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off M.L. Parkway at Campton;** Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton;** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

**Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David;** Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Slone, Minister.  
**Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line.;** Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.  
**Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

### PRESBYTERIAN

**Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
**First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive;** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph Parkway.

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**Drift Independent, Drift;** Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale;** Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; William Jarrell, Minister.

**Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg** (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.  
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**Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.  
**Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

**Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.  
**Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.;** Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.;** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.  
**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin;** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

**Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.  
**Town Branch Church;** Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.  
**The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00;** Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Alken.

**Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright;** Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
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**International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin;** Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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## Civil Suits Filed

Capitol One Bank vs. Zetta Collins, to balance owed on account.

Capitol One vs. Constance Conn, to collect charge card debt.

## Small Claims Filings

Big Sandy RECC vs. Barbara Jones, failure to pay for services.

Big Sandy RECC vs. Sharon Kendrick, failure to pay for services.

Big Sandy RECC vs. Larry Porter, failure to pay for services.

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Randell Gortney, to collect back rent.

## Charges Filed

Chris Hall, 27, of Estill; terroristic threatening.

Brandy L. Taylor, 28, of Stanville; fourth-degree assault.

Milton Chaffins, 38, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Jessica Spradlin, 24, of Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Shawn Spradlin, 29, of Allen; terroristic threatening.

Shawn Thacker, 25, of Beaver; fourth-degree assault.

Larry D. Hall, 37, of Harold; harassing communications.

Lonnie C. Rowland, 41, of

Stanton; fourth-degree assault.

Jerry Miller, 23, of Langley; theft by unlawful taking.

Jonathon Doole, 21, of Wayland; harassing communications.

Brandon Hall, 25, of Ivel; theft by unlawful taking.

Ricky Lee Perry, 42, of Prestonsburg; harassment.

Cret Douglas Caudill, 22, of West Van Lear; public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance.

Frank Rudder, 37, of Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Eric Lee Meade, 22, of Printer; criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication.

Mark Boatwright, 46, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Kyle Hall, 21, of Melvin; alcohol intoxication.

Amanda Carroll, 25, of Langley; theft by unlawful taking.

Teddy William Smallwood, 37, of Manchester; trafficking in marijuana; second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; controlled substance not in prescription container.

William White, 43, of Manchester; trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in prescription container.

Edmand Issacs, 22, of Hi Hat; third-degree assault, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, menacing, terroristic threatening, public intoxication.

Jack Absher, 49, of Prestonsburg; second-degree assault.

Heather Brown, 25, of Garrett; fraudulent insurance acts.

Bella Wilson, 43, of Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening, fourth-degree assault, wanton endangerment.

Lindsay Michelle Akers, age unlisted, Prestonsburg; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Bella Wilson, 43, of Prestonsburg; criminal mischief, menacing, fourth-degree assault.

Tim Stanley, 44, of Allen; driving a motor vehicle on a DUI-suspended license, improper registration, no insurance.

## Inspections

Jerry's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in refrigerator door in disrepair, food items observed stored on floor, wiping cloth use unrestricted, can opener has small buildup of encrusted food, cleaning equipment observed stored on floor, light in small storage area unshielded. Score: 89.

Big Lots, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Packaged food items should be stored at least six inches from floor. Score: 98.

McDonalds, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Small freezer unit without thermometer, not all employees wearing proper hair restraints, ice machine needs more routine cleaning and sanitizing, single service items should be discarded if dropped on floor, garbage container in food prep area not properly covered. Score: 92.

Dollar General, Martin, regular inspection. No violations noted. All food products displayed and stored in sanitized

manner. Score: 100.

Cardinal Mart, Stanville, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Hot holding temperature for foods was corrected. Still need self-closing doors for restrooms. Facility now has disinfectant for use at three-compartment sink. Score: 96. Follow up required.

Newman's Country Store, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, food items observed stored on the floor, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 95.

S & V Mobile Home Park, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, some lot sizes are not in compliance, park lacks a sufficient number of garbage cans. Score: 94.

Jerry's Market, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all freezer and refrigerator units, several food items observed stored on floor, floor tile in disrepair, cleaning utensils improperly stored. Score: 93.

Giovanni's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Upright freezer has no visible thermometer, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface on freezer top in disrepair, no hand drying options in men's restroom, walk-in back storage area in disrepair, wet mop stored on floor. Score: 92.

Stop and Shop, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, floor tile in disrepair. Score: Food service 95, retail 96.

Double Kwik Mart, McDowell, Follow-up inspec-

tion. Violations noted: Ceiling still in disrepair, garbage container lacking sufficient lid, all other items corrected. Score: 95.

Red Top Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all refrigerator and freezer units, onions stored less than six inches from floor, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use unrestricted. Score: Food service 93, retail 97.

Family Dollar, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Snack food items should be stored six inches from floor. Score: 98.

Speedway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chemical test strips to monitor sanitizing agent at three-compartment sink not readily available. Score: Food service 98, retail 100.

Skeans Marathon, Bull Creek, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice scoop needs to be stored on a bucket that can be sanitized, construction duct covering all surfaces, floor in disrepair due to remodeling, light out in walk-

in cooler, wall in disrepair due to remodeling, light out in walk-in cooler. Score: Food service 94, retail 93.

Hamilton Mobile Home Park, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, driveways and parking area in disrepair, insufficient number of garbage cans, several lots have a buildup of debris, park lighting not in compliance. Score: 90.

## Property Transfers

Timothy Joe Robinson and Ina Faye Robinson to Timothy Shawn Robinson and Keisha Flannery Robinson, property located at Sarah May Branch.

Richard A. Eblin to Philip Osborne and John H. Osborne Jr., property located at Left Beaver Creek.

City of Wheelwright to Wiley Johnson, property located in Wheelwright.

Merion Sartin to Jarrod Lee Johnson, property location undisclosed.

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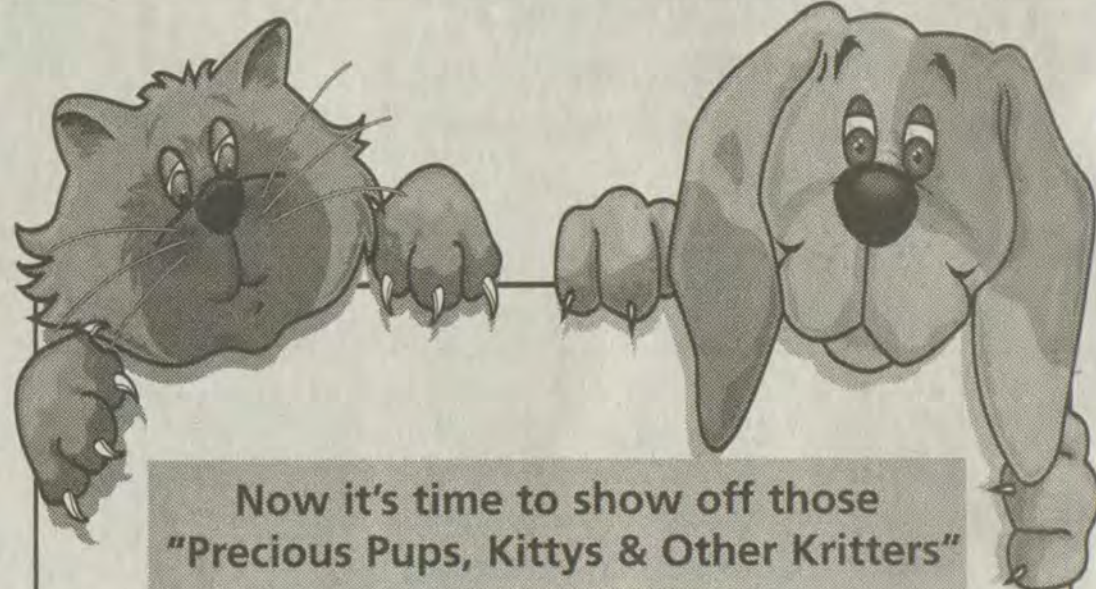
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## Wrapping up the Sports Year

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

The other big man has made his rounds and headed north for the rest of the winter, meaning it's time to pick through what's left of the wrapping paper and ribbon and put a bow on 2004.

We tried to put together a list of good memories for the last 12 months, but as usual, most of the things we'll remember are less than pleasant. Still we thought we'd take a shot and come up with the top five stories of the year.

1. The end of the curse: The Bambino has been laid to rest again.

After 86 mostly dismal seasons, the Boston Red Sox were again atop the baseball world.

Most thank Curt Schilling for bringing the crown back to Beantown, and after his gutsy performance in the World Series it'd be hard to argue that point. But this was a team perfectly constructed that had just enough depth in the rotation to claim the title.

We grew to love watching guys like Johnny Damon, Kevin Millar, Jason Veritek and Trot Nixon as they set the table perfectly for maybe the best 1-2 punch in the game in David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez.

It may be another 86 years before the Red Sox are again crowned champions, but once and for all, the curse has been exhumed.

Now, about that Billy Goat in Chicago  
2. Roid Rage: Thank goodness we had the Sox to take some of the spotlight away from the biggest scandal to hit our Pastime since Pete Rose.

The Hot Stove League has long been a term used for offseason moves in baseball, but this year it's been dominated not by a team or free agency but by steroids.

It seems terms like BALCO will be as commonplace (and as unwelcome) as "walk-off home run" as 2005 begins, with all fingers pointing toward the personal trainer of Barry Bonds. As a result, players have gone from defiantly denying the use of performance-enhancing drugs to maintaining they had no idea what they were putting into or rubbing onto their bodies.

Pardon me if I don't buy what they're selling, but regardless of your stance, you need to get comfortable here. This mess isn't going to be cleaned up overnight.

3. He's Da Manning: While baseball was having its ups and downs, football loyalists needed only point to the nation's heartland for the feel-good story of the year.

Payton Manning has a huge following in the south from his days on Rocky Top and in the Midwest for his play in Indianapolis, but this year he has become the focal point of a foot-

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## Betsy Layne overtakes South Floyd



photos by Steve LeMaster

Above: Betsy Layne guard Brandon Thacker tried to shake the defense of South Floyd guard Ryan Johnson (24). Thacker hit a pair of third-quarter three-point field goals to help lift the Bobcats to a non-district/conference win over South Floyd.  
Below: Bobcat senior Preston Simon elevated for a jump shot over the South Floyd defense.

## Bobcats battle back from slow start to win

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — All too often in basketball, it isn't how you start, but how you finish. Such was the case Tuesday afternoon at Prestonsburg High School when 58th District/Floyd County Conference rivals Betsy Layne and South Floyd, playing in the loser's bracket, hooked up in the second round of the Jenny Wiley Invitational. Betsy Layne got off to a slow start against the Raiders. South Floyd led 14-8 at the end of the first period before Betsy Layne owned the final three quarters en route to a 71-56 win.

Betsy Layne was led in scoring by Brandon Kidd, who netted a game-high 16 points. Nathan Lafferty followed with 15 points and Derek Case tossed in 12. Preston Simon added nine points for Betsy Layne and Trai Witt came in off the bench and flipped in eight.

Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose was pleased his team's performance and the winning effort.

"I was real proud of the effort our kids gave Tuesday after such a tough loss to Breathitt on Monday," said Rose. "Our kids seem to be learning from the mistakes we made early in the year. I thought Preston, Brandon Kidd, Trai and especially Derek Case rebounded well. That was a big key to the win. Nathan, Pat and Brandon Thacker did a great job of handling our team and made a lot of plays happen in the second half. We had a good team effort against an outstanding team."

Rose continues to have nothing but respect for the South Floyd High boys' basketball program.

"South Floyd has played a tremendous schedule and it will really help them come tournament time. We feel fortunate to get the win but we must keep working as we have three huge District games coming up after the holiday break."

Betsy Layne clung to a 28-27 lead at halftime before blowing the game wide-open in the second half. The Bobcats outscored South



Floyd 18-11 in the third quarter and 25-18 in the final period.

Although not a district/conference win, Betsy Layne (5-5) will no doubt carry the momentum into upcoming district/conference games versus the Raiders and others. South Floyd has won four of the last five 58th District titles.

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## Hall, Breathitt win way into Jenny Wiley Finals

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County native Brian Hall continues to enjoy success as the head coach of the Breathitt County High School boys' basketball team. Hall, now in a new season at the helm of the Breathitt County High boys' program, guided the Bobcats to a ninth straight win Tuesday evening. Breathitt County, playing at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse, handled Greenup County in the second round of the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament. The Bobcats held Zach Gillum and his brother Codey in check for the most part, exiting the game with a 65-59 win. Breathitt County, which improved to 9-0, pulled away late.

Senior center Jacob Hundley led Breathitt County in scoring as he tossed in 20 points. Hundley made good on 10-of-12 free throw attempts. Andrew Sewell added 16 points and Justin Lamb netted 10.

Hall, who served as an assistant coach at Johnson Central in the mid-late 90s under then head coach Johnny Ray Turner, played his high school basketball at McDowell High School.

The Bobcats enjoyed a lead for most of the game Tuesday, but had to turn away several Greenup County runs.

Breathitt County, which beat Betsy Layne in the opening round of the tournament, led 13-10 at the end of the first quarter and 25-19 at halftime. After being outscored in the third quarter, Breathitt County finished strong, outscoring the Musketeers 26-22 in the final period.

Eli Warren added nine points for the Bobcats. Breathitt County hit 19-of-28 free throw attempts. The Bobcats went to

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## Highlands edges Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

GRAYSON — The Betsy Layne High girls' basketball team fell to Highlands Tuesday afternoon in the first round of the Commercial Bank Queen of the Bluegrass Tournament at East Carter. Betsy Layne (5-4) trailed at the end of the first two quarters. However, the Ladycats closed the gap in the third period, only to fall short in the end. Highlands won 56-54.

Highlands (3-2) led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter and 28-23 at halftime. The game was tied at 42 at the end of the fourth quarter.

Senior center Karen Keuper led the Lady Bluebirds in scoring with 20 points. Highlands is considered one of the contenders in the 9th Region, along with Holy Cross, Notre Dame Academy, Boone County and Holmes.

Betsy Layne senior center Kristal Daniels led all scorers with a game-high 23 points. Kristen Smith added 11 points

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## Campbell County holds off Blackcats

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After knocking off Western Hills in the opening round of the Jenny Wiley Invitational, the Prestonsburg Blackcats were looking to advance to the finals but first had to deal with the Campbell County Camels. Prestonsburg started slow and trailed 10-4 early in the contest. Campbell County is coached by Mike Reitz, a Floyd County native, and the Camels lit up the Prestonsburg fieldhouse in the second half to the tune of 15/18 shooting from the field as the Camels came away with the 69-61 win.

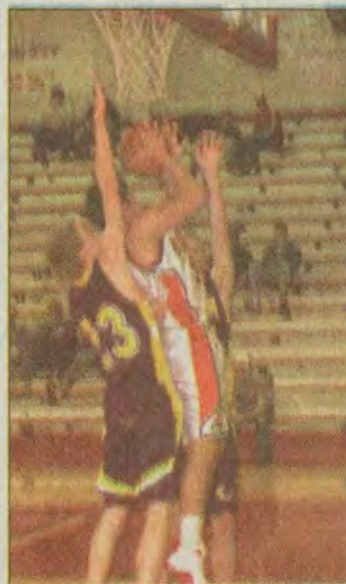
Prestonsburg trailed 18-14 after one quarter, but the Blackcats battled back from a 30-23 deficit to take a 33-30 lead at the half.

Trevor Compton led the Blackcat attack with a game-high 23 points and senior for-

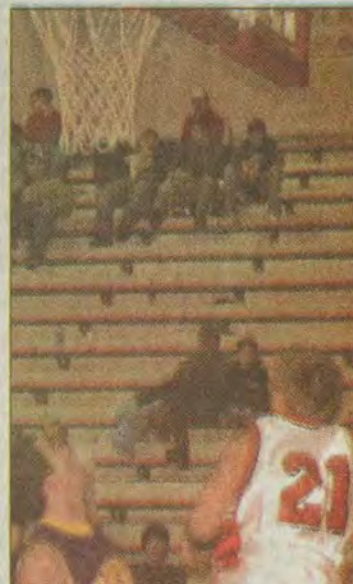
ward Jesse Chaffin tossed in 16 points in the losing effort.

Campbell County started the second half with a bang as John Verst connected on three long range bombs to give the Camels a 39-33 lead early in the third quarter. Prestonsburg battled back from six down to even the game at 49 after three quarters of play. But Campbell County proved to be too much to handle, coming away with the win. Michael Stephens pitched in six points for Prestonsburg while playing with a broken finger and seniors Joe Blackburn and Kyle Ousley came off the Blackcat bench to finish with five points each. John Mark Stephens finished with four points on the night and Michael Morrison rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with two points.

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg senior Jesse Chaffin split a pair of Campbell County players on his way to a lay-in.



Blackcat senior Trevor Compton tried an acrobatic lay-up attempt.

## Music lifts Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — Senior guard Nick Music vaulted the Johnson Central Golden Eagles to a win over Muhlenberg South in the first round of the Bakers Classic at Adair County. Music netted all nine of his team's points in overtime and ended the contest with a game-high 30 points as Johnson Central (7-3) beat Muhlenberg South (5-3).

Johnson Central battled its way back from a deficit on a few different occasions.

Sophomore Jamie McCarty added 13 points for the Golden Eagles. Tyler Whitaker and Josh Stapleton each had seven points. Tony Hatfield rounded out

(See LIFTS, page two)



**Bentley**

ball nation thanks to his record-setting performance that is probably the best single season in the history of the game.

Interesting that Payton didn't point to his dad after Sunday's record-breaking and game-saving score, nor did he nod in the direction of the hero he'd just passed in Dan Marino. "I think Johnny Unitas would be proud of that drive," he said of the other most famous quarterback in Colt history.

4. Driving it home: No major sports organization gets it wrong more often than NASCAR (and you thought I was going to say the Bud Selig administration ...), but the boys with the accent got it right in a big way with their new scoring system.

It couldn't have happened at a better time for first-year title sponsor Nextel.

NASCAR does some strange things, like their never-ending shuffling of the

rulebook in mid-season. I've said it before and I'll say it again: When the flag drops on the Daytona 500 in February, the rulebook should be closed for the season.

But when the final lap was run in Homestead last fall, four drivers still had a chance to claim the crown. In comparison, under the old scoring system, the title would have gone to a different driver and the race decided the week before.

They play too hard and fast with the rules in stock-car racing, but this is one that takes the checkered flag and has lapped the field. Nice job, guys.

5. The Minister of Defense: Sadly, this story took place the morning after Christmas when the best line-man in NFL history recorded his final sack.

NFL pregame shows opened with a somber tone on Sunday with the passing of Reggie White.

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White, a Chattanooga product and Tennessee alum, is to his position what Emmitt Smith and Jerry Rice are to theirs — he's the best. He retired as the alltime leader in sacks and helped return Green Bay to glory by helping them to the Super Bowl crown.

But White made a bigger mark off the field than on. An ordained minister in his teens, White knew there was a bigger game to win than any he donned shoulder pads and a helmet for. And he stuck to his guns even when his stance wasn't the most popular one.

It'll be a couple of years before he qualifies for the Hall of Fame in Canton, but on Sunday morning — how perfect is that for a football player and preacher? — he received life's biggest reward.

On Sunday, Reggie White scored the only touchdown that matters.

**Blackcats**

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Prestonsburg tangled with Greenup County in the consolation

round while Campbell County battled Breathitt

County for the Jenny Wiley tournament championship.

**Breathitt**

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the inside a lot on offense, just attempting a pair of three-point field goals.

Zach Gillum paced Greenup County with a game-high 27 points. Codey Gillum flipped in 10 points and Cory Tharp chipped in nine points.

The win allowed Breathitt County to move into the championship game of the renewed Jenny Wiley Invitational. The loss placed Greenup County into a third-place, consolation game.

**Lifts**

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the Johnson Central scoring with four points.

Sheldon Clark 75, Model 61: Junior Brandon May scored 24 points to lead Sheldon Clark past Model in a consolation game in the Berea Invitational Tournament.

Knott Central 59, Estill County 57: In another Berea Invitational Tournament game, Knott Central outlasted Estill County.

Adam Dials led Knott Central in scoring with 16 points. Derrick Miller added 15.

Robert Shurtleff led Pikeville in scoring with 20 points. Jesse Parrish added 16 points.

Pike County Central 78, Meade County 69: Pike Central, the 15th Region runner-up last season, got 25 points from Brad Lowe, 16 from Chase Snodgrass and 15 from Anthony Gibson in a win over Meade County. The Hawks, which trailed at halftime, outscored Meade County 18-10 in the third quarter.

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Johnson Central 60, Crittendon County 34: Eleven different players scored as the Lady Eagles beat Crittendon County in consolation game of the Boyle County Invitational Tournament. Emily Wireman led Johnson Central in scoring with 12 points.

Johnson Central raced out to a 12-6 lead through the first

quarter and led 33-11 at halftime.

Hayley Meek added eight points for Johnson Central. Chelsey Salyers, Jayme Dials, Alice Daniel and Celena Conley all had six points apiece.

Rose Hill 86, Pike County Central 56: Rose Hill held Pike Central scorer Haley Ratliff to 20 points and beat the Lady Hawks convincingly Monday in the first round of the Colonel's Classic at Boyd County.

Emily Queen led Rose Hill with a game-high 28 points.

Belfry 55, Woodrow Wilson (W.Va.) 37: Three players scored in double figures as Belfry crossed over the state line and beat Woodrow Wilson (W.Va.) in the Huntington Holiday Classic.

Shae Deskins led Belfry with 17 points. Brooke Stanley scored 13 points and Amanda Moon tossed in 12.

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and Breann Akers pushed in seven. Kim Clark, Betsy Layne's leading scorer, was held to four points. Nicole Spurlock also added four points for the Ladycats. Kristen Lawson added three points for Betsy Layne in the setback.

The loss was Betsy Layne's third straight. Never shying away from playing one of the state's most competitive girls' basketball schedules, Betsy Layne suffered three losses in last week's Fifth Third Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic. The Ladycats scored a win in the Lexington tournament, beating Boyd County, an accomplished team from the 16th Region.

**Bobcats**

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Brandon Thacker added six points for Betsy Layne and Pat Stapleton rounded out the Bobcat scoring with five points.

Thacker helped propel Betsy Layne to the win by hitting on two-of-three

third-quarter three-point field goal attempts.

Burnett Little led South Floyd (4-7) in scoring with 12 points. Mason Hall and Ryan Johnson each had 11 points.

Hall got nine of his 11 points on a trio of three-point field

goals. Steven Stanley and Ryan Little both had eight points apiece and Ethan Johnson tossed in six.

Betsy Layne and South Floyd were both wrapping up play in the Jenny Wiley tournament on Wednesday evening.

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## No. 4 North Carolina 96, N.C. Wilmington 75

by KEITH PARSONS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Jawad Williams scored a season-high 25 points, Sean May added 16 and No. 4 North Carolina had no problems after a weeklong layoff, beating N.C.-Wilmington 96-75 Tuesday night.

Raymond Felton finished with 12 points and 10 assists as the Tar Heels (10-1) won their 10th straight. In five home games this season, they have yet to trail.

North Carolina made its first seven shots — including four 3-pointers — and led 19-3 barely 5 1/2 minutes into the game. Another fast start after halftime stretched the lead to 67-35, and the Seahawks (5-4) never recovered.

Still, three players for the Tar Heels got technicals in the second half: May, Melvin Scott and freshman Marvin Williams.

Ed Spencer had 19 for N.C.-Wilmington, which was playing without leading scorer John

Goldsberry. He injured his right shoulder in the previous game, a 64-61 victory over Coastal Carolina, and watched this one with his arm in a sling.

Goldsberry's teammates sure could have used him, especially in the early going. Their first possession ended with a turnover, and the next one was even uglier.

With Beckham Wyrick trapped near midcourt, coach Brad Brownell called timeout, and then his team narrowly beat the 5-second count to get the ball inbounds. The Seahawks shakily ran their offense against North Carolina's trap until the shot clock finally ran out with Wyrick holding the ball about 30 feet from the basket.

That exemplified the Seahawks' struggles in the first half. They shot 37 percent, made 12 turnovers and were outrebounded 21-11.

Meanwhile, the Tar Heels were cruising in front of a large crowd that included former Democratic vice presidential

candidate John Edwards. With Williams and Felton combining to make 13 of 17 shots for the game, they shot 59 percent and finished with 28 assists on 30 baskets.

Felton started the run at the beginning of the game with a 3, then Jackie Manuel followed up a steal with a dunk. Williams and Rashad McCants connected from beyond the arc on consecutive trips, Manuel had another slam and Felton made it 16-3 with his second 3-pointer.

The Seahawks got back to 31-19 on a 3-pointer by Spencer but couldn't sustain the momentum. A 12-4 spurt to close out the first half — capped by Melvin Scott's long-range jumper — gave North Carolina a 54-26 lead.

It got worse in a hurry when Williams and Sean May made the Tar Heels' first five shots of the second half, sending N.C.-Wilmington to its 24th loss in 25 games against teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

T.J. Carter scored 12 points for the Seahawks.

## Three Marshall players to play in Gridiron Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ORLANDO, Fla. — Marshall University linebacker Kevin Atkins, offensive tackle Nate Griffin and defensive end Johnathan Goddard have



Nate Griffin

accepted invitations to play in The Villages Gridiron Classic College All-Star Game, according to the game's director, Matthew Sign.

The Villages Gridiron Classic will be played at The Villages Polo Stadium, in The Villages, Fla., on Saturday, January 15, 2005. Kickoff is slated for 11 a.m. (EST) for the ESPN2 televised contest.

The nation's fastest growing college all-star game, The Villages Gridiron Classic, features a North vs. South format. Coaches Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech and Jim Tressel of Ohio State have been named head coaches for the game. Coaches from the NFL Europe will serve as co-head coaches and assistants for the game. Players will spend a week in Orlando preparing for the game, where they will practice in front of professional scouts from all 32 NFL

teams.

The Villages Gridiron Classic has seen 130 alumni of the game drafted into the NFL, while more than 275 players have signed NFL contracts as free agents. The game's alumni include NFL players Daunte Culpepper (Minnesota), Darren Howard (New Orleans), Brad Meester (Jacksonville), Erron Kinney (Tennessee) and Rock Cartwright (Washington).

Kevin Atkins

## Oregon St. 38, Notre Dame 21

by BOB BAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Derek Anderson enhanced his future with a big final game for Oregon State — against a Notre Dame team whose epilogue to the Ty Willingham era was just another loss.

Anderson threw for 358 yards and tied an Insight Bowl record with four touchdown passes Tuesday night in the Beavers' 38-21 victory over the Irish.

The senior quarterback completed 28 of 45 passes with no interceptions in a game that should help his prospects in the NFL draft. Anderson said he would take the next term off to stay in Arizona and hone his skills.

He plans to play in the Senior Bowl.

"Then we'll see where football takes me from there," he said. "Hopefully, I can continue my career."

The Beavers (7-5) won six of their last seven, largely because Anderson overcame his reputation for throwing interceptions about as often as he threw for touchdowns.

"If you look at us over the last six or seven weeks, it was just a great, great job of quarterbacking," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "I think Derek probably made a lot of money in the last few weeks."

Anderson moved ahead of Steve Stenstrom to No. 2 on the Pac-10 career list with 11,249 yards passing. Only Carson Palmer (11,818) had more.

The Irish (6-6) spoke repeatedly about winning the game for Willingham, fired at the end of the regular season. But Sammie Stroughter's 52-yard punt return and Derrick Doggett's blocked punt helped Oregon State to an early 21-0 lead.

"The short field position the first half just killed us," Notre Dame interim coach Kent Baer said. "The blocked punt and the punt return, you take that away, and it's a much closer game — but that's all part of it."

Brady Quinn threw two touchdown passes as Notre Dame twice cut the lead to 10 points, the last on an 18-yard throw to Rhema McKnight that made it 31-21 with 4:52 left.

The Irish's onside-kick attempt backfired and left Oregon State at the Notre Dame 28. Dwight Wright's 3-yard TD run with 3:19 left sealed the victory.

The Irish lost their seventh consecutive bowl game. Notre Dame's last postseason victory was in the Cotton Bowl at the end of the 1993 season.

Oregon State improved to 2-0 against Notre Dame. Five seasons ago, the Beavers pounded the Irish 41-9 just down the road at the Fiesta Bowl.

The Irish pass defense crumbled in three consecutive season-ending losses, allowing 14 TD passes against Pittsburgh, Southern California and Oregon State.

The Beavers had TD drives of only 26, 4 and 45 yards take their early lead, then went 90 yards in 12 plays midway

through the second half after Notre Dame had cut the lead to 24-14. Anderson's 1-yard TD toss to Newton capped the long drive, and it was 31-14 with 12:17 to play.

"That was a big drive," Anderson said. "We were talking on the sidelines and said, 'Let's go answer it.'"

With Willingham ousted, and hired as head coach at Washington, the Irish played under Baer, Notre Dame's defensive coordinator. New Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis, offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, takes over the Irish program when his NFL season ends.

"I'd be lying if I told you it didn't affect some people," Quinn said. "You try your best, at least as much as you can, and try not to look too far ahead or too far back."

"I think this team dealt with this situation that we were given as good as any team could."

Baer, who might join Willingham at Washington, said it had been an emotional month for the coaches and the players.

"I think there is a definite bond that has been created over this," he said. "That's a great group of young men in there. I'm very proud of how they played, and I can't say enough about them."

The capacity crowd of 45,917 was the largest since the Insight Bowl moved to Bank One Ballpark six years ago. The roof was open at kickoff, but was closed in the first quarter as a light rain fell.

## Howard's 27 keys second half Transy rally

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CRESTVIEW HILLS — Junior guard Bryan Howard, a Whitesburg native, scored a season-high 27 points Monday and Transylvania converted nine of 20 second-half three-point attempts as the Pioneers tripped Thomas More 76-56.

In a game originally scheduled for last Thursday, but postponed by heavy snow, Transy broke away from a 28-28 halftime deadlock to subdue the Saints. Transy was 18 of 34 overall from the field in the final 20 minutes (52.9 percent) while holding Thomas More to 33.3 percent shooting.

Howard scored 18 of his 27

points in the final half for Transy (7-1) and sophomore forward Joey Searle added nine of his 18. With the loss, Thomas More dropped to 3-5 on the season.

Searle has 54 points in his last two games. He scored a career high 37 in his last game, a 79-77 win over Maryville.

Robert Pendleton added 12 points and three assists for Transy while Matt Finke was held to just six points. Finke, however, added a season-high 14 rebounds to go with seven assists.

Transy shot 47.5 percent for the game compared to just 38.9 percent for the Saints. Thomas More was just 3 of 11 from

long range while the Pioneers were 13 of 33 (39.4 percent). Transy also had a 40-28 edge on the boards.

Howard was nine of 11 from the field and four of five from behind the arc. He was five of seven from the line with five rebounds and three assists. Transy had 19 assists on 29 baskets.

Adam Cole's three gave Transy a 50-47 edge with 11:29 to play and went on to a 15-6 run, capped by a three by Howard, to take command, 65-53, with 2:39 to play.

R.K. Thurman led the Saints with 21 points and 12 rebounds and Andrae Woodard added 13 points and three assists.

## Iowa St. 17, Miami, Ohio 13

by CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La. — Stevie Hicks burst through holes he had never seen before. Bret Meyer darted and weaved and completed just enough passes to keep the defense honest.

Sometime between the end of the regular season and Tuesday night's Independence Bowl, Iowa State rediscovered its running game.

The Cyclones pounded the ball at Miami of Ohio all night in a 17-13 victory that capped an impressive turnaround — from 2-10 in 2003 to 7-5, a share of the Big 12 North title and a bowl championship this year.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to be one of the most improved teams in the country," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "You have to credit that to our kids for not being denied."

They certainly weren't on this night, when Miami came up short in its bid to send coach Terry Hoepfner out with a victory. Hoepfner is leaving to become the coach at Indiana, a job he accepted Dec. 17.

"That was as good a football as we have played all year, especially their defense," said Hoepfner, whose team lost to Michigan in the second week of the season. "I'm glad I won't see them next year."

Those teams that do play Iowa State can expect to see plenty of Hicks and Meyer.

Hicks, a sophomore, ran 27 times for 159 yards and scored the game's first touchdown on a 4-yard run. Meyer, a freshman, carried a season-high 23 times for 122 yards, set up the go-ahead touchdown with a weaving 23-yard run in the fourth

quarter and passed for 114 yards, completing 10 of 28. He was named the game's offensive MVP.

When it was over, the Cyclones had rushed for 295 yards, a school record for a bowl game. They had averaged just 128 yards a game during the season.

"For this game, we put in a couple of new plays that we saw on film would work," Hicks said. "The offensive line was coming off the ball real well. These are some of the biggest holes I've seen all season. It was just a great job by them."

Hicks ran his season total to 1,062 yards, the eighth time in McCarney's 10 seasons a back has topped 1,000.

"If you look back at the tradition of all the great running backs that have come out of Iowa State ... just to get back to the old ways of what Iowa State rushing used to do, it's great," center Luke Vander Sanden said.

With ESPN's cameras recording the moment, Miami athletic director Brad Bates told the team just before the game that offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery would succeed Hoepfner as coach.

If the timing of that announcement was meant to inspire the RedHawks (8-5), it didn't do so right away. Miami fell behind 10-0 before rallying to a 13-10 lead in the third quarter — with plenty of help from Iowa State.

The Redhawks got three first downs from penalties on their second scoring drive, including a defensive holding call on a punt. A personal foul gave Miami a key first down late in the first half and Josh Betts capitalized by throwing a 28-yard touchdown pass to Luke Clemens with 25 seconds left, cutting

the lead to 10-7.

"We still had confidence in our defense," said ISU safety Nik Moser, named the defensive MVP. "We didn't feel like they did a whole lot against us."

When Miami got one last chance, Ellis Hobbs intercepted Betts with 55 seconds left to secure the victory, just the second in eight bowl games for the Cyclones and the first for a Big 12 team in the Independence Bowl.

"We had the chance at the end and we just couldn't pull it out," said Betts, who was 20 of 44 for 240 yards. "Iowa State's defense put pressure on me all night and made me rush my throws."

Iowa State was still trailing 13-10 and had the ball at the Miami 24 early in the fourth quarter when Meyer took the snap from center in shotgun formation. He ran to his left, cut back to the right, then threaded his way through the secondary before being stopped just short of the end zone.

Fullback Ryan Kock, who threw the key block on Hicks' touchdown, bulled in the next play to put the Cyclones back in front. Then the defense came through, forcing two punts before Hobbs made his big play.

Hobbs, a senior, was on the 2001 team that left Independence Stadium distraught after the loss to Alabama. Tony Yelk missed a 47-yard field goal attempt in the final minute of that game, a kick the Cyclones insist to this day was good.

This time, they left nothing to chance.

"We talked about it all week," Vander Sanden said. "If everyone did their job, offensively, defensively and all the special teams, we wouldn't have to come down to an official's call that's controversial."

## Hal Mumme reportedly heading for New Mexico

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMMOND, La. — Southeastern Louisiana football coach Hal Mumme has accepted the job of head coach at New Mexico State University, The Times-Picayune reported Wednesday.

The New Orleans newspaper quoted Southeastern Louisiana quarterback Martin Hankins as saying Mumme informed his players Tuesday that he had taken the NMSU job.

"He got a better offer and he took it," Hankins said.

Sean Johnson, NMSU sports information director, declined comment Wednesday morning. Southeastern Louisiana's sports

information director, Dart Volz, said the school would not comment and that Mumme was not available for an interview.

Mumme led the Southeastern Louisiana Lions for two seasons, compiling a 12-11 overall record and a 7-4 mark last season.

Mumme had resurrected the Southeastern Louisiana football program, which had been dormant since 1985.

The NMSU job opened when Tony Samuel was fired Nov. 24. He led the Aggies to two winning seasons in eight years, compiling a 34-57 overall record and guiding them to a 5-6 mark last season.

Mumme went 20-26 as head football coach at the University

of Kentucky for four years, leading the Wildcats into two bowl games.

He resigned in February 2001 amid an NCAA investigation that uncovered recruiting violations at Kentucky.

The NCAA placed Kentucky on probation for three years and stripped the Wildcat football program of 19 scholarships for more than three dozen recruiting violations committed during Mumme's tenure.

Mumme was not personally sanctioned by the NCAA, and he spent 18 months out of football before signing a 5 1/2-year contract at Southeastern Louisiana that was to run through the 2007 season.

## Miami (Ohio) promotes assistant

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La. — Offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery was promoted to succeed Terry Hoepfner as football coach at Miami of Ohio.

Athletic director Brad Bates made the announcement in the

team's locker room just before it played Iowa State in the Independence Bowl. Hoepfner, who has been Miami's coach for six years, took the Indiana job earlier this month.

Bates then introduced Montgomery as the new coach and the team cheered.

Montgomery, 37, has been Miami's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach since March 2001. He helped develop Ben Roethlisberger, who led Miami to a 13-1 record last year and is having a sensational rookie season as the Pittsburgh Steelers starter.



# Rebels beat Middlesboro

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Allen Central got its much-needed and long overdue first win of the season Tuesday night in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic, beating Middlesboro, soundly, 80-56.

Five different Rebels reached double figures. Allen Central hit 60 percent of its attempts from the field.

Senior Ryan Hammonds led Allen Central in scoring with 21 points. Hammonds also pulled down four rebounds.

Tim Griffith posted a double-double of 16 points and 16 rebounds. Ryan Collins and Josh Martin added 12 points apiece. Nick Music flipped in 11 points and pulled down four rebounds.

Middlesboro struggled offensively, hitting for just 35 percent from the field on 10 of 36 attempts.

Stuart Miller paced Middlesboro with 18 points.

Louisville Seneca 58, Shelby Valley 47: Defending 15th Region All "A" champ Shelby Valley led by eight points before halftime, but couldn't keep pace. Mighty Louisville Seneca proved to be too much.

Shelby Valley (6-2) played without senior Seth Kiser, who was suspended for at least one game following a fight he took part in during Monday's loss to Ripley, Ohio.

The Wildcats hit for just 35 percent from the field. Valley hit seven of 16 free throw attempts.

Valley connected on four of 21 three-point field goal attempts.

Seneca took control of the game in the third quarter and maintained a lead for most of the second half, outscoring the Wildcats 17-7 in the third period.

Patrick Tackett led Shelby Valley with 12 points. Kris

Bentley added 11 and John Johnson scored eight. Jacob Bryant tossed in five points for Valley and Nick Potter and Kelsey Friend flipped in four each. Mike Bartley tossed in three. Friend added four rebounds in the loss.

From the field, Seneca hit 50 percent of its attempts. C.J. Willis paced Seneca with 15 points and eight rebounds. Kelvin Wilson and Julian Brown scored 11 apiece for the Redhawks.

Morgan County 61, Heath 53: Morgan County pushed to 2-0 in the tournament with a victory over Heath. Ralph Hamilton scored 15 points and had five rebounds for the winning team. Davin Barnett and Andy Lewis scored 13 apiece and Blake McCowan scored 12 points and hauled down 16 rebounds.

Jayce Long led Heath with 22 points. Brandon Austin chipped in 16.



Magoffin County Coach Neil "Nehi" West tried to get his point across in the fourth quarter during a timeout. photo by Jamie Howell

# Western Hills 53, Magoffin County 42

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — If ever a team needed to find the first win of the season it was the Western Hills Wolverines. After opening the season at 0-9, the Wolverines finally found the win column with a 53-42

win over Magoffin County.

After seeing the game even at 24-24 at the half, Western Hills would outscore Magoffin County 12-7 in the third quarter to take a 36-31 lead after three quarters of play. A 17-11 fourth quarter advantage for Western Hills set the final score at 53-42.

Magoffin County was led in

scoring by the duo of Brad Marshall and Eric Arnett with nine points each.

Brandon Shepherd and Courtney Conley each finished with six points in the losing effort. Magoffin County was matched with South Floyd in the seventh-place game on Wednesday evening.

# Three more umpires to regain jobs as baseball resolves 5 1/2-year dispute

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bob Davidson spent last season umpiring in the Class-A Midwest League, where he made just \$13,000. He was on the road from April 4 to Sept. 20 and missed daughter Andrea's graduation from Colorado State.

"They would have given me the time off, but at the time I couldn't afford the plane ticket," he said.

Next year, he's likely to be back in the major leagues, making \$274,993.

"I can't tell you what a wonderful Christmas gift baseball gave me," he said Thursday.

Davidson is among three umpires who will be rehired by major league baseball as part of a settlement of the nasty dispute that cost 22 umpires their jobs in 1999. Six more will split \$2.3 million in severance pay.

The umpires will be brought back as part of a new five-year labor contract that was agreed to Wednesday, a deal that also settles the 1 1/2-year-old grievance umpires filed over a computer system baseball has used to evaluate plate umpires.

Davidson, an a 52-year-old veteran of 18 major league seasons, worked behind the plate in 77 games last season.

Tom Hallion and Ed Hickox, who also have been umpiring in the minors, will get two of the

first five vacancies. That would raise the number of rehired umpires to 11, half the total who lost their jobs when a mass resignation strategy backfired in September 1999.

Six umpires will receive severance pay and health benefits for themselves and their families under Wednesday's deal. Jim Evans, Dale Ford, Eric Gregg, Ken Kaiser and Larry McCoy will get \$400,000 each and Mark Johnson, who had less service time, will get \$325,000.

Rich Garcia, who became an umpire supervisor in 2002, said he likely will get severance pay, too, and be included in the umpires' benefits plan.

"I think it's a big step in the right direction," Garcia said. "I think this will bring a lot of healing to the situation that has gone on the last five years. It was an ugly issue."

Still to be resolved is back pay for five umpires rehired as part of a partial settlement in 2002. A federal appeals court ruled Gary Darling, Bill Hohn, Larry Poncino, Larry Vanover and Joe West were entitled to the money, but baseball has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case.

Richie Phillips, head of the former union, is pursuing his own lawsuit against baseball.

"This whole thing would have been resolved a long time ago had Richie Phillips pursued the interests of the umpires he misadvised rather than his own person-

al interests," said Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of labor relations.

Phillips, whose Major League Umpires Association was replaced by the World Umpires Association in late 1999, did not return a message left at his office in suburban Philadelphia.

"The union is particularly happy that in this agreement we were able to clean up some of the unfortunate consequences of the 1999 fiasco," WUA lawyer Larry Gibson said.

Details of the labor contract and grievance settlement were first reported Wednesday by The New York Times.

The contract calls for 5 percent annual increases. Next year's salary scale ranges from \$87,859 to \$357,530, the maximum going to umpires with 27 years of major league service. In addition, up to 15 umpires can decide from Feb. 1 to April 30 whether to accept a retirement package.

To resolve the grievance over the computer system, baseball agreed that umpires whose ball-and-strike calls are rated below standard by Questec will be evaluated by umpire supervisors based on videotape and in-game inspection.

Gibson said that after the Questec scores were adjusted last season by supervisor Frank Pulli, all umpires met standards.

"The agreement is quite acceptable," Gibson said.

## BluegrassPreps.com Girls' Basketball Rankings

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Lexington Catholic           | 11. Ohio County          |
| 2. Louisville Christian Academy | 12. South Laurel         |
| 3. Scott County                 | 13. Tates Creek          |
| 4. Sacred Heart                 | 14. Paris                |
| 5. Clinton County               | 15. Mercy                |
| 6. Rockcastle County            | 16. Bullitt East         |
| 7. Christian County             | 17. Paducah Tilghman     |
| 8. Elizabethtown                | 18. Woodford County      |
| 9. Assumption                   | 19. Monroe County        |
| 10. Covington Holy Cross        | 20. Perry County Central |

## BluegrassPreps.com Boys' Basketball Rankings

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scott County        | 11. Bishop Brossart    |
| 2. Jeffersonton        | 12. Male               |
| 3. Trinity             | 13. DeSales            |
| 4. South Laurel        | 14. Manual             |
| 5. Ballard             | 15. Iroquois           |
| 6. Pleasure Ridge Park | 16. Lexington Catholic |
| 7. Henry Clay          | 17. Muhlenberg North   |
| 8. Bullitt East        | 18. Owensboro Catholic |
| 9. Henderson County    | 19. Bryan Station      |
| 10. Pendleton County   | 20. Dunbar             |

## NFL WEEK 17 AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	13	2	.867	416	253
N.Y. Jets	10	5	.667	304	229
Buffalo	9	6	.600	371	255
Miami	4	11	.267	252	324

South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	12	3	.800	508	318
Jacksonville	8	7	.533	248	274
Houston	7	8	.467	295	317
Tennessee	4	11	.267	320	420

North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
yz-Pittsburgh	14	1	.933	343	227
Baltimore	8	7	.533	287	245
Cincinnati	7	8	.467	336	362
Cleveland	3	12	.200	254	376

West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Diego	11	4	.733	422	296
Denver	9	6	.600	348	290
Kansas City	7	8	.467	466	411
Oakland	5	10	.333	314	429

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
yz-Philadelphia	13	2	.867	376	222
Dallas	6	9	.400	269	377
N.Y. Giants	5	10	.333	275	323
Washington	5	10	.333	219	247

South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	11	4	.733	314	309
Carolina	7	8	.467	337	318
New Orleans	7	8	.467	327	387
Tampa Bay	5	10	.333	294	292

North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	9	6	.600	393	366
Minnesota	8	7	.533	387	374
Detroit	6	9	.400	277	326
Chicago	5	10	.333	217	300

West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	8	7	.533	343	347
St. Louis	7	8	.467	287	363
Arizona	5	10	.333	272	315
San Francisco	2	13	.133	252	431

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division  
z-clinched conference

### Friday's Games

- Green Bay 34, Minnesota 31
- Saturday's Games
- Kansas City 31, Oakland 30
- Denver 37, Tennessee 16
- Sunday's Games
- Detroit 19, Chicago 13
- Indianapolis 34, San Diego 31, OT
- Pittsburgh 20, Baltimore 7
- Houston 21, Jacksonville 0
- New Orleans 26, Atlanta 13
- Cincinnati 23, N.Y. Giants 22
- Buffalo 41, San Francisco 7
- New England 23, N.Y. Jets 7
- Seattle 24, Arizona 21
- Dallas 13, Washington 10
- Carolina 37, Tampa Bay 20
- Miami 10, Cleveland 7
- Monday's Game
- St. Louis 20, Philadelphia 7
- Sunday, Jan. 2
- Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
- Miami at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
- Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
- N.Y. Jets at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
- Cleveland at Houston, 1 p.m.
- Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
- New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
- San Francisco at New England, 1 p.m.
- Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
- Atlanta at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
- Tampa Bay at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
- Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
- Indianapolis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
- Jacksonville at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
- Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.
- End Regular Season

## H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD Tuesday's games

BOYS	
Apollo 56, Paul Blazer 51	Betsy Layne 71, South Floyd 56
Calloway Co. 43, Davy C., Tenn., 41	Cawood 66, George Rogers Clark 54
Cov. Cath. 91, Pulaski S.W. 78	Cumberland 58, Owen Co. 55
East Carter 64, Walton-Verona 51	Elliott Co. 79, Bath Co. 75
Fairview 56, St. Henry 52	Garrard Co. 104, Buckhorn 58
Harlan 55, Mills, Ga., 44	Hazard 66, Beechwood 51
Johnson Cent. 61, Muhlenberg S. 59 OT	Knott Co. Cent. 59, Estill Co. 57
LaRue Co. 72, Cumberland Co. 57	Lawrence Co. 84, Shady S., W.Va., 61
Leslie Co. 69, Saltfleet, Canada 54	Letcher 68, Pikeville 62
Lex. Paul Dunbar 54, Boyd Co. 35	Lou. Central 80, Monticello 45
Lou. DeSales 56, Mason Co. 42	Lou. DuPont Manual 60, Paintsville 44
Menifee Co. 65, Bath Co. 61	Montgomery Co. 69, Frankfort 41
Oldham Co. 80, Pulaski Co. 75 OT	Owensboro Cath. 68, Wayne Co. 51
Pendleton Co. 66, S. Laurel 45	Pike Co. Cent. 78, Meade Co. 69
Raceland 71, North Bullitt 68	R. Christ., Ind., 65, Williamsburg 47
Sheldon Clark 75, Model 61	Simon Kenton 65, Owlsey Co. 60
Todd Co. Cent. 62, Cumberland 40	West Carter 69, Elliott Co. 67
West Carter 71, Menifee Co. 63	Whitley Co. 63, McCreary Cent. 45

GIRLS	
Augusta 62, Wayne Co. 32	Bell Co. 54, Lynn Camp 32
Bullitt E. 63, Knott Co. Cent. 50	Clay Co. 55, Lee Co. 34
Corbin 49, Heritage P., Canada 34	Cumberland 44, Hermitage S., T., 29
Cumberland 58, Todd Co. Cent. 49	East Carter 82, Lou. Waggener 59
Estill Co. 41, Fleming Co. 40	Fairview 34, Lewis Co. 31
George Rogers C. 61, E.Jessamine 39	Grant Co. 45, Morgan Co. 42
Highlands 56, Betsy Layne 54	Hopkins Co. Cent. 58, Bowling Green 40
Ironton, Ohio 35, Paul Blazer 34	Johnson Central 60, Crittenden Co. 34
Lex. Paul Dunbar 60, Powell Co. 44	Magoffin Co. 66, Allen Co.-Scottsville 38
Mason Co. 73, Madison Central 57	McCreary Cent. 35, Scott Co., Tenn., 27
Monticello 67, Villa Madonna 53	Paintsville 55, Lloyd Memorial 30
Pike Co. Central 55, North Oldham 35	Pulaski Co. 57, Knox Central 42
Pulaski Southwestern 67, Boyle Co. 61	Raceland 63, Heath 53
Russell 60, Holmes 45	Shelby Valley 56, Breathitt Co. 46
Somerset 63, Montgomery Co. 58	St. Patrick 50, Pineville 40
Whitley Co. 50, Taylor Co. 46	Scores online: www.khsaa.org

## Bengals put Perry on injury list

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Running back Chris Perry went on injured reserve Wednesday because of a hernia, giving the Cincinnati Bengals 15 players on injury lists.

Rookie receiver Matt Cherry was signed off Jacksonville's practice squad to a three-year deal, taking Perry's roster spot.

Perry was the Bengals' first-round draft pick out of Michigan this season, but appeared in only two games because of injuries. He strained a hamstring in the final preseason game, and didn't play until the fourth and fifth games of the season. He had two carries for 1 yard.

Perry strained abdominal muscles during practice on Oct. 20 and didn't play again. A specialist examined Perry last week and found he had a "sports hernia." He'll have surgery on Jan. 6 and will need two or three months to heal.

Cherry was signed by the Jaguars as a free agent from Akron. He played in two preseason games and had one catch, then was waived and signed to their practice squad.

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# Palmer doesn't want to watch season end from bench

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer doesn't want to watch the season end.

Sidelined for the last two games by a sprained knee ligament, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback is doing all the therapy and strengthening exercises allowed to get ready for the season finale.

He's determined to play Sunday in Philadelphia, even though the game holds little meaning for either team.

"It doesn't matter to me," Palmer said. "It's a game. I want to play regardless whether it's the first game, the last game, a playoff game."

It matters to Palmer because

he's finding it a lot tougher to stand and watch this time around.

The 2003 Heisman Trophy winner and first overall draft pick didn't take a snap last season, when Jon Kitna led the Bengals to an 8-8 finish. Palmer was elevated in the offseason and was growing beyond the first-year mistakes when he got hurt.

He threw seven touchdown passes in consecutive wins over Cleveland and Baltimore that kept the Bengals in the running for a wild card berth. He then sprained a ligament on the outside of his left knee in a loss to New England, and Kitna struggled the next week in a 33-17 loss to Buffalo that eliminated them.

At 7-8, the Bengals have clinched a 14th consecutive season without a winning record.

The Eagles (13-2) have already clinched home-field advantage in the NFC, and rested a lot of their stars in a 20-7 loss to St. Louis on Monday night. The Bengals are likely to see another mix-and-match lineup, which disappoints Palmer.

After facing some of the NFL's top defenses this season, he'd like to go against another one on its home field.

"It would have been nice if they needed this game and left their starters in the whole game," Palmer said. "You know it's going to be cold, it's the last game of the year, it's going to be a crazy environment. Their fans will be going nuts because they're getting ready for the playoffs. So it's a game you want to play in."

Coach Marvin Lewis said Palmer will start if his knee is better. Palmer hopes to practice on Thursday and see how the knee reacts.

Palmer was the No. 3 quarterback for the loss to Buffalo and a 23-22 victory over the New York Giants capped by Kitna's last-minute touchdown pass. Unlike last season, when Palmer stood on the sideline and patiently learned, he's been antsy while watching the last two games.

"It was harder just because I knew I could be in there and I could be successful," Palmer said. "Last year, I was watching Jon play and knowing I wouldn't be able to make the plays he was making, and see the reads and change the protections at the line and all that stuff. Now that I

can do that and I know this offense and this game, it's a lot tougher watching."

The difference between the two has come into focus the last two weeks.

The Bengals have a more wide-open offense with Palmer, who can throw long with his strong arm. Kitna depends more upon short tosses to the tight ends and receivers. Their numbers are comparable — both have as many touchdowns as interceptions, and Palmer's 77.3 passer rating isn't that much better than Kitna's 71.5 rating.

Palmer's statistics are weighted by his early season mistakes, Kitna's by his one year of rust. Against the Giants, Kitna was 20-of-32 for 186 yards with two touchdowns and

an interception.

"It wasn't spectacular," Palmer said. "You're not going to look at the numbers and say, 'Wow, he tore them up.' But he did what was needed to get the win."

Kitna also underscored one of the other major differences when he jubilantly tackled receiver Chad Johnson after the game-winning catch. Palmer would never do that.

Kitna said recently that he's trying to emulate the Californian's "water-off-a-duck's-back demeanor."

"I tend to wear my emotions on my sleeve a little bit more than he does," Kitna said. "I think that's kind of helped him. I think that if I could probably be a little more even-keel, that would help me a little bit."

## Azeri retired from racing, will breed in Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Azeri, who was Horse of the Year in 2002 and one of top females in thoroughbred racing history, was retired from competition and will be sent to Kentucky to be bred.

The 6-year-old daughter of Jade Hunter won three Grade I races this year, raising her career total to 11. She finished fifth in her final race — the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 30 when she competed against males.

Owner Michael Paulson said in a press release, issued late last Thursday, that the decision to retire Azeri was made in consultation with trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

"Champion horses like Azeri are what every owner and breeder of these magnificent animals strives for, and I have been very blessed and fortunate to have campaigned this exceptional horse," Paulson said. "I am very excited about her prospects as a broodmare, and look forward to the opportunity of seeing her foals with their mother's champion qualities."

Azeri will be moved from Lukas' barn at Santa Anita sometime next week. It was not immediately clear where she will board in Kentucky.

Before this year, Azeri was trained by Laura de Seroux and moved to Lukas' barn after

Paulson disagreed with De Seroux's recommendation that the mare be retired because of a tendon injury.

After winning her only two races as a 3-year-old, Azeri had seven straight graded stakes victories in 2002, capping her streak by winning the Breeders' Cup Distaff at Arlington Park.

She ends her career with 17 wins and four second-place finishes in 24 lifetime starts and earnings of \$4,079,820.

Azeri was bred by Paulson's father, Allen, who died in 2000. He also bred and raced Cigar, whose lifetime earnings of just under \$10 million is the most in racing history.

## Is Bengals' comeback really meaningful?

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Jon Kitna jubilantly tackled Chad Johnson in the end zone. Thousands of fans tossed piles of crunchy snow into the air, creating a winter wonderland version of fireworks.

The moment was one of the Cincinnati Bengals' finest in another less-than-satisfying season. Kitna's last-minute touchdown pass to Johnson gave them a 23-22 victory Sunday and a reason to feel upbeat in December.

Then again, they usually feel upbeat around this time of year.

During their 14-year run without a winning record — one of the longest such stretches in NFL history — the Bengals typically have pulled out wins near the end that felt good but didn't really mean much.

This one fit the profile, and that's what worries coach Marvin Lewis.

The Bengals were outplayed for most of the game by a New York Giants team that had lost seven in a row and was letting rookie quarterback Eli Manning make his sixth NFL start. Only a series of Giant breakdowns at the end gave them the chance to pull it out.

Lewis put that on his list of things to fix Monday.

"We seem to have a way to play down to an opponent at times, and that's disappointing," Lewis said. "I've got to find a way to get that corrected. That's kind of alarming, that we continually do that. Instead of having an opportunity to play your best football, we play in spurts, and I've got to find a way to fix that."

It's a problem that predates Lewis. For some reason, the Bengals (7-8) go soft when their opponent is struggling, contributing to that 14-year run without a winning record.

They lost in Cleveland and had to rally for a 58-48 win over the Browns this season. They lost to the injury-ravaged Titans 27-20 and dropped a pair of close games to Pittsburgh. Lewis looks at those games as lost chances to finish above .500.

"It's the small things that get you to 10-6, 12-4, 14-2," Lewis said. "They're small things, but they're big strides. You've got to take those. You've got to take advantage of it when it's there."

They looked like they were headed for a breakthrough when first-year quarterback Carson Palmer led them to a 27-26 comeback win in Baltimore on Dec. 5, his second straight impressive performance. Palmer sprained his knee a week later in New England,

forcing Kitna to take over.

Kitna has been up-and-down in his two starts, showing the rust from not playing for nearly an entire year. He managed to make two decisive plays at the end Sunday, a 19-yard completion to T.J. Houshmandzadeh on fourth-and-10 followed by the winning pass to Johnson.

The Bengals clinched it when Manning's pass at midfield was deflected right to one of their linemen.

"You sit on the sideline and you understand how crazy this league is, how tough it is," said Palmer, who plans to play in the final game Sunday at Philadelphia. "One little thing goes wrong — that ball that guy intercepted at the end of the game goes into their hands and they get to the 35-yard line and kick a field goal and the game's over."

"So you never know what happens in this league. Games are so difficult to win because sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't."

Lewis wants them to understand that they shouldn't let it come down to a single bounce at the end. He's not sure why they let it happen against the Giants.

"I don't know," he said. "That's why I've got to find a way to figure it out."

## Appalachian Regional Club passes out awards

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Regional Rocky Mountain Horse Club held its third annual Christmas dinner and awards banquet Saturday night at the Wilkerson Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Over 80 officers, members and guests were on hand for the night's activities.

The Appalachian Regional Horse Club is one of 11 organizations of its kind spread out across North America. The primary goal of the organization is the preservation and promotion of the Rocky Mountain Horse in East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, West Virginia and

Eastern Kentucky.

A general membership meeting was held along with the dinner, dance and awards presentation.

The awards for Trail Boss went to Allen Cantrell, Frank Clemons, Everett Feltner, Dennis Lafferty, Ronnie Owens and Marcus Williams.

The Trail Boss of the Year honor was awarded to the husband and wife team of Rodney and Linda Johnson.

The award for Best Camp Cook went to Benny Henson. The Show Support Person of the Year was awarded to Billie Tucker and Harry Adams for handling the annual horse show.

The Trainer of the Year was presented to Josh Murdock. Murdock was awarded similar

honors by the RMHA for 2004.

Whitney May was named Juvenile of the Year for the club. She was also a repeat winner — honored as Juvenile of the Year

by the Rocky Mountain Horse Association. Trail Rider of the Year awards were presented to Marcus Williams, Ocie May and Ronnie Owens. The awards for the youngest riders went to Jonathan Ramey, Austin Justice, Brianna Cox, Marcus Williams, Ocie May and Ronnie Owens.

The awards for the youngest riders went to Jonathan Ramey, Austin Justice, Brianna Cox and Abby James. The horse of the Mountains, the Rocky Mountain Horse continues to grow in popularity as the horse of choice.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
South Floyd's Burnett Little got off a pass during the first quarter of Tuesday's game against county rival Betsy Layne.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
South Floyd starting center Steven Stanley battled for a rebound in the opening period of the second round game against Betsy Layne.



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg junior guard Michael Stephens slipped a pass through a duo of Campbell County defenders during the first half of Tuesday night's game.



Locals were honored over the weekend during an Appalachian Regional Horse awards banquet.



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Conversation, anyone?

My youngest, Elizabeth, followed me to work earlier in the week and we ended up having lunch at Pizza Hut. Arriving too late to partake of the offerings of the buffet, we had to order a pizza from the menu. Since it was only the two of us, we had leftovers and I asked the waitress for a box to put them in.



Kathy Prater  
 Lifestyles editor

And quite an interesting box it turned out to be, too,

as the top lid contained lists of conversation-starter questions for parents and kids. Now, let it be said that my kids and I have never suffered for lack of questions and topics of conversation for one another, and especially so for Elizabeth who is, and has always been, the family chatterbox.

Nonetheless, we began reading the questions to one another in the form of a quiz. Not to begin a conversation, but rather as a means of finding out whether or not we had really been listening for all these past years.

The questioning began: Mom to Elizabeth - "What was my

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### POSTSCRIPT

## The presents of presence

I hope your Christmas was as pleasant as mine.

Of course, nobody gave me a new car, or even a desperately needed set of new tires. Nobody gave me a \$10,000 Lazarus gift card or offered to pay off my credit cards.



Pam Shingler  
 contributing writer

Nobody offered to put a new bathroom in my house or to landscape my yard. Nobody slipped a winning lottery ticket in my stocking.

Still, it was a pleasant time. I did receive some lovely gifts — some quite unexpected.

The best parts were the gatherings in which I was privileged to be included. Being with family and friends is always the best gift we can receive.

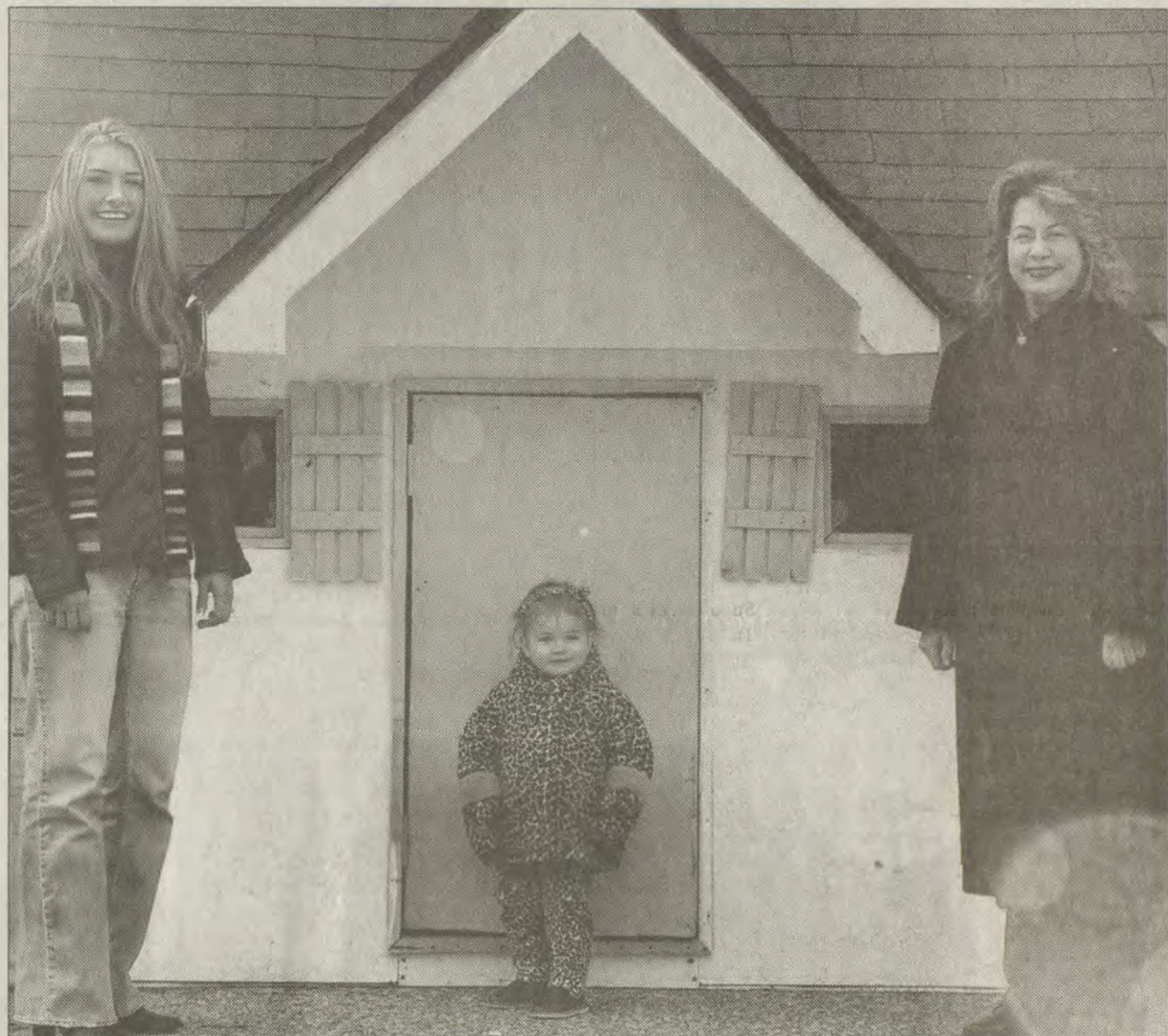
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## ALC 'Christmas Pretties' program brings joy to area children

Christmas is always a special time at Alice Lloyd College. Mrs. Lloyd, founder of the College, started the "Christmas Pretties Program" where students wrap, sort, and deliver gifts to area children during Christmas time. This year, over 4,000 gifts were provided by Christmas Pretties, which is coordinated by Jackie Sparkman. Many Alice Lloyd College students, faculty, and staff travelled to area schools to help deliver gifts and holiday cheer. This program remains a rich tradition at Alice Lloyd College.



Children listened to stories and waited patiently for Alice Lloyd College students to give them their "Christmas Pretties" at Beaver Elementary.



Tiny Madison Setser is flanked by her mother, Terina, left, and her great-aunt, Sandra Travis, right, in front of the playhouse that Travis won in a raffle. Madison, who lives in Florida, was given the playhouse as a gift from her great-aunt.

## From our 'CASA' to yours, playhouse a dream come true

by KATHY J. PRATER  
 FEATURES EDITOR

Every little girl dreams of her very own house, "just like Mommy's," to clean, decorate and spend busy days in. And 18-month old Madison Setser is fortunate enough to now have one of her very own, courtesy of some local community offices.

The Big Sandy Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), a non-profit organization with a mission to "provide trained community volunteers to speak for children in court who are victims of dependency, neglect and abuse, as well as to edu-

cate our community regarding its responsibility to these children," was in need of some fundraising opportunities, and after putting their heads together with Pamela Compton, of the United Way of Eastern Kentucky, a CASA partner, and Debbie Burchell, director of the Perkins Job Corps Center, a grand idea was born - that of building a child's playhouse.

Carpentry students from the Job Corps Center, Water Gap, got busy in short order and constructed not one, but two, lovely little playhouses that were then donated for a raffle to benefit both the United Way and CASA.

"You know, we don't do fundraisers for ourselves, but we enjoy the opportunity to help others," said Burchell. "We think our students did a fine job on these little playhouses, which, by the way, are not really 'little' at all. I can stand up straight in them. We're sure the children who win them will enjoy the time spent playing in them."

The first playhouse has already been raffled off, with Sandra Travis, of Blue River, a kindergarten teacher from Betsy Layne Elementary School, being the lucky winner. "I was thrilled when I found out I won," she said. "I've never won anything! At first, I didn't

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### THINGS TO PONDER

## Surviving the Holidays

Some folks might consider that "congratulations" are in order since they have survived our major holiday once again. Now that Christmas has come and gone, it's hard to believe that it has been such a short time since Thanksgiving. Can you list now all those THINGS that just had to be done before Christmas? When trying to deal with the holiday activities, it seems that it is greatly influenced by the perception of time, based on one's age. A sense is that the holiday season flies for those who have to keep a "need to do" list of required chores, while time crawls for those younger ones waiting for things to happen. Whatever the viewpoint, Christmas often

does come and go so quickly. Did you enjoy your holiday as you hoped you would? What do you wish had been different? Was the stress associated with doing so much worth you kicking the cat while frustrated?

The level and types of excitement associated with Christmas is greatly influenced by the individual's age. For young kids, it seems to be the combination of enchantment and fantasy. Remember when you could just about see Santa's elves outside on the window sill? As your mind raced with the possibilities, your main thought was, "What if they really see me doing 'something' and tell Santa?" It was such a fine time for wishing that dreams could and would come true. Then, as we get older with the advancement of cognitive

development and emotional experiences, we begin to realize that "Santa" does not always occur as we wish or need. Even before the teenage years, youngsters with dysfunctional parents are able to see the problems that exist between their parents, whether it is a holiday or not. In fact, their situation may be more traumatic during those special times of the year because of the increased stress of holidays. After all, it can be difficult to accept that the holiday is not "happy" as everyone expects it to be.

Then, there are the difficulties that some older people have in regard to Christmas. Instead of the "fun" type of excitement experienced by youth, the "adults" may cope with the holidays in various ways. There are the older ones who worry excessively that everyone

might not have "just" what he or she wants, whether it is reasonable or not. This type of individual tends to not think about the long-term impact of their choices for the holidays, much less the most immediate ones. For example, there's the elderly great-aunt who says what she thinks, as she always has - "I've lost 75 pounds (due to sickness). Looks like you and Emily quickly gained it." Since you are older and have heard Auntie's tart remarks over the years, you try to ignore what she said. But, young 20-some-year old Emily's feelings are hurt for the rest of Thanksgiving Day. As a result, Emily spends the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas drinking "diet liquid" for two meals a day and eat-



Mable Rowe Lineberger,  
 Ph.D.

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favorite cartoon character TV show when I was a kid?"

**Elizabeth** - "Peanuts."

**Mom** : "No, but close. Besides, Peanuts was a newspaper comic strip that was only on TV during holidays."

**Elizabeth** - "Well, then, Fat Albert."

**Mom** - "No, I only said that I used to watch that, not that it was my favorite."

**Elizabeth** - "I give up. What was it?"

**Mom** - "Oh, you know this. They made a movie about this show a couple of years back. Hint: 'Oh, how great it would be to just step into a little room and come out with my hair and makeup all done and my clothes all on and breakfast waiting at the push of a button.'"

**Elizabeth** - "The Jetson's!"

**Mom** - "Right!"

**Elizabeth** - "But they didn't make a movie about the Jetson's."

**Mom** - "Yes, they did."

**Elizabeth** - "No, they didn't."

**Mom** - "Yes, they did."

**Elizabeth** - "No, they didn't." (This kid doesn't give up easily, but, I do, and so we moved on...)

**Mom** - "Who was my hero when I was growing up?"

**Elizabeth** - "Papaw." (On the mark! Good going, Lizzie!)

**Mom** - "What was my favorite thing to wear when I was a kid?"

**Elizabeth** - "That crazy outfit you told me about that you had. Pink leather jumper, go-go boots and those crazy criss-cross stockings."

**Mom** - "Well, yeah, I liked that outfit, but I don't know that it was my favorite. My favorite things were a blouse that I had in second grade that had pictures of little mice wearing necklaces and hunks of cheese wedges all over it. My mom used to get mad at me because I wanted to wear it every day."

**Elizabeth** - "I don't blame Memaw. Mice and cheese, Mom?"

**Mom** - "It was great. I loved it. But my favorite thing was probably new Red Ball tennis shoes that I got at the beginning of each summer from Francis Shoe Store. I loved new sneakers. And new summer short outfits."

**Elizabeth** - "Red ball tennis shoes? Can we move on?"

**Mom** - "Sure. Let's see, where did I grow up?"

**Elizabeth** - "Uh-duh. Next question, please."

**Mom** - "Did I have a nickname?"

**Elizabeth** - "Yeah, Papaw called you something and your friend Sherry did, too."

**Mom** - "But what?"

**Elizabeth** - "I don't know...Jo?"

**Mom** - "No, only Uncle Barry called me that when he was trying to make me mad. And he always spelled it out 'J-

O-E' to make it sound like I had a boy's name. Papaw called me 'Tyke' and Sherry called me 'Jose.' (Reader information: Jose was pronounced "hillbilly" style - as a joke - with a hard "J" sound, not soft. Rhymed with the Spanish word for two - "dos." If you don't get it, you'll have to ask Sherry...)

**Elizabeth** - (With a hint of resignation) "What else?"

**Mom** - "What was my favorite toy?"

**Elizabeth** - "Easy! Chatty Cathy!"

**Mom** - "Bingo! Next question - how old was I when I got my first job?"

**Elizabeth** - "In college, at Boone Tavern."

**Mom** - "Bingo, again! What was my favorite song as a teenager?"

**Elizabeth** - "A Beatles song? I don't know."

**Mom** - "Good guess. I actually don't know that I had a favorite song - there were too

many that I liked. I guess if I had to say, I'd say "My Song" by Elton John."

**Elizabeth** - "You mean, "Your Song"?"

**Mom** - "Well, it wasn't just my song, a lot of people liked it..."

**Elizabeth** - "MOM!"

**Mom** - "Yeah, you're right, it is called "Your Song," I just didn't want to admit that you were right."

**Elizabeth** - "I'm always right, Mom."

**Mom** - "You're getting too much like your brother."

**Elizabeth** - "Is there another question or can we go?"

**Mom** - "Wait up. Did I have pets? What were their names?"

**Elizabeth** - "Yeah, Pat-dog and some mice. But did the mice have names?"

**Mom** - "Yes, Frodo and Bilbo."

**Elizabeth** - "Really? Huh."

**Mom** - "What was my favorite book?"

**Elizabeth** - "That trilogy thing?"

**Mom** - "Close, that's how the mice got their names, and I guess that was my favorite book when I was a teenager, but my favorite book when I was a kid was *The Borrowers*."

**Elizabeth** - "I hate the Borrowers."

**Mom** - "I know."

**Elizabeth** - "So you read that trilogy thing when you were a kid?"

**Mom** - "Yeah, the summer I was 15, I read *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy."

**Elizabeth** - "Really? Wow, you must have been smart back then, Mom."

Yeah, kid... "smart"... "back then." See what rearing you and your brother and sister have done to me?

Seriously, folks, remember to talk to the kids in your life - after all, they do seem to remember at least most of what we're saying - and have a safe and Happy New Year!

Ponder

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ing "prudently" at dinner time. (With family members like this, we don't need enemies.) Then, there are the so-called adults who spend up the national debt in an effort to "buy" everyone a happy time and ignore that their budget is already so tight that it is ready to pop at the seams.

A significant problem for all ages, especially adults, is the depressive feelings experienced during the holidays. The depression seems to be such a contrast to expectations that everyone is over-flowing with joy and love for their fellow man. However, because Christmas is perceived as a happy time and a new beginning, we are further upset when we might be quickly mired

down by recollections of past and recent losses. On the other hand, many folks try to deny past times in attempts to see them all as so "wonderful". Or were they? Perhaps, you need to grieve some past losses and learn to "move-on". Thus, a general suggestion is that you really evaluate your feelings, if you think you are having more distress than the "average" person. See what you can do before you are feeling overwhelmed next year, when you are again expected to feel jolly.

If you have unusual reactions to the holiday season, examine what is happening and how you are coping. Then, talk with someone you respect - a friend,

a church person, and/or a mental health professional. Like other things of life, you are in charge of what you make of your life, whether or not it is the holidays. As with other times in your life, evaluate what worked and did not work for you, while supposedly having a time of your life. Learn to discuss possibilities and be willing to cooperate with others who are important enough to share your time. Try to think, decide, and plan ahead for what you really want to do. What are your priorities? These are good guidelines for your daily living and well being, no matter what the season or the event. As they say, "Your ticket is only punched once. Enjoy!"

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On Christmas Day, my cousin Lois presided over a packed house from her recliner, where her pinned-together knee is strapped in a splint.

But even without her hands in the mix, it was clear she had taught her daughters to carry on the traditions - and that's an important gift in itself.

It was a good day.

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On a different note, increasingly over the last 10 years or so, groups that need to raise funds have come to rely on traffic stops.

I don't know about you, but I'm always torn as I pull up to one of these stops.

Part of my problem is I can't usually see to read who is

sponsoring the fund-raising until I'm on top of them.

I always try to give to groups I recognize and believe in, such as my local volunteer fire department. But often, I'm torn.

Sometimes, I feel guilty, so I toss in a dollar, even if I'm not familiar with the group.

Occasionally, I see people at these stops who are not representing a non-profit group, but are collecting money for themselves. This puts me in a real quandary.

For instance, on Christmas Eve or the day before, I saw a man with a sign saying he needed donations for his kids to have a Christmas. There must be a tragic story here, of one kind or another.

But how can I know or ver-

ify this? I want to give, yet I think of all the helping agencies and non-profit organizations that provide food, toys and clothing.

If I had kids in need, I probably would do anything - including begging on the road - to help them, but I hope that first I would exhaust all the other available sources.

I know that folks at this and other area papers are over-worked (and certainly under-paid), but it would be an important service for them to help us make the right decisions on these traffic stops.

Anyway, I hope 2005 is a banner year for you - so good, in fact, that you don't have to resort to stopping cars for help and that you have the wherewithal to give to those who do.

Playhouse

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know what I was going to do with it, but then it hit me to give it to my niece's little girl. They are thrilled about it and are going to take the playhouse to Florida, where they live."

Lisa Stumbo, executive director, CASA, was also thrilled that the fundraiser has been such a success and that the playhouse will now become a part of a little

girl's life as she grows up spending blissful childhood days in her own little house.

"This is just a perfect gift for Madison," said Travis, "she will enjoy decorating and playing in this house for years to come. Heather (Travis' teenage daughter) and I are thrilled to be able to give it to her."

A second playhouse will be

raffled off in the coming month at the Paintsville Wal-Mart Supercenter's grand opening. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10 and may be purchased through Wal-Mart or by calling the Big Sandy Area CASA office at 886-0978.

Madison Setser is the daughter of Bill and Terina Setser, of Florida.

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Cream Biscuits

- 2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour
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Heat oven to 475° F. Lightly grease baking sheet. Combine flour and sugar in medium mixing bowl. Add butter to dry ingredients. With pastry blender or 2 knives, cut butter into flour until butter pieces are about the size of small peas. Add cream; stir just until soft dough is formed.

Turn out onto floured surface and knead gently about 10 times. Roll to about 3/8-inch thick. Cut with floured 2-inch cutter. Place on greased baking sheet.

Bake at 475° F. for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 18 to 20 biscuits.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center

Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Betsy Layne High School

Jan 3 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m., in school library.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

Walking track open to public.

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

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

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

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Adult Education class schedules, about the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

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## Family Medicine

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



**Q**uestion: A friend says that when he drinks a pitcher of beer he's actually a better driver. The car "just glides down the highway" and he feels more in control. Could this possibly be true? Are regular drinkers more immune to the effects of alcohol? How should I handle him at my New Year's party?

**A**nswer: While moderate drinking is acceptable in our society, your friend's behavior is not. Polishing off a pitcher of beer by yourself would make you legally drunk. And, when a person is drunk, there's absolutely no excuse for trying to drive a car.

It takes the average person one to

two hours to eliminate the alcohol from an ounce of distilled liquor, a bottle of beer (not a pitcher!) or a glass of wine. Each of these is defined as one drink. Given these facts, a good "rule of thumb" is not to drive if you have had more than one

drink for each two hours that you've been at a party. Also, remember that inebriation is generally brought on quicker if you drink on an empty stomach.

Regular consumption of alcohol doesn't change the effect of this drug; however, the frequent drinker does develop a sense that he or she is less impaired by it. Numerous studies have shown that this "sense of control" is actually imaginary. The time required

to make a decision and then react to a driving situation goes up with each drink, regardless of how accustomed the person is to drinking. So, when your friend has violated the rule of thumb I gave earlier, don't allow him to drive home regardless of how sober, or in control, he thinks he is.

Statistics from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration show that alcohol-related deaths among younger drivers have decreased significantly since 1993. That's good news. Concerned people like you are part of the reason for this positive trend. Let's continue the trend and make this New Year's Eve the safest ever. Here are a few tips that will help:

- Suggest your guests come in groups and that each group select a "designated driver."

- Make non-alcoholic beverages available, preferably served in the same type of glasses as the alcohol, for

the designated driver and for anyone else who chooses not to consume alcohol.

- Guests should not be persuaded to drink, nor ridiculed if they choose not to.

- Snacking should be encouraged.

- Coffee should be served in the last hour or so of the party.

On the last point, let me make it clear that coffee does not counteract the alcohol as some people believe. However, it does offset drowsiness, and a lengthy period of socializing over coffee provides guests time to sober up before heading home. Anybody — including your problem friend — who is obviously drunk should not be allowed to drive under ANY circumstances.

Instead, insist they stay overnight, go home with somebody else or take a taxi. This isn't just for their safety and that of other motorists, but also for your protection. In some states you

may now be held legally responsible for any injury the intoxicated person causes after leaving your party drunk.

On behalf of all of us at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, I'd like to wish all my readers and their families a very happy, peaceful New Year.

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## God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes,  
Which God gave to me to hold.  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,  
And all your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,  
Both my joys and my sorrows I stored,  
But though the gold became heavier each day,  
The black was as light as before.*

*With curiosity, I opened the black,  
I wanted to find out why,  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and mused,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"  
He smiled a gentle smile and said,  
"My child, they're all here with me."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,  
Why the gold and the black with the hole?  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,  
The black is for you to let go."*

Author Unknown



## New Arrivals

### Highlands Regional Medical Center

Dec. 14, 2004

A daughter, Alyson LaShae Grace Hamilton, to Trista Lynn Patrick  
A son, Braxton Langley Cook, to Bobbie LaShina and John Langley Cook

Dec. 15, 2004

A son, Joshua Paul Wayen Branham, to Angel Dawn Branham  
A son, Nathaniel Scott Triplett, to Amber and Scottie Triplett

Dec. 16, 2004

A daughter, Olivia Deann Tackett, to Lisa and Alan Tackett  
A daughter, Britney Leann Benton, to Jerry Lynn and Bryan Daniel Benton  
A daughter, Cheyenne Lashae Collett, to Rachel and Casey Collett  
A son, Gregory Bryce Shepherd, to Charlamine and Gregg Shepherd

Dec. 17, 2004

A daughter, Kyle Nicole Griffith, to Aprille and Jerry Griffith  
A son, Lloyd Andrew Cleve Perkins, to Angela Brewer

Dec. 20, 2004

A daughter, Rebeah Lynn Spaulding, to Marcella and David Spaulding

Dec. 21, 2004

A daughter, Cassidy Lilliah Newsome, to Stephanie L. Hall  
A son, Kieran Gregory Wireman, to Aleisha Maria Ruby Cobble

Dec. 22, 2004

A son, Logan Jeffery Jones, to Stephanie Patton  
A daughter, Kenzie RyeAnne Owens, to Keisha Nicole Owens  
A son, Cameron Blaze Kelsey, to Whitney Nicole Cline

Dec. 23, 2004

A daughter, Alexis Dion Beatty, to Amy and Sharmar Beatty

Dec. 24, 2004

A son, Charles Andrew Breydon Slone, to Bennedatta Blackburn

Dec. 25, 2004

A daughter, Tiffany Nicole Tackett, to Miranda and Wade Tackett

## Births



Look what Santa brought for the Tackett's - a beautiful baby girl!

Tiffany Nicole Tackett was born to proud parents Miranda and Wade Clayton Tackett, of Printer, on Christmas Day, December 25, 2004 - a gift straight from Heaven for Christmas for her parents and family! Tiffany Nicole weighed 5 lbs., 9 oz., and was born at 12:37 a.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is the firstborn of the couple and is the granddaughter of Danny and Brenda Marsillett, of Prestonsburg, and Wade and Neva Tackett, of Printer.

## Maytownbikes



Kids from the Maytown Community accepted the challenge to participate in a weekly bicycle ride with the Maytown Center's Mountain Bike Club in order to earn t-shirts. The students were required to go on ten five-mile rides in order to earn a "Trips for Kids" shirt.



"Trips for Kids," a national non-profit organization that provides materials, moral support and inspiration to help kids discover the joys of mountain biking, donated five Trek bikes to the Maytown Center's Mountain Bike Club. Dan Chauncy, director of the center, heads a group of youths from the Maytown community that take regular rides together throughout the year.



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**900-Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303 Amendment No. 1 in accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an

amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 119.64 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 274.06 acres, of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 583.31 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W.

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The amendment will underlie land owned by Jennifer and Jessie Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W. Newsom Heirs, Olivia Hamilton, Darvene and Anna L. Hamilton and Carmel Lee and Ollie Tackett.

The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

\*(For Final Advertisement Only): This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5937, Amendment #3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile south of Beaver, and situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 6.35 acres of surface disturbance, and 391.46 acres of underground area, making a total area of 397.81 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is located approximately 1.1 mile south from the intersection of KY 979 and Tackett Fork Road, and located on Tackett Fork Road of Mud Creek of the Big Sandy River.

The proposed amendment is located

ed on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the amendment is owned by ACIN LLC, Ellen K. Hall, Eva June Vance, Johnson Family Trust, Polly Howell, Jacqueline Harrison, Willie B. and Anna Lou Mitchell, Anthony Cerullo, and Russell C. Walker. The permit will underlie land owned by Ellen K. Hall, Eva June Vance, Johnson Family Trust, Jacqueline Harrison, Willie B. and Anna Lou Mitchell, Polly Howell, Nicky W. Taylor, Donald E. and Betty Brown, Gracie Brown, Trenia Brown Cecil, Russell C. Walker, Geneva Henson, Anthony Cerullo, Fred Henson Estate, Edith Henson, Marvin E. Flannery, Millie Tackett Estate, Amanda and Mildred Osborne, Oley Hall Estate, Lulu M. Newsome, Robert and Amanda Everage, Brad Newsome, Denny Newsome, Lonnie and Effie Bentley, Amos and Francis Little, ACIN LLC, Clark Heirs, Doris Newsome, Johnny and Dinah Bentley, and Leon Short.

The operation will affect an area within 100 feet a public road, Robinson Creek Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The amendment proposes to add treatment facility areas.

The 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. 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.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL AND FIVE YEAR PLAN**

The Housing Authority of Martin is developing its Five Year Plan for the years 2005-2009 and the 2005 annual plan. The plan is available for review and comment at the Grigsby Heights Office, located at 109 Raymond Griffith Dr. #1101, Martin, Ky. 41649.

The authority's office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. except for being closed Wednesday afternoon.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at 3 p.m., the address above. Anyone requiring assistance for sight or hearing impaired individual,

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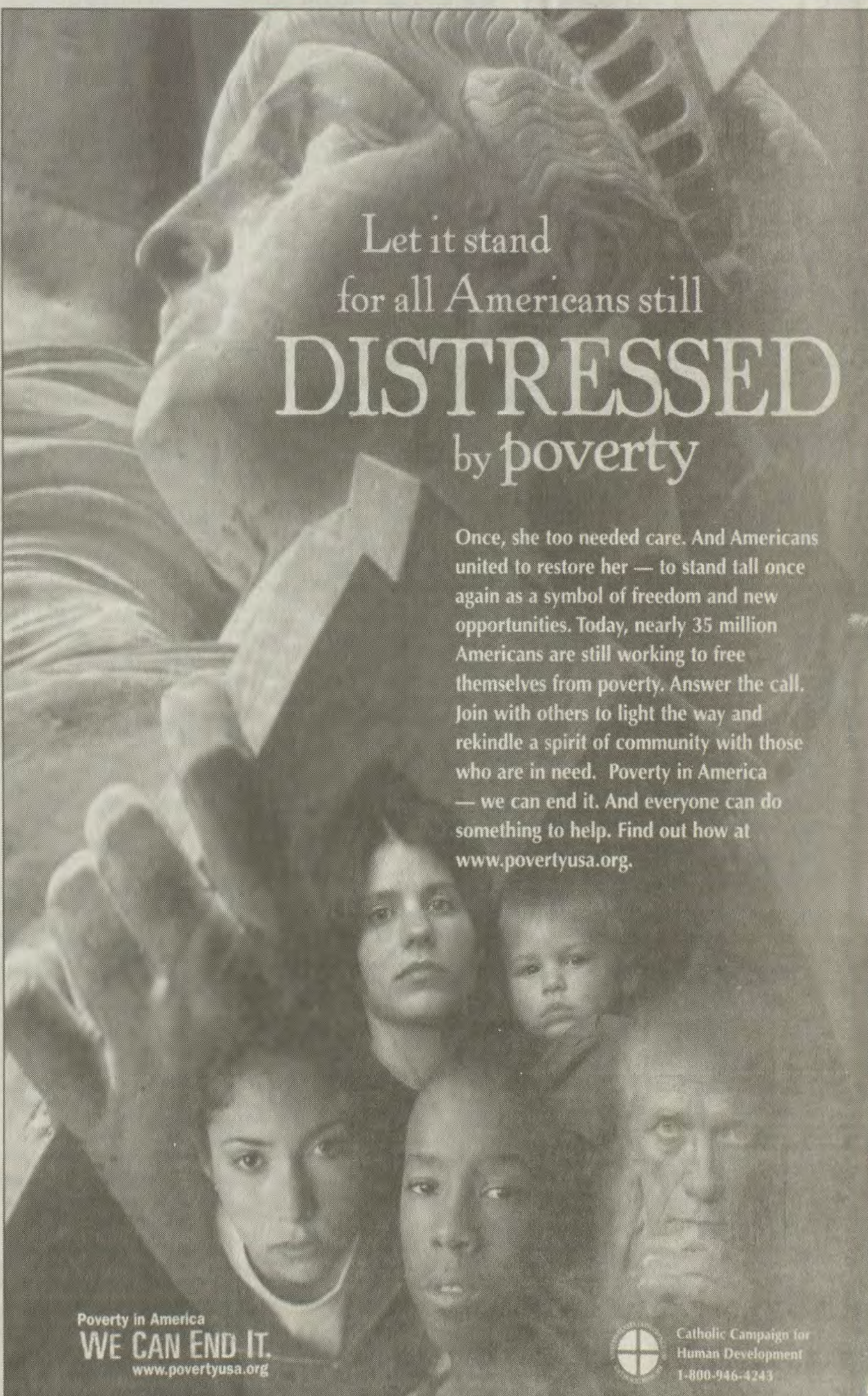
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