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Woman pleads not guilty to growing pot

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG - A Prestonsburg woman will be in court tomorrow to answer charges accusing her of growing several marijuana plants in open view in a local trailer park.

Nancy Brow, 32, who was listed on court documents as residing at Cliffside Apartments, will appear in Floyd District Court for a preliminary hearing on one charge of cultivating five or more plants of marijuana.

According to a criminal complaint issued against Brow on July 28, five marijuana plants were found planted in her front yard while she was a resident of Pennington Trailer Court along the Big Branch of Bull Creek. Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy B.J. Caudill, who swore the July 28 complaint, said Brow had allegedly planted and cultivated the plants with intentions to sell or transfer them at a later date. Floyd County Sheriff's

Lt. Greg Clark arrested Brow on Jan. 29, several months after the criminal complaint, at the apartment where she now resides at Cliffside Apartments.

She pleaded not guilty during court proceedings and later posted \$500 on a \$5,000 bond.

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Tomorrow



High: 47 • Low: 32

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One Voice for Eastern Kentuck

Motorist assists police in stopping chase

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

BLUE RIVER - An Indiana man is in custody after sending police on a highspeed chase that ended in a citizen-assisted road block at the mouth of Andy Allen

Clarence Slone, 49, of Mooresville,

Ind., was arrested Wednesday shortly after crossing into his lane. 4 p.m. and charged with a total of 16 felony offenses, according to arrest citations from Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Shepherd,

Shepherd wrote in his report that he approached Slone coming from the opposite direction on Route 404 when the 49year-old nearly hit him head-on after

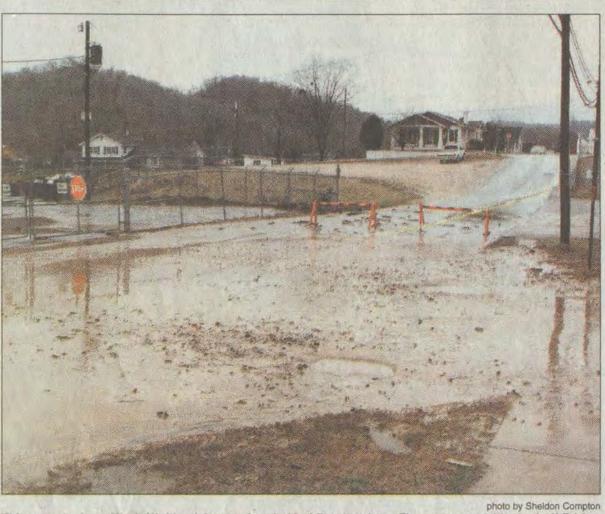
According to Shepherd, when he turned, Slone began to speed away, passing two vehicles and nearly running David resident Jackie Howard from the road.

"The other two vehicles got off in driveways to avoid collision," Shepherd wrote. "Mr. Howard then got in front of subject to slow him down."

Shepherd said when Howard pulled in front of Slone's 1993 Dodge, the Indiana

resident stopped in the middle of the road. When Shepherd approached Slone, he reported a strong smell of alcohol coming from the vehicle. He also noted that Slone had "difficulty standing" and refused to

(See CHASE, page three)



This stretch along North Highland Avenue just behind Prestonsburg Elementary was blocked off Friday. City officials said drains clogged with debris forced mud and water into the street and are planning talks with school officials about a solution.

Heavy rains bring back old problem in Prestonsbur

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although two days of steady rain received throughout the region had little adverse effects on most of Floyd County, some areas were hit with some surprise problems.

The largest portion of North Highland Avenue, which runs directly behind Prestonsburg Elementary, was blocked off Friday

afternoon after rainwater, mud and debris from a stream running across a nearby park jammed storm drains across the street,

The result was water, mud and various amounts of debris shooting from a series of drains along the street and entering the roadway.

Prestonsburg Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Harris, said the incident kept him on the phone most of the day, but there was little the city could do until talking with

school board officials.

"I've took calls all day about this, but the city's hands are tied," Harris said Friday. "We're waiting on people from the school board to come down and take a look."

According to Harris, the city recently placed what he referred to as a "T-drain" just outside the park to help deal with debris from the nearby stream, but could only place

(See DRAIN, page three)

Motion to release Miller goes unheard

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A motion to consider the release of accused murderer Velma Miller, 43, was not heard during a scheduled district court hearing Friday morning.

The motion, filed by Miller's attorney, Jerry Patton, who was not present for the hearing Friday, requested the court to release her on the basis that she has been incarcerated for more than 60 days without an indictment by the grand jury.

State law stipulates that suspected criminals cannot be held for more than 60 days without some action being taken by a grand jury. The motion was sched-

uled to be heard by Judge James R. Allen Friday morning, but Allen opted instead to send the motion to circuit court for consideration, where several hearings have already been held in the case. Miller, accused in the

shooting death of her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnutte, was incarcerated on Dec. 5 after she turned herself in to authorities. Commonwealth's

Attorney Brent Turner told The Times last week that a backlog of forensic evidence testing at the KSP labs are holding up the indictment.

No court date has yet been set in the case.

Judge refuses to dismiss AEP lawsuit

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTOSNBURG -During a hearing Friday morning regarding a civil suit against Kentucky Power, the parent company of American Electric Power, Judge Danny P. Caudill gave the company 30 days to

answer a response filed by attorney Nathan Collins, representing a man who is suing the company for the death of his father 18 years ago.

Barry Thornsberry Sr. was electrocuted while roofing a home in Wayland in September 1987, because of

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

Court asked to move Stumbo suit to Lexington

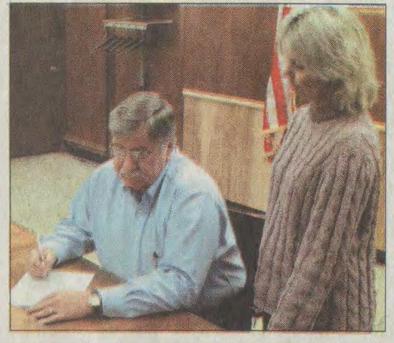
by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG The lawyers representing Travis Fristch, the Lexington woman who took Attorney General Greg Stumbo to court last year and was awarded child support payments after the court found Stumbo to be the father of her child, asked in a response filed in Floyd Circuit Court Thursday that further court proceedings be handled

in Fayette County. In a brief response filed by Paintsville attorney Michael Schmitt on behalf of Fristch's lawyer in the case, G. Edward Henry, the document addresses an Oct. 11, 2002, action filed by Stumbo.

In addition to asking that further proceedings be heard in Fayette County, considering the individuals involved in the case are residents of that county, the response also takes aim at a claim from Stumbo that both Henry and Fristch "annoyed, harassed and abused" his "ailing, pregnant

(See STUMBO, page three)



Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signed a proclamation expressing appreciation to the Floyd County Board of **Education Friday** afternoon while school board community education coordinator Beverly Crisman looked on. February is National School Board Recognition Month.

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Odds and Ends

III HARTFORD, Conn. -You can have your cake and eat

That's what pastry chefs at the Mohegan Sun casino are out

They are building what they hope will be the world's largest wedding cake. The seven-tier cake weighs more than 14,000 pounds and measures about 17feet tall, and is making its debut at the American Indian casino in Uncasville on Sunday.

"It just keeps going up," executive pastry chef Lynn Mansel said. "I still can't believe we did it."

Mansel is hoping to top the Guinness Book world record set by a 5,334 pound cake baked in June 2003 at Universal Studios in Orlando,

Mansel and his crew began assembling the massive white cake last Sunday. The top ingredients include 10,000 pounds of cake batter and 4,810 pounds of frosting, he said. The cake rests on a gigantic scale for measuring purposes, and each tier is separated by steel

"I had to think a lot," Mansel said of the design. "I had to think of all the wedding cakes I've already done and then multiply that by 100."

■ BEAUFORT, S.C. — The city of Beaufort had burst Janet Mark's bubble, but now the downtown shopkeeper is bubbly

Mark, owner of Carolina Stamper, was told to shut down the bubble-making machine on her storefront sign.

Mark had been making tiny bubbles for five years - with only one complaint from someone whose car got pelted with the floating suds.

"I got the bubble machine because I thought it added some quaintness to Beaufort and it made people happy," Mark said.

The 1998 ordinance that city officials said Mark was violating prohibits "permanent moving signs, windblown signs or devices to attract attention, all or part of which move by any means, including fluttering, rotating or otherwise moving devices, set in motion by movement of the atmosphere or by mechanical, electrical or other means."

The city just recently began cracking down on violations.

Mark was told to unplug her bubble machine or face a \$1,000a-day fine.

But after three bubble-free days, City Manager John McDonough had a change of heart and said the ordinance was unclear on bubble machines.

Happy 50th Birthday

Charlene Justice

Wilson

From:

Rhonda, Kathy and Clara

"The section (of city code) that enumerates prohibited signs really does not specify bubble machines as prohibited," McDonough said. The city "will withdraw the courtesy summons" threatening the \$1,088 fine.

The city will continue to look at the sign ordinance, but for now, the bubbles are back on.

"For five years people have been telling me they love it. Every day," Mark said.

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — A judge ordered police to return a stash of weed to two men.

Police pulled over Leo Beus on Sept. 22 because his car had tinted windows. Beus, 47, and his friend, Jon Balesteri, 54, had purchased 18 ounces of marijuana a day earlier at the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Club, said their attorney, Ben Rice.

They didn't have their medical prescriptions with them, but police allowed them to go home and retrieve them, Beus said. However, their \$3,000-plus worth of marijuana was confiscated for evidence.

Beus and Balesteri were charged with transporting and possessing marijuana for sale, but the charges were later dropped.

California allows people to grow, smoke or use medical marijuana with a doctor's recommen-

Rice said Superior Court Judge Art Danner ordered the pot returned because of the December federal appeals court ruling that a congressional act outlawing marijuana can not apply in states with such laws.

■ DAVENPORT, Iowa — A postcard mailed to a 7-year-old girl in a hospital has arrived almost 48 years after she died of an inoperable brain tumor.

Marilyn DeVrieze said her niece, Sharon Kaye Thiele, treasured a special pair of red shoes and was even photographed for a newspaper story with the shoes

when she spent about 3 months in over," De Vrieze said. Moline Public Hospital in 1956-57 before she died of the tumor.

People from across America mailed cards to the youngster when she was a patient at the hospital, DeVrieze of Rock Island, Ill., said.

One of those cards addressed to the eldest daughter of Vernon and Lois Thiele of Moline, Ill., mailed Nov. 6, 1956, from Portland, Ore., arrived Tuesday, nearly 48 years too late.

The card was discovered by "She got a lot of cards from all Trinity Medical Center employ-

ees, and DeVrieze picked it up Wednesday when she learned it existed.

Marilyn was newly married to Frank DeVrieze and living in Rock Island when her niece fell

"She was beautiful, and very smart," DeVrieze said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2004. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 8, 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur. During the war, Russia suffered a series of stunning defeats to Japan; the fighting ended with an agreement mediated by President Theodore Roosevelt, who went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

On this date:

■ In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

■ In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

■ In 1915, D.W. Griffith's silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

■ In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whitesonly bowling alley.

In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

■ In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

■ In 1992, the 16th Olympic Winter Games opened in Albertville, France.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton's health care proposal suffered a blow as the Congressional Budget Office released an analysis saying that the plan would not shrink federal deficits, but instead drive them higher.

Five years ago:

The Senate heard closing arguments at President Clinton's impeachment trial, with House prosecutors challenging senators to "cleanse the office" and the president's attorney dismissing the case as one of partisan retribution. Jordan's King Hussein was laid to rest during a five-hour funeral in Amman attended by dignitaries from all over the world, including President Clinton and former U.S. presidents Bush, Carter and Ford.

One year ago:

The chief U.N. arms inspectors arrived in Baghdad for a new round of crucial talks with Iraqi officials. In a jab at major U.S. allies, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a security conference in Munich that countries such as France and Germany that favored giving Iraq another chance to disarm were undermining what slim chance existed to avoid war. Tens of thousands of Venezuelans marched in support of 9,000 oil workers fired for leading a two-month strike against President Hugo Chavez.

Today's Birthdays:

Composer-conductor John Williams is 72. Actor Jack Larson is 71. ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 64. Actor Nick Nolte is 63. Comedian Robert Klein is 62. Country singer Dan Seals is 56. Singer Ron Tyson is 56. Actress Brooke Adams is 55. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 51. Author John Grisham is 49. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 43. Rock singer-musician Sammy LLanas (The BoDeans) is 43. Actor Gary Coleman is 36. Actress Mary McCormack is 35. Actor Seth Green is 30. Rock musician Phoenix (Linkin Park) is 27. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 16. Actress Karle Warren ("Judging Amy") is 12.

Thought for Today: "To maintain one's ideals in ignorance is easy." — Uta Hagen, German-born actress (1919-

House OKs bill to put emergency officials on same wavelength

by BRUCE SCHREINER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT wavelength was passed by the Kentucky House on Friday.

bill, which passed 87-0, was a potential life saver. He cited examples, in Kentucky and beyond, of lives lost because emergency responders were unable to communicate with each other.

Under his bill, state and local emergency agencies Legislation to ensure that state would have to submit wireless and local emergency workers communication master plans to are — literally — on the same a state oversight committee for review.

Local plans could not be Rep. Mike Weaver said his vetoed. But the mere requirement for state review should help guarantee that wireless systems are compatible, Weaver, D-Elizabethtown,

"By communicating with each other they can coordinate the plan that they have to go in and save the lives," Weaver said in an interview. "Right now we don't have that assur-

Any agency receiving state or federal funding for a wireless system would be covered by the bill.

The House also passed a bill to establish a state commission

(See HOUSE, page five)



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Court to take look at claim sentence fulfilled

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill presided over a hearing Friday to consider a motion filed by an inmate who asked the court to

furlough the sentence given him

for a manslaughter charge. Acting on his own behalf, Hardy Kilburn, 41, of Martin, who is currently incarcerated at + the Kentucky Sate Reformatory in La-grange, filed a motion Jan. 20, asking the court to grant him a furlough, claiming that he's already served the necessary sentence for crimes he pleaded guilty to nearly four years ago.

Kilburn, originally charged with murder and two counts of first-degree assault, pleaded guilty to amended charges of reckless homicide and two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment on Aug. 2, 2000, after he accepted a plea from the commonwealth's attorney's office.

That offer, negotiated and signed by Kilburn and his attorney, stipulated that Kilburn receive a total of five years for the charges against him in return for a guilty plea - two-and-ahalf years on the reckless homicide sentence running consecutively with two other concurrent two-and-a-half-year sentences.

But the sentence, in comparison to the time he has served, is "incorrect," claims Kilburn in the motion.

July 21, 2000, and was administratively discharged on Dec. 31, 2001, according to his court record. In April 2002, former Gov. Paul Patton restored his the probation and parole office civil rights, a fact Kilburn says in his motion shows that his time has already been served on the reckless homicide

Schmitt argued in his response

"The interesting fact is that

that Stumbo's wife and the others

named in the complaint are not

neither Stumbo's wife, nor any of

these family members, are parties

to this action and have no claims

against these appellants,"

Schmitt wrote in his response.

Everything complained of by

Stumbo occurred in Fayette

portion of Stumbo's 2002 action

in which he questioned the

approach by which Fristch was

attempting to gain financial sup-

response, Stumbo wrote in his

October complaint that "Henry's

client demanded a lump sum

payment rather than court-

ordered child support, and filed a

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According to Schmitt's

port for her child.

Schmitt also made note of a

charge.

Stumbo

wife and their families."

parties in the action.

Kilburn entered the jail on reinstatement of his civil rights, and he was resentenced in circuit court in 2002.

During the hearing Friday, Caudill asked an officer with to recalculate Kilburn's sentence. "It's something we'll take a look at and we'll take it from there," said Caudill, who also issued an order to place Kilburn was arrested on a Kilburn under the advisement parole violation following the of the last attorney who repre-

unilateral document prepared by

Henry and signed only by herself

which she represented as a 'con-

tract" between he and Fristch to

pay her in one lump sum rather

than in prepared support pay-

their response Thursday that it

has "long been the law of the

Commonwealth" that a compro-

mised, verbal agreement is no

less valid if lacking terms made

out in writing, and that if this is to

be disputed, cited cases they say

support that it should be resolved

Thursday's response, it is stated that an "agreed order" dated Sept.

26, 2001, was entered in Fayette

Circuit Court compelling Stumbo

to provide his income tax returns

ther proceedings should take

place in Fayette Circuit Court,

As for the argument that fur-

to Fristch and her counsel.

In a footnote included in

Fristch's lawyers argued in

sented him in the case.

According to his indictment, Kilburn caused the death of a passenger in his car, Randall Elkins, on May 19, 1998, when he wrecked while driving under the influence of marijuana and alcohol. Additionally, the indictment alleges that, during the incident, Kilburn struck two other vehicles driven by Paul Delone and Darrell Bartley, injuring them in the accident.

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Schmitt argued that irreparable injury would occur if the case were to be heard outside of the county.

"Common sense must not be a stranger in the house of the law," Schmitt wrote. "As a matter of law, the Floyd Circuit Court has no jurisdiction over this matter ... As it is, Henry, a practicing attorney, will be required to appear before the Floyd Circuit Court, approximately 120 miles from Fayette County, to defend an action in which he has no minimum contact with the jurisdiction and will be required to bear the expense, time and loss of income in appearance.'

Fristch's attorneys offered in conclusion of the response that the venue of the case should be changed or that the case should be dismissed, giving Stumbo the option then of filing the complaint as a counterclaim in Lexington.

Chase

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When it came time to get could not say when it would Slone into the cruiser, Howard according to Shepherd.

> "I tried to put him (Slone) in go," wrote Shepherd. "He kept backing away and saying he would kill me ... then Mr. Howard helped me get him in unit."

Following . the arrest, Shepherd said Slone continued to tell him that he would "kill me when he got out of jail", and when they arrived at the jail, Shepherd said Slone advanced on him and "acted like he was going to head-butt me".

Continuing his line of threats, Slone likewise refused a breath test at the jail, according to Shepherd, who said he later found a fifth of vodka during a search of Slone's vehicle.

Slone was charged with fleeing or evading police, firstdegree wanton endangerment, drunk driving, reckless driving, terroristic threatening, no driving license, no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, following

another motor vehicle too closely, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, refusing sobriety tests, failure to give oncoming vehicle half of the highway,

improper passing and menacing. Slone pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment Thursday and was placed into custody on a \$7,500 cash bond. He is due to appear for a preliminary hearing Feb. 11.

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Drain

the new portion of drain up to the point where the school board's property began.

Harris said a solution might call for digging up the drain, adding that the decision to reconstruct or change the drain running beneath the school would be entirely up to the

filed by Collins on behalf of

James M. Thornsberry, Barry's

The younger Thornsberry is

AEP, because of the companion-

ship and aid lost when his father

died after being electrocuted

while roofing a Wayland home

Sr. died because a "dangerously

located" 7,000 volt uninsulated

wire was "improperly hung"

over the home he was roofing.

ing to Thornsberry because,

according to a motion filed by

dismiss the case, his mother,

Rita Thornsberry, has already

received a \$40,000 settlement in

1989 through which she signed away the rights of her husband's

heirs to receive any further

During proceedings Friday

morning, Collins, representing

Thornsberry, asked the court to

overrule that motion to dismiss,

a suggestion that Caudill agreed

that AEP "can provide no law"

that supports the company's

claims for "loss of parental con-

sortium." Thornsberry's mother

"had neither the right nor the

authority" to assert or settle a

In his response, Collins said

claims from AEP.

attorney Randall Scott May to

But AEP says they owe noth-

Allegedly, Barry Thornsberry

school board.

Officials blocked off North submit to sobriety tests. Highlands Avenue Friday and

reopen, adding that much of that again offered his assistance, decision would depend on weather conditions and how soon the blockage could be dealt back of unit and he would not

Lawsuit

youngest son.

in 1987.

■ Continued from p1 the company's "gross negli- loss of parental consortium

gence," according to a lawsuit away the rights of her children, he said.

seeking punitive damages from frivolous," said Collins Friday. claim for a man's life for

care of his kids as well." After overruling AEP's

May was not present during the hearing Friday.

According to Collins, the naked wire still remains over the Wayland home.

claim, he argued. Rita Thornsberry did not sign

"This motion to dismiss is "They can't expect to settle a \$40,000 and expect that to take

motion to dismiss, Caudill ordered that the company answer Collins' response within 30 days.

Times Staff Report

ROARK — Five people died Friday in a mobile home fire in the community of Roark, state police said.

In a statement from Kentucky State Police Post 13 in Hazard, Trooper Tim Kilburn said at approximately 6:45 a.m. the Redbird Fire Department received a call that a mobile home in the Leslie County community was on fire.

When the fire department

arrived on the scene they then to the state medical examiner's office for indentification and to death, Kilburn said.

incident.

contacted police and informed them that five people had been killed in the fire. The victims have not yet been identified, but authorities have sent the bodies determine an exact cause of

There have been no officials statement as to what might have caused the fire, and state police are continuing to investigate the



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Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

— James Baldwin

OurView

State deserves to get better deal

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet should seize the moment after a recent report revealed that it could have saved millions over the past several years if more bidders were involved on road projects and high management positions were cut.

The report, prepared by the Dye Management Group, revealed that over the past two years the state could have saved \$54 million if at least two bidders had competed for highway construction projects.

More competition in state highway projects is certainly needed in a department rocked by scandals during the Patton administration.

This approach could save the state and taxpayers large amounts of money.

The report revealed that during the two-year study, 49 projects costing \$300 million - just more than a quarter of all money spent for construction during the period - were awarded in cases where there was only one bidder. Another 39 projects drew only two bidders.

Dye said that its analysis "supports the basic economic theory that the consistent absence of competition results in the cabinet's not getting a fair price on many construction projects."

Since the report acknowledges the reality that competitive bids are not possible in every single case, Dye suggested that bids in excess of the cabinet's estimated project costs be rejected.

Other problems the report found: The current six-year highway plan is packed with \$2 billion more in projects than the state can afford, and the cabinet is top heavy with "multiple layers of senior management."

With the state's current budget crisis, it doesn't make sense for the six-year plan to be overloaded. The cabinet should also be reorganized by eliminating nonessential "layers of management."

The report found that the cabinet's administrative expenses were higher than nine of the 14 states Kentucky was compared to. This is unacceptable for a state with Kentucky's limited resources.

New Transportation Secretary Clay Bailey has indicated his commitment to getting the best value in transportation. Our state deserves no less.

— Daily News, Bowling Green

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-Jim Davidson

A prison inmate who is looking for a job

According to the United States Bureau of Justice statistics, there are over 6 million adults who are part of our nation's criminal justice system. Of this number over 4 million are on probation

Here is the sad news for many of these people, in addition to being convicted of a crime. A recent government report found of those on parole, 46 percent met their conditions of supervision, while 40 percent went back to jail or prison for violations. Now I'm not too sharp on math, but this report did not say what happened to the other 14 per-

What I do know is that over the past several months I have heard from a good number of prison inmates who write to me for one reason or another. Usually it's because they have read one of my articles in a local paper and because of my encouraging nature, they often open up and share their heart with me. Many feel remorse and want to start a new life.

Such was the case for a man who

wrote to me a few months ago, while he is incarcerated in one of our eastern states. You will note that I never identity the state, unless what I have to say is complimentary, because it would be unfair to single out any one state since all states have the same basic problems.

This inmate, whose name is Henry, has been in prison for about five years

and he is scheduled to be released in 18 months. The main problem for Henry is that he wants to find a job when he gets out. He shared with me in his last letter that people tell him to go to Manpower, Labor Finders, the unemployment office and so forth.

He says they are right, you can go there, but if you have a felony on your record they will give you an application to fill out but they will never call you back. From this point on they will just give you the run around. Have you ever had someone give you the run around?

The bottom line is this. Many inmates go back to prison because they can't find a job and have to revert back to their old ways to survive. I'm not discounting the fact that many ex-cons really do not want a job or at least one that requires real work. Their old ways

and habits are too hard to break and when they violate their parole requirements, back they go.

However, there are many inmates who have been rehabilitated and do want a job and I'm hoping that Henry is in this group. His choice of company will make a big difference. Only time

> Apparently he was out earlier and got a job at a fast food restaurant. When he was hired he did not put his criminal record on his application and after six months his employer found out and fired him. At this point he asked the manager if it would have made any difference if he had put it on his application. The manager said, no, they just would not have called him for an inter-

There are many reasons for attitudes like this in our society. The number one factor is fear, the fear that an ex-con won't be trustworthy and even could turn out to be violent, if there is a disagreement or confrontation in the workplace

The next reason is because many employers who have hired ex-cons have had a bad experience. You know it just takes one bad egg out of a dozen to turn an employer sour on ever giving another

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beyond the beltway

Bush's policies: Inspired or ignorant?

by DONALD KAUL

Let us assume, for a moment, that President Bush is right. About everything. (Be a sport. It's only for a moment.) For the sake of argument, suppose that:

The war in Iraq was a terrific idea, that it rid the world of a fearsome despot who would have done us ill. That, in addition, it's going well and has placed the feet of the Iraqi people firmly on the path to democracy and freedom and set the stage for a less volatile, more peaceful Middle East. Moreover, that it has served as a stern warning to our enemies throughout the world -Libya, Iran, South Korea, that whole evil axis - that we are not to be trifled with;

The tax cuts so dear to the president's heart have restarted the economy and will soon start producing a commensurate number of jobs. And as the economy awakens, tax revenues will rise despite the cuts in rates, and the enormous budget deficits we face will begin to melt and everyone will get richer quicker;

The health care measures proposed by the president will significantly ease the cost of prescription medicines for the elderly and poverty-stricken and lead to a healthier, happier nation; orest fires will become a thing of the past as logging companies are given the opportunity to clear-cut dangerous forests before they burn;

A higher level of arsenic in water will be found to be beneficial to the health of children and other living things;

Global warming will be discovered to be not a long-term threat but a mere phase the earth is going through, like acne in a teenager; Schools across the nation will actually get better as a result of the president's "No Child Left Behind" programs, so much so that we'll soon be turning out high school graduates who can find

Europe on a map and tell you the product of seven times eight without using a

Married couples will be so inspired by the sanctity granted them by the constitutional ban on gay marriages, that they'll stop getting divorces.

Let's assume all of that, for those are the premises on which the president's administration is based. Well, I've got to tell you, if he is right on those issues, or even a majority of them, he deserves all

the credit in the world. I'm talking Mount Rushmore here. If his programs achieve the stated results the man will go down in history as a genius and we, his opponents, as sorry, misguided soreheads.

If, however:

The war in Iraq drags on indefinitely, milking us of blood and treasure or, even worse, we withdraw and abandon the Iraqi people to the kind of chaos that is engulfing Afghanistan;

The tax cuts lead to insupportable

budget deficits, which trigger an inflation that in turn frightens foreign investors, causing them to stop financing our national debt, collapsing our economy;

Mr. Bush's insurance plan leads to higher profits for HMOs and drug companies and high prescription bills for seniors;

Our environmental policies turn out to be the disasters they seem to be;

Our schools stay mired in medioc-

People keep getting divorced; Then I say Mr. Bush should be judged a colossal failure and he and his right-wing gang in Congress deserve to be picked up by the ears and thrown into the dustbin of history, from whence they got their moldy ideas. The sooner the better.

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Faith Extra

«TV evangelist in rural Illinois hopes cable will take him national

by SUSAN SKILES LUKE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THOMPSONVILLE, III. -Danny Shelton leaned into a speaker phone toward the end of talks with a satellite company promising to sell his Three Angels Broadcasting Network to thousands of cable operators across the country.

"Let's call it a deal," he said. "It seems the Lord is opening up these doors."

There was no time to celebrate. Shelton was out of his seat and already headed across the dio at the Christian broadcasting network he founded. It was time to run through hymns for a new

The former carpenter and devout Seventh-day Adventist has served as everything from road-builder to talk show host to singer for the media operation he has been building for 18 years in the farmland of southern Illinois.

Today, brick buildings and satellite dishes are the nerve center for Three Angels, which sends a mix of religious and lifestyle programs to 10.2 mil-

parking lot to the recording stu- lion U.S. households by cable or satellite - along with the 100 free-to-air TV stations it owns.

A production house in Russia seeds programs to 170 stations there, and stations in the Philippines and Papua New Guinea also carry the network.

Three Angels is still a relatively small player in the nation's religious broadcasting industry. For example, Trinity Broadcasting Network, a Costa Mesa, Calif.-based conglomerate that features such wellknown evangelists as Benny Hinn, reaches 70 million homes.

The 52-year-old Shelton hopes his latest satellite deal will win millions more viewers. Until then, it remains most notable for its ties to the Seventh-day Adventist church, a Protestant denomination whose members go to church on Saturday, shun alcohol and tobacco (many also are vegetarians) and anticipate what they believe will be Jesus' imminent return.

Shelton's career path can be traced back to his family's conversion to the Adventist church.

Growing up poor in the coalmining Illinois town of West

to resign as archbishop. A final

mission statement should be

approved this month, Bullock

One priest who is no longer

active in the forum said some of

his colleagues, particularly

younger priests, have been

turned off by a perception that

the group is dominated by liber-

that conservative, but, boy, did I

feel like it," said the priest, who

spoke on condition of anonymi-

forum, who also spoke on con-

dition of anonymity, said the

thing," he said. "It's not a voice,

Archbishop Sean O'Malley, has

proposed changes to an elected

body of priests within the arch-

group suffers a lack of vigor.

it's a whisper."

A priest still active in the

"It's not doing much of any-

Meanwhile, Law's successor,

"I don't even consider myself

Frankfort, Shelton helped feed and his wife, singer Linda his four brothers and sister by pumping septic tanks with his dad, a former honky-tonk singer.

The family also traveled to work in Indiana's tomato fields in the summertime, singing old spirituals as they fanned out across the rows.

"We'd sing, 'I Need No Mansion Here Below," Shelton said, breaking into his baritone as he stood near a grand piano in his recording studio. His family often performed at churches, too.

Fast forward to 1982. Shelton's first wife was killed in a car wreck and he turned to music to help in the healing process. He quit his day job in carpentry and began to sing gospel full time, appearing at churches and Christian TV stations with his 11-year-old daughter, Melody.

He didn't like what he saw at those stations, particularly the long segments in which hosts would ask viewers for donations.

"Any time they would talk, it was always about 'Give to me and God will bless you," Shelton recalled.

He told God he'd start a station that would spread the gospel without asking for money very often. He didn't have any cash, land or equipment, but he talked about his dream between songs at the churches where he appeared.

"It's OK to make your needs known, it's just not OK to beg,"

The checks came in, and his dream took off. A woman who caught his performance donated some unused land to the cause.

Before long, Three Angels' first uplink station was built on the small plot at the end of a road Shelton had forged through the grassland. More donations came as satellites expanded Three Angels' reach.

Viewers get a mix of religion and lifestyle shows, some 80 percent of which are taped at the network's studios here. Shelton

Shelton, interview visiting preachers and missionaries on cushy couches in their set made to look like a living room.

Other local hosts have shows in English and Spanish like "Tiny Tots for Jesus," cooking and exercise demonstrations and musical programs. The remaining 20 percent of airtime is bought by preachers, most of them Seventh-day Adventists, who run tapes of their sermons.

The network's message is aimed at a broader Christian audience but pushes Adventist themes: eat healthy, exercise, and prepare to answer to God at the end of the world, which could be sooner rather than later.

A few times a day, a taped announcement tells viewers they can "send their tax-deductible love gift" to the address on the

Three Angels' tax filings show it's collected \$12 million to \$14 million a year in donations for the past several years: Danny and Linda Shelton each take home about \$50,000 a year, Shelton said, and don't take money for the books and CDs they produce on Three Angels' label.

Shelton said he hopes OlympuSat, the satellite company he recently hired, will help him win the more than 8,000 cable operators who don't yet carry his network, the vast majority of the U.S. cable mar-

The satellite company will bundle Three Angels with other channels and hawk them in packages to cable operators.

"That's a smart move on their part," said Robert Higley, Trinity Broadcasting Network's vice president of affiliate sales and relations.

Shelton says he is driven more by devotion than ambition.

"I'm just going where I think the Lord wants us to go," he said.

Priests forum struggles to define itself in the wake of scandal

by JAY LINDSAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON - It began as a way for Roman Catholic priests to support each other in what is a tough vocation at the best of

The Boston Priests' Forum jumped to prominence when the clergy sex abuse scandal exploded in the nation's fourthlargest Roman Catholic archdiocese two years ago. The group's public concern about the way Cardinal Bernard Law handled molestation claims added to the pressure on Law to resign as archbishop.

Now that Law has been gone

House

County in 1809.

for more than a year and the crisis has eased somewhat, the priests' forum finds itself struggling to remain a functioning group and to determine just exactly what it's supposed to do, organizers say.

The group is caught between returning to its roots as a fraternal organization or developing the public voice it found during the height of the crisis, said the Rev. Robert Bullock, the forum's president.

The forum might best serve priests as an independent voice,

but that could also cause discord within the clergy, said the Rev. Thomas Mahoney, the group's

■ Continued from 2

to plan events to mark the 200th anniversary of Abraham Thompson, Lincoln's birth. Lincoln was born in what is now LaRue Also Friday, legislation for everything from fuel to against price-gouging was introduced in the House with

> The proposed price caps could be invoked only when the national "threat level" was red — its highest — or when the President or governor had declared a state of emergency.

national disaster. The sponsor, Rep. Tommy

an endorsement from Attorney

General Greg Stumbo. It would

put a 10 percent cap on price

increases for food, fuel and a

wide range of medical and

emergency supplies during

times of national crisis or

Thompson, said it was modeled on similar laws in 25 other Owensboro, said he saw an "obscene escalation" of prices flashlights after a tornado struck Owensboro four years

Across the Capitol, the Senate took up no bills.

"That's why this is a difficult among the first to call for Law crossroads to come to," he said. The forum was founded in

2001 by three priests who began meeting over dinner to discuss theology and chronic problems of the priesthood, such as isolation and overwork.

When the abuse scandal broke in January 2002, group leaders took on a public role.

Law did not embrace the forum, waiting two months to meet with leaders after they asked him for an urgent meeting. Its growth without Law's backing was extraordinary, given the priests' oath of obedi-

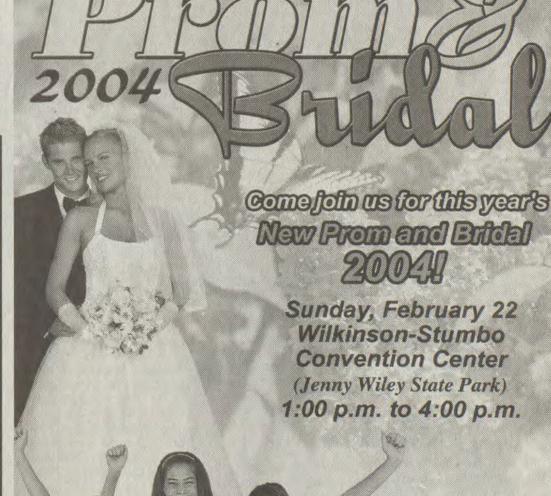
The forum grew to about 250 of the 550 active priests in the archdiocese. Still, Mahoney said it never truly became a unified voice for clerics.

Once Law stepped down in December 2002 the crisis began to cool, along with the motivation of some forum members, said the Rev. Walter Woods, one of its directors. Membership has dipped to about 200 priests.

The momentum is there, but it's not what it was a year-and-ahalf ago," Woods said. "We've come up against limits - limits of time and limits of energy."

In an effort to become better organized, the forum has drafted a mission statement with Mary Jo Bane, a public policy expert from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Catholic lay leader who was

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Norma "Jean" Avalos, 73, of Milford, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 21, at her residence. Services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford.

James Barnett, 88, of Martin, died Monday, January 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

David Ollie Blackburn, 59, of Banner, died Monday, February 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Perry Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ida Flora King Blankenship, 62, of Teaberry, died Friday, January 30, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Reecie Wheeler Bryant, 90, of Price, died Saturday, January 31, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Jerry R. Butler, 69, of Gahanna, Ohio, formerly of Drift, died Monday, February 2. He is survived by his wife, Katherine (Roseman) Butler. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Schoedinger Northeast Chapel in Gahanna.

Phyllis Collins, 57, of

Obituaries

Clarinda Whitaker

Clarinda Whitaker, age 87, of Mason, Michigan, died Monday, February 2, 2004, in Lansing, Michigan.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Harrison and Izania (Richardson) Williams.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ollie, in 1998, and her son, James.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanetta (Chester) Ramey of Eaton Rapids, Joyce (Mike) Martin of Mason; six sons: Axley (Claude) Whitaker of Eaton Rapids, George (Donis) Whitaker of Texas, Oliver (Kay) Whitaker of Lansing, Russell (Becky) Whitaker of Springport, Richard Whitaker of Ohio, and Glenn (Jill) Whitaker of Eaton Rapids: 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one stepgrandson; two sisters, Revis Kritz of Ohio, and Dorothy Lyons of Indiana.

Funeral services were held in Michigan, on Thursday, February 5, at 10 a.m., at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids; and were held in Prestonsburg on Friday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, where the family received friends from 9 a.m., until service time.

Interment followed at the George Whitaker Cemetery. (Paid obituary)

courteous service.

Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rose Margaret Reese Conley, 82, of Garrett, died Tuesday, February 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Jay Conley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Frank Conn, 84, of Printer, died Thursday, January 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp, 100, of Allen, died Wednesday, February 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gladys M. Kittle Gullett, 93, of Bypro, died Monday, January 26, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ralph Vernon Frye, 81, of Martin, died Saturday, January 31, in St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Music Frye. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James (Big Ed) Edward Hall, 27, of Lackey, died Tuesday, February 3, following an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Janie Lynn Moore Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shirley Ousley Handley, 56, of Crossville, Tennessee, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, January 28, at Cumberland Medical Center, in Crossville. Funeral services conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Jack Carlton Hufford, of Dayton, Ohio, died Monday, February 2. He is survived by his wife, Treva Conley Hufford, formerly of Garrett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elva Jones, 63, of Beaver, died Tuesday, February 3, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cora Edna Osborne, 75, of Harold, died Wednesday, February 4, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Kathleen Parker, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 4. Services were held Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Carter Funeral

Susie Stambaugh, 92, of Wayland, died Monday, February 2, in the Baptist Home East, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday,

February 5, under the directon of Hall Funeral Home.

Ricky Stanley, 48, of Melvin, died Thursday, January 29, at Broadbottom. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Clarinda Whitaker, 87, of Mason, Michigan, a native of Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 2, in Lansing, Michigan. Funeral services were held in Michigan on Thursday, February 5, at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids, and on Friday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Knott County

Marva Louise Breeding, 63, of Hazard, a native of Knott County, died Tuesday, January 27, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. She is survived by her husband, Willard Breeding. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Martha Ella Huff, 76, of Lexington, a native of Cawood, died Monday, January 26, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

John B. Ritchie, 76, of Hindman, died Thursday, January 29, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pete A. Wicker, 71, of DeCoy, a native of Mousie, died Wednesday, February 4, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Serena Conley Wicker. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Lola Anderson, 69, of Virgie, died Monday, February 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Posey D. Belcher, 90, of Mouthcard, died Saturday, January 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Belcher. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Byron Neal "Big Neil" Blackburn, 46, of Huddy, died Sunday, February 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Hatfield Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Frank Calvin Farley, 60, of Belfry, died Thursday, January 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Genevia Carol Justice Farley. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Rosemary Thacker Goff, 66, of Greasy Creek, a Pike County native, died Saturday, January 31, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Darrell Goff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth McCoy Hackworth, 59, Varney, died Saturday, January 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hattie M. Harrell, 100, of Belleville, Michigan, died Friday, January 30, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Funeral serconducted were Wednesday, February 4, under

the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Earl Jones, 76, of Russell, formerly of Phelps, died Saturday, January 31, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Florence Ferrell Jones. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Gladys Rhodes Lopez, 88, of Chicago, formerly of Kimper, died Thursday, January 29, at Regency Nursing Home, Chicago. She is survived by her husband, Tony Lopez. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 2, under the direction of Community Funeral Home, Zebulon.

Jonathan A. Lord, 33, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 25, the result of a kayaking accident on the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Melinda Lord. A memorial service was held Saturday, February 7, at 1 p.m., Saturday, February 7, at First Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Louie Clyde Maynard, 78, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Canada, died Friday, January 30, in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Barbara Gaye Mullins, 51, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Spencer C. Mullins, 42, of River Rouge, Michigan, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 1, in River Rouge. Graveside services were conducted at the Ratliff Cemetery, Shelbiana. Arrangements were under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Anna Lou Newsome, 53, of Sookeys Creek Road, died Thursday, January 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Jesse Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

George Simmons Jr., 55, of Shelby Gap, died Sunday, January 25, at his home. Graveside services were conducted Friday, January 30, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home of Jenkins.

Vogal Tackett, 79, of Virgie, died Saturday, January 31, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Julia Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 2, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Bert Alan Thacker, 49, of Mount Sterling, formerly of Greasy Creek, died Sunday, February 1, at his home, the result of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was survived by one day by his wife, Mary Christine Baker Thacker, who died Monday, February 2. Funeral conducted services were Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Mary Christine Thacker, 32, of Mount Sterling, died Monday, February 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, the result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Heather Nicole Thacker, 11, of Mount Sterling, died Sunday, February 1, at her home, the result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Marvin Alan Thacker, 13, of Mount Sterling, a Pike County native, died Sunday, February 1, at his home, the result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the of Louisa, died Sunday, February direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Tina Belcher Williams of Wolfpit, died Thursday, January 29. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Bonnie Cantrell, 64, of Sitka, died Saturday, January 24, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Henry Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Ollie Conley, 88, of Staffordsville, died Monday, January 20, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday. January 29, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mary Jane Frazier, 63, of Galion, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Wednesday, 28, at Galion January Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Cecil W. Frazier. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Mark A. Schneider Funeral Home.

Samuel Jerome Gross Sr., 63, of Paintsville, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, January 28, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Frances Pilkerson Gross. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Christopher Shawn Preece, 19, a Pike County native, died Sunday, February Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Ed A. Russell Jr., of Lakeland, a native of Van Lear, died Tuesday, January 13. He is survived by his wife, Annie W Russell. Arrangements were under the direction of Gentry-Morrison Northside Funeral

Selse Edward Slone, 71, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, January 31, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Beatrice Wallen, 78, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, January 20, Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Kethern Keith "Judge" Bays, 66, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, January 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Tommy Tackett, 79, of Salyersville, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, January 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Panzie Montgomery Taulbee, 79, of Royalton, died Thursday, January 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Harold James Arrington, 41, of Louisa, died Monday, February 2. He is survived by his Michelle Pickrell Arrington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 5, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Mabel Irene O'Neal, 80, of Bonita Springs, Florida, a native

1, at the Hospice Care Facility, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Steen Funeral Homes, Ashland.

Carma "Doc" Sexton, 82, of Louisa, died Thursday, January 29, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Stella Mills Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 31, with burial under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Martin County

Launa Crum, 75, a Martin County native, died Sunday, February 1, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Delmar Crum, 75, of Boons Camp, a Martin County native, died Sunday, January 25, at St. Joseph East, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

James Albert (Whitney) Howard, 68, of Debord, died Sunday, January 25, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Clarrice Blevins Howard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Christopher Shawn Preece, 19, of Beauty, died Sunday, February 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Beltway

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You may not believe this but I'm rooting for Mr. Bush. Despite the fact I can't stand him as a personality (a cocky, strutting ignoramus), I wish the pres ident well. I have little choice. If he fails, we all fail. Who wants to see one's country go down the

But I fear something closer to the second scenario will be our lot. If you're one of those people who think he's doing a good job and that we're on the right track, God bless you. The stakes in this game are nothing less than the future of this country.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. His e-mail is donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



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the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic

control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and

Fletcher: Must 'broaden the base' of sales tax

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday he is mulling how to broaden the sales tax in order to reduce income taxes and otherwise lessen the tax burden on the have to broaden the base" of

Fletcher said nothing has been decided and nearly everything is "on the table."

allegedly occurred between

Christmas Eve and New Year's

day. Blair is accused of impris-

oning his wife and two children

at their residence. Allegedly,

Blair hit his wife with a flash-

Blair also allegedly stalked his

wife during that time, contacting

her by telephone "for no legiti-

mate purpose" and threatening

to kill her, which broke the con-

ditions of a restraining order she

the courtroom, Blair looked

angrily toward his wife, who

the Floyd County Detention

Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

was present in the audience.

heard July 26, 27 and 28.

As he was being led out of

He is currently being held at

The trial is scheduled to be

According to the indictment,

light and a video cable.

had against him.

the sales tax. "We're going to have to look at what is politically doable," Fletcher told reporters after a proclamation signing at the Capitol. Kentucky's 6 percent sales

tax has been riddled with exemptions by the General Assembly over the last three decades. Among the most conspicuous are exemptions for groceries, utilities and prescription drugs but there are 60 others.

Fletcher has said he wants the General Assembly to rewrite the state tax code, and legislators are waiting to see a proposal.

Fletcher's stated goal is "tax modernization" that would at first be "revenue neutral," meaning that any increase in a tax would be offset by a corresponding decrease in another tax. Over time, state revenues would grow because taxes would be applied to elements of economic growth.

Fletcher has said that he would be willing to propose a higher state cigarette tax, currently second lowest in the nation at 3 cents per pack. He declined Friday to specify an amount. "We'll have to look at what's feasible," he said.

July trial date set in **Christmas stalking case**

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A July trial date has been set in a case against a man who is accused of stalking and assaulting his family during the holidays.

James Anthony Blair, 32, of Prestonsburg, indicted on two counts of second-degree assault, stalking and three counts of unlawful imprisonment, appeared in Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill's courtroom Friday with his attorney, Stephen Owens, to set a trial date in his case.

Blair was indicted on those charges for an incident which





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one a chance again.

There is however, a bright side. When many inmates are released from prison, they do go straight and make really good

employees. I have heard of many cases like this. There is a young man from our church who is in prison now and I have learned that he is getting vocational training so he will have a skill to offer a potential employer when he is released in the next several months.

In relation to what I have been sharing, for those of you who will read this column, both inmates and potential employers alike, there are two primary considerations here.

First to inmates: Many convicted felons do not truly understand the trust and confidence factor. When you make a serious mistake and wind up in prison, it often takes years to restore your good name and have others willing to trust you and have enough confidence in you to give you a job. Work hard, be honest and dependable for three to five years and you will see trust and confidence begin to return.

For potential employers: If you or someone you know is willing to give an inmate who wants a job a chance, please drop me a note and I will put you in touch with Henry. From that point on you will have to be the judge. Please understand, I'm not an employment agency and there are people who do this professionally. Also, if any of you know of companies (large or small), agencies or websites that can help these people, pass it along and I will share it in a future column.

- If you want to know why I'm doing this, sometime read the poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand" and you will understand why. There is

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Abuse suspect's plea for lower bond denied

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A request for a reduction in bond from a Harold man charged with 13 counts of criminal abuse for allegedly abusing his adopted son was denied Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Attorney Stephen Owens, representing Ansel L. Hall, appeared

in Judge Danny P. Caudill's release needed the money back, a July 2001 and January 2002. The courtroom Friday, asking the court to rule in favor of a motion he filed Jan. 16 seeking a reduction in Hall's partially-secured \$50,000 cash bond.

Owens asks in the motion that the money be released in the previously set cash bond.

During proceedings, Owens said that a friend of Hall's who

under advisement before he overruled the motion during the hear-Hall, 30, is charged with 13 counts of criminal abuse of a

consideration that Caudill took

wanton endangerment. He was indicted in December 2002 for allegedly assaulting his put up the cash bond for his 12-year-old adopted son between

child under 12 and one count of

indictment alleges that Hall tortured his son by using a horse whip to strike the child on the legs, calf, back, stomach, hip and both arms, for causing trauma to the child's chest with a cattle prod, and for striking the boy's legs and hip with a wooden pad-

He was arrested along with his wife, Georgia L. Hall, who currently faces 16 counts of firstdegree criminal abuse.

Hall, who was previously scheduled to go to trial in December, is scheduled to face a jury of his peers on June 5.

According to his file, this is the second time Caudill has over- dence of other crimes in the case.

ruled a request to reduce Hall's bond. Caudill signed an order overruling a reduction in his bond on Dec. 20, 2002. That bond, originally set at \$100,000 partially secured, was amended to the

current bond set against Hall. The commonwealth has filed a notice of intent to introduce evi-

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Judge to take 10 days Pro-Fitness PORTS to consider bond request a to consider bond request.

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG request to reduce a \$25,000 cash bond against Tracy Dean Yates, charged in the 2002 death of 2year-old Stacia Paige Collins, will be considered within 10 days, according to a ruling handed down in circuit court Friday.

Yates, 48, of Harold, was indicted in September on charges of second-degree manslaughter, three counts of fourth-degree assault, driving on a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident. The charges stem from a two-car collision which occurred at Mud Creek.

Allegedly, Yates fled the scene of the accident after crashing his wife's car into Collins'

injuring her older brother and parents, Stacy and Denise Collins.

During the hearing, held in Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill's court, public advocate Michael Studebaker said that Yates' \$25,000 cash bond was "unreasonable," noting that Yates has been incarcerated since Oct. 8, a fact which prevents him from being able to afford to pay that

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner argued that the bond was not "unreasonable," as suggested by Studebaker, and asked that the court not to reduce it because the man, who fled the scene of the 2002 accident, poses a "flight risk."

"Mr. Yates crossed the center line, struck another vehicle and

vehicle, killing the child and left the scene with a small child in the car dead," said Turner. "This pattern indicates a flight risk. He's already run once

before." Studebaker argued against Turner's suggestion, telling the court that they were not there "to try to case before the court yet," but to consider Yates' eligibility for bond reduction.

Caudill said he would consider both arguments, as well as the information provided in Yates' record, before entering a final decision in the matter within 10

Scandal

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diocese, called the Presbyteral Council, that his spokesman said may lessen the need for the forum. The Rev. Christopher Coyne said the new council will give priests the kind of voice in the archdiocese they've been seeking through the forum.

"Over time, as the Presbyteral Council becomes reinvigorated and reconstituted, much of what the priests' forum seeks to bring about becomes redundant,' Covne said.

Bullock said O'Malley's changes to the council won't make the forum unnecessary because the council is an advisory body to the archbishop, while the forum is an "independent and distinctive" support group for

Bullock and other forum leaders met recently with O'Malley in what Bullock called a "positive" session. Forum leaders emphasized the group was not confrontational, but would act to preserve priests' rights and boost morale.

Bullock's pledge came as a new set of issues are emerging for Boston priests.

O'Malley strongly opposes gay marriage, though other Catholics are less certain. Church closings and parish con-solidations O'Malley is planning to announce are sure to anger parishioners and add tur-

moil to priests' lives. With all that's happening, Mahoney said, priests have an acute need for the forum as it was perceived during the crisis: "There's a need for support and strength among a very fractured and powerless group, which is the priests of this archdiocese."



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H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders too strong for Sheldon **Clark**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT - South Floyd outscored Sheldon Clark 15-4 in the first quarter Thursday night and never looked back, beating the visiting Lady Cardinals 53-39.

The Lady Raiders led 25-16 at the break.

Tab Trammel led a balanced South Floyd scoring attack with 11 points. Ashley Johnson and Tab Tackett each had nine points for the Lady Raiders. Amanda Johnson scored eight, while Brandy Anderson and Megan Ousley both chipped in five apiece.

Courtney Blocker, Miranda Gregory and Carla Hall all had two each.

No Lady Cardinal scored in double figures.

Tiffany Meade led Sheldon Clark with eight points.

Magoffin Co. 79, Johnson Central 69: Host Johnson Central jumped out to a 19-14 lead in the first quarter, but could not make it stick against 57th District foe Magoffin County. The Lady Hornets

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DIRT TRACK

BK Motorsports gears up for Speedweeks

SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Brandon Kinzer Motorsports is enthusiastic about getting "back in the saddle" and heading to Volusia Speedway Park (VSP) during the upcoming week, Feb. 9-14, for the kickoff of the 2004 UMP Late Model season.

"Right now, we chose to go to VSP because of the uncertainty with the major sanctioning bodies," said Kinzer. "Pup, our Hoosier distributor, treats us real well and it would be hard for us to turn away from him and his product not knowing what is going to happen after Speedweeks.

"We're gonna hit and miss similar to what we did last year. We tried to run the Southern All-Stars schedule in 2003 and we aren't a series team. Running outlaw and not knowing where we are going from week to week fits in our plans the best.'

After Volusia, Kinzer will load up his Gaerte-powered GRT Dirtcars and trek over to Glencoe, Alabama for an unsanctioned event at Green Valley Speedway Feb. 26-29 that'll pay \$15,000 to the win-

Similar to last year, Kinzer will rely on the crew chief talents of "Head Wrench" Jimmy Cabral, and longtime Brandon Kinzer Motorsports crew member Earl Cline

Ranger Contracting is one of the new sponsors that Kinzer has graced on the side of the No. 18 Brandon Kinzer

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BETSY LAYNE FALLS TO CLINTON CO. IN ALL 'A'QUARTERS



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne junior point guard Kristen Smith was defended in the first half of Friday's game by **Clinton County** guard Amber **Guffey.** Guffey had a game-high 26 points for Clinton County. Smith, in her first season as a varsity starter, had four points for Betsy Layne.

Lady Cats start well, hit offensive skid in second half

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - In the quarterfinals of the state's All "A" tournament, a cold-shooting second half was more than Betsy Layne could battle back from.

Clinton County will make a return trip to the semifinals after beating Betsy Layne 53-45 Friday in the quarterfinals of the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

But it wasn't all Clinton County in the quarterfinals matchup. Betsy Layne came out, played hard throughout and hit a cold shooting skid in the second half that ultimately put it behind to a point where it couldn't battle back and regain control.

Clinton County, the tournament's defending champion, trailed Betsy Layne 23-18 at the half, but the Lady Bulldogs came out hot and finished on top in the

second half, hitting nine of 17

from the field for 52.9 percent. The Lady Cats came out and played well in the first half. Clinton County, on the otherhand, struggled.

Betsy Layne led 13-12 at the end of the first quarter.

"I thought we came out and played excellent defense," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "In the third quarter, we came up short on some shots."

Betsy Layne still held control of the game in the second quarter, outscoring Clinton County 10-6.

"In the first half, I thought we played scared," said Clinton County Coach Ronnie Guffey. "In the second half, we loosened up."

The third quarter found the Lady Cats just short on many shots and missing scoring opportunities on several possessions in the quar-

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FOUR ON FOUR - Junior guard Kim Clark drove for Betsy Layne against Clinton County's Jessica Cummings. Clark tossed in a team-best 23 points for the Lady Cats. She connected on three three-point field goals.

photo by

Jamie Howel The Cheer Excite All Stars returned home from the American Spirit Champion ships with a pair of national titles.



CHEER EXCITE ALL STARS

Eastern Kentucky youth bring home two National Championships

TIMES STAFF REPORT

At the American Spirit Championships National Finals in St. Louis back on Jan. 18, the Cheer Excite All Stars brought home two National titles. CEA took both a Senior and a Youth squad to this two day event and both of them took first place in their divisions.

pep rallies and sideline pompoms. The St. Louis competition brought together all star teams from throughout the United States. During this competition participating teams performed complex gymnastics, stunts, mounts and dance routines.

Squad members are enrolled in regular gymnastics classes at

Most think of cheerleading as Gymnastics and More in Prestonsburg, and are hand selected from those classes to participate in the all-star pro-

The National Champion Senior squad consists of area students in 12th grade and under. The Youth squad is composed of fourth

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H.S. VOLLEYBALL: Rally scoring format to take full effect

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS - At its January 11-12 meeting, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee reaffirmed the switch to the rally scoring format for high school volleyball in 2004-05, which was approved last year on an optional basis for

Most states enacted the format change last year, and the remainder will be required to adopt the new format this year. In rally scoring, points are awarded on each play, regardless which team serves, as opposed to the traditional sideout system.

All components of the rally scoring format approved last year will take effect in 2004-05, including the following:

All matches shall be best three-of-five games.

Games shall be played to 25 points (no cap), and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points (no cap).

allowed, and play shall continue provided net contact is entirely within the net antennas.

Each team shall be allowed two time-outs per game, with a total of 10 time-outs if five games are played.

The exception to these provisions approved by the committee this year is that by state high school association adoption, teams may play a best two-ofthree game match using the rally scoring format, with all three games, if necessary, played to 25 points (no cap).

There was some interest across the country in a best twoof-three format, so the committee determined state associations needed the option of adopting the alternate format if they so desired," said Cynthia Doyle, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committée.

"If state associations do not adopt the alternate format as a whole, however, schools are required to follow the best threeof-five format."

Aside from the continued The let serve shall be emphasis on the shift to rally

scoring, perhaps the biggest change made by the committee was with Rule 2-4-2, which will allow players to play a ball over a non-playable area if they have a body part in contact with a playable area at the time the ball is contacted.

During the follow-through, players could enter a nonplayable area after playing the ball. Previously, the official was required to stop play when a player broke the plane of a non-

the benches and tables.

"This change will allow play to continue when a player has made a great save or play on a ball while they were in a playable area, such as team playable area," Doyle said, "The officials' table, committee determined that the

bleachers, or the area between previous rule actually had more of an injury risk, with players trying to stop forward motion before leaving a playable area." Another major change

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HORSE RACING

New state racing authority meets for first time; will be audited

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON -Kentucky Horse Racing Authority approved an audit of its finances during its first meeting Thursday, a move urged by Gov. Ernie Fletcher so that the organization can "start with a clean slate."

The authority, established authority by Fletcher last month after he abolished the Kentucky Racing Commission, is charged with regulating racing in the state and promoting Kentucky's horse industry. The new authority assumed all the assets of the commission.

Meeting at the Kentucky Horse Park, the 16-member

unanimously approved the proposed audit. Mark York, a spokesman for the state Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet under which the authority falls - said no timetable has been set for the audit.

"In the course of our internal review (of) some of the activities of the former racing commission, we have found some procedural irregularities. We have some questions about the processes and payments for professional services," Fletcher said before requesting that the authority approve the audit.

Fletcher also encouraged authority members to work with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to promote equine research and to "showcase" what he called the state's "signature industry."

Fletcher appointed Bill Street, the recently retired president of Brown-Forman Corp. in Louisville, as the authority's chairman. Street,

industry for more than 40 years, acknowledged some ignorance of the horse industry but said he's spent a lot of time learning about it since his appointment.

"There is no doubt the horse industry is the signature industry in Kentucky," Street told fellow authority members. "I can tell you as a maker of fine bourbon, I have to gulp a little bit when I have to admit that."

Street said the authority will have to deal with numerous issues, including declining attendance at racetracks, increased competition from other forms of gambling and debates about the state's horse medication rules.

"The sense of direction is extremely important," Street said. "I don't believe in a rudderless ship. One of the first tasks that we will have as a new authority will be to define our mission, what our task is. I

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AUTO RACING

Daytona 500 opens season in a big way

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -No other sport begins its season with its biggest event, but NASCAR's drivers wouldn't have it any other way.

important - and more appreciated - than ever.

"We spend all winter preparing for it and, if it's not the biggest, somebody needs to stop

MARTIN - The David School

Falcons will play a semi-home

game at the Mountain Christian

Academy on Wednesday at 7

second year of basketball opera-

tions and plays all away games.

Mountain Christian Academy

Harvick, who finished fourth last year. "It's the first race, it's got all the hype, all the prestige and the most money.'

Harvick, along with defending champion Michael Waltrip and the rest of the Nextel Cup The Daytona 500 is more drivers, will begin practice Saturday for the Feb. 15 seasonopener at Daytona International

> With a new points format for 2004, dividing the year into a

School to use its facility for an

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TIMES STAFF REPORT has agreed to allow the David

by and tell us," said Kevin 26-race regular season and a 10race championship shootout, there was some concern that the Great American Race might lose some of its luster.

The drivers say no way.

"When you win this race, you know you've beaten the best," explained Elliott Sadler. "Everybody brings the best of everything they've got to this

"That doesn't happen at any other race. ... Here, the equipment is new, the uniforms are new. It's a great way to start the season off.'

Jeff Burton said having the biggest race of the year leading off the schedule never made sense to him until after NASCAR announced the new points format.

"In every other sport, their biggest event of the year is their last event," Burton said. "Look at how many people watched the Super Bowl on Sunday. Even my wife watched the Super

"But, in today's format, it's my opinion that the Daytona 500 is certainly the biggest race of the year, although it may not be the most important race of the year. Now we have a system that may make the last race of the year the most important. But not the biggest."

No one doubts the prestige of winning the Daytona 500.

"This race can save your career," Sadler said. "This race can make your career go to the next step.'

Just ask three-time winner Dale Jarrett, who shot to stardom after beating Dale Earnhardt in a head-to-head duel in the 1993 Daytona 500.

Jarrett has gone on to a great career, highlighted by winning two more of the 500-milers here (1996 and 2000) as well as the 1999 Cup championship.

"Winning this race opens doors for you," the second-generation Cup star said. "Winning that first one meant everything to me, to my family and to my career. Nothing has changed. It's still the big one."

Reigning Cup champion Matt Kenseth likes the historical per-

"Daytona is where NASCAR is and where it all started," Kenseth said. "There's so much hype and so much history that goes with the Daytona 500. I think it's good to start off big and let everybody know that the season's starting.'

The bottom line, though, is that, going into the 46th running of the big event, it is still the race the drivers want most to win.

"This is the one that we're all shooting for, the one we put the most effort into," Harvick said. "The Nextel championship comes first, but this is by far the biggest race that we can win."

58TH DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Lady Blackcats bounce Piarist

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

straight games the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats have enjoyed lopsided wins over their opponents. Last week, head coach Jack Pack and his Lady Blackcats thumped Letcher and Thursday evening it would be the Piarist Lady Knights who would fall prey to the Prestonsburg Prestonsburg won easy, 56-22.

Piarist fell behind 28-2 after one quarter and never threatened as Prestonsburg got the chance to play the entire roster in the

Thirteen players dented the

scoring column in the win for Prestonsburg. Molly Burchett led the Lady Blackcats with 14 % PRESTONSBURG-For two points in limited playing time while Amber Whitaker came off the Prestonsburg bench to toss in nine points on the night. Piarist trailed 38-6 at the half and 43-12 after three quarters of play.

> Kelly Key finished with seven points for the winners and Meaghan Slone added five.

Piarist didn't have a player score in double figures.

Darcey Hicks contributed four points in the game for Prestonsburg.

Piarist trailed by as many as 35 points in the first half and never made a run over the final two quarters of play.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16 pairings announced.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has announced the pairings for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16, which will be played March 17-20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. Pairings were held Friday at WKYT-TV

Shelby Valley is the two-time defending champion out of the 15th Region. Powell County is the defending champ out of the 14th Region. Shelby Valley is again favored to come out of the 15th Region. Hazard, Perry County Central and Breathitt County are the leading teams in the 14th Region.

A breakdown of the Boys' Sweet 16 draw follows.

All times Eastern Wednesday, March 17

Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30

Region 10 vs. Region 12,

Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30

Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8 Catholic, Daviess County,

Thursday, March 18 Region 1 vs. Region 9, Noon

Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 Region 14 vs. Region 16,

6:30 p.m. Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 19

Quarterfinal No. 1, Noon Quarterfinal No. 2, 1:30 p.m. Quarterfinal No. 3, 6:30 p.m. Quarterfinal No. 4, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 20 Semifinal No. 1, 10 a.m. Semifinal No. 2, 11:30 a.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m.

These are the top teams in each region. Region 1 - Marshall County,

Calloway County, Graves Region 2 - Hopkinsville,

Henderson County, University Region 3 - Owensboro Region 4 - Warren Central,

Barren County, Bowling Green Region 5 - Elizabethtown, Caverna, North Hardin

Region 6 - Pleasure Ridge Park, DeSales, Butler

Region 7 - Seneca, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown Region 8 - Scott County,

Bullitt East, Oldham County Region 9 - Covington Boone County, Catholic,

Newport Central Catholic Region 10 - Mason County, George Rogers Clark, Bishop

Brossart Region 11 - Lexington Catholic, Tates Creek,

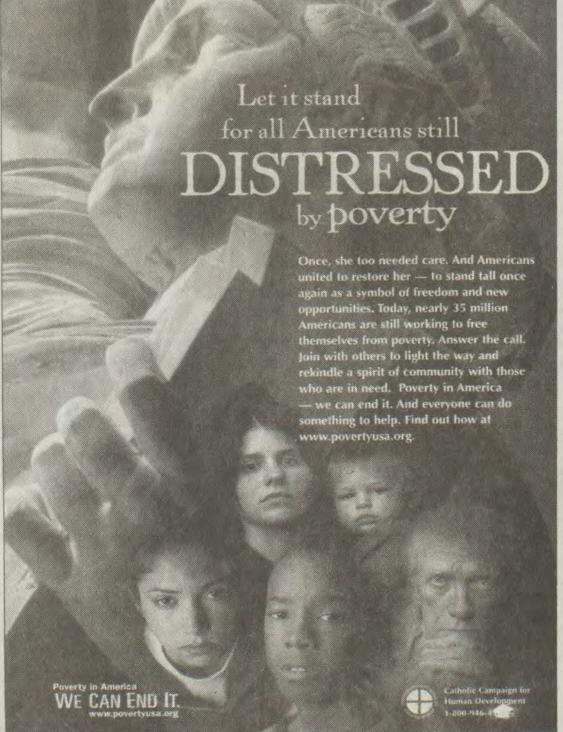
Lafavette Region 12 - Wayne County,

North Laurel, South Laurel Region 13 - Clay County, Barbourville, Corbin

Region 14 - Perry County Central, Hazard, Breathitt County

Region 15 - Shelby Valley, East Ridge, South Floyd

Region 16 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Morgan County



grade and under students. Both squads are coached by Tiffany Warrix, Rachael Vaughn and Charlene Welch.

Team members are Nicole Layne, Charity Cook, Paige Lauren Davis, Veronica Reynolds, Kyle Welch, Chelsie Rose, Sarah Conn, Kate Herrick, Danielle Hall, Dana Conn, Lea Hayton, Megan Kurkowski, Ashley Castle, Annie Hall, Ashley Harris, Ashley Fletcher, Ashley Collins, Keleigh Wagner, Jennifer Belcher, Amanda Collins, Shanda

Gear

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Motorsports Dodges. Along with Ranger Contracting, Panther Motorsports Design located in Marietta, Ohio will be supplying Kinzer with his decals on the Np. 18 this year.

"Seann at Panther Motorsports Design and I are planning on doing some special things this year with our cars," added Kinzer. "I really don't want to elaborate any more and ruin any of the surprises."

For more information regarding Brandon Kinzer Motorsports and Brandon Kinzer, go online to www.brandonkinzer.com

Collins, Ashley Vanderpoll, Alex Coleman, Kaylee Justice, Baleigh Boyd and Drew Hall.

"We have some extremely talented kids in our program, most of these kids are doing skills that are being done at the college level," said Coach

"We started this program four years ago and with the success that we have had over the last couple seasons, Cheer Excite is becoming known nationally as a program to contend with," said Vaughn.

Charlene Welch, owner of Gymnastics and More, said the trip to St. Louis was great for

"To compete and win a national competition is an experience they will never forget, and few children in our area receive National recognition and exposure."

Welch went on to congratulate the Squads, and to thank the parents, coaches and especially the children for all their hard work. "Without the whole team of parents, children, coaches and sponsors, this program could not have been successful," said Welch.

The nonprofit squad is dependent on fundraising and community support. They

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No crown for Eagles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - King College left Pippa Passes Thursday night with a 65-58 victory over the host Alice Lloyd College Eagles.

The Eagles couldn't find much offense as they shot only 33 percent from the field.

Eric Ely and Dusan Vucen had 11 points apiece for King. Vucen also hauled in 10 rebounds. C.J. Manahan and Derek Linkhous had 10 points each for the visiting team.

only Eagle in double figures as he put up 17. He also pulled down five rebounds. Jeremy Daniels played a solid allaround game with eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks.

unavailable at press time.

Shannon Akers was the

Matt Spencer scored nine points and dished out three assists. Alice Lloyd is now 4-20 on the season. Tennessee Wesleyan College was in Knott County last night to play the Eagles. Results were

thanks to Mayor Jerry Fannin, Buzz Tharp, ABCO Security Systems, Eddie Clark, Music Carter, Ned Pilersdorf, Action Petroleum, First Commonwealth Bank, Ross Harris, Judge Steve Conley,

Cooling for their generosity. Cheer Excite will also be hosting a Valentine dance Saturday, Feb. 14 as a fundraiser for its trip to the More information can also be NCA Classic held at Daytona Beach in April. The dance will

and Big Sandy Heating and

would like to offer special be from 7 p.m. 11 p.m. at the Gymnastics and More building and is open to all kids in grades six through 10. Admission is \$5.00

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All Stars are held annually and will be held in May for the 2004-2005 season. To learn more about the Cheer Excite All Stars or classes at Gymnastics and More, contact Charlene Welch at 886-0033. found online at www.gymnasticsandmore.com.

ter's first four minutes. Betsy Layne went over three minutes in the third quarter before it put points on the board.

"Our defense wasn't as intense in the second half," said Akers. "Your defense should always affect your offense."

Clinton County outscored the Lady Cats 16-6 in the third period to lead 34-29 heading into the fourth period.

When Betsy Layne fell behind in the fourth quarter, Clinton County pulled the ball out and made the 15th Region champ foul.

Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens, after being fouled by Clinton County senior Amber Guffey, hit two free throws with 2:06 remaining. Clinton County then led 44-40, but quickly answered. With Clinton County leading 46-40, Lykens was fouled again and connected on two more free throws to again make it a four-point game.

And the Lady Cats wouldn't

With 56.5 seconds left to play, junior Kim Clark hit a three to make it 49-45, still in Clinton County's favor. Clinton County hit its free throws down the stretch and preserved the win with just under half a minute left.

The Clinton County head coach acknowledged his team's strong free-throw shooting in the post-game press confer-

"If we're ahead and can spread it out, we've got a good chance," Guffey said.

The Clinton County coach's twin daughters, Amber and Paige, shoot free throws very well. On Friday, Clinton County, as a team, hit 21 of 28

BOYS' BASKETBALL

National City/KHSAA Boys . Sweet 16 pairings announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON Kentucky High School Athletic Association has announced the pairings for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16, which will be played March 17-20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

All times Eastern Wednesday, March 17

Region 10 vs. Region 12,

Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30

Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30 p.m.

Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8

Thursday, March 18 Region 1 vs. Region 9, Noon

Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 Region 14 vs. Region 16,

Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 19

Quarterfinal No. 1, Noon Quarterfinal No. 2, 1:30 p.m. Quarterfinal No. 3, 6:30 p.m. Quarterfinal No. 4, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 20 Semifinal No. 1, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ALC women defeat , King College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College women's team won its second straight conference game on Thursday night when it downed King College

The ALC women got a balanced scoring attack led by Delores Jenkins with 17 points. Erica Webb was a close second with 16. Belicia Mullins was also in double figures as she scored 12 markers.

Kristina Thompson played a well-rounded game in off the bench as she scored eight points and pulled down eight rebounds.

Jessica Justice, in off of the bench, had six points for ALC.

The Lady Eagles connected of seven-of-18 three-point field

The ALC women were hosting Tennessee Wesleyan yesterday evening. Results were unavailable at press time.

Semifinal No. 2, 11:30 a.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m. These are the top teams in

each region. Region 1 - Marshall County, Calloway County,

Graves County Region 2 - Hopkinsville, Henderson County, University

Heights Region 3 - Owensboro Catholic, Daviess County,

Apollo Region 4 - Warren Central, Barren County, Bowling

Caverna, North Hardin Region 6 - Pleasure Ridge

Park, DeSales, Butler Region 7 - Seneca, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown

Region 8 - Scott County, Bullitt East, Oldham County Region 9 - Covington Catholic, Boone County, Newport Central Catholic

Region 10 - Mason County, George Rogers Clark, Bishop

Region 11 - Lexington Tates Catholic, Creek. Region 12 - Wayne County,

North Laurel, South Laurel Region 13 - Clay County, Barbourville, Corbin

Region 14 - Perry County Central, Hazard, Breathitt Region 15 - Shelby Valley,

East Ridge, South Floyd Region 16 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Morgan County

Tryouts for Cheer Excite

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Amber Guffey led the Lady Bulldogs (16-7) with 26 points. Paige Guffey had 17. Clinton County won the rebounding battle, 31-22.

Kim Clark paced Betsy Layne (15-6) with 23 points. Lykens, who was nursing a sprained ankle, scored 11. Tabetha Witt had six points and Kristen Smith tossed in four. Junior center Kristal Daniels scored on a free throw.

Betsy Layne will now get back to work as it continues its bid to repeat as the 15th Region Champion and get back to the Girls' Sweet 16.

"We've got some work to do," said Akers. "This is an excellent team. The good thing is that it isn't over."

The Lady Cats are scheduled to host South Floyd Tuesday evening in a 58th District game. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Betsy Layne junior Kristen Smith had four steals and fished out three assists before fouling out of Friday's game against Clinton



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Senior Whitney Lykens (5) played in her final Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic game Friday.

Effect

approved by the committee was ment. In Rule 3-1-3, language the adoption of a standard official's uniform for high school volleyball, effective with the 2005-06 season. The new requirements for the official's uniform will be:

a) an all-white, short-sleeved,

collared polo shirt; b) black slacks; and

c) solid black athletic shoes and black socks.

"The committee felt that consistency with volleyball officials uniforms was essential and, thus, eliminated allowing state associations the option of modifying the official's uniform, effective with the 2005-06 season," Doyle said.

Three other changes in Rule concerning officials were approved, including Rule 5-7-2c, which, during time-outs, will require line judges to stand at the intersection of the attack line and the sideline on their respective sides of the court nearest the referee. Previously, the line judges stood at the midpoint of their respective end lines during time-outs.

"The positioning of the line judges near the referee provides opportunities during time-outs for the referee to communicate with the line judges and reiterates that they are part of the officiating team," Doyle said.

Rule 5-3-14, which required the official to notify the coach of an additional time-out in a 14-14 tied game, was deleted since NFHS rules do not allow additional time-outs during extended games. In Rule 5-4-3b 12, officials now will signal how many time-outs each team has used at the completion of a charged time-out rather than at the beginning and end of a time-

Two changes were approved Region 5 - Elizabethtown, in Rule 3 dealing with equip-

will be added to cover nets that are suspended from the ceiling, in addition to the more traditional nets attached to floor poles. Rule 3-2-1 will be rewritten to confirm that the ball shall be all-white rather than just 12 pieces. In other changes, Rule 11-2-5 was deleted since rally scoring does not award additional time-outs. In Rule 10-3-6-(3), the committee confirmed that an exceptional substitution shall count as a team substitution if

the team has not exhausted its 18 team substitutions. Volleyball is the third-most

popular sport for girls at the high school level, with 396,682 participants during the 2002-03 season, according to the NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. It also ranks third in school sponsorship among girls, with 14,244 schools offering the sport nationwide. In addition, 39,326 boys participated in volleyball in 2002-03 in 1,650 schools nationwide.

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

Whitesburg beats Murray, 49-30, advances

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - A slow start Friday didn't hold the Whitesburg Lady Yellowjackets back for long. Whitesburg recovered from a poor first half in plenty of time to beat Murray 49-30 on Friday in the quarterfinals of the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

After shooting eight of 35 (22.9 percent) in the first half, the Lady Jackets made 12 of 24 in the second half and gradually pulled away from an undermanned Murray team.

We were a little disappointed in the first half," said Whitesburg Coach Dickie Adams. "We were out of sync the whole half.'

The one part of the game that Adams did like in the first half, and for the game as a whole, was his team's defense. The Lady 'Jackets didn't show many signs of faltering on defense.

"Defense will carry you, and it carried us in this basketball game today," Adams said.

Whitney Hogg Whitesburg (19-3) with 12 points. Cassie Whitaker added

Murray, which was playing without Lisa Thurman, one of its leaders, got nine points from Brandi Vincent.



The Cheer Excite All Stars Youth squad consists of area students in grades four and under.

BOYS' ALL-A: Hazard survives, advances

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - In a game that was described as "a war" by Hazard coach Kevin Spurlock, the team from the 14th Region ultimately prevailed. The Bulldogs survived a valiant effort by Caverna, eventually winning 55-52 on Friday in the quarterfinals of the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

It wasn't all smooth sailing

Meets

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think the governor has done a good job of getting us started on the task. It is obviously a broader mission than perhaps the old Kentucky Racing Commission undertook, and I'm pleased with that broader mission. There is a lot to be

"It is an industry that, frankly, has its share of issues."

Environmental and Public Protection Secretary LaJuana Wilcher said one of the authority's first priorities will be to hire a permanent executive director. Jesse Skees is serving as the authority's interim executive director. A national search firm will be used to search for a permanent director, Wilcher said.

Much of the authority's first meeting consisted of remarks from Fletcher, Street, Wilcher and two other members of Fletcher's cabinet, Commerce Secretary Jim Host and Development Economic Secretary Gene Strong.

Besides approval of the audit, the authority took action on three other items approval of Future Wagers in 2004 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, approval of the sending and receiving of interstate simulcasting signals in 2004 at The Red Mile harness racing track in Lexington and changing the dates of scheduled quarterhorse races at The Red Mile. The dates for those races now will be July 3 and 4.

AUTO RACING

President Bush plans to attend Daytona 500

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The political season revving up, President Bush will attend the Daytona 500 Feb. 15 in Florida, his 19th trip to the state that decided the 2000 presidential race.

Bush plans to spend that Sunday night in Florida where his brother, Jeb, is governor, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Friday in announcing the trip to the auto race. That same night in Wisconsin, Democrats are scheduled to hold a debate in advance of that state's primary on Feb. 17.

The NASCAR crowd represents an expanding group of voters that is important to Bush in his re-election.

He has a slight edge among white voters but needs to strengthen support among his core white conservative vot-

Bush also needs to lure more support from voters with a high school education or less, who currently are more inclined to vote against him, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. The NASCAR crowd is increasingly diverse, however, and includes far more upscale, well-educated voters than the auto racing crowds of 20 years

The season-opening Daytona 500, the ultimate prize in stock car racing, this year will pay a purse of \$15,972,313, the biggest payout in stock car racing history. Michael Waltrip collected \$1,419,406 for winning the rain-shortened 2003 race.

for the Bulldogs.

Hazard led by as many as 10 GIRLS' ALL 'A' in the fourth quarter, but Caverna put together a run and wound up cutting the lead to two at 54-52

After Parker Carter hit one of two free throws, Caverna had two shots to tie. But couldn't convert.

With 27 seconds to play, William Bradley missed a shot, then Carrington Maxey missed a three. Hazard's Stephen Sizemore got the rebound and was fouled with 18 ticks left.

Sizemore, who will play football next season at Eastern Kentucky University, missed both free throws, giving Caverna a final chance,

The Colonels called time to set up a final play. But, after a scramble near the top of the key, Hazard's Lamar Williams came up with a steal and time expired.

"It was a great team effort," Spurlock said. "At the end, we stepped up.'

Robert Lyttle came off the bench to score 14 points, leading Hazard (18-4). Carter had 13 for the Bulldogs and Eric Mullins added 10.

Caverna (20-2) was led by center Boris Siakam, who posted 17 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks.

Strong

Howard had 18.

half run.

didn't relinquish its lead.

Central with 14 points.

Magoffin County with a game-

high 21 points. Ashley

Jayme Dials led Johnson

Perry County Central 75

Knott County Central 47:

Polly Sebastian scored 18

rebounds and dished out six

assists to leading visiting

Perry County Central. The

Lady Commodores, en route to

the win, used a 30-2 second

gathered

eight

Christman's record day pushes Paris to upset win

RICHMOND - Paris guard Taylor Christman hit a tournament record seven three point shots, leading her team to a 57-45 upset win over eighth-ranked Covington Holy Cross on Friday at the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

"I'll shoot from wherever." Christman said, "If I make it, I make it."

Paris got revenge for a 67-40 loss to Holy Cross earlier in the season (Dec. 21 at Lexington Catholic).

"The more focused I am, the better I shoot," Christman said. "Today, I was focused on getting revenge."

Christman finished with 31 points and those seven threes,

outscored Johnson Central 26-**BOYS' BASKETBALL** 18 in the second period and Johnson Central 63, Magoffin Co. 40 Brittany Manns paced

PAINTSVILLE Johnson Central carried a 19-12 lead into the second period and outscored the Hornets in the next three periods to win easy.

Mike Walters, Nick Music and Tony Hatfield led Johnson Central with 13 points apiece. Josh Stapleton and Kyle Rice added 11 each.

Wes Jenkins led Magoffin County with 11 points.

The Golden Eagles finished strong, outscoring Magoffin County 16-9 in the last quarter.

which are both career highs.

"You have to give Paris a lot of credit," said Holy Cross deserved to win."

Brittany Bass led Holy Cross

(19-4) with 13 points.

Paris (13-6) advanced to Saturday's semifinals, Results coach Rob Kues. "They of yesterday's semifinal games ! were unavailable at press time.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Goodner resigns as defensive coordinator

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO, Texas - Baylor defensive coordinator and linebackers coach John Goodner has resigned for undisclosed reasons, coach Guy Morriss said Thursday.

Goodner joined the Baylor staff for last season after coaching at Kentucky and Texas Tech. It was his second stint at Baylor, where he was linebackers coach from 1982 to 1992.

The Bears allowed 38 points and 450 yards per game last year. They gave up more than 50 points four times last season, including 73 to Texas A&M.

"We've lost a very valuable staff member who was a great coach and an even better person," Morriss said. He said a search for Goodner's replacement will begin immediately.

Prestonsburg High grad Jeremy Caudill played under Goodner at Kentucky.

Prestonsburg Jr. Basketball



LEFT: Pee Cavaliers.



LEFT: Pee Pistons.



LEFT: Pee Wee Hawks.

LEFT: Pee

Wee Lakers.



LEFT: Pee Wee Wildcats.



LEFT: Pee Mavericks.





Prestons-burg Junior Basketball cheerleaders.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through bis eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

VERY VARIABLE

I've always heard that
Kentucky has the most variable
weather to be found anywhere,
and now I believe it. This morning (if the reports received are
true) the temperature within the
city limits of Prestonsburg ranged
from 2 degrees below to 9 above.
And, according to another report,
there was a variance of 6 degrees
from a man's house on one side
of the street to his neighbor's on
the other.

REVENGE

I charged George Alley \$5 for a year's subscription to The Times to be sent to him at Florence, Oregon and I suspect he wrote this with the idea of getting even with me, since I'm snowbound:

"We have just moved over on the coast overlooking the blue Pacific, 300 feet from the water. Am trying to figure how I can sit on the porch and

fish for salmon. The steelheads are coming in, and I have caught several 10 to 18 pounds...And we have four freshwater lakes within a radius of six miles—all loaded with trout, bass and crappie."

(There may be more to that letter but I haven't the heart to look.)

ook.)
It says here:

"The business of developing one's personality is more important than that of regulating others'."

LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

My legal education was extended a bit this week by a lawyer-friend. We talked of cases in which a juror feigned illness or made himself ill in order to get a mistrial of a case which appeared to be lost.

That, I now learn, is in some parts known as a "Mountain demurrer."

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Going up the ladder or sliding down? Difficult to say? Here are a few guides that might help.

You are probably getting to be a poohbah in the firm if—

You get your haircut on company time without a feeling of guilt...

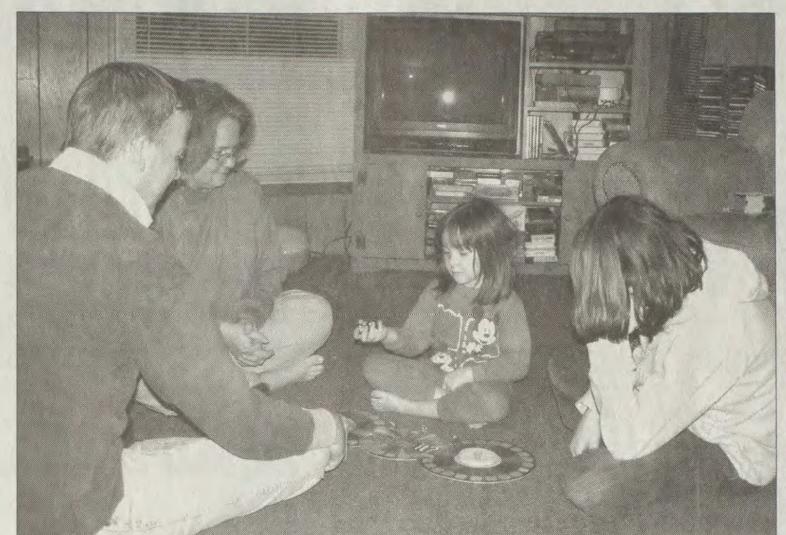
You spend more than an hour at lunch, and no longer bring it to work in a paper bag...

The guy who once was a rung or so above you, no longer steals your ideas and calls them his own. (Now you steal his)...

You get sealed memos, marked, "Important," and they're not from a friendly loan compa-

The office boy replies, "Yes, sir," instead of whining, "For

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Saturday night is "pizza night" at the Scudder household, and the family usually celebrates with a board game or movie. Here. they are playing a new family favorite: 'Scene It," a trivia game based on the movie industry.

photo by Mary Music

Meet Appalachia

The Scudders

Stacy Scudder

Age: 35
Occupation: Full-time
mother, student, tutor
Life quote: "Wherever
you go, that's where you
are."

Robin 'Bob' Scudder

Age: 47 Occupation: Permit Tech, Alchemy Engineering Life quote: "Ah, bloody hell."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

— MARY MUSIC

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Her family was one of the first settlers in Pikeville. As a matter of fact, her family has long passed a traditionary tale about her great-, great-, great-grandfather, a bootlegger who donated land for the first Pikeville courthouse, in order to get more business for his home brew.

She is Stacy Scudder, 35, mother, wife and full-time college student, who says the most important thing in life is family.

His family grew up in Boreham Wood, England, a town of about 35,000 that sits 15 miles north of London. By English standards, he says, the town is small, but full of personality. The 1960s was a good time to grow up in Britain, he says.

He is Robin "Bob" Scudder, 47, father, husband and permit tech at Alchemy Engineering in Prestonsburg, who says the most important thing in life is laughter.

Together, they say, the ultimate best part of life is what else — "laughing at your family."

The Scudders, who have been married since April 2001, met after they accidentally bumped into each other

during an online chat in

October 2000.

Stacy was participating in her usual pasttime, sarcastic humor, according to Robin, who pointed out during a recent interview that she was, at the time, making fun of a chatroom guest who had no clue he was being made fun of

"I told her that he had no idea what you're talking about," said Robin, "That's how we met each other."

According to Stacy, the couple knew they were in love about a month after that initial contact. Robin flew over to America to attend a Christmas party with Stacy that December, returned in April, and she visited England in June. Robin proposed in September, during another American visit.

Their friendship, which began in that chatroom some three years ago, continues to grow, they say.

"We probably spent more time talking to each other online and on the phone than than most couples do today," said Stacy. "The fact that you can spend that much time just talking like that with someone says a lot about who they

As a matter of fact, when asked what people could learn from the their relationship,



Robin Scudder is pictured here participating in a race in England. He currently holds a third-place national ranking in the 250 grand prix class of the WERA racing association.

both agree that friendship is one of the most important

"Friendship is very important," said Robin. "We were friends before we were married, but Stacy's my best friend now. It grew from all that. We face everything together, tell each other everything. That's the best way to be, I think."

"Marriage is like having a dog for Christmas," continued Robin. "It's not just for Christmas. It's for life and you have to make sure it lasts that long."

Though he says a person isn't officially Appalachian

unless they are born Appalachian, Robin has concocted an Appalachian flavor in his life. Today, his distinctive British accent is the only way one can see he's not "from here."

Robin says moving from England to Kentucky proved to be difficult because he left behind his family, but that he never saw it as a "big move," especially after realizing how courteous people from this area are to each other. That fact, he said, became evident after the couple had been married for six months. At that

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McDonald's

by SHELLY MILLER (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE

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Most of my friends are what society would call "punks." We are the teenagers who hang out at the coffee shops or the movies for lack of anything better to do. But being punks doesn't mean much. One evening, after a day of not doing much, we were sitting in McDonald's when a guy in our group whom I had just met that day walked in. Brian was the typical punk teenager, dressed in black with the dyed hair. Right before he stepped inside, he yelled something outside to a man walking down the street. I just hoped he wasn't trying to start trouble. He sat down, and a minute later, a burly homeless man stuck his head in and looked at Brian.

"Did you say something to me?"

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

the man demanded, and I thought I saw a mean glint in his eyes. I shrank back, thinking that if Brian had tried to pick a fight, this was the wrong guy to do it with. I had seen too many people and places kick teenagers like us out for pulling stuff

pulling stuff.

While the rest of us were looking for a place to back into, Brian got up and walked up to him. "Yeah ... would you like something to eat?"

The relief was almost audible, and the man smiled and walked in. After a large meal of hamburgers, fries and dessert, the man left, and even the staff waved goodbye to him. When we asked Brian about it, he explained how he had money that he didn't need and the man had none, so it was only right.

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New faculty, staff members hired at BSCTC

Community College has announced the hiring of new faculty and staff.

New faculty members include Tina Ousley, Kathryn Miller and Nancy Conn.

Ousley, a former student of graduated from BSCTC Morehead State University with a bachelor's degree in science and will become part of the math and science division at the college. Ousley resides in Magoffin County with her husband Gary and son Christopher.

Miller, a former BSCTC graduate, earned her bachelor of business administration at Eastern Kentucky University and a master of business administration at Morehead State University. Ousley will be an instructor in the Information Technology Program at the college. She resides in Floyd County with her husband Jeff, son Shane and daughter Heather.

Conn, nursing lab instruc- of BSCTC has taken the posi-

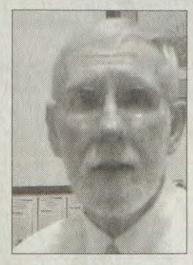
PRESTONSBURG. - Big tor at BSCTC received her bachelor of science in nursing at the University of Kentucky. She resides in Floyd County with her husband Jeff and son Logan.

> New staff members include Bocook, Eugene Blackburn, Sherri Kinzer and Maranda Barker.

> Bocook, a former student of BSCTC, received her bachelor's in business administration management at Morehead State University and will hold the position of manager of advancement at the college. Bocook resides in Johnson County with her husband

> Blackburn will be serving as director of service learning for BSCTC. He received his bachelor's degree in social studies at Pikeville College and went on to obtain a master's in secondary education at Morehead State University. Blackburn resides in Floyd County with his wife Glenda.

Kinzer, a former graduate



Eugene Blackburn

tion of office support assistant. Kinzer resides in Allen with her husband Jamie, son Joshua and daughter Brittany.

Barker, is a recent graduate from BSCTC, where she obtained both an associate in arts and associate in science degree. She is employed as a student affairs assistant II at the college and she resides in Martin with her husband John.



Kathryn Miller



Nancy Bocook



Tina Ousley



Nancy Conn



Sherry Kinzer



Maranda Barker

World

Pete's sake, what do you want

The fellow office workers who used to think you were a dope, now ask you what is the

CORN-NOT "CAWN,"

Now, this column does not propose to become a repository for every joke told pertaining to churches, preachers, and so on, but this one somehow struck me as right funny.

fellow who had just completed his seminary training and was invited by a certain church to come preach a "trial sermon." He showed up at the appointed time, preached his best sermon and was highly complimented for his effort. He talked with members of the congregation, then had lunch with the deacons. All this went smoothly, apparently, and he returned home with the feeling that the church would call him as its

by, and, finally, he decided he would make a call on the chairman of the deacons and learn just where he stood and why.

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And he got his explanation. "Your sermon was fine," said the deacon. "Our people liked you very much. And our deacons enjoyed fellowship with you at our luncheon. But when I asked if you would have some corn and you handed me your glass instead of your plate-Brother, we for some reason, got just a little bit suspi-

But no call came. Days went It has to do with the young Nairn Inc. joins American **Buildings Company**

EUFAULA, Ala. — (606) 886-6946. American Buildings Company, a leading domestic and international manufacturer and marketer of high-quality metal building systems for industrial, commercial, and institutional construction markets, announced today the addition of Nairn Inc. to its national net-

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Ted Nairn is the president of Nairn Inc. The company has served the Prestonsburg-area with prefabricated construction for more than 36 years. Operations are headquartered in Prestonsburg. The company can be reached by telephone at commercial structures to tai-

Authorized ABC Builders can receive hands-on marketing support to aid them in prospecting and lead generation. Additionally, ABC's proprietary TALON design and pricing software enables its Builders to design and price virtually any customized building and generate accurate price quotes and drawings in minutes. Each project designed with TALON includes a comprehensive set of drawings and documentation that helps Builders quickly and easily show their customers exactly what their building will look like before it is erected.

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Catch the excitement of 'Red, Hot ... & Blue' Monday

PIKEVILLE - From ragtime to rock and roll, join the cast of "Red, Hot ... & Blue" for a nostalgic look back at a musical journey through the decades.

This high-energy song and dance review of the 20th century is sponsored by the Pikeville Concert Association. The Feb. 9 performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium.

At a time when special effects rule the day, computers blur reality and graphics stretch the imagination, this awardwinning show is nothing more spectacular than hilarious wigs, fabulous costumes and talent.

Critically acclaimed as "All-American Ambassadors of Entertainment," the cast features song and dance from the raucous ragtime era, the roaring 20s, the jazz era, big band favorites, hits from the hysterical 1950s, the zany 1960s and more. There's even a disco spec-

tacular and a patriotic tribute. 'Red, Hot ... & Blue" debuted in 1996 and has been one of Branson, Missouri's, premier shows for seven successful seasons. A best-kept secret among national group tours, the cast of "Red, Hot ... & Blue"



appeals to golden-agers, baby boomers and children of all ages. So hold on to your hats and stay focused because you might just miss one of their award-winning costumes or be blown out of your seats by their quick-moving choreography and precise vocal harmonies.

The cast of "Red, Hot...& Blue" has performed as guest entertainers for HollandAmerica and Princess Cruise Lines, the Big Red Boat worldand Entertainment. They have also toured extensively throughout the East Coast and South Florida.

For ticket information, call Pikeville Concert Association at (606) 432-5407 or 437-7878.

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on budget.

Stacy's first husband's family, who offered Robin several pounds of fresh vegetables.

"I told them they didn't have to do that and they said 'You're family now," he said. "Stacy had been divorced from him for 15 years and they still looked to her as family. That's a cultural thing. I didn't come across that in England."

It's the "heart" of the people from this area, says Stacy, that leads to closer communities.

"It's unfair that people who have not been here see us as being simple, uneducated and poor," said Stacy. "If they really spent the time to look at the people here, they'd see we're far from being stupid. We're resourceful. People around here have heart. They're friendly and they consider themselves to be a part of a community. Everyone knows everyone else and they are closer together."

Though Robin is succeeding in adjusting to the Kentucky way of living, he did point out some of the more depressing differences between this area and Britain, which is about the same relative size as Kentucky, only "built up."

One of those differences, he says, includes the lack in availability of things to do. Public transportation is more available there, and people can generally

time, they attended a party with walk to shops in town.

Another noteworthy difference, he said, is the availability of adult sports. Here, he says, games such as soccer, football and tennis are geared more to students than they are to the adult population. In England, he said, groups of adults who gathered in the streets as children to play these types of games, carried their love for the games long into adulthood, and continue to play them in adult leagues

throughout the communities. Another difference Robin noted is the social life of people in both areas. In England, where the legal drinking age is 18, Robin says the social life of single people is "centered" around the pub.

"I find it funny that over here in the U.S., you can vote and fight and die for your country, but you can't have a drink," he said. "In England, you go to the pub to socialize. It's a very European thing."

"Also I find that people are too bloody serious here," he continued. "People in Britain laugh at things more than they do here. Too many young people are trying to grow up. It's same in Britain, but not to such a degree. British people aren't as uptight as Americans think they are and American's aren't as laid back as British think they are."



photo by Mary Music

Stacy Scudder reads to her daughter, Emily.

Robin, who also referees high school volleyball, is a WERA motorcycle road racing champion and currently holds a third-place national ranking in the 250 grand prix class.

Stacy, a junior at Pikeville college pursuing her bachelor's degree in math and anthropology, systematically maintains a 4.0 grade-point average. She is a member of the Eastern Recycling Kentucky Association.

The couple resides in Pikeville, where they raise three children, Kelli Jarvis, 17; Erika Quaine, 11: and Emily

Quaine, 4.

One day, the couple says they will win the lottery and recluse themselves to a big house in the middle of nowhere, where they will live happily ever after.

Until then, their biggest worry, aside from keeping up with life while battling their hectic daily schedules, is teaching the youngest daughter, Emily, how NOT to repeat everything she hears.

"She comes up to me and says 'Mo-o-o-o-m, Wobin said 'bloody hell' again," said Stacy.



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