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briefs

Magoffin man killed in wreck

Times Staff Report

MIDDLE CREEK — A Salyersville man was killed Wednesday when his car careened into a hillside on the Mountain Parkway.

According to a news release issued by Kentucky State Police Trooper Shaun Little, Daniel W. Minix, 29, of Flint Branch in Salyersville, died after he was ejected from his 1991 Chevy Cavalier as a result of the accident, which occurred approximately 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

In the release, Little reports that Minix was traveling east on U.S. 114 when he lost control of his vehicle and rammed into the hillside.

The car came to a rest facing southwest on the shoulder of the road, the news release says.

Minix was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County deputy coroner Roger Rowe and was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center following the accident.

The case is still under investigation by Little, who was assisted at the scene by KSP trooper Craig Stalker and the Middle Creek Fire Department.

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Today
 **Partly cloudy**
High: 63 • Low: 36

Tomorrow
 **Windy**
High: 45 • Low: 27

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First task force trial ends with conviction

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Since the beginning of the law and order collaboration, the Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office had not been faced with taking a Floyd County Drug Task Force case to trial. Most or all of the several cases in the wake of the task force's efforts

had ended in plea deals and sentences.

But there's a first time for everything, and that first time started Monday and ended Wednesday when accused drug dealer Jessie Compton went to trial in Floyd Circuit Court.

Compton, 23, who was found guilty on all charges Wednesday and sentenced to eight years in prison, was arrested during an April 2002 drug roundup along with

more than 30 other Floyd Countians and charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, including one within 1,000 yards of a school, and single counts of second- and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

During the three-day trial, witnesses testified that Compton sold methadone, hydrocodone, Oxycontin and marijuana to

undercover informants working with the task force on three separate dates in January and February 2003.

Testimony and audio taped evidence was offered to support that the 23-year-old Goble Roberts resident sold methadone and hydrocodone tablets to an undercover informant on Jan. 17, and again on Feb.

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Students from Adams Middle School experimented with designing robots for specific tasks as part of the first group to explore the East Kentucky Science Center.

photo by Tom Doty

Science center has first student guests

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center, at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, welcomed its first group of students Wednesday.

The sixth-grade class of Adams Middle School got to be first in a long line of schools to enjoy the Center's "hands-on" exhibits. In all, 60 children got to enjoy a traveling exhibit called "The World We Create."

The children got to experience the world of "construction design" by learning about the application of scientific principles in practical construction projects. The importance of communication was also highlighted at each station.

Activities included "Construction Zone," where the values of teamwork were reinforced in activities like "Build It Up," which simulated operating a crane; "Building Bridges," which was a lesson in teamwork for a small group to construct an arch of block shaped cushions and keep it standing; while "Toppling Towers" demonstrated, through trial and error, how to

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Kathy Neely, in the full regalia of an ancient Greek, teaches visitors from Adams Middle School about the use of levers to transfer energy. Children learned to apply this knowledge to the art of fortifying a Greek city from invading Romans.

photo by Tom Doty

Mother pleads innocent to abuse charge

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman accused of physically abusing her daughter was arraigned this week in district court.

Angela R. Woods, 33, of Prestonsburg appeared in James R. Allen's courtroom Tuesday and pleaded not guilty to fourth-degree assault and second-degree criminal abuse, charges that stem from a Jan. 30 incident in which she allegedly punched and choked her 14-year-old daughter at their Highland Heights apartment.

According to the arrest citation issued by Prestonsburg Police officer Sam Goodman, the alleged altercation between Woods and her daughter began when the child woke Woods up by dropping something on the kitchen floor while she was fixing something to eat.

The teenager told Goodman that her mother became angry

and gave her an ultimatum to either do the dishes or leave their apartment. Afterwards, the girl said she went into her bedroom with a friend, where Woods followed.

Goodman says in the citation that Woods knocked her daughter into a bedroom wall, punched her in the stomach, held her down and choked her during the struggle.

Allegedly, Woods told the girl, "I should kill you." After the alleged altercation, the teenager went to a neighboring apartment, where she waited for police to intervene.

The victim told police that Woods had punched and slapped her before, the last time being one month prior to the Jan. incident.

Woods is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on March 3.

She is currently out on a \$2,000 surety bond, which was posted a day following the incident.

Slone cleared of giving girls alcohol, drugs

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charges against a 53-year-old Prestonsburg man accused of giving prescription drugs and alcohol to underage girls were dropped following a motion filed Thursday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Larry Erwin Slone, of Dixie Apartments in Prestonsburg, saw two counts of first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor and two counts of third-degree unlawful transaction

with a minor dismissed after the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office filed motions to throw the case out.

Slone was charged July 24, the date he was alleged in a July 25 complaint filed by Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey, to have given two girls, ages 16 and 13, Xanax tablets and alcohol.

Slone's case was waived to a grand jury Aug. 4 and he was later indicted Sept. 30 on the charges stemming from

(See DISMISSED, page three)

Man files criminal charges in dispute over wages

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Harold business owner who allegedly neglected to pay an employee for services will answer to charges of theft next month, following the filing of a criminal complaint this week.

Betsy Layne resident Luke Kidd filed a complaint Tuesday against Edgil Reynolds, 43, owner of Pikeville RV at Harold, claiming that the company owes

him \$4,244.50 for services he rendered last year.

Reynolds purchased the company after the death of his former partner, Bud Edmonds, who died Nov. 22 of a heart attack, said Kidd, and has since neglected to pay for his services to the company.

"Bud's wife sold out to Mr. Reynolds and he asked me to stay on after he died," said Kidd. "He said he'd pay me double what Mr. Edmonds was paying me because he didn't have no one to help and

he depended on me."

"Mr. Edmonds was a special friend, you know," continued Kidd. "I'd known him about five or six years and he was more than just employer. He was special to me. He was like a father to me. Bud would turn over in his grave right now if he knew that Edgil treated me like this."

Kidd, who says he's worked with the company since it opened three years ago, claims that he borrowed a total of \$2,188 from the company last year, and that he's

"overpaid" his debt in services to them.

Kidd was employed by the company as a maintenance man who installed air conditioners and did electrical work on RVs sold on the lot.

Kidd says he quit working for Pikeville RV on Feb. 4 when Reynolds hired a new employee and told him he couldn't pay him "that kind of money."

"I trusted the man, you know," said

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Odds & Ends

■ **HONG KONG** — There may be a burgeoning trend among thieves in Hong Kong. Call it smear-and-snatch.

In one case, a thief reportedly chewed up chocolate, spit it into his hand, then smeared it onto a businessman as a diversion so accomplices could steal the victim's money.

Freddy Horta Espitia, a 31-year-old Colombian, was caught and convicted after authorities matched his DNA with samples from the chocolate stains left on the man's clothing, the South China Morning Post reported.

In a similar case, a Mexican man was sentenced to 32 months in prison for stealing cash from a Hong Konger after spraying him with ketchup, the Post said.

The man who used the chocolate smears was sentenced to 32 months after pleading guilty to a theft that netted about \$15,000, the newspaper said.

The gang targeted people seen making large withdrawals from ATM machines, the newspaper said. Horta's accomplices have not been caught.

The man who used the ketchup smears, Edilberto Valencia Rios, 43, was pursued and caught by his victim after the theft of about \$32,000, the Post said. He also pleaded guilty.

■ **PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — Six decades after his B-17 crash-landed in France, William Sheaves made amends by giving the Air Force an exquisitely detailed flying replica he built.

"Sixty-some years ago, I broke one of your airplanes," Sheaves told Peterson Air Force Base commander Brig. Gen. Duane Deal on Tuesday. "Here's a replacement."

Sheaves was the flight engineer aboard the B-17 that was shot down in 1943. Using plans from Boeing Co., which built the workhorse bomber, he built a radio-controlled model with a 10-foot wingspan.

Like the original, his model is powered by four gasoline engines with triple-blade props. It has movable gun turrets, working bomb bay doors and retractable landing gear.

He flew the model only once. It's so complicated it takes two people to operate.

Sheaves was captured by the Germans after his plane was shot down. After a career in the Army, he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1975 and then started work on his model.

It is on public display at the Air and Space Museum at Peterson, in Colorado Springs.

■ **PITTSBURGH** — This gathering in the Steel City will be all about the wood.

The International Tree Climbing Championship has been planned for Aug. 7 and 8 in West Park, where the world's top tree limbers will test their skills on the mammoth oaks near the National Aviary.

The competition, which attracts climbers from around the world, is part of the 80th Annual International Society of Arboriculture Conference and Trade Show, Aug. 7-11 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

"We have everything from the guys who climb and drag bush every day to Ph.D.'s

doing research on trees," said Jim Skiera, interim executive director of the Arboriculture Society. "And all those people will be in the park ... for the

finals of the International Tree Climbing Championship."

Up to 3,000 people are expected to attend the convention, including 50 elite male

and female tree climbers.

Last summer in Montreal, Bernd Strauss from Germany and Kiah Martin of Australia won the championships.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2004. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

■ On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard Friendship Seven.

On this date:

■ In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

■ In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

■ In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater

than that of any individual state.

■ In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

■ In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

■ In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

■ In 1965, the Ranger Eight spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

■ In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

■ In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test.

Ten years ago:

Bosnian Serbs, faced with the threat of air strikes, pulled back most of their heavy guns from around Sarajevo as a NATO deadline approached.

Five years ago:

The United States and five other nations agreed to extend by three days a deadline for a Kosovo peace agreement. (NATO had threatened airstrikes against the Serbs if they did not reach an agreement with Albanian insurgents.) Movie reviewer Gene Siskel died at a hospital outside Chicago; he was 53.

One year ago:

Fire broke out during a rock concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others. A University of South Florida engineering professor and seven other men were charged with financing a Palestinian terrorist group. (Four of the men face trial; the other four have yet to be arrested.) Former Air Force Master

Today's Birthdays:

Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 80. Movie director Robert Altman is 79. Actor Sidney Poitier is 77. Actress Marj Dusay is 68. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 67. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 63. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 62. Movie director Mike Leigh is 61. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 58. Actress Sandy Duncan is 58. Rock musician J. Geils is 58. Actor Peter Strauss is 57. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 54. Actor Edward Albert is 53. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 53. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 50. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 50. Country singer Leland Martin is 47. Actor James Wilby is 46. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 45. Comedian Joel Hodgson is 44. Basketball player Charles Barkley is 41. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 41. Actor French Stewart is 40. Actor Ron Eldard is 39. Model Cindy Crawford is 38. Actor Andrew Shue is 37. Actress Lili Taylor is 37. Singer Brian Littrell (Backstreet Boys) is 29. Actress Lauren Ambrose ("Six Feet Under") is 26. Actor Jay Hernandez is 26. Actress Majandra Delfino is 23. Singer-musician Chris Thile is 23. Actor Jake Richardson is 19.

Thought for Today:

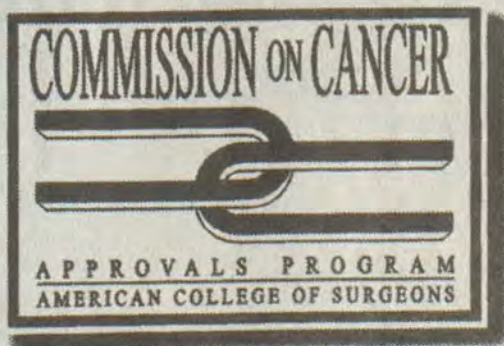
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Actor / comedian Kevin O'Brien is well known for his "killer entertainment." For over ten years he and his actors have been performing interactive comedy murder mysteries literally all over the world.

He explains how his mysteries work: "As the audience arrives they are assigned new identities for the evening — some of them becoming suspects in the crime. The shows are very fast-paced and funny, half scripted and half improv-

vised. As the mystery unfolds, a murder occurs, and the audience must figure out who 'dunnit.' People have a tremendous time hamming it up."

Indeed, O'Brien's actors play multiple parts in each of his mysteries — sometimes playing as many as five characters per show. In addition, each mystery has a different theme, which is plainly shown from titles such as "I'll Be Homicidal for Christmas," "My Big Fat Greek Murder," "Murder on the Disoriented Express," and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Dying."

O'Brien and his troupe are on the road year round, and have even performed at military bases as far away as Korea and Australia. The troupe appears regularly on board My Old Kentucky Dinner Train in Bardstown, Kentucky, and at several wineries in the mid-west. In addition, they have performed at the Governor's Mansion in Missouri, and for HBO in New York.

For ticket information about our show, call 886-2711 or 1-800-325-0142 or 1-888-WHO-DN-IT.



photo by Tom Doty

Representatives of Bellsouth, Louisville Science Center and Floyd County Schools gathered to celebrate the opening of the first exhibit at the East Kentucky Science Center. Pictured, from left to right, are Gail Becker, director of Louisville Science Center; Ray Shubinski, director of East Kentucky Science Center; Amy Scarborough, regional manager for Bellsouth; and Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent of Floyd County schools.

Science

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build a solid tower.

"Tech Works" is a course of stations which show how mass production is accomplished and focuses on the roles creativity and problem solving play in mass production.

"Transit Works" focuses on navigating through a city and trying to avoid traffic jams, detours and delays. In conjunction with the exhibit is a classroom presentation on challenging patrons to come up with a plan to safeguard ancient Greece from a Roman invasion. This section was led by the center's education coordinator, Kathy Neeley, who guided children through the exercise while clad in a toga. Her presentation managed the difficult task of being informative and entertaining.

The center hosted a meet-and-greet for all of the groups that helped establish the facility on Thursday. Center Director Ray Shubinski was on hand to greet all of the agencies which made the center opening a success.

Amy Scarborough represented Bellsouth, which made a vital contribution to the center with a three year grant totaling \$105,000 and funded visits for Floyd County schools as well as staff training for the first

exhibit. Louisville Science center created and sent the exhibit and was represented by Gail Becker. The exhibit was constructed with a state grant. Floyd County Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning was also in attendance.

The center is booked solid until the end of March but will be open for service to the general public in April. The planetarium section of the center is not available at this time but is scheduled to open to the public on Saturday, March 27.

Drug suspect asks court to lower bond

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man, who allegedly falsely obtained 25 prescriptions between 2001 and 2002, is asking the court to reduce his bond.

Charged with 25 counts of falsely obtaining a controlled substance prescription, Daryl Bentley, 50, of Minnie, is currently

set under a \$50,000 bond, which he wants reduced, according to the motion which was filed on his own behalf on Jan. 9.

Bentley was indicted on Sept. 30 on the 25 felony charges because he allegedly used false information to wrongly obtain controlled substance prescriptions between July 2001 to December 2002 at several local pharmacies.

The indictment alleges that Bentley falsely obtained 11 prescriptions at the Med Zone Pharmacy, five prescriptions at the McDowell Professional Pharmacy, five prescriptions at McDowell ARH, three prescriptions at Reid's Pharmacy and one prescription at Cooley Apothecary.

Bentley pleaded not guilty to

Dismissed

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Tussey's original complaint. A July 8 grand jury had returned 44 indictments before Slone's indictment, but did not name the Prestonsburg resident.

District Judge Eric Hall ordered that Slone be released when that grand jury failed to name Slone in its list of 44 defendants. The order was filed Sept. 22, just eight days before he would be finally be indicted on the charges.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who met with Slone's attorney Wednesday for a pretrial conference, filed a motion following that hearing to dismiss the charges against Slone.

Wages

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Kidd. "When you trust somebody and think they're a pretty good person and they come up to you and tell you they ain't going to pay you because they ain't got that kind of money, why would stay and work for them?"

Reynolds is scheduled to appear in district court for an arraignment on the charge of theft of services on March 31.

"I don't owe him nothing," he said during an interview yesterday. "The fact of the matter is that he owes Bud Edmonds' widow and I in excess of \$4,000 for items that were given to him by the company, two scooters retailed at \$800 and an outboard motor in excess of \$1,600."

Reynolds said he would file a counter-complaint against Kidd's accusations.

Guilty

10, as well as a third transaction on Feb. 22.

On Jan. 17, witnesses testified that Compton sold four methadone tablets for \$10 each and four Lortab tablets for \$5 each.

During the Feb. 10 buy, Compton was found guilty on charges that he sold marijuana to an informant who visited his Goble Roberts residence to make the purchase, while later that month, on Feb. 22, the commonwealth offered taped evidence of Compton making a transaction for three Oxycontin tablets, all sold for \$45 each.

The buys were caught on audio tape, but Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, who tried the case, said the tapes were of "average" quality, a hurdle easily cleared with the office's newly acquired \$10,000 audio equipment.

The equipment, which was purchased with money provided from the Floyd County Fiscal Court, rendered the tapes more audible for the jury, which deliberated only 25 minutes before returning guilty verdicts on all four trafficking counts, something

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says can be attributed in large part to the equipment itself.

"We've had it roughly a week, and it's already paid great dividends," Turner said, "because without that equip-

ment, the audio tapes in this case would not have been audible to the jury... Having that available played a large part in getting that conviction."

Compton was the only witness to take the stand in his defense, doing so on Tuesday.

"The only witness the defense called was the defendant," Taylor said. "He eventually stated he couldn't hear anything on any of the tapes and denied any knowledge of anything without going into any kind of detail or giving any kind of explanations whatsoever."

With this, their first trial of a task force case, the commonwealth was quick to commend the efforts of officials taking part in bringing the case to court.

"We give a large part of the credit in getting this conviction to Stan Farler, the director of the Floyd County Drug Task Force," Taylor said. "We feel that Mr. Farler and his officers are doing a tremendous job and we continue to look forward to working with them on future cases."

At least one, and possibly a second case, will not see future court proceedings, however, following Compton's conviction Wednesday, according to the commonwealth's office.

Taylor said that another defendant, Bobby Owens, had been set to begin his trial Wednesday, the same day Compton was convicted, but was prompted to change his

mind.

"He (Owens) was charged with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance first-degree for selling Oxycontin to an informant working with the drug task force," Taylor said. "He appeared for court at roughly the same time that the verdict came back on Mr. Compton's case and shortly thereafter entered an open guilty plea rather than face a jury."

Taylor said his office had also received word Wednesday that a third case involving a defendant who was not named will also very likely end with an open guilty plea.

"We're obviously pleased with the jury's verdict," Taylor said Wednesday. "And as anyone can see from the other two cases saying they're going to enter open pleas, the jury's sending a strong message."

Hearing postponed for alleged robber

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A pre-trial conference scheduled for this week for accused bank robber Melinda Workman has been pushed back a month and will now take place in mid-March, according to documents filed Thursday.

Workman was set to appear for a pretrial hearing Feb. 13, but will now go to court on March 14, following an order from Circuit Judge John David Caudill.

Workman, 21, along with her 23-year-old boyfriend, Elijah P. Hulch, have been jailed since August after police arrested

them in connection with the Aug. 11 robbery of Branch Banking & Trust's Glyn View Plaza location.

Workman was indicted on one count of first-degree robbery, a class B felony, while Hulch, who police say drove the vehicle during the robbery, faces criminal charges of first-degree complicity to commit robbery, first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree fleeing or evading police.

It is alleged that Workman, who lived with Hulch in Ravenna, Ohio, entered the bank and held a teller at gunpoint, asking that a black bag she had

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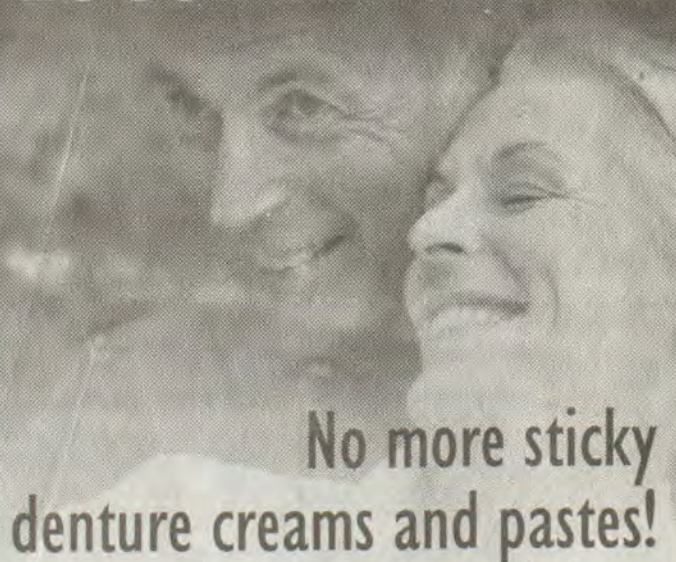
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Viewpoint

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"The hearing ear is always found close to the speaking tongue."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Press and Sun-Bulletin, Binghamton, N.Y., on government contractors and underpayment of taxes:

We've all heard horror stories about government contractors overcharging. There was the \$127 washer that could have been purchased for \$10.50. And there was the recent \$6.3 million check Halliburton wrote the Army Materiel Command to reimburse it for a suspected overcharge for services provided in Iraq.

Now auditors for the General Accounting Office have noted a disturbing trend of underpaying by some contractors. The GAO found that a total of \$3 billion in taxes was owed by more than 27,000 contractors in the budget year that ended Sept. 30, 2002. The agency claims that if the Pentagon had pursued these contractors, it should have been able to collect at least \$100 million in 2002.

Most of the contractors involved are small businesses that failed to send the IRS taxes withheld from employee paychecks, the GAO reported. Nonetheless, this is the sort of housekeeping that must be maintained or else fiscal chaos will ensue. With the amount of overcharging some of these contractors have gotten away with in the past, you can see they're expecting to slip under the radar of a government choking on its own bureaucracy. ...

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on Bush's jobs promise:

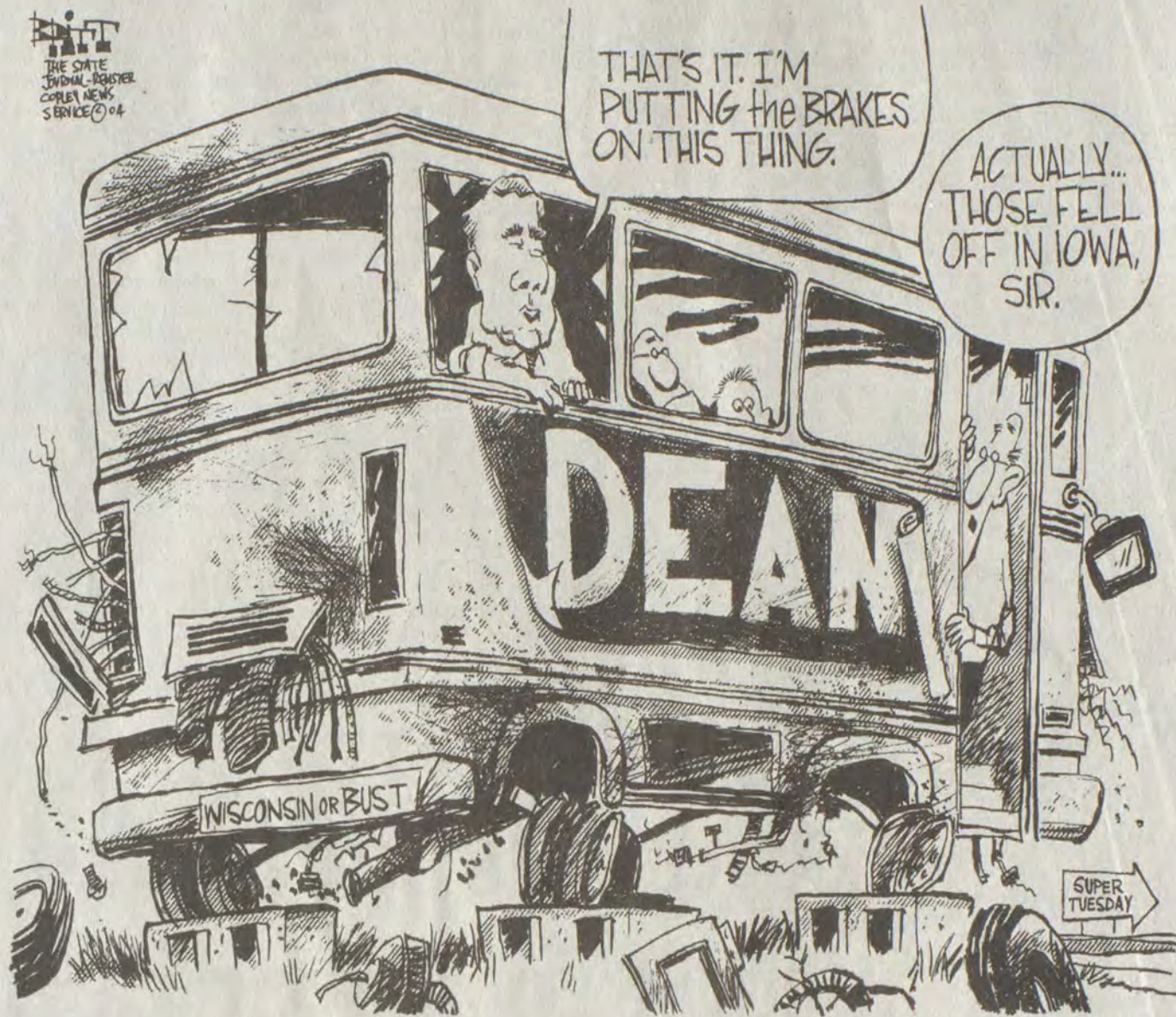
In its annual report to the public last year, President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers predicted that the U.S. economy would have 1.7 million additional jobs in 2003 — but only if Congress passed the big package of stimulative tax cuts proposed by the White House. Well, Congress passed the tax cuts — and the nation actually lost 400,000 jobs.

Now the council is back with a new forecast and a promising new jobs prediction. After its recent misfires on the size of the federal deficit, the speed of job creation and the cost of the 2003 Medicare bill, you would think the White House would ask its experts to be more cautious. You would be wrong. ...

Of course, forecasting is a tricky business. Experts at the Congressional Budget Office and the big Wall Street firms get their projections wrong all the time. But their blunders are symmetrical: Sometimes they're high, sometimes they're low. Bush's economists have been wrong three years in a row, always on the upside. If their forecasts had been right, the

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Guest Column

Polluter writes anti-pollution rules

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Instead of following America's environmental rules, polluters have found a better deal: Bush & Company lets polluters write the rules for their own fun and profit!

At issue are long-delayed Environmental Protection Agency rules to regulate the amount of toxic mercury spewing from the smokestacks of some 1,100 coal-fired power plants across America. This airborne mercury is grotesque — it's a neurotoxin that causes brain damage in unborn children and infants. Power plants produce 41 percent of all industrial mercury contamination —

48 tons a year — and they're presently the only unregulated source of this pollution.

So the Bushites have boldly stepped into the breach with new regs that they say will eliminate 70 percent of mercury emissions by 2018. Progress, right? Hardly. Why 2018? That's 12 years and untold numbers of brain-damaged children down the road. The technology exists today to eliminate 90 percent of these emissions.

But utility lobbyists balked at a more stringent rule, saying that the companies didn't want to incur the expense of the more effective technology. Bush's EPA not only went along, but actually let a top industry lobbying firm, Latham & Watkins, write much of the language used in the agency's proposed rule, lifting many of the paragraphs verbatim from Latham & Watkins' memos.

The head of the EPA's air policy office, Jeffrey Holmstead, said the use of the lobbying firm's language was merely the result of an interagency mix-up. "That's not typically the way we do things, borrowing language from other people," Holmstead said.

What Jeffrey didn't say is that he came to the EPA from — guess where? — Latham & Watkins. There's more; the chief counsel of the air policy office also came from Latham & Watkins.

To fight this corrupt rule-making process, call the Clean the Rain campaign: (202) 797-6692, or contact www.nfw.org/cleantherain.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press www.jimhightower.com.

Letters

Concerned about vacant ambulance station

I am writing concerning an auto accident that happened on Christmas Eve of 2003 around 9 p.m. on Route 80 in Maytown.

My sister, who lives in Martin, and I were driving along Route 80 in Maytown and came up on an auto accident. A car had driven into the side of a van which had caused it to flip. We had not yet learned the extent of injuries or possible fatality that occurred.

Someone was screaming to call the ambulance and my sister had said that there was ambulance station approximately two miles away. Not having any access to a phone, we drove to the ambulance station, which took approximately a couple of minutes to get there, pulled in front of

the ambulance station and saw an ambulance sitting there in the driveway. We beeped the horn a few times and no one came to help, so I ran to the door and knocked several times and again no answer. So we left and went back to the accident. The police were there on the scene when I got back. There was still no ambulance. We were told that a police officer had radioed for an ambulance.

From the time we came up on the accident, it took about 30-to-45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, it being the same ambulance company that would not answer our call for help. I overheard ambulance personnel say that they had come from Prestonsburg. I cannot understand what the purpose of having an ambulance sitting at this station in Martin with no one available to attend it.

I feel that this should be looked in to by the proper authorities to find out why no one could be reached at this ambulance station. This situ-

ation was very bad, but we are thankful that no one was seriously hurt in the accident. If there had been life-threatening circumstances, those wasted minutes could have gone towards saving a life.

Gayle Hall
Salyersville

Sykes sold American dream

To whom it may concern, because we know Sykes is not concerned. I feel it is time to use my First Amendment rights and give my personal opinion on the closing of the Pikeville Sykes.

First of all, I am an employee at Sykes Enterprise and I and many others are facing the fact that we now have to find jobs in this area or move. For me, this may not be as important as it is to so many of my co-workers. I

do not have a family nor am I even from this area to begin with, but the majority of the employees at Sykes are.

I think it is completely ridiculous that the corporate sharks find it necessary to terminate over 300 employees that they so willingly hired.

During training, Sykes talks about being proud to be a part of this company that has given thousands of people jobs throughout the United States. But what they neglect to tell you is that this job, part of the proverbial "American Dream" can be sold to people who live in other countries for a fraction of what we make per hour. So it seems that Sykes has sold the "American Dream" to make a quick buck for the hierarchy of the corporation.

I recently moved here from a much larger city than that of Pikeville, and I never would have been able to fully understand the way life works down here.

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AT THE MOVIES:

'Welcome to Mooseport'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

"Welcome to Mooseport" is the Howard Dean of Hollywood, holding all the cards to succeed, then stumbling and tumbling when show time arrives.

It sounds like a splendid comedy ticket, Gene Hackman as an enormously popular president who leaves office, retires to his summer home in a sleepy Maine town and blunders into a mayoral race against a local plumber (Ray Romano).

And Hackman and Romano are backed by an excellent supporting cast that includes Marcia Gay Harden, Rip Torn, Maura Tierney and Christine Baranski.

Director Donald Petrie ("Miss Congeniality," "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days") has a track record in populist comedy, while there's a reasonable expectation of wit and depth in the screenplay by Tom Schulman, an Academy Award winner for "Dead Poets Society."

Yet "Welcome to Mooseport," like Dean's campaign, withers and dies. Petrie's pacing is sluggish and Schulman's script is awkwardly constructed and just plain not funny.

Hackman plays President Monroe "Eagle" Cole, a two-term who leaves the White



"Welcome to Mooseport," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for some brief sexual comments and nudity. Running time: 111 minutes. Two stars out of four.

House with a whopping 85 percent approval rating. Newly split from his gold-digging wife (Christine Baranski), who has taken his prime residence in the divorce, Monroe relocates to his vacation home in Mooseport, where he plans to write his memoirs and sift through the lucrative book, speaking and corporate board offers coming his way.

Accompanying him are his faithful executive secretary Grace (Harden), his nervous publicity man Bullard (Fred Savage) and a band of Secret Service guards so loyal they hide in the woods on the golf course to toss balls back onto the fairway when their boss inevitably slices into the trees. "Lucky bounce, sir," is the mantra.

Into Monroe's life comes hardware store owner Handy Harrison (Romano), the lovable local lunkhead hired to fix the ex-president's toilets. Handy's a sweetheart of a man whose chief failing is he cannot commit to longtime girlfriend Sally (Tierney), a veterinarian tired of waiting for him to pop the question.

The movie clunkily orchestrates scenarios that turn Monroe and Handy into fierce rivals: Monroe inexplicably agreeing to city elders' request that he run for mayor; Handy filing for the mayor's race (also inexplicably); Handy's determination to stay in the campaign so he doesn't look like a quitter after Monroe asks Sally on a date.

The action devolves into cheap politics as Monroe

brings in his hotshot campaign manager (Torn) to dig up dirt on Handy and try to control the David-and-Goliath media circus.

The hijinks should be hilarious, considering Hackman and Romano's comic sensibilities. The gags and jokes fall flat, though, and "Welcome to Mooseport" lumbers along at far too leisurely a pace (a golf match between the two candidates drags on to interminable lengths with barely a laugh).

Like candidates who keep mouthing winner's talk even as they plummet in the polls, the actors do their best with the weak material. Their energy and enthusiasm make you want to like "Welcome to Mooseport."

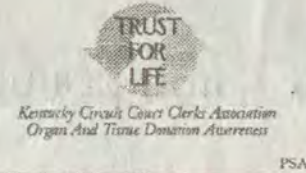
Ultimately, the movie is a cinematic campaign that deserves a low turnout from box-office voters.

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Reality show premieres on Spike TV

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Spike TV unveils a new reality series Tuesday, called "Crash Test."

The show hasn't received much coverage yet, and is only briefly summarized in next week's T.V. Guide, but it is a return to the type of reality show

that started it all when Allan Funt first unveiled his trademark program "Candid Camera."

For "Crash Test," actors will pop up at events such as wedding dinners and even an "Elvis" convention for unscripted hijinks.

What can viewers expect? "A lot of fun," says the program's production manager, Jay Sinrod,

31, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Putting together a program of this sort involves some challenges that viewers may not be aware of. When they shot a sequence where the crashers worked a wedding, each guest had to be let in on the prank after the fact. At this point, permission had to be granted from each guest. The best way to accomplish this was by getting a Polaroid of all of the guests and then attaching that to a consent form. Anyone who didn't want to appear would then have to be thoroughly edited out of the footage.

Sinrod coordinated all of these tasks and was also responsible for hiring and supervising the crew while keeping a close eye on the budget. The only comparatively easy task was finding the actors. Sinrod points out that, "There's been enough of these shows so that some people already have a reputation. We found them through agents and word of mouth."

There are several challenges to doing this kind of program, when the bulk of the people aren't even aware that they are being filmed until after the fact. The director of photography had

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A mixed bag of titles made their video and DVD debuts this week. Family fare is well represented with several volumes of The Care Bears and Clifford hitting the shelves.

Horror movies from all over the globe hit the racks. From Hong Kong there is Shiver. This one is an Asian take on 1978's Eyes of Laura Mars. Here a woman develops the ability to see killings, before they occur, after she gets conked on the head during a bank robbery. Her

estranged cop husband comes to her aid and they both wind up in jeopardy when it turns out that her psychic ability works like Caller ID for the killer.

From Spain comes a real oddity called Don't Tempt Me. This one involves forces of good and evil battling for the soul of a punch drunk boxer.

Texas checks in with S.I.C.K. It's one of those Bozo-with-an-attitude flicks that follows a serial killing clown with an anger management problem. Don't be fooled

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My name is Dr. Michael McKinney, D.M.D., and I would like to introduce to you, my wife, LaDonna, and my son, M.K. There have been articles written in various publications regarding a traffic stop that occurred on January 20, 2004, in Martin, Kentucky. There were several allegations brought against me, by the Martin City Police, arising from this traffic stop. I would like to state that these allegations are UNTRUE. Further, I would like to address a particular allegation: "Failure to use a child restraint." My son, M.K. McKinney, was at home with my wife, LaDonna McKinney, at the time this incident occurred. Therefore, I do not understand why this allegation appeared on the citation. My son has never ridden in a vehicle without the use of a car seat, and I have always obeyed the child restraint laws. I have several questions as to why these allegations were brought against me. Regardless, the allegations have been dismissed by a court of law. I have always treated people with respect, and I have never been accused of being disrespectful to any law enforcement officer, prior to these allegations of January 20, 2004.

I am currently practicing dentistry in Floyd County, Kentucky, where I was born and raised. I have always served my patients with pride, and treated them with dignity. My family and I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this article, and thank all of the people of Floyd County who have called and visited to offer their support. Please visit me at my office in Minnie, Kentucky.

Sincerely,
Mike, LaDonna and M.K.

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THE FAMILY OF SUSIE STAMBAUGH

Card of Thanks

The family of Ralph Vernon Frye would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to Clergyman Roy Harlow, for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF RALPH VERNON FRYE

Card of Thanks

The family of Jack C. Hufford would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and acts of kindness. A special thanks to Clergyman Roger Hicks for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for his assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF JACK C. HUFFORD

Card of Thanks

The family of Etta Ruth Akers Crisp would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks so much for the food and the flowers, and for the acts of kindness that each one has shown to our family. We especially want to thank the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF ETTA RUTH AKERS CRISP

Card of Thanks

The family of Carol Holland would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way, during the loss of our loved one. We thank everyone for the help, flowers, food, and acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Dr. Grady Stephens, who gave excellent care to our mother and wife. A special thanks to Pastor Steve Williams for his kind words, and for being there for Thalia and Olivia. A special thanks to Thelma Perry for her kind words, the Sheriff's Department, and Carter Funeral Home. A very special thanks for her best friends, who were there with her when she needed you the most.

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nation would have 5 million more jobs today than it actually has. ...

It's not fair to blame Bush for the 2001 recession and much of the job loss that has occurred on his watch. But it is reasonable to expect honest forecasts and policies that deliver what they promise.

Rental

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by the cool box art, though, because this one has all of the appeal of an exploding cigar.

The big studio releases are 1-for-2 this week. The one to rent is Runaway Jury. This is based on one of John Grisham's numerous courtroom thrillers and ratchets up the suspense by keeping you guessing all the way through. The case involves a lawsuit against a gun manufacturer (changed from a tobacco company suit in the book). Director Gary Felder rounds out a top-notch cast here which includes John Cusack, Bruce Davison and the first cinematic pairing of Dustin Hoffman and Gene Hackman (who roomed together before they hit it big). Good use of New Orleans locations and one heck of a twist ending make this one a rental that won't leave you wanting a refund.

The same can't be said for the new David Spade comedy, Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star. This one's a true stinkburger and manages to squander a good idea (child stars always seem to come to tragic ends) and wastes the talent of Spade, who has been striking out at the movies since the death of his film buddy, Chris Farley. Leave this one on the rack next to S.I.C.K.

Obituaries

Donna (Jane) Rigsby

Donna (Jane) Rigsby, 64, of Cutler Ridge, Florida, died Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at Larkin Community Hospital in South Miami, Florida.

Born August 17, 1939, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Gladys Patton Anderson. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Donald P. Rigsby.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Robin Rigsby of Miami, Florida; a daughter, Kathy McMahon of Miami, Florida; two brothers, Danny J. Anderson of McDowell; and Willie C. Anderson of Topmost; two sisters, Peggy Hubbard of Stanford; and Roberta Mullins of Somerset; three granddaughters, Laura, Ronda and Krystal; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Leonard Jr. Anderson and one infant; and a sister, Lois Anderson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Gene Bracken officiating.

Burial will be in the Anderson Cemetery, at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Nola Boyd

Nola Boyd, age 79, of Dana, husband of the late Martha Alice Lewis Boyd, passed away, Thursday, February 19, 2004, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born February 13, 1924, in Dana, the son of the late Jack Boyd and Vania Boyd. He was a former coal miner and foundry worker.

Survivors include two sons: Roland Boyd of Wellington, Ohio, and Charles Boyd of LaGrange, Ohio; one daughter, Patty Althaus of Apex, North Carolina; four brothers: Raymond Boyd of Wakeman, Ohio, Robert Boyd, Junior Boyd, and Asbury Boyd, all of Tram; three sisters: Melvinia Watson of Dana, and Rosie Goble and Lizzie Lewis, both of Tram; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and three brothers: Randy Boyd, Hezzie Boyd, and J.B. Boyd and two sisters: Judy Boyd and Ottowa Akers.

Funeral services for Nola Boyd will be conducted Saturday, February 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Opal Ola Vaughn Jarvis

Opal Ola Vaughn Jarvis, age 79, passed away, Monday, February 16, 2004, at the Highland Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was born June 20, 1924, at Edgar, a daughter of the late Henry Harmon and Hazel (Martin) Music.

She is survived by her husband, William Henry Jarvis of Prestonsburg. She was employed as a janitor, for the Floyd County Board of Education. She was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

She is also survived by one son, John Vaughn Jr., of Prestonsburg; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Vaughn, also of Prestonsburg; one brother, Russell Jefferson Music of Prestonsburg; and one sister, Sylvia Sparks of Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 20, at 10 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Southie Fannin Jr. officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, at Prestonsburg.

(Paid obituary)

House leaders: Fletcher should air tax plan publicly

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Leaders of the House's Democratic majority told Gov. Ernie Fletcher Thursday that he should present his tax plan "in writing, in an open public forum."

The five leadership mem-

bers, including Speaker Jody Richards, suggested the proper forum would be a meeting Tuesday of the House appropriations committee.

The invitation was delivered as a letter to Fletcher's office Thursday morning. It was intended as a counter to Fletcher's statement on

Wednesday that House Democrats needed to show "bold leadership" in support of his plan for a "revenue neutral" rewriting of the tax code.

The statement followed a private, oral briefing for 15 legislators, including the House Democrats. The group was not given a written plan.

The letter stated: "If you are convinced that the plan you envision is the best for Kentuckians, then you should have no objection to presenting it, in writing, in an open public forum."

Fletcher's press secretary, Jeannie Lausche, said the Democrats had promised to meet personally with Fletcher. "The governor is very disappointed that they broke their word. They canceled the meeting," she said.

Fletcher told reporters Wednesday that his plan would raise some taxes, including the excise tax on cigarettes, while lowering others, including individual and corporate income taxes.

There would be a tax on telecommunications and the sales tax would be extended to some services, which Fletcher declined to specify. The state property tax on motor vehicles would be phased out, as would a license tax on corporations. Fletcher said 250,000 low-income people would no longer have to pay income taxes.

He said the plan would be "revenue neutral" — increases in some taxes being precisely offset by cuts in others — for at least the fiscal year that begins July 1, which is the first year of the biennial budget cycle.

In the second year, the state should see some "dynamic revenue growth, but not from raising taxes. By raising the num-

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Turner sponsors bill to allow mayors to perform marriages

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, is sponsoring a bill allowing mayors to consecrate marriages, a privilege previously reserved for ministers, justices and judges of the court and county judge-executives.

"I was approached by a handful of city mayors who wanted to officiate over marriage ceremonies, but were unable to do so," Turner said. "My daughter, Margalee, was married this past summer. If I could have could have just persuaded her to stop by the mayor's office, my wallet might not have suffered its recent weight loss."

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who approached Turner about the legislation, said after turning down numerous requests from family members and local citizens to preside over wedding ceremonies, he

thought it was time to change the current law.

"I just think mayors should have the same authority as judge-executives and be able to perform marriage ceremonies,"

Fannin said. "When asked if I am able to officiate, I'm tired of telling my friends and colleagues 'no.'"

SB 140 was introduced on Feb. 2.

Letters

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I am from a place where I always knew that if I lost my job, I could find another one without any problem. But here it is much different. I moved here in September and began working at Sykes in October because it seemed to be the only place that offered any kind of job security for a person who doesn't have a degree in medicine, law or that thereof. Unfortunately this week I, as well as over 300 others, found out that the so-called "job security" is nothing but a joke to the company.

Sykes doesn't understand how hard it is to find a job in this area or how deeply they have wounded the spirit of so many employees.

Since when did Sykes become Scrooge and we, the dedicated employees, become Tiny Tim? The decision to terminate the employees and close the center is an abomination to the community that has tried so hard not to become classified as just another country town.

Elyse M. Ogden
Wheelwright

Reality

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to employ eight cameras ranging from lipstick-sized units to high-tech items which were small enough to fit into buttons and eyeglasses. The audio designer was also challenged by having to isolate one conversation in the midst of a crowd which stretched to upwards of 200 people.

The program's producer is

Jim Czarniecki and he is no stranger to the rigors of film work. He won an Oscar last year for producing Michael Moorer's controversial, documentary "Bowling For Columbine."

At this time there are only six episodes of the show set to air, but Spike TV may order more if viewers tune in

Card of Thanks

The family of Frank Conn would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional and courteous service.

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Angela Renee Bowman, 41, of McDowell, to Raymond Parsons, 60, of Allen.
 Naomi Lee Clevenger, 17, of Bluefield, Va., to Shaun Douglas Yates, 18, of Pikeville.
 Sandra Sue Blackburn, 42, of Prestonsburg, to Sean J. Bobo, 32, of Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Lewanna Kay Howell, 24, to Larry Gene McKinney, 43, both of Pikeville.
 Rachell Ann Burkett, 18, to Michael D. Collins, 22, both of Prestonsburg.
 Jennifer Ruth Tackett, 22, to Lonzo Bryant, 42, both of Pikeville.
 Katrinka Lenora Cantrell, 32, of Staffordsville, to Shawn Robert Stewart, 20, of Martin.
 Lisa Diane Tackett, 24, to Daniel Ray Jarrell, 19, both of Prestonsburg.
 Tabitha Rena Farmer, 20, to Ronald Dean Fields, 25, both of Martin.
 Robyn Lynn Adams, 25, of Paris, to Jarrod Owen Bentley, 26, of Pikeville.
 Beverly Jean Haney, 48, of Williamsport, to James Meade, 57, of Flat Gap.
 Amanda Adkins, 18, of Pikeville, to Michael Ash, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Carla Jean Reynolds vs. Keith Alan Reynolds; divorce.
 Casey Hall vs. Thomas Hall; divorce.
 Emma Ratliff vs. Vernon Ratliff; divorce.
 Melissa Parsons vs. Arick Parsons; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Bryan Tackett; complaint.
 Beneficial Kentucky Inc. vs. David H. Derosssett Jr.; complaint.
 Foster Care Systems vs. Frankie Stanley; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Carla Vance vs. Lois Tackett; petition for health care insurance.
 Carolyn Adkins vs. Christopher Adkins; petition for health care insurance.
 Delmer Frasure vs. Della Innis; petition for health care insurance.
 Mortgage Electronic Registry Systems vs. Kara Henson and Billie Huffman; complaint.

State Farm Insurance vs. Grady E. Nelson; complaint.
 Shirley Hood vs. Kentucky Farm Bureau; complaint.
 Ella Sue Ward vs. James Ward; divorce.
 James Hoover vs. Dennis Vanderpool and Cindy Vanderpool; complaint.
 Jimmy Lee Bevins and Jerrald Edward Bevins vs. Highland Hospital Corporation; complaint with jury demand.
 State Farm Insurance Company vs. Della Stewart; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Terry Bellamy vs. P&N Construction; property damage collection.
 Judith C. Ousley vs. James and Jamie Spears; debt collection.
 A-Plus Rentals vs. Billy or Faith Stamper; debt collection.
 Leslie Cheryl vs. Wilma Dye; reimbursement for property recovery.
 Emma Fraganeno vs. Vicky Handshoe; reimbursement.
 Eric C. Conn vs. James Isaacs; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Rebecca Creighton; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Larry Butcher; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Clifford Lewis; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. James Dingus; debt collection.
 Intermountain Cable vs. Lisa F. Brown; debt collection.
 Triple M Credit vs. James Slone; debt collection.
 Intermountain Cable vs. Tim Ryan; debt collection.
 Intermountain Cable vs. Leanna Kidd; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Stacey Lee Ratliff, 26, Thealka, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
 Stuart King, 30, Teaberry, second-degree forgery.
 Jessica N. Batten, 22, Pikeville, receiving stolen property.
 Mark A. Vance, 31, Wayland, operating a motor vehicle on a driving under the influence suspended license, failure to register transfer, no insurance, no other state registration receipt.
 Maranda D. Holthouse, 20, Hueysville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Robert Devon Bailey, 26, Prestonsburg, two counts first-

degree wanton endangerment, second-degree cruelty to animals.

Ella Mae Sullivan, 36, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Cartis Dean Hall, 33, Grethel, two counts first-degree wanton endangerment, two counts simple assault.

Rogie D. Case, 25, Martin, third-degree burglary.

Michael Moore, 42, Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsupport.

Kimberely Hall, 18, Betsy Layne, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, theft of a controlled substance, prescription in an improper container.

Johnny L. King, 30, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Kevin Hamilton, 29, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Clinton Hamilton, 21, Lucasville, Ohio, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

George Banks, 21, Eastern, theft by deception.

Miguel C. Padilla, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Sharon M. Willis, 42, Dana, selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Jessica Weir, 19, Harold, criminal mischief.

Deanna J. Hall, 36, Weeksbury, theft by deception.

Jackie E. Hall, 65, Betsy Layne, harassing communications.

Jay Prichard, 24, Garrett, menacing.

Linda A. Harris, 37, Dwale, harassing communications.

Shawn P. McGuire, 34, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.

Brent Kimbalo, 29, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Edgar Tackett, 77, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Owen Shepherd, 47, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication.

Tammy Slone, 45, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Mikele Osborne, 24, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

Amanda Dockens, 26, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, drinking alcohol in a public place.

David Ousley, 22, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

Dante Delmonte, 38, Betsy Layne, criminal trespassing.

Estill L. Prater, 22, Garrett, fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Larry Marsillett, 18, Prestonsburg, criminal mischief.

Jimmy D. Hall, 42, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

Eric Denver Kingsley, 32, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

Jennifer R. Akers, 29, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

Ellen J. Patton, 42, Eastern, fourth-degree assault.

Jason A. Tackett, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Christian R. Ousley, 22, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

Clyde Bradley, 51, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.

William Blackburn, 35, Banner, alcohol intoxication.

Monica Lynn Wright, 24, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

James Anthony Galloway, 32, Harold, fourth-degree assault.

Ryan E. Shepherd, 30, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Terry J. Adkins, 31, Harold, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating an all-terrain vehicle on a public roadway and without proper headgear, possession of marijuana.

Ivan D. Gunnels Jr., 23, Eastern, theft by deception.

Renee Martin, 31, Drift, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Billie A. McCoy, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Terry Gayheart, 18, Teaberry, harassment.

Kevin Edward Lamartz, 18, Minnie, alcohol intoxication.

Margaret Blackburn, 34, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Rhonda Yates, 23, Minnie, two counts fourth-degree assault.

Inspections

Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Violations noted: All violations have been corrected. Score: 100.

Dock Reynolds Grocery, Grethel, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Refrigeration units without thermometers, no soap or towels in restroom, restroom door isn't self-closing, floors in disrepair, canned food observed on the floor. Score: 94.

South Floyd High School, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several water fountain streams are too low, floor tile in elevator in need of repair, several student desks in need of repair. Score: 92.

Cardinal Country Store, South Lake Drive, regular inspection. Violations noted: Couldn't locate thermometers in deli area, hair restraints not in use in food department, microwave in need of cleaning, dumpster missing lid, mops stored on floor in back room. Score: Food area 90, Retail, 92.

Cardinal Country Store, Rte 80, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers, hair restraints not used in food prep area, shelves in disrepair, sinks missing drain boards, waster container missing lid, floor tile missing in food prep area, unshielded lights in food area, mops stored improperly. Score: 90.

Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Refrigeration units need conspicuous thermometers, proper

hair restraints not in use, walls in utensil wash area in disrepair, improper shielding of lights in food prep area. Score: Food area 96, Retail 99.

Action Mart, Route 122, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unlabeled spray bottle in back storage area, hard to find thermometer in upright refrigerator, wiping cloths not stored in sanitary solutions, floors need slight repair, walls and ceilings needing some repair, back storage area wall unfinished, improper shielding on hot food display unit.

Double Kwik, U.S. 23, Harold, regular inspection. Violations: Potentially hazardous food due to storage at lower than prescribed temperature, proper hair restraints not in use, can opener blade containing particles of encrusted food. Score: Food 91, Retail 100.

Action Express Mart, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations: Food stuck on floor in prep area, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, cleaning utensil not properly stored. Score: Food 94, Retail 99.

Betsy Layne Elementary Cafeteria, U.S. 23, follow up inspection. Violations not all staff wearing proper hair restraints, two heating unit lights were out. Score: 98.

Betsy Layne Elementary, U.S. 23 regular inspection. Violations: One water fountain in new building not operable, floor tile in disrepair for entrance to room 508. Score: 94.

Roadie's Around The Clock, U.S. 23 Water Gap, regular inspection. Violations: Unable to locate all thermometers in deep freeze units, items in freezer in need of covers, hair restraints not in use at food prep areas, waste container needing a proper lid, mop heads stored on floor. Score 88.

Property Transfers

Swinging Bridge Rentals Inc. to May-Johnson properties LLC, property located, Goble Roberts Addition;

Bruce Scott and Kathy Scott, Burl Scott and Grace Scott, Vivian Vanderpool, Wincell Scott and Theresa Scott, Geraldine Rench and Richard Rench, Carolyn Castle and Gale Castle, Vicki Crow and Greg Crow to Vicki Crow, property located at Garrett;

Johnny E. Webb and Ella Webb to Robert Mahon Jr., and Brenda Mahon, property location not listed;

Yvonne Crum to Greg Crum, property located, Garden of the Lord's Supper;

Kathleen Triplett to Mary S. Triplett, property located on Jacks Creek;

Clara Hicks Johnson to Odis Hicks, property located, Left Beaver Creek;

Doris Newsom, Lloyd Newsom and Lorraine Newsom, Clyde Newsom and Gayla Owens Newsom, Shirley N. Gamez to Tommy Gene McKinney, property located, Left Beaver Creek;

Leonard Hall and Bulavene Hall to Jerry Joseph Walker, property located, Little Mud Creek;

Jeanice Johnson to Jimmy Dwayne Skeens Jr., property location not listed;

Johnnie Hoover Jr. and Veronica Hoover to Rachel Hoover, property located, Salt Lick;

Billie Louise Campbell and Julian Campbell, Jeroma Dean Rains and Jack Rains to Ronald B. Tackett and Clementine Tackett, property located, Left Beaver Creek at Melvin;

Heather N. Branham Trust, Woodie Branham, trustee to

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Yarnwood, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloos, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxiliary Freewill Baptist, Auxier, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqt. on Rt. 1428, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial), Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379 (Branch's Creek Rd.), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.
Liberty Baptist, Denver, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director, Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huesville, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huesville, Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.
Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold, 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.
CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass, Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darrin, pastor.
CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E., Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive, Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Huesville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lorie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weeksbury Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.
CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.
EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal, Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.
LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville, Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.
METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
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Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
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Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
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Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David, Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
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Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift, Worship Service, 11 a.m.
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SHRINERS HILLBILLY PAGEANT

To be held March 27, at 11 a.m., at Shelby Valley High School. Purpose to raise money for Shriner's Children's Hospital. More info., call 437-6891 or 639-9414.

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The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994, will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

SPECIAL CHURCH

PROGRAM

The Prater Creek Baptist Church, located at Banner, will present Dr. Jack Reiss, a born-again Jew and the director of the Baptist World Missionary Outreach Ministries, on Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the church. Dr. Reiss will conduct a Passover demonstration. All are invited to attend this special service. For more information, contact Pastor J.B. Hall at 437-6328.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONF.

"Caring for Every Child's Mental Health - Communities Can Conference" will be held March 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Conf. hosted by Mt. Comp. Care and Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Ctr. Both registration and a catered lunch are offered at no charge. To register, call Teresa Clay at 886-8572. Registration deadline March 1.

BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 26, at (See CALENDAR, page ten)

Inmate asks judge to recalculate sentence

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An convicted felon serving time for sodomy charges is asking the judge to recalculate the time he's served in jail, according to an order filed this week in circuit court.

Acting on his own behalf, Dennis James Meredith, who pleaded guilty in 2002 to second-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse, wrote and filed a motion requesting the court to grant him additional credit for time served in his sentence.

Meredith was sentenced on July 19, 2002, and was given 331 days credit for time served on the charges, according to his circuit court file.

According to his indictment, Meredith was originally charged with first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree sodomy, a

charge that was later amended to second-degree sodomy, for sexually abusing his step-grandchild between November 2000 and July 2001.

After entering a guilty plea to the charges in 2002, Meredith was sentenced by Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill to two concurrent five-year sentences with an additional order stipulating that he be placed on a three-year conditional discharge upon his release.

He was also required to register for life with probation and parole and with the sex offender registry, and was ordered to complete an extensive sex offender program and HIV testing.

Because he entered a guilty plea to the charges, Meredith has no chance of probation until at least 85 percent of his sentence is served, which is roughly four years and three months.

The motion will be consid-

Hearing

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brought be filled with money. Once the bag was filled, Workman then left the bank and entered the waiting car, police said.

A police chase followed after bank officials notified authorities of the incident and Allen Police Officer James Burke spotted the couple's car and pursued them along Route 1428 and then onto Route 194 at Cow Creek.

Workman was arrested after police managed to stop the vehicle, and Hulch, who fled into the woods after the stop, was later apprehended when police brought in a canine unit to aid in the search.

The Ohio couple pleaded innocent to all charges during their arraignments in late October.

Roughly \$4,700 in cash was found in the couple's vehicle at the time of the arrests, police said.

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Quiksilver Landing, LLC, property located, Spradlin Branch;

Catherine Sparks and Charlene Johnson, co-executors of the estate of Blanche Crisp Patton to George Gray Jr., and Donna Gray, property location not listed;

Julia Caudill to Stevie Caudill, property location not listed;

Douglas Clinton Little and Stephanie Little to Michael S. Hall and Lavenna S. Hall, property location not listed;

Shelby Jean Sparkman to Darren Shepherd, property located, Right Beaver Creek;

AEP Kentucky Coal LLC, to Big Branch Holding Company LLC, property location not listed;

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Family sues hospital over father's death

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The heirs of a man who died after being admitted to Highlands Regional Medical Center claim that the hospital is liable for his death.

Jimmie Lee and Jerrald Edward Bevins filed suit Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court asking for damages from Highlands Regional Medical Center, who they claim caused the death of Bobbie Lee Bevins.

The suit, filed by attorney Mitchell D. Kinner, of Kinner and Patton law offices in Prestonsburg, claims that Bobbie Bevins died because the hospital "negligently permitted" him to contract an infection, or failed to properly diagnose and treat the infection which ultimately killed him.

According to the suit, Bobbie Bevins was admitted as a patient at Highlands "within days" of his release from St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, where he

had surgery in March 2002. He remained at Highlands for several weeks and was pronounced dead on Feb. 20, 2003, the suit says.

Mitchell claims in the lawsuit that Bobbie Bevins suffered "grievous and permanent injuries" that culminated in his death during his stay at the hospital, and he, on behalf of Jimmie Lee and Jerrald Bevins, is asking that the hospital be held liable.

They request that Highlands pay for damages, including medical expenses, physical pain and mental suffering, impairment of the ability to earn a living, punitive damages and for funeral expenses for Bobbie Bevins.

Kinner could not be reached for comment yesterday.

HMRC public relations director Kathy Rubado said yesterday that the hospital is yet to be served with the complaint and that she has no knowledge of the alleged circumstances surrounding it.

Calendar

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HRMC CALENDAR

■ Feb. 21 - Child Birth Class, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., HRMC Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Place A & B.

■ Feb. 26 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd Room. "You've Got the Beat," Diabetic Heart Health tips.

■ Feb. 26 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

■ March 13 & 14 - PALS provider course, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 18 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Meeting Place B.

■ March 20 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 23 - Sr. Advantage, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 25 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd Room.

■ March 25 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

All classes free of charge - call 886-8511 for more information.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

Tax

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ber of high-paying jobs in this state," Fletcher said at a news conference.

Fletcher said he still hoped to get his plan passed in the current session of the General Assembly. He said that ultimately would depend on opposition Democrats who control the House, and he hoped to have their answer Thursday.

"It is time for some bold leadership, and it's going to have to come from the House leadership as well as what we provide here from the governor's office," Fletcher said. He said "the Senate is willing to work with me."

Richards said Wednesday that legislators would have to know how it would affect their constituents. In the letter, Richards and his colleagues said the Appropriations and Revenue Committee "would be the appropriate forum for the presentation of balance sheets clearly indicating where you want to raise and lower taxes, on whom and by how much."

The letter also acknowledged that, as Fletcher has said, "there are important issues of fairness in our state tax code which are in need of close examination."

Richards also has said Fletcher, who campaigned on a pledge not to raise taxes, must take the lead on any tax plan.

"There are some significant changes in the way Kentucky would tax its citizens. I want to know if it's going to hit one group of people, particularly those less able to pay," Richards said Wednesday.

"Certainly there's an aspect of it that helps those at the lower end. But we've got to make sure that it doesn't then hit them with the other fist," he said.

Fletcher later hit the high-lights of his proposal for reporters. No revenue estimates were attached to any of the envisioned tax changes.

Fletcher said he was "looking at" an increase of 40 cents per pack in the state excise tax on cigarettes. The current tax is 3 cents per pack, second lowest in the nation.

He said he wanted to lower the maximum corporate income tax rate to 6 percent from 8.25 percent and the individual income tax rate to 4.9 percent from 6 percent with unspecified "triggers" to eventually cut it to 4 percent.

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COMMENTARY

They come and then they go

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

George Steinbrenner just traded two minor leaguers and an old Don Zimmer game-worn jersey for me, so this week we offer pinstriped notes:

(Bullet) Our long national nightmare is over. The Philadelphia Police Department solved what has been described as its most visible case ever this week when the head of the Phillie Phanatic was located.

The mascot's head, valued at \$3,000, has been missing since last week.

Apparently there's an actual human being inside the costume, and he has been identified as Tom Burgoyne. It seems the Phanatic was making an appearance at a charity auction when he decided to take a break and removed the suit.



Rick Bentley

(See BENTLEY, page five)

STATEWIDE ATTENTION



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Nicholas Jamerson (6), pictured in action this past season against Pikeville in the Reno's Bowl, will participate in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Football Classic on Friday, June 18 at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn., home of the UT Volunteers.

Jamerson named to Ky. All Star football team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Hard work does pay off.

Prestonsburg senior Nicholas Jamerson has been selected to play in the 21st annual Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Football Classic at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn.

on Friday, June 18. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. The Kentucky All Stars' roster was released Thursday. It listed the Prestonsburg senior as a defensive back.

Jamerson is well deserving of the selection.

One of the top athletes in the state, Jamerson, who played in the Class 2A State Finals as a sophomore, received

many grid accolades at the end of his senior season, including an Associated Press Second Team All-State nod. He was named Player of the Year in Class 2A, Region 4. He went into the 2003 season ranked as the top player in Region 4. In addition to football, Jamerson also plays basketball and

(See JAMERSON, page five)

East Ridge scalps host Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Times are sure to be better for the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Betsy Layne hosted East Ridge following Homecoming festivities Thursday night and didn't fare too well against the visiting

Warriors. East Ridge, after getting off to a fairly slow start, outscored the host Bobcats in the opening period and led Betsy Layne 21-12 at the end of the first period. East Ridge erupted for 37 points in the second quarter and led the Bobcats

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Jordan Kidd drove around an East Ridge defender. Kidd led the Bobcats in scoring with 11 points.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Valley edges South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - A rematch of the recently-played 15th Region All "A" Classic boys' championship game was played out Tuesday night when Shelby Valley visited South Floyd Raider Arena. The host Raiders led Shelby Valley through one quarter, 12-7. However, Shelby Valley took a 27-26 lead into the intermission and fought off a late Raider rally to beat the home team 72-61.



Adam Tackett

South Floyd had its chances late, but couldn't knock off the 15th Region's top team.

Shelby Valley outscored South Floyd 23-20 in the third quarter and 22-15 in the final period to win in a matchup of two of the 15th Region's more talented boys' basketball teams.

Just one point separated the two teams with 1:30 to play. And Shelby Valley made the plays it needed to make to win. The scoring for Shelby Valley was balanced.

Junior Kris Bentley had 21 points for

(See EDGES, page two)

Changes come to 15th Region Tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - Rod Varney, 15th Region Tournament Policy Board Chairman released this week some changes for the 2004 15th Region Tournament.

Prestonsburg High School will serve as the boys' tournament host and Pike County Central

High School will serve as the girls' tournament host.

The boys' region tournament draw will be held at Prestonsburg on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. The girls' region draw will be held at Pike County Central High School that same day at 2 p.m.

The dates for the boys' tournament at Prestonsburg follow.

First session - Wednesday, March 10, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Second session - Thursday, March 11, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Third session - Friday, March 12, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Fourth session - Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m. (Championship game)

The dates for the girls' tournaments at Pike Central follow.

First session - Monday, March 8, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

(See CHANGES, page two)

UPDATE

Simpkins could play against Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Paintsville High senior Shane Simpkins, a three-sport star, has been pushed to the sidelines with a knee injury since an injury suffered in the annual Apple Bowl game against rival Johnson Central. Simpkins, who excels in football, basketball and baseball, missed four football games - three in the regular season,

one in the playoffs - for the Tigers due to the injury and has missed every game so far in the 2003-04 high school basketball season.

That may change tonight. Paintsville will host Allen Central in what will be a game played on the Tigers' Senior Night. One report Thursday said Simpkins would rejoin the Paintsville boys' bas-

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Alice Lloyd College honored its senior basketball players Saturday. Floyd County native Ryan Shannon is pictured second from left. More on the ALC seniors appear inside on page two.

QB saga continues for Browns: Holcomb out four months

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — As of now, the Cleveland Browns aren't sure who their quarterback will be this season.

Sound familiar? The team's never-ending soap opera at quarterback has a new twist. Actually, there's a tear.

Kelly Holcomb had surgery last week to repair a torn labrum in his right shoulder and will need four to six months of rehab. It's an unexpected development for the Browns just as they're trying to restructure Tim Couch's contract.

On Tuesday during a "State of the Team" address, Browns president Carmen Policy and coach Butch Davis spoke in vague terms about Couch's future.

Couch, who lost his starting job to Holcomb in training camp only to get it back, is due to make \$7.6 million in 2004 and \$8 million in 2005. Couch is a former star player for the University of Kentucky.

The Browns want him to redo his deal so they'll have more flexibility in upcoming free agency and to sign other players.

"There's things that have to be done on (his) side of the table," Policy said. "If it appears that we're able to give Tim what he needs and he's able to do for us what we need, then it's a whole different situation."

Policy met with Couch last weekend in Florida and had "candid but not confrontational" discussions about reworking the former No. 1 draft pick's contract.

Before the meeting, Policy was optimistic the sides would reach an agreement and Couch would return. Policy remains confident things will be worked out.

"Based upon what I'm hearing behind closed doors and based upon my conversation with Tim, I'm going to stand by my suggestion that there is a very strong possibility that Tim will be back," Policy said.

Davis, however, intimated that there may be more than money keeping Couch from

coming back for a sixth season in Cleveland. Davis was non-committal when asked if he expected Couch to be his starting quarterback in 2004.

"I think I'd have to hedge my bets and say, let's see exactly what Tim's going to do," Davis said. "As soon as he makes that commitment as to what he wants to do, the next commitment is that he and I have to sit down and talk."

"There are some issues we need to talk about. I don't think they are going to be insurmountable issues. Whatever issues have gone under the bridge over the last year, those have got to be resolved."

The Browns want to have Couch's situation resolved before free agency begins March 3.

Holcomb's injury would appear to give Couch more leverage in contract talks. If Couch doesn't agree to have his salary cut, the Browns would be forced to trade him, release him, sign a free agent QB or draft one.

Policy denied that the Browns were interested in restructuring Couch's deal solely to trade him.

Holcomb had been bothered

Bevins

volleyball and softball roster on Wednesday morning. "Anna is certainly an excellent player, but just as importantly, she's a good person."

"We're very excited to welcome her into our family."

Bevins' athleticism is certainly not in question. As a junior, she not only played three sports — volleyball, basketball and softball — but also was named her team's MVP in all of them.

Bevins turned in some terrific numbers for the Lady Pirates on the volleyball court last season. Helping her team to the first 15th Region volleyball title, Bevins led the team with 110 service aces and

340 assists. She was second with 203 kills and added 140 receptions, 14 digs and five blocks.

Staggs is also excited to be adding her to the softball roster. "She's one of the finest pitchers around and her athleticism will be a major asset on the field," he said.

"Anna is a fine young lady all the way around, and will undoubtedly have success at Pikeville College," said Bill Bevins, who is Anna's coach in both volleyball and softball. "She's a unique athlete who succeeds in three sports, and is a super young lady. I look forward to her career and will be excited about seeing her in a Big Orange uniform next season."

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Bevins will join another Belfry product as freshmen on the Lady Bear roster. Last week saw Staggs sign Vickie Hall to play volleyball as well. He also added East Ridge's Jordan Looney last week.

Bevins and Hall will see some familiar faces in their classes next fall. On Tuesday, football coach Jerry Mynatt signed Belfry products Jordan Clevenger, Josh Cullop, Matt Marcum and Zane Smith from the 2003 Double-A state champions.

Belfry has played in the two most recent state volleyball tournaments. Prior to winning the title last year, they advanced as a regional runner-up in 2002.

Edges

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Shelby Valley. Seth Kiser scored 19 and Mitchell Riddle pushed in 10. Patrick Tackett scored nine points and Kelsey Friend added eight apiece. Eric Bartley and Mike Bartley finished with three and two points, respectively.

Despite the loss, South Floyd head coach Henry Webb came away from the game with some good feelings.

"It was a very good game," said Webb. "Shelby Valley has a very good team. I didn't think we played very well, however, Shelby Valley had something to do with that. We outrebounded them and we shot the ball pretty

well. Shelby Valley put a lot of pressure on us and we made too many turnovers which led to easy baskets for them. Once again they done a good job on our big guys inside and we did not make any three point shots which allowed them to sag even more."

"Individually, Adam Tackett has really stepped up the last three games, both offensively and defensively. Burnett Little had another solid game as well. We simply made too many mental mistakes. I believe this type of game will enable us to improve before district tourna-

ment only a couple of weeks away. A lot of credit goes to coach Rowe and the Wildcats."

Senior Adam Tackett led South Floyd with a game-high 25 points. Burnett Little tossed in 12 points and Brian Meade added 10. Ryan Johnson and Steven Stanley had five points apiece. Mason Hall and Jack Stone edged the South Floyd scoring with two points each.

Shelby Valley will host Johnson Central tonight.

South Floyd is scheduled to host Bryan Station Saturday night when it holds its Basketball Homecoming.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Rossi Samons, Allen Central, 23 points vs. Johnson Central



Becky Thomas, Allen Central, 38 points vs. South Floyd

(See SAGA, page five)

Changes

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Second session — Tuesday, March 9, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Third session — Monday, March 15, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Fourth session — Tuesday, March 16, 6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Jerry Hurley will assign game officials for both the boys' and the girls' regional events accordingly.

Admission at Prestonsburg will be \$5. Admission at Pike County Central will be \$6/5

The all-tournament team will be selected by the media. Each team will consist of 12 players and one Most Valuable Player. The MVP is in addition to the 12 players on the team. All MVP votes must be turned in by halftime of the championship game. Any member of the media may vote who has covered the entire regional tournament and is thus knowledgeable about each player's performance.

More specific details on both events will be provided by the tournament managers at the respective drawings.

Art exhibit at Louisville Slugger Museum chronicles Negro League

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Willie Foster stands under a clear, blue sky in a sleek, black suit and wide-brimmed hat, a baseball bat at his side. Four children in tattered, drab clothes surround him, each holding a piece of baseball equipment. A red-brick shoe store and barber shop complete the urban scene.

The portrait of the former Negro Leagues pitcher, who was elected to the Hall of Fame posthumously in 1996, was painted by Kadir Nelson and is part of the "Shades of Greatness" art exhibit now on view at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

The 35-piece collection chronicles the Negro Leagues, which were created 84 years ago this month and existed into the 1960s, long after Jackie Robinson integrated the major leagues.

"This is history people should know," said Buck O'Neil, a former Negro Leagues home run champ who gained fame for his eloquent storytelling in Ken Burns' 1994 documentary, "Baseball." "There are only a few of us left who can tell this story. They (the artists) did a beautiful job telling it."

Louisville is the first stop for the traveling show, which features works produced by 28 artists and was launched by the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's another way to introduce Negro Leagues baseball to a sector of the population who may not have been aware of the story before," said Bob Kendrick, the Negro League museum's marketing director.

In 1920, the Negro National League became the first fully organized baseball league for black players, who were shunned by the all-white majors; the Eastern Colored League was established in 1923. Robinson broke the major league color barrier in 1947, when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers.

One of the works, "Sunday Best" by Keith Shepherd, is splashed with bright colors, portraying a well-dressed crowd wildly cheering the Kansas City Monarchs, who captured three Negro League pennants from 1923-25. The games became gatherings where spectators mingled, regardless of social standing, Shepherd explains in an accompanying caption.

"People, whether they were a farmer, mortician, homemaker, mechanic, barber or hotel owner came out in droves dressed to impress," it reads.

Artist Lonnie Powell said he was trying to convey the black struggle for acceptance in baseball as well as society in his piece titled "Looking Him Back." The work shows a lone pitcher concentrating on his task.

"The piece had to portray the dignity of a people forced to live through a shameful time in our history," Powell wrote.

Kendrick said the Negro Leagues museum gathered the artists in Kansas City in March 2003 and gave them a daylong lesson on the league's history. After that, they were left to their creativity.

"We really didn't want them to focus on photorealistic depictions. We wanted them to interpret what they saw, tap into their imaginations," Kendrick said.

Louisville was chosen for the first show simply because the two museums have coordinated other exhibits in the past, Kendrick said. The Slugger museum chronicles the history of the world's most famous baseball bats and shows how they are made.

Now 92, O'Neil is the subject of four grainy, black-and-white photographs taken in July 2003 by Steve Wilson. The pictures show O'Neil in a Kansas City Monarchs uniform with a ballpark as a backdrop.

"It probably took me longer to walk through there than it would the average person because they would say, 'Yeah, I heard about this and I heard about that,'" O'Neil said about the exhibit. "I was there. It was special being

there and knowing what it was all about."

Satchel Paige, a Negro Leagues star and pitching legend, is the subject of the exhibit's largest work. The 62-by-84-inch portrait by Steve Musgrave has a wood frame engraved with the colorful names Paige gave his favorite pitches: "Midnight Creeper," "Two-thump Bloop," "Little Tommy," among others.

All the works are displayed in the Pee Wee Reese Exhibit Theater at the museum. Reese played for the Brooklyn Dodgers and became well-known for his efforts to ease Robinson's transition from the Negro Leagues to the majors.

Robinson is shown walking out of a dugout — from shadows into sunlight — in a painting by Norm Bannister.

O'Neil recalled meeting Reese and Brooklyn teammate Eddie Stanky at Ebbets Field.

"I say, 'Hey fellas, is Jackie gonna make it?'" O'Neil recalled. "They looked at me and said, 'We're going to see that he makes it.'"

After the show leaves Louisville in July, it goes to Indianapolis. Other tentative stops are San Diego and the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

ALC honors seniors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — On Saturday, the Alice Lloyd College athletic program paid special tribute to its senior members. A breakdown of the seniors follows.

■ Erica Webb, Louisa — Webb is currently in the top 15 in the AAC in rebounding at six rebounds per game, scoring at 13.7 points per game and free throw percentage at 76.8 percent. She was named to the academic all conference team last season. She has scored over 500 points in her two year career at ALC.

■ Delores Jenkins, Sassafras — Jenkins is a graduate of Perry Central High School. She has had some major accomplishments during her career at Alice Lloyd. She is currently in the top five in the AAC in free throw percentage at 84.5 percent. She is in the top-15 in rebounding at six rebounds per game. She is presently the leading scorer in the AAC and she is the fifth leading scorer in the nation at 23.5 ppg. Jenkins was named to the Academic all conference team last year. Delores has scored over 1,500 points in her career at ALC.

■ Tommy McKenzie, Oil Springs — McKenzie attended Johnson Central High School. He was a three year starter at ALC before a severe knee injury during the preseason cut his career short. He led the Eagles in assists during

his first three seasons and was Co-MVP on last year's team. He finished his career as a member of the Eagles with 92 games played, 861 points, 364 rebounds and 349 assists. Although he has a year of eligibility left, he will be entering the work force next year where he plans to teach and coach.

■ Jason Knott, Georgetown, Ohio — Knott attended Georgetown (Ohio) High School and is currently majoring in Education. During his four year career with the Eagles, he has played in 95 games, scored 261 points, grabbed 220 rebounds and dished out 51 assists.

■ Ryan Shannon, Drift — Shannon attended South Floyd High School. During his four year career with the Eagles, he has played in 113 games, scored 590 points and has had 137 rebounds and 196 assists. Shannon is the starting point guard on this year's team. He is currently in the top 20 in the AAC in assists at 2.4 assists per game.

■ Matt Spencer, Olive Hill — Spencer is a graduate of Elliott County High School. During his career with the Eagles he has played in 105 games, scored 891 points and has had 302 rebounds and 105 assists. Spencer has been a starting guard for the Eagles the last two years. He is currently 4th in the AAC in free throw percentage at 80 percent.

Dairy Queen SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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SEC wants tighter control at Georgia and elsewhere

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

When the University of Georgia Bulldogs defeated Kentucky for the second time this season, the Bulldog fans stormed the floor as if they had just won the NCAA tournament. Not much was said of the incident that caused some concern at the time.

This past Tuesday night,

once again Georgia pulled off a big upset when it dropped Florida in SEC play. Again, the Georgia fans stormed the court, after been told not to by the arena officials. However, this time, Florida coach Billy Donovan and AD Jeremy Foley cried foul as Matt Walsh seemed to be the target of some Georgia fans. Donovan and Foley have brought the issue to the eyes of the SEC officials and

the incident is being investigated.

I recently attended the girls regional basketball tournament and witnessed a ruckus that saw the fans pour onto the floor and punches thrown. After coming from a 15 point deficit in the final quarter, the girls team from Mayo, Florida pulled out a thrilling 58-57 win.

All through the game along the sidelines for Hamilton County, the fans taunted the referees all night long. Two MEN were escorted to the exit but stood in the doorway until the game was over. What followed when Lafayette was trying to celebrate a great win was disgusting as grown men and women met in the middle of the court throwing punches at each other.

The officials should have done something to diffused the situation long before it got to the point it did. It is a shame that kids have to be denied a time of celebration because parents and others cannot handle defeat. Enough said!

BULLDOGS DOMINATE

Two Bulldog teams are play-

ing the best basketball in the SEC at the moment - Mississippi State and Georgia. Mississippi State is awesome and without a last second shot by Eric Daniels, they would be a perfect 21-0. State is one of the country's top teams but has never been a good NCAA tournament team. But I like them and look for them to be in the final four when April rolls around.

Georgia coach Dennis

Felton, is 3-0 against Kentucky. He has Tubby's number and look for the two teams to meet in the SEC tournament next month. UK will finish 9-7 in the SEC and that will put them in third place.

NO IMPROVEMENT FOR UK

UK seems to get worse as the season rolls near an end. I watched the Cats win by 17 over Arkansas (who is in last

place in their division. It was the biggest margin of victory since late December against hapless Eastern Kentucky. Kentucky will be a NCAA participant this season but making it to the second round will be as much success as they will enjoy.

Bobby Perry and Shera Thomas has looked impressive the last three games for UK.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Adams 50, South Floyd 30

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - After trailing by two points at the end of the first period, Adams outscored South Floyd 20-6 in the second period and 13-6 in the third frame en route to a 50-30 win in the first round of the Floyd County Middle School Tournament.

Adams outscored South Floyd 10-9 in the fourth quarter.

Bobby Hughes hit a three-pointer and finished with 12 points for Adams. Nathaniel Stephens, Jordan Hall and Dane Sizemore all had seven points apiece for the Blackcats. Jody Tackett scored six while James Lafferty and Seth Setser scored four apiece. Josiah Reno had two points on a pair of free throws and Austin Gearheart scored on a single made free toss.

South Floyd hit seven three-point field goals. Wes Akers hit five three-pointers and led the Raiders with a game-high 16 points.

Justin Isaac scored 10 and Kody Howell netted three. Ricky Bentley scored on a free throw.

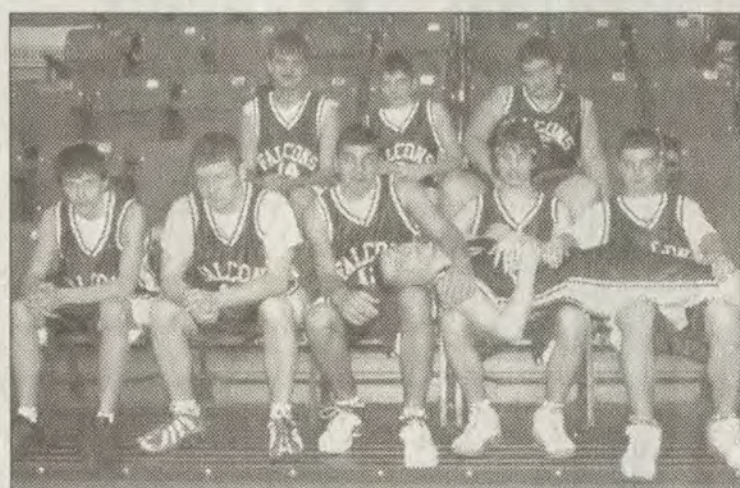
Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) 56, Allen 23; Landon Slone scored 19 points and Taylor Clark netted 10 to lead Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) to the huge win over Allen.

Jeremy Pack scored eight points and John Jones and Clinton Turner tossed in five apiece.

Jason Osborne had four points in the MCA victory.

Michael Burnett scored three and Byron Hall pushed in two.

Kenny Mullins paced Allen with eight points. Brian Tibbs scored six and Josh Rodebaugh added four. Jason McKinney and Nick Yonts added three and two points, respectively.



THE DAVID SCHOOL FALCONS - (Bottom row, left to right) Josh Nelson, Nathan Ousley, Justin Bohr, Brandon Powers, Brandon Brown, and Adam Meade. (Top row, left to right) Jason Whittaker, Joe Tiller, Paul Mullins. Not pictured: Brian Conn and Josh McCarty.

Davis School falls short in season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The David School boys' basketball team completed its second year of play by cutting a 29-point deficit to six points with two minutes remaining before succumbing to a talented South Floyd team in a game played at the Prestonsburg High gym Wednesday night. The final score of 73-64 in favor of the Raiders was reflective of the well-played high-scoring game that featured double digit runs by both teams.

The two teams played on the same gym floor that will host the upcoming 15th Region boys' basketball tournament.

Ethan Johnson led the South Floyd attack with 21 points. Johnson, a South Floyd freshman, hit five of South Floyd's nine three-pointers.

The David School was led in scoring by Josh McCarty, who scored 23 points. Adam Meade totaled 17 points and had a game-high 11 rebounds.

Joining Meade and McCarty in the scoring column was Brandon Brown, who scored a season-high points for the David School Falcons. Three-point specialist Nathan Ousley had 10 points. Jason Whittaker scored two points and had three rebounds for the Falcons. Junior Josh Nelson added five points.

At halftime, the Raiders led 43-20. During halftime, Meade, the David squad's point guard on offense and center on defense, told his teammates to "forget about the scoreboard and go out there and just have fun." The David School team responded and closed to within six points with two minutes to go. At that point, Meade suffered an accidental blow to his nose, which ended the David School rally and the Falcons' chances of pulling off an upset.

Following the game, David

School Coach Ned Pillersdorf said that he was extremely proud of the comeback his team made. "In many ways this comeback was even more rewarding than the two games we won, in that we were playing a very talented South Floyd team," said Pillersdorf. "My players could have easily quit when we fell behind 29 points. I honestly thought with two minutes to go we had an excellent chance of winning the game, but the injury to Adam effectively ended our chances. The shooting exhibition put on by Johnson was the deciding factor in the game. Many of Johnson's shots were launched within less than two feet of me, and I got so rattled at that point, I went and sat on the South Floyd bench."

The Falcons have finished the 2003-04 season with a 2-18 mark. They now look forward to joining the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and possibly the Three Rivers Conference. Pillersdorf said the season was gratifying not only because the team scored its first two wins in school history, but because so many players improved.

"The thought that we could get within six points of such a talented South Floyd team is a tribute to our players who never stopped trying," Pillersdorf added.

David School officials are especially appreciative of the efforts of Prestonsburg High School athletic director/assistant principal Jerry Butcher and the that school's entire unselfish hospitality throughout the season.

"We are totally dependent on the other schools for scheduling in that we do not have a gym at the David School," noted DeRossett. "The school officials at Prestonsburg High School and Mountain Christian Academy made it possible for our program to exist."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 9 Kentucky 73, Arkansas 56

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Erik Daniels scored 21 points and No. 9 Kentucky posted its most lopsided win in Southeastern Conference play this season, 73-56 over Arkansas on Wednesday night.

Kentucky (18-4, 8-3) scored the game's first nine points - seven of those by Kelenna Azubuike - and never trailed.

Arkansas (11-12, 3-9) lost its fourth straight game and fell below .500 for the first time this season. The Razorbacks have not won at Kentucky since 1994, the year they won the national title.

Kentucky led 34-23 at half-time and Arkansas never threatened after that. The Wildcats shot 57.4 percent from the field and posted their highest point total in 11 games.

Daniels scored more than 20 points for the third time in seven games. He had scored only 10 points combined in Kentucky's previous two games, a 66-55 win over Alabama and a 74-68 loss at Georgia.

Azubuike scored 12 points, while point guard Cliff Hawkins matched his career high with 11 assists and committed only one turnover. Kentucky recorded assists on 21 of its 27 baskets.

Gerald Fitch, Kentucky's leading scorer, returned after

missing three games with a sprained ligament in his right hand.

Fitch, who wore a sleeve to bind his index and middle fingers together on his shooting hand, didn't start and went scoreless in the first half. He finished with eight points in 20 minutes.

Jonathon Modica scored 14

points and Eric Ferguson added 12 for Arkansas. Ferguson scored Arkansas' first 10 points and brought the Razorbacks within 11-10 at one point, but Kentucky used a 14-2 run to rebuild its lead.

Arkansas shot 29 percent (9 of 31) in the first half. The Razorbacks made only 3 of 16 3-point attempts overall.

BOXING

OU student wins Dynamite Fights

HAZARD - Kenny Kretzer of Prestonsburg, recently competed in the Dynamite Fights Toughman Contest held at Perry Central High School. Kretzer took first-place in the Lightweight Division and in the process, defeated opponents from Lawrence, Madison and Perry counties. Kretzer was 3-0 in the event with two decisions and one TKO. For his effort in the ring, Kretzer won \$700 in prize money and a jacket as well as a trophy. Kretzer attributes his success to numerous

hours of training in the gym and support from his friends and family. Kretzer credits his motivation to "the roar of the crowd and smiles from the pretty ladies."

Kretzer would like to thank his instructors, Master Troy Burchett and Joe Rose. He would also like to thank his family and friends at school for believing in him. Kretzer is a senior at Opportunities Unlimited in Martin. He plans to enlist in the Navy upon graduation from school.

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Boys' basketball poll

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Mason County
3. Pleasure Ridge Park
4. Fern Creek
5. Wayne County
6. Elizabethtown
7. DeSales
8. Seneca
9. Warren Central
10. Scott County
11. Daviess County
12. Covington Catholic
13. Henderson County
14. Boone County
15. Hazard
16. Perry County Central
17. Hopkinsville
18. Owensboro Catholic
19. Jeffersonton
20. Caverna
21. Apollo
22. Clay County
23. South Laurel
24. Bishop Brossart
25. George Rogers Clark

Girls' basketball poll

1. Sacred Heart
2. Henderson County
3. Christian County
4. Rockcastle County
5. Elizabethtown
6. Jackson County
7. Lexington Catholic
8. Daviess County
9. Scott County
10. Mercy
11. East Carter
12. Marshall County
13. Newport Central Catholic
14. Muhlenberg North
15. Central Hardin
16. Perry County Central
17. Bullitt East
18. Clinton County
19. Boone County
20. Henry Clay
21. Butler
22. Pulaski County
23. Whitesburg
24. Mercer County
25. Louisville Christian



photo by Jamie Howell

Senior Whitney Lykens was crowned Betsy Layne Homecoming Queen Thursday night. Senior Jordan Kidd served as Lykens' escort.



The 2004 Betsy Layne High School Homecoming Court.

photo by Jamie Howell

Earnhardt has a special connection with his fans

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

to Victory Circle.

"I just wanted to shout at the fans, wave at them, hear what they had to say," Earnhardt said.



Dale Earnhardt Jr.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — At the moment of the biggest triumph of his blossoming career, Dale Earnhardt Jr. made sure to spend time connecting with his fans.

He drove slowly back around the 2 1/2-mile oval at Daytona International Speedway, waving to fans out the window of his car, then stopped at the finish line to celebrate instead of driving straight

The fans, many of them clad in red and white, the colors on Junior's No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet, waved and roared back at their hero after his Daytona 500 win Sunday.

And there were plenty of them. He has so many fans, in fact, they've been dubbed by some as Earnhardt's Army.

"When I walk around with Junior, I feel like I'm with

Elvis," said Martin Truex, whom Earnhardt hired to drive the Busch Series car he co-owns with stepmother Teresa Earnhardt.

As Earnhardt wins more races and becomes a legitimate star on the track, his popularity is soaring — even outside racing circles.

He's showing up in lots of commercials, on billboards, in MTV videos and documentaries about his life, at rock concerts and in numerous television interviews.

This week alone, he went from NBC's "Today" show and ABC's "Regis and Kelly," to sit-

ting down with David Letterman.

Earnhardt inherited a lot of fans from his father when the Intimidator — easily the most popular driver of his era in stock car racing — was killed in the 2001 Daytona 500.

"I was his daddy's fan and now I'm his fan," said William Donovan, a carpenter from Indianapolis who was among more than 1,000 fans waiting to get into the building where Earnhardt's No. 8 car would be put on display.

In most years, perhaps 200 fans show up for the post-Daytona 500 ceremony. This

time, five times that many were in line Monday morning to buy tickets and get the chance to see their hero and maybe get an autograph or even a couple of words with Junior.

"He's a lot like his daddy," Donovan said. "He's tough and he's a winner."

The 29-year-old Earnhardt, who projects the image of a quietly confident, hip and happy-go-lucky young man, admits he is a bit overwhelmed by the attention.

"What's most amazing to me today is seeing a grown man cry at Daytona USA, talking about how happy he was to be here,"

Earnhardt said after the ceremony. "He's from Canada and come down to watch the race, and he's just glad that I was able to win because he traveled so far and put so much money and effort into coming here to watch the race."

"That just shows you how big an effect and how much impact you can have on one person. And, when you multiply that by so many people, it's really overwhelming."

Earnhardt, a third-generation NASCAR star, considers the adulation a huge responsibility.

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photo by Jamie Howell

MCA eighth-grader Jeremy Pack (5) went up for a shot over the Allen Central Middle defense.

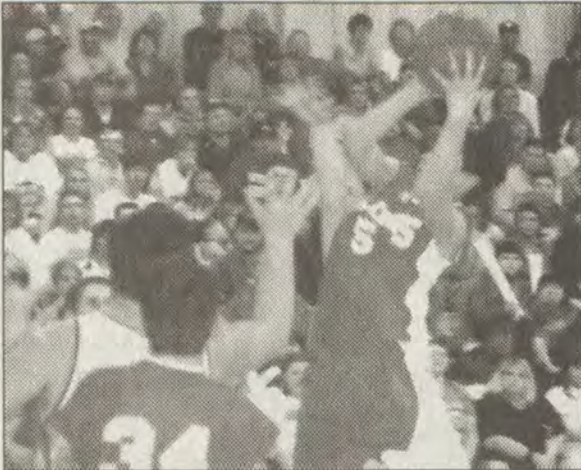


photo by Jamie Howell

Mountain Christian Academy guard Taylor Clark drove for an uncontested layup.

MCA, Betsy Layne play way into county championship game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — At press time, the stage was set for the championship game of the Floyd County Middle School Tournament. Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) and Betsy Layne both won to get into the finals of the annual tournament. MCA beat host Allen Central and Betsy Layne ousted Adams. A look at the two games from the semifinals follows.

MCA 69, Allen Central 54: Landon Slone pumped in a game-high 22 points and Taylor Clark added 19 to lead MCA past Allen Central. Jeremy Pack scored 12 points for the Falcons

and Clinton Turner added 10. In a balanced MCA scoring effort, Jordan Chaffins netted four points and Byron Hall scored two. MCA performed well on both ends of the floor.

"Defense was the key for us," said MCA Coach Rick Hughes. "Our defense led to offensive opportunities."

Corey Webb led Allen Central in scoring with 16 points. Blake Meade added 10 points. Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater scored nine points apiece for the Rebels and Jan Hicks finished with eight. Brett Shepherd scored two.

MCA is the defending county champion.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Johnson Central 58, Pike Co. Central 55

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Host Johnson Central trailed Pike County Central by three points at the end of the first period before grabbing a one point lead in the second quarter. Johnson Central outscored the visiting Hawks by six points in the third period. The cushion it had built in the third period allowed Johnson Central to hold on for a 58-55 win.

Junior Kyle Rice led Johnson Central in scoring with points. Freshman Jamie McCarty had 16 points and Josh Stapleton, a junior, added 11. Mike Walters scored five and Sean Music added three.

Chase Lyons netted 20 points for Pike Central. Adam Prater added 11.

Magoffin County 58, Pikeville 51

PIKEVILLE — Magoffin County outscored Pikeville 13-5 in the second period Tuesday night and 17-13 in the third period and kept pace in the fourth quarter to record its second win of the season.

Three different Magoffin County players scored in double figures.

Robert Parrish led Pikeville with a game-high 19 points.

Paintsville 58, Magoffin County 43

PAINTSVILLE — In the first meeting between Boyd County and Paintsville, Lions' big man Greg Fugate got in early foul trouble but Boyd County still managed a 23-point victory at home.

On Tuesday, Paintsville coach Bill Mike Runyon's strategy to get Fugate out of the game worked again in the first half as the 6-foot-8 center was whistled for two fouls in the opening period.

But Fugate responded well in the second half, scoring 16 of his game-high 20 points, to lead the Lions to a 58-43 victory.

The Lions improved to 18-6 while the Tigers dropped to 4-14.

Fugate recorded a double-double by also grabbing 11 rebounds to go along with his 20 points.

Only one other player was in double figures as Peyton Conley, Paintsville's lone senior, scored 18 points and pulled down 11 boards.

Both teams had 32 rebounds.

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first guy to take the checkered flag was Dale Earnhardt Jr. Not far behind were Robby Gordon, Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth.

And this was supposed to be the minor leagues of stock car racing?

When it comes to NASCAR, the lines between the majors and the minors are definitely blurred. Nextel Cup stars such as Earnhardt regularly take a demotion to race against the up-and-comers and on-the-way-downers in the Busch Series.

And no one finds it all that unusual — even though it's akin to Alex Rodriguez, Barry Bonds and Eric Gagne stopping by to play a few games in Triple-A every year.

"I like it because we can come down here and be real successful," said Earnhardt, who won the season-opening Busch race on Monday — less than 24 hours after winning the Daytona 500 on the same track. "It's just fun. Until they say we can't, I'll keep doing it."

NASCAR has no problem with its top drivers taking part in Busch races, knowing they bring in more fans and sponsors to the series that normally provides a warm-up to the big event every weekend. The stars even have their own name: Buschwackers.

The 34-race Busch season includes 26 events that are run in the same cities as the Nextel Cup races, usually the day before to bolster the weekend schedule. (The Busch race at Daytona International Speedway wasn't completed until Monday because of rain.)

The other eight Busch races serve a different purpose for NASCAR, going to tracks — including Nashville, St. Louis and Kentucky — that haven't landed a prized spot on the Nextel Cup schedule. Call it the consolation prize.

Gordon, who finished third in Monday's race at Daytona, said

AUTO RACING

In NASCAR, minor-leaguers gladly rub shoulders with big-timers

the Nextel Cup regulars add a little glamour to the developmental series. He's got a three-year deal to run 25 Busch races annually, in addition to his regular job.

"It's great for the sport," Gordon said. "If not for the Cup guys coming down, the Busch Series would struggle. They wouldn't have the sponsors they do now."

There are other benefits, as well.

"We can teach the young kids what the next level is like," Gordon said. "A lot of the guys in our series came from the Busch Series."

What do the stars get out of it? For many, it's a chance to start building their own race team. Earnhardt, for example, co-owns a Busch operation with stepmother Teresa Earnhardt. Martin Truex is the team's full-time driver, but Junior plans to take part in at least two more Busch races this year.

Then there's Johnny Sauter and Kasey Kahne, rookies in Nextel Cup. They'll do double duty this season with a full slate of Busch races — a way to gain twice as much experience in a year's time.

There's nothing the Busch guys like better than beating the Buschwackers. It didn't happen

at Daytona, but the regulars did knock off the interlopers in six of the last nine companion races a year ago.

"It ups your game," Busch driver Jason Leffler said. "When I went down to the truck series for a couple of years, I didn't have as many good guys around me. I got into a rut. When I came back and did a couple of Cup races at the end of the year, I was like, 'Holy cow. This is tough.' Those guys are the best. You have to do the best you can just to stay with them."

The Busch Series serves up an interesting mix on race day. It's a chance to see drivers on the rise, such as 2003 champion Brian Vickers, who won the title at age 20 and earned a full-time Cup ride this year.

Then there are drivers such as 33-year-old Jason Keller, who are trying to make a living in Busch while clinging to the hope of a promotion. With more and more 20-somethings getting a chance to race in the Cup series, he knows the window of opportunity is closing fast.

"Everyone has different agendas down here," Keller said. "Some guys are using it as a stepping stone. Some just use it to play

around on a day off. Then there's guys like me and David Green, who are trying to use it for our full-time job."

Busch officials have tried to level the playing field by requiring all teams to be in the inspection line before the first Cup practice on the morning of a Busch race. If nothing else, that eliminated the perception that Cup drivers had an advantage by getting in a practice right before the Busch race.

Keller doesn't mind racing against the Cup regulars, even though they might have stronger cars and better crews.

"There's a certain excitement when those guys are around," he said. "It's a chance for my pit crew to compete against the best pit crews. It's a chance for me to race against the best drivers."

And there's nothing like beating the best. One of Keller's most memorable Busch wins came in 2000 at Dover Downs International Speedway, where he held off Cup star Mark Martin by three car lengths.

"There's nothing better than beating those guys," Keller said. "I drove by him and won. He didn't blow an engine. He wasn't involved in a wreck. Yeah, you remember those races."

BASEBALL

Maddux makes a nice fit with Cubs; Pujols, Cards agree on \$100 million deal; Pudge, Griffey report to camp

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Greg Maddux, Ivan Rodriguez and Ken Griffey Jr. checked into camp, Albert Pujols made the biggest splash at spring training.

The St. Louis Cardinals banked on their slugger for the future, reaching agreement with Pujols on a \$100 million, seven-year contract Wednesday, a source told The Associated Press.

Pujols was scheduled for a salary arbitration hearing Friday — he was asking for \$10.5 million and the team offered \$7 million. Instead, the sides settled, according to the source, who was familiar with the negotiations and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

At 24, Pujols led the major leagues in hitting at .359 last year. He hit 43 home runs with 124 RBIs and topped the majors with 51 doubles.

Pujols finished second behind Barry Bonds in voting for the NL MVP award. He made \$950,000 last year.

The deal came two days before the Cardinals opened camp in Jupiter, Fla.

Maddux reported to the Chicago Cubs' camp in Mesa, Ariz., and was thrilled to rejoin the team.

"It's a privilege to have the chance to come back and play in Chicago," he said. "I spent nine great years here when I first started, and I never forgot that."

"I'm just glad this day has come again where I have chance to come back and finish where I started," he said.

The Cubs officially announced Maddux's deal as they opened

spring training in Mesa, Ariz. The four-time Cy Young winner signed a \$24 million, three-year contract.

Maddux, who turns 38 in April, will get an opportunity to earn his 300th career victory with the Cubs. He needs 11 more wins to reach the mark.

"As great a story as it is, it's really about the fact that Greg Maddux can still win a lot of baseball games," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "It's a feel-good story, but it's a story based on Greg making us a better ballclub."

Rodriguez, who helped guide a young Florida Marlins team to a World Series championship last season, will work out Thursday at Detroit's camp in Lakeland, Fla.

"Having Pudge on board gives us instant credibility," manager Alan Trammell said. "He's a marquee player, and when people say 'Tigers' they think of Pudge now."

The All-Star catcher tried on his uniform and looked over his

gear. "It's going to be the same as last year, learning the new pitchers, giving them some confidence," he said.

Griffey showed up at Cincinnati's camp in Sarasota, Fla., hoping to have a productive and full year. His last three seasons have ended with an injury.

"I'll do some little things," he said. "They say they're going to take it easy on me."

Newly acquired Alfonso Soriano was in the news, too. The Texas Rangers said Soriano obtained in the trade for Alex Rodriguez, was two years older than his listed age.

Soriano is 28, not 26. The Rangers said they knew the two-time All-Star's correct age before getting him.

"The Yankees were up front. Our people were fully aware of how old he was," Rangers spokesman Gregg Elkin said. "Without a question, that was the information we had."

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Both are freshmen and hopefully will help the Cats next season.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

The second season is about to take place come March 1 when the 58th District Tournament tips off. Should be some good games on tap and records mean little except for seeding. Allen Central and Prestonsburg will be a good game as well as South Floyd and Betsy Layne. The

Raiders will be shooting for a fifth district title.

The Lady Cats of Betsy Layne are unbeaten thus far in the 15th Region and a heavy favorite to win the girls' 58th District title. But knowing coach Cassandra Akers, she is making sure her team does not look past the first round game.

From a big fan of 58th District basketball, the best of luck to each team. Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

East

58-29 at halftime. The 29-point deficit was too much for the host Bobcats to overcome. East Ridge went on to beat Betsy Layne 90-60.

East Ridge's 90 points included five three-point field goals. Four Warriors - Brandon Ratliff, Paul Deese, Robbie Spears and Eric Slone - scored in double figures. Deese led East Ridge with 19 points.

For the man at the top of the East Ridge High boys' basketball program, the performance against Betsy Layne was a nice change from a recent outings that have seen the Warriors play both less

than 100 percent healthy and with some distractions distorting what should be a clear view of the game.

"I thought our effort was great for the first time in a long time," said East Ridge head coach James Hurley. "We had good ball movement and rotations on defense. It was the first time in two weeks that we have been 100 percent healthy and had no distractions. Betsy Layne is a good team and I think come March they will be tough to beat. Coach (Brent) Rose does a great job and they have super athletes."

Jordan Kidd led Betsy Layne in scoring with 11 points. Colbert Craft came in off the bench and added nine points. Brandon Hall and Brandon Thacker added eight points apiece.

Play

ketball team and play against the visiting Rebels. Another said he would play in the Senior Night game until he scored and then exit the contest.

Simpkins plays guard for the Tigers.

No member of the Paintsville High coaching staff was available yesterday evening and with that, neither report could be confirmed.

Despite the horrific knee injury, Simpkins will likely still play at the next level. He has received interest from several colleges for the sports of football, basketball and baseball.

After suffering the knee injury, Simpkins said he didn't regret the fact that he returned to play football his senior season.

Tip-off for tonight's Paintsville-Allen Central game is set for 7:30.

Jamerson

participates in track and field.

"We're all proud of Nicholas," said Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. "If anyone deserves to play in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game, it is Nicholas Jamerson. He was worked extremely hard to get to where he's at."

Jamerson plans to attend the University of Kentucky and join the Wildcat football team as a preferred walk-on.

Rockcastle County's Tom Larkey will lead the Kentucky All Stars against the Tennessee squad as its head coach. David Buchanan, the head coach at Mason County, will be an assistant head coach. Other assistant coaches named to the staff include Mike Campbell (Whitley County), Larry Harbison (Metcalfe County), Mike Holcomb (Breathitt County), Chris Larkey (Rockcastle County), Chris McNamee (Pikeville), David Mitchell (Lynn Camp), Larry Parker (Lynn Camp) and Tony Saylor (Lynn Camp).

Jamerson will be joined on the Kentucky team by Belfry lineman Josh Cullop.

Jimmie Reed will serve as game director for the Kentucky team. Rick Wood of Warren Central High School will be an assistant game director.

Kentucky won the 20th meeting between the two squads last season, beating the Volunteer State unit 28-14. Kentucky has won three out of the last four games but still trails in the series, 14-6.

2004 KENTUCKY ALL STAR FOOTBALL TEAM

- QB - Brian Brohm, Trinity Central
- LB - Matt Bell, Madison Central
- LB - Dan Bick, Saint Xavier
- SS/FS - Brad Cloud, Boyle County
- DL - Josh Cullop, Belfry
- DB - Justin Deeley, Saint Xavier

Fans

"When people pull for you, you can't go out there and do something foolish and make a fool out of them next to their buddy when they go to work on Monday and they got to hear how you done," he said. "I just try to do right and make them people proud, even outside the race car."

And he doesn't want to take the fans for granted.

"It don't last forever," Earnhardt said. "We'll just have a good old time as long as we can. Our part is just not screwing up and doing something stupid and getting everybody mad. I worry about doing something the fans will never forgive me for."

Saga

by soreness in the shoulder for some time, Policy said, but the 30-year-old decided to have the operation recently when the pain became intolerable.

The Browns also revealed that defensive end Courtney Brown, whose NFL career has been hampered by injuries, underwent surgery on his right knee two weeks ago. Last winter, Brown had microfracture surgery on his left knee.

Brown, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2000 draft, missed Cleveland's final three games last season with a torn biceps muscle. He hasn't played a full season since he was a rookie.

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Alicia Nelson

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Samantha Goble

Teela Gayheart



Tiffany Goble

Tina Dooley

Megan Little

Prestonsburg High to hold Basketball Homecoming

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg High School will hold its annual Basketball Homecoming Saturday when the Blackcats play host to Mercer County.

A breakdown of the PHS girls taking part in Saturday's Homecoming follows.

SENIORS

- Katherine Adams, Prestonsburg, daughter of Jamie and Harry Adams.
- Kacee Crider, Prestonsburg, daughter of Mark and Leighann Crider.
- Tina Dooley, Dwale, daughter of Thelma and Columbus Quillen.
- Teela Gayheart, Allen, daughter of Lisa and Damon Gayheart.
- Samantha Goble, Banner, daughter of Greg and Carol Goble.
- Tiffany Goble, Banner, daughter of Jackie Goble of Banner and Brandis Goble of Ivel.
- Heather Gray, Prestonsburg, daughter of Tammy Mitchell and Roland Gray Jr.

JUNIORS

- Molly Burchett, Prestonsburg, daughter of Blake and Becky Burchett.
- Caitlin Clark, Prestonsburg, daughter of Robin and Eddy Clark.
- Blair Hall, Martin, daughter of Johnny and Gloria Hall.
- Laura Hall, Prestonsburg, daughter of Lola and Greg Ratliff and Robert Hall.
- Emily Jamerson, Banner, daughter of Tracie Jamerson and Dewey Jamerson.

SOPHOMORES

- Candra Blackburn, Prestonsburg, daughter of Mona and Jim Blackburn.
- Kelly Clark, Prestonsburg, daughter of Karen Clark and Dr. Brent Clark.

■ Katherine Hale, Blue River, daughter of Barbara and George Hale.

■ Amber Stewart, Prestonsburg, daughter of Kimberly DeRossett and Benjie Stewart.

■ Jenna Stewart, Prestonsburg, daughter of John and Denise Stewart.

FRESHMEN

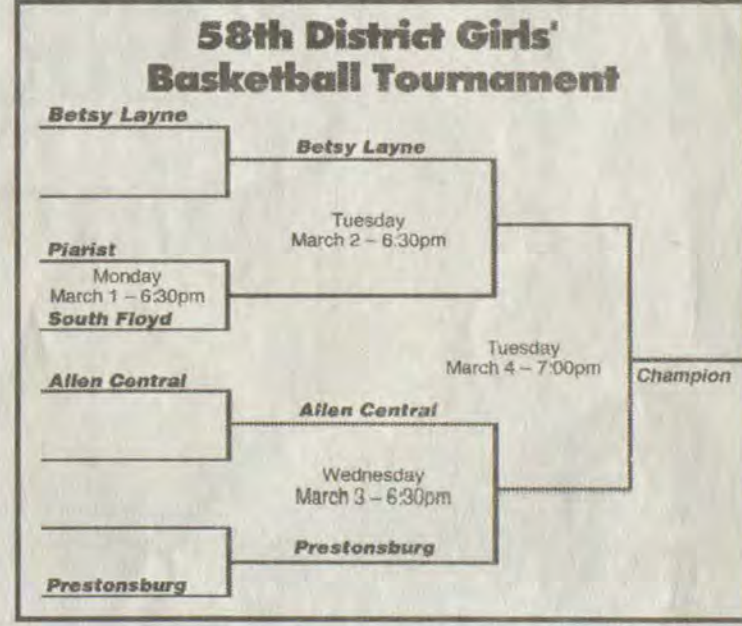
■ Whitney Bradley, Prestonsburg, daughter of Polly

and Randy Bradley. ■ Jenna Gearheart, Prestonsburg, daughter of Randy and Deedra Gearheart.

■ Allison Hamilton, Harold, daughter of David and Janice Hamilton

■ Mikka Riley, Langley, daughter of Libby Riley of Langley and Jeff Riley of Prestonsburg.

■ Ariel Robinson, Prestonsburg, daughter of Faye Wright and Randy Robinson.



Mountain Christian Academy head coach Rick Hughes talked with his team during a timeout.

Bentley

When he returned to his makeshift dressing room, the lid was missing.

But when 37-year-old Bernard Bechtel called WYSP-FM Tuesday morning, telling the station he had "found" the head and wanted to turn it over to the station.

When he did, he was arrested.

Bet he never saw that coming.

(Bullet) Our long national nightmare is over.

George Steinbrenner has found himself a third baseman. Some guy named Alex. Apparently he's a decent prospect.

When the Red Sox were unable to work out a deal to land A-Rod, you had the sneaky feeling this was just a matter of time. So when Aaron Boone blew out his knee in a game of pickup hoops last week, it cleared the path for Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is clearly a big-time player, but you have to wonder if he's that much better than Alfonso Soriano, the second baseman the Yankees gave up in the deal.

It also makes you wonder why the Rangers felt like they could share the considerable

load of A-Rod's unbelievable contract only weeks after they refused to help the Sox in the same vein.

Personally I'm not sure the Rangers did so badly here. Soriano is a talented player - remember he was being compared favorably to Hank Aaron last season, and last time I checked Hammerin' Henry had a decent career - so he's not exactly chopped liver.

And his contract is considerably lighter than A-Rod's.

Still, it's hard to feel good for the Rangers, who were responsible for this when they agreed to pay A-Rod more money than the national deficit.

At this point, the real question is will Steinbrenner really refuse to pay Boone's measly wage after playing in the ill-fated basketball game.

(Bullet) Our long national nightmare is over.

Greg Maddux, millionaire, who owns a mansion and a yacht, has found a home. Only 11 games from 300 wins, in an attempt to win 15 games for a record 17th time, the former Pikeville Cub will go from whence he came and has returned to his original big-league club.

In the end, Maddux signed for \$15 million over two years. Not chopped liver by any stretch, but less than the Braves had on the table in their final discussion. After turning it down, he floated around all winter getting courtesy looks from a few places but finding no one interested in his \$12 million-a-year asking price.

If he had to leave Atlanta, I'm glad to see him return to Chicago. I like the Cubs and think they have a legitimate chance to win the National League, and it would be a terrific story if he can contribute to that success.

Here's hoping he doesn't experience the same post-Atlanta malfunction as his old buddy Tom Glavine.

(Bullet) Our long national nightmare has begun.

This week, I said goodbye to a friend.

This week, I said goodbye to a girl I saw for the first time in a picture. She was sitting shyly at a table, pen in hand, paper in front of her. She was signing a scholarship. Not just any scholarship, but a volleyball one. And not just any volleyball scholarship. Hers was the first.

The first player to sign a volleyball ride at Pikeville College. Now, she's gone.

Lia Silva and I posed for pictures Monday night, standing in the shadowed light outside of Applebee's. When the flashbulbs stopped popping, we hugged. Seconds later, we walked to my car and I gave her a gift. She hugged me twice, I told her to stop crying so she'd laugh and not really break down, and walked away.

She got 15 feet away, turned and came back to hug me again. I told her I loved her and I'd see her again, and we left.

On Tuesday afternoon, she began her trek to her native Brazil with a degree, a lump in her throat and a whole boatload of friends who did not want to see her go.

Monday morning in my office, I told her when she got home she needed to hold on to her faith. I told her if she did, someday we'd be together again in a place where we'll never say goodbye. She smiled and started to cry.

So I made her laugh. I believe she'll be back. But if she isn't, I'll never forget these last few months with her. Good luck, Ana Lia.

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THROUGH MY EYES Just can't hold her back

You may have heard by now that Barbie and Ken have broken up. After 43 years together, the world's most famous plastic pair have decided that it's time for them "to spend some quality time - apart." They will, however, "remain friends."

Barbie dolls were not a huge part of my life as a child, due to the fact that my mother would not allow me to have one of my own. The dolls, according to my mom, were "too developed." I was, however, allowed to have a Skipper doll. Skipper is Barbie's tween age little sister. Skipper was okay, I thought. She had long, silky blonde tresses just like her big sis, and some pretty cool clothes, though they mostly resembled the ones I myself wore. Cotton shorts and tops,



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

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Co-Op News: Lawn maintenance easier now

Ray Tackett
 Floyd County Extension Agent
 for Agriculture & Natural Resources

Proper lawn care is much easier now than a decade or so ago, largely because we're using more common sense to take care of our yards. We're selecting more hardy grasses, adding some water when necessary, and using

the lawnmower and fertilizer spreader on a timely basis.

So the question arises, should we dethatch, aerify or roll lawns now like we used to 10 or 20 years ago?

To find out, read on.

Thatch is a thick, tightly intermingled layer of dead and living shoots, stems and roots that develops between the green vegetation and soil surface.

A little thatch is desirable because it acts like a mulch to reduce soil surface evaporation.

But problems develop when thatch reaches a thickness of one-half to one inch. It often impedes water and fertilizer penetration; becomes a cafeteria for insects and diseases; and often keeps grass roots from growing into the soil below it.

Today's lawns rarely need dethatching because our lawns have been repopulated with earthworms that are important decomposers of organic matter. Also less nitrogen fertilizer is applied to most lawns. Tall fescue, the most common new lawn grass seeded or sodded into new lawns, never builds

(See CO-OP, page eight)



Eula Mae Hall, shown here celebrating her birthday last October, has spent a lifetime advocating for the health care rights of eastern Kentucky's poverty stricken citizens. Hall has long maintained that affordable, quality health care for all citizens is "a right, not just a privilege."

Eula Mae Hall, health care pioneer, receives prestigious AMERC Award

Submitted by Linda Martin,
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BIG SANDY
 HEALTH CARE, INC.

This past February 12, at Mud Creek Clinic in Grethel, Eula Mae Hall received the 2003-2004 Annual David S. Schuller Spirit of AMERC Award. Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC) course mentor, Father John Rausch of the Social Justice Staff with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, nominated Mrs. Hall for the award. The Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center is located in Berea. Mrs. Hall's award plaque reads: "To Eula Hall, a woman who nurtures healing and community in Mud Creek and witnesses for AMERC students the powerful gift of a life lived

for others."

A living legend in the mountains, Eula Hall is an Eastern Kentuckian determined to make the place she calls home a better place for generations to come. Her commitment to health care advocacy continues through Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., a non-profit operator of community health centers in Eastern Kentucky.

While growing up, Eula witnessed poverty's effect on the health of its citizens and she resolved to do something about it. In the early 1970s, Eula started a local grassroots movement based on the idea that all citizens deserve quality health care. In 1973, she opened the Mud Creek Clinic in Floyd County with the mis-

(See HALL, page seven)



Presenting Mrs. Hall with the AMERC Award were, from left to right, Sister Robbie Pentecost, (Mrs. Hall), Father John Rausch, and Dr. Ben Poage.

POSTSCRIPT Bye, Blue.

The losses continue. Last week, we lost a true character. I had wondered every time I drove through Brandykeg how Blue Goble was doing. Now I know.

The obituary gave just the kernel of his life. It didn't elaborate on the cause of death or go into the intricacies of a life.

The listing of parentage and survivors, the reporting of date of death and place of burial, these are necessary records, but they do little to tell us who the deceased was.

Lloyd Goble and I had not talked for several years. Our connection was mainly through his letters to the editor of the Times and long telephone conversations.

He wrote long letters - sometimes 12 pages or more - on yel

(See POSTSCRIPT, page eight)



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to ponder: When is hitting too much?

When is it really necessary to hit a child? That is frequently a BIG question in that it has the potential to create on-going disputes between people who really care about each other. Usually, both sides can passionately present the basis of their beliefs. The goal of this discussion is to not clarify the pros and cons of physical punishment. The goal is to provide some thoughts about "when does physical punishment become physical abuse," if physical punishment is used. What do you think is the criteria of knowing that the line has been crossed?

The law permits physical punishment of children as a disciplinary technique, by parents or caregivers, as long as it falls within the limits of "reasonable" reprimand, being moderate and done for the purpose of correcting a behavior. As expected, "reasonableness" is a flexible concept and takes into account all of the relevant factors of a situation. Typically, the law accepts physical punishment of children based on the child's age, size, health and intellectual capacity, the adult's method of and reason for inflicting the punishment, and the harm caused by the

child. A big problem here is that the physical harm can be seen, but the emotional impact cannot.

But why does the child end up with physical abuse? Often the abuse is an unexpected unintentional outcome of physical punishment by an angry, frustrated parent. There are also those times that physical discipline is intended to harm the child. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the parent as to whether or not the child is physically abused by parental discipline. When the child or young person has injury or tissue damage, as the result

of the adult's physical punishment, the child has experienced physical abuse and, usually, emotional abuse. This outcome might become the grounds for a charge of assault as well as a reason for intervention by Protective Services. If another adult was present while the "physical punishment" was occurring and the minor person is physically abused, then the observer might receive charges also related to the event. The increased acknowledgment of child abuse does not indicate that

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

**Throughout the month of February, on Mondays, from 1:25 - 2:15 p.m., Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital Education Dept., will present an exercise program for 6th grade classes.

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ Feb. 24 - "Magic Me" meeting, 3:30-4:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

■ Feb. 24 & 26 - Self-Esteem program for 6th grade students.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m.

- 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

Lost coats have been turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by

appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Feb. 20 - Special program presented by the Natural History Educational Co., 12:30 p.m., for K-5th grades, in gymnasium. Program is in regard to animals and their natural habitats.

■ Feb. 24 - Dental Health program, presented by Floyd County Health Dept., grades K-3.

■ Feb. 27 - Bridges Parent Support Group, 1:30 p.m., in the Allen Central Middle School Resource Center. Parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers and support staff are all welcome to attend. Fun, activities, refreshments and information!

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment

through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the

tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

■ County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physi-

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Eyes

sleeveless summer shifts, jeans, sneakers and little flannel pajamas.

Barbie, on the other hand, wore glamorous outfits. Low-cut evening gowns, fur stoles, fashionable mini-skirts, high heels, bikinis, lacy lingerie, nightgowns and baby-doll pajamas. It was a whole 'nother world away from the one Skipper, and myself, lived in.

I know this because, although I was not allowed to own a Barbie doll, my cousin, Jan, owned a multitude of them. Each time I got to visit Jan's house, we would run down to the basement of her parent's home and dump out all her Barbies, and all their clothes, onto the floor. I was in little girl heaven!

Jan's Barbie dolls knew nothing of being poor, no, they owned pink cadillacs, townhouses, kitchenettes, fluffy pets, and wardrobes that would put both Beyonce and J. Lo to shame.

Jan and I would spend hours dressing and re-dressing the dolls. We would play puppet-master as the dolls flew away to shopping trips in New York and Paris, or attended movie premieres in Hollywood.

And other times we would pull out Ken from wherever he waited idly by in his khakis and striped button-down (Ken's life wasn't nearly as exciting as the ones Barbie and her friend, Midge, lived), and change him into a tux and have him drop down on one knee and ask Barbie to marry him. And, of course, she always did, because, what else are you going to do with that closet full of six or seven exquisite wedding gowns and all that beautiful lingerie except get married now and then? (Sorry, Mom, but little girls grow and learn, no matter how hard you try to hold them back.)

Always, though, it seemed that Barbie would tire of marriage and of cooking Ken's

meals in her little pink kitchenette and it wouldn't be long until Ken was again lying idly by in some form of undress while Barbie was off once again jet-setting away to party the night away.

Come to think of it, old Ken should of got up and gone on with his own life a long time ago.

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Ponder

it is occurring more, but that our society's tolerance of mistreatment of children has declined. There has been a growing human awareness that the human rights, dignity and integrity of every man, woman and child should be protected.

Child physical abuse is a complex issue that takes into consideration several significant factors known to possibly contribute to a situation to the extent that a child is at risk of physical abuse. Needless to say, one or even several of these characteristics does not necessarily equal that a parent will abuse a child. Some common characteristics in parents or caregivers that increase the likelihood of them being physically abusive to children are: substance abuse (alcohol or other drugs); poor self-image and distrust of others; low impulse control; unrealistic expectations of children; limited or incorrect knowledge of child development; a negative view of children; and a fear of spoiling children. The most consistent research has shown that parents abused physically as children were more likely to abuse their children. In addition, parents who experienced a high level of family violence while growing up are also very likely to be physically abusive toward their children. If you know of a victim of spouse abuse, then you need to be aware of what happens to the children, since about one-third of the adults who abuse their spouses also abuse their children.

Children are not responsible for being abused and cannot be blamed for the unacceptable, physically aggressive behavior shown towards them. However, there are some behaviors or developmental aspects of children that have been recognized as possibly increasing their risk of physical abuse by adults.

While all of the family's children might be physically abused, in some instances, only one of the children might be abused. One child's specific characteristics might precipitate stress reactions in parents who are predisposed to physical abuse. Some of these possible characteristics are: (1) children for whom the bonding and attachment process has been disrupted, such as unwanted pregnancy, a difficult pregnancy, or a child who is not the preferred sex or appearance; (2) children for whom parents experience difficulty caring for - premature babies, crying or unresponsive babies, fussy eaters, or children with disabilities or special needs; (3) children who experience particular difficulties at developmental

stages, such as children with developmental delays, those who bite, resist toilet training, or are unusually active toddlers; and (4) children who are seen as different, perhaps perceived as less attractive or intelligent than other children. Then there are the situations where children who experience on-going physical abuse, are likely to take in negative messages about themselves leading them to feeling rejected and worthless. As a result, the children's reactive, acting-out behaviors add even more frustration, anger, or disappointment for their parents, who are prone to keep physically abusing the children.

Another major issue is the physical abuse of adolescents that might start in childhood or not until adolescence. As is well known, adolescents sometimes require more demanding and complex parenting than that required of younger, dependent children. Also, it is well known that adolescents often have behaviors that are likely to really frustrate or enrage some parents. The possibility for conflict between parents and adolescents tends to occur more when authoritarian or overly protective and controlling parents cannot accept an adolescent's need for independence and support for change from the family into the world. Thus, as conflicts increase, the potential of physical punishment boiling into physical abuse increases.

Besides characteristics of individuals, parents and children/adolescents, there have also been environmental stressors identified that often contribute to physical abuse of youngsters. Examples are: poverty, financial problems, isolation and lack of extended family or social support; unemployment; housing problems; and health problems. These difficulties further compound the interaction of some folks' problems about coping with children and the stress of living and managing life adequately in that physical abuse is more likely to happen. Community attitudes may also tend to add to the potential abuse, such as not valuing children.

Although citizens concerned about our youth would ideally like to know the characteristics of the "typical abused child," there is no such thing. However, if one or more of these characteristics and other parental or environmental risk factors are present, then you might "question" whether or not a child might be "at risk" for physical abuse. Do not be afraid to alert Protective Services if you are concerned about the physical welfare of a

Hall

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sion to serve the needs of individuals without health insurance or those who did not have the money to pay their medical bills. "All my life, I thought this was ridiculous that good people have to suffer for the lack of money," she said. Located in a house trailer, Mud Creek Clinic was originally supported financially by the United Mine Workers Union. It has since become a magnet for social activists, and health care policy-makers and politicians, all trying to learn from Mrs. Hall how to harness community activism for better medical care.

In the early 1980s, a fire destroyed the original Mud

Creek Clinic and all of its medical equipment. With assistance from the Appalachian Regional Commission and Eula's unwavering determination, the clinic soon reopened its doors. No longer in a house trailer, Mud Creek Clinic has been renovated and expanded to meet the health care needs of the residents of Grethel in rural Floyd County. The clinic survived the ravages of flood waters in August 2001 and remains still standing. Eula Hall also has weathered many storms and remains today a strong force in the day-to-day operations at the clinic.

Mud Creek Clinic is nationally recognized as an example for what can happen when a rural community actively expresses the idea that health care is a right, and not merely a privilege. This kind of thinking and the history of Mud Creek Clinic are reflected in Big Sandy Health Care's slogan: "A proud tradition of providing access to quality health care."

If you, or someone you know, may benefit from the services offered at Mud Creek Clinic, you may contact the clinic's staff at 606-587-2207, or you may also contact the Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., office at 606-886-8546.

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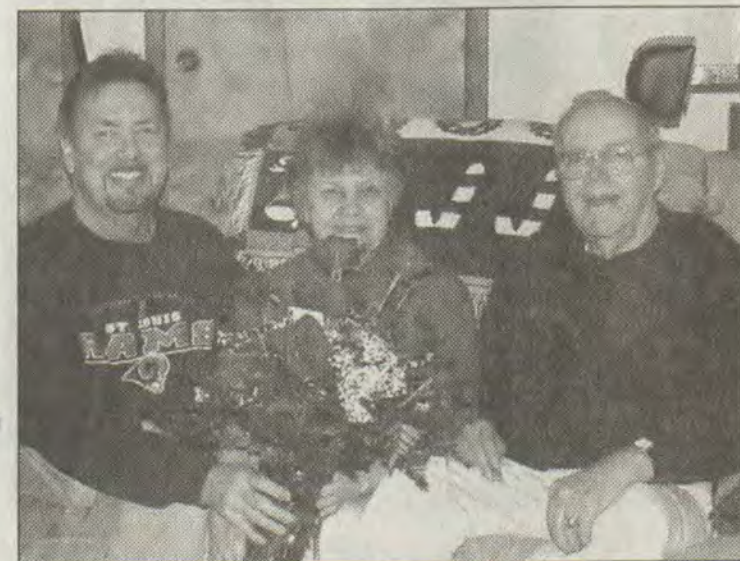
child. Besides caring about the child's need for someone to speak up on his behalf, it is the law. There are often cases where the person who "knew and did not tell" was found as legally liable as the person actually hitting the child. If it were you as a child or your child being physically abused, would you not want someone to speak up?

Anniversaries



Valentine Greetings

Postmaster Peggy Wright, of Dwale (right), presents a special Valentine gift of roses and candy to Ezra and Ocle Branham, also of Dwale. Mr. and Mrs. Branham were married on March 21, 1952 and are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary this year. Postmaster Wright and her staff wish them a very happy and special year.



Valentine Greetings

Postmaster William Holbrook, of Garrett (left), presented a special Valentine gift of roses and candy to Roy and Caulene Martin, also of Garrett. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married on March 26, 1946 and will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary this year. "We had a few candidates for this gift on our list but with the help of the community we were able to narrow it down to Roy and Caulene," Holbrook said. To qualify for the special Valentine the winning couple had to be married a minimum of 50 years. Postmaster Holbrook and his staff wish Mr. and Mrs. Martin a very happy and special year.

Announcements



Adkins obtains 3.62 G.P.A.

James E. Adkins, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, is currently maintaining a 3.62 G.P.A. James plans to attend college following his graduation this spring. James is the son of Greta Salisbury, of Prestonsburg, and Ervin Drew Adkins, of Pike County. He is the maternal grandson of Clinton and Myrna Williams, of Haywood Branch. He is the paternal grandson of the late Loretta and Evan Adkins, formerly of Pike County. His family is very proud of his hard work and academic achievements.



Just a couple 'a good ole boys!

Zak Key, right, a sixth-grader at Wesley Christian School, was happy to meet and talk with Roger "Kentucky Joe" Bingham, of the "Survivor 2: Australian Outback" television series, at his school on Tuesday, February 17. Zak was chosen from among the student body to present Mr. Bingham with a special gift of appreciation for taking time to visit Wesley Christian. Bingham, a native of Crittenden, now works as spokesperson for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



Family Medicine

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



Q As I've gotten older, my lungs fill up with mucus — some of it yellow globs that come up in the mornings, especially during exercise. Some of my friends my age say they have the same problem. Until our lungs get clear of this gunk, we are short of breath. My GP and cardiologist have checked into it and say I am in great shape. They suggest a sinus condition as the cause. I am not sold on this reason for yellow gunk. What else could be causing this?

A The "yellow gunk" you are coughing up could have several causes, and the one both of your doctors suspect — a sinus condition — is very common. Before arriving at this conclusion, I'm sure your doctors took

a good history and physical. Depending on your symptoms, they may have

ordered a chest X-ray and tests for heart and lung function, as well. This helped them rule out such serious possibilities as congestive heart failure, lung or esophageal cancer, emphysema, infection or a foreign body in the airway.

Cigarette smoking is the number one cause of the kind of chronic morning cough you seem to be describing. By definition, a chronic cough is one which has lasted for at least eight weeks. Tobacco-related disorders that can produce a chronic cough include bronchitis, chronic bronchitis and

bronchiectasis. Former smokers and users of smokeless tobacco products can also have these disorders. The sooner you quit, the less likely that you'll be affected by these types of problems.

This is the perfect opportunity for me to get on my No. 1 soapbox: If you smoke, you should quit. If you don't smoke, don't start.

Since your doctors both thought you had a sinus problem, they probably saw evidence of a condition we call post-nasal drip (PND). It is by far the most common non-smoking cause of chronic cough. PND is usually a result of sinusitis or allergic rhinitis. An ear, nose and throat specialist can probably help you refine this diagnosis and new treatment options.

Asthma can also cause a chronic cough, but symptoms are usually worse at night rather than in the morning, as you report is the case in your situation. This type of asthma can be

worsened by using a wood stove for heat. Usually, a patient has a personal history of asthma when it is the cause of chronic cough. You didn't mention this, so I'm assuming it's not a likely culprit in your case.

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) can cause a cough that is worse when lying down. It also can cause a cough when eating or immediately after eating. Chronic cough can also be caused by some medications, such as beta blockers and ACE inhibitors. Both of these medications are used for high blood pressure management primarily.

As you can see from this discussion, many different things can cause you to cough up yellow gunk. Sometimes treatments, themselves, can help hone the diagnostic process. For instance, in your case, a doctor might prescribe a decongestant to treat PND. If the cough stops, he or she will

conclude the problem was in your sinuses. Or, if another patient's symptom pattern seems to suggest a reflux problem, his or her doctor may prescribe a GERD medication. If the drug makes the cough stop, then it's very likely GERD may be the underlying cause.

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School

cals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located

on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

Co-Op

up a serious thatch layer.

It's no longer necessary to spend endless hours to dethatch lawns and haul away the loose debris. Nowadays, rental centers still have dethatching equipment, but it typically is used when renovating lawns to improve seed-to-soil contact.

Aerification, or turf coring, is an important practice for golf greens, sports fields and other heavily trafficked areas.

The cultivation practice involves removing cores from the top two to three inches of soil and depositing them on the surface. This relieves soil hardness caused by surface compaction and allows rainfall or irrigation to penetrate the soil instead of just running off.

However, aerification has little value on home lawns because these areas rarely receive excessive traffic and the soil is less penetrable below the two- to three-inch depth.

Additionally, most rental aerifiers make only four to eight holes per square foot, affecting only one to two percent of the soil surface.

It might be a good idea to aerify sloping lawns where almost all rainfall or irrigation runs off. In this instance, coring would disturb the surface sufficiently to slow down runoff and encourage water penetration.

If you plan to use an aerifer to

renovate a bad lawn with new seed, crisscross the lawn several times. Using it only once or twice will provide little soil-seed contact and most seed won't germinate.

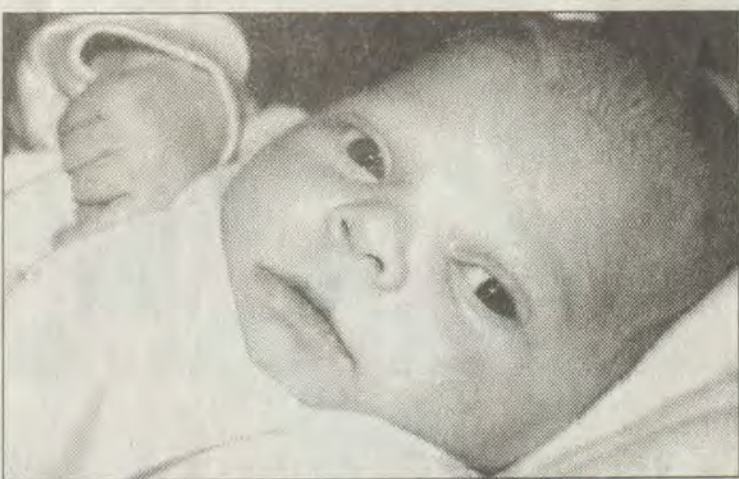
Rolling lawns was a very common practice years ago, but we're not sure why this practice was done. Most agronomists discouraged rolling because of the potential to increase soil surface compaction.

With the resurgence of earthworms and night crawlers, we're seeing more roughness problems in sparse grassy areas, especially beneath shade trees. It almost feels like tottering on marbles when you walk on these surfaces if they're frozen or completely dried out. Therefore, rolling would be preferable to killing beneficial earthworms when their activity makes it hard to walk on parts of your lawn. Since the heaviest earthworm activity is in the spring, rolling areas when the soil is moist would help alleviate the roughness.

For more information on lawn care, contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Birthdays



'Little Miracle'

Ethan Ray Boyd was born on January 22, 2004, to proud parents Jamie Ray and Anna Renee Boyd, of Harold. He weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. Ethan is the maternal grandson of Rick and Kathy Collins, of Harold. His paternal grandparents are Harold and Brenda Boyd, of Pikeville. He is also the nephew of Scott and Alexis Collins, of Harold, and Jeff and Beth Boyd, of Pikeville. He has one first cousin, Baleigh Boyd.



Celebrates 82nd birthday

Sarah Davis celebrated her 82nd birthday at Prestonsburg Health Care Center on February 16, 2004. Sarah has been a part of the health care center family for one year. She enjoyed her party which was attended by many family members and friends. Sarah received many gifts and everyone enjoyed lots of birthday cake and refreshments. The center is happy to have Sarah as a part of their family and are proud to be entrusted with her care.

Samarra turns 2!

Samarra Alissa Howell will celebrate her second birthday on February 23, 2004. Samarra, the daughter of Jeffrey and Shawna Howell, of Auxier, will celebrate her special day with a "Dora the Explorer" theme party held at the home of her maternal grandparents, Stanley and Judy Keel, of Van Lear. Samarra is the paternal granddaughter of Raymond and Fran Howell, of Auxier. Many friends and family members are expected to attend and help Samarra celebrate her special day.



Postscript

low, lined paper. He wrote in longhand, using broad pen strokes and frequent flourishes. Inevitably, each letter had a few words that were not readily obvious and had to be deciphered.

Most of us, I'm sure, would have as many or more hard-to-read words if we were to hand-write such a long piece; I can't write a single page that someone else could easily read.

His conversations were long, too. He was a natural storyteller and could interestingly recount a myriad of tales about the history of the region and its colorful characters.

He knew where many skeletons were hidden in Floyd County closets, and he loved to open them and share the contents. I can just see the glee in his eyes and hear the low laugh as he reveled in unseating folks from their high horses.

He loved politics and held strong opinions. But he was willing to listen to other opinions and, on occasion, would change his mind.

He was one of the smartest people I've known. His vocabulary was most excellent; he frequently stumped me and sent me running to the dictionary. His knowledge of mythology and of history was impressive; he made me feel quite inadequate, although I never would have told him that.

He was also a fine writer. His letters were rich, rational and full of emotion. He told me one time he had written some stories and thought I might be interested in one in particular, a story about a sighting of the aurora borealis on Brandykeg in the 1940s and its impact on the residents.

I was interested, indeed, and

ran the lengthy piece in the TV tabloid, which we had beefed up considerably in the late 1990s. The story was wonderful. It was well-told, compelling and laugh-out-loud funny.

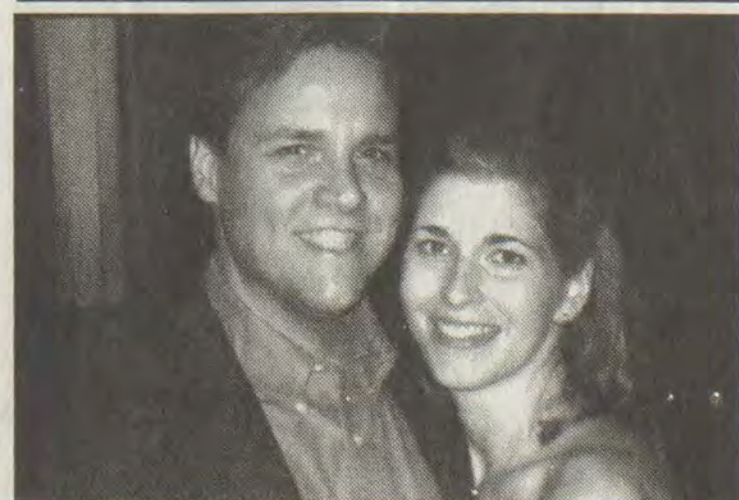
He was proud of that publication. He said so and I could tell it in his voice. I encouraged him to put more of his stories in writing and try to get them published as a book. I don't know that he did. I

left the paper and lost contact.

Not everyone thought as highly of him as I did. Some folks are always contemptuous of those who speak truth without being intimidated by political power, family lineage or money. Others poke fun at those they don't bother to get to know.

No matter. I tend to think the world is a lesser place without him.

Weddings



Posey-Click

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Posey, of Yorktown, Virginia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sarah Noble Posey, to Mr. Tommy Joe Click, the son of Mrs. JoAnn Gibson, of Prestonsburg, and the late Mr. Melvin Click Jr. Miss Posey is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. She holds a B.S. in industrial engineering. She is a consultant in Accenture's Strategy and Business Architecture Practice, in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Click is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He holds a B.B.A. in management and an M.B.A. in marketing. He is Director of Sales and Marketing for Indalex, in Banockburn, Illinois. The couple will wed on June 26, 2004, at St. James Cathedral (Episcopal) in Chicago.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5439, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 0.5 mile southwest of Craynor, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 2.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 194.08 acres, for a total permit acreage of 196.08 acres.

The operation is located 1.5 mile southwest from the junction of KY 979 and Mink Branch Road, and is located 1.5 mile southwest of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell, U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 25' 53" and longitude 82° 40' 22". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Chester Newsome. The operation will underlie land owned by Chester Newsome, Blaine Slone, Joseph Mining Company, Inc., Sue Hall, John Hall, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, and Donna Terry.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Divisions of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permits conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edgar Martin, 10301 Route 979, Teaberry, Kentucky 41660, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.4 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.6 mile north of the community of Grethel, on Big Mud

Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jaclyn Darling, 71 Spring Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edward Clark, 263 Osborn Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and

1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, near Parsons Branch, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

CLINIC FOR DYSLEXIA AND ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDERS IMMEDIATE thru March 31, 2004

The Shedd Dyslexia Foundation is currently offering Educational Screening appointments to help identify students with potential reading and attention problems. Help is available in several different communities through our tutorial programs which meet one night a week. In the programs, one parent becomes involved by helping tutor the students. Classes include 1-1 reading, social skills training and a listening skills class. Tutorial programs are in Mayfield and Hopkinsville

PUBLIC NOTICE

To see if your child may benefit from help or to make an appointment, Please call Debbie Craven, Admission's Office (270-247-8007). Or write: Shedd Dyslexia Foundation, 401 South 7th, PO Box 493 Mayfield, KY 42066 or contact us through our web site: www.sheddacademy.org. Limited scholarship is available.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

SHEDD ACADEMY ANNUAL SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR MAYFIELD & PUDUCAH IMMEDIATE through April 19, 2004

Shedd Academy would like to invite all employers to participate in our annual Secretary's Day Luncheon. This is in honor of all office workers and will be held each day during Secretary's Week which begins the week of April 19th. This is the 5th annual luncheon in Mayfield sponsored by the Happy House Restaurant and King's Flower Shop and the 3rd Annual luncheon in Paducah with The Parlor, Holman House Cafeteria and O'Charley's restaurants participating. Shedd Academy is offering different gift packages including lunch certificates as well as choices of flowers and candy. Someone will deliver the gift packages on Monday of Secretary's week. The employees may use their luncheon certificate any time during the week, including Saturday at the restaurants participating in their area. Employers need only to fax, mail or e-mail their orders and mail a check. We do all the work. For more information call 270-247-8007

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

IMMEDIATE through May 1 2004

Shedd Academy is currently organizing and taking donations for our 5th Annual 5k Run for Dyslexia. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 1st, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the event beginning at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$12, you can pre-register before April 24th for \$10. Trophies will be given to the top male & female runners. First Place trophies will be given for each category. Other participants will receive a certificate and a ribbon for placing 2nd or 3rd by category.

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FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission has the following surplus equipment for sale:

Two (2) Used "Bucket Machines" for the cleanup of sewer lines. Sealed bids will be received by the Commission for each of these items of surplus equipment.

These items may be inspected by calling Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent or Turner Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, at (606)-886-6871 for an appointment. Bids will be received at the Commission's office, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, until 3:00 p.m. (local time) on February 27, 2004, and then at such office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes addresses to "Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent", bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left hand corner: "Sealed Bid Surplus Equipment". Each item listed will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid

Turner E. Campbell Chief Financial Officer

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Reynolds Branch Coal Co., Inc., P.O. Box 51, Langley, KY 41645, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5139, which was last issued on April 1, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 1282.70 acres, located 1.42 mile east of Hi Hat, in Floyd County, Kentucky. 2. The permit area is approximately 1.42 mile east of KY Route

122's junction with Ky Route 979, and is located on Reynolds Branch of Clear Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 21 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect on Permit Number 836-5139 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,300.00. The remainder of the original bond amount of \$36,100.00, is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed, fall 1998. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation, according to the revegetation plan.

5. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort KY 40601, by April 16, 2004.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 19, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 16, 2004.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-14 KKC TRACT NOS.: 512-1 & 512-2 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF VS. NOTICE: CONDEMNATION 17.88 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATE IN FLOYD COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AND JAMES ROBERT AKERS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

TO: The following named persons and their spouses, if any, living, whose addresses and places of residence cannot be ascertained by plaintiff, and if deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, whose names and places of residence are unknown in Tract Nos. 512-1 and 512-2: James Robert Akers, Lillian Joann Barnett, Geniece Hamilton, Johnnie Ray Hamilton, Marcella Ramey, Community Trust Bankcorp, Inc., d/b/a Community Trust Bank, Consolidated Health Systems, Inc., d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center, Secretary Willie Lile of the Kentucky Cabinet for workforce Development, United Fuel Gas Company, the Unknown Successors or Assigns in Interest, if any, to Warfield Natural Gas Company, Unknown Successors or Assigns in Interest, if any, to Corning Oil Company, Sheriff of Floyd County, and the Floyd County Clerk.

Government Exhibit ATRACT DESCRIPTIONS: - Tract No. 512-1 (Fee Simple) A certain tract of

land situate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Town of Martin, on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, having an approximate coordinate value of N 4 6 3 , 6 0 8 . 2 6 E2,867,864.17, on the existing easterly right-of-way line of the Kentucky State Route 80 Martin Connector, Hazard to Watergap Road, Martin Waste Area, approximately 160.02 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 16+99.30, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, with the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, across the hill,

North 60° 34' East 347 feet to a point approximately 190.42 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00, South 41° 52' East 113 feet to a point approximately 303.05 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by the City of Martin and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said City of Martin,

South 41° 52' East 176 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, approximately 480.00 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00; thence, leaving the land of said City of Martin, with the easterly right-of-way line of said state route,

North 39° 06' East 64 feet to a point approximately 471.28 feet right of

Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+44.81, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Beecher Scutchfield, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said Beecher Scutchfield, et al, up the hill,

South 26° 45' East 1,128 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-1 on the top of the ridge, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by the heirs of Dewey Osborne, the land now or formerly owned by Harold Osborne, the land of said Beecher Scutchfield, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Harold Osborne, down and with the ridge top,

North 80° 55' West 131.65 feet to an "X" cut in a rock,

North 81° 38' West 85.00 feet to an "X" cut in a rock,

South 63° 05' West 65 feet to a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Norman Dewey Osborne, the land of said Harold Osborne, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Harold Osborne, with the land of said Norman Dewey Osborne,

South 63° 05' West 78 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-4,

South 81° 06' West 118.80 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-5; thence, leaving the land of said Norman Dewey Osborne, severing the land of the subject owner, continuing with the ridge top,

North 78° 00' West 152.34 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-6, North 38° 15' West 187.39 feet to an iron pin and cap designat-

ed as USA 512-6A, North 38° 20' West 261.52 to an "X" cut in a rock on top of a point, a corner common to the land of an unknown landowner and the land of the subject owner; thence, with the land of said unknown landowner, down the point,

North 76° 07' West 205.61 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-8, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, the land of said unknown landowner, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said unknown landowner and said point, with the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, down the hill,

North 03° 54' East 621 feet to the point of beginning, containing 17.22 acres, more or less. The bearings and coordinate value used herein are referenced to the Kentucky State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone.

References to the highway information and stationing are on those certain highway plans on file with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, Frankfort, Kentucky. It is the intent of the foregoing description to include a part of the same land as that described in a deed from:

a. Charles W. Dingus, Samuel P. Dingus, and James H. Dingus, to William Thomas Osborne, dated May 29, 1875, and recorded to May 29, 1875, in Deed Book "J", Page 72; and b. T. T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, his wife, to Calvin Osborn, dated September 24, 1915, filed for record October 4, 1915, and recorded in Deed Book 42, Page 448.

Louisa Osborn, S. D. Osborn and Myrtle Osborn, W.S. Frasure and Mary Frasure, T.T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, S. P. Osborn and Susie Osborn, and P. M. Dingus and Dollie

Dingus, convey their interest in the subject tract, to Calvin Osborn, dated January 24, 1913, and recorded February 15, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 189.

Calvin Osborn, aka Calvin Osborn, died intestate on or about January 21, 1935, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 585, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Lillian Osborne, and to his daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.

Lillian Osborne died intestate on or about August 11, 1982, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 583, her interest in the subject tract passed to her daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.

Alice Imogene Osborne Hamilton, aka, Emogene Osborne Hamilton, died testate on or about June 24, 1990, and according to her Last Will and Testament, dated September 16, 1988, and recorded June 11, 1993, in Will Book "L", Page 348, her interest in the subject tract was devised to her sons,

Johnnie Ray Hamilton and Dewey Clyde Hamilton. Dewey Clyde Hamilton died testate on or about July 24, 1996, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated September 23, 1988, and recorded August 1, 1996, in Will Book "O", Page 365, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his wife, Geniece Hamilton.

Nancy Ruth Akers, aka Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, died intestate on or about November 9, 1992, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated January 5, 1995, and recorded

January 5, 1995, in Deed Book 383, Page 422, her interest in the subject tract passed to her husband, Eugene Akers, and to her children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett, and James Robert Akers.

Eugene Akers died testate on or about February 27, 1997, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated July 27, 1993, and recorded March 10, 1997, in Will Book "O", Page 735, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett and James Robert Akers.

William Thomas Osborn, aka W. T. Osborn, died intestate on or about January 20, 1913, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated November 26, 2002, and recorded December 4, 2002, in Deed Book 480, Page 531, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Louisa Osborn, and to his children, S. D. Osborn, Mary Frasure, T. T. Osborn, S. P. Osborn, and Dollie Dingess, aka Dollie Dingus.

All of the above-mentioned instruments are of record in the Office of the County Court Clerk, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Tract No. 512-2 (Fee Simple) A certain tract of land situate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Town of Martin, on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, having an approximate coordinate value of N 4 6 4 , 0 8 8 . 5 8 E2,867,942.98, in Beaver Creek, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, downstream with the meanders of said creek,

North 58° 59' East 105 feet,

North 46° 56' East 106 feet,

North 38° 34' East 102 feet,

North 36° 22' East 80 feet,

North 11° 39' East 38 feet to a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Earitt Hayes, et ux, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving Beaver Creek, with the land of said Earitt Hayes, et ux, up the right descending bank of said creek,

South 60° 54' East 68 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of the Kentucky State Route 80 Martin Connector, Hazard to Watergap Road, Martin Waste Area, approximately 52.13 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 25+24.97; thence, leaving the land of said Earitt Hayes, et ux, with the westerly right-of-way line of said state route, along the right descending bank of said creek, along an arc 45.58 feet to the right, having a radius of 82.42 feet, the chord of which is,

South 29° 13' West 45 feet, approximately 57.00 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin

Station 24+78.00; thence, along an arc 309.23 feet to the right, having a radius of 2,291.10 feet, the chord of which is,

South 36° 57' West 309 feet, approximately 81.77 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 21+49.46; thence, leaving said curve, down the right descending creek bank,

South 76° 50' West 129 feet in Beaver Creek, approximately 45.00 feet left of Martin Connector Station 61+00.00,

North 50° 07' West 22 feet in Beaver Creek, approximately 45.00 feet left of Martin Connector Station 60+90.00, a corner common to the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the westerly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, across Beaver Creek,

North 09° 34' East 26 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.67 acre, more or less. The bearings and coordinate value used herein are referenced to the Kentucky State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone. References to the highway information and stationing are on those certain highway plans on file with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, Frankfort, Kentucky.

It is the intent of the foregoing description to include a part of the same land as that described in a deed from Charles W. Dingus, Samuel P. Dingus, and James H. Dingus, to William Thomas Osborn, dated May 29, 1875, and recorded May 29, 1875, in Deed Book "J", Page 72; and

Louisa Osborn, S. D. Osborn and Myrtle Osborn, W.S. Frasure and Mary Frasure, T.T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, S. P. Osborn and Susie Osborn, and P. M. Dingus and Dollie Dingus, conveyed their interest in the subject tract, to Calvin Osborn, in a deed dated January 24, 1913, and recorded February 15, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 189.

Calvin Osborn, aka Calvin Osborn, died intestate on or about January 21, 1935, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 585, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Lillian Osborne, and to his daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.

Lillian Osborne died intestate on or about August 11, 1982, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 583, her interest in the subject tract passed to her daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.

Alice Imogene Osborne Hamilton, aka, Emogene Osborne Hamilton, died testate on or about June 24, 1990, and according to her Last Will and Testament, dated September 16, 1988, and recorded June 11, 1993, in Will Book "L", Page 348, her

interest in the subject tract was devised to her sons, Johnnie Ray Hamilton and Dewey Clyde Hamilton.

Dewey Clyde Hamilton died testate on or about July 24, 1996, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated September 23, 1988, and recorded August 1, 1996, in Will Book "O", Page 365, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his wife, Geniece Hamilton.

Nancy Ruth Akers, aka Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, died intestate on or about November 9, 1992, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated January 5, 1995, and recorded January 5, 1995, in Deed Book 383, Page 422, her interest in the subject tract passed to her husband, Eugene Akers, and to her children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett, and James Robert Akers.

Eugene Akers died testate on or about February 27, 1997, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated July 27, 1993, and recorded March 10, 1997, in Will Book "O", Page 735, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett, and James Robert Akers.

William Thomas Osborn, aka W. T. Osborn, died intestate on or about January 20, 1913, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated November 26, 2002, and recorded December 4, 2002, in Deed Book 480, Page 531, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Louisa Osborn, and to his children, S. D. Osborn, Mary Frasure, T. T. Osborn, S. P. Osborn, and Dollie Dingess, aka Dollie Dingus.

All of the above-mentioned instruments are of record in the Office of the County Court Clerk, Floyd County, Kentucky. In addition to those named above, there may be others who have or may claim an interest in the property taken, who are unknown to plaintiff, and such persons are made parties to the action under the designation "Unknown Owners."

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint in Condemnation has heretofore been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Pikeville, Kentucky, for the taking of Tract Nos. 512-1 and 512-2. The taking of said land is for use in connection with the construction and establishment of the Town of Martin Nonstructural Flood Control Project in Floyd County, Kentucky, in and to the following described property in which you have, or claim to have, an interest, and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A.

The authority for the taking is under and in accordance with the act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (40 U.S.C. 258a) which was recodified by Act of Congress approved August 21, 2002 (116 Stat. 1145, 40 U.S.C. 3114), and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, and

under the further authority of the acts of Congress approved April 24, 1888 (25 Stat. 94, 33 U.S.C. 591), June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 632, 33 U.S.C. 592), and March 1, 1917 (39 Stat. 950, 33 U.S.C. 701), which acts authorize the acquisition of land or easements therein for flood control projects; § 202 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1980 (94 Stat. 1331, P.L. 96-367), which act authorized implementation of flood control measures on the Levisa Fork and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River Basin and their tributaries; § 367 of the Act of Congress approved August 17, 1999 (113 Stat. 320, P.L. 106-53), which act authorized all necessary measures in Martin, Kentucky, to prevent future losses that would occur as a result of a flood equal in magnitude to a 100-year frequency event; the Act of Congress approved October 27, 2000 (114 Stat. 1441, P.L. 106-377) which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accordance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Detailed Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan of the Huntington District Commander; and the Energy and Water Development appropriations Act, 2003, approved February 20, 2003 (Division D, Title I, P.L. 108-7), which act appropriated funds for such purposes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking said property; you are required to serve your answer on the plaintiff's attorney at the address herein designated within twenty days after 2-20-04, the date of the last publication of this Notice. Your answer shall identify the property in which you claim to have an interest, including Tract Number, state the nature and extent of the interest claimed, and state all objections and defenses to the taking of said property. All defenses and objections not so presented are waived. Failure to answer shall constitute a consent to the taking and to the authority of the Court to hear the action. If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve on the plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim an interest. Thereafter, you will receive a notice of all proceedings affecting said property. At the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property, and you may share in the distribution of the compensation.

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