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Charges filed

for assaulting

police officer

by MARY MUSIC

STAFF WRITER

A Mousie resident was

arrested after she threat-

ened to kill a local police

officer during an alleged

according to documents

Theresa Marlene

Ritchie, 37, is now facing

incident which occurred

citation, filed Monday in

Prestonsburg Police

Officer Brian Walker,

Ritchie assaulted and threatened to kill him dur-

She is now facing charges of alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, third-degree assault of a

police officer and terroristic

According to the arrest

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The city of Martin more closely resembled Venice after February flooding left that city's streets under water. The flood was one of two major ones during 2003 that left Floyd County residents and governments alike feeling a financial pinch.

Mother Nature gives Floyd a one-two punch

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

Already painfully accustomed to dealing with flooding, Floyd Countians could not have anticipated the batch of devastating rains that coated the county not once, but twice in 2003, bringing the floodwaters of February and June to the top of the list for prominent stories of the past year.

The year was still young when, on Feb. 14, it began to rain.

Four days later, on Feb. 17, the rain would stop, leaving behind approximately four inches of downfall and destruction perhaps unparalleled in a county historically prone to such disasters.

Some of the areas hardest hit were Maytown, Martin, Betsy

Layne, Harold and much of Mud Creek, while, at the southern end of the county, places like McDowell, Hi Hat and Wheelwright were

The Big Sandy River swelled to 39.88 feet, just shy of the 40-foot cutoff point at which the city of Prestonsburg would have needed to deal with floodwaters. But although downtown was left essentially unaffected, Archer Park rested under several feet of floodwater with only the tips of the memorial flags visible for those adventurous enough to take boats through the flushed out

In Martin, a town hit harder than most in Floyd County during times of flooding, Main Street was transformed into nothing less than a canal, passable only by large, military trucks attempting to access damaged areas.

It was Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson's fourth flood in as many years, and lack of reimbursement from the previous floods presented problems in trying to approach repairs for the

At the time of the flooding in February, the county was still owed \$270,000 from 2001 floods and an additional \$450,000 from 2002, money Thompson said would have been used to start work on the recent flooding.

In all, 115 homes and businesses actually endured floodwater within the structures, while an additional 300 homes reported damages from

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Stumbo state's top Democrat

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Floyd County voters spoke loudly in November. sending Prestonsburg native Greg Stumbo to the center of the ring with his election as attorney general.

More than that, with Republicans taking power in nearly every other office in the November election, Stumbo's name was thrust to the fore of Democratic circles as the party's top-ranking officeholder.

Facing allegations regarding his personal life during the campaign, Stumbo, 42, ran against and defeated former prosecutor and District Judge Jack D. Woods, who led the

Republican ticket, and independent candidate Gatewood Galbraith. Stumbo, running for a

position that stands as the state's top child-support enforcement official, faced questions during his campaign involving a lawsuit filed in May 2001 by former lover Travis Fritsch, of Lexington, regarding a child support dispute with his 14year-old son.

Stumbo, who began paying hefty child support payments in 2002, following DNA confirmation, responded by filing a countersuit in 2001 against Fritsch and her lawyer, G. Edward Henry, alleging harassment and

(See STUMBO, page three)

Board regains some autonomy

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

This past summer, the Floyd County Board of Education broke loose from state management, moved into a status referred to in Frankfort as "state assisted" and gained ground that was

lost nearly six years before. The Kentucky School Board of Education took control of Floyd County's school board in 1998, but loosened its grip on Aug. 7. after members voted to amend the county's status.

The decision came just six months before the school

board would have been reevaluated by state inspectors and would ensure. among other aspects of new independence, Kentucky Commissioner of Education Gene Wilhoit would no longer have veto power over decisions relat-

ing to the Floyd County

Board of Education.

· significant Another change would be the absence of a state manager, who oversaw Floyd Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning and the sitting school board and made periodic reports back to

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Gunnels pleads guilty to murder

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

The trial for former Floyd County resident James Austin Gunnels ended before it began this year, when he gave a full confession to the 2001 murder of local convenience store clerk Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall.

Gunnels, who originally pleaded not guilty to various charges stemming from the July 11, 2001, murder, changed his plea Jan. 31 in Floyd Circuit Court, just days shy of his scheduled trial date.

With his confession in Floyd Circuit Court, Gunnels admitted to raping and murdering Hall, 36, during a robbery at the Watergap Cardinal Mart. Additionally, he confessed to stealing a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, a .32 caliber revolver on July 11, and to using them in the robbery. During his confession, he also admitted to

leaving the scene and taking with him a .22 Magnum and a 1995 Ford contour, both belonging to Hall. Additionally, he also confessed to possession of a gun by a convicted felon and being a persistent felony offender.

His trial was moved to Montgomery County Circuit court in Mount Sterling, pursuant to a request filed by his attorneys, public advocates Danielle Johnson and James Barrett in July 2002. The trial was then slated to begin on Feb. 10, but Gunnels confessed in Floyd County prior to that time.

In doing so, he negated the possibility of a death penalty, an option brought to light by the Attorney's Commonwealth's Office, which filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty in the case on May 10, 2002.

based its decision to seek the death penalty on three aggravating cir-



James Austin Gunnels

cumstances - robbery, rape, and burglary - which Gunnels committed during the murder.

Although he originally pleaded In its filing, the commonwealth not guilty in court to 12 felonies

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Fiscal problems plague county jail

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

In March, members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court announced they would need to transfer more than \$1 million from their general fund to offset a drop in income for the Floyd County Detention

The transfer was made with the ominous speculation that the jail might need to be closed, if the problems continued.

Jailer Roger Webb explained shortly after the March decision that the drop was due to a statewide short-

fall that resulted in a decline in state prisoners housed at the facility. Adding more stress to the already dismal situation was the fact that an influx of county prisoners was taking beds and leaving little space for what state prisoners the jail was managing to bring in.

With a good deal of reluctance and, at times, outright disapproval, the full fiscal court refused to pass its budget, including the transfer of \$1,230,000 to the jail. When balanced, the court had taken \$580,000 of its coal

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Odds & Ends

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. -Hoping to stop state Rep. Gary Haluska from winning a sixth term, local Republicans have taken the unusual step of placing a classified ad in a newspaper seeking state House hopefuls.

Republicans have about a month to gather the 300 signatures on nominating petitions, spurring county GOP Chairman Robert A. Gleason Jr., to cast a wide net for candidates.

Enticements include \$62,000 a year, leased car, mileage paid and a pension.

"It's not a bad job, and it's well paid for a little bit of work," said Gleason.

The hardest part of the job may be unseating Haluska, a Democrat who has held the seat in the county of 152,000 where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-to-1 - since

While it's not unusual for party leaders to solicit people to run, canvassing through the classifieds isn't a typical tactic, said G. Terry Madonna, a pollster and political science professor at Millersville University.

"I've never seen that, but nothing surprises me anymore," Madonna said.

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. - If West Virginia National Guard Sgt. Shari Wright gets homesick while serving in Iraq, she won't have to look far for support.

Her father, Sgt. James Gheen, also serves in her unit, which

will be deployed in January.

"I think it will bring us closer together," said Wright. "Whenever we get lonely or miss home, we can talk to each

Gheen, 40, and Wright, 23, both of Middleport, Ohio, are members of the 3664th West Virginia Army National Guard maintenance unit and are undergoing training at Fort Dix, N.J. In Iraq, Gheen will help repair vehicles while Wright will serve as an administrative clerk.

Gheen spent 10 years in the Army before joining the National Guard eight years ago. Wright, a student at Marshall University, joined the guard in

"It was just something that she said she wanted to do," Gheen said about his daughter's enlistment. "I didn't want her to think that she had to join because of me or anything. She said she wanted to do it and serve her country."

■ WESTBROOK, Conn.

- Jackie Gleason got a bus depot when he died, so why shouldn't Art Carney get a sanitation facility?

who played Gleason's sewerworking sidekick Ed Norton on "The Honeymooners," died last month. Since then, one local resident has been lobbying to name the nearby waste and recycling center after the Emmy-winning

Richard Fleming said the Ed

Norton Sanitation Facility would be a fitting memorial to the television star. He has begun a letter and e-mail campaign to persuade people to support the name

But First Selectman Tony Palermo, who received one of Fleming's e-mails, said he's not convinced. He wants to talk it over with other town officials and Carney's wife, Jean.

"I don't know if naming the town dump for him is appropriate," he said. "I mean, he did a play a character that became one of the most popular characters in American history, but he did other things, too. He was very good to us here in town, so I'm

■ LINCOLN, Neb. - It wasn't the fact that Melissa J. Harrington appeared naked on the Internet that got her in trouble with police. It was where she got naked.

The 21-year-old Web designer was busted for violating Lincoln's public nudity ordinance by posting pictures on her Web site that apparently showed her naked in a downtown bar.

"It's unlawful to be naked in public in Lincoln," said Police Chief Tom Casady.

Casady said it was obvious to him that the photos were taken

Shrimp and Martini Bar.

The owner of the bar, Jerry Luth, told Omaha television station KETV he is extremely upset by the pictures and did not give Harrington permission to shoot the pictures at the bar.

Harrington was to be inside the Marz Intergalactic arraigned in Lancaster County

Court on Jan 29. If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500

"They're not going to stop me from doing what I'm doing. I enjoy what I do and they really don't have any grounds now" to prosecute the case, she said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2004. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

■ In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to Spanish forces loyal to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I.

■ In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular

Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

■ In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

■ In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

■ In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomi-

■ In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

■ In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

In 1983, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, closed on Broadway after a run of 2,377 performances.

Ten years ago:

The new Republican mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, delivered his inaugural address in which he called for unity while promising to crack down on crime and tackle the city's budget problems.

Five years ago:

A U.N.-chartered cargo plane carrying nine people was downed in Angola's central highland war zone; there were no survivors.

One year ago:

President Bush, seeking to counter Democratic criticisms that his economic policies favored the rich, said the economic-stimulus plan he was going to unveil the following week would focus on jobs and the unemployed. Sydney Omarr, the astrologer to the stars whose horoscopes appeared in more than 200 newspapers, died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 76.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Anna Lee ("General Hospital") is 91. Former television evangelist Jim Bakker is 65. Actress Wendy Phillips is 52. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is

(See HISTORY, page five)

ion facility? Carney, a Westbrook resident Prosecutors: Man charged with vote fraud was paid \$25,000 by supporter

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE - An Eastern Kentucky judge-executive awaiting trial on vote fraud charges has told prosecutors that a political backer gave him \$25,000 before state and local elections in 2000 and 2002.

Judge-Executive Knott Donnie Newsome received cash three times from Pikeville lawyer Ross Harris, according

to a motion filed Dec. 26 by federal prosecutors. On two of those occasions, the money was passed along by the former campaign treasurer of state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, The Lexington Herald-Leader reported in Tuesday's editions.

Harris, 56, and nine others, including former state Sen. John Doug Hays, D-Pikeville, are scheduled to stand trial on Jan. 12 in London on separate votefraud charges stemming from a Pike County district judge's race

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor filed the motion asking Judge Karen Caldwell to allow the new evidence in the Pike County case.

Newsome claimed in the motion that in the spring of 2000, Harris asked Newsome to support Johnny Ray Turner, a Democrat from Drift, in his race against incumbent state Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, D-Hindman, and handed him \$5,000 in cash.

Then in 2002, when Newsome was seeking re-election, a person who said he was from Harris' office called and "said that he knew Newsome was having a tough time of it and that Harris wanted to help him out," Newsome said in the

Newsome said he and his brother, Bobby Newsome, met a man at Watergap in Floyd County who handed Donnie Newsome an envelope containing \$8,000, the motion said.

Newsome said he received another \$10,000 to \$12,000 several weeks later in similar fashion after meeting with a man at

steakhouse Prestonsburg. Newsome said he deposited

the money in his campaign account and reported it as personal contributions. The motion said Newsome's

brother, Bobby Newsome, has identified the man with the money as Glenn Turner, who was treasurer of Johnny Ray Turner's campaign in 2000. Harris is charged in a federal

indictment with giving illegal campaign donations to Hays in an unsuccessful race for Pike district judge last year. In the motion, Taylor, the

federal prosecutor, suggested Harris could be tried separately from other defendants in the Pike County case. Newsome, 52, a former state

legislator, was convicted in October of vote-buying in 1998 when he won his first term as Knott judge-executive. He is scheduled to be sentenced on The motion from federal

prosecutors said Harris went to see Newsome in the Pike County jail and offered to help, which Newsome understood to be a reference to his appeal.

"Newsome was starting to get a bad feeling about Harris because he couldn't understand why he would fund his appeal," the motion said. "He then got a letter from Scott Cox which referred to 'our friend' funding his appeal, provided Cox was kept as his attorney. It was then that Newsome decided to obtain another lawyer," the motion

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severance taxes and nearly \$700,000 in natural gas taxes to make the adjustment. It was money that had been earmarked for the purchase of road materials and to fund park projects throughout the county.

With the loss of more than \$25 each day for each state inmate not held at the jail, Webb soon began talking of expansion as an answer.

Webb approached the fiscal court with the idea of expanding

the jail to include the top floor of the building that had once functioned as the county's juvenile detention center, directly adjacent to the jail. He argued this could be used to house up to 50 state inmates, projecting a possible daily income for the jail of more than \$1,300.

One month later, in early April, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson gave his response to Webb's idea, saying the proposition was too much of a risk to undertake.

"It would take anywhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million to fix the old juvenile center," Thompson said at the time. "The problem is that we have no guarantee of getting the state inmates."

With Thompson's early refusal to Webb's idea, tensions mounted, and the two men would meet two days later, on April 3, in a meeting closed to

The meeting had been scheduled and was, therefore, open to the public. But Webb refused to speak with members of the press in attendance, saying the situation had been "trashed out in the paper" and that both needed to 'get the politics out of this." Thompson then canceled the meeting and the two retired to a back room for a private discus-

Thompson later divulged what took place at the meeting, saying it had been agreed to cut \$180,000 from the more than \$1 million asked for in Webb's jail

The two also discussed the possibility of charging county inmates a daily fee.

During a second attempt to see the county's budget passed in following weeks, Thompson again failed to muster even a single vote from the sitting magistrates, none of whom even offered to approve the hiring of a handful of new employees at

As the standoff continued, the payment received for housing state inmates dropped, adding more tension to the situation. What had been a daily payment of \$27.51 for each state prisoner, was dropped to \$26.51.

At the time the rate dropped, the jail was housing 110 county inmates as opposed to only 41 state inmates.

Shortly afterwards, the fiscal court reluctantly passed its budget, including the transfer to the jail with a vote from magistrate Gerald Derossett that was seconded by fellow court member Larry Stumbo.

"It's got to be done," Stumbo said just before casting his vote

during the special-called meeting. "I'm reluctant, but I'll second the motion."

In the end, \$40,000 was all the court could effectively trim from the \$1 million-plus jail

By mid-July, Thompson had all but abandoned the idea of implementing a daily housing fee on county inmates. The move would be useful in a metropolitan area, but not for Floyd County, he said at the time.

Approximately one month later, however, a plan would be set in place that is still in effect.

To cure overcrowding of

county inmates, a home incarceration program was put ir place. The idea had beer brought up as early as April and given more consideration following an Oct. 1 deadline to fix the problem levied by the state following roughly two dozer violations found during inspec-

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The home incarceration is gaining participants as the weeks pass, but, despite steps in what most agreed were the righ direction, a conclusion to the financial problems at the jail has still yet to be reached even now nine months later.

Man charged with mischief after outburst

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

ALLEN - A Floyd County man was arraigned this week in District court after he allegedly destroyed property in his room at the Community Connections Center in Allen.

The center, recently moved from a former Prestonsburg location on Riverside Drive, provides assistance and rehabilitative services for mentally disabled individuals.

Luther R. Turner, 21, of Martin, charged with firstdegree criminal mischief, appeared in district court before Judge Eric Hall on Dec. 29, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

According to the arrest citation filed Monday in Floyd District Court, KSP Trooper Donald Shearer responded to a call at the Community Connections Center Christmas day.

Upon his arrival, Shearer

ly destroyed property in his room, including a dresser and his bed. Additionally, Shearer alleged that Turner put numerous holes in the wall, on the bedroom door, and also broke a bedroom window.

The citation indicated that Turner was treated and released at a local hospital following the Christmas day incident.

After staff with the community connections center brought him back to the center, Shearer stated that he received another call regarding another outburst. Shearer noted in the citation that Turner had destroyed more property and had to be restrained

Property damage, according to Shearer, "clearly totaled" at least \$1,000.

No other injuries were reported in the incident.

The Christmas day incident is not the only run-in Turner has had with the law.

According to his criminal his-

for arraignment in district court on

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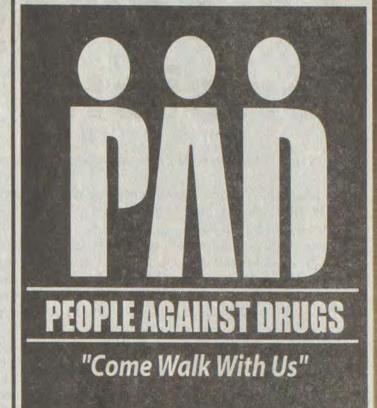
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reported that Turner had alleged- tory record, Turner was found guilty of fourth-degree aggravated assault in November 2000 and was sentenced to 43 days in

> a Breathitt County jail. Additionally, he was found guilty of contempt of court in July, a charge that landed him a 90-day jail sentence in Floyd County. He was also arrested for disorderly conduct in July and received a 60-day sentence that was probated under the condition that he attend anger management counseling.

> Following his arraignment Monday, Turner was placed under a \$5,000 cash bond. According to district court documents, he is slated for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 5.

Tammy Gannon, director of the Community Connections Center, refused to comment.



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Floods

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the drenching rains and the county estimated suffering \$5 to \$6 million in damages, as well as another \$1.5 million in damages to roads, culverts and bridges. Water lines destroyed during the flooding would eventually cost upwards of \$250,000.

The flooding also pushed back completion of water line extensions, a plan Thompson had placed the lion's share of his intention toward finishing. The project was pushed back at the time for six to eight months, with a reported \$151,250 in damages to the Southern water and Sewer District alone.

By the beginning of June, recovery was within grasp. Although the county was still owed from previous floods, the aftermath of February had been dealt with as best as possible.

Then, on June 14, and unlike the steady rain that came in February, flash flooding poured onto the county.

The county declared a disaster and appealed to the state to do the same, which was later granted. Before it was over,

President Bush would declare a major disaster for Kentucky about a month later. Federal disaster agencies returned to Floyd County, many still on a firstname basis with county officials and various volunteers.

Also in July, Congressman Hal Rogers secured \$8.9 million in federal money for flood projects in Floyd County. The bill contained a total of \$33.4 million for flood control efforts throughout Congressional District.

However, relief was still being sought by the county to give attention to immediate problems with flood repairs that could not wait until funding was

To cure the problem, the fiscal court members offered a majority vote to take out a \$1 million line of credit aimed at bringing flood relief to area citi-

The county was still owed \$2.7 million in reimbursements from other floods at the time the loan application was submitted.

Assault

■ Continued from p1 Holiday Inn, where Walker reportwith her fist.

Walker

ed that she appeared to have a "loss of balance" and "slurred speech."

According to the citation,

Following the arrest, Ritchie was released from custody on a \$500 cash bond. She is scheduled

Walker noted in the citation that Ritchie wanted to "fight anyone" at

Ritchie grabbed Walker's left leg and tried to strike him in the groin

Board

Wilhoit.

Floyd County has seen its share of state managers, but the presence of a state manager sitting firmly at all board meetings became a thing of the past.

But Fanning said shortly after the decision that he realized the move from state-managed to state-assisted was just one in a series of steps toward complete autonomy.

"This is a sign of great faith by the state board," Fanning said then. "Now we have to prove to them that their faith is well placed ... A normal relationship with the state board will be maintained. You could say that we're at the one-mile marker now and we'll have to press on toward another one, that of independence."

State officials said at the time the vote to loosen the grip from Frankfort was due in part takeover in 1998.

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to an increased improvement shown from Floyd County's school board, but reserved the right to return to control if the improvement did not continue.

Perhaps as a surprise to his fellow board members, District 1 representative Earl "Mickey" McGuire voted against accepting the board's newly-acquired freedom when the school board gathered for discussion on July 28, just before the decision became final.

McGuire, a Prestonsburg attorney, said at the time that he felt the move would essentially "let the state off the hook," adding that by going from managed to assisted before achieving the level of proficiency desired throughout the school district was not completing the task which was first considered during the

Stumbo

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But personal matters had no substantial influence to Kentucky voters, who overwhelmingly voted Stumbo into office on Nov. 11. According to election review statistics, he took 81 percent of the Floyd County voters, a fact which resonated in a speech he gave at his home following the May primary, where he told attendees that his "hometown's friendship and support" would "serve as a beacon that would bring him home."

"It started here and it ends here," he told them.

During the May primary, Stumbo gained 36.4 percent of votes, overtaking Democratic candidates Ed Hatchett, former state auditor, who received 34.1 percent of the votes, and Chris Gorman, former attorney general.

cent of the votes, respectively.

Stumbo, a former lawyer,

During his campaign, Stumbo

problem in Kentucky, proposing ideas to punish the "pushers" of the illegal drug trade while providing rehabilitative services to the victims of their tyranny. He introduced a bill earlier this year which, among other things, seeks to prevent judges from granting shock probation to drug

Additionally, Stumbo promised during his campaign to streamline criminal investigations through his proposed Kentucky Bureau Investigation, which announced would gain funding through avenues such as an increase in the cigarette tax. His platform also showed favoritism to combating predatory lending, providing protection to children and senior citizens, and ways of improving the environment.

Stumbo has a bachelor's from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from the University of Louisville. In addition to being a member of the Kentucky and American Bar Associations, he was also formerly a member of the Drift-McDowell Jaycees, past vice president of the Floyd County Young Democrats, assistant Floyd County attorney (1977), district trial commissioner (1978), and Martin city attorney in 1978-1980.

He resides at his home on Stonecrest with his wife, Mary

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Gunnels

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against him on July 18, 2001, Gunnels repeatedly confessed to the crimes throughout the extension of the investigation. In an apparent attempt to

manipulate the media coverage of his case, Gunnels reportedly admitted to committing the crimes in a letter that he sent to Floyd County Times reporter Sheldon Compton in 2001.

In preparing for trial this year, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office issued a subpoena for Compton's testimony regarding the letter, which threatened Compton's life if he didn't print that Gunnels "did it."

"I just did what I did to have a little fun and pass a little time, or should I say I was just 'killing time," Gunnels wrote in the letter. "I did murder Bonnie Hall and I can't say how good it did feel to kill someone that did nothing to me."

In the letter, Gunnels also Commonwealth attacked

Attorney Brent Turner, blaming his office for the time-consuming court process. He also noted that he'd confessed the murder to Turner, but that nothing had been done about it.

In the letter, he said that he wanted the death penalty, a wish that, in this case, didn't come Following his guilty plea in

circuit court, the commonwealth recommended five-year sentences for four theft charges against Gunnels, a 10-year sentence for two charges of possession of a firearm, and a 20-year sentence for the combination of charges of rape, robbery and being a persistent felony offender charge. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole plus 20 years by Judge John David Caudill.

Reportedly, the only crime that Gunnels was "hesitant" about confessing was that of the rape of Hall.

Of the voters who turned out in Floyd and Pike counties during the May primary, Stumbo received 78 percent and 69 per-

came to the attorney general's office with 24 years under his belt as state representative for the 95th district. He began his career as the House majority floor leader in 1980, where he remained until his election to the attorney general's seat.

focused his platform on the drug

traffickers.

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Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...

"A game of pretense; for the essetial loneliness is an escape from an inescapable God."

- Walter Farrell

Guest View

A healthy tension

Policy disputes between states and the federal government

The states and the federal government, spurred by sharply different policy visions, have been jostling each other of late over certain hot-button issues.

Liberal-leaning state lawmakers and attorneys general have earned the ire of conservatives in Congress and the White House by taking action in several areas: encouraging reduced prices for prescription drugs, prosecuting Wall Street investment firms, even suing the federal government over its policies concerning air pollution in the industrial Midwest.

Thus do liberal state policy-makers in Sacramento, Albany and elsewhere work to skirt policies pursued by staunch conservatives in the congressional leadership and at the White House.

Some policy-makers in Washington are complaining about the states' actions. But there often is ample latitude for the states to act in these areas. That doesn't necessarily mean the states have proceeded wisely. But their rights as sovereign governmental entities often give them considerable leeway.

Consider the historical record. State governments often have taken the lead in addressing issues of public concern. Before the federal government took recent action, 39 states had passed don't-call-lists against telemarketers. In the 1980s, 25 states had background checks in place for gun purchases before the federal Brady bill went into effect.

Long before that, states had passed antitrust laws, welfare programs and child-labor laws prior to federal actions on those

In some cases, federal power indeed trumps that of individual states. That's the job of courts to adjudicate. But sometimes the courts provide the states with a green light. In May, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Maine law that punishes drug companies that don't sell discounted prescription drugs to the uninsured.

When states do take action, it is generally best if state legislatures take the initiative. That way, the policy process will be subject to debate and accountability. Otherwise, the lead falls to state attorneys general. Lamentably, in many instances state AGs have launched lawsuits that result in questionable courtmandated regulatory schemes that leapfrog over the normal leg-

Overall, however, the tug-of-war between the states and the federal government is no great cause for alarm. In a federal system, such jockeying is unavoidable - and, as often as not, healthy.

- The Omaha World-Herald



"OK, you've done the foreign policy makeover thing . . . now how about a few changes in your wardrobe?"

Publisher

New year's greetings

Happy New Year! As you read this, New Year's Eve has come and gone, with each of you celebrating in your own way - at a big bash somewhere, an intimate gathering with close friends, or just a quiet celebration at home with family. In fact, by this time, you (if you are like most of us) have probably already broken a resolution or two! Never fear - it's not too late to get back on track.

We have made some resolutions here at The Floyd County Times, too. In 2004, we resolve to be more "userfriendly" for our readers, our advertisers, sider this to be my home. I have chiland our community. We resolve to pro-

vide more local news coverage. We resolve to continue to provide award-winning local, regional, and statewide sports coverage. Most important, in 2004 The Floyd County Times resolves to remain a strong member, and supporter, of the community.

I also want to take this opportunity to tell you now excited I am to embark on this new year in a new position as the

publisher of The Floyd County Times. I have lived and worked in this area for the past dozen or so years, and I condren in school here in Eastern

Kentucky, as well as relatives and friends that live and work here. Local and regional news, topics, and events affect me, too, and I want to assure you that I will do everything possible to keep you informed and up-todate, and continue the excellent 75-year tradition of The Floyd County Times.

I would love to hear from you - good, bad, indifferent - and welcome any ideas or suggestions you have to make this an even better newspaper. My door

is always open. David Bowyer is the publisher of The Floyd County Times. He may be reached at dbowyer@floydcountytimes.com.

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security

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After a bomb exploded outside Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer's home in Washington in 1919, the government rounded up about 5,000 people, mostly immigrants. None was tied to the crime. America was no safer for the sacrifice of liberty.

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized concentration camps for 110,000 immigrants and American citizens of Japanese descent. The U.S. Supreme Court ignominiously upheld the detentions. But America was no safer.

When the threat of communism frightened America in the 1950s, the government imprisoned citizens merely for membership in the Communist Party. The Supreme Court said that was OK, but America was no safer.

During the Vietnam War, the FBI spied on war critics and the Nixon White House created an in-house unit to commit espionage and burglary against

political opponents. The black-bag jobs didn't make Americans safer, just less

These shameful memories seemed like the discarded baggage of an obsolete era before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But a frightened nation was again willing to trade some liberty especially someone else's liberty - for hope of greater security.

There have been no internment camps or black-bag jobs. Admirably, President George W. Bush has gone out of his way to stress that the war on terrorism is not a war against Muslims or the faith of Islam.

But Bush and Attorney General John D. Ashcroft have traded people's liberty for phantom security gains.

In the days after the 9-11 attacks, Ashcroft rounded up 1,200 immigrants whose names still are secret. Among them, about 750 aliens "of interest" were held for months without bail, even though there was nothing linking them to 9-11 or terrorism. There is no evidence that the round-up or secrecy made Americans safer.

Two American citizens — Jose Padilla and Yaser Hamdi - have been held incommunicado for 18 months. But Americans are no safer than if the men had been questioned and then given a lawyer and a day in court.

More than 600 prisoners from Afghanistan and the Middle East have been held incommunicado at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But are we any safer than if they had been given a chance to claim prisoner of war status before a military court, as the Geneva Conventions require?

The FBI sent an intelligence bulletin to police in October about upcoming antiwar demonstrations, warning that even "peaceful techniques can create a climate of disorder." But looking for terrorists in the wrong places isn't making us safer.

This month, Stephen J. Schulhofer, a New York University Law School professor, told the Kean commission investigating 9-11 that the choice between liberty and security is "simply a false choice the public tends to assume that if we are giving up liberty, then we're getting security often that isn't the case."

Civil libertarians have focused their criticism on the USA Patriot Act. In response, Ashcroft toured the country this fall arguing that "hysterical" critics had spread false fears. The attorney general wasn't terribly persuasive because he spoke to hand-picked audiences of police and prosecutors. But he's largely

Most of the law makes sense. It lets criminal investigators and intelligence agents share evidence more easily than before and permits roving wiretaps that help agents keep tabs on suspects on the

The most hotly contested provision

(See GUEST, page five)

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Entertainment Extra

From MJ to RK, Arnold to Nemo, Da Vinci to King: A look back at 2003 in arts and entertainment

The Associated Press

It was a year of extremes huge Hollywood box office for an animated movie, overnight lines for the latest "Harry Potter" book and record art auction sales for Modigliani and Klimt. But Broadway struggled to find a hit and the "Matrix" franchise tumbled.

It was a year of American idols, a body-building action star turned governor and a bizarre superstar who faced child molestation charges. A year of stolen antiquities and fake millionaires. A year of gay stylists and a little lost clownfish. A year of an exquisite ballerina and a singing ex-drug

The ailing economy contin-

ued to threaten opera and dance despite the soaring costs of "Cremaster" happening, and companies, symphony orchestras and Broadway. But entertainment and the arts showed their resilience.

Inspired exhibits and rising prices for high-end works characterized 2003. But art's biggest story was the looting of priceless antiquities from the Iraqi National Museum.

When U.S. troops left the Baghdad museum unguarded after ousting Saddam Hussein, raiders carted off 14,000 treasures from Mesopotamia's cradle of civilization. Only about 4,000 objects have been recovered despite a worldwide alert.

Acclaimed retrospectives were mounted during the year insuring and transporting loaned works after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks - estimated at \$10,000 or more per masterpiece.

Nationales du Galeries Grand Palais in Paris unveiled "Gauguin Tahiti" after four years of curating. London's Victoria and Albert Museum staged the biggest-ever display of art deco. Madrid's Prado unveiled Titian's biggest retrospective in 50 years, and the Netherlands celebrated van Gogh's 150th birthday.

Museum of Art awed the public with shows on Leonardo, Manet-Velazquez and El Greco. The Guggenheim Museum featured Matthew Barney's lusty

art genius Rosenquist. The Museum of Modern Art was the last stop after Paris and London - for the stupendous "Matisse Picasso" retrospective, attracting 350,000 visitors to its temporary digs.

Modern works triggered lively bidding at the benchmark fall auctions in New York, where Modigliani's "Reclining Nude" sold for \$26.88 million at Christie's, and Klimt's 1917 "The Villa at Attersee" fetched \$29.1 million New York's Metropolitan at Sotheby's. Both auctions set records for the artists.

By David Minthorn, Associated Press Writer.

DANCE:

Despite a grim economy, exciting young companies such as Shen Wei Dance Arts, Akram Khan and George Piper Dances delighted in 2003 while guest dancers like the Royal Ballet's 21-year-old Alina Cojocaru dazzled audiences with her American Ballet Theatre debut in New York.

But many looked back this year as the dance world celebrated pioneering luminaries. The New York City Ballet launched the two-year "Balanchine 100: Centennial Celebration" to honor the centenary of the great choreographer's birth, while smaller but no less heartfelt tributes were offered to Katherine Dunham (still going at 94), Alwin Nikolais (1910-1993) and Gregory Hines, who died in August at 57.

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Guest

lets the government obtain a court order to obtain personal records, including library and Internet records, if the FBI says they are needed for a terrorism investigation. The FBI agent doesn't have to show that the person whose records are obtained was personally involved in terrorism. And it's a crime if the librarian tells a patron about the FBI's interest

But the government's power to snoop on people's reading habits sounded a lot less ominous after the Justice Department disclosed it hadn't even used the authority in the months after 9-11. The American Civil Liberties Union quickly shifted its criticism. Instead of arguing that the provision had almost certainly been abused, it claimed it was unnecessary.

Another controversial part of the law is the sneak-and-peek provision. Agents can search your home and property without telling you in advance. This power extends beyond terrorism cases to all criminal cases where notice might hurt the investigation. The government went so far as to use its new terrorism power to investigate a home nursing care business.

Sens. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., and Larry Craig, R-Idaho, are pushing a bipartisan bill that would fix the potential abuses of the library and sneak-and-peek provisions, without taking away the investigative tools the government needs.

At the same time that civil libertarians have overstated the dangers of the Patriot Act, the Justice Department has overstated the success of its terrorism prosecutions.

The Justice Department has pointed to an eightfold jump in convictions in terrorism cases in the two years after 9-11 as compared to the two years before up to 879 from 110. But a study this month by the independent Transactional Record Access Clearinghouse found that most of the increase was for minor violations that brought little or no jail time. The median sentence in terrorism-related cases was no sentence at all. In other words, these are not serious ter-

Ashcroft touted prosecutions of members of "cells" in Lackawanna, N.Y., Detroit and Portland, Ore. The Lackawanna cell was so high-profile that the

daily.

But intelligence experts say that the "Lackawanna Six" was not a sleeper cell. The men had trained in al-Qaida camps before 9-11, but there was no evidence that any was involved in a attack. planned Ashcroft claimed the Detroit cell had prior knowledge of 9-11, but he was wrong, and a judge admonished the attorney general for speaking out of turn.

The key statute used in these prosecutions makes it a crime to provide "material support" for terrorists, but the law does not require proof that a person intended to help a terrorist. For that reason, the federal appeals court in California ruled this month that the provision is feared the law could ensnare people who donate money to humanitarian groups, not knowing it is being channeled to ter-

Over the past several months HISTORY the courts - and, most importantly, the Supreme Court have begun scrutinizing the 43. Movie director Todd Haynes worst excesses of Bush's terrorism policies.

When Hamdi, the U.S. citizen captured in Afghanistan, tried in the Supreme Court to challenge his detention, the Justice Department refused even to respond. The court insisted that the department reply. The court also announced that it would review the claims by Guantanamo Bay detainees that they are entitled to a day in

Earlier this month, a federal court ruled that Bush exceeded his authority in his incommunicado detention of Padilla in a military brig in South Carolina. The Justice Department had claimed that Padilla shouldn't even be able to get in the courthouse door to present his case.

There is no way to predict how these cases will turn out. This is the Supreme Court of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who wrote a book in 1998 on civil liberties during wartime. Citing the Roman saying, in arme silent leges -- "in war the law is silent" - the chief justice predicted that courts would modulate their voices during a future war.

But those challenging the Bush excesses have already won the first battle by getting inside the courthouse. That is a resounding rejection of the Bush president got briefed almost claim that, as commander-in-

chief, he can act outside the usual boundaries of the rule of

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Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson once said that the Constitution is not a "suicide pact." That warning carries greater force today, when a single weapon detonated in an American city could kill hundreds of thousands of people.

But not every sacrifice of freedom buys more security. When we waste money and resources rounding up innocent immigrants or spying on antiwar rallies, we have fewer resources to pursue the people who actually want to kill us.

Yes, this is a war against terrorism. But more than that, it is a war in defense of liberty and unconstitutional. The court the rule of law. If we surrender our freedom and our values out of fear, we are running up the white flag of defeat.

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is 43. Actress Tia Carrere is 37. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 36. Model Christy Turlington is 35. Actor Taye Diggs is 33. Rock musician Scott Underwood (Train) is 33. Country musician Chris Hartman is 26. Actress Kate Bosworth is 21.

Thought for Today:

"It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know - and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything." - Joyce Cary, British author (1888-

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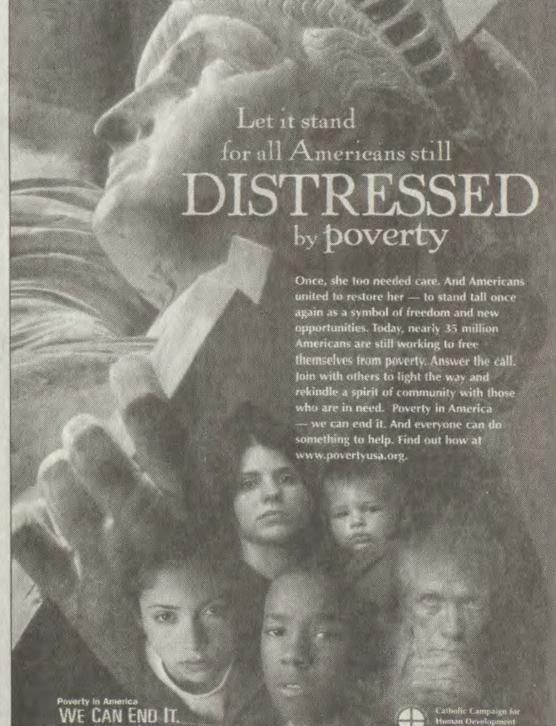
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Cox of Louisville, hired separately by both Harris and Newsome, said he is withdrawing as Newsome's attorney. Cox declined to comment on the

The motion said an offer by Harris to pay for Newsome's appeal "creates the aura of an attempt to silence Newsome. That should not be allowed to prevail."

Newsome hired former U.S. Attorney Steve Reed of Louisville to represent him.

Glenn Turner's attorney, Mark Chandler of Louisville, could not be reached for com-





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Meanwhile, contemporary choreographers treated audiences to special seasons. Merce Cunningham paired with rock bands Radiohead and Sigur Ros to conclude his 50th anniversary season at BAM, while Bill T. Jones honored his late partner, Arnie Zane, with an intimate kickoff at The Kitchen. Trisha Brown revisited early seminal works with a performance and an exhibit tracing her artistic collabora-

Finally, following a lengthy court battle over copyright issues, the Martha Graham Dance Company returned to the stage with its first full engagement in more than three

Such reminders of dance's illustrious history came as the future of many companies felt more vulnerable than ever. The dance world remains, as Ballett Frankfurt's William Forsythe noted wryly, "at the bottom of the funding food chain."

With his own company disbanding, Forsythe wowed audiences with final performances under the Frankfurt moniker. Ballet's reigning superstar plans to remain in Germany, much to the disappointment of his native America. By necessity, his new company will be smaller.

 By Claudia La Rocco, Associated Press Writer.

MOVIES

"The Terminator" came back, then quickly said goodbye to Hollywood as Arnold Schwarzenegger left the big screen for politics. A month after "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" became his first hit in years, Schwarzenegger began a successful campaign for California governor in a chaotic recall election.

"The Matrix" gang also returned as the Wachowski brothers' sci-fi trilogy concluded with two movies released just six months apart. "The Matrix Reloaded" cruised to a \$282 million

domestic payday, but fan disappointment undermined the franchise, with "The Matrix Revolutions" expected to finish with barely half as much

The animated tale "Finding Nemo" swam past "The Matrix Reloaded" to become the year's biggest hit at \$340 million, while "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" also topped \$300 million.

Waiting in the wings come December was "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the finale to Peter Jackson's fantasy epic, whose first two chapters each topped \$300 million.

Hollywood adjusted to changes in the Academy Awards season, with the Oscars coming next February, a month earlier than usual. Academy officials hope to spice up the ceremony by shortening the awards-season marathon.

Picture The Motion Association of America, which represents top Hollywood studios, stepped into the awards fray and implemented a crackdown on special DVDs and videotapes of Oscar contenders sent to various movie-awards

Citing piracy, the MPAA banned all such "awards screeners" for anyone but Oscar voters. The move infuriated other awards groups and distributors of more obscure movies that said screeners helped their films compete against big-budget studio flicks. A federal judge overturned the ban in early December.

By AP Movie Writer David Germain.

MUSIC

Michael Jackson's bizarre life has long overshadowed his music, and this year was no

In a week's time toward the end of the year, MJ became the biggest music story of 2003: He was arrested on suspicion

of child molestation; he denied the charges.

But Jackson wasn't the only alleged pedophile who made headlines this year. Rhythm and blues superstar R. Kelly, who was charged with child pornography in 2002, suffered little backlash when he "Chocolate released his Factory." Not only did the album sell millions of copies and produce hit singles, Kelly was also in hot demand, as a songwriter for Jackson, B2K and Britney Spears. He even serenaded Ben & J. Lo at a

Not all the year's music controversies involved sex scandals. With the Dixie Chicks, it was politics. As the Bush administration pushed for a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, lead singer Natalie Maines told

a London audience she was ashamed of the president. Though she apologized, country stations pulled the trio off the air and the Dixie Chicks lost support from their core fan base. Still, a subsequent tour sold out for the Grammy win-

Rhythm and blues and rap continued to dominate the charts. Destiny's Child star Beyonce Knowles leaped out with a multiplatinum solo album, "Dangerously Love," producing two of the biggest singles of the year -'Crazy in Love" and the song "Baby Boy."

Two stars from TV's "American Idol"- Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken became the real thing when they released their own discs to huge success.

Prestonsburg, died Sunday,

December 28, 2003, at his resi-

Born August 17, 1957, in

Prestonsburg, he was the son of

Loma Calhoun Hatfield of

Prestonsburg, and the late

Morrow Hatfield. He was a car-

Survivors. in addition to his

mother, include three nephews:

Tim, Brian and Steve; and great-

nieces and great-nephews:

Macie, Brianne, Shelby and

In addition to his father, he

Funeral services were con-

ducted Wednesday, December

31, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home, in

Martin, with Manford Fannin

Burial was in the Hatfield

Cemetery (Spurlock Creek), at

Prestonsburg, under the direc-

tion of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Visitation was at the funeral

Phelix Scott Jr.

Phelix Scott Jr., 78, of

died Sunday,

(Paid obituary)

was preceded in death by one

brother, Cledith Hatfield.

officiating.

Langley,

And a former drug dealer from Queens who wore his multiple gunshot wounds as a badge of honor became the year's most popular and bestselling artist. 50 Cent's "Get Rich or Die Tryin" was the year's best seller.

- By AP Music Writer Nekesa Moody.

PUBLISHING

Publishing in 2003 was both lively and distressing, with a handful of blockbusters, including Hillary Clinton's "Living History" and Al Franken's "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," standing out in a year of slow sales.

Interest in works of subtlety and contemplation suffered both from an uncertain economy and the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Instead, worried readers sought out the topical arguments of Franken and other political writers and the escape of Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci

Oprah Winfrey revived interest in John Steinbeck's "East of Eden," but only a few new literary novels - among them Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake," Toni Morrison's "Love" and Jonathan Lethem's "The Fortress of Solitude" showed up on national bestseller lists. And none compared in sales to Brown's million-selling thriller.

Stephen King, this year's winner of an honorary National Book Award and himself a blockbuster author, is among those concerned that publishing has increasingly become a story of extremes. He has accused publishers of being too corporate-controlled to take risks on unknown writers and too snooty to relate to the masses, leaving the public to choose between unreadable "literature" and forgettable commercial books.

Introducing King November's awards ceremony, mystery author Walter Mosley noted that the great writer and the popular writer can be one and the same, examples including Shakespeare, Dickens and Twain. But neither Mosley nor King mentioned a writer who in 2003 really did bring us back to the fabled days when readers rushed to the docks for the next shipment of a Dickens

Hers was a book so notable that The New York Times printed a rave review on its front page, so commercial that in its opening weekend it generated as much money as the concurrent film debut of "The Hulk" and so desirable that fans read it and read it until

their heads literally ached. The book, of course, was Floyd County, he was the son "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." And should the sponsors of the NBAs want to further the unity of art and commerce, they might next year waive the requirement that recipients be U.S. citizens and give the honorary prize to Britain's J.K. Rowling.

> - By AP National Writer Hillel Italie.

TELEVISION

NEW YORK - What kind of year was it for television? A year good enough to bring HBO's stirring miniseries, 'Angels in America," and Fox's screwball comedy, "Arrested Development."

And it was a year bad enough for NBC's Anglo mutation of the Brit comedy "Coupling" (which lasted just four weeks) and Monica Lewinsky as host of "Mr. Personality," a Fox reality dating show that flopped, too.

But millions saw Fox's surprise hit "Joe Millionaire" conclude with Evan Marriott asking Zora, not Sarah, to go steady. And Zora said yes, even after he confessed he was a penniless fraud, not the tycoon he had pretended to be!

Damon Wayans had egg on his face after mocking septua-Roberts Doris genarian ("Everybody Loves Raymond") with an unfunny joke about her age on the Emmycast. David Letterman had a baby boy. And the National Network had a fight when it rechristened itself Spike TV (a lawsuit from director Spike Lee delayed the

name change for weeks). But TV found a golden egg with gays.

The Showtime drama "Queer as Folk" and NBC's

sitcom "Will & Grace" (about gay men and the straight women who love them) continued to thrive. Meanwhile, newcomers included ABC's sitcom "It's All Relative" (the working-class son of a bar owner falls for a Harvard-educated lass raised by two gay men), Bravo's "Boy Meets Boy" (a twist on dating shows, with some of the suitors secretly straight), and that network's smash hit, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," where five gay fashion experts rehabilitate a

hetero schmo. And "American Idol" continued to lure to be the Competing "American Idol" yet collaborating on a joint leap to fame, roly-poly Ruben Studdard and string bean Clay Aiken charmed viewers with their singing. But when Ruben edged out Clay in the series finale last May, it was Fox that really won: 33 million people tuned in.

The marriage of politics and entertainment renewed its vows when bodybuilder-action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy for California governor on "The Tonight Show." He was back with Jay Leno for another appearance the night after he

Finally, a new chapter in the history of warfare was written not with pen and ink but with portable video gear and satellite transmission as the networks brought the U.S. invasion of Iraq into American homes with startling detail and immediacy - if not always

- By AP Television Writer Frazier Moore.

THEATER

In 2003, Broadway was still looking for a hit to match "Hairspray," the last big musical to open in New York, and winner of eight Tony Awards, including best musical.

For a while, the hot-ticket honor was held by the Roundabout Theatre Company's revival of "Nine," when it starred Spanish heartthrob Antonio Banderas, although business dropped soon after the film star left in September. Banderas' wife, Melanie Griffith, did sturdy business when she opened in the long-running revival of "Chicago" and played the role of Roxie Hart for several months during the summer.

The Pulitzer Prize for drama went to "Anna in the Tropics," with the judges basing their decision on reading Nilo Cruz's script and not seeing the play. When "Anna" reached New York in November, enthusiasm was more muted, although many critics found merit in the play's soaring, often poetic, language.

The play's main competitor for the Pulitzer, Richard Greenberg's "Take Me Out," the story of a gay baseball player, made a successful transfer from off-Broadway to Broadway and won the 2003 Tony Award for best play along the way.

Greenberg's most recent effort, "The Violet Hour" was chosen to reopen the Biltmore Theatre, now the Broadway home of the nonprofit Manhattan Theatre Club. The play about a young publisher and a mysterious machine, was not as well received as the handsome renovation of the venerable theater.

Composer Stephen Sondheim suffered a setback when "Bounce," his first new musical in nearly 10 years, never made it to New York and folded after engagements in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The fall Broadway season was the busiest in years with several big-budget musicals, "The Boy From Oz," "Wicked" and "Taboo," opening to less than unanimous critical acclaim. And there were several quick flops, "Oldest Confederate Widow Tells All" never got past its opening night, while "Bobbi Boland," starring Farrah Fawcett, died in previews.

Yet hope remained. A rapturously received adaptation of "Shakespeare's "Henry IV" opened in Lincoln Center with critics hailing Kevin Kline's portrayal of Falstaff as perhaps the best of the year.

- By AP Drama Writer Michael Kuchwara.





Kennith Hatfield Mack Harmon Jr. Kennith Hatfield, 46, of

Obituaries

Mack Harmon Jr., age 88, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Monday, December 29, 2003, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, following an extended illness.

He was born December 17, 1915, at West Prestonsburg, a son of the late Mack Harmon Sr., and Margaret (Hyden) Harmon.

He was married to Sula (Patrick) Harmon, who preceded him in death. He was a truck driver for R.V. May Company in Prestonsburg.

He is survived by Lorraine P. Howard, whom was raised as his daughter; three grandchildren: Holbrook Prestonsburg, Linnea Lovely of Salyersville, and Regina Kennard of Glencoe; six greatgrandchildren, and three greatgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, 2004, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Darrell I. Howard officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery Prestonsburg, under the direc-

tion of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Merlie Horn Stephens

Merlie Horn Stephens, 71, of Auxier, died Monday, December 29, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born September 30, 1932, in Kermit, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late John Horn and Polly Browning Horn. She was a homemaker, and attended the Auxier United Methodist

Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Jennings

Stephens, on May 18, 1979. Survivors include two daughters, Freda Mae Powers of Auxier, and Debby Sue Allen of Prestonsburg; two sons, Ronald Eugene Stephens of Lexington, and Johnny Horn of Chicago, Illinois; four brothers, Virgil Horn, Glen Horn, Harrison Horn, and Willie Horn; four sisters, Chloe Fields, Opal Jean Bryant, Nancy Romans and Elizabeth Dobbins; four grandsons, one granddaughter, two great-granddaughters, one greatgrandson, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Horn and Troy Horn.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, 2004, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Home Chapel, Funeral Prestonsburg, with Rev. Shane Powers and Calvin Setser officiating.

Interment was at Richmond Cemetery, Memorial Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Stephens family. (Paid obituary)

December 28, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Born September 21, 1925, in

of the late Phelix Scott Sr., and Mallie Combs Scott. He was a retired carpenter; a U.S. Army and World War II veteran; and a life member of the Garrett D.A.V. Chapter 128.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melvina Layne Scott. Survivors include four sons: Bobby Scott of Jackson, Michigan; Mike Scott of Garrett; Ricky Scott of Winston Salem, North Carolina; and Anthony Scott of Prestonsburg; four daughters: Diana Dewitt of Albion, Michigan; Shelba Davis of Winston Salem, Carolina; Debbie Goodman of Langley; and Darlene Hicks of Dana; 13 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by brothers: Jeff Scott, Ashland Scott, Willis Scott, and Bud Scott; and three infants; and sisters: Bessie Jackson and Alda Hancock.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, at p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Scott Cemetery, at Stone Coal, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral

Active pallbearers: Mikey Goodman, Kevin Goodman, William Goodman, Chris Bormes, Jerry Stanley, and Joey Williamson.

(Paid obituary)

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WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC WYMT pairings pit state tourney trip hopefuls

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN - Knott County Central High School will again host the WYMT Mountain Classic. The boys' basketball tournament, which annually ranks as one of the top tournaments in Eastern Kentucky, this year includes eight teams from three different area regions - the 13th, 14th and 15th. The tournament looks to feature a somewhat balanced field.

From Floyd County, Betsy Layne will make the trip to the WYMT event. The Bobcats play in the Coca-Cola Classic this week at Pike County Central High School. The WYMT tournament will be the third tournament in as many weeks for head coach Brent Rose, his staff, and the Betsy Layne boys.

The WYMT Classic is scheduled to run January 6-10. Joining Betsy Layne from the 15th Region is twotime defending champion Shelby Valley and another team from Pike County, East Ridge.

The 14th Region is well-represented with Hazard, Perry County Central and Knott County Central participat-

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Ladycats fall to talented Tenn. team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SCOTTSVILLE - Betsv Layne, in third round play Monday, dropped its second game in the Lady Invitational of the South tournament at Allen County-Scottsville High School. Wilson Central High of Lebanon, Tenn. topped Betsy Layne in the third round game, beating the Ladycats 73-58.

The Betsy Layne girls' basketball team, coached by Cassandra Akers, knows how to

Betsy Layne came into the Lady South tournament following four-game stint in Lexington in the Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic, Betsy Layne, the defending 15th Region girls champ, split in the Fifth Third tournament, winning two and losing two. Wins for the Betsy Layne girls in the Lexington tourney came over Highlands and West Carter.

In the Lady Invitational of the South tourney game against Wilson Central, Betsy Layne trailed by seven at the end of the first period, 21-14, and could

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Bears fall in Challenge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COSTA MESA, Calif. - Despite a terrific effort from Amelia Cody the Pikeville College Lady Bears lost to No. 3 Vanguard University 93-65 Monday night in the GSAC Challenge.

The classic, which sees three visiting teams travel to California to play three

teams from the Golden State Athletics pair of blocked shots in the game. Conference, will wrap up on Tuesday evening when Pikeville plays Azusa Pacific

Cody, a 6-2 junior from Hazard, had 16 points and pulled down a career best 18 rebounds in the loss. For Cody, it was her fourth double-double of the season. She also led the team with three assists and a

Vanguard (8-1), a national semifinalist a year ago, turned the ball over only five times and went 18-of-22 from the free throw line (81.8 percent) to pull out the

Pikeville fell to 8-7.

(See CHALLENGE, page two)



STATE BOYS:

Mason first, Apollo second

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE -Mason County remains the top team in the latest Associated Press high school boys' basketball poll. The Royals, defending champs, had nine wins opposed to no losses at the beginning of the week. Apollo was 10-0 at the start of the week and ranked second, but has since loss to Lexington Catholic.

Shelby Valley was ranked 10th in last week's poll, but following a loss to Louisville Holy Cross in the Tiger HOOPS Classic at Paintsville High School, falls out of the top 10.

The Louisville Sacred Heart girls also remain on top.

The top teams in the Kentucky

(See STATE, page three)



The Betsy Layne bench looked on during Saturday's championship game of the Mountain Schoolboy Classic. Betsy Layne beat host Belfry in the title game of the tournament.

Betsy Layne enters Coca-Cola tourney playing well

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

School, Betsy Layne entered play in feels confident seeing on the hardyesterday's Coca-Cola Classic at Pike County Central High School as one of a couple of favorites to win. In the Belfry tournament, Betsy Layne beat

the opening round and turned back the the bench in the second quarter and host Belfry Pirates in the championship game. The Betsy Layne team BETSY LAYNE - Fresh off a that took the floor in the two championship win in the Mountain Mountain Schoolboy Classic games is Schoolboy Classic at Belfry High one Bobcat head coach Brent Rose

"The Allen Central game was the best we have played so far this year," said Rose. "We moved the ball well Floyd County rival Allen Central in and hit shots. Some guys came in off

gave us a lift after a slow start."

Betsy Layne has started slow on more than one occasion this season, but such wasn't the case in the championship game against Belfry.

"Against Belfry we jumped out to an early lead and kind of lost our focus and had to really battle in the second half," added Rose. "Our over-

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TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC

Oak Ridge takes Tiger HOOPS title

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Oak Ridge, Tenn. played its way to a Tiger HOOPS Classic title, but the tournament wasn't without some quality play provided by some area players.

The 12-player Tiger HOOPS Classic All-Tournament Team included three players from the 15th Region. Paintsville senior Peyton Conley represented the host Tigers well and for his efforts was named to the squad. Shelby Valley junior guard Seth Kiser was also named to the team. Johnson Central junior Josh Stapleton joined Conley and Kiser on the squad

Zach Gulmire, after leading Oak Ridge, Tenn. to the title in a 55-39 win over Louisville Seneca was named the

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photo by Jamie Howell

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pike teams fall in Boyd event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SUMMIT - Boyd County and Ashland both came away with victories in the opening round of the Boyd County Colonels Classic Monday night at Boyd County Middle School gymnasium. Belfry and Pikeville, two 15th Region girls' basketball teams, both lost.

Boyd County defeated Fleming County 73-52 while the Ashland Kittens rolled over the Cindy Halbert -coached Pikeville team 52-29.

Ironton, Ohio edged Dunbar 52-47 and Lexington Christian defeated Belfry 52-40 in the other openinground games.

Senior Anna Bevins scored 18 points to pace Belfry in its loss. Tasha Henry scored 20 and Pam

Farrow 11 in the Kittens' win. Shawna Howard led Pikeville with seven points.

Brandi Mahar scored 20 to lead three players in double figures for Boyd County (6-4). Kasi Galloway added 18 points and Jennifer Swann

Pikeville (29) — Dye 2, Hartsock 4, McCoy 3, Francisco 6, Sam. Howard 3, Shawna Howard 7, Shockey 2, Cross 2. PF: 16. FT: 9-

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Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson made a pass during a Tiger HOOPS Classic game. Jamerson and Prestonsburg teammates are back on their home hardwood this week hosting the Jenny Wiley

Invitational.

Funny Cide's high ride highlights 2003

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In horse racing, the 129th Kentucky Derby provided the best Cinderella story of the year and then one of the biggest controversies in the sport's history.

Funny Cide, owned by a group of six former high school buddies in upstate New York, became the first gelding in 74

Jockey Jose Santos rode Funny Cide to a Derby win.

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years to win the Derby.

Less than a week after the improbable victory, a photograph surfaced that some said suggested jockey Jose Santos was carrying an unknown object in his hand during the race.

One steward called the photo "very suspicious" and the track launched an investigation. Santos maintained his inno-

is over," he said. "A week ago, I was in the happiest moment of my life. And then this photograph came in and destroyed my

Santos and Funny Cide went on to win the Preakness, setting up the fifth Triple Crown try in six years at Belmont Park.

cence throughout the inquiry

and he was eventually exonerat-

"I am thankful this nightmare

But Funny Cide finished third to pre-Derby favorite Empire Maker, who gave Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel his first Triple Crown victory.

Spectacular Bid - another horse that won the first two legs of the elusive prize - was one of four Derby winners to die in 2003. The others included 1986 winner Ferdinand, 1983 winner Sunny's Halo and 1981 winner Pleasant Colony.

Ferdinand was reportedly put to death in a slaughterhouse in Japan in 2002, sparking outrage in the racing industry.

'It sickens me to think about it," said Dell Hancock, whose family owns Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky., where Ferdinand was

During the summer, Kentuckian Kenny Perry seized the sports spotlight. The 43year-old Elizabethtown native who lives in Franklin had a career year, winning three times and earning over \$4.2 million.

"I'm glad to finally get a little respect," Perry said.

In the fall, four of the state's Division I-A and I-AA football programs broke in new coaches with mixed results.

Louisville beat Kentucky 40-24 in Lexington in the first game for Cardinals coach Bobby Petrino and Wildcats coach Rich

The victory propelled the Cardinals to a surprising 9-4 season and a sixth straight bowl appearance.

Despite a blowout loss to Miami of Ohio in the GMAC Bowl, the season saw the promising emergence of quarterback Stefan LeFors, who threw for 2,921 yards, and 2002 Kentucky Mr. Football Michael Bush, who scored touchdowns running, passing and catching.

The biggest challenge Petrino faced happened off the field. Late in November, Auburn officials secretly met with Petrino about replacing Tommy Tuberville, who was still the Tigers' coach.

Petrino denied meeting with Auburn officials, then came clean after news of the meeting

leaked.

Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich blasted Auburn officials, voiced support for Petrino and promised to restructure Petrino's contract.

Jurich was much happier earlier in the month, when he announced Louisville was moving into the Big East in 2005.

The move was done primarily to give Louisville an opportunity to play in the lucrative Bowl Championship Series. The Cardinals will also join a 16team basketball conference that Pitino called one of the best in the history of the game.

Kentucky, meanwhile, continued to languish near the bottom of the SEC in football.

The Wildcats finished a disappointing 4-8, although the season had its share of memorable moments.

Kentucky blew a 21-3 fourthquarter lead on Florida, losing 24-21 in Lexington. A month

Hall, who played and pitched at

Morehead State University fol-

lowing an outstanding prep

career at Johnson Central, has

named two familiar faces to

serve as assistants. Joey Estep,

who after graduating from

Johnson Central played baseball

at Shawnee State University, is

one assistant. The other assistant

is Jimmy VanHoose, a longtime

teacher at Johnson Central.

VanHoose's son, Jeremy, is a

member of a talented junior

Golden Eagle class that is set to

upcoming season," said Hall.

"Our kids have kept themselves

Hall, who was in town at

in the first-ever Tiger HOOPS

Classic, is a regular basketball

is the head coach at Sheldon

Clark High School.

real busy in the off-season."

"We're excited about the

return to the diamond.

later, the Wildcats dropped an eight-overtime, 71-63 decision against Arkansas.

Quarterback Jared Lorenzen finished a productive career, breaking many of Tim Couch's school passing records. He finished among the top four in SEC history in career passing yards (fourth with 10,354), touchdowns (fourth with 78) and completions (second with 862).

Kick returner Derek Abney tied an NCAA Division I-A record with his eighth kick return for a touchdown.

In Bowling Green, Western Kentucky and first-year coach David Elson fell two steps short of duplicating last season's The championship run. Hilltoppers went 9-4, losing to

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Iourney

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all team defense is improving every time out and we have really been stressing this. Brandon Hall and Jordan Kidd both had tremendous tourna-Brandon Kidd all hit shots and really pleased with Derek onship game.

"It was important for these

Teams Betsy Layne could have to contend with in the Pike County Central tournament include the host Hawks, Ryle, Cumberland, Cawood, Magoffin County, Pikeville and

The Bobcats entered play in the Pike Central tourney on a four-game win streak. After playing in the Hawks' holiday event, Betsy Layne has a date in next week's WYMT Mountain Classic at Knott County Central High School. The first round opponent for Betsy Lavne in the WYMT

rounded out the scoring for the

Betsy Layne girls with three

in double-figures for Wilson

players scored for the Wilson

Four different players scored

Central. In all, nine different

Betsy Layne began play in

ments. Preston (Simon), Brent (Newsome), Ryan (Bryant) and played good defense. I was Case's defense in the champi-

kids to get a taste of winning. They are hopefully beginning to reap some of the rewards of all the hard work they have put in over the past couple of years. Our kids are real happy but theyunderstand it is a long season and we have a long way to go if we are going to be a contender in March.'

Jenkins.

Paintsville last week officiating official in the 16th Region. His brother, Mike, a former University of Louisville pitcher, tournament is Hazard.

H.S. BASEBALL

Hall adds Estep, VanHoose to staff

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE Johnson Central baseball coach Shawn "Pooh" Hall has added two assistant coaches to his staff.

Challenge

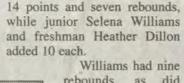
The game was tight early, with six lead changes and neither team pulling ahead by more than three in the first 10 min-

utes. But Lindsay McClellan hit a three with 11 minutes to play to put VU ahead, and they never trailed again.

The rest of the first half was all downhill for the Lady Bears, who trailed 47-29 at the bream and then got outscored 46-36 in

the second 20 minutes. Vanguard led by as many as 35 before settling for the 28-point

In addition to Cody, Pikeville had three other players in double figures. Senior Caitlyn Ryan had



Williams had nine rebounds, as did freshman Ashley Wireman, as the Lady Bears dominated the glass 49-33, but 16 turnovers and 1-of-10 shooting from the arc proved costly.

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Vanguard was led by freshman Kelly Schmidt, who hit 8of-13 from the floor

to finish with a game-high 26 points. Lisa Faulkner followed with 14, but dazzled the crowd with an eye-popping 16 assists.

For comparison, Pikeville had only 12 in the game.

Lindsay MccClellan added 14 off the bench, while Lacey Burns and Rachel Besse contributed 11.

Neither team is very deep right now, as each went only eight deep in the game. But the Lions got 25 points off their bench compared to only five for Pikeville.

never get over the hump. Wilson Central led Betsy Layne 32-25 at halftime and 49-39 when the

Senior Whitney Lykens was a bright spot for Betsy Layne as she scored a game-high 29 points. Kim Clark netted 17 points and Kristal Daniels

Fall

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game entered the fourth quarter.

flipped in nine. Kristen Smith

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Brandon Hall,

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tournament's most valuable play-

Paintsville went 0-3 in the tournament while Shelby Valley and Johnson Central each posted two wins.

Others named to the all-tournament unit included Jonathan Cook (Chattanooga Christian (Tenn.); Daniel Alcorn (Bullitt East); Davey Johnson (Campbell County); Michael Firman (Louisville Seneca); Rick Daniel-Mullholland (Oak Ridge (Tenn.); Aaron White (Oak Ridge (Tenn.); Zach Gillum (Greenup County); Gerry (Louisville Seneca); and Jeff Wachtel (Louisville Holy Cross).

The 2003 Tiger HOOPS Classic, the first-ever, goes into the books as a success.

Sponsors who made the Paintsville tournament possible included Paintsville Tourism, Castle's Jewelry and Gifts, Giovanni's Pizza, Bob Abrams, Citizens National Bank, Pepsi, Bocook Engineering, PBC-channel 8, Action Express Mart, NetBurner, Foothills Telephone, Elm Street Resources, Ramada Inn of Paintsville, McDonalds, Appalachian Wireless, Family Bank, Redd, Brown & Williams Real Estate and WKLW.

"This tournament had 16 outstanding teams, coaches and fans," said Tiger HOOPS Classic

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Event Manager Bob Lyons. "The community support

from our sponsors, volunteers and fans was overwhelming, I can't thank everyone enough. Any team could have won this tournament, that was how competitive it was. We had 18 different colleges attend the tournament, that I met, to watch these

"The 2004 tournament is already being planned for Dec. 27-30 and I have 10 of the 16 teams, including a team from Canada and Australia.

"The Tiger Hoops Classic will grow and provide a great atmosphere for the fans in the area. The competition was great but the players and coaches were quality people."

Second annual Tiger **HOOPS Classic** already taking shape

Lyons and the Tiger HOOPS Classic Committee are already making plans for the 2004 Tiger HOOPS Classic.

The 2004 Tournament is slated to run December 27-30. Among the teams already committed for the 2004 tournament is host Paintsville, Heath, another quality Class-A team, Seneca and St. Marguerite d'Youville of Canada.

Central Lady Wildcats.

points.

the Lady Invitational of the South event with a 76-65 loss to Washington County. Betsy Layne bounced back with a 63-45 win over Russell County after the setback to Washington

Betsy Layne Ladycats Last Two Tournaments

Dec. 20

Wayne County 29-61 (L) (Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic)

Dec. 21

Highlands 45-41 (W) (Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic)

Dec. 22

East Carter 40-51 (L) (Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic)

Dec. 23

West Carter 59-51(W) (Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic)

Dec. 27

Washington County 65-76 (L) (Lady Invitational of the South at Allen County-Scottsville)

Dec. 28 Russell County 63-45 (W)

(Lady Invitational of the South at Allen County-Scottsville)

Wilson Central, Tenn. 58-73 (L) (Lady Invitational of the South at Allen County-Scottsville)

More wins, same result for Bengals

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Receiver door with a garbage bag full of to see a season end.

equipment slung over his shoulder and a downcast expression on his face.

For the first time in a long Peter Warrick headed for the time, Bengals players were sad

PRO FOOTBALL

Browns finish season with heads up

by TERRY KINNEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - One year after they made the playoffs as an up-and-coming team, the Browns ended a disappointing 2003 season with a somewhat satisfying 22-14 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

Coach Butch Davis said even after five straight losses, the win allowed the Browns to finish the season with their heads up, and

14TH REGION

STANDINGS

Perry County Central 6-2

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Knott County Central 6-3

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he shouldered much of the blame for the team's 5-11 record.

"As head coach, I feel I let this team down a little bit this season," Davis said, "I learned a lot of lessons this season, and there were some bitter lessons.

"Every evaluation starts at the top, and I've got to do bet-

Injuries were a major factor - five offensive linemen suffered significant injuries, for instance - but the problems go much deeper for a team expected to contend.

Tim Couch, who was supposed to be the cornerstone of the franchise's re-emergence as an expansion team, finished the season unsure whether he'll be back. Couch, who has one year left on his contract for \$7.6 million, is willing to restructure his deal to stay.

"I believe in what this team is doing and where it's headed," Couch said after completing

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to practicing this week," Warrick said Monday, alluding to the playoff berth that slipped

The NFL's worst team since 1991 made major breakthroughs in Marvin Lewis' first year as head coach, surpassing everyone's expectations by staying in playoff contention until the final

By any measure, their 8-8 season was an unqualified success, a clean break with their embarrassing past.

So, why all those long faces? They knew it could have been a whole lot more.

After taking control of the AFC North, the Bengals lost three of their last four games to keep their streak of futility intact - no winning record or playoff appearance since 1990.

crowds. That made it more painful when the season ended just like all of the others.

They were going home for the playoffs.

"Even though we went 2-14 last season, I'm probably more disappointed this season," Pro Bowl offensive tackle Willie Anderson said, standing in front of a locker still stuffed with gear. "I really thought we were going to the playoffs. I haven't even packed up. I planned on being here until the end of January.'

Nobody planned on their amazing ascent after they opened the season 1-4. Quarterback Jon Kitna was only another loss or two away from handing his job over to rookie Carson Palmer. Fans had

COLLEGE BOWLING

PC Bowlers win Las

"I was really looking forward already given up on the season.

Then, they came together and started playing the way Lewis wanted. They eliminated the gaffes that always seemed to drag them down, and moved into contention in a weak divi-

A victory over previously unbeaten Kansas City moved them into first place and the national spotlight. With a chance to make the playoffs, they reverted to form.

That's one of the main areas Lewis will address in the offseason. Much of his attention will be on revamping a defense that fell apart in December. He also who are accustomed to playing in big games.

"We've started to turn the corner," Lewis said. "We're not around it. Every time we peeked around it, we kind of got slapped back. We'll keep fighting to round the corner."

In his first season, Lewis turned over roughly half of the roster but couldn't get enough out of a team that still tends to freeze up under pressure.

There could be one major offseason change. Corey Dillon, the franchise's all-time leading rusher, cleaned out his locker and insisted he should be traded

wants to bring in free agents or released. He'll likely get his

"Get him out of here," Anderson said. "Some of that stink is still around here. You can still smell it in close games. We need passionate guys. We need people that love football, that want to come here and be great, not just be an average Joe and pick up the paychecks.'

Another major change could come at quarterback, where Lewis has a delicate decision.

Kitna kept Palmer on the bench and kept the Bengals in

(See BENGALS, page four)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

For the first time in 13 years, they played meaningful games in December in front of capacity crowds. That made it more third straight week

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least for now, Connecticut put an end to all that switching at No. 1.

The Huskies led The Associated Press' men's college basketball Top 25 Monday, their third straight week atop the rankings. Before that recent run, four consecutive polls had a change at No. 1.

The only big change in the Top 10 was Kentucky's fall from

No. 2 to No. 8 after losing 65-56 to visiting Louisville. That snapped the Wildcats' 27-game Mississippi State (10-0) beat winning streak in the regular

Mississippi State moved into the rankings at No. 24, and Marquette moved back in at No. 25 after a one-week absence.

Connecticut (9-1) received 37 first-place votes and 1,711 points from the national media panel to easily outdistance second-ranked Duke (8-1), which had five No. 1 votes and 1,623 points in moving up a spot.

Georgia Tech (11-0) went from fourth to No. 3, its highest ranking since being second Feb. 4, 1986. The Yellow Jackets received 21 first-place votes.

No. 4 Arizona (7-1) and No. 5 Stanford (9-0) each moved up one place. The Wildcats had four No. 1 votes, one more than the

Wake Forest (7-0) jumped from eighth to No. 6 and had one first-place vote, Oklahoma stayed at No. 7, followed by Kentucky, North Carolina and Saint Joseph's.

Louisville jumped from 20th to 11th, trailed by Cincinnati, Kansas, Florida, Pittsburgh, Gonzaga, Syracuse, Wisconsin,

Texas and Illinois. Purdue, Vanderbilt, Missouri, ranked teams.

Mississippi State and Marquette rounded out the Top 25.

Tulane 72-50 in its only game last week. The Bulldogs, led by Baylor transfer Lawrence Roberts, have had only two close games this season, an 86-84 win over UAB and a 66-61 overtime win at Santa Clara.

Marquette (8-2) had been ranked in every poll since the preseason until falling out last week following a loss to Wisconsin. The Golden Eagles beat Florida A&M 83-63 last week.

Dayton (9-1), which was ranked in the last three polls, fell out from No. 23 following an 82-53 loss to Cincinnati.

Maryland (7-3) was in the last two polls, but the Terrapins dropped out from 24th after a 79-75 loss to Florida State in its Atlantic Coast Conference opener on Sunday.

Missouri (4-3) had the week's biggest drop, from 11th to 23rd, after losses against Illinois and Memphis. Missouri, which was fifth in the preseason poll, has lost three of its last four games.

North Carolina is at Kentucky on Saturday in this week's only matchup between

Lee County Cordia Jenkins Breathitt County Owsley County Riverside Christian Hazard

Buckhorn Letcher Jackson City

Funny

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quarterfinals. Richmond, Eastern In Kentucky went 7-5 under rookie

Wofford in the Division I-AA

coach Danny Hope, who succeeded Hall of Fame coach Roy Kidd. In prep football, Louisville

Trinity quarterback Brian Brohm was named the 2003 Mr. Football after guiding the Shamrocks to a third straight state championship.

Brohm said he was going to announce his highly anticipated college choice in mid-January. Kentucky and Louisville were both in the running.

Vegas Invitational TIMES STAFF REPORT age for nine games. Guldenschuh Jennifer McDonough 10th with LAS VEGAS - The Pikeville College men's bowling team 197.22. Kevin Kovash finished at

from the Columbia 300 Las Vegas Invitational. The men also finished 12th in the Sam's Town Collegiate Shoot-Out on the trip. The Lady Bears, meanwhile, finished second in the Las Vegas

the Shoot-Out. In the Las Vegas

Invitational and third in

Invitational, Pikeville entered the tournament fourth after posting a nine-game total of 8,822, and received two byes in the draw. They picked up wins over Western Illinois before knocking off eighth-seeded San Jose State, who had upset the top team entering the tournament, Fresno State.

The finals saw Pikeville and third-ranked Wichita State come down to the final frame of the last game before a strike by Craig Guldenschuh secured the win for

Tony Preston made the alltournament team with a 206 aver-



186.67, Schaub Cassidy 185, Galen Cathcort 183.22, T.J. Nacker 178.22 and Todd Beers 176.

In the women's Pikeville draw, placed two teams in tournament. Pikeville black lose in the opening

Preston round to University of Florida, while Pikeville Orange was the second seed in

the eight-team tournament. The Lady Bears knocked off West Texas A&M to reach the finals, where they fell to topseeded Wichita State.

Two Pikeville bowlers made the all-tournament team, while Pikeville had seven of the top 23 bowlers in the tournament. Lindsey Durham finished second with an average of 205.44, while April Ellis was fifth at 196.33.

Two other Pikeville players were in the top 10, as LaDeanna Damron was ninth at 187.33 and

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187.11.

Patty Trusty averaged 180.55, Ashley Day 179.77, Stacey Wyatt 179.67, while Michelle Leonard and Tracy Miller each averaged

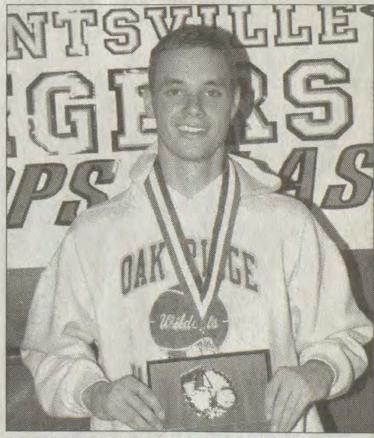
In the Sam's Town Collegiate Shoot-Out, both women's teams finished in the top 10. Pikeville Orange was third, finishing behind Wichita State and Fresno State, while Pikeville Black was sixth.

Ellis again made the all-tournament team, finishing fourth with an average of 206 for nine games. Damron just missed the team, coming in seventh with an average of 202.11.

McDonough averaged 191, while Durham averaged 184.44 and Wyatt 184.33. Miller finished at 179.67, Trusty 174.67 and Abbi Stolarz 170.44.

On the men's side, Pikeville missed the top 10 by an average of seven pins per game.

Guldenschuh led the men with an average of 210.56, while Kovash averaged 208. Preston finished at 203, while Harper ended at 199.88. Nacker came in at 197.11, while Beers was 193.22 and Farrar 193. Schuab finished with an average of 190.67 and Kevin Reigle 188.



Zach Gulmire, Oak Ridge (Tenn.), Tiger HOOPS Classic MVP.

State

Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(6)	9-0	78	1
2. Apollo	(2)	10-0	73	2
3. Lou. Pleasure				
Ridge Park		11-1	56	4
4. Lex. Catholic	14	5-2	55	3
5. Lou. Fern Creek	-	9-2	32	6
6. Clay Co.	la:	8-0	27	9
7. Elizabethtown		8-2	26	5
8. Hopkinsville	1-	5-2	21	7
9. Madison Central	10	6-0	10	-
10. Daviess Co.		10-3	9	8

Others receiving votes: Marshall Co. 7, Lou. Ballard 7, Bullitt East 6, Breathitt Co. 6, East Ridge 5, Hazard 4, Montgomery Co. 3, Shelby Valley 3, Wayne Co. 3, East Carter 2, North Hardin 2. Honkins Co. Central 1. Lex. Tates Creek 1, Shelby Co. 1, Lex. Lafayette 1.

GIRLS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP,	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred				
Heart	(8)	7-1	80	1
2. Christian Co.	- 41	10-1	61	2
3. Rockcastle Co.	53/8 0	8-1	53	3
4. Jackson Co.	4	7-1	48	7
5. Henderson Co.	4	10-2	42	4
6. Lex. Catholic	2	6-4	26	10
7. Lou. Mercy	4" 111	7-3	23	6
8. Newport Central				
Catholic	4	5-3	18	5
9. Elizabethtown	5	9-2	13	9
10 Fast Carter	211	10-2	11	-

Others receiving votes: Clinton Co. 10, Marshall Co. 9, Pulaski Co. 8, Mercer Co. 7, Scott Co. 7, Cov. Holy Cross 5, Owen Co. 5, Fleming-Neon 4, Ohio Co. 3, Franklin-Simpson 2, Woodford Co. 2, Muhlenberg North 2, Barren



The first-ever Tiger HOOPS Classic All-Tournament Team included Paintsville's Peyton Conley (left), Johnson Central junior Josh Stapleton (not pictured) and Shelby Valley junior Seth Kiser. (not pictured).

Post-season: Wide-open playoffs

by DAVE GOLDBERG ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green Bay made the playoffs only because of a miracle play by two Arizona Cardinals most of the Packers wouldn't even recognize.

Now that the Packers are in, they've got a decent shot at getting to the Super Bowl. And they can thank Josh McCown

by JOSEPH WHITE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spurrier resigned as coach of the

Washington Redskins on

Tuesday, ending a failed attempt

to bring his Fun 'n' Gun offense

the Redskins finished 5-11, los-

ing 10 of their last 12 games. He

three years of a five-year, \$25

million contract, the richest ever

owner Dan Snyder on Tuesday

morning and offered his resigna-

tion. Snyder accepted it with "much regret," according to spokesman Karl Swanson.

"It was totally unexpected,"

Spurrier's replacement will

Spurrier said repeatedly in

be the fifth head coach since

Snyder bought the team in 1999.

recent weeks that he planned to

return for a third season,

although there was wide specu-

lation about his future with the

over personnel moves, particu-

larly the owner's decision to cut

quarterback Danny Wuerffel at

an inability to enforce discipline

on players, especially after

defensive coordinator Marvin

But Spurrier also was hurt by

the end of training camp.

Spurrier clashed with Snyder

He walks away from the final

Spurrier called Redskins

Spurrier quit three days after

to the NFL.

was 12-20 overall.

for an NFL coach.

Swanson said.

WASHINGTON - Steve

and Nathan Poole for a lastsecond desperation touchdown pass that allowed Arizona to knock out Minnesota.

"I don't even know who those two guys are," Packers center Mike Flanagan said. has a chance to advance. "Never heard their names before. But, 'I LOVE YOU!"'

Neither McCown nor Poole will be in the playoffs, and the Cardinals certainly won't be -

Lewis left to become the

Cincinnati Bengals' head coach.

record for penalties this season,

and players described a lax

atmosphere in which tardiness

was tolerated, cell phones rang

during meetings and on-field

errors weren't corrected at prac-

The Redskins set a franchise

PRO FOOTBALL

Spurrier quits as

Redskins coach

they've made it only once in the past 22 seasons. But given the ups and downs of almost every playoff team and the wild nature of the final Sunday of the regular season, anyone

So there could be a repeat of the 2002 Super Bowl: New England, top-seeded in the AFC, against St. Louis, second-seeded in the NFC.

But there also could be a repeat of the 1998 Super Bowl: Green Bay against Denver. The Packers are the fourth-seeded team in the NFC, and the Broncos are sixth in the AFC, but they were Nos. 2 and 4 when they played six seasons

Just look at the playoff quarterbacks: Peyton Manning, Brett Favre, Donovan McNabb and Steve McNair at one end of the spectrum, with Anthony Wright, Jake Delhomme and Quincy Carter at the other. But Wright, Delhomme and Carter have first-rate defenses behind them, and Super Bowls can be

won with running and defense. A look by conference:

because it has a standout quar-

terback (Tom Brady) and a defense that allowed only one touchdown in its final six home games. And the Patriots will be at home for the playoffs, courtesy of a league-best 14-2 record, which includes a 12-game winning streak to end the season.

Historically, teams on that kind of run end up in the Super Bowl - and often win it.

But history doesn't count as much in an era of parity.

The Patriots don't blow out many opponents - they simply drive them nuts with Bill Belichick's disguised defensive schemes. Few teams have solved them over more than a decade, and he has used those schemes to win two Super Bowls: as head coach with New England, and defensive coordinator with the New York Giants in 1991.

The guy who might solve the puzzle is Mike Shanahan, as good with offense as Belichick is with defense.

Shanahan's Broncos are 10-6 but are really a better team than that.

Their midseason slump was New England stands out due primarily to injuries to Jake Plummer and others, and they have beaten the Colts and Chiefs, higher-seeded teams with better records. They go back to Indianapolis on Sunday, two weeks after a 31-17 victory there over the Colts in which they held the ball for 45 minutes.

> Conventional wisdom says it's hard to beat a team twice, but Denver was so dominant that it could win again in Indy. The Colts' defense couldn't stop backup running backs Quentin Griffin and Mike Anderson in that game and will face Clinton Portis this time.

A win sends the Broncos to Foxboro for an interesting Shanahan-Belichick tactical

Kansas City, the other AFC team with a first-round bye, finished 13-3 but allowed 45 and Minneapolis. And the 4 on the road this season.

Chiefs almost lost to the Broncos at home.

The Titans and Ravens, who meet in Baltimore on Saturday, are both physical, unrelenting McNair Tennessee an edge over Wright and the Ravens, but he has had leg problems for the last

So even though a Denver-New England matchup wouldn't be the AFC final ...

Ranking the AFC: 1. New England; 2. Denver; 3. Tennessee; 4. Kansas City; 5. Indianapolis; 6. Baltimore.

NFC

Philadelphia stumbled first, losing the home-field advantage in the penultimate week of the regular season. But St. Louis handed it back by losing 30-20 in Detroit on Sunday. That makes the Eagles and

Rams beatable, especially since Philadelphia will be without Brian Westbrook, its running back/return man/receiver and its secondbest offensive weapon after McNabb. The Eagles also have found their new home less hospitable than the old Vet - they were just 5-3 there, and 7-1 on

The dark horse in the NFC might be Green Bay. They won their last four games and six of their final seven. Brett Favre already has won a Super Bowl and still has the ability to carry

The Packers open at home against Mike Holmgren and the Seahawks, whom they beat 35-13 on Oct. 5. The Packers are playing better now and compared to this time last season, when they lost to Atlanta, their only playoff loss ever at Lambeau Field.

A victory would send Green Bay to Philadelphia, where fans always fear the worst and seem more apprehensive about facing Favre than the Rams in a possible conference title game. That's because while St. Louis was 8-0 at home, where points in late losses in Denver it has won 14 straight, it was 4-

Tiger HOOPS Classic Results

Dallas beat Carolina 24-20

That game features two

at Texas Stadium during the

good coaches and two good

defenses with questionable

quarterbacking - Delhomme

and Carter. The winner will

Ranking the NFC: 1. Green

Bay; 2. St. Louis; 3.

Philadelphia; 4. Carolina; 5.

Philadelphia or St. Louis.

lose

regular season.

most likely

Dallas; 6. Seattle.

Semifinals held Monday morning Oak Ridge, Tenn. 55, **Bullitt East 53**

Louisville Seneca 77, Louisville Holy Cross 62

Consolation Game held Monday evening Bullitt East 72, Louisville Holy Cross 65

Championship Game held Monday evening Oak Ridge, Tenn. 55, Louisville Seneca 39

Zach Gulmire - Tiger **HOOPS Classic MVP**

DIRT TRACK

NARA Open Wheel **Modified Series** slates rules meeting

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified officials has announced that there will be an organizational rules meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wayne Bowen Racing Supply in Harrodsburg. During this meeting officials, drivers and car owners will have the opportunity to discuss the new series for Open Wheel Modifieds set to debut in 2004. Topics of discussion will be general rules, tire rule, schedule, procedural rules as well as other topics of interest.

Wayne Bowen Racing Supply is located at 574 Paradise Camp Road in Harrodsburg. For directions, please call 859/748-9408. Any driver that has an interest in running the series is urged to attend.

NARA officials announce that Frankland Racing Products recently became a sponsor of the NARA Battle of Modified Series. Frankland Racing Products is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of Quick Change Rear Ends. Steel-Tube Ouick Change Rear Ends will be legal in the newly formed series as an option for competitors. Driver members will also be eligible for points accumulation, contingencies and bonus, as well as being covered in the NARA Insurance Benefit Package.

Frankland Racing Supply has agreed to give a free Steel-Tube Quick Change rear end to one of the first 50 member drivers that join the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series. Once the 50th membership application is received, a drawing will be held among those drivers and the lucky member will receive a free steel-tube quick change rear end courtesy of Frankland Racing Products. Membership applications are being accepted now and will be available at the meeting on Sunday or are available for download from the series website at www.naradirtcar.com/indexmod.html

Season

the Bluegrass Open Wheel nine of 18 passes for 115 yards. knew that was just one step He felt the way the Browns finished the season might renew the team's confidence in him.

> "He's done an awful lot to bring back people's belief in him," Davis said.

> But Couch believes the Browns must avoid a repeat of this season, when Davis picked Kelly Holcomb to start the season, then went back-and-forth as both quarterbacks struggled. Couch wants the club to pick a quarterback and stick with him.

> "Change is not necessarily a great thing right now. We need guys who are on the same page," Couch said. "I just want to be here when it all turns around, when we're a playoff team consistently."

> The Browns also are unsure about running back William Green, who was suspended by the league for violating its substance abuse policies. The team doesn't know when or if the second-year running back will

Rookie Lee Suggs, who had just 103 yards on 30 carries going into the game, rushed 26 times for 186 yards Sunday. He

toward becoming a starter, and he is still upset that he wasn't taken until the second day of the

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2003 draft. "Teams passed on me 114

times. I have to prove I'm better than a fourth-round pick, the 11th back taken," said Suggs, the 115th overall pick, who had touchdown runs of 78 and 25 The Browns' locker room got

a jolt this season when Kevin Johnson, the team's top receiver since 1999, was released in November. Davis was unhappy with his blocking and other aspects of his game.

Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians has been under fire, and Browns fans had more reason to wonder after Couch threw a rollout pass on 4th-and-1 in the second quarter. But it was a happy locker room after the Browns finished off the Bengals' playoff

"These guys wanted to go out feeling good about themselves," Davis said. "We've had a lot of adversity this season. We talked about trying to make the most out of a bad situation."

Bengals

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contention with a career year -26 touchdown passes, 3,591 yards passing, the only NFL quarterback to take every snap.

During the season, Lewis suggested he might let Palmer and Kitna compete for the starting job in training camp. Lewis was vague about his plans when the season ended.

"I have one year left on my contract, and we'll see what happens," said Kitna, who has offered to renegotiate. "The thing I expressed to Marvin is, I lon't want to be anywhere else.

"Carson is going to be a heck of a quarterback and I can't wait to watch him, but we'll see what happens in the long run."

No matter what happens, players figure it will work out for the best. That's the biggest change on a team that had come to expect misery, and got it year after year.

"Who knows what's going to happen next year?" receiver Chad Johnson said. "Next year, we might go undefeated. I'm excited. I can't wait."

Hopefuls

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Whitley County and Clay County are two representatives from the 13th Region.

First round pairings follow. Hazard vs Betsy Layne Shelby Valley vs Knott County Central

Perry County Central vs Whitley County

East Ridge vs Clay County

Classic

Continued from p1 Lawrence County 59, South Point 56

SOUTH POINT, Ohio - Jenny Humphrey scored 22 and Bree Frazier added 18 to lead Lawrence County to a 59-56 overtime win over South Point in the South Point Invitational Monday night.

Brittany Shaeffer also scored 10 for Lawrence County, which improved to 5-3.

The Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Pointers 7-4 in the overtime period. South Point is 0-6.

Lawrence County (59) - Humphrey 22, Frazier 18, Shaeffer 10, Jude 4, Arrington 2, Delong 3. PF: 22. FT: 16-31. 3-pointers: Humphrey 4, Frazier.

South Point (56) - Lee 2, Abridges 17, Craft 14, Coukos 7, Joy 5, Frasure 3, Moore 8. PF: 25. FT: 12-23. 3-pointers: Bridges, Frasure.

LAWRENCE CO. 25 11 15



Junior Ryan Hammonds was a huge spark for Allen Central dur-

ing Belfry's Mountain Schoolboy Classic tournament.

14. 3-pointers: Hartsock, Francisco 2, Shawna Howard.

Ashland (52) - Henry 20, VanHoose 2, Zimmer 2, Gehringer 4, Samons 5, Farrow 11, Clark 6, Strait 2. PF: 14. FT: 10-14. 3-pointers: Samons, Farrow.

PIKEVILLE

Belfry (40) - Bevins 18, Hall 11, Combs 4, Johnson 4, Hamilton 2, Chapman 1. PF: 19. FT: 17-35. 3-pointers: Bevins 2, Combs.

Lexington Christian (52) - Yates 13, Riddle 2, Anderson 10, Barnhardt 6, Brittain 3, Lynch 2, London 11, Wilson 4, Gralheer 1. PF: 22. FT: 19-25. 3-pointers: Yates, Anderson, London.

BELFRY

SOUTH POINT

photo by Jamie Howell LEX. CHRISTIAN Betsy Layne sophomore Brandon Kidd passed around the Belfry offense in the Mountain Schoolboy Classic championship game that was played Saturday.

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SECTION

THROUGH MY EYES

A new year - all over again

I say it all the time - "There's always a reason to be spending money." Now that Christmas is finally over, I knew that Valentine's Day would be the next big thing out there, but I did not expect to click on my e-mail this morning and discover a solicitation for



Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor Easter shopping. I am not, I repeat, not ready to begin thinking about pastel eggs and candycarrying rabbits.

And let's not even broach the subject of

Valentine's Day - you all think I got grouchy during Christmastime, just come visit me around February 14th...

Woodrow the "follow-mynose" beagle is now home, just in case you hadn't heard. You may

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POSTSCRIPT

Happy New Year

For more years than I want to admit, at the beginning of the new year I have resolved to lose weight. It's still a valid resolution, but I don't make it anymore.



Pam Shingler contributing writer

For even more years, I resolved to quit smoking. Thankfully, I don't have to make that resolution anymore. And when I did quit, it was in the fall, closer

Thanksgiving than New Year's

Other resolutions over the years have related to saving money, getting out of debt, finishing a book, going to Europe, fixing up various houses, and being more tolerant of idiots.

I haven't kept any of these,

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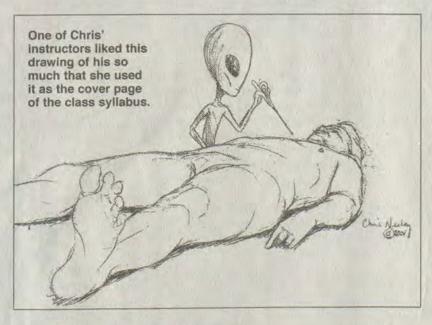
Kathy J Chris Neeley and mother, Cathy, look over some of Chris' recent artwork.

Chris Neelley

by

CHRISTIE ELEY

'conceptualizing' a rewarding career



by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

With today's fast paced world of ever forwardly moving computer technology, the term "starving artist" is, we hope, one that will soon be eradicated as a new generation of artistically inclined students embark upon new worlds of study involving computer animation techniques, motion graphics and multi-dimensional art forms.

A local young man, Chris Neeley, of Paintsville, is one such student. Neeley, 22, is about to complete his pursuit of a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago. For the past three years now, Chris, a graduate of Madison Central

High School, in Richmond, has been studying media arts and animation on

the institute's Schaumburg campus. Recently, the many long hours of study and hard work done in pursuit of perfecting his craft paid off when Chris was awarded first place in two-dimensional animation in the school's fourth annual film festival competition event. Over 500 entries were initially received for judging, with final cuts placing only 40 students into the actual film competition. Neeley's entry, entitled "Primal Dream," was "about a minute and a half" in length, according to the artist, and took about one year to complete. The film recounts the tale of

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to Ponder: Ready or Not: 2004

It seems for months, at least when the fall leaves were appearing, that the media focused on nothing but getting ready for the holidays - things to buy, places to go, and must-do activities. Finally the special days have come and gone. Next came the big white wave of sales, sales, sales, and more sales. One just had to buy to get the best price ever, especially last year's model before the thrill-of-the-century new model came on the scene. In fact, it is such a buy that they are practically "giving IT away." Then quickly, all of the talk is about making a New Year's Resolution. It is as if everyone should be aware of all the bad things in their lives at the same time, decide right away what needs to be done to wipe the bad away, and have a new slate as white as snow, on which a perfect, easy-to-do plan for the next year can be designed. Of course, the new changes are supposed to be very easy and pain free. Have you thought about your New Year's resolution or do you

even want to go through the process?

Since there is so much talk about making a New Year's resolution every year, it is important to know that it all started with ancient Babylonians. They began the tradition of celebrating each new year more than 4,000 years ago. However, they did it in late March, which might have encouraged success more with it being springtime with signs of new life, new crops, and expected change. Whatever the Babylonians had on their

list, it was likely to coincide with their belief that what a person does on the first day of the New Year would have an effect throughout the entire year. This kinda goes along with some people's superstitions that one must eat ham hock, blackeyed peas, and mustard greens for the main New Year's meal in order to have success and money in the coming year. As with other parts of life, our goals



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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

School is currently collectig Food City receipts! Please end them in now through 1arch.

The AMS Youth Services enter is open all year to assist udents and families in need. lease drop by or call the center t 886-9812 for more informaon on any of the above ctivites, or to request assistance ith a family need. Center is pen from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and iter by appointment. Center pordinator, Michelle Keathley. ssistant coordinator, Sheila llen. Center offers services to Il students regardless of icome.

LLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is ow collecting Food City eceipts. Students may bring eceipts to homeroom teachers, r parents/community members

may drop off at office.

ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all stu-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 appointBETSY 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 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 stu-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

**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 teachers. homeroom Community members may also turn receipts in to the school

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,

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

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:

Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

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

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Birthdays

DeShea is 8!

DeShea Terelle Elliott, the daughter of Michelle and David Elliott, of Vartin, celebrated her eighth irthday on June 22, 2003, with a "Care Bear" neme party held at the Allen Pool. Many iends and family members attended to help DeShea celerate her special day. DeShea has one little sister, Destiny.





Destiny is 1!

Destiny Tiara Elliott, the daughter of Michelle and David Elliott, of Martin, celebrated her first birthday on August 20, 2003, with a "Blue's Clues" theme party attended by many family members and friends. Destiny has one big sister, DeShea.





Happy Birthday, Michael and Skylar!

lichael Brandon Williams celebrated his seventh birthday on ecember 21, 2003. "Little brother," Skylar Chayse, celebrated is fourth birthday on December 23, 2003. Family members and lends joined the two brothers on Sunday, December 28, for a in-filled birthday bash. Michael and Skylar are the sons of inda and Terry Williams, of Little Mud. Their parents, grandarents and aunts all say that the boys are special thristmastime blessings that brighten all their lives.

Neeley

a young monkey captured during the felling of a jungle forest and then sent away to a spaceship laboratory for further examination. "It was really only chapter one of the story," he said, "I still have to finish chapter two, but it was exciting, really, to see my work on a big screen in a large theater. It was great."

Neeley says that his future goals include becoming a "conceptual artist" in a successful animation studio, following completion of his college studies. "The conceptual artist is the guy who gets to be creative in an animation studio," said Neeley. "He gets to come up with ideas and then the

other artists sort of follow his lead. I hope to be able to work in a position that allows me to empathize with the characters I create. I think it's really important to create feeling in art and to have others relate to that feeling. During the film festival, it felt really great when people laughed at my film, and when I could tell that they were feeling sad, too. To be able to bring out that emotion from others, that was a great feel-

Chris actually had two pieces entered in the competition, the one for which he received the first place award and another which was the only piece to be accepted



A trained parent volunteer tutors a student in the East Kentucky Tutorial Program, an after-school program sponsored by the Hindman Settlement School.

East KY Tutorial Program celebrates reading gains

Program, sponsored by the Hindman Settlement School, completed it's Fall After-School Tutorial Program in late November.

EKTP offered after-school programs in four counties in southern and eastern Kentucky: Floyd, Knott, Laurel and Pulaski. During the thirteen-week after school program, enrolled students made an eight-month gain in reading decoding skills and a seven and a half-month gain in reading comprehension skills.

The East Kentucky Tutorial Program provides one-on-one tutoring for children with learning differences. Parents are trained to tutor as paraprofes-

The East Kentucky Tutorial sionals but never tutor their own child. A recent survey of former students showed that 19 percent of the parents of the children involved in the program furthered their own educations because of their participation in the program.

A summer boarding program is also available to students. College students are trained to tutor in the six-week summer program. One-on-one tutoring in reading is offered in addition to tutoring in mathematics with a one-to-three tutor to student

Call 606-785-4044 for more information. An educational evaluation is required for entrance into the program.

Eyes

have noticed the couple of ads that ran a few weeks back when Woodrow's distraught owner was caught up in yet another frantic search for her mischievous charge. Seems that Woodrow has an annoying little habit of wandering off from time to time. This time, though, it seemed that he might be gone for good, everyone feared. However, Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, who pens the "Critter Corner" column for us, has notified that Woodrow managed to return, all on his own, safe and sound - and just in time for Christmas. Hmm, we're wondering, did the naughty boy find * nothing but coal in his stocking

this year? *** *** *** Continued from pt

Wasn't really planning on bothering with any New Year's resolutions this year - like "Postscript" columnist, Pam Shingler, I often make far too many and stick to none, so why set myself up for failure?

However, after reading Dr. Mable's "Things to Ponder" column on New Year's resolutions, I found myself feeling very optimistic about the coming months. Her ponderings this week were "just what the doctor ordered" for me. Especially the advice to "Love the life you have and not the life you want."

Hit the nail right on the head, Doc - thanks a bunch!

Until next week, remember to embrace the good and throw worry to the wind! (And I'll try to do the same!)

from a beginning class student into the festival's three-dimensional category. "To just have a piece accepted in this category was an honor," he said. "There were so many entries and all."

Making Chris' achievement even more significant is the fact that he also works part-time while attending school and, even more amazing, that at this point, he doesn't even own his own home computer. "I haven't really been able to get my own computer yet," he said, "I use the ones available on campus. It probably makes it a little harder, it'd be easier to have one at home, then I'd probably have more time to learn a little more about different things. I guess that time will come, though," he said.

For now, Chris, and his parents, are all thrilled that he is on his way to a rewarding career and making such wonderful achievements as his recent first place award. "The festival was really a much, much bigger event than I had realized it would be," he said. "It was held in one of Chicago's beautiful theaters and there was a red carpet out front and everything. People were lined up around the corner waiting in line ing being involved in something younger brother, Nick.

like that." "Yes," added Cathy Neeley,

Chris' mother, "I would have made a point to be there if I had known this was going to be such a big event. But," she added with a sidewise glance at her son, "I didn't. I'm thrilled, though, that he won first place."

According to Chris, the festival was judged by some highly successful industry professionals. "People who were involved with the film "Shrek" and "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and MTV's liquid television they had some really impressive credentials," he said.

In honor of his achievement, Chris was treated to a dinner attended by several of these industry professionals, affording him the opportunity to make valuable contacts. He was also awarded a computer mouse crafted of silver and several complete sets of high caliber computer software from companies like Adobe and Macromedia. "I have some really neat computer stuff now," he said, 'Now all I need is a computer."

We already know he's got all the talent he could ever need.

Chris is the son of Cathy Neeley, of Paintsville, and Jim to buy tickets. It was a great feel- Neeley, of Richmond. He has one

This Town, That World

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

No wonder Father Time is so decrepit that he can barely carry his scythe as he moves out at the end of the year. The guy's just gone through Christmas.

A well-known Floyd County political figure was asked, the other day, if he was a candidate. "Looks like I am," he replied. "Before I left the house this morning for work, I shook hands with my wife."

Santa Claus used to play a return engagement at our house on Twelfth Night, or what we called Old Christmas. It was one such occasion that shook my faith in the old gent. Heavy rains had fallen, all the preceding day, creeks were at flood and travel was almost impossible. So it happened that my Dad informed me that conditions, were so bad that Santa might have trouble getting me anything more than a quarter this year. Then, when that exact amount turned up in the stocking, I began wondering just how close these two parties, Santa and my father, were.

The federal government is becoming more efficient by the day. Somebody got so energetic that most of us received our new income tax forms, the day after Christmas. Treating a suffering taxpayer like that, at a time like that, is much like tossing a drowning man an anvil.

A MAN'S CASTLE

I break a resolution and let this guy named Joe have a little

space and another opportunity to fracture the rules of orthog-

raphy. He writes: Dere eddittur.

me and Serry hav fit agin at this seesin of gudewill to men, and the corte of appels in too blaim. I am a martir as this nott on my hed atests beecaus I hold fast too hour blud-bot principuls. i sed the cort of appels wuz rite whin hit reverst that murder convixion beecaus tha sarched the mans outhous without a sarch warnt.

that set Serry off on a tieraid aginst this heer nitpickin, haresplittin bunch (i repeat her words, mind yu, not mine) thats a deestroyin the force and efect of the law and alayin the home of ever innercent sole open too enny cutthrote that cums along and so on and on she raives ontell I hand her a sope box and suggess she git up on hit and mak us a rail

and that, my eddittur, was whin I becum a martir and got this nott on my noggin. That womman has a turrible timper. I hav learnt after 40 years of connubal bliss alivin with her.

ennyway, I jest want too repoart to ye that I had the last word, i reeminded her that ef i was ahidin in my outhous a bludhound cood not legaly tract me ther without a sarch warnt, for, cryed I, reachin fer my hat fer my quick deeparichur, ef thet boodworr of yoren caint bee intered without yore purmishion, I say to yu and ennyboddy els whu mite bee conserned, nuther can eny inter my outhous which is my cassel.



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



I'm hosting a New Year's Eve party this year, and I'm afraid some of the guests might overdo it and try to drive home drunk. What can I do to ensure that everyone arrives home safely?

The consumption of alcohol is acceptable in our society, when done in moderation. You are right to be concerned about the guests at your party. Not only is this an appropriate concern as a good citizen; in a number of states you can now be held legally liable for alcohol-related accidents that your guest may become involved in on their way home.

It takes the average person one to two hours to eliminate the typical alcoholic drink, such as an ounce of distilled liquor, a bottle of beer or a glass of wine. Therefore, a good "rule of thumb" is that if you have had more than one drink for each two hours that you have been at a party, regardless of how you feel, you shouldn't drive.

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

when guests 'drink and drive'

to make a decision and then react to a driving situation goes up with each drink, regardless of how accustomed the person is to drinking.

Federal statistics show that in the average year, nearly 40 percent of fatal vehicle accidents involve alcohol. And, just in the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's in 2002, there were 1,561 people killed in alcohol-related crashes. In many of these cases, the driver and passengers in the vehicle would have survived if they had been wearing seat belts.

The good news is that because of concerned folks like you, increased law enforcement, and safer vehicles, the number of alcohol-related deaths has continued to decrease slightly over the past few years. Here are a few tips for you or anyone else who is holding a party this New Year's Eve:

Suggest your guests come in groups and that each group select a

"designated driver."

Make non-alcoholic beverages available for the designated driver and for anyone else who chooses not to consume alcohol.

Host can be held responsible

- Guests should not be persuaded to drink nor ridiculed if they choose not to.
- Snacking should be encouraged. Coffee should be served in the last hour or so of the party.

On the last point, let me make it clear that coffee does not counteract alcohol, as some people believe. However, it does offset drowsiness, and this drowsiness may a contributing factor in a driver's impaired attention and

Anybody who is obviously drunk or who has consumed too much alcohol, should not be allowed to drive under ANY circumstances. This is also true for someone who is obviously sleepy. Instead, insist they stay overnight, go home with somebody else or take a taxi.

This isn't just for their safety and that of other motorists, but also for the extended circle of friends and

loved ones who would be affected by another needless, tragic death.

On behalf of all of us at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all my readers and their families a very happy, peaceful 2004!

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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 appoint-

PRESTONSBURG **ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE** CENTER

Jan. 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school audi-

The Family Resource

Robinson Scholars donate to children's gift project

From left to right, Braxton Branham, Mindy Tackett, and James M. Davis, UK Regional Coordinator for the Robinson Scholars Program, met together to participate in the fourth annual "Gifts 4 Kids" project, a program that helps provide gifts to the children of the Daniel Boone Childcare Center. Both Branham and Tackett are participating Robinson Scholars who attend Betsy Layne High School. The Robinson Scholars Program has donated over 200 gifts to this special community service project over the last four years.

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

After School Child Care,

programs.

3-6 p.m., school days. ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its

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

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

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jan. 5 - First day back from holiday break.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to p.m. 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr.

12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500. ■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne

Native Floyd Countian studies music in Boston, MA

Dave Reffett, of Denver,

Colorado, formerly of Blue River, is currently pursuing his dream of becoming a major rock performer. Currently, Dave is attending the prestigious Berklee College of Music, in Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was awarded a four-year scholarship. He is simultaneously studying guitar and majoring in music business. Dave also writes music reviews for the college's stunewspaper, Groove." Recently, he performed Berklee's campus with a group of international musicians from Yugoslavia, Korea, England and Istanbul. Dave hopes to one day be famous enough to hold a benefit concert to raise funds to provide scholarships for talented musicians from his home state. Dave, and his sister, Sarah, both treasure their eastern Kentucky heritage and the sense of community that was instilled in them as children growing up in Floyd County. Dave is the son of Harrison and Connie Reffett, formerly of Blue River.

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. -

High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime 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.

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*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.



Native Floyd Countian treasures memories of home

Sarah Reffett, of Denver, Colorado, formerly of Blue River, is currently a senior at Smoky Hill High School, in Aurora, Colorado, where she is a valued member of the girls varsity softball team. Sarah maintains a 3.8 GPA, even while working part-time after school at a local Old Navy clothing store. She has been recognized by the National Honor Society for her academic achievements. Sarah is considering pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Sarah has one brother, Dave, who is currently attending college in Boston, Massachusetts. Recently, Sarah was afforded the opportunity to visit her brother in Boston and look at area colleges. Both Sarah and Dave treasure their memories of growing up in Floyd County and still consider Kentucky their home.

Postscript

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and what's more, I have stopped setting myself up for failure.

So with no resolutions for 2004, I've come up with a list of things I don't want to see in the new year and a list of things I do want to see.

One thing I don't want to see in 2004 is reality TV. In each case, as far as I can tell, imagination is far better than the real-

I don't want to see in 2004 more young people dying as result of the greed of old men anywhere and everywhere.

Another thing, this year I don't want to see or read anything more about "Bennifer" or Michael Jackson or Eminem or Britney or any number of other professional celebrities whose vapid lives apparently intrigue too many people.

I don't want to see in 2004 any more companies shutting down plants in this country to move to some other country, where workers labor for practically nothing and don't complain about safety or hours or benefits, while executives live in luxury.

And I don't want to see these same companies wave the flag and tout their patriotism and love of freedom and democracy - while they practice their hypocrisy.

This new year, I don't want to see our leaders continue to treat us as if we are morons incapable of reasoning and unable to see beyond their photo ops and pabulum phrases.

This new year, I don't want us - ordinary citizens - to form our opinions as a result of photo ops and pabulum phrases.

What do I want to see in

2004? It's really pretty simple. In 2004, I want to see more British comedies.

I want during the new year to see less prejudgment of people based on external qualities.

A really important thing I want to see as we embark on this renewal is a giant dent in the incredible drug problem this region has.

In 2004 I want to see more good-paying jobs in the region, and I want to see significant improvements in area schools to justify those jobs.

Somewhat selfishly, in this new year I want to see more local support of arts organizations in this area, particularly Appalshop, Jenny Wiley Theatre, Mountain Homeplace, and Mountain Arts Center, for starters.

In 2004 for myself specifically, I want to see less of myself. I want to make more money and save more of it, get out of debt, find a publisher, go to Europe, and fix up my house. OK, I admit, it sounds a little familiar.

I used to aspire to be more tolerant of idiots. But to tell the truth, anymore I just don't see that happening.

For all of us in this new year, I want to see good health, splashes of happiness every now and then, and lots and lots of

Ponder

regarding what changes are needed adjust with the times. Typically, in our modern day, the most common resolutions tend to be about health and diet, such as losing weight, stopping smoking, and getting fit. Folks involved with noticing New Year's resolutions think that there have been subtle changes in people's goals since 9/11 and that they have more to do with family values. Resolutions are all about what goals you think are important and what people view as important changes over time. Whatever is done, the New Year has always been a time for looking back to the past and, more importantly, forward to the coming year. It is the time to reflect on the changes we want, or often need, if we are to have the motivation to move

In thinking about the first of the year and possible need for changes, I ran across the following, "New Year's Resolution" by an unknown author: "Last week I threw out Worrying. It was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things my way. I threw out Inhibitions; they were just crowding me out. Made room for my New Growth, got rid of my old dreams and doubts. I threw out a book on My Past (didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with New Goals, started reading it today. I threw out childhood toys (remember how I treasured them so?). Got me a New Philosophy, too; threw out the one from long ago. Bought some new books, too - called I Can, I Will, and I Must - threw out I might, I think, and I ought. Wow, you should've seen the dust! I picked up this special thing and placed it as the front door - I found it, it's called Peace, and nothing gets me lown anymore. Yes, I've got house looking nice. Looks

good around the place. It's good to do a little house cleaning, get rid of the old things on the shelf. It sure makes things brighter maybe you should Try It Yourself.'

Yes, changes are good things, if they are what you need. If you are determined this year to have a New Year's resolution and to keep it, there are a few goal-setting tips to get you started and increase the likelihood of your success. (1.) Don't try everything at once! You'll do better with one or two goals than you will with a list of 40. There's nothing wrong with adding more later. Be realistic and do a little at a time and you will be more likely to have lasting results. Remember, one step at a time. (2.) Word it carefully! Try not to word it so that you feel more stressed out from the expectation you have of yourself. For instance, "This year I am going to relax" versus "This year I am going to explore different ways of relaxing." The New Year's resolution is expected to be a positive thing for you and not to make you miserable. (3.) Make a plan! After you decide what your goal is, try to break it down. The plan does not have to be complicated, just brainstorm enough to have a starting point. An example might be a goal to clean out a storage area, such as the garage or basement that is "a mess, piled up, and can't anything in it." You might begin by working on one type of object, like placing yard tools together, or for a length of time you will work each week, say two hours at a time, until the job is done. For the goal of relaxing more, you might try a different technique every month until you find one you like. It's okay to change your approach. After all, it's your resolution for your

goal. (4.) Write down your

New Year's resolution and your

Continued from p1 plan of action. Stick it wherever you'll see it. I'm a great supporter of "refrigerator art." That way, you'll have an on-going reminder of your plan. To keep it fresh, you may want to change the wording at times and as your goal changes.

Even though there are the usual New Year's resolutions, it was interesting to find the suggestion of making a New Year's resolution for a better marriage. To counteract having a troubled marriage, the couple needs to find out what one or two things the other person could do to make each one feel loved. The underlying idea is that men and women want many of the same things - love, respect, and attention - but the ways they want them expressed are often very different. It seems that women are not telling men what they most want because of their romantic belief that he "should know without having to be And husbands are not telling their wives what they most want because they are either embarrassed or afraid to do so. If it is too difficult for you to say what you need, write your answer and leave it for your spouse to read.

There was another "goodie" I found in regards to increasing the odds that the New Year is more to your liking. "This year will transport you on a magiccarpet ride to incredible destinations. But whether this experience is a smooth or bumpy ride will be determined by your faith and confidence levels. If you harbor fear or doubts about your future, you'll find the year ahead insufferable. To avoid this, approach each day with the attitude, 'I'm on an adventure that will eventually take me to a wonderful place.' It's true."

Whatever your New Year's resolution might be, love the life you have and not the life you want. Happy New Year!!!

Hoyd County Devotional Page

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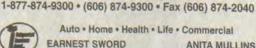
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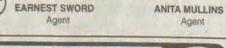
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