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briefs

Assault case could end in jail time

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -A Floyd County man charged with assault is expected to enter a plea in his case next month, according to documents filed this week in Circuit Court.

Jimmy Travis Little, 37, who plead not guilty in October for first and second degree criminal mischief, and second and fourth degree assault, is expected to shange his plea Feb. 13, after coming to an agreement with the commonwealth attorney's office.

Little was indicted on Sept. 30, 2003 for an alleged altercation with two individuals.

According to the indictment, Little allegedly struck the head and face of a female and struck and bit a male during the altercation.

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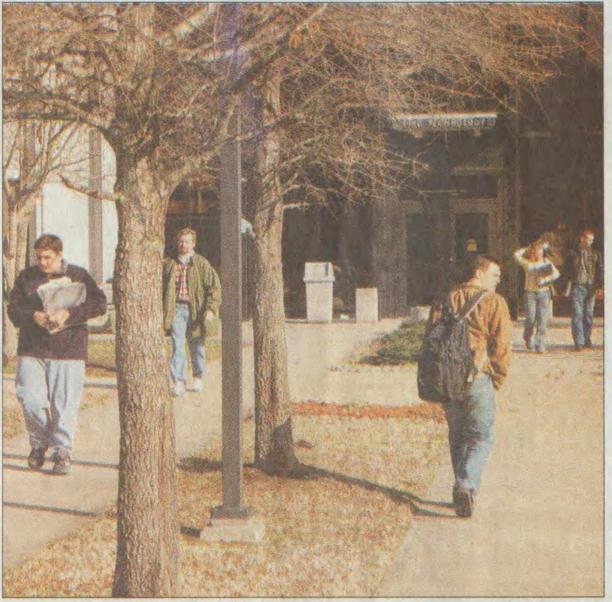


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Students will most likely see programs of study dropped after cutbacks, officials have said.

State budget cuts hit local college a second time

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG have felt the impact of an order from Gov. Fletcher this month asking universities to contribute \$41 million to the state budget and local colleges have not been spared.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George Edwards announced earlier

this week that school would experience its second budget cut of January.

On Jan. 5, the college saw Colleges across the state a \$206,100 cut as its share of a 2.5 percent reduction in state appropriations, while this most recent cut will represent a little more than 3.7 percent reduction in available restricted funds and will translate to a \$247,100 adjustment, Edwards said earlier this week.

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President Dr. George Edwards announced Thursday the college would be met with its second financial cutback of the month due to state budget adjustments.

Pretrials continued for bank robbery couple

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The commonwealth will proceed next month in cases against two Ohio residents charged with the robbery of a local bank last year, following the scheduling of pretrial confer-

According to orders filed in circuit court on Wednesday, pretrial conferences originally set to be heard last week in the cases of Melinda Workman, 22, and Elijah P. Hluch, 23, both of Ravenna, Ohio, will be continued until Feb. 13.

Workman and Hluch were arrested for allegedly robbing the Prestonsburg BB & T Bank in the Glenn View Plaza Shopping Center on Aug. 11, 2003 and thereafter leading police on a lengthy car chase through the Prestonsburg, Allen, and Cow Creek areas, where

(See ROBBERY, page three)

Drug defendant expected to net **15-year sentence**

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Floyd County man facing various drug related charges from three separate alleged incidents which led to his arrest is expected to enter a guilty plea on those charges next month, according to documents filed this week in Floyd Circuit Court.

After agreeing to accept a plea offer, a result of a pretrial conference on Jan. 15 with Commonwealth Attorney's office, Robert Alan Fortner, 67, is expected to enter guilty pleas on Feb. 13 in three drug cases currently against him.

Fortner, indicted last year

for first-degree trafficking, possession of cocaine and two counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, was arrested at the Alpike Motel in Ivel on Nov. 5, after a search of the room he was staying in resulted in the confiscation of two ounces of cocaine and other drug related paraphernalia.

According to his indictment, filed in circuit court on Nov. 19, 2003, Fortner allegedly sold cocaine from that motel room, where he was a regular visitor.

A search warrant filed by KSP Trooper John Hunt prior to his arrest indicates that a confidential informant

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Jail visit leads to 'sweet' discovery

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -A Hueysville woman who allegedly attempted to sneak pills pass the guards at the Floyd County Detention Center earlier this month was arraigned in Floyd District Court Tuesday.

Malinda Joseph, Hueysville, plead not guilty to a first-degree charge of promoting contraband during her arraignment under District Judge James R.

According to an arrest citation issued by jail employee Jacqualine Kay Moore, Joseph alleged came to the Floyd County Detention Center on Jan. 6 and requested to leave a box of snack cakes for an inmate, Michael Vanderpool, who

(See DISCOVERY, page three)

Corps plans to address floodwall concerns one-on-one

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG The U.S. Army Corps Engineers opened an office in Prestonsburg today, Friday, to answer questions and concerns about plans to protect homes and businesses from possible flood damage, says Section 202 project manager Tammy Conforti.

One option that has sparked a good deal of controversy has been a floodwall proposal, something Conforti expects will be approached regularly at the Corps new office on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex along Westminster

"The project isn't whether we're not going to build a floodwall," said Conforti. "We're looking at all different alternatives. The flood-

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Prestonsburg residents plead innocent to theft charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Prestonsburg residents charged on unrelated theft charges pleaded not guilty during their arraignments this week in Floyd District

Billy Joe Hunter, 26, Prestonsburg, charged with theft

by deception over \$300, and Dawn Renee Morrison, 24, Prestonsburg, charged with theft by unlawful taking and second degree forgery, entered not guilty pleas in District Judge James R. Allen's courtroom on Tuesday.

According to his arrest warrant, initiated by the filing of a civil complaint by Clark Pergrem, of NFC Mining at Meadows Branch, Hunter stole \$5982 from the company between Nov., 2003 and Jan. 10, by "creating and reinforcing" a false impression in order to ated at the Floyd County receive payment for materials that were not ordered.

Hunter, represented in court Tuesday by attorney Leta Baharstan, was arrested on Jan.

Following his arraignment, Judge James R. Allen set Hunter's bond at \$5982.

He currently remains incarcer-Detention Center.

After entering a not guilty plea in Allen's courtroom Tuesday, Morrison was given a \$750 cash

According to an arrest cita-

filed Jan. tion, Prestonsburg Police officer Danny Martin, Morrison allegedly took a payroll check in November for nearly \$130 and forged her name in an attempt to cash it.

She, too, is currently incarcerated at the Floyd County

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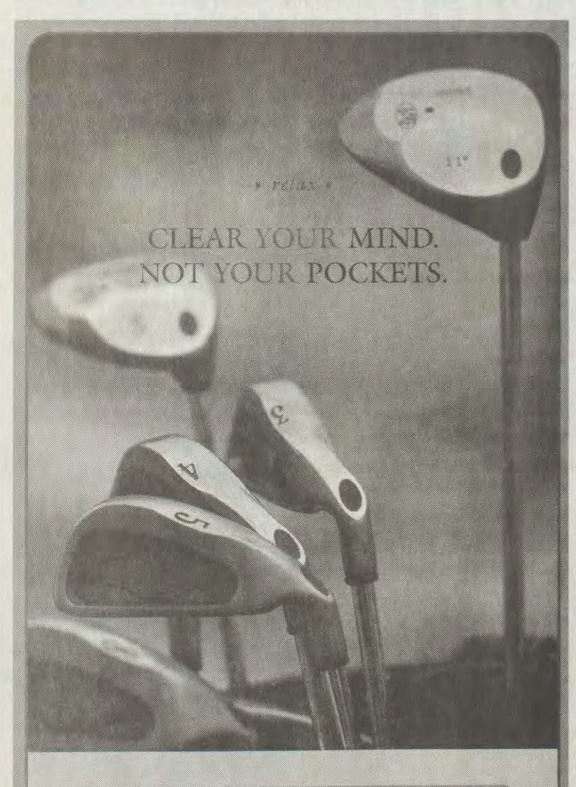


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Odds & Ends

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Carson's cookie case crum-

Councilwoman Julie Ruiz Raber was sued by an opponent for alleged electioneering after she delivered cookies to nearly every poll worker in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson on election day last March.

But Superior Court Judge Alexander Williams III ruled Tuesday that the gesture delivery of snickerdoodles to 24 of 30 polling places — didn't constitute electioneering. The decision allows Ruiz Raber to keep her council post.

"I was fighting for democracy," Ruiz Raber said, calling it a sour grapes "frivolous law-

Vera Robles DeWitt, a former councilwoman, filed the suit in April after losing the election by 181 votes. Her attorney, Fredrick Woocher, said the cookie deliveries were an attempt to influence voting.

But Ruis Raber's lawyer, Douglas Otto, said electioneering also involves intent and written rules.

"My one-word definition of electioneering is campaigning. That did not take place here," the judge said.

SAN JOSE, Calif. -

The golden retriever that made headlines after her newly adoptive family refused to give her back has been reunited with her original owner.

The 2-year-old dog named Bella has been returned to Niki Karanastasis, Humane Society Silicon Valley President Christine Benninger said Wednesday.

Karanastasis had said she was crushed she could not retrieve the dog, which she described as being like one of her children.

Humane Society officials said they could not force the dog's return because the new owners had legally adopted her. If animals are unclaimed for five days, they become humane society property - and Bella became property of the new owners when they took her

Karanastasis said she went to the kennel three times looking for Bella after the dog ran away earlier this month, but could not find her.

She hired a lawyer, but that turned out to be more bark than bite. Bella's new owners eventually agreed to give back the pooch, which they got as a birth-

Actress Nell Carter died in

Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 54.

Actress Jeanne Moreau is 76. Actress Chita Rivera is 71.

Actor-director Lou Antonio is

70. Actor Gil Gerard is 61. Actor

Rutger Hauer is 60. Rhythm and

blues singer Jerry Lawson (The

Persuasions) is 60. Sen. Thomas

R. Carper, D-Del., is 57. Singer

Anita Pointer is 56. Actor

Richard Dean Anderson is 54.

Cunningham is 54. Rock singer-

musician Patrick Simmons (The

Doobie Brothers) is 54. Rock

musician Danny Federici (Bruce

Springsteen and the E Street

Band) is 54. Rock singer Robin

Zander (Cheap Trick) is 51.

Princess Caroline of Monaco is

47. Singer Anita Baker is 46.

Reggae musician Earl Falconer

(UB40) is 45. Actress Gail

O'Grady is 41. Actress Mariska

Hargitay is 40. Rhythm and

blues singer Marc Nelson is 33.

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you remember." - Oscar

"Happiness isn't something

Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 30.

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"If I didn't get this dog back," Karanastasis said Wednesday, Bella at her side, "I would have lost my mind or had a nervous breakdown."

RED CLOUD, Neb. -Mark Rogers has been training for a shot at making the U.S. Olympic marksmanship team in his living room.

Rogers fires about 200 shots a day from his custom air pistol inside his house. It fires small pellets propelled by a burst of air, so it won't leave any holes in his walls.

The Red Cloud music teacher is in Colorado Springs, Colo., this week at the Olympic Training Center, hoping to become on of the top 10 air pistol shooters who will advance in May to the final Olympic qualifying meet in Georgia.

The top four in that final round will make the U.S. national team, but only the top two will carry the USA colors to the Olympics this summer in Athens, Greece.

"It is the type of sport ... anyone can excel in," Rogers said. "You don't have to be the world's greatest athlete, strongest man or anything like

Rogers said he occasionally watches video of the 1996 and 2000 Olympic games for inspiration, imagining what it would be like to stand on the winner's podium and hear America's national anthem being played.

"You can't help but think, 'Gosh, that would be terrific if that was me up there in 2004,""

FORT LAUDERDALE,

Fla. — Even police detectives have to be careful what they ask for - and how they look when they're asking for it.

An appeals court says a gay man was a victim of entrapment because didn't know an undercover detective was looking for drugs when the officer asked him if he wanted to "party."

Julio Blanco, 37, who described himself as a lonely gay man, said that he understood "party" to mean having a good time or being sexually involved.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal on Wednesday upheld Broward Circuit Judge Susan Lebow's decision that Blanco thought the officer might have been looking for a sexual relationship.

According to court records. Fort Lauderdale Detective Mike Nahum, working with a Drug Enforcement Administration team, followed up with several requests for

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Today in History

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The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2004. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

■ In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 1920, the Dutch govern-

ment refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-Kaiser of Germany.

■ In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

■ In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

■ In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

■ In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first time.

■ In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

Ten years ago:

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, visiting Japan, met with Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who promised to go through with a scheduled summit with President Clinton. The Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills won their respective NFL conference playoffs to set up a Super Bowl rematch.

Five years ago:

A federal judge ordered Monica Lewinsky to submit to an interview sought by House prosecutors in President Clinton's impeachment trial. During his visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II urged his flock in the Americas to make the region a "continent of life."

One year ago:

The government of Kuwait said a Kuwaiti had confessed to the Jan. 21 shootings of two U.S. defense workers in Kuwait.

Levant, pianist-composer-actor (1906-1072).



Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wells of Prestonsburg, would like to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Marie Wells, to Cpl. Gary Len Elliott II, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Len Elliott of Portland, Tennessee, formerly of

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Ollie and the late Eugene Wells, and the the late William "Bill" and Eunice Lafferty, both of Prestonsburg.

Gary is the grandson of Linden and Gertrude Elliott of Prestonsburg, and the late John D. Osborne "J.D." and Alice Osborne of Allen.

Stephanie is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Eastern Kentucky University. She is an Alumni of Kappa Delta Tau and employed with the Department of Children's Services of Tennessee. She resides in Knoxville, Tennessee. Gary is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and the United States Military Police School in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Gary is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. On January 25, Cpl. Elliott will deploy to Kuwait for an extended period of time. After his safe return, the couple will continue with the wedding plans at Irene Cole Memorial Church in Prestonsburg.

Cuts

Edwards says the cutbacks could- will be compromised." n't come at a worse time.

"It is very unfortunate that these budget reductions are occurring at a time when the college has made so much progress with enrollment growth, facility improvements, consolidation and ficiency gains," Edwards said in a statement yesterday. "The impact of this latest cut will be felt by students, employees and the community. Enrollment will likely decline, the service to our students and the community will diminish and access to affordable education in Eastern Kentucky

Theft

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Detention Center.

Preliminary hearings are set to be heard on Jan. 28 on both cases under District Judge James R. Allen.

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bidder unopened. The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes addressed to "Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent," bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the left-hand corner: lower Surplus "Sealed Bid Equipment."

Each item listed will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid.

Turner E. Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

College administrators, who have said the budget cut will have "serious implications for the college" were brainstorming earlier this week to come up with plans for reducing costs while preserving "as many programs as possible," said college spokeswoman Linda Lyon.

Early plans for this second budget cut will include a hiring freeze, a restriction on employee travel, reduced operating hours, the elimination of at least one program of study and a significant modification to the summer school program, Edwards said yesterday.

If more cuts were to occur, the college could be forced to close some buildings to the public, eliminate additional programs of study and make more altercations

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to the school's operating schedule, Edwards said. Gov. Fletcher's order earlier

this month for universities statewide to contribute their share of \$41 million to the state's ailing budget was one part of a move to raise the \$100 million required to balance this year's budget.

Edward says he hopes state government will also keep other aspects of balance in mind in the upcoming months.

"We want to do our part in helping with the state fiscal crisis, but the reality is that you cannot continue to prosper with fewer and fewer resources," Edwards said during his announcement. "I am hopeful our elected officials will take a serious look at how to increase revenue with the same fervor that they are cutting programs and services."

Discovery

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she told employees had low blood sugar.

Upon further inspection of the box, according to Moore's citiation, officers discovered that it contained seven pills - four green and three pink - which were later determined to be Loracet 105 and Loracet 75 plus

According to Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb, accepting such items is not a normal procedure for the deputies at the jail, but they made an exception for Joseph, who was arrested immediately following the incident.

"She came here to visit and

came and told them at the window that her boyfriend, or friend's, blood sugar was low and that she wanted to leave him some cakes," said Webb. "Under normal circumstances, they don't take stuff like that-we have stuff in the kitchen for that-but in this case, they felt he needed it."

Following the hearing Tuesday in district court, Joseph was released on a \$7,500 bond.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled in the case for Feb. 18.

Moore declined to comment on the incident.

Corps

wall was just one of the alternatives."

Conforti said that the first public meeting left some residents with the impression that a floodwall project was imminent, and hopes to correct that misconception in the following weeks.

"The office will try to clear up any of the ideas from that first public meeting," she said. "I just want to have a presence Prestonsburg."

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A floodwall - either a short wall option or a long wall option - is only one of several options the Corps has to look at in approaching flood protection for

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Other ideas could be to enhance flood warning systems or raising homes out of the flood plain, Conforti said. "I know a lot of people are opposed to this, and that's what made us look at different alternatives. There's so many more things we can do."

One of the key points of focus during the \$6 million study conducted throughout Prestonsburg and the rest of the county was efforts to "minimize social impact," Conforti said Wednesday.

"We're hoping to minimize social impact," she said. "We're not out to buy out property; we want to keep the community together, but do so while providing a level of flood protection.'

Project discussions stem from the Corps' Section 202 Damage Reduction Study and should be something the public takes part in, not only for the benefit of those involved with the project, but for themselves, the agency says.

"If they're going to turn this down, they should turn it down with some amount of knowledge," said Corps spokesman Steve

The Corps will open the Prestonsburg office this morning at 10 a.m. and remain open until 6 p.m. this evening. Officials plan to maintain these hours again on Monday morning and then, starting on Feb. 3, the office will be open every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Meetings can be arranged after hours by calling 606-886-0498 to set up an appoint-

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, on NASA and Mars:
As broad-stroke ideas, President Bush's ambitious plans for another manned moon flight - and one ultimately to Mars - have much merit.

The proposals offer long-term vision and set achievable goals for NASA, which has floundered at times and suffered through some terrible setbacks, including the destruction of the space shuttle Columbia last year.

Confidence in the space agency has certainly increased after the successful landing of the Spirit rover on Mars this month. In this regard, Bush's announcement Wednesday was perfectly timed.

But how his plans actually come together remains to be seen

At some point, a new spacecraft capable of carrying crews to an international space station, and beyond, would make sense.

While the president's plans are lofty, he didn't come close to committing the necessary funds for these projects, nor is he in a position to do so ...

Bush offered a fair blueprint. But NASA will have no choice but to move more slowly than it wants, building more public confidence in the space agency one project at a time.

The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction, Colorado, on a federal program to promote marriage:

President George W. Bush this week announced a program through which the federal government will promote marriage, particularly among low-income couples.

Wonderful. Soon we'll be able to add "Marriage Czar" to the list of presidential appointees. And federal bureaucrats may come knocking on the doors of poor men and women to encourage them to marry and offer skills in building healthy,

loving relationships. ...

There's no question about the importance of marriage, especially to the long-term welfare of children.

But good grief! There are limits to what we should expect our government to do for us. Creating a \$1.5 billion program to lecture citizens on the benefits of marital bliss ought to be beyond those limits.

Once upon a time, Republicans claimed to be the party that sought limits on government size and programs, particularly when they intruded upon the private lives of individuals. Under Bush and some religious conservatives, government is becoming the nosy nanny empowered to intrude in all aspects of daily life.

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Vigilance needed to block education cuts during lean times

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by JOHNNY RAY TURNER 29TH DISTRICT STATE SENATOR

While though there's no shortage of issues lawmakers will consider during the General Assembly's 2004 session, one topic clearly stands out as a top priority: Protecting education programs from cuts.

Education spending makes up a significant portion of state budget. So any time there's a budget crunch our education programs are somewhat vulnerable. But targeting school programs for cuts would be shortsighted. Kentucky has made hard-won progress in educational attainment, and we can't afford to go back.

Those of us who want to maintain our state's commitment to education

have our work cut out for us. In recent days, Gov. Ernie Fletcher ordered budget cuts that include \$7 million worth of cuts to educational programs. The cuts will reduce the amount we invest in preschool and after-school tutoring programs. They will also reduce funds for education technology, as well as family resource centers.

Family resource centers are of particular concern to me, as well as many school officials. These centers work closely with families to remove any barriers that would stand in the way of a child's chance to learning. Often, these centers provide crucial support to children who don't have enough family support to do their best in school, for example clothing and shoes. It's no wonder these programs are considered to be one of the shining stars of our state's education reform initiatives.

Knowing that funding for these centers is being cut despite all the promises that have been made to protect education has education advocates concerned about whether cuts to education programs will truly be off limits when lawmakers start working on the budget proposal Gov. Fletcher will submit later this month.

Protecting the programs that affect students in K-12 is important. But in today's world, education is a lifelong process. We need to make sure that post-secondary and adult education programs are also fully supported. Colleges can't afford any more cuts, and students can't afford any more of the tuition increases that usually follow the cuts.

Yet recently the news came out that Gov. Fletcher had notified universities and community colleges that they could expect \$45 million in budget cuts on top of the \$24.8 million budget cuts he recently ordered.

The \$45 million cut is being made to the schools' "restricted" funds, funds that universities receive from sources outside of state funding, for example, through tuition, gifts, contracts or athletics. Officials from several universities said they could not remember any

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Are you having a hard time making ends meet on your Social Security?

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Security dollars will soon be
headed south of the border.
President Bush has just met
with President Fox of
Mexico and will meet with
him again in March. In an
effort to win Mexican voters,
our president is giving away
the Social Security store.

A Social Security
Administration spokesman in
Washington, D.C., said "U.S.
and Mexican officials are
continuing 'informal discussions' to allow millions of
Mexicans working in the
United States to collect U.S.
Social Security benefits
[later] in Mexico, after as little as 18 months in the

United States, instead of the current 10 years."

Don't you wish you could have retired after 18 months

If you don't like this plan, it's up to you to stop it. You need to contact your representative, senators, and president.

L.J. Hodgkinson Orange, Texas

Supports malpractice reform

Kentucky, as a medically underserved state, needs every physician it can get. Unfortunately, frivolous lawsuits are forcing our doctors to leave. According to a Kentucky Medical Association survey, Kentucky experienced a net loss of 819 doctors from 2000 to 2002. The survey shows high-risk

specialists, like those who deliver babies, left in the greatest percentages. When this happens, patients are put at risk, primarily because of unchecked lawsuits that reward a few at the expense of all Kentuckians.

Fully two-thirds of malpractice lawsuits are frivolous, but with Kentucky's out-of-control legal system, lawyers continue to sue, medical liability insurance rates go up and doctors' offices close. In fact, well over 80 percent of our counties are already designated federally underserved. If we continue to see a decline of been 250 and 300 doctors a year, highly specialized medical services may be unavailable in many parts of our state.

The net loss of 819 doctors in Kentucky from 2000 through 2002 should serve as a wake-up call to elected officials to take action that will halt this alarming trend.

What's the answer? The Kentucky General Assembly must pass legislation that would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot for public consideration in the 2004 general election. Then, the voters — the patients — of Kentucky can decide on whether to change the constitution to permit enactment of meaningful medical liability reform measures proven effective in other states.

I ask the citizens of the commonwealth to call the legislative message line, (800) 372-7181, in Frankfort today and leave a message for your legislators. Ask them to vote in favor of a constitutional amendment that will allow substantial medical liability reform, bring an end to frivolous lawsuits, keep our doctors in Kentucky and preserve patients' access to care.

N. Roger Jurich, M.D. Prestonsburg

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AT THE MOVIES:

Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!

by CHRISTY LEMIRE AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

For a movie with an exclamation point in its title, "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" sure is unsure of itself - unlike, say, the Tom Hanks musical "That Thing You Do!" or even "Zapped!" that 1982 Scott Baio

The film's young star, the perky Kate Bosworth, is the embodiment of such shiny, happy, 1950s wholesomeness as grocery store checkout girl Rosalee Futch, she's like a modern-day Sandra Dee.

Tad Hamilton (Josh Duhamel), the Hollywood leading man she worships and wins a date with in a contest, is intended as a boy-next-door matinee idol similar to Tab Hunter.

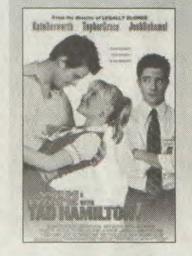
The film by director Robert Luketic - who made his debut with the surprise 2001 hit "Legally Blonde" - is set in the present and toys with the idea of skewering the superficiality of contemporary celebrity.

Ultimately, it lacks the guts to follow through and relies on Hollywood stereotypes. Actors are insecure, their fans are rabid, their agents and managers are parasites, and it never rains in Southern California.

"Tad Hamilton" also has no idea what to do with its likable, insanely attractive young stars especially the person playing Tad Hamilton. Duhamel - formerly of "All My Children," currently of NBC's "Las Vegas" - has the looks and presence to · carry the role, and seems like he's trying to infuse the character with some kind of depth or inner conflict. The script from former TV writer Victor Levin ("Mad About You") doesn't give him much to work with, though.

Also struggling gamely is 'That '70s Show" star Topher Grace, who hasn't found a film

you need it.



As Pete, the manager of the

Piggly Wiggly store where

"Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" a DreamWorks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content, some drug references and language. Running time: 96 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

since 2000's "Traffic" that lets Rosalee works, Grace certainly him show off how disarmingly has more to do than he did in last year's "Mona Lisa Smile," charismatic he can be. (We're not counting his cameo in the in which he played Julia Stiles' bland beau. beginning of "Ocean's 11," because he was playing him-

Here, he's the third party in the love triangle that forms the premise of "Tad Hamilton," and gets some pretty heavy (though pretty predictable) dramatic moments. Rosalee loves Tad, Tad falls in love with Rosalee, but Rosalee has no clue that Pete has secretly been in love with her since childhood.

Gee, who do you think she'll choose?

And while we're asking questions, who wouldn't fall for Rosalee? When she arrives in Los Angeles for her big date, she already looks like she belongs there, with her platinum blond hair, golden tan and toned body.

It's hard to believe, though, that after just one evening together - in which the paparazzi stalks them so incessantly, they're barely alone - Rosalee has had enough impact on shallow Tad to inspire him to set his priorities straight by living near her in small-town West Virginia.

"I'm trying to feed my soul," Tad explains to his appalled

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Mary McCormack faces up to 'Traffic'

by BRIDGET BYRNE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - Mary McCormack scratches her nose, illustrating a point about the kind of actress she never wanted

In 1995, she worked on an episode of the short-lived CBS courtroom drama "The Wright Verdicts," starring Tom Conti, and was chastised for making a similar move.

"I remember the director say-

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ing 'Don't touch your face! Why would you touch your face?' And I was like, 'I don't know. I just did it because it itched. It just didn't occur to me not to scratch an itch!"

She's glad she didn't take such advice, and has remained natural in her approach to acting rather than turning into "a scratchless, itchless, posey per-

Dressed in jeans and a floppy pink blouse, McCormack certainly doesn't project any sense of formality or pretense as she chats about her latest project, "Traffic: The Miniseries," which airs on the USA Network beginning 9 p.m. Mon'day.

Inspired Steven Soderbergh's 2000 film "Traffic," about the international drug trade, the miniseries uses a different group of characters to reveal not just the inner workings of heroin smuggling, but also how it's linked with the trafficking of illegal immigrants, arms, and chemical and biological weapons.

McCormack plays Carole McKay, wife of a drug enforcement agent working in Afghanistan. Left home in Seattle, she has to cope not just with her teenage son's flirtation with the local drug scene, but also the possibility that her husband has been corrupted.

McCormack likes the way the series doesn't try to suggest solutions to the problems it exposes, yet brings the tragic consequences so close to home.

"It's interesting that throughout the show, many characters say, 'I'm just the middle man.' Through our apathy we are all middle men - every time you hire someone to cut your lawn who you don't pay benefits to, you are a middle man. We are all sort of responsible. I thought the show did a really amazing job in pointing out how we are all complicit."

McKay evolves from someone who trusts in simple truths to someone who understands greater complexities. "Gray is the most interesting color," says McCormack.

Before signing on, she had a long conversation with producer-director Stephen Hopkins, whose previous work includes Fox's "24," spelling out her concerns about some things in the script that felt "a little wifey."

'My antenna tends to go up for things that are a little pat,"

Elias Koteas, actor who plays McKay's husband, Mike, gives McCormack credit for "creating" a character much more complex than first written.

"Mary's got a point of view. She's vital ... She has great ideas. She worked really hard to get (the character) to what it became," he says.

Acting is something "I just always did," says the 34-yearold New Jersey native, whose first big part was as the little boy in a local production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." As an adult, she played Sally Bowles in the Broadway revival of "Cabaret."

Her film credits include playing Howard Stern's wife in "Private Parts," Soderbergh's "Full Frontal," and the David Spade comedy "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star."

On TV she was attorney Justine Appleton on Steven

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Walter Archery Fulford Jr., 26, both of Prestonsburg. Kamilyn Marie Faith

Nickolson, 21, to Brian Guy Bryant, 21, both of Greenville,

Michelle Rose Voigt, 41, to James Edward Newsome, 36, both of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Debra K. Lampkin vs. Scott M. Lampkin; petition for health care insurance.

Dallas Dillion vs. State Farm Insurance Company; complaint.

Mutual Auto Insurance Company; complaint.

Lyla Stumbo vs. Steven Stumbo and William O. Fitzgibbons; complaint.

Billie Jewell vs. Shepherd; complaint.

Michael Case vs. Robert Horne and State Farm Mutual Insurance Automobile Company; complaint.

Barbara Mollett vs. Russell Mollett; divorce.

Kimberly D. Crider vs. Darvin Shortridge; complaint.

Greenpoint Credit vs. Sola Williams; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Tonda Shepherd vs. Justin Johnson; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Atlantic Credit and Finance

Inc. vs. Brenda Camp; com-Avalia Mullins, Betrice Yates, and Janet Moore vs.

Charles Hall; complaint. George Stambaugh vs. Green B. Cawood and Allstate Insurance; complaint.

Thomas Boyd vs. Jamie Boyd; divorce.

Patricia Goble vs. Leona Riffe and Progressive Max

Community Trust Bank vs. Chris Edwards; complaint.

Charges Filed

Steve McKinney, 36, Printer, receiving stolen property. Judith Bailey, 21, David,

theft by unlawful taking. Deanna M. Shortridge, 32,

Pikeville, second-degree assault.

Jessica Jervis, 29, Auxier, second-degree assault.

David Slone, 32, Auxier, second-degree assault.

Joe Wells, 43, Pikeville, theft by deception.

James W. Lafferty, 26, Dwale, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no insurance, driving under the influence on a suspended license, fleeing or evading police, third-degree assault on a police or probation officer, criminal mischief, improper lane use, seconddegree wanton endangerment on a police or probation officer.

Keith A. Lafferty, 32, Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsup-

Darrell Crider Jr., 23, Prestonsburg, unlawful transaction with a minor, criminal littering.

Billy Joe Hunter, 26, Prestonsburg, theft by decep-

Barry Robinson, 44, Martin, operating a motor vehicle under the influence on a suspended license.

Leonard D. Dye, 22, Honaker, public intoxication.

Raymond D. Nestrell, 18, Owingsville, theft by unlawful taking.

Thomas E. Shepherd, 29, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, failure to wear seatbelt.

James C. Meeks, 20, Owingsville, theft by unlawful Albert R. Osborne, 53,

Martin, violating a protective order. Danny Burchett,

Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxica-Thomas E. Shepherd, 29,

Winona Lake, Ind., fugitive from another state. Leonard Osborne, 51,

Auxier, fourth-degree assault. Buddy A. Jervis, 29, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree

Daniel Jerald, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.

Paula K. Tackett, 48, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, harassment.

Roger D. Slusher, 35, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication,

disorderly conduct. Angie Hamilton, 23, Ivel,

theft by unlawful taking. James G. Burchett, 34, Prestonsburg, criminal trespass-

Michael N. Stephens, 20, Prestonsburg, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ricky Johnson, 26, Robinson Creek, fourth-degree assault.

Elliot Vanhoose, 24, Tutor Key, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Jennifer D. Jackson, 28, Davenport, Va., public intoxica-

Duff, Janelle Prestonsburg, two counts of fourth-degree assault.

Doris Noble, 45, Allen, falsely reporting an incident, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest.

Clifford Williams, 24, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.

Richard E. Price, 22, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon.

Mark Hayes, 38, Langley, fourth-degree assault.

Michael Park, 34, Hager Hill,

alcohol intoxication. Greg E. Goble, 19, Allen,

alcohol intoxication.

Kimberly Fraley, McDowell, alcohol intoxication. Kelly G. Harrison, 23, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxica-

George Hale Jr., 42, Martin, fourth-degree assault.

Jospeh S. Stevens, 37,

Harold, public intoxication. Desiree W. Adams, 26, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana.

Danny Adams, 25, Blue River, possession of marijuana. Joseph R. Moore, 20, Mount

Blanchard, Ohio, poaching. Ryan J. Rodabaugh, 21, Mount Blanchard, Ohio, poach-

ing, littering public waters.

Inspections

Hall's Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, some garbage cans not approved for use, park lacks sufficient lighting. Score: 90.

McDowell Elementary, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Water fountain not working in boys' restroom, floors in disrepair in several areas, floor tile missing in boys' restroom. Score: 88.

Elementary McDowell Cafeteria, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Canned food product stored without proper label, proper hair restraints not in use, ceiling tile in disrepair, coat stored on cleaning products. Score: 96.

David School, David, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floor drain makes floor hard to clean. Score: 98.

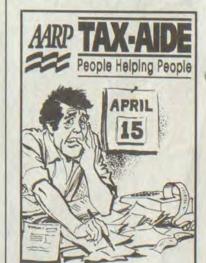
Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ceiling in guest room restroom in disrepair, lights in some guest rooms found without working bulbs, mop in service room not stored properly. Score:

Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center Cafeteria, Betsy Lavne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several containers in back storage area not properly labeled, potatoes stored on the floor in back storage area, wiping cloth not stored in cleaning solution when not in use, internal light in upright refrigerator not properly shielded. Score: 95.

David School, David, regular inspection. Violations noted: Box of apples stored on floor, untreated wood used as noncontact food surface. Score: 97.

Martin Senior Citizen's Center, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Paper

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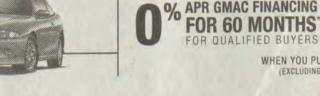
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Obituaries

Birdie Lucille Park

Birdie Lucille Park, 68, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Price, died Monday, January 19, 2004, at the Edward White Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Born July 7, 1935, in Price, she was the daughter of the late Armpie Frazier and Arizona Moore Frazier Caudill. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Victory Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Park.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Clark of St. Petersburg, Florida; a step-son, Gary Park of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Park of St. Petersburg, Florida; a brother, Rubin Delmas Frazier of Dublin, Georgia; a step-sister, Goldie Jones of Ligon; grandchildren: Jeffrey Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey, Timothy Humphrey, Kimberly Taylor, Krista Christopher, Christopher Park, Rachael Park; and a greatgrandchild, Jarrod Humphrey.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two step-brothers, Vanice Caudill and Canel Caudill.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 24, at 2 p.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Frazier Family Cemetery, at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. Active pallbearers: Doug Sargent, Jeffrey Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey, Timothy Humphrey, Roy Denver Frazier, Doug Frazier, Gary Park and Jerald Frazier. (Paid obituary)



Margaret "Mag"

Simmons Ackerman

Margaret "Mag" Simmons Ackerman, 84. Prestonsburg, passed away, at the home of her daughter, Lona Catherine Chafin, on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, in Huntington, following an extended illness.

She was born Prestonsburg, and was the daughter of the late John Morgan and Lona Nelson Simmons. She was a retired registered nurse from Highlands Regional

Medical Center in Prestonsburg, and was formerly director of nursing at Prestonsburg General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.W. "Bill" Ackerman; a son, John Edward Ackerman; a grandson, Robert Glenn Chafin; a son-in-law, Kelsa Glenn Chafin; a brother, Paul Wheeler Simmons; and a Callia Simmons Branham.

In addition to being survived by her daughter, she is also survived by a son and daughter-inlaw, Paul and Tracy Ackerman; a daughter-in-law. Leslie Midkiff Ackerman; eight

grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Additional survivors include a sister, Ethel Simmons Patton of San Diego, Calif.; three sisters-in-law, Margie Branham Simmons, Catherine "Charline" Ackerman of Hartington, Marsha Ann Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina; a brother-in-law, Ralph W. Ackerman of Huntington; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

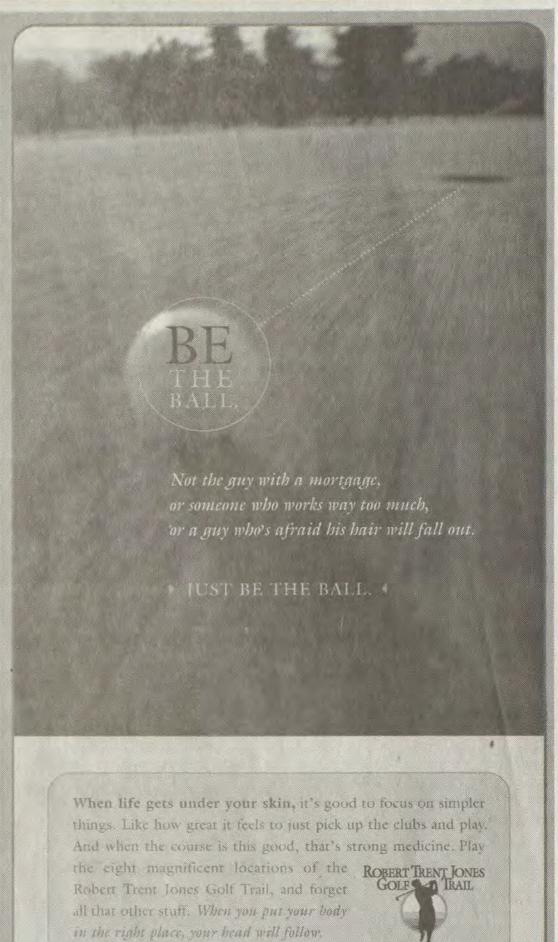
Visitation was at the Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. from 6 to 9 p.m., on Thursday, January 22. Rosary was recited at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martha Catholic Church, 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653.

Rite of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Martha Catholic Church, at 11 a.m., on Friday, January 23, with Father Bob Damron officiating.

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Movie

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agent (Nathan Lane), both named Richard Levy, who devised the win-a-date contest as a public relations stunt to improve Tad's bad-boy image.

(That's sort of a shaky, anachronistic concept, too. Colin Farrell and Russell Crowe don't seem to have any problems finding work or fans.)

The movie would have been a lot more interesting if an unattractive actress, or even an average-looking one, had played Rosalee. Bosworth, star of the surfer chick flick "Blue Crush," is instead beautiful and harmless - just like Tad Hamilton, and just like "Tad Hamilton."

"Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" a DreamWorks admitted.

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Blanco refused three times

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and even tried to leave, but was ultimately convinced to stay. Eventually he went to the restroom and bought some methamphetamine for the offi-

"The whole situation seemed very clear to me," Lebow said during a 2002 hearing. "I mean, the detective walked in dressed in a T-shirt and jeans, and for the record he was a very attractive man and ...'

The defense attorney interrupted and asked the judge to make an official finding that Nahum was attractive, which she did.

"For the record, I would submit he was about 6 feet, 2 inches. He was in good shape, you know, a fit individual, young detective, looked to be maybe 30," Blanco's attorney, Kevin J. Kulik, said.

Nahum testified that he had done nothing to make himself appear attractive to Blanco and said he understood "party" to

The appeals court agreed that Blanco had been entrapped by "non-verbal communication" used by the undercover officer.



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Record

Score: 98.

John M. Stumbo Elementary, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ceiling tile displaced in boys' restroom, several restroom stalls were without toilet tissue, window shades in disrepair in several classrooms, floor tile in disrepair in several locations throughout the school. Score:

John M. Stumbo Elementary Cafeteria, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food preparation area not properly labeled, some floor tiles in bad repair, walls in food preparation area around three-compartment sink in disrepair, potentially hazardous items not being properly thawed. Score: 95.

Pizza Palace Fun Center, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Service unit in need of repair, need thermometer for checking temperature,

towels not located in dispenser. freezer has grease buildup, use of cloth towels to line shelves, soap missing from men's restroom, garbage can not covered in food preparation area, lighting not adequate in back storage. Score: 89.

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Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers in all units, all walk-in items not stored at least six inches from floor and not covered during storage, ice scoop not stored properly, microwave found with heavy residue buildup, threecompartment sink with a leak in faucet, in use garbage can in food preparation area not covered, mop heads not stored properly. Score: 88.

Highland's Regional Medical Center, Auxier, regular inspec-Violations noted: Cardboard being used as a liner in reach-in coolers in deli area, microwave in deli area has food residue buildup, some handles in disrepair, light shield missing from reach-in unit. Score: 95.

Wheelwright Country Cafe. Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigeration and freezer units have easily seen thermometers, wiping cloth not stored properly, some floor tiles in disrepair, cleaning utensils not properly stored, mop head stored on the floor. Score: 96.

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and most recently, political consultant Maggie Morris in HBO's fact-and-fiction political series "K Street," devised by George Clooney and Soderbergh.

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"He was like, you know, 'They'll get it, or they won't," she says. "He sort of likes the audience to have to work hard."

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Bochco's drama "Murder One," Judge cuts federal fine against Martin County Coal for 2000 slurry spill

by DYLAN T. LOVAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - An administrative judge in Washington greatly reduced a federal fine for a mining company whose waste pond leaked millions of gallons of coal sludge into Eastern

Kentucky waterways in 2000.

Martin County Coal Corp. faced \$55,000 in fines from the U.S. Department of Labor for the Oct. 11, 2000, spill, which sent a river of thick gooey sludge into parts of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

But a Jan. 14 ruling by Irwin

Schroeder, an administrative fine doesn't include a multimillaw judge with the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission in Washington, cut the fine by 90 percent, to \$5,500. He also ordered Martin County Coal's consultant company to pay \$100.

The federal government's

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lion-dollar penalty Martin County Coal agreed to pay to the state in 2002.

But the fine reduction upset some eastern Kentucky residents who were hardest hit by the spill of 300 million gallons of coal sludge.

"For Martin County Coal, that's equivalent to less than a penny in my pocket," said Inez resident Monroe Cassady, coordinator of the Big Sandy

(See SPILL, page ten)

Robbery

they were later arrested.

Allegedly, Workman entered the bank on that day, armed with a pistol that she used to hold a teller at gunpoint.

Officials indicated at the time of her arrest that Workman "politely" instructed the teller to fill a bag she was carrying with

She then allegedly left the bank with approximately \$4,000 in toe and got into a car driven by Hluch, who led police, according to a citation issued by Allen Officer James Burke, on a fast speed car chase from Route 1428 to Route 194 in Cow

Creek.

Burke arrested Workman at the scene. Hluch, who fled on foot into a nearby wooded area, was arrested a short time later with the help of a KSP canine

Both individuals were indicted on Sept. 30, 2003 for various charges stemming from the alleged incident.

According to an arrest citation issued by Burke, Hluch, who drove the vehicle, veered into oncoming traffic while fleeing the police and attempted to "run" five people off the road and into the police car chasing

Both Workman and Hluch pleaded not guilty during their arraignments in October, 2003.

Workman, charged with firstdegree robbery, is currently out on a \$20,000 bond, which was amended this year from the original \$30,000 that was previously set for the charges against her. She is represented by attorney Steve Owens.

Represented by Prestonsburg Attorney Ned Pillersdorf, Hluch, charged with wanton endangerment, fleeing and evading and complicity to commit firstdegree robbery, posted a \$20,000 cash bond a month following his arraignment.

The cases will be heard by Circuit Judge John D. Caudill.

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Drug

going to Ohio to pick up a quantity of cocaine and would return to the hotel, where he was later

A search of the room, according to Hunt, resulted in the confiscation of two plastic bags filled with approximately one ounce of cocaine each; a large amount of baggies, bag ties, three pagers, four mega propane pocket torches, two scalpels, a set of spoons, a metal case containing a partially smoked marijuana cigarette and other paraphernalia, a cigar cutter, magnifying glass and two packs of

Following his arrest, Fortner was placed on a \$15,000 cash bond for these charges.

The plea agreement proposes that Fortner will receive a total of 15 years for these offenses: eight years on the trafficking

alerted police that Fortner was charge, five years on the possession charge, and two concurrent 12 month sentences on the other two charges against him.

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The plea agreement also stipulates that each of these recommended sentences are to run concurrently with two other drug related cases against Fortner, one in which he is charged, again, with first-degree trafficking in cocaine, the other, in which he is charged with four counts of falsely obtaining a controlled substance prescription. The indictment for the latter

charge, filed Dec. 18, indicates that Fortner falsely obtained prescriptions at the Medzone Pharmacy on July 18, 2001.

He is expected to be arraigned under Circuit Judge John David Caudill on these four charges prior to entering guilty plea in all three cases next month.

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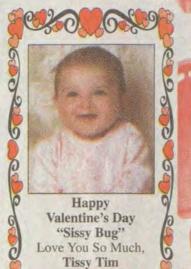
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Spill

Environmental Coalition.

"To be honest with you, it don't surprise me one bit, because Martin County Coal has been calling the shots with the state and federal agencies ever impoundment failed because since the spill," Cassady said.

A spokesman for Massey Energy, the Virginia-based parent of Martin County Coal, did not return calls seeking comment Wednesday.

The Department of Labor, which recommended the \$55,000 fine, said in a citation that Martin County Coal failed to respond to signs that flow from the waste pond, or impoundment, had increased over time. Schroeder said that mining engineers monitoring the impoundment should have taken note of long-term changes in the

"Much more could have and should have been done here," Schroeder wrote in the ruling. But "I am not persuaded that the failure to take advantage of these opportunities (amounted to) wanton or reckless disregard for the risks to life and proper-

Attorney James B. Crawford,

who represented the Department of Labor in the case, did not return calls seeking comment on Wednesday.

Inspectors have said the water seeped through the bottom, gradually forming a larger channel that allowed sludge to gush out. The sludge poured into an underground mine beneath the pond and out of portals into Coldwater and Wolfe creeks, tributaries of the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River. No one was

injured. Coal slurry results from the washing and preparation of coal for market. The mixture of water and small particles of coal, rock and clay is typically pumped into an impoundment and allowed to settle.

The federal government originally recommended in April 2002 that Martin County Coal be fined \$110,000 for citations from the spill. But Schroeder dismissed a citation against the company in August, reducing the maximum fine that could be levied to \$55,000.

Martin County Coal has endured numerous fines since ■ Continued from p9

the sludge spill.

In August 2002, the company agreed to pay \$3.25 million in penalties and damages to the state of Kentucky and a \$225,000 fine by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Also in December 2002, the company reached a settlement with a group of residents who claimed their property was damaged in the spill. The amount of the settlement was not disclosed.





Case

It also indicates that Little allegedly "defaced, damaged or destroyed" an automobile, resulting \$1,500 or more in dam-

Following his October arraignment under circuit judge John David Caudill, Little was placed on a partially secured contact with the victim in the \$17,000 bond, a bond that was amended to \$16,000 after he filed a handwritten motion for a reduction in that amount.

He currently remains incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center.

A plea agreement offered by the commonwealth last week recommended that Little, in return for a guilty plea, will receive a 5-year sentence for the assault charges. That sentence will be suspended after service of one year, with the remainder probated for 3 years.

Additionally, he is to receive two 12-month sentences for the criminal mischief charges, sen-

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tences that will run concurrently with the other sentence recommended by the commonwealth. The commonwealth also stipulated that Little is to have no

He is represented by Public Advocate Michael Studebaker.



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P'burg High Cheer Clinic on tap for Feb. 7

The Prestonsburg High School Cheerleaders will hold their annual cheer clinic on Saturday, Feb. 7. The grades K-5 session will begin at 9 a.m. and end at around noon and grades 6-8 will begin at around noon and end at 4 p.m. For more information, contact any Prestonsburg High varsity cheerleader or call Leslie Ousley at 874-0317, or Janice Mitchell at 886-9060.

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COMMENTARY

Boys' All 'A' on the way

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Months ago, it looked like next week's 15th Region boys' All "A" Classic would be up for grabs.

None of the six teams were really able to distinguish themselves from other, particularly when Paintsville lost



one of the region's top players in Shane Simpkins to a football injury. Probably

South Floyd

could be tabbed as a favorite if you had to name Bentley one, but it's doubtful even Henry Webb would call his team an

overwhelming favorite. That's when someone tapped us on the shoulder. From behind us, we

heard a polite but firm voice. "Ahem," it said. And that's when we saw it. We were reminded there was a new guest

at the party. A new sheriff was in town. And suddenly, we had ourselves a favorite.

Golden Eagles

score second

straight 57th

TIMES STAFF REPORT

a disappointing 58th District loss

to crosstown rival Paintsville,

Johnson Central has rebounded

nicely. The Golden Eagles beat

Magoffin County Friday night

and topped visiting Sheldon

Clark Tuesday night, Johnson

Central beat Sheldon Clark's

Clark, Johnson Central got bal-

anced scoring from a variety of

players. Kyle Rice led Johnson

Central with 15 points. Nick

Music scored 13 points and

junior center Josh Stapleton

Central was somewhat silent.

The senior leader for Johnson

Senior Mike Walters scored

seven points for the Golden

Eagles while pulling down six

rebounds and dishing out three

assists. Walters didn't attempt a

Every player who saw action

Tony Hatfield scored six

(See WIN, page three)

three-point field goal.

for Johnson Central scored.

In the win over Sheldon

Cardinals 59-52.

flipped in 11.

PAINTSVILLE - Following

District win

(See BENTLEY, page two)

OLD RIVALS HOOK UP



Raider guard Mason Hall lofted a three-point shot in Tuesday night's win over Paintsville.

STRONG INSIDE GAME LIFTS SOUTH FLOYD



South Floyd junior Burnett Little posted up pass against the Tiger defense. Little and teammate Steven Stanley, both juniors, gave South Floyd a 1-2 punch against host Paintsville. Eighth-grader J.D. VanHoose is pictured for the Tigers.

Raiders start slow, finish strong in win over Paintsville

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - South Floyd is starting to become accustomed to slow starts; especially in recent games. Coach Henry Webb's team traveled to Paintsville to take on the Tigers on Tuesday evening and came away with a lopsided 64-46 win, but not before the Raiders fell behind by as many as 12 points in the first half. Paintsville came out firing on all cylinders in the first quarter and built a 19-10 lead after one quarter of

(See STRONG, page three)

Rebs run out of gas versus Perry Central

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - After trailing 15-6 in the first period, Allen Central found the rest of Tuesday night's game against 14th Region power Perry County Central to be an uphill battle. Allen Central trailed by just

eight at halftime, 37-29, but seemed to run low in the second half.

Host Perry County Central outscored Allen Central 23-17 in the third quarter to stretch the lead out into an even bigger margin.

Four different players scored in double figures for the Commodores. Ten different players scored for

Perry Central.

Senior Roy Baker led the Commodores with 16 points. Brandon Campbell had 15 points for the 'Dores. Juniors Daniel Combs and Chris Chaney finished

(See GAS, page two)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Ladycats land date in **15th Region** 'A' title game

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Betsy Layne began this week's 15th Region All "A" Classic in search of a third straight regional championship. By the time you read this, the Ladycats could have that title secured with reservations also made for this year's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

Floyd County rivals Betsy Layne and Allen Central met up Wednesday night in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Ladycats, for a second straight year, eliminated Allen Central out of the tournament to earn a spot in championship game. The latest meet-



Lykens

ing between the two teams Wednesday night saw Betsy Layne score a 54-44 victory

Betsy Layne led 10-7 through the first quarter of play before pushing out to a 10-point lead at the half. After leading 33-23 at the break, the Ladycats maintained a lead in the

(See TITLE, page three)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

South Floyd plays into 15th Region All 'A' Finals

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Tony Isaac is in his first season as head coach of the South Floyd High girls' basketball team, but never let it be said that the new head mentor hasn't had his

share of excitement. Wednesday night in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, senior Megan Ousley and her South Floyd High teammates provided some great excitement as the Lady Raiders Pikeville 43-42 to earn a spot in the tourna-

ment's championship



game. Ousley took an inbounds pass and scored with 12 seconds left in the game to propel South Floyd to a 43-42 win over Pikeville and head coach Cindy Halbert,

(See PLANS, page two)

H.S. WRESTLING

WSAZ Invitational Wrestling Tournament begins today

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - The 26th Annual WSAZ Invitational Wrestling Tournament, one of the largest scholastic tournaments in the Eastern United States, will be

through Saturday at Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse. The tournament is held annually at the Huntington venue.

More than 1,200 middle school and high school wrestlers from real familiar with the event. Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia

held beginning today and running will compete for individual and team awards.

Several area teams will take part in the tournament, including Prestonsburg High. Prestonsburg High head coach Jerry Butcher is

'I wrestled in the tournament

back in 1977 and 1978," said Butcher. "The highest I ever finished was fifth. Our 145-pound wrestler, Steven Thompson, placed seventh last vear, and returns as returns this year as one

(See WSAZ, page three)

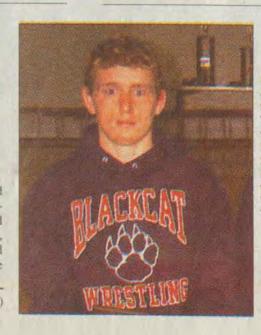


photo by Steve LeMaster

Blackcat grappler Steven Thompson will lead a Prestonsburg High team into this weekend's WSAZ Tournament.

Rondo interested in UK

by ED TAYLOR CORRESPONDENT

Rajon Rondo?

Who is Rajon Rondo? According to the latest recruiting scuttlebutt, Rajon Rondo is one of the most sought out point guards in America today. What makes it even more interesting is that he is interested in coming to the University of Kentucky next season.

Rondo is currently playing for Oak Hill Academy, who is currently riding a 22-0 record. Oak Hill has had a history of turning out some of the best NBA players.

Rondo took in the Tennessee and Kentucky game this past Tuesday night and watch UK win over the Vols in overtime.

Kentucky will lose Cliff Hawkins, the current point guard, after this season. But

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Tyler Hamilton,

Betsy Layne

Elementary

Dairy Queen

of Prestonsburg

coach Tubby Smith inked Patrick Sparks to a scholarship last season to fill the void expected to be felt when Hawkins leaves.

Nationally, Rondo is rated as the third best point guard and one of the few top players who have been signed as of yet. Rondo is talking with Coach Smith about the possibility of playing for UK next season.

Cats has been anything but a

picture of beauty. The narrow

win over Mississippi State,

which the Bulldogs should have

won, the loss to Georgia at home

and the overtime victory over

the Vols has to have Smith won-

did win two of the three but one

has to wonder how long their

good fortune will continue. We

UK fans will have to accept the

fact more SEC losses are lurking

out there and the Cats will be

hard pressed to beat the likes of

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The bottom line is the Cats

dering what to do now.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

The excitement of district We all have been following match ups should be exciting the "Cardiac Cats" and we cannot explain or understand how the Cats can build a big lead only to lose it. It is hard to figure out. The last three games for the

Florida, South Carolina or is true in Floyd County but not here. It is hard to get excited Georgia a second time. about the sport here when it is a FLORIDA BASKETBALL football school anyway.

I miss those Allen Central-South Floyd match ups. I miss watching the Betsy Layne Lady Cats and Allen Central's Lady Rebels bumping heads for a district title. The 15th Region is still the best basketball around.

And, I miss it! Until Sunday, good sports and draw a big following. That everyone and be good sports!

Gas

Kentucky.

with 11 points apiece.

Perry Central's Al Holland, one of the top players in the 14th Region, finished with nine

- Here in Florida we are just

over halfway through the season

not ever come close to compar-

ing to the roundball season in

in the Sunshine State does

and basketball here

Seniors Rossi Samons and Austin Francis scored 18 points apiece for Allen Central, Junior center Tim Griffith scored 13 points in the loss. David Kilburn and Ryan Collins scored six points apiece for the Rebels and Ryan Hammonds netted five. Justin Hall, uncharacteristically was held to just two points.

Allen Central will host next week's 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Rebels will play on the road again Saturday night,

Continued from p1 this time in Knott County against the Knott County Central Patriots.

Breathitt County, Knott County Central 52

Twins Jesse and Jason Miller scored 16 and 14 points respectively to lead Breathitt County past Knott County Central. Floyd County native Brian Hall is in his first season as the head coach of the Bobcats.

Kevin Pike had 16 points for visiting Knott County Central. Knott Central was outscored 22-9 in the third quarter. The Patriots are coached by Jeff Honeycutt.

Plans

who is in his first season at the helm of the Lady Panthers' pro-

Pikeville had an opportunity to close out the game with a win, but couldn't get a shot to go down. South Floyd's Tab Tackett hauled in the rebound to help secure the victory for the Lady Raiders.

Floyd with 12 points. Emily Colvin paced Pikeville with 10

For South Floyd, Wednesday night's win was some sweet revenge of sorts. Pikeville beat South Floyd in the championship game of the 2001 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Pikeville nipped South Floyd Classic state tournament.

od. Pikeville was able to outscore South Floyd 14-10 in the final period, but couldn't do enough for the win.

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Ousley, Tackett and Brandy Anderson each had eight points apiece for South Floyd. Tab Trammel scored five points and Amanda Jo Johnson chipped in

Samantha Howard and Lawren McCoy flipped in eight points apiece for Pikeville.

Bentley

Hello, Rodney Rowe.

collective That Brother," you hear in the background has nothing to do with the Coen Brothers or George Clooney. That would be the other six teams in the All "A" Classic reacting to the news that two-time defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley and its Four Horsemen of the Junior Class had dropped down to Single-A status as defined by this tournament if not the KHSAA.

For those of us who have only seen Shelby Valley in its appearance on WYMT-TV a couple of weeks ago, be sure that wasn't the (ital) real (ital) Wildcats. I'm not real sure what happened to them that Friday night when Perry County Central got a hold on them, but

whatever it was, there are two things for sure: It wasn't pretty and it wasn't the Shelby Valley we know and love.

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But things seem to be looking up for Rowe and his club, just in time for the school's first appearance in the All "A" Classic. And considering this tournament leads directly into the ones in March, the timing of the WYMT debacle may have been perfect for a team going for its third straight trip to Rupp

We're not quite ready to hand the trophy for next week's tournament to the Wildcats just yet, but clearly, we now have a favorite. The Big Dawg has come to the table. It's wearing that familiar blue and white.

(See BENTLEY, page three)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Allen Central Middle tops Adams

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN - A 16-5 first quarter lead prove to be too much for Adams to overcome as Allen Central would go on to defeat the Blackcats by a final of 46-39. Corey Webb led the way for the winners with a game high 14 points and Webb also pulled down 10 rebounds in the win. Adams would cut the Rebel lead down to five at the half by outscoring Allen Central 19-13 in the second quarter. Bobby Hughes paced the Adams attack with 10 points in the game.

Hughes had all 10 of his points in a five-minute span of the second quarter. In a low scoring third quarter Adams would outscore Allen Central 4-3 and the Rebels would take a 32-28 lead into the fourth quarter. Blake Meade tossed in 8 away with the 46-39 win.

points for Allen Central and Alex Hammonds added seven. Hammonds contributed an all-around performance for the Rebs scoring seven points and dishing out 5 assists as well as going two-of-two from the free throw line.

Josh Prater added seven points for the winners and Jan Hicks had five.

Robbie Cole netted three points for Allen Central. and Josh Barnette's two points rounded out the Rebel scoring. Jordan Hall and Dane Sizemore both finished with seven points for Adams. Nathaniel Stephens' tossed in 6 points and the duo of James Lafferty and Josiah Reno both added four points. Jody Tackett rounded out the Adams scoring with one point. Allen Central outscored Adams 14-11 in the fourth quarter to come

Ashley Johnson led South

67-65 in the championship game to earn a strip to Richmond and the Touchstone Energy All "A"

On Wednesday night, South Floyd outscored Pikeville in two of the first three quarters. The Lady Raiders led Pikeville 10-8 at the end of the first period and 23-21 at halftime. South Floyd outscored 10-7 in the third peri-

SPORTS FAN

OF THE WEEK

PC bowlers win again

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTON, Ohio - For the fourth second straight weekend the Pikeville College women's bowling team went to Ohio and brought home a championship.

The Lady Bears won the Eagle Classic one week after taking the title in the Hoinke Classic in Cincinnati. The Pikeville B team finished eighth.

On the men's side, Pikeville finished fifth in the 25-team field. Two other Bears squads finished 21st and 23rd.

The Lady Bears now have four titles under their belts this season. They have one tournament remaining on the schedule, a Feb. 20-22 trip to Indianapolis to compete in the Hoosier

Pikeville was followed by Lindenwood (Mo.), Morehead A, Western Illinois and Morehead B in the top five.

"Because of the way the tournament was played, we had won the championship with two games remaining," said Coach Ron Damron, who is also director of athletics at the school. "We're bowling very well right now, and I'm very pleased with

Pikeville took 60 percent of the all-tournament team and had four players in the top seven individuals. Senior April Ellis of Jackson, Tenn., was second, averaging 198.1667, finishing behind five total pins Lindenwood's Jen Ridilla.

Louisville seniors Patty Trusty the all-tournament team.

LaDeanna Sophomore was Damron Sophomore Michelle Leonard led Pikeville B with a 15th-place finish, while Tracie Miller was 27th and senior Lindsey Durham was 30th.

Sophomore Abbi Stolarz was 46th, with senior Angela Gatzke 47th, Sophomore Ashley Day finished 51st while freshman Kelley Neace was 55th.

In the men's draw, Pikeville finished fifth behind champion Saginaw Valley State, Western Illinois, Lindenwood Illinois.

Junior Craig Guldenschuh and sophomore Tony Preston, both Louisville products, made

and Stacey Wyatt were third and Guldenschuh was fourth, averaging 213.17, while Preston finished fifth at 212.17.

Other Bears in the Top 50 were sophomores Cassidy Schaub at 28th and Kevin Reigle 36th.

Junior Josh Harper was 51st, with senior T.J. Nacker 54th and sophomore Richie Jones 62nd. Junior Todd Beers was 81st, senior Jeff Gatzke 82nd and sophomore Kevin Kovash 83rd, while sophomore Kyle Burt came in 86th.

Junior Travis Bolling came in 91st, while freshman Luke Robinson was 98th and junior Jason Graham 105th. Juniors Chris Stoff and Eric Daniels were 119th and 127th, respectively.

B-TEAM: ACMS 29, Adams 23

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Blake Meade scored 12 points and five other Rebels got into the scoring column to lead Allen Central Middle past host Adams Friday night in a B-

team game.

Allen Central played from behind in each of the first two periods. The homestanding Blackcats led 8-3 at the end of the first quarter and 15-11 at halftime. Allen Central took a small advantage out of the third period, leading 18-17, and built on the lead in the fourth period to pull away for the win.

Brent Hall scored seven points for the Rebels and Jonathan Shepherd chipped in four. C. Nelson netted three points and Josh Prater chipped in two. C. Francis scored for Allen Central Middle on a free

Jody Tackett led Adams in scoring with 12 points. Austin Gearheart scored five points for the Blackcats. Seth Setser, Kyle Hall and Chris Schoolcraft each had two points apiece. Schoolcraft got his two points on a pair of free throws made in the second quarter.

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Kentucky baseball program to host free coaching clinic

The University of Kentucky Each participant in the clinic baseball program will offer a free coaching clinic on Sunday Feb. 8 for any interested parent or coach. The clinic will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nutter Field House, located adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium on the UK campus.

All aspects of coaching will be covered in the clinic with a special emphasis on video work.

will receive a printed coaching packet. A question and answer session with Kentucky coaches as well as local high school coaches also will be offered. Anyone interested in more

information on the coaching clinic should contact the UK baseball office at 859/257-3013, by e-mail basebal@uky.edu.

Tigers take control early in the game. The freshman point guard scored six of his 13 points in the first eight-minutes of play. Paintsville held a 22-10 lead turn the games momentum.

Daniel Pugh helped the seven points in a four-minute span of the second quarter. South Floyd proceeded to go on a 19-5 run over the final five minutes of the first half and actually took a 29-27 lead at before South Floyd began to the half. South Floyd was unusually cold from beyond Jack Slone tossed in six of his the arc throughout the game as



Paintsville and South Floyd, pictured in action last season, squared off last night in the 15th Region All "A" championship game. Results were unavailable at press time.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne edges Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Tyler Hamilton connected on four fourth-quarter field goals and Tim Honaker hit

for six more points in the final period to lead Betsy Layne Elementary to a 49-46 victory over Central Allen Middle. Hamilton finished with 16 points, while Honaker netted 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to record a doubledouble.

Betsy Layne trailed for most

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Girls' state

basketball poll

2. Rockcastle County (16-1)

3. Henderson County (15-3)

4. Christian County (15-2)

6. Jackson County (13-2)

8. Scott County (11-2)

10. East Carter (16-2)

11. Henry Clay (11-2)

16. Butler (11-4)

12. Elizabethtown (14-3)

13. Marshall County (12-2)

14. Muhlenberg North (12-3)

15. Franklin-Simpson (12-2)

17. Wayne County (12-3)

18. Louisville Christian (13-3)

23. Covington Holy Cross (13-3)

19. Woodford County (13-4)

20. Daviess County (16-2)

21. Bullitt East (15-1)

22. Owen County (14-1)

24. Mercer County (11-5) 25. Ohio County (13-3)

basketball poll

1. Mason County (16-1)

5. Daviess County (15-3)

7. Clay County (14-1)

9. Wayne County (13-2)

10. Elizabethtown (12-4)

12. Scott County (13-3)

16. Warren Central (8-7)

18. Barbourville (14-1)

20. Boone County (14-2)

24. Jeffersontown (10-5)

22. Hazard (12-3)

23. Eastern (11-8)

25. Caverna (14-1)

21. Breathitt County (13-1)

13. Hopkinsville (10-5)

11. DeSales (12-4)

14. Apollo (10-5)

3. Fern Creek (15-3)

6. Seneca (16-3)

2. Lexington Catholic (13-3)

4. Pleasure Ridge Park (12-5)

8. Owensboro Catholic (12-1)

15. Henderson County (12-2)

17. Covington Catholic (9-2)

19. Hopkins County Central (13-2)

Boys' state

7. Lexington Catholic (10-6)

9. Newport Central Catholic (10-3)

5. Mercy (11-4)

1. Sacred Heart (14-1)

of the game and was able to roar back for the win. The Bobcats were outscored in the first three quarters before coming alive in the final frame.

"It was a good effort on the road," said Betsy Layne Coach David Gearheart.

Host Allen Central led Betsy Layne 17-11 at the end of the first quarter and 27-22 halftime. The Rebels led 37-30 at the end of the third quarter. Betsy Layne outscored Central 19-8 in the

final period.

Samuel Keathley scored 11 points for the Bobcats and Brennan Case added seven. Keathley connected on Betsy Layne's only made three-point field goal of the ball game.

Ted Honaker rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with three points.

Jan Hicks scored a gamehigh 20 points for Allen Central. Blake Meade tossed in 13

In the setback, Allen Central Middle's Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater each had four points. Corey Webb and Ron Barnett scored two points apiece.

Allen Central was missed all four of its free throw attempts in the fourth quarter.

the Raiders hit on only threeof-12 from three point land.

Henry Webb has a luxury that most area teams do not have in Steven Stanley and Burnett Little. The two South Floyd big men have given opposing teams fits on the boards this year and Tuesday was no different. Little and Stanley combined to pull down 29 rebounds on the night as the Raiders controlled the paint and the game throughout the second half.

Stanley finished the game with 17 rebounds and 13 points while Little continued his torrid scoring and rebounding pace with 12 rebounds and 17 points.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line as South Floyd shot 11-of-20 on the night and Paintsville was no better as the Tigers connected on only 11-of-21 for the game. Mason Hall came off the South Floyd bench and provided a spark to the Raider offense as the sophomore hit on back to back treys in the third quarter to push the South Floyd lead out to 15 points. Hall finished the game with six points.

Wes Hall came off the bench

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and finished with eight points on the night and starting point guard Ryan Johnson contributed 10 points in the win.

Adam Tackett rounded out the scoring for South Floyd with three points.

The Raiders shot 47-percent from the field for the game and out rebounded the Tigers by a tally of 45-26. Blake Bundy led Paintsville in scoring with 16

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points for Johnson Central. Tyler Whitaker tossed in three. Jamie McCarty and Sean Music chipped in two points apiece.

Sheldon Clark came into the Johnson Central game fresh off a 55-46 58th District triumph over Paintsville.

On Tuesday night against Johnson Central, Sheldon Clark's Asher Maynard totaled a game-high 23 points. Brandon May scored nine points for the Cardinals and Nathan Moore chipped in five. Junior Jason Hammonds, a transfer from Paintsville, flipped in two.

Title

second half. Betsy Layne, on its way to the semifinals win, outscored Allen Central by a single point in each of the final two eight-minute frames.

Senior Whitney Lykens paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 22 points. Kristen Smith pushed in 10 points, giving Betsy Layne two players in double figures. Candace Meade and Kim Clark each scored nine points. Breann Akers and Tabetha Witt rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with points apiece.

Betsy Layne and another Floyd County team, South Floyd, were due to meet up in last night's 15th Region All "A" championship game. Results were unavailable at press time. A complete story on the game will appear in Sunday's edition.

Betsy Layne 68, Paintsville 34

In its first round game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, defending champion Betsy

Layne attacked its opponent on both offense and defense.

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Betsy Layne held Paintsville to under 10 points in three of four quarters and ran away with a 34-point win, doubling up the Lady Tigers, 68-34. Ladycats led 17-6 at the end of the first period and 32-14 at halftime. Betsy Layne outscored Paintsville in each second-half quarter as well.

Kim Clark paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 25 points. Kristal Daniels tossed in 12 points and Whitney Lykens netted 12. Kristen Smith scored nine. Breann Akers and Tabetha Witt scored four points.

No Paintsville player scored over nine points. Whitney Reynolds led Paintsville in scoring with nine points. Ashley Hall scored seven points for the Lady Tigers (6-9) while Desiree Haney and Chelsee Jarrell flipped in five apiece. Paintsville's Kendra Carroll, a transfer from Lawrence County, scored four points in the loss.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Adams C-team edges MCA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Adams Middle School C-Team was back in action Tuesday night at home against Mountain Christian Academy.

The Blackcats were coming off a 34-10 loss at Allen Central Middle School on Friday as Chad Nelson scored 16 points in the Rebel win. In the game Friday, Brad Stanley, Nick

Conn, Nathaniel Fraley and James Sturgill each scored two for the Blackcats while Josh Craynon and Kyle Gearheart added one point each.

Against Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) on Tuesday night, the C-Team Blackcats were in a defensive struggle from the opening tip-off.

The game was nip and tuck all night long with MCA holding a 14-12 lead in the last minute of the fourth quarter when Wil Allen completed a three point play with a basket and a foul shot to make the score 15-14.

Both teams had a chance to score after that point but solid defensive play on both ends ended scoring threats.

Austin McKinney led the Blackcats with six points. Allen finished with four points. Josh Dingus and Nick Conn each scored two points and Josh Craynon rounded out the scoring for Adams with one point.

Craynon performed well on defense and led the Blackcat offense. Brad Stanley failed to score but he and others including Kyle Gearheart, Josh Blackburn, Nathaniel Fraley, Joseph Jamerson, Anthony Hallum, Cody McCoy and Brad Hicks provided solid defense. Michael Burchett led MCA in scoring with seven points, Tyler Hall pitched in five points and Tyler Newman added two points for MCA.

Adams The Blackcats improved to 5-4 on

merican Heart www.americanheart.org Bentley

And I'm guessing it's reason-

(Bullet) ESPN is celebrating its 25th anniversary of televising college basketball this week by naming the Silver Anniversary team in several of the conferences it covers.

On Tuesday, the All-SEC team was released. It was Chris Jackson and Shaquille O'Neal of LSU, Chuck Person of Auburn, Allan Houston of Tennessee and Kentucky's Jamal Mashburn.

Of them, two were obvious: O'Neal dominated the game and Houston was terrific, even if his UT teams didn't win a whole lot.

The others are up for debate. Jackson was phenomenal but only played one year at LSU. Many people have said he should have been replaced by Kyle Macy because of that, but remember, ESPN's first year was Macy's last at Kentucky, so in essence, he was a one-year player too.

Person and Mashburn got the nods at the forward slots, but could have been replaced by a host players, such as Kenny Walker, Corliss Williamson, Charles Barkley or Robert

In the end, naming a five-man team from a league like the SEC or ACC is futile. But it generates talk for the networks and fodder for columnists (blush), so the network is getting its money's

Excellent idea by someone. (Bullet) I know the Super

Bowl is a week away, but let's talk quarterbacks for a minute.

Says here it's time Tom Brady got some attention. It's time he was given the respect he deserves, and commands.

In my estimation, Brady is the Joe Montana of his generation. Others put up more flashy numbers, make plays that leave you scratching your head and claim the headlines.

And he wins.

I believe the Patriots will win the Super Bowl next Sunday, and I think Brady will wind up with three or four rings before his career is over.

If you're playing fantasy football or get your football knowledge from the 27-second packages of each game from (ital) SportsCenter (ital), you'll want the other guys. But if you

Continued from p2 want to win a football game, better go with the Michigan Man.

(Bullet) Seriously, the (ital) last (ital) thing Tubby Smith needs is Cliff Hawkins with confidence in his shot.

Saul Smith needs to do this team a favor and take him to the side for a little point-guard-topoint-guard chat. "Hey, Cliff," he should whisper, "point guards (ital) pass (ital) the basketball."

(Bullet) Tuesday morning Pikeville High School's Kalaiah Evans signed to play softball at Pikeville College.

I don't know the girl personally, but am familiar with her family. She comes from terrific stock. I've known her parents since high school and they're top

But I suppose I was most happy to see her grandparents there. Delbert and Linda Crum have been friends of my family since the days their son Jeff and I battled on the Little League field at Fishtrap. Years later, he and I were teammates at Millard and he was my kind of player talented enough, but more than anything else fiery and full of

If Miss Evans plays as hard for the Lady Bears as her uncle did for the Mustangs, we'll have found ourselves a jewel.

I know what you're thinking, Bill Watson, so I'll just say it for you: As long as I write this column, the brown and gold will

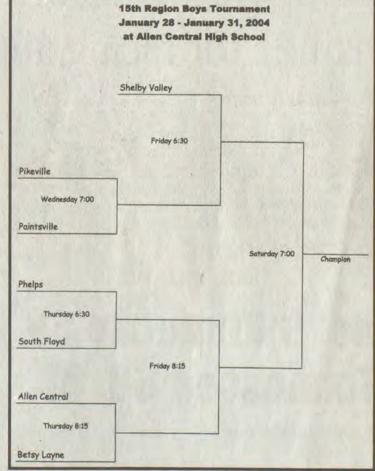
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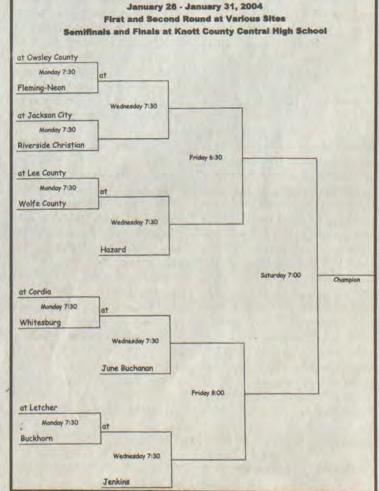
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of the top wresters in his weight class. It will also be a good experience for the rest of our team." Preliminary matches begin

today at 5 p.m. and continue throughout the evening. Matches start at 10 a.m. Saturday and run throughout the day. Championship rounds begin approximately at 6:15 p.m., with trophy presentations by WSAZ sports reporter Jim Tracey and chief meteorologist Tony

Individual session tickets for adults are \$5 and \$4 for students. All-tournament passes are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.





14th Region Boys Tournament

BASEBALL

REDS: Sabo joining Winter Caravan

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI - Former Reds star Chris Sabo will join the team's 2004 Winter Caravan on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Sabo will appear at the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville, from 10 a.m. to noon, Malone's at Lansdowne Shoppes in Lexington, from 2 to 3 p.m. and the Huntington (W. Va.) Mall from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sabo, the 1988 National League Rookie of the Year and a three-time National League All-Star, recently rejoined the organization as the hitting coach at Billings in the rookie Pioneer League. The former third baseman also will serve as a roving instructor at Triple-A Louisville and low single-A Dayton before Billings' season starts in June.

The Reds Winter Caravan begins Thursday, Jan. 29, at Fricker's in West Carrollton, Ohio from 5-7 p.m. and continues through Jan. 31. Attending all six stops are Reds chief operating officer John Allen, Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman, new general manager Dan O'Brien, manager Dave Miley and senior advisor Gene Bennett.

Players expected to be present at West Carrollton are right-hander Cory Lidle, lefthander Brandon Claussen and the organization's Minor League Player of the Year, who will be announced Jan. 28. Right-handers Ryan Wagner and Todd Van Poppel and utilityman Ryan Freel are scheduled to join the caravan at subsequent stops.

No. 5 Louisville 93, No. 6 Cincinnati 66

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Taquan Dean scored 21 points and Francisco Garcia added 19 for No. 5 Louisville in a 93-66 vic-

viously unbeaten Cincinnati on Wednesday night, Cardinals' 14th straight victory.

Luke Whitehead had 18 points and eight rebounds as the Cardinals (14-1, 5-0 Conference USA) beat the tory over sixth-ranked and pre- Bearcats for the fourth time in

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

June Buchanan 62, **Jackson City 32**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Playing at home in Knott County, the June Buchanan School Lady Crusaders proved to be a tough challenge for Jackson City Wednesday night in the 14th Region All "A" Classic. June Buchanan senior guard Jenilee Stepp scored 16 points as the Lady Crusaders cruised to a win in the quarterfinals.

Whitesburg 63, Hazard 39: In another game in the 14th Region All "A" Classic. Whitesburg prevailed over Hazard. Ashley Stidham tossed in 17 points and Whitney Hogg scored 15 to lift the Lady Yellowjackets.

The 14th Region All "A" Classic will get underway Monday at various sites. The semifinals and finals of the tournament will be held at Knott County Central High School.

Dean went 7-of-14 from the field, including 5-of-10 from 3point range despite playing with a pulled groin.

Louisville's victory margin matched the worst in Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins' 15 seasons there. The Bearcats lost to North Carolina 90-63 in 1993.

Jason Maxiell scored 14 to lead Cincinnati (13-1, 4-1), one of three undefeated teams in Division I coming into the game, which scored only 26 points in the second half.

The Cardinals went 29-of-42 from the free throw line, while Cincinnati was 12-of-26.

Louisville outrebounded Cincinnati 42-38 and generated 19 points off the Bearcats' season-high 19 turnovers.

Both teams speeded up the game from the start with their trademark fullcourt pressure. But neither defense was effective early as the Bearcats started 4-of-6 from the field and the Cardinals were 4-of-7.

Tony Bobbitt's 3-pointer with 15:42 left in the first half started a 9-0 Bearcats' run that gave Cincinnati a 19-12 lead.

Garcia, held without a field

"Any major issues, the new

Skees has been with the for-

Protection

mer Natural Resources and

Cabinet since 1991 and has been

executive director of the inspec-

tor general's office since

October 2002, said Mark York,

cabinet spokesman. Before join-

ing the cabinet, Skees worked

with the Justice Cabinet and the

Skees took up his new post

The racing authority will

meet in the first week of

February to begin the hunt for a

Hettel's resignation as execu-

tive director of the Kentucky

Racing Commission came a

week after Gov. Ernie Fletcher

abolished the commission and

created the racing authority.

Hettel had been executive direc-

tary of the state Environmental

and Public Protection Cabinet

who oversees the racing author-

ity, said earlier that the new

director would focus on market-

ing Kentucky's horse racing

LaJuana Wilcher, the secre-

tor since 1993.

permanent director, York said.

Kentucky State Police.

executive director will decide,"

he said.

Environmental

goal in the first 8 minutes, scored nine points during Louisville's 13-2 run to answer.

The Cardinals pushed the lead to five, but the Bearcats retook the lead at 33-31 on Bobbitt's 3-pointer in front of the Louisville bench with 5:41 left in the half.

Cardinals The Cincinnati to two field goals the rest of the half in taking a 44-40 lead. The Bearcats hadn't trailed at halftime or in the second half of any game this sea-

Cincinnati committed seven turnovers and nine fouls in the first 9:25 of the second half, enabling Louisville to open an 11-point lead. The Cardinals, shooting 72 percent from the free throw line this season, hit seven of their first 12 free throws in the second half and led 63-52 after Kendall Dartez made two with 10:35 left.

James White had a layup with 10:06 remaining, but Alhaji Mohammed and Dean hit 3-pointers over the next 2

minutes as Louisville began to ond half. pull away.

The Bearcats went 10-of-24 from the field, 6-of-14 from the free throw line, committed 12 turnovers and missed their only two 3-point attempts in the sec-

Cincinnati finished 4-of-14 from 3-point range (29 per-

The game drew 20,079 fans, the second largest crowd in Freedom Hall history.

South Floyd 43 Pikeville 42

game was played last night.

Results were unavailable at press

FCT SPORTS

Note: The championship

Scoreboard

15th Region All "A" Classic

Opening round

Jan. 19 Pikeville 52, Shelby Valley 45 South Floyd 76, Phelps 36

Betsy Layne 68, Paintsville

Allen Central 90, Piarist School 25 Semifinals

Jan. 21 Betsy Layne 54, Allen Central

Brohm led Trinity High

School to three consecutive state

championships and completed

65 percent of his career passes, a

passing yards, 698 completions

and 119 touchdown passes. All

were second in the state's record

book behind former Leslie

County star Tim Couch, now in

the NFL. - The Associated

He finished with 10,579

state record.

Paintsville Little

League accepting applications

Anyone interested in coaching, umpiring or volunteering in the Paintsville Little League for the 2004 season must submit a volunteer application for the screening process. Applications are available in Paintsville at LeMaster's Sports Center and Bocook Engineering. These applications are required by the Paintsville Little League for all returning volunteers.

Pikeville Family YMCA youth basketball registration

Pikeville Family YMCA will hold registration for its youth basketball leagues through today. There will be separate boys' and girls' leagues for ages 3-15. For more information, contact Greg Boggs at 606/433-

FOOTBALL

Prep star QB Brohm chooses Louisville

LOUISVILLE - Brian Brohm, a quarterback who led his high school team to three state championships, said Tuesday he would stay home and play at Louisville.

Brohm, 6-foot-4, 205pounds, has been one of the nation's most sought-after recruits and was on the cover of Sports Illustrated in November 2002. He had narrowed his choices to Louisville, Kentucky, Tennessee and Notre Dame.

Ultimately, he kept with family tradition.

Brohm's father and brother, Jeff, played quarterback for Louisville and his other brother, Greg, was a receiver for the

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MCA escapes for win over Adams *

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Landon Slone has put together two of the most successful basketball seasons in recent memory over the past two tears and on Tuesday

evening the youngster continued his dominating play by scoring 33 points in a 49-46 win over Adams Middle School. MCA fell behind 13-8 after one quarter as Jordan Hall was in a zone for Adams. Hall scored 11 of Adams 13 first quarter points by hit-

ting on three long range bombs. MCA rallied in the second quarter and went to the locker room at the half all even at 23-23.

Taylor Clark hit two treys in the second quarter to help MCA tie the game.

The third quarter proved to be the turning point in the game as Slone heated up and fired in 15 of his 33 points in the third quarter alone. MCA built a 40-34 lead after three quarters of play and looked to pull away in the final quarter.

Bobby Hughes kept Adams

Adams bench to toss in nine points in the loss. MCA could manage only one field goal in the fourth quarter, but the Falcons went to the free throw line 14 times

YOUTH BASKETBALL



close in the third quarter on the

strength of two three pointers.

Jody Tackett came off the

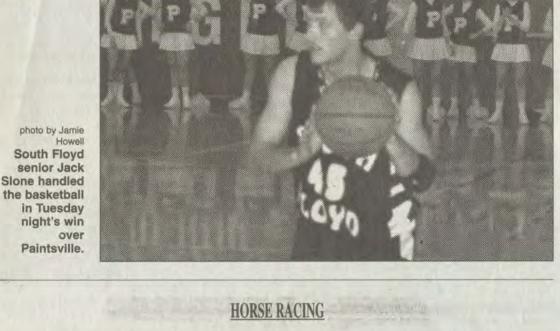
Slone

Jeremy Pack finished with seven points for MCA and Clark added eight in the win. Clinton Turner rounded out the scoring for the Falcons with one

point. Adams was led in scoring by Jordan Hall with 14 points. Hughes tossed in eight on the night and Nathaniel Stephens added seven. James Lafferty finished with four points for Adams and Dane Sizemore added three points for the Blackcats. Josiah Reno rounded the scoring for Adams with one point.

B-TEAM: In B-team action it was Adams defeating MCA by a final of 52-32. Jody Tackett led the way for Adams with a game high 13 points. Adams led 15-8 after one quarter and 30-16 at the half. Kyle Hall tossed in eight points for the winners and Luke Sturgill added seven. Austin McKinney scored six fourth-quarter points for Adams and Matt Sword totaled five. Adams continued to increase the lead in the third quarter and led 40-18 after three quarters of

Chris Schoolcraft finished with three points in the win and Seth Setser, Austin Gearheart, Kyle Gearheart, Adam Kimbler and Josh Craynon all had two points on the night. MCA was led in scoring by Tyler Hall with 13 points. Michael Burchett finished with 11 points for the Falcons. Shane Poynter tossed in six and John Gullett rounded out the scoring for MCA with two points.



Temporary executive director named for racing authority

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Jesse Skees, an environmental investigator with the state, will be the temporary head of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, replacing Bernard J. Hettel, who was asked to resign last week.

Skees has been executive director of the Office of Inspector General in what is Cabinet for the now Environmental and Public Protection. He has no professional racing experience but said Wednesday he is not worried

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 9 Kentucky 69, Tennessee 68, OT

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS

ASSOCIATED PRESS KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -Chuck Hayes scored off his own

miss with 3:49 left in overtime to lead ninth-ranked Kentucky to a 69-68 victory Tuesday night over Tennessee. Erik Daniels had 19 points

and Hayes added 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Wildcats (12-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who nearly had another scare after their 19game SEC home winning streak was ended Saturday by Georgia.

Tennessee (10-4, 2-3) trailed until it put together two 9-0 runs midway through the second half, the last giving the Volunteers their first lead at 52-51 with 7:37 remaining.

Kentucky got the lead back and was ahead by three points with 3:53 left.

Tennessee's Scooter McFadgon made two free throws to make it 61-60, but neither team could score over the next three minutes.

C.J. Watson broke the drought for Tennessee with 55.3 seconds left on a fast-break layup off a turnover Brandon Crump grabbed

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch. Watson

Tennessee's lead to 64-61 with two free throws with 22 seconds to go, but the Vols couldn't hold on for the upset.

Cliff Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds left to tie it at 64. McFadgon missed a shot as time expired.

McFadgon had four points in overtime, but a 3 by Daniels and Hayes' rebound and basket was all Kentucky needed to get its fourth straight win over the

McFadgon led Tennessee by scoring 19 of his 33 points in the first half, and Crump added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Hawkins had 13 points and six assists for the Wildcats, who overcame 23 turnovers and 30 personal fouls to avoid a second straight loss.

Kentucky lost 65-57 to Georgia at home, and coach Tubby Smith questioned the Wildcats' toughness. But Kentucky showed plenty against, which came in 9-0 at home this season.

The Wildcats outrebounded Tennessee 27-13 in the first half and were ahead 10-0 in the first four minutes of the game and by

The Vols got as close as 24-21 in the first half before makextended ing their second-half runs.



photo by Jamie South Floyd junior Steven Stanley eyed the basket Tuesday night as Paintsville

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THROUGH MY EYES

A little

something to say, after all

As I sit here staring at the blank page on my computer screen, I sense that my breathing is on the verge of becoming a little shallow as I face the reality of having absolutely nothing to say.

If you happen to be one of the people I attended elementary school with, you won't be much surprised at this revelation. If you're one of the people I have



Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor

more recently met, you probably won't be either. Seems that as I've grown older, I find that I talk more, but actually really "say" very little. However,

you can't quite lump me into that "talks to hear their brain rattle" category,

Nope, most of the time, I guess I jus' keeps to myself, so to speak. I think this is mostly because I view the world as a scary place and I think if I just

(See EYES, page two)

POSTSCRIPT

Murphy Memories

Every now and then you read something that truly warms the cockles of your heart. (Note to

self: Look up what that means.)
I was absolutely delighted last



Pam Shingler contributing writer

week to read that the Paintsville Main Street program is sponsoring an essay contest among school children.

OK, so, maybe that's not such a

big deal -

although any time young people are encouraged to write is good. The big deal is the subject:

Memories of Murphy's.

To help with the effort to reno vate and restore the building that housed the G.C. Murphy store for decades, the youngsters are being

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GIRL SCOUTS

'Operation Milk & Cookies' community service project

With the arrival of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale comes a way to share the sweet joy with others by way of the "Operation Milk & Cookies" community service project.

This year, Girl Scouts will

be sharing their traditional treats with local food bank, Fishes & Loaves, through Operation Milk & Cookies. This community service project will give cookie customers the opportunity to purchase at least one addi-

tional box of Girl Scout cookies to share with someone who is unable to purchase them.

Local Girl Scout troops have chosen the food bank in their community they want to support through cookie donations. So when a Girl Scout asks for a cookie order, she may also ask her customer to share the sweet joy of Girl Scout cookies by buying a box to donate to the local food bank.

When the Girl Scout

cookies are delivered in February and March, the troops will visit with their chosen food bank and deliver the donated cookies. Purchasing Girl Scout cookies really helps girls, and the local community, grow



The Wallen siblings still return often to Floyd County, which they say they will always consider "home." This family photo was taken during Labor Day weekend at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The Price of Freedom



Clarence Wallen and brother, Curtis, in happier days. The brothers both served their country during World War II. Clarence never returned.

Submitted by Karen Marcum

Sixty years ago search crews were searching for a PBY2 aircraft that had gone down into the ocean. The last messages from the people on the plane were that they had a fuel leak. Twenty- year- old Clarence Wallen was the co-pilot of the plane. Along with Wallen, there were eight others. Following repeated searches, the US Naval Department gave up on ever finding the plane or its crew. Even though it's been 60 years, his family still misses him and knows from firsthand experience that freedom isn't free. Clarence Wallen is not just a name on a courthouse monument of those who gave their life for their country. In their hearts, he still

Lee and Lula Wills Wallen, of Floyd County, watched all

five of their sons go off to defend their country. All five joined the United States Navy, Clarence, Curtis, and Richard

were in WWII. Woodrow and

Sam were in the Korean War. The boys and their little sister, Mary Louise, grew up surrounded by love and laughter. Clarence was the first to go to war on June 23, 1941. His family received a telegram telling them that he was missing on October 3, 1943. Their lives on this day were forever changed. Clarence's mother could not believe that he was gone. She thought that he was marooned on an island somewhere and would eventually be rescued. In later years, she made the long journey to the ocean where he'd gone missing to drop flowers into the salty sea as she bid her beloved son

(See FREEDOM, page two)

The Soldiers By Charles E. Rose

Many years before I was born,

You put on your soldier's uniform.

You went away to a foreign land, to fight, and maybe die, beside your fellow man.

You saw many horrible sights,

No man should see,

On those battlefields across the sea,

So that our country could be free

You fought the fight, you

stood the test, So that our land could be

the best. You laid your life on the

the enemies of all

mankind. So thank you for your

sacrifice, for what you did,

(See POEM, page two)

SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to Ponder: Teens' latest thrill

Sometimes it is difficult to keep up with teenagers. They are so busy experimenting and exploring the world and its contents. So it is not surprising when you hear they are doing something new. Several parents have recently voiced concerns about teenagers finding new ways to get "high" and have "thrills"..."Do you know where your kids are? Do you know what your kids are doing?"

what your kids are doing?"
Although there have not been any cases seeking services, several folks have

reacted to a segment presented by ABC News' 20/20, "Stoned on Cold Medicine Teens Are Abusing Over-the-Counter Cold Pills to Get High." The major problem seems to be that teenagers are using ordinary cold medicine to get high. This further adds to parents' list of possible substances their children might abuse alcohol, smoking and illegal or illegally gotten drugs. In contrast to these "usuals," this ordinary cold medicine helps teens to get high legally.

The non-prescribed medication that some teens are using to become impaired is Coricidin HBP Cough and Cold Pills. The source of the "high" is the ingredient dextromethorphan, or "DXM," that suppresses coughs safely, BUT, if used in large quantities, DXM creates a chemical imbalance within the brain that produces the "high" sensation similar to that of LSD or PCP. Although DXM is a part of more than 100 cold medicines, teens particularly like the combination of chemi-

cals in this one type of Coricidin.

Being legal, it is easily and conveniently accessible so that purchase does not require a "dealer" and it can be bought at a local convenient or drug store as an "over the counter" medication. Parents and teachers will likely not be readily aware that the substance is being used, in that the eyes won't be red, as with other drugs. Some kids described,



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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activites, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Jan. 26 - Basketball Homecoming.

Bridges parent meeting,

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

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

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school

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

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every

Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appoint-

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

MCDOWELL **ELEMENTARY AND** FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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Freedom

farewell.

Throughout the years, the Wallen family has maintained a close and loving relationship even though they are scattered across the nation. Their heart strings keep them tied to Floyd County and they love returning for long visits. The only sibling that lives today in Floyd County is Curtis Wallen, who resides in Stanville. The others left to find work in other parts of the country. One of the brothers laughingly remarked during last year's Labor Day visit that they all still joked and aggravated each other as they had when they were young - with one noticeable difference. The teasing now never results in a fight. The family is very happy and all maintain a positive attitude though they have lost their father, brother Richard, their mother, and beloved nephew, Joshua, who died just last year.

At last year's family reunion, they had their missing brother's photograph set in a special place of honor. Even after 60 years, he is still sorely missed. His last letters home show the love he felt for his family. He ended his last letter to his little sister with the words, "With a love that will last forever".

LAST LETTER FROM A SOLDIER TO HIS **'BABY' SISTER**

My Dear Sister,

Honey, I am awful glad you had a good time, but you must study hard to make up for the week you missed.

Baby, you don't know how much I would like to see you now and how much I wanted to see you Christmas, but I couldn't. Yes, honey, I will spend next Christmas with you if possible, and I think it will be. Mary, you are my only sister, and I love you so much. I want you to always do as Mom and Dad want you to do and obey your teacher,

Mary, how do you like your new sister? (This "new sister" was actually a sister-in-law, but he didn't think of her that way.) I am sure you like her, though. You always did. Honey, you will be a fine girl like her one of these days. So obey Mom and Dad and always remember that I love you and Woodrow, Sam, and Richard so much. And, honey, if you all ever want or need anything in school or out, let me know.

So long for this time. Be good and God bless you. I love you and the boys and Mom and Dad so much. All of you be

Love that will last forever, Clarence - your brother

LAST LETTER TO HIS FAMILY

Hello Everyone,

This leaves me all right, and I hope it finds you all the same. Mom, you talk about cold weather. There's sure cold weather down here also, but this weather is so changeable. Next, it may be hot. It changes always. Boy, I sure would like to see a big snow right now.

Yes, Mom, Scott and Mollie sure are swell. I like them both an awful lot.

Mom, I hope Curtis don't have to go to the army, but I am awful glad they are happy, but I knew they would.

They both are sweet and kind. Mom, she is a fine sister-in-law, but he deserved a good wife because he is such a kind and honest boy. They have all my best

wishes. I love them both. Mom, we will win this war and then I can come home, for a while anyway. I know I will be as well as ever when it is over.

Mom, tell Dad to be careful and everyone hello and to be

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So long for this time, Love,

Clarence

As our nation's soldiers today engage in conflict far from home, Floyd County families remember those who have fought and died as well as those who returned, changed forever by their experiences. We pray for the safety of U.S. soldiers everywhere.

Poem

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for paying the price.

You helped make the country

into which I was born, THE GREATEST NATION

THE WORLD HAS KNOWN. I can go where I want and say

what I please, without the fear so many people see, that don't have this thing called

All because of what you have

I am one of Freedom's Sons. I've lived a life of freedom

All because of what you did

Dedicated to all the men and women who have ever served and to those who are still serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Because of you, we are free.

Eyes

keep my mouth shut, the monsters won't find

Ah, but what of those that lurk within? They seem to get me every day.

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I was finally successful in obtaining a ticket affording me entry into what has to be the greatest film of all time this past weekend. Never do I find myself waiting so long to see a film as I have had to wait to see this one. Twice, I attempted to view it at the Paintsville Mayo Plaza Cinema, and twice I was told, "All sold out."

Not getting another chance to try until it had moved on, I found myself this past Sunday evening making the long trek to Pikeville in hopes of arriving in time to finally, finally, get to see what nearly everyone else in the world had already experienced.

I made it, and for the next 3 1/2 hours, I was completely engulfed within a world of fantastical imagery and emotional overtakings.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" - this time I have much to say, the only problem is mere words cannot do justice.

If you haven't seen it yet, get your behind out there right now.

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Speaking of "The Lord of the Rings," I must say that it has been so cool these past couple of years having something

This Town, That World

this grand with which to bridge the so-called "generation gap" between myself and my three

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teenagers.

Little did I know, back in that summer of '73 between my second and third years of high school, as I lounged the days away reading these wondrous tales of fantasy, that years later, I would find myself sharing these very same wonders with my own children.

It's wonderful when you share a book with a child, but when that book becomes a visual reality with the ability to transcend time, space and generational gaps, it is, as they say today, "Awesome."

Sharing my love of these writings plus having the opportunity to experience them in full-color on the big screen complemented by surround sound, with my kids, has been a treat handed down to me from no less than the golden plates of angels.

I know that being a "parent" comes first and foremost, but it's more than pretty cool when your kids get to see past your roles of parental responsibilities and agree when their friends say something like, "I can't believe your mom likes The Lord of the Rings and hobbits and elves and fairies and stuff.

She's so cool." And need I tell of how my heart swelled with pride as I heard my own daughter respond behind me, "Yeah, she is."

Ponder

better and tastes just like candy." One older teen compared it to being in "The Matrix" or something, in that everything goes in slow motion when you turn your head. The high can last for a day. The tasting like candy comes from it being similar to Skittles and the habit is referred to as "skittling." Another benefit for the user is that the cough medicine is easy to conceal and there's no odor, making it hard to detect. Teenagers have been known to frequently steal it off of the

shelf in the discount store. According to the American Association of Poison Control, the abuse of these kinds of over-the-counter cold medications has doubled in the last four years, with approximately a 300 percent increase over three years to the poison control centers about DXM. A major problem seems to be that parents and teachers are not aware of the use/abuse until the teen begins to show a change in behaviors, such as One boy failing grades.

"It's just like pot, except it's thought it was funny when he cause liver damage or death.

As with other types of abuse, the teenagers seem to year, daily and also attending

was pulled over by the cops for a traffic violation, but they couldn't tell he was high, in that the Breathalyzer was negative and he did not have any drugs on him. Reportedly, more abuse cases are showing up in hospitals' emergency rooms due to teens having accidents related to being high or being agitated, difficult to control, sweating, and unresponsive when spoken to. At least five people have died after taking Coricidin, but typical of many drug users, this does not seem to scare some kids. In the meanwhile, the kids have learned that one type of Coricidin contains acetaminophen and not to take that particular one, since acetaminophen in large doses can

use Coricidin with DXM for varying lengths of time. It seemed in the 20/20 program, kids talked about using this "drug" for five months, over a Coricidin parties. Although

Continued from p1 keeps using. As usual, "What is the

answer?" Some parents want Coricidin taken off the shelf. However, if the drug company does that, it prevents the drug from helping others who need In addition, the drug company reported that this particular cold medicine was the safest and most effective product for individuals with high blood pressure. They suggested putting the drug behind the counter so that it would not be in reach of teens. The actual stores selling this type of Coricidin are also taking some control by selling it only to customers 18 years old and older and limiting people to only being able to buy three at a time. But, as the world turns, the medicine can still be bought from the Internet. As with so many things in life, ultimately, it is up to the kids whether or not they abuse

the use of Coricidin is not considered addictive from a physical perspective, a general impression was that it "might be" a psychological dependency. One case was about a 20 year old twin that admitted that he still had fun taking Coricidin, even though he realized that it had "wrecked" his life. Examples were that: his mother had to drive him everywhere, because with one more ticket, he would lose his license; and he quit school and now lives at home, where he spends his time playing his guitar or just sitting. Even though he said, "My brain has gone and I'm just wasted. It took all my friends away from me. I threw my life away," he

Do you know what your teenager is doing or not doing?

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through bis eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The weather is improving, according to all schoolchildren and maybe a few teachers. Snow and ice closed the schools two days this week.

ON THE OTHER HAND...

These youngsters may sound. a bit impertinent but they quite often make sense-or at least as much sense as their elders make.

The story is told of the father who went to considerable pains to explain to his ten-year-old, that a day missed in school now, means a day to make up, next spring. "You've got to consider the future, son," was his sage advice.

"That," rejoined the youngster, "reminds me of what the preacher was saying to you, the other night."

ON THE "BOOB TUBE'

I like this Andy Griffith TV show, mainly beause of Don Knotts and the opening scene in which Andy and the boy whistle their way toward the old fishin'hole. But, so help me, if I were Andrew I would teach that brat not to throw a rock into the water, first thing.

This show is for pleasant relaxing. Then for something to make you plumb tired, is that

one where they use a gadget to show a fellow if his nose is stopped up.

OPEN TO QUESTION ON ALL POINTS

Lon Hill sends me the following anecdote. With this note: "I should think that a good

Baptist or a bad newspaperman, or vice versa, would sorta advertise the enclosed." The enclosure was this:

Two high school graduates were riding on a bus in Texas, and discussing their futures, much to the discomfort of a lit-

tle old Baptist lady who was sit-

ting behind them. 'I think, I'll go to Southern Methodist," said one. "I understand there are only five Baptists enrolled there." I'm going to Texas Christian," said the other. "There are only two

Baptists there." The little old lady leaned forward and tapped them on the shoulder. "Why don't you go to hell?" she snapped. "There aren't any Baptists there."

NECROLOGY

Russell (Buck) Layne has been at the job of preparing for The Times, once a year, for the last 30 years, a list of local residents who have died during the preceding 12 months. The list

for 1964 follows:

Cecil M. Bower, 74, died January 3; C. Alan Reed, 33, died January 14; Grant Walters, 71, January 27; Susie Cifton, 36, January 28; Emma Akers Sizemore, 83, February 25; Levi Strickland, 103, February 29; Reca Baker Harkins, 79, March 2; Douglas Hopson May, 47, March 3; Beverly M. Thompson, 68, March 3; Carmen Strahan, 68, March 10; Roy Douglas Perry, 15, March 15; Della Coburn Bays, 73, March 18; Franklin Delano Hall, 27, March 19; Anna Martin, 66, March 29; Henry Endicott, 85, March 31; Woodrow Wilson Stephens, 47, April 1; Melvin Allen, 74, April 10; Troy Calhoun, 64, May 2; Cynthia May Porter, 95, May 20; John Roger Turner, 44, June 7; James Clark, 52, June 14; Tom Moore, 62, June 16; Walter Wallen, 49, June 27; Dr. John G. Archer, 55, July 4; Prock Hayes, 79, July 26; Carl D. Riffe, 47, August 2; Ely Lewis, 90, August 14; Annie Centers Collins, 77, August 16; Bill Woods, 76, September 7; Mary Margaret Joseph, 11, September 15; Henry Lewis Mayo, 77, October 4; William H. Jones, III, 23, November 13; Florence Harris, 90, November 16; Bart Mellon, 63, December





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



uestion: Every winter my legs and arms get dry and itchy. My doctor said I have "winter nch." This year, it's been worse than ever. It's only January and I don't think I can make it through the rest of the winter this way. Is there anything I can do to feel less miserable?

nswer: Winter itch, also called xerosis, is a common winter affliction for many who live in the northeastern part of our country. It is particularly common in people who have sensitive skin and allergies. About 10 percent of the general population suffer from this condi-

In winter itch, the skin becomes excessively dry and rather rough or scaly. This drying causes itching, and the resultant scratching produces a rash. It's the opposite of many conditions, such as poison ivy, where the rash is what causes the itching. Winter itch is more common in the Northeast because of the climate and central heating that lowers the relative humidity of the indoor air. The low humidity promotes the drying of skin.

Winter itch is made worse by bathing, particularly with hot water and ample amounts of soap. This treatment removes dirt, but it also removes the natural skin oils that help smooth the

Tepid baths and moisture creams help winter itch

skin and control water loss through the a towel because the rubbing stimulates top layer of cells. The skin on the lower the itch sensation. portions of the arms

and legs produce less of these natural skin oils and, so, are more susceptible to drying problems. That's why you have trouble with your arms and legs, but others with this condition can have the same itching and rash on other areas of their bodies.

One of the most important ways you can help stave off winter itch next year is to avoid unnecessary bathing especially the areas where your skin is the driest. Our society encourages daily bathing, but this is often not necessary to be clean. Wash your "stinky" parts (face, underarms, privates) daily, but bathe the rest of your body less frequently. Use tepid water instead of hot. Use a mild moisturizing soap or emollient cleanser and follow this by patting dry instead of vigorously rubbing with

Immediately after bathing, apply a lotion or cream to help smooth and soothe the skin while retaining moisture. Petroleum jelly is probably one of the most effective products for this purpose, but its greasy residue is often objectionable. I often recommend Aveeno cream for this purpose because my patients have found it significantly more effective.

Raising the humidity within the home is also beneficial in reducing dry skin. A vaporizer or humidifier in the bedroom is a good method of adding moisture to the air in your inside environment. It's also helpful to avoid wool clothing that scratches the already irritated skin. There are many other natural and synthetic fibers that are attractive and comfortable without being scratchy. In my experience, however, it seems that cotton is often the best fabric to use until the xerosis is under fair

And one additional reminder: Even though the "winter itch" itches, don't scratch. Scratching will only make it worse. Rub on another dab of lotion or cream instead.

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School

Parent Support Group

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 Nutrition/Obesity.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appoint-

PRESTONSBURG **ELEMENTARY AND** FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Feb. 2 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., school auditori-

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

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

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

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lic (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.

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Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents

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

Floyd County Adult Ed Class

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

Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. -12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

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

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

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

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

Postscript

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asked to write up their interviews with folks who want to share memories of the landmark.

Just reading about the essay contest brought waves of memories. Murphy's 5&10-cent store was an integral part of my youth. It was as much a part of my life as my family. It was one of many anchors for a young person growing up in an isolated mountain community in the mid-20th century, seemingly far removed from the sophisticated outside world.

When I was a kid, Murphy's seemed huge. It dominated Paintsville's downtown. Whether you lived in town or in country, when you went downtown - or did we say uptown? - you went to Murphy's, even if you just walked through.

Today, I realize the store took up only about one-third of one side of a block. It didn't even go back a third of a block in the other direction. It grew smaller, I suppose, as I grew bigger.

On Saturdays way back then, the streets of Paintsville were thick with people. Sidewalks were full and car traffic was bumper to bumper. It was like Apple Day

And in Murphy's people were oulder to shoulder. Very small children plodded along, often being almost dragged by one arm, seeing little more than a forest of

Along the wall next to the street, brown chairs were lined up and folks weary from walking to town or around town sat there and talked with friends and neighbors. Murphy's was more than a retail store; it was a social center. My grandmother often sat there, resting her aching legs and catching up on family news with her vast network of Castle cousins.

It was not unusual in those days to see women nursing babies in those straight-back chairs. They did so without shame. They sat there with blouse unbuttoned, a breast hanging out and aimed at the suckling child. My generation, I suspect, was the first to be embarrassed by this natural act.

The smell of Murphy's was distinct. Almost as strong as the fresh-ground coffee at the Kroger store down the street, the hot dogs on rotating spits emitted a pleasantly rich and greasy aroma that broadcast warmth and promise of nourishment. I seldom got to eat there, but the smell was its own reward.

More beckoning was the nut and candy counter. Chocolate covered peanuts and raisins and chocolate stars permeate the memory. There was bin after bin of other candies, but they did not impress me as much.

The nut bins were the most alluring. For five cents, you could get a generous helping of Spanish peanuts. The red jewels seemed to be eternally turning in a heated canister. Now, I wonder if the machines were turned off at night; then, the thought never entered my mind. The peanuts offered the best bargain for the money. My friends and I would often make lunch of a nickel bag of these peanuts. If we had money to splurge, we would buy cashews, a warm handful for a

-To be continued. More Murphy memories next week.

Birthdays



New Arrival

Darby Noel Killion was born December 30, 2003, at Baptist East Hospital, Louisville, to proud parents Stephen Wayne Killion II and Tanya Killion. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 21 and



Happy Birthday, Alexis! You're 5!

Alexis Makenzi Hall, the daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, celebrated her fifth birthday on January 10, 2004. Alexis was joined by many family members and friends at her "Power Puff Girls" theme birthday party, held at the Pin Zone, in Prestonsburg. Alexis is the maternal granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett. Her maternal greatgrandmother Sybol Bentley, of Wayland. She is the paternal granddaughter of Palmer Hall, of Tennessee, and Ann Tignor, of Virginia. Her paternal great-grandparents are Buddy and Marie Slone, of Estill.



It's a Girl!

McKenna Grace Wireman was born on December 26, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Bud and Cristy Wireman. She weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 and 1/2 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of John and Lois Jarrell, of Dwale, and Rodney and Bertie Wireman, of Prestonsburg. Her family is overjoyed with her arrival.



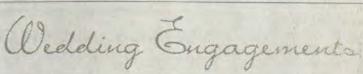
It's a Girl!

Morgan Larissa Holbrook was born on August 16, 2001, to proud parents, Scott and Carrie Holbrook, of Paintsville. She is the granddaughter of Marie Miller, of Ligon, and the late Gary Miller, and Larry and Teresa Holbrook, of Paintsville, and Ron and Connie Meek, of Boons Camp. She is the great-grand-daughter of John and Jo Holbrook, of Paintsville, and the late Myrtle and Edd Tackett, formerly of Melvin.

Coniversaries

45th Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie and Bonnie Shepherd will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 25, 2004, with a reception to be held at 6:00 p.m., at the Faith Deliverance Tabernacle Church, in West Prestonsburg. Bonnie is the daughter of the late Yancy and Opal Horn, formerly of West Prestonsburg. Donnie is the son of Estill and Stella Shepherd, of Prestonsburg. The couple were united in marriage by The Rev. Rosco Fannin on January 26, 1959.





Bentley-Castle

Miss Shelly Renee Bentley and Mr. Brett Alan Castle are happy to announce their upcoming wedding which will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Montgomery Baptist Church. Shelly, is the daughter of Joan Gayheart Cornett, of Hueysville, and Shelby Bentley, of Mallie. Brett is the son of Verlin and Kathy Castle, of Thealka. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

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

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Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister. Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11

a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister Emma United Methodist, Emma: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11

a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Minister First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contempory Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service;

Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor. Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister. Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday,

7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Ministe

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister. Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship

Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister, Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship

Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister. Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister. Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.;

Worship Service, 6 p.m; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister, David Pike, Associate Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Slone,

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; ; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens,

PRESBYTERIAN Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Ministe SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Preisthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH of GOD of PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service

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

Woodrow Crum, Minister Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.;

Wednesday, 6 p.m. Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.;

Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister. Faith Revelation Ministery, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School,

10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister. Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frve, Minister.

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

Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister. Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.;

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

The Father House, Big Branch. Abbott Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m. Prayer Line; 358-2001; Darlene Arnett, Pastor Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool,

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor. D.P. Curry.

Church of God of Prophecy, Sun. School 10 a.m., worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6:00 p.m. Pastor Glerin Hayes. West



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