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briefs

Two charged in stabbing

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

FLAT GAP — A small social gathering at a Flat Gap residence turned ugly Wednesday night when a fight broke out that saw two men allegedly attack and stab a third.

Det. Steve Bowman, of Kentucky State Police, is currently investigating the incident that saw Randolph Tharpe, 42, of Flat Gap, rushed to the Paul B. Hall Medical Center for several stab wounds. He was later transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington and listed in serious condition for his injuries.

Witnesses told the police that what began as an argument between Tharpe and James Lemaster, 46, of Leander, and Timothy L. Ward, 36, of Flat Gap, soon turned serious as it escalated into a physical altercation that got even more serious when a knife was introduced.

By the time that KSP and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department arrived, both Lemaster and Ward had fled the scene. They were later apprehended and brought back to the Hilton Hollow residence where the altercation occurred, before being arrested.

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Evening showers High: 47 • Low: 43

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Councilman refuses to take office

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Four city council members declined to seek reelection last November, walking away quietly from their posts with city administration.

This week, they were joined by council

member Harry Adams, who declined to take his oath for office.

During an interview yesterday, Adams refused to give specific reasons for his decision, but he alluded to problems within the administration.

"I don't want to say something wrong. I don't want to hurt anybody. With the

things that have been going on, I felt it best for me to step out," Adams said. "I didn't really because I don't like the direction that it's going right now. I did what I could while I was there, but there's stuff that came up that I didn't approve of and there's no way to rectify it right now. It's not cool."

Adams voted against a proposal to lay off a two firemen and four police officers in November, a move taken by the council, Mayor Jerry Fannin said, for economic reasons. Adams would not confirm whether that vote had any weight in his

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photo by Tom Doty

Governor's Office of Highway Safety representative Bob Crisswell, left, presented an award to Prestonsburg Police Officer Brian Kidd, second from right. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, left of Kidd, and Police Chief Mike Omerod were also on hand to recognize Kidd.

Cop honored for DUI arrests

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Officer Brian Kidd, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, was honored for his dedication to duty on Wednesday at the City Hall in Prestonsburg.

Kidd was presented with an award from the Governor's

Highway Safety Office by Eastern Kentucky representative Bob Crisswell for Kidd's record of DUI citations he has issued in the last year.

Crisswell talked to Kidd after the presentation and thanked him for being diligent.

"Sometimes it can be a thankless job, but it is always an important one," Crisswell said.

Crisswell also praised Kidd for doing the kind of work that prevents tragedies.

"You will never get a thank you from the persons who you saved from being injured or killed by a person driving under the influence, but I guess we can all get by just knowing we prevented

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Parent arrested at ballgame

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A high school basketball game saw one parent arrested last week when she allegedly went after an official because she disputed a call.

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Mother gets probation for abuse charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who pleaded guilty last month to 14 counts of criminal abuse is on probation after she was formally sentenced yesterday in circuit court.

Georgia Hall, 35, of Galveston, originally facing 16 counts of first-degree criminal abuse against her adopted son, received a five-year sen-

tence for 14 of the charges. Two other criminal abuse charges were dropped after Hall accepted a plea bargain arrangement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office specifying that she testify against her husband, Ansel Hall.

Per that agreement, Circuit Judge Danny Caudill suspended Hall's sentence and placed her under supervised probation for five years.

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Miners file suit over equipment

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Technological advancements in the coal mining industry have considerably improved health standards for miners these days, but those advancements weren't enough, say area miners who are now seeking relief in the courtroom.

Local miners Cubert Spence, of Inez; Ralph Hall, of Beaver; Donald Martin, of Blaine; James Butler, of Wheelwright; Wayne Tackett, of Betsy Layne; Larry Shepherd, of McDowell; James Sisco, of Meally; Benjie Stewart, of Prestonsburg, John Wright, of Printer; and Palmer Woods, of Prestonsburg, joined hundreds of other miners across Kentucky who have recently filed lawsuits against companies

alleged to have produced and manufactured a "stream of commercial respirators and dust masks that were defective, unsafe and unreasonably dangerous for their intended uses."

The lawsuit is one of at least 12 filed across the state by Louisville attorney Eric J. Jacobs and names the following businesses Marco Mine Supply Inc., of Lovely; Mine Service Company Inc., of Hazard; Mountain Supply Company, of Gray Knobs; Kentucky Mine Supply Company, of Harlan; Peringer Supply Company, of West Virginia; Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company; American Optical Corporation of Massachusetts; Mine Safety Appliances Company of Pennsylvania; and the

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Drug convict gets early release

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman incarcerated last month on a drug trafficking charge is now out of jail, following an order for shock probation filed in the case this week.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill signed the order Tuesday releasing Patricia Hagans, 51, of Langley, charged with second-degree hydrocodone trafficking.

Hagans pleaded guilty to

the charge in November after accepting a plea bargain offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, who recommended a five-year sentence that would be suspended and probated after service of four months.

Caudill signed the order citing a "significant medical condition," supraventricular tachycardia (SVT), a condition that makes the heart beat faster, according to medical records included in the file.

Citibank donates \$21K to camp

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Area sheriffs converged on the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg Wednesday to see Ray H. Stoess, executive director of the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch, accept a \$21,000 donation from Citifinancial that

was made possible from a grant by Citibank.

District Manager Carolyn Collett, of Citifinancial, was present to give the donation and said, "This organization makes a real difference to the quality of life in our area."

The Ranch is a summer camp for underprivileged youth and receives no state or federal

money to remain open. It has always depended on the efforts of Kentucky sheriffs to stay open and they have risen to the challenge.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn has been an active supporter of the ranch since he joined the department. He was

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Sheriff John K. Blackburn, left, looks on as Ray Stoess accepted a check for \$21,000 from Citibank district manager Carolyn Collett. The money will go towards the Sheriff's Ranch for Boys and Girls.

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Council

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decision to not reapply for the position. He gave vague answers when initially questioned by The Times, but later alluded to having problems with the mayor.

Adams said he left his post on "good ground" and would probably seek a political position in the future, but, for now, he says he's "stepping out of the way to let him (Fannin) do what he's doing."

"If you listen to him, everything's great," he said, laughing. "And if you believe him, I've got a bridge to sell you."

Adams' negative comments were mirrored in statements given yesterday by former council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham.

"When we chose not to run, my main reason was that we did nothing," Branham said. "We had no say so with what was happening in the city. All we did was show up to the meetings. The mayor does everything. Most everything was done out of the perusal of the city council ... Something needs to be done. It's totalitarian right now."

Branham also complained that council members had no authority to know where the city's money was being used.

"As a city council, we had no idea where the money was going," he said. "We voted on the budget, and that's all we did. I'm sure the personnel committee or the finance committee knew, but we had no idea what kind of shape we were in."

City council members are only allowed to pass ordinances and approve the budget, according to the League of Cities.

Former member Hansel Cooley, who left his 17-year

post last year because he was "wore out" with it, disagreed with Branham's negativity toward the mayor, but did say that the city council could be improved.

"The mayor's getting bad press right now, and most of the time, we bring our problems on ourselves," Cooley said. "I don't know. All I can say is that there needed to be more communication. The mayor has the authority to do what he does; hire, fire, do deals and do things, but it's better to communicate that. The only problem we had was that there wasn't as much communication about these things as there had been in previous years. I have a lot of respect for the mayor. He's done wonders for the city. All you have to do is step out and walk down the street to see it. It's beautiful."

Current member Donna Wells and former member Jimmy Joe Derossset, who resigned because of increased work hours last term, both backed the mayor on the issue.

"I did not have any axes to grind when I went in there, and I didn't have any when I left," Derossset said. "We never had no big battles, and I didn't take anything to the mayor that he didn't approve or that he didn't give me a good reason why he didn't. As far as I'm concerned, Jerry Fannin is a good mayor. He does an excellent job and, until recently, there were no problems. I never saw or knew him do anything wrong while I was in office."

Fannin gave no inclination during a swearing in ceremony for new council members Monday that Adams would not come back on board with the

city. During an interview yesterday, he said that Adams had not officially turned in his resignation and blamed the negativity and rumors surrounding his administration on the upcoming mayoral election.

"If you go back two years before every election, that's about the time that everything starts flaring up," Fannin said. "If people in the community dig deep enough, they'll find out who the sources are. It's usually coming from the people who'll be running the next time. If you love your community, don't do stuff that hurts it. Don't run on trying to knock it down."

Fannin denied comments that council members aren't involved in city happenings.

"I let council members get involved now more than they ever did," he said. "When I was a council member we didn't have committees, and now we have 12, 13 of them. The purpose of the committees is to give them more involvement. I've even added more stuff this year to get them more involved."

During the meeting Monday, Fannin said the council will take steps to improve communication with the community and stop "hearsay" and rumors surrounding his administration.

He has received scrutiny recently for attempting to rename Maggie Mountain after Attorney General Greg Stumbo's daughter. State highway department officials forced the city to remove another street sign (named after Fannin's new wife, Charity) on a separate entrance to Stonecrest.

Allegations have also been made about misuse of the city credit card.

# Defense asks judge to dismiss Reno's lawsuit

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny Caudill is scheduled to consider a motion this morning to dismiss the defendants in a civil suit filed by Reno's Roadhouse.

The suit alleges that the defendants conspired to weaken the infrastructure of Reno's while providing opportunities for ex-employees to strengthen their interests in another restaurant.

Attorney Sheridan Martin, representing CEO, Terrence W. Fitzer, and the operating manager, Eric Fitzer, alleges that the defendants misappropriated trade secrets, exploited unfair trade practices, counterfeited intellectual property, interfered tortiously with business relationships, conducted criminal conspiracy, breached their duty of confidentiality and, according to an amended complaint, are operating a "sham" company.

But that isn't so, says Lexington attorney James Francis, who filed a motion to dismiss the case last week.

"The plaintiff's complaint merely suggests or hints or creates suspicion that the party has a right of action, thus is not sufficient to survive a motion for dismissal," Francis wrote.

Francis argues that Reno's doesn't have a legal basis for the suit because Eric Fitzer is not a shareholder in the company. He also claims that all the other accusations against his defendants, Steve O's Bar and Grill LLC and its parent company Momnana's LLC, (operat-

ed by former Reno's employee Steve Dixon) are unproven. The information misappropriated was not trade secrets, he says, referring to menu items as public disclosure information. He also argues that the restaurants "owe no duty to confidentiality" with Reno's and its employees because they "never had any relationship."

Francis says the most recent allegation that the defendants are operating a "sham" company is completely unfounded because a "sham" company is one that holds itself out to be minority owned in order to gain contracts from businesses preferring minorities.

The motion to dismiss the case comes less than a month after Judge Caudill filed an order to hold another motion of dismissal, filed by

Mark and Laura Link and the Lois Burchett Living Trust, in abeyance so that plaintiffs could conduct discovery evaluations in the case.

The original complaint also cited Kenny Gambill, a former manager of the eatery; former assistant manager Jamie T. Evans Salyer (both of whom were charged criminally in relation to the case) and former employee Michael S. Salyer.

A restraining order was issued in November barring Dixon and other defendants from contacting Reno's affiliates in an "unethical, unprofessional" manner.

Today in court, Caudill will also be considering a motion for continuance filed Tuesday by Francis.

Both Terrance and Eric Fitzer are scheduled to give depositions in the case Feb. 23.

## Olga Bolen Richmond Memorial Service



A memorial service was held in loving memory of Olga Bolen Richmond, wife of Everett (Buster) Richmond. Brother Brad Tackett performed the service at the Garrett First Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., on Friday December 3, 2004.

In remembrance of Olga, hymns were sung, pictures were shared, beautiful flowers were displayed, and cherished family stories were told.

Family members attended including Lance Richmond, grandson of Olga, and his mother Donna Richmond from Ravenna, Ohio; her sisters Sophie Vanderpool, Kathleen Hofelich, Eveleen Caudill, and a brother Coyet Bolen, their spouses and many nieces and nephews.

The Bolen family wishes to thank the Garrett First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities. If you missed Olga's memorial, would you please say a prayer in her memory.

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**Parent**

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Candy Gillum, 41, of Greenup, is scheduled to be arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest for her behavior at a basketball game between Prestonsburg and Greenup.

The incident followed a foul call within the game that was challenged by Gillum's husband. He was escorted from the game. Gillum, however, allegedly charged onto the court after the game was finished to confront one of the referees.

Officer Brian Welch, who made the arrest, said in his report that

Gillum's behavior caused "alarm to the other people in the gym." Welch also noted that Gillum "stated she was mad at the official and wanted to confront him."

Gillum had two sons who played in the game for Greenup.

Welch responded to the scene where Sgt. George Tussey, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, and Sgt. Steve Little, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, were trying to handcuff Gillum on the floor of the breezeway. Tussey had radioed for assistance and the men managed to subdue Gillum.

**Mother**

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The indictments against the couple allege that Ansel Hall tortured their adopted son by using a horse whip to strike the child on the legs, calf, back, stomach, hip, and both arms; for causing trauma to the child's chest with a cattle prod; and for striking the boy's legs and hips with a wooden paddle.

"Obviously, it's been a real tragedy, what happened to this child," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

"He's in a good place now. He's doing much better. We're happy for him, that he didn't have to

be traumatized to relive everything he lived through in front of the jury. We're happy to see that justice is done."

Taylor said the probation recommendation came about for Georgia Hall because she was a victim of abuse herself and was not primarily involved in the abuse, but permitted it to happen at the hands of her husband, who she was "terrified" of.

Ansel Hall, who is scheduled to be sentenced next month, entered an open plea on the morning of his trial last month. He could receive a maximum of 20 years for the crime.

**Donation**

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recognized this year by the Kentucky Sheriff's Association as "Sheriff of the Year" and that honor was, in part, based on his efforts to keep the ranch afloat.

The ranch, which opened its doors in 1976, has always depended on donations. When Director Stoess took over in 1979, the camp was on the verge of bankruptcy but was kept solvent by the dedication of sheriffs who have been instrumental in raising money for the program.

"It's touch-and-go every year to keep the camp open, but we have persevered with the help of dedicated sheriffs," Stoess said.

Stoess talked about the camp's aims as well, saying, "It's not just a vacation. We have lots of activities like sports and swimming but we also try to instill values

and help build character. We have drug awareness programs and other motivational programs. Our children are aged 8 to 11 and it is a good time to get involved in a young person's life and show them productive ways to meet goals."

Sheriff John K. Blackburn made it a point to thank Pike County Branch Manager April Amburgey.

"She was the first person we talked to about helping us and she really got the ball rolling," Blackburn said.

Blackburn also raises money for the facility by putting out a Floyd County Sheriff's Department Calendar each year, with all of the profits from calendar advertising going to the ranch.

**Miners**

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Morgantown National Supply Inc., of Illinois.

The suit, filed last week, alleges that the companies manufacturing and selling the respirators engaged in "concerted action pursuant to a common scheme or plan to protect their industry by hiding the limitations and defects of their respiratory protection devices from purchasers and users."

Every miner listed in the lawsuits, Jacobe says, suffers from an occupational lung dust disease, pneumoconiosis, otherwise known as black lung, a progressive, irreversible disease that has haunted families in the coal mining mountain region for decades.

Respirators manufactured and sold by the companies had dust filters that were chemically treated and mechanically processed in order to create an electrical charge, Jacobe argues,

pointing out that other methods or circumstances surrounding the use of the respirators could provide ways to dissipate or remove the electrostatic charge and significantly improve the efficiency of the dust filter.

The companies, he says, were aware of research confirming that the products did not sufficiently prevent the user's inhalation of respirable pneumoconiosis-producing particles. He also argues that they encouraged each other not to reveal defects they had discovered in their products. Despite deficiencies, he wrote, they manufactured their products to meet minimal governmental approval standards, but still failed to provide adequate respiratory protection to prevent the diseases they were marketed to prevent.

The miners seek trial by jury, punitive and compensatory damages.

**Officer**

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losses," he said. Police Chief Mike Omerod was also on hand and weighed in on how difficult and expensive it is to protect motorists.

"Many DUI arrests now necessitate a blood test which costs \$39 to administer," Omerod said. "The increased abuse of prescription drugs has demanded that increase."

Kidd said that there is no

secret to spotting drivers who are intoxicated. He doesn't lie in wait in speed traps looking for drivers who weave all over the road. Kidd said that drivers basically announce that they are driving under the influence and often reveal it to him by erratic maneuvers.

"You find most of them when you're not looking for them," Kidd said with a shrug.

**Stabbing**

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Lemaster has been charged with first-degree assault, while Ward faces a charge of fourth-

degree assault. Both men have been lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

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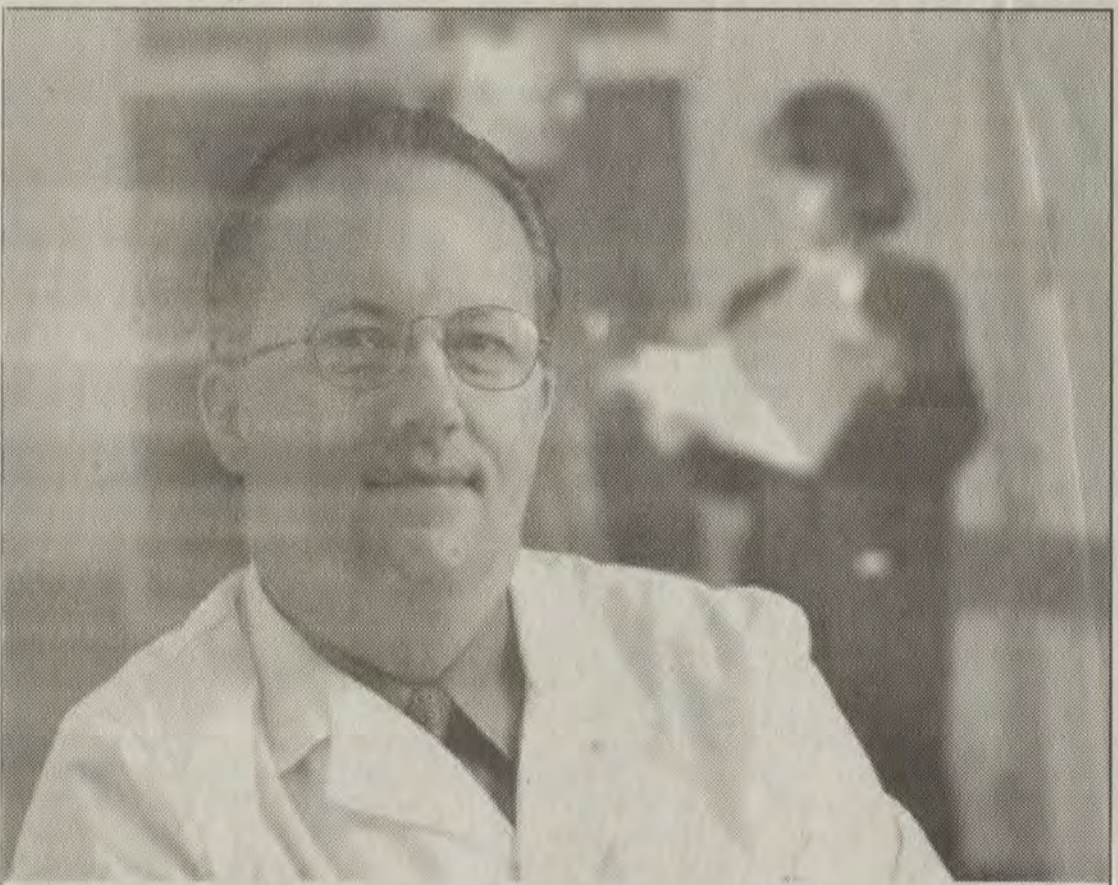
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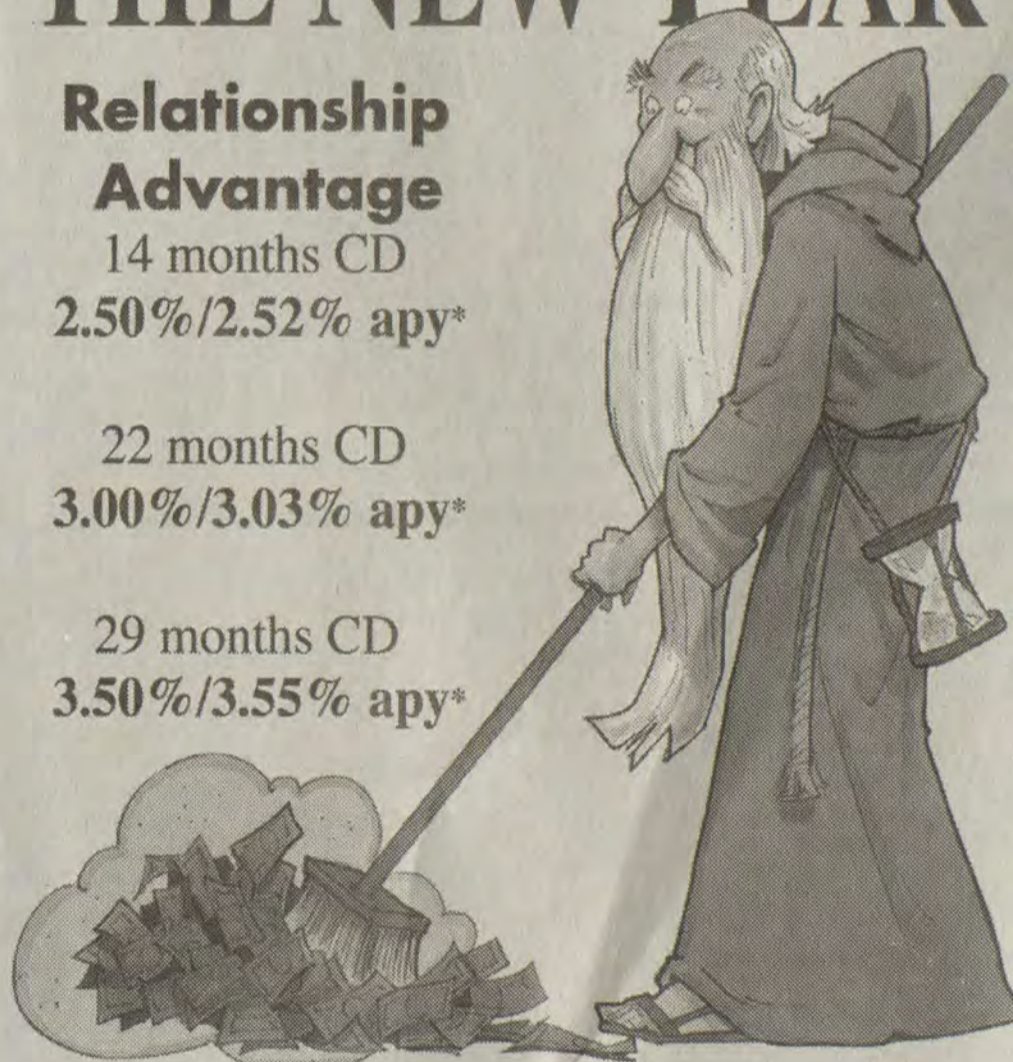
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— Samuel Butler

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

#### The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, on Iraqi elections:

President Bush is holding firm that Iraqi elections must take place at the end of January. It's the best position to take, for now. For all the likely problems with distributing and counting ballots in such a chaotic climate, delaying elections could exacerbate fears the United States isn't committed to removing its troops as soon as possible. Many Iraqi factions, and members of the world community, still have great distrust about U.S. intentions in Iraq. More importantly, the Bush administration realizes the sooner elections are held, the faster it will be able to withdraw troops and let the Iraqis run their own country. ...

Free and safe elections are, of course, the key to success in Iraq. The insurgents are mustering all they can to derail the effort, but the interim Iraqi government must try to move forward. Iraqis are being asked to choose the members of a 275-member assembly that would have the authority to draft a constitution. A referendum on that charter would then be held, followed by another general election by the end of 2005.

For their part, U.S. authorities are ramping up efforts to make sure military vehicles operating in Iraq have the proper armor to protect troops against attacks. And the military also will boost U.S. troop strength in the short term, adding about 12,000 to 138,000 already serving in Iraq.

Those efforts are essential. The United States also has to make a long-term investment by providing better training for Iraqi security forces.

It's still anyone's guess whether the January elections can be carried out in relative safety and whether they could have meaningful results.

But it's clear delaying the vote would be a huge victory for the insurgents who continue to employ hit-and-run tactics against U.S. troops.

That is reason enough to stick with the timetable for now.

#### Chicago Tribune, on the past and future of Russia:

Five years ago Friday, the first democratically elected president of Russia, Boris Yeltsin, stunned his countrymen and the world by resigning. Turning to his handpicked prime minister, Vladimir Putin, Yeltsin gave him the keys to the Kremlin and urged him to "take care of Russia."

Russia, as that new year of 2000 dawned, desperately needed care. ...

For their part, Russians have willingly traded in their unruly 1990s-style freedom for a chance at greater domestic security. Putin's approval ratings remain high.

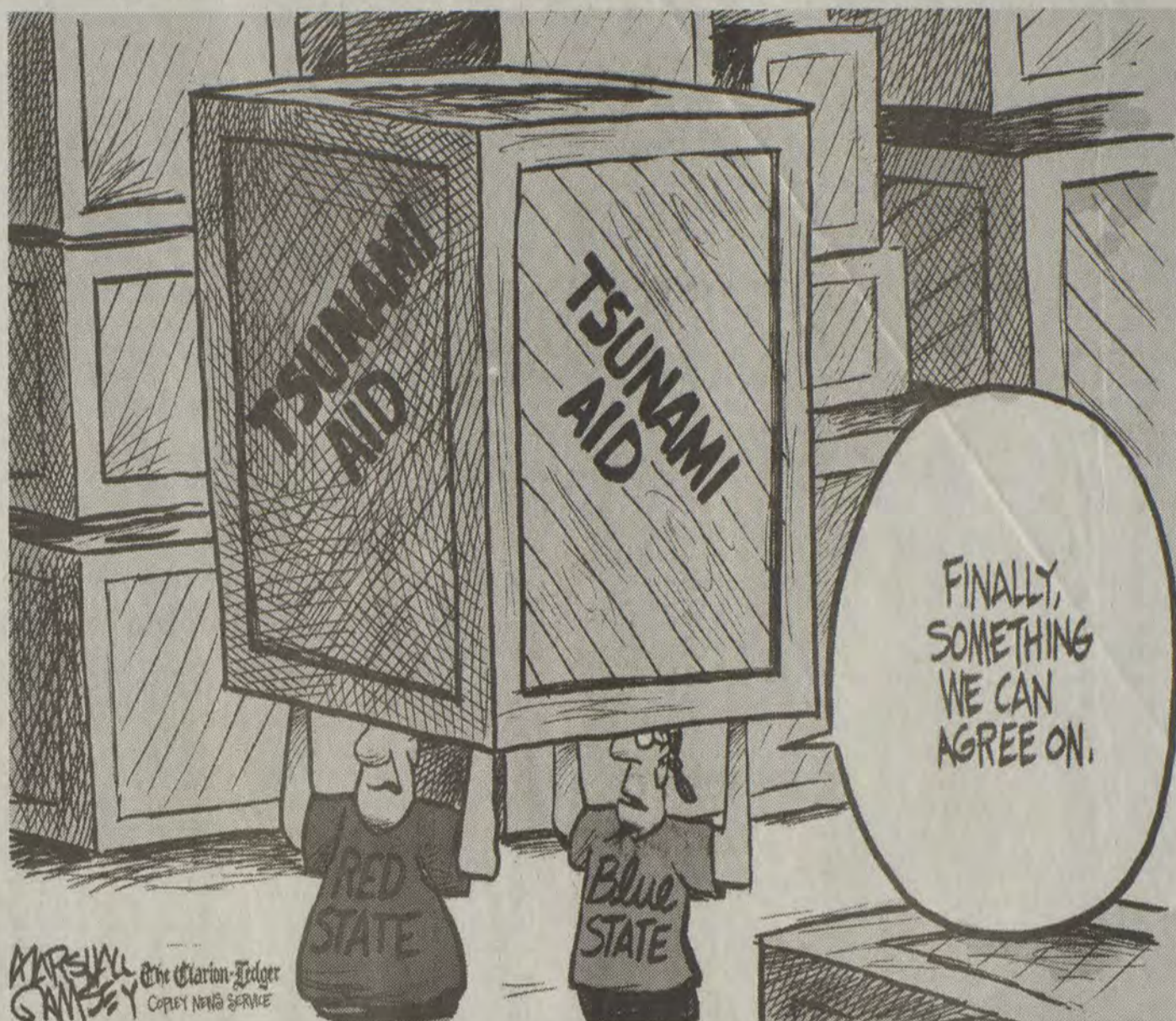
Americans can understand that desire for freedom from terrorism. Though this country has not suffered a repeat of Sept. 11, Russia has been rocked by apartment bombings, blown-up airplanes, suicide bombers and the horrific hostage-siege in Beslan that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of children. ...

It is no great surprise that the Russian people are willing to give Putin a stronger hand. Russians submitted to strong, autocratic leaders through hundreds of years of rule by the czars and 70 years of communism. Putin was steeped in the secretive ways of the Soviet KGB and his anti-democratic tendencies were apparent early on. He promised Russians stability and economic growth — both were in short order five years ago. Shortly after taking over, he issued a statement that hinted at what was to come: "For Russians, a strong state ... is the source and guarantor of order." ...

Fear has trumped hope for Russians. The state is becoming more powerful with the promise that it will make the people more secure. Centuries of Russian history argue that that is a false promise.

Where is Putin taking Russia? Certainly not to the re-creation of the Soviet empire. Many of Russia's former satellites have done well as free nations; they hardly yearn for a return to the past and Russia lacks the military power to insist on it.

But the chances that Russia will develop into a free, prosperous and modern democracy seem to be slipping away.



## Guest Column

### USDA Rural Development: Committed to the future of rural Kentucky

by Kenneth Slone  
STATE DIRECTOR  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2004 was a year of achievement for Kentucky Rural Development, and President Bush is challenging us to do even more in 2005 — to work toward universal broadband access in rural America, to strengthen distance learning, telemedicine, and critical health care in rural communities, and to encourage homeownership and entrepreneurship. The goals are high, and Rural Development has a mandate to lead.

Fortunately, we don't have to start from scratch. Kentucky Rural Development has a record of which we can be proud. In 2004 alone, rural communities in Kentucky gained or saved over 1,000 jobs and enjoyed over \$501,510,000 in new investment in 2004 through Rural Development-supported projects. Thanks to Rural Development loans or grants 2,956 Kentucky families were able to move into new or rehabilitated homes; numerous apartment units were constructed or renovated; 88,322 families were assisted with water and wastewater systems; 63,676 citizens in 17 rural areas benefited from USDA Rural Development's First Responder Initiative and other community facilities funding; and thousands more are being served today by new Rural Development investments in electric or telecommunications projects.

But rural America is a diverse, dynamic, and changing place. As Director of the Kentucky Rural Development program, I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Gilbert Gonzalez, and the other State Directors from around the country to set goals for 2005. The challenges are clear.

Rural America has significant advantages — lower costs of living and a higher quality of life, affordable land for business development and expansion, a high quality workforce, a tradition of grassroots initiative and community involvement. We all recognize, however, that modern communications, transportation, community infrastructure, and access to venture capital are the keys to unlocking this potential. That's where USDA Rural Development comes in.

President Bush has emphasized the importance of universal broadband access for a dynamic and growing economy. Rural Development is one of the key agencies in making this goal a reality. For decades, Rural Development has worked to bring modern electric, water, wastewater treatment, and telephone services to rural communities. Rural broadband access today is like rural electrification in the 1930s and 1940s. It's essential to allowing rural communities to compete, it's a top priority for 2005, and we're going to make it happen.

Similarly, access to critical medical care is a core quality of life issue for current rural residents, a fundamental threshold question for new business development, and a key priority for the Bush administration. Through our targeted support for rural hospitals and our telemedicine and first responder initiatives, Rural

Development is meeting the challenge.

Finally, homeownership and entrepreneurship are at the heart of the President's call for an ownership society. They are also at the heart of Rural Development's historic mission. We will rely on strategic partnerships with other federal, state, and local entities, non-profit organizations, and community lenders to leverage scarce federal dollars into significant new investment in Kentucky rural communities. It may be low interest loans to turn renters into homeowners. It may be a loan or grant to jump start a new rural business and create more jobs. It may be support for new infrastructure needed to attract business investment. It's all part of the Rural Development mission.

The numbers add up fast. Nationally, USDA Rural Development in 2004 provided over \$14 billion in new investment in rural utilities, housing, and business development. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Rural Development has invested over \$50 billion to finance and foster growth in rural America. Over 800,000 jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Kentucky Rural Development will continue that mission in 2005 — creating economic opportunity and improving the quality of life for rural Kentuckians — one homeowner, one small business, one rural community at a time.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

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### Attack on retirement

My future retirement and the retirements of fellow Americans has come under attack by the Bush administration. An all-out attack on

Social Security is being perpetrated by the Bush Administration.

The administration recently announced plans to cut Social Security retiree benefits by close to a third. These cuts are guaranteed cuts, whether you take part in the Bush privatization plan or

not.

For a young adult like myself, who has recently entered the workforce, this amounts to at least a 25 percent cut in my retirement benefits. For my children it guarantees a cut up to 46 percent!

How can we stand by and let President George W. Bush

and the Republican Party cut our retirement benefits? Social Security has helped so many retirees lead a successful post-retirement life. Why isn't the same going to be guaranteed for myself and my children?

Stephen Prater  
Hucyville

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# Half down, half to go: What's new for TV's midseason?

by **FRAZIER MOORE**  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — As in most TV seasons, the networks' 2004 fall feast was served and largely rejected by viewers. Now the networks are hastily laying out the next course.

What's on the menu? "The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Model Search" (8 p.m. Wednesdays on NBC) aims to whet appetites, at least among the male demo.

The new reality show "Wickedly Perfect" (8 p.m. Thursdays on CBS) pits 12 rivals in a battle cooking tasty things, along with waging war in other lifestyles challenges.

But "The Will" (premiering 8 p.m. Saturday on CBS) presents a wealthy, 73-year-old rancher looking to name someone to inherit his large Kansas spread. The pack of 10 friends and family members who compete for the honor — and what a scuzzy and/or silicone-enhanced crowd they are! — could make you lose your appetite.

Fortunately, there are more appealing items on the TV bill of fare.

"Committed," a new romantic sitcom on NBC, pairs a happy-go-lucky young woman (Jennifer Finnigan) with a new boyfriend who's highly phobic (Josh Cooke).

The funny twist for this show (9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 8:30 p.m. Thursdays): These Manhattanites both appear to be quite mad, which makes them made for each other.

Nate, a genius, keeps his demons at bay by being a committed underachiever: He works as a clerk at a Greenwich Village record store.

"Every day I don't exercise my potential is another day I'm cheating destiny," he boasts.

Meanwhile, Marni's subplot came complete with an aged clown (Tom Poston) who resides in a walk-in closet. No problem. "Everyone," she reasons, "has clowns in their closet."

Most everyone also has a little of the devil — but not like Christina Nickson, the winsome teen whose parents are a mortal woman and the devil himself. She's the heroine of a new Fox drama, "Point Pleasant," which, premiering 9 p.m. Jan. 19, might be described as the spawn of "The O.C." and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

An exercise in teen-scream hokum, "Point Pleasant" is named for the small but over-sexed New Jersey seaside town where Christina (Elisabeth Harnois) makes her dramatic arrival and, however inadvertently, proceeds to raise hell.

Looks like there'll be a fight for Christina's soul. But why

not just call it a draw and skip this show?

A better bet from Fox is its slick new action drama "Jonny Zero," premiering 9 p.m. Jan. 14.

Franky G plays an ex-con who, just released from jail, wants to go straight on New York's mean streets. But this former bouncer is torn between the pressures inflicted by his old boss, a corrupt club owner who wants him back in the fold, and by feds demanding that Jonny spy for them.

Meanwhile, Jonny, buff and with a heart of gold, finds himself drawn in to the problems of ordinary people. He just can't resist trying to help. But for his trouble, he often gets himself roughed up: think "The Rockford Files" with a hip-hop beat.

Also featuring an actor named GQ as Jonny's goofy sidekick Random (a white street kid with a P. Diddy complex) "Jonny Zero" is midseason's coolest entry.

Neither cool nor hot is the all-too-aptly named "Medium," an NBC drama that premiered this week and airs 10 p.m. Mondays.

In the starring role of Allison DuBois — a wife, mother and law student — Patricia Arquette is affecting as she tries to cope with her disturbing psychic gifts. But the pilot episode, at

least, was labored by pedestrian writing, and by production devices already overtaxed by other crime-procedural dramas: visions of incidents that happened before; spectral figures visible only to Allison (and the viewer).

In fact, "Medium" is most notable for how it contrasts unfavorably with an upcoming series, CBS' "Numb3rs," which premieres in late January.

Where "Medium" relies on a tormented savant who traffics in instinct, "Numb3rs" relies on an unshakable faith in cool-headed logic.

That is provided by the math-genius brother (David Krumholtz) of FBI agent Don Eppes (Rob Morrow), who uses crime cases as a way to demonstrate how math can explain, and even predict, human misbehavior.

"It's all about numbers," says Charlie confidently, and it usually is, which means the pilot episode clicks along with mathlike precision.

Few would argue that the schedule needed another crime procedural, but "Numb3rs" ventures even further into the brainy detachment that makes Gil Grissom so engrossing on "CSI." With Charlie, crime isn't a problem solved by evidence, it's a numerical puzzle.

As a fascinating drama, "Numb3rs" adds up.

# Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**  
STAFF WRITER

Traditionally the first week of the new year is a slow one for DVD and video releases. This year is no exception with only a few theatrical titles released, though television fans might be pleased with second season editions of three shows.

"Troy" — This is the only big film out this week and is a rather loose adaptation of Homer's "The Iliad." Brad Pitt stars with Peter O'Toole and Eric ("The Hulk") Bana in director Wolfgang Peterson's ("The Perfect Storm") action epic which is a far cry from "Gladiator" but does manage to put together enough action set pieces to keep most viewers interested, though dramatically it's a little light.

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" — The team that brought us "Dude, Where's My

Car" makes up for that film with this high energy, though lowbrow, comedy which tracks two guys on a stoned quest for cheap cats.

"Super Babies: Baby Geniuses 2" — This is the sequel of the week that nobody asked for. The "Look Who's Talking" formula is applied here with mixed results, as genetically engineered babies talk and act like adults, which means that they behave like idiots. Jon Voight is back and picks up a paycheck but seems in a rush to get out and cash it.

"Isola Persona 13" — This is the big surprise this week. It's an eerie chiller from Japan and focuses on a psychic who uses her skills to help others. This series was a big hit in Japan and this installment focuses on helping a young girl who managed to survive a major earthquake but has developed 13 personalities to deal with the tragedy. The

problem is that Isola, personality number 13, is a vengeful ghost and she means to take charge and suppress the other personalities. The challenge quickly becomes saving the girl while eradicating Isola. Great stuff with an abundance of creepy visuals.

## Television

"Millenium: Season 2" — Chris Carter's eerie follow up to "The X-Files" got even better with its second season, when it moved from being a serial killer-of-the-week show to an involving thriller about an evil conspiracy, a la X-Files. Lance Henriksen makes for an intense and tortured hero who sees his family breaking apart as his investigation into the plot deepens.

"CSI Miami: Season 2" — David Caruso and company return for another season of


evidence gathering and melodrama on the Gold Coast.

"Forever Knight: Season 2" — Geraint Wynn Davies returns here as vampire/cop who, unlike David Boreanaz on "Angel," is totally in touch with his dark side and makes for a compelling character who can be all fangs when he wants to.

Next week looks promising with the release of John Sayles' political drama "Silver City" and the stalking drama "Paparazzi."

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## Obituaries

### Ottis Frasure

Ottis Frasure, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at the St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Born March 24, 1938, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Earl and Edith Howell Frasure. He was a disabled coal miner, a member of the Pentecostal Church, and a member of U.M.W.A.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Simpson Frasure.

Other survivors include one son, Keith Frasure of McDowell; one daughter, Shirley Frasure of McDowell; seven brothers: Audi Frasure of Michigan City, Indiana, Roy Frasure, Earl Frasure, Eugene Frasure, Vern Frasure, Roger Frasure, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Danen Frasure of Painsville, Ohio; five sisters: Hollie Patton, Earlean Maple, Freda Frasure, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Betty Hungerford of Interlachen, Florida, Bonnie Stillwell of Painsville, Ohio; three grandchildren: Carrie Mosley Williams, Megan Tackett, Brandi Frasure; and one special great-granddaughter, Matana Williams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, George Frasure.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, Frasure's Creek, McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., on Thursday, at the funeral home.

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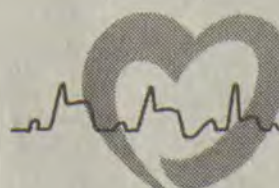
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Margie A. Samons, 50, to Lundy Samons, 40, both of Martin.

Rebecca Moore, 52, of David, to John J. Hancock, 57, of Garrett.

Ollie Louann Carroll Hall, 29, to Bobby Hackworth Jr., 40, both of Martin.

Melissa Stanley, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Dirk Adams, 43, of Pike County.

Kari Maranda Hutchinson, 20, to Terry Ray Hunter, both of Pikeville.

Audie Howell, 59, of Graynor, to Eddie E. Yates, 67, of McDowell.

## Civil Suits Filed

Larry Hamilton vs. Jody Lynn Hamilton; petition for annulment.

Tiffany Miller vs. Robert Miller; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cora Moore vs. James Craft; petition for health care insurance.

Carolyn Click vs. Christopher Click; petition for health care insurance.

Betsy Schoolcraft vs. Kathy Snodgrass; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Betsy Schoolcraft vs. Fred Cotterell; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Teresa Collins vs. Robert Vanhoose; petition for health care insurance.

Charles Wright, executor of the estate of Janice Wright vs. Pam Howard; complaint.

Michael Clouse vs. Margaret Clouse; divorce.

Christine Fultz vs. Paul Fultz; divorce.

Community Trust Bank vs. Larry Allen; complaint.

Green Tree Servicing vs. Dorothy Underwood, unknown spouse, North American

Mortgage Company, Cadle Rock Joint Venture, L.P., and Small Business Administration; complaint.

Origen Financial vs. Larry and Patricia Hunter; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Paula Short vs. James Short; divorce case transferred from Johnson County.

Ima Lowe vs. Norma J. Hamilton and Nationwide Insurance Company; complaint.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. Andrew and Mary L. Ray; complaint.

Brandie Clark vs. Phillip Clark; petition for health care insurance.

Larry Lewis vs. Frasure Creek Mining; complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jackie Dalton and Deborah A. Samons; complaint.

Cubert Spence, Ralph Hall, Donald Martin, James Butler, Wayne Tackett, Larry Shepherd, James Sisco, Benjie Stewart, John Wright, and Palmer Woods vs. Marco Mine Supply Inc., Mine Service Company Inc., Mountain Supply Company, Kentucky Mine Supply Company, Peringer Supply Company, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, American Optical Corporation, Mine Safety Appliances Company and the Morgantown National Supply Inc.; complaint.

Charles Ray Collins vs. Annie Mae Collins; divorce.

Lisa Stockton vs. Robert Stockton; divorce.

Tiffany Prater vs. Justin Hall; complaint.

United Central Industrial Supply Inc. vs. Leprechaun Coal Inc.; complaint.

American Home Assurance Company vs. Edward Osborne; complaint.

Mortgage Electronic Systems vs. Gary E. and Lisa Johnson; complaint.

Citizens National Bank vs.

June Joseph and Floyd County; complaint with notice under the Fair Debt Collections Practice Act.

Bayview Loan Servicing LLC vs. John and Janet Miller, Shaun and Janet Conn and Floyd County; complaint.

Household Bank NA vs. Stella McCown; complaint.

## Small Claims

### Filings

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Randell N. Gortney of Martin; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Tena Shannon, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Melissa Boyd, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Timothy and Leshia Jent, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Donald Smith, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Colby Akers, Betsy Layne; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Wendy Tackett, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Brandi Conn, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Kimberly Lafferty, Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Avolois Crum, Shelbiana; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Arnold Gillespie, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Veronica Dirico, Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Sally Justice, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Lisa Anderson, Tram; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Porty Blevins, Tram; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Karen Burton, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Rhonda Thacker, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Mrs. Cecil Hillard, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Jolena Gussler, Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Steve Hunt, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Dwayne Tackett, Tram; demand for payment.

Johnson County Gas vs. Nancy Webb, Allen; demand for payment.

Johnson County Gas vs. James Jarrell, Auxier; demand for payment.

Big Sandy Check Cashing vs. Angie Campbell, East Point; demand for payment.

Bennie A. Rose vs. Tracy Layne; demand for payment for a car purchase.

## Charges Filed

Bret Short, 42, Prestonsburg; resisting arrest, third-degree criminal trespass.

Gena Derossett, 34, Melvin; third-degree criminal trespass.

Jeffrey Huff, 43, Dema; illegal hunting.

Roger Green, 64, Paintsville; misdemeanor theft.

Carlos Luclecio Garcia, 20, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication.

Candy Gillum, 42, Greenup; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Marty Keith Hamilton, 48, Betsy Layne; auto theft.

Christopher Douglas Moore, 37, Martin; flagrant nonsupport

## Inspections

Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some over-the-counter medication past expiration date, boxed candy not stored six inches from floor, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 91.

Save A Lot, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in coolers, some bread products in back room not stored six inches from floor, restroom doors not self-closing, floor tiles in some disrepair, lights in meat room need shields, mop heads stored on floor. Score: 91.

Doc Reynolds Grocery, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration units, nonfood contact surface in need of cleaning, floors in bad repair, lights lack proper shields throughout facility.

Hometown IGA, Stanville, followup inspection. Violations noted: All critical items corrected. Some non-critical items stand uncorrected. Score: 96.

Betsy Layne High school, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not

in use, single service items should be stored six inches from floor, no accessible toilet paper in employee restroom. Score: 96.

Alpique mOtel, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bathroom wall in room 106 in disrepair, room 101 has no mattress pads, room 101 light fixture detached from ceiling. Score: 92.

## Property Transfers

Dinah Stratton and Danny Stratton to Barbara June Burchett and James H. Trimble, property located in Ivel.

Thoroughbred Development Inc. to Christopher C. Battel and Kara L. Battel, property located at Big Mud Creek.

Lucille May to John J. Vanko, property located at Crestwood Subdivision.

Ray Adkins to Flora Ranea Burke and Joseph W. Burke, property located at Little Mud Creek.

Equity One, Incorporated to Ronald Taylor and Christine Taylor, property located at Branham Creek.

Coy D. Samons and Ann M. Samons to Jonathan O. Morris, property located in Allen.

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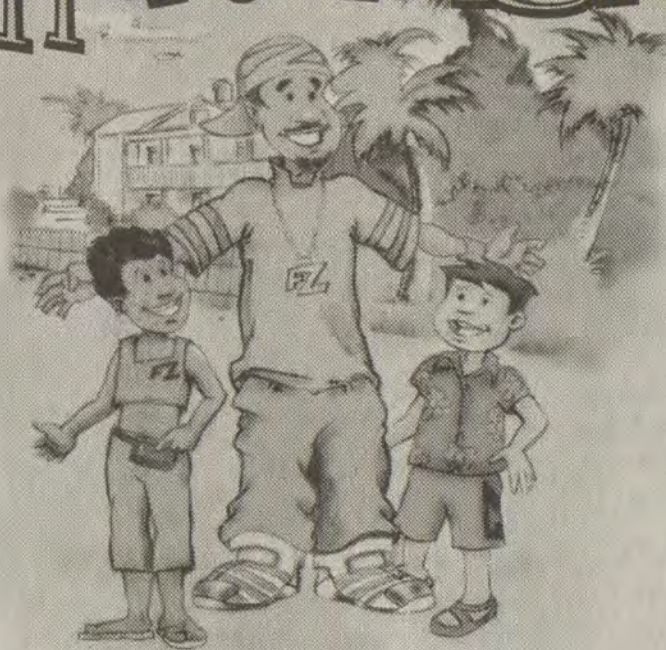
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## NOTEBOOK

### Cats win SEC opener

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes scribbled on my Hall of Fame ballot:

■ The Southeastern Conference season finally began for Big Blue Nation on Wednesday, meaning the (mostly justified) complaints about the schedule can be laid to rest.

Kentucky struggled somewhat before a fairly decisive second half finally put South Carolina away to the tune of 79-75. In winning the game, the Cats did all they need to.

After last week's second-half debacle against Campbell, many of us were wondering if this team had what it took to win in the SEC. At least one of us still is.

My displeasure with the Cats after their meltdown against the Camels wasn't received very well by Bill Watson, who reminded me of something I tell him a few times each basketball season - a month from now it'll just be a win. Nobody will remember if it was a pretty one or not.

Well, that actually isn't the case - it's hard to forget something that ugly - but in the end, the Cats entered league play with nine wins in 10 games, and that's getting it done no matter how you look at it.

Still, anyone who wondered how this team would fair against the better competition of the SEC was justified. Wednesday night we saw that more often than not, they'll still be able to find a way to win.

It wasn't a beautiful display, and isn't one fans will be clamoring to relive during the dog days of summer. Still, it was a win and that's what matters.

One more foray out of the league awaits the Cats on Sunday, as they hook up with Kansas in a game designed to draw your attention away from Wild Card weekend in the NFL.

The Cats and Jayhawks were once fairly friendly rivals until Rick Pitino came to Lexington. He then took a team to Lawrence that had no business going there and tried to press until Roy Williams won by 55 points, and then proceeded to convince a lot of people the beating was the fault of Williams and not his own.

Then, of course, he stopped playing them in the name of playing places more of his recruits came from, which explains why there were very few home games on the schedule.

But I digress. The power of the SEC has been called into question this week, citing only one win in 13 games against ranked opponents. Still, the Vandys and Alabamas of the world will be better competition than the Cats have been fed to this point in the season, something not normally uttered in the Bluegrass.

Only time will tell if the Cats are up to the likes of Mississippi State, but it seems likely they'll more than prepared to handle the lion's share of league competition. And then, of course, the calendar will turn

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Rick Bentley

## Coca-Cola opener no classic for Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - A tough season got a little tougher Tuesday night for the Allen Central Rebels. Allen Central, playing in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central High School, couldn't keep pace in a game against Belfry. The Pirates led 25-18 at halftime and put Allen Central out of the game in the

second half by outscoring the Rebels in each of the final two periods. Belfry (5-2) ran its way to a convincing 68-44 win.

Starting forward Adam Warren done the most offensive damage for Belfry as he scored a game-high 19 points. Matt Maynard followed for the Pirates with 18 points. Exactly half of Maynard's 18 points came on three-point field goals as he connected on three trifectas. Football

standout David Jones added 10 points for the Pirates. Allen Central (1-10) got off to a slow start, but showed signs of playing near even with the Pirates in both the first and second quarters. After a blistering start, Belfry cooled down some and Allen Central battled the Pirates tough through the first period. Belfry led

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
Allen Central Rebel Wilfredo Dominguez worked his way around the Belfry defense.

## RAIDER BALL RETURNS



photo by Jamie Howell  
South Floyd sophomore Ethan Johnson came in off the bench and scored 14 points in the win over Clay County. Johnson also pulled down five rebounds.

## South Floyd boys turn things around in WYMT Classic win over Clay

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - South Floyd has won four of the last five 58th District championships. In that same, five-year timespan, South Floyd also has a regional title and several regular-season tournament championships to its credit. But the last two weeks of December were less than kind to the South Floyd Raiders. In tournaments played in Lexington and Prestonsburg, South Floyd went a combined 1-6. The Raiders went 0-3 in last week's Prestonsburg/Jenny Wiley Invitational. But between Wednesday, Dec. 29 and this past Wednesday, something changed for South Floyd. Something changed for the better. The Raiders began play Wednesday night in the WYMT Classic. Pitted against 13th Region favorite Clay County, South Floyd faced a stiff, uphill battle. But the Raiders were up to the challenge. In one night - Wednesday night - South Floyd

turned its season back around and headed in the right direction, beating Clay County 74-72.

Junior guard Ryan Johnson tossed in 22 points and dished out six assists to lead South Floyd. Burnett Little registered a double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds. Little had eight offensive rebounds and South Floyd won the rebounding battle 29-25.

Ethan Johnson netted 14 points and Mason Hall chipped in eight. Ryan Johnson, Ethan Johnson and Hall all hit a pair of three-pointers apiece. Justin Slone had South Floyd's other three-point field goal.

Ethan Johnson, a sophomore, drained two free throws with just a couple of seconds remaining in the game to seal the South Floyd victory.

The Raiders shot 49 percent from the field, hitting 25 of 51 field goal attempts. South Floyd hit seven three-point field goals and hit 17 of 24 free throw attempts.

The win over Clay County allowed South Floyd to get its season back on the right track.

So, why the sudden successful turnaround?

Barry Hall is back at the helm of the Raider boys' basketball program. After losing three games in the Jenny Wiley tournament, Hall invited former South Floyd head coach Henry Webb to come in and talk with the 2004-05 Raiders.

According to Hall, South Floyd made the most of its practice time leading up to Clay County game.

"We've had some really good practices," said Hall. "Henry (Webb) came up and talked to the boys; he and I both talked to them and told them what we thought about how they had played as of late."

Many of the same Raiders that suit up and play this season played for Webb during the 2003-04 campaign.

The win over Clay County is South Floyd's biggest of the season.

"Our coaching staff is really enthused by the way they played," Hall added. "The kids' attitudes were great. We shot the ball well

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## Commodores conquer P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - Any hopes Prestonsburg had of beating 14th Region opponent Perry Central and getting off to a winning start in this year's WYMT Classic were quickly dashed Wednesday night. Prestonsburg, playing on the road against the host Commodores, fell behind early and never quite recovered. Fresh off a 2-1 performance in the Jenny Wiley Invitational last week, Prestonsburg never could get going against defending 14th Region champ Perry Central. The Dorcs set sail to the win by outscoring Prestonsburg 23-9 in the first quarter. Perry Central owned every quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg in every period and rolling to an 83-47 victory.

Perry Central hadn't played in the Sweet-Sixteen since 2000, but made its way back into the tournament last season and beat Morgan County in a state tournament opener. The Commodores, coached by Al Holland, look poised for a repeat run at the 14th Region title. Wednesday's win over Prestonsburg solidifies Perry Central's case as one of Eastern Kentucky's top boys' basketball teams.

Perry Central (7-5) led Prestonsburg 23-9 through one quarter. The Commodores led 26-27 at halftime and finished strong, outscoring Prestonsburg 20-9 in the fourth quarter.

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Trevor Compton

## Defense key in Lady Bear win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College Lady Bears got a pair of double-doubles and turned up the defensive heat to roll past U.Va.-Wise 65-46 Tuesday night.

The win was the fifth in a row for the Lady Bears, dating back to their Dec. 12 loss at Morehead State, raising their record to 10-6. Pikeville will try to match last year's win total on Thursday night when it travels to Midway College.



Selena Williams

Pikeville shot only 43.5 percent for the game but hit half their 32 second-half shots, and its defense pressure forced the Lady Cavs into only 25 percent shooting after intermission. Wise was miserable from the arc as well, hitting only two of its 20 second-half three-point tries.

Combine that with 28 turnovers, and the Lady Cavs were well on their way to their third straight loss.

Senior forward Selena Williams had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Lady Bears, and also finished with three assists and two steals. Sophomore guard Jessica Lovell tossed in 10 markers and handed out 11 assists, and picked up five steals for good measure.

Freshman center Kellie Jo Moore put up steady numbers across the board - 13

points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocks in 27 minutes of play.

Sophomore guard Tonya Amburgey hit two of her three from the arc to toss in 10 and pick up three of Pikeville's 19 steals.

Sophomore Chelsea Lee led U.Va.-Wise with 15 points and handed out five assists. Sophomore Sarah Helton finished with 13 and pulled down nine rebounds for the Lady Cavs, who won the rebounding battle 43-40.



Jessica Lovell

## Parker joins UK staff as graduate assistant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

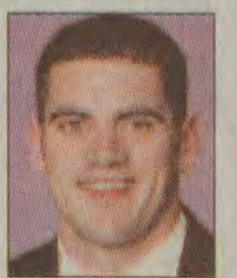
LEXINGTON - Gerad Parker, a Kentucky wide receiver the last five seasons, will stay with the UK football team as a graduate assistant with the coaching staff. Coach Rich Brooks has announced Parker will work with the Wildcat defensive staff and help Steve Brown coach the defensive backs.

"It's great to have a young man like Gerad joining our staff," said Brooks. "He was voted Most Inspirational Player by his teammates (following the 2004 season), so he has the respect of the players.

His experience in the passing game will help him in assisting Coach Brown with the secondary. Adding another former Kentucky player to our staff will make us stronger."

Parker played for UK from 2000-04. He had his best season as a senior

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Gerad Parker

### Bentley

to March, it'll once again be time for Tubby Smith to weave his magic.

■ One man's final Top Five: USC, Utah, Auburn, Oklahoma and Louisville.

■ Oh, I suppose I should explain. The pollsters are clearly not happy with the Utes crashing the BSC party and have kept them out of the national top fives, but prior to USC's smackdown of Oklahoma on Tuesday they'd been the only team that looked excited about playing.

And Louisville's win over Boise State was just fun to watch.

■ I suppose it was only a matter of time before Ryne Sandberg was voted into Cooperstown, but I don't expect to be amongst those cheering

him on at his induction.

In my career as a sports-writer, I've met many a pseudo-celebrity, and have walked away with only one bad impression. Surprisingly, it wasn't Pitino, who treated me with respect every time we met.

No, it happened Labor Day weekend 1989 in Atlanta, when the Braves were hopelessly out of the race and entertaining the Cubs. I'd just finished a nice interview with Greg Maddux, still in his first go-around with Harry Caray's favorite team, when I saw the other Cub superstar making his way out of the clubhouse.

I stepped out of the circle that included Maddux, Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams and Jimmy Raines, and as politely as I could mentioned to him that I was in

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town for the weekend and would he mind allowing me a couple of minutes at some point.

He didn't even bother to look at me. "No," he barked, and stormed off onto the field.

Sorry, but I haven't been a Ryne Sandberg since and don't expect to change my mind anytime soon.

I've had people tell me he could have been having a rough day, having a round with his wife or whatever, and that's possible. But the jerk could have at least been polite.

Even Williams, with his questionable rep already firmly in place, was entertaining that day.

■ A guy like Sandberg gets in the Hall and once again Dale Murphy doesn't get a sniff of Cooperstown.

That's our world today.

### WYMT

and hit our free throws; everyone played hard."

South Floyd was a hot-shooting team, especially in the first

half, hitting 56 percent from the field and 63 percent from behind the three-point line.

Steven Stanley flipped in

five points for the Raiders. Slone and Wes Hall each had three points apiece. Ryan Little rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

Clay County's scoring wasn't nearly as balanced.

Rodney Mitchell led Clay County with 22 points. Robert Smith flipped in 20 points and William Jones added 16.

South Floyd's 5-8 record is deceiving. The Raiders faced stout competition early in the season, losing to John Hardin, Bryan Station and Lincoln County in the Bryan Station tournament.

"We knew with our schedule that we were going to have some losses," Hall admitted.

In another WYMT Classic opener, Perry Central pounded Prestonsburg, setting up a game tonight between the Raiders and the host Commodores.

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### Classic

13-7 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Allen Central battled back even closer before settling for being down seven points at halftime.

Allen Central scored the first field goal of the second half early on in the third quarter to cut the Belfry lead down to a 25-20 advantage. But the Rebels could get no closer. Belfry quickly worked its way out to a double-digit lead and went on to post the impressive win.

Belfry, coached by first-year head coach Randy Casey, hit four three-pointers, three of which Warren drained in the explosive third quarter.

Doug Howard added seven points for the Pirates and Jordan Curry, playing in off the bench and in a reserve roll, added five. Brandon Runyon scored four points and Dustin May netted three. Starting guard Bruce Young rounded out the Belfry scoring with two

points.

Starting center Tim Griffith led Allen Central in scoring with 16 points. Ryan Hammonds added seven points for the Rebels, while Josh Martin scored six. Ryan Collins had five points and Josh Prater and Nathan Collins each had four. Wilfredo Dominguez added two points and rounded out the Rebel scoring.

Allen Central was back in action last night in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic against 15th Region frontrunner Shelby Valley. Results from the Allen Central-Shelby Valley game were unavailable at press time.

Pike Co. Central 60, Jenkins 32: In the opening game of the Coca-Cola Classic Tuesday night, tournament host Pike County Central rolled over Jenkins. The Hawks more than doubled up Jenkins in the first

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quarter, leading 13-6 at the end of the initial period. Pike Central led 27-12 at halftime and 38-23 at the end of the third quarter. The Hawks held Jenkins to less than 10 points in three of the four quarters.

Brad Lowe led Pike Central in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Anthony Gibson flipped in 12 points for the Hawks.

In Coca-Cola Classic games played Wednesday night, Pike Central and Pikeville each posted wins. Pike Central beat Cordia 73-37 and Pikeville held on to defeat Jenkins 53-48.

In Pike Central's win over Cordia, Gibson led all scorers with a game-high 17 points. Chase Snodgrass aided the Pike Central attack with 10 points.

Jacob Sword scored 13 points and Robert Shurtleff netted 12 in Pikeville's win over Jenkins.

### Parker

when he caught 15 passes for 168 yards. A member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll, he has completed his bachelor's degree in secondary education and is working on a master's in teaching.

"I'm excited about the chance to continue helping Kentucky football get to where we want it to be," said Parker. "This is really special - growing up watching Kentucky football, playing here, and now getting to coach here."

Parker, a Louisa native, finished his career at Lawrence County High School as the state's all-time leader in pass receptions and receiving yardage. He remains first in state history in receiving yards and is second all-time in receptions.

### P'burg

Senior forward Derrick Bowling led Perry Central in scoring with a game-high 28 points. Daniel Combs, voted the 14th Region's top player heading into the current season, added 15 points. Chris Chaney added 10 points, giving Perry Central three players in double figures.

Trevor Compton's 11 points was the highest individual scoring total for Prestonsburg. Joe Blackburn tossed in nine points for the Blackcats and Sean Leslie added seven.

Ten different Blackcats scored with seven players scoring five points or less.

The 47-point effort is Prestonsburg's lowest of the season.

Coming out of the intermission period, Prestonsburg's top priority became getting back into the contest. However, Perry Central had other intentions and outscored the Blackcats 17-11.

Prestonsburg (5-4) was back in action in the tournament last night, taking on Clay County. A team out of the 13th Region, Clay County dropped a close contest to South Floyd in the opening round of the WYMT tourney. Results from the Prestonsburg-South Floyd

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game were unavailable at press time.

### WYMT Classic At Perry Central

PRESTONSBURG - McGuire 1, M. Stephens 3, Chaffin 2, Barnett 2, Compton 11, Morrison 1, Blackburn 9, Leslie 7, J.M. Stephens 3, Ousley 5.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL - Combs 15, Bowling 28, Chaney 10, Kelly 4, Shepherd 2, Allen 7, Brashear 6, Campbell 8, Willis 3.

# ATHLETES

## OF THE WEEK



Kristal Daniels, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball



Ethan Johnson, South Floyd High School Boys' Basketball

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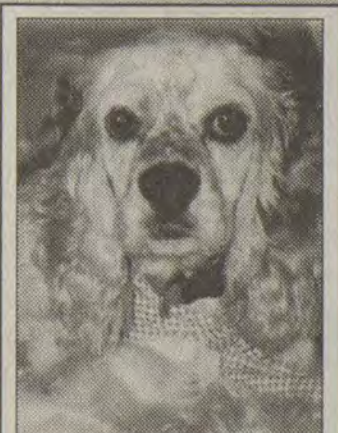
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# Winter baseball camps a smashing success

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky baseball coaches hosted nearly 600 campers over the winter break in four different instructional camps.

The Wildcat Winter Baseball School from Dec. 20-21 got everything started and was avail-

able for youth ages 6-14. Young players received instruction from the Kentucky coaching staff as well as Wildcat players.

Following Christmas, Kentucky hosted three one-day camps from Dec. 27-29 for high school players. The first day concentrated defensive and catching skills while the second day

focused on hitting. The camps concluded with the Wildcat Winter Showcase Camp.

Each of the camps took place in the Nutter Fieldhouse located adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium.

The Kentucky baseball program will offer camps again this summer. Dates have yet to be announced.

# Abdullah, Abren honored by CollegeSportsReport.com

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The future of University of Kentucky football looks bright. At least the post-season accolades would indicate that it looks that way.

Kentucky junior safety Muhammad Abdullah and freshman nose tackle Ricky Abren have received All-America awards from CollegeSportsReport.com.

Abdullah was named second-team Junior All-America for players in the nation's junior class and Abren was named third-team Freshman All-America.

Abdullah, a Folkston, Ga. native, started at free safety during the first eight games of the season, then moved to strong safety for the final three games.

He ranked third in the Southeastern Conference in turnovers created with five, including three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. He picked off passes against Florida, South Carolina, and Mississippi State while recovering fumbles against Georgia and Ohio.

Abdullah was named UK's Most Valuable Player for 2004 in a vote by the Wildcat players. He finished the season with 58 tackles, second on the team in that category. He had a season-high 10 stops in the win over Vanderbilt, including a pair of quarterback sacks.

Additional honors for Abdullah the last two seasons include second-team All-SEC in 2003 by SEC Coaches; second-team All-SEC in 2004 by The Associated Press and SEC Coaches; and sec-

ond-team Sophomore All-America laurels in 2003 by CollegeSportsReport.com.

Abren, a redshirt freshman from Hopkinsville, played in all 11 games in 2004 and earned seven starting assignments. He collected 26 tackles, led the team in quarterback hurries with five and tied for the team lead in fumbles caused with two. His top game came vs. Ohio when he had six tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks. He tallied his first collegiate touchdown in the Tennessee game when he caught a tipped pass and returned it for a score.

Abren also was named second-team Freshman All-America by Rivals.com and Freshman All-SEC by The Sporting News.

# USC No. 1 from start to finish in AP poll

by RALPH D. RUSSO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Southern California joined some elite company with its latest AP national title.

The Trojans became just the second team to go No. 1 wire-to-wire in The Associated Press Top 25, and the 10th team to repeat as national champs.

Following a resounding 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, USC received all but three first-place votes early Wednesday to easily outdistance Auburn.

The Trojans (13-0) are the first back-to-back AP champs since Nebraska in 1994-95.

"I know right now I'm in the middle of something special," USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday morning after receiving both the AP and Bowl Championship series national title trophies.

"We are now unanimously No. 1," Orange Bowl MVP Matt Leinart said right after the game.

Not quite, but good enough.

USC received 62 first-place votes and 1,622 points. Auburn

got the other first-place votes and 1,559 points.

The Sooners (12-1) finished third, ahead of unbeaten Utah (12-0) and Texas (11-1).

Auburn (13-0) finished its perfect season Monday night with a 16-13 victory over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

Tigers coach Tommy Tuberville and his team practically pleaded with poll voters to give his team a championship, but to no avail.

"Anybody who thought that last night was a championship game, I beg to differ," Tuberville said Wednesday morning. "I'm disappointed that with the type of team we had, as balanced as we were, we did not get a chance to play in that game."

The Trojans' 36-point rout was the third-largest margin in a matchup between No. 1 and No. 2 teams.

USC joined Florida State in 1999 as the only teams to be No. 1 from start to finish since the AP started a preseason poll in 1950. The Trojans are also the 10th preseason No. 1 to win the national championship.

The Trojans' fifth AP title

tied them with Miami for the fourth most.

Notre Dame leads with eight national titles, followed by Oklahoma with seven and Alabama with six.

And if the Trojans start next season No. 1 — a good possibility even if Leinart skips his senior season for the NFL draft — they will match Miami's record of 19 straight polls as No. 1.

No team has ever won three straight AP titles, but USC could enter next season as the favorite to do just that.

Louisville was No. 6, followed by Georgia, Iowa, California and Virginia Tech.

Miami was 11th, and for the first time since 1982, no team from Florida ended the season ranked among the nation's top five.

Florida State (9-3) finished ranked 15th and Florida (7-5) ended the season unranked.

Boise State's first loss of the season to Louisville in the Liberty Bowl dropped the Broncos two spots to No. 12.

Navy made it into the rankings for the first time since 1979 at No. 24. Fresno State also joined the poll at 22.

# Without a doubt: USC dismantles Oklahoma in win

by STEVEN WINE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — By the fourth quarter, the big stadium was half-empty and the college football season was ending with a dud. That hardly mattered to Matt Leinart and the Southern California Trojans.

USC versus Oklahoma was touted as a potential classic, but Leinart turned it into a rout instead. The Heisman Trophy winner threw a record five touchdown passes to help the Trojans claim the national championship with a 55-19 victory in the Orange Bowl.

Ranked No. 1 since preseason, the Trojans (13-0) won their second successive Associated Press title and claimed their first BCS championship.

"To culminate all of that with a night where everything goes right for you is wonderful," USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday morning after being presented with the AP and Bowl Championship series trophies. "I don't know how you express what it feels like."

The Trojans celebrated until dawn at their team hotel.

"It was Mardi Gras over at the Diplomat," Carroll said. "I challenged them not to go to sleep last night. I was there with them."

Oklahoma (12-1), ranked No. 2 all season, lost in the BCS title game for the second year in a row and slipped to third in the final poll behind Auburn, left out of the Orange Bowl despite a 13-0 record.

"I think we proved tonight that we are the No. 1 team in the country — without a doubt," Leinart said.

The Tigers could hardly have done worse against USC than the Sooners, who endured the worst drubbing in their proud bowl history.

"We just got whipped," coach Bob Stoops said. "You really soul search as a coach how this could happen."

It happened in part because the Sooners committed five turnovers, and also because they couldn't stop Leinart.

He broke the Orange Bowl record of four touchdown passes, throwing three to Steve Smith and one each to Dwayne Jarrett and 260-pound Dominique Byrd.

Leinart finished 18-for-35 for 332 yards.

"When he's on fire, there's nothing the defense can do but sit back and pray," teammate Reggie Bush said.

LenDale White rushed for 118 yards and two scores for the Trojans, who rang up 28 points in barely 10 minutes en route to a 38-10 halftime lead.

USC totaled 525 yards against an Oklahoma defense that allowed no touchdowns in its final three regular-season games. And the Trojans' defense limited Heisman runner-up Adrian Peterson to

82 yards on 25 carries.

"I feel sorry for the crowd," Bush said. "People paid hundreds or thousands of dollars for tickets and didn't see much of a game."

While No. 1 versus No. 2 produced little drama, it did stir speculation about next season — and the possibility of the Trojans becoming the first team to claim three consecutive AP titles. They've won 22 games in a row and are expected to return many Orange Bowl stars, including Bush, White and Smith — all sophomores — and freshman Jarrett. Only four seniors start on defense.

And Leinart? The junior must decide whether to go for the NFL or another Heisman.

"I can't answer right now," he said. "But it's going to take a lot for me to leave."

In the first matchup of Heisman winners, Leinart had the upper hand against Jason White. Leinart threw four touchdown passes in the first half, including three consecutive completions covering 54, 5 and 33 yards.

"He won the Heisman Trophy, so we knew he was good coming in," Oklahoma cornerback Marcus Walker said. "But I didn't know he was that accurate."

The left-hander looked nothing like an overrated quarterback for an average offense, as Sooners defensive end Larry Birdine had described him.

"I did a little chatting during the game with him," Leinart said.

Leinart had plenty of help. Byrd scored on a twisting one-handed grab, and one of Smith's TD catches came as he fell at the back of the end zone.

White, meanwhile, threw two interceptions, but the Sooners' most costly turnover came on a punt return. The kick was about to roll dead near the goal line when Mark Bradley, surrounded by Trojans, scooped up the ball and immediately fumbled.

Fourth-string safety Josh Pinkard recovered at the 6, and White scored on the next play to put USC ahead for good 14-7.

"That was just a bonehead play," Bradley said. "I don't know what I was thinking."

The Trojans didn't need that kind of help. They converted Oklahoma's turnovers into 31 points.

"You have to be responsible with the football," Stoops said, "and we weren't."

USC became the first team to repeat as AP national champions since Nebraska in 1994-95 and joined Florida State in 1999 as the only teams to go wire-to-wire — from preseason to post bowls — as No. 1.

"We're definitely on our way to qualifying as a dynasty," Bush said.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL AP TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (62)	13-0	1,622	1
2. Auburn (3)	13-0	1,559	3
3. Oklahoma	12-1	1,454	2
4. Utah	12-0	1,438	5
5. Texas	11-1	1,391	6
6. Louisville	11-1	1,261	7
7. Georgia	10-2	1,204	8
8. Iowa	10-2	1,111	11
9. California	10-2	1,060	4
10. Virginia Tech	10-3	996	9
11. Miami	9-3	917	14
12. Boise St.	11-1	888	10
13. Tennessee	10-3	868	15
14. Michigan	9-3	842	13
15. Florida St.	9-3	754	17
16. LSU	9-3	711	12
17. Wisconsin	9-3	482	16
18. Texas Tech	8-4	476	23
19. Arizona St.	9-3	463	21
20. Ohio St.	8-4	423	24
21. Boston College	9-3	314	25
22. Fresno St.	9-3	203	-
23. Virginia	8-4	157	18
24. Navy	10-2	126	-
25. Pittsburgh	8-4	99	19

**Others receiving votes:** Florida 85, Bowling Green 74, Texas A&M 29, N. Illinois 27, West Virginia 26, Oregon St. 17, Colorado 13, Connecticut 11, Purdue 10, Georgia Tech 6, Minnesota 6, Southern Miss. 1, UTEP 1.

# Louisville running back to enter NFL draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville running back Eric Shelton said Wednesday he will skip his senior year to enter the NFL draft.

Shelton, a 6-foot-3, 248-pounder from Lexington, rushed for 938 yards on 146 carries, a 6.4-yard average, this season and tied a school record with 20 rushing touchdowns.

He split time with a stable of other talented backs for No. 6 Louisville, which led the nation in scoring and yards per game during the season. The Cardinals (11-1) also set a school record with 3,005 yards rushing this season.

"After getting word back from the NFL and the success I had on the field, I decided that this was a great time to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing in the NFL," Shelton said.

Shelton is leaving early with the blessing of Louisville coach Bobby Petrino.

"I know he'll be successful in the NFL, and I wish him all the luck in the world," said Petrino, a former assistant with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Shelton's highlights this season included rushing for 158 yards in Louisville's 70-7 win over Cincinnati. He tied a school record with five touchdowns against East Carolina.

Shelton transferred to Louisville from Florida State following the 2001 season.

In his first season with the Cardinals, Shelton rushed for 790 yards and 10 touchdowns while being limited to 10 games due to an injury.

The Cardinals will return four players at running back\_sophomores Michael Bush and Kolby Smith, red-shirt freshman Reggie Bradshaw and freshman George Stripling.



Eric Shelton

# Clemson cornerback will enter NFL draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson cornerback Justin Miller announced Wednesday that he will forego his senior year and enter the NFL spring draft.

Miller, a native of Owensboro, is a three-year starter and the Atlantic Coast Conference's career leader in kickoff return average.

"I will miss Clemson, this was a tough decision," Miller said in a release issued by the university. "But, after taking a long look at my options professionally, I feel it is the time to enter the NFL draft."

"I have not made a quick decision. I did not make a final decision until this week."

Miller played in all 37

games during his three years at Clemson. He started in the secondary in all but the first six games. This season, he returned three kicks for touchdowns, including a kickoff return against Florida State and a punt return against Wake Forest.

"I wish Justin all the best," Clemson Head Coach Tommy Bowden said. "He went about this decision process in an organized, professional manner. He and his mother sought advice from the right people, and communicated with us every step of the way."

"He made a great contribution to our program as a defensive back and as the best kick returner I have ever coached. Some of his records will be hard to break."

# KHSAA meeting slated for next week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The annual Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Delegate Assembly Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Hyatt Regency's Patterson Ballroom in Lexington. A total of 20 proposals will be voted upon by the membership. A proposal must have a two-thirds vote for approval. Once voted upon by the membership, proposals are presented to the KHSAA Board of Control and then forwarded onto the Kentucky Board of Education for review prior to implementation.

Delegates will participate in break out sessions during the morning. An open forum discussion session on the proposals is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. (ET) until 12:15 p.m. (ET). Voting on the proposals is

scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. (ET).

Proposals are posted on the KHSAA website. Click the "Annual Delegate Assembly" link to review the items.

http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/20042005/annualmeetingproposals2005.pdf

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will conduct its January meeting next Friday, Jan. 14 at the Association office in Lexington. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

**KHSAA CALENDAR**  
Wed., Jan. 12 — KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conference — "The Stadium", Lexington  
Thurs., Jan. 13 — KHSAA Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting — Hyatt Regency, Lexington  
Fri., Jan. 14 — KHSAA Board of Control Meeting — KHSAA Office, Lexington  
Fri., Feb. 4 — Draw Show for 2005 State Basketball Tournaments  
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 18-19 — State Swimming & Diving Meet — UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington  
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26 — State Wrestling Championships — Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort  
Tues., March 15 — Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet — Lexington Center, Lexington  
Wed.-Sat., March 16-19 — National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament — Rupp Arena, Lexington  
Wed.-Sat., March 23-26 — Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament — WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Looking back and forward

The funniest things can end up giving me inspiration for this column. This week, I am sad to say, I have found myself stressing a little too much. After an influx of story ideas and local holiday events, once the new year settled in, I found myself in that all too familiar scramble that we newspaper folk often experience as I searched my empty coffers for feature stories for this section.

A couple of things are on the horizon. For instance, Old Christmas at the Samuel May House will take place this Sunday afternoon, from 2-4:30 p.m. Any May House event is usually a pretty good place for some eye-catching photos and a few interesting quotes. I also have an interview with a local poetess this very afternoon, so her story is also on its way into our pages. But, as I said, these things are in the making, and I had to find myself a story for today's paper. With no prospects in sight, I clicked the "send and receive" button on my



Kathy Prater  
 Lifestyles editor

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### POSTSCRIPT

## The cat's paw & other musings

There I was on the first day of the new year, scrunched lazily into my big chair, watching the British comedies on West Virginia Public TV. (If it's true that what you do on the first day of the year, you'll do the rest of the year, then I hope I can continue to have my spirits lifted by the Britcoms.)

Anyway, there I was, comfortable and purring in my own way, as the cat lay on my chest. That's one of her favorite resting places, almost as popular as my hip when I'm in bed asleep.

As is my habit when I'm comfy, I leaned my head back in a mammoth-sized yawn. But this time I got a surprise.

At the apex of the yawn, the cat, demonstrating her innate curiosity, stuck her paw in my mouth.

When I got over the shock, I

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# It's time for America's cookies!

Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition - one that has been continued since the 1920s. With funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies, girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

By supporting the Girl

Scout Cookie sale, you are doing much more than simply buying a box of cookies. "The Girl Scout cookie sale means much more to the girls than just selling cookies..." said Wendy Henry, communications manager, Wilderness Road Council. "The girls are involved in every aspect of the

sale - from planning, to selling, to deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills."

Girl Scouting has always encouraged goal setting, and career exploration through its many events and initiatives. In fact, many of today's business-

women say that selling Girl Scout cookies was an important first step towards successful careers. Today, as competition in the workforce increases, the Girl Scouts underscore the need for girls to have business and financial skills. After nine decades, selling Girl Scout cookies still proves to be an

excellent primer.

Over two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in the local area. The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council bud-

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The artist,  
 Gretchen M. Smith

Freedom at Last, a painting by Gretchen M. Smith.

## 'SERVING GOD THROUGH THE ARTS' An exhibit at the Mountain Arts Center by Artist and Missionary Gretchen M. Smith

Unique art exhibit on display at the MAC by artist with local ties, recently displaced by four hurricanes in Florida

Gretchen M. Smith is virtually a NEW resident of the state of Kentucky. She migrated north to Kentucky after four devastating hurricanes ripped her business and her home apart in Florida, leaving little to show for many years of work and art she had done there and in foreign countries. Smith has ties to eastern Kentucky - her great-grandfather is Ernest Neal, of Paintsville.

Gretchen is excited to share her latest series of work entitled "Serving God Through the Arts," with the community. Ms. Smith has been a Christian Visual Artist for nearly 10 years and has produced over 400 pieces of art during that time. She has exhibited her pieces

in the US, Africa, Middle East, and also in the Caribbean. She has participated in more than 10 long-term mission trips here in the United States and abroad.

Ms. Smith has been a guest lecturer at Advent Fine Art Gallery, Diamond Community School, Community Christian School, and Mount Dora Center for the Arts and The Henagar Center for the Performing Arts, and more. She has sold more than 200 works which are now on display in embassies, palaces of princes in the middle east, prestigious churches in the US as well as orphanages, schools, not-for-profit agencies, government facilities, and private homes. Gretchen believes that all people can come to a deeper understanding of God through her work and so continues to exhibit at any opportunity as a demonstration of her obedience and willingness to serve."

Artist Mission Statement by Gretchen Smith, November 2004

There are no lengthy descriptions next to my paintings for a reason. Each painting has a voice of its' own. God can communicate through anything, including art, and it is not a mistake that you are viewing this artwork today. There is a specific message in it that is just for you to discover.

If I could ask one thing of you it would be for you to take the time to contemplate my art and ask what message God has for you. After you have viewed the work you might enjoy reading my interpretation of what God gave me by looking at the detailed descriptions in the catalogue.

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### THINGS TO PONDER

## Individual's Rights

As has been discussed over the eons, many individuals use the beginning of the New Year to turn over a new leaf to redeem faulty habits. A "guess" is that most folks think about making changes physically and not psychologically. No matter how unhappy and/or disappointed they might be with themselves about various aspects of their live, they are not likely to want to set goals to adapt their emotional status. Based on my clinical observations, it seems a lot of people need to examine and adjust their attitude regard-

ing their individual "rights." It is not unusual for individuals to experience intense emotional distress, without realizing they are doing so because they allowed their psychological rights to be decreased or totally taken away. It is as though they do not consider themselves valuable enough to have the right to a reasonable way of life. How would you rate yourself in regards to maintaining your individual rights?

Frequently, a person gradually relinquishes her psychological rights, by trying to keep everyone happy. For example, there is Dora, who seems to always be thinking about how she can solve others' problems. She wants to rescue those she cares for and loves by attempting to give them what they want, no matter how unrea-

sonable it might be. Does it matter that she works overtime to buy a 16-year-old son a truck and he does not show concern for her efforts? As expected, Dora is likely to become very frustrated in her attempts, because she will never be able to be successful, no matter how much effort she puts into it. After all, everyone has to be responsible for his or her own happiness.

Dora's efforts to keep everyone happy also disturb her adult relationships. She gives up her right to be an equal partner in a relationship, when she allows herself to be controlled by the other person in hopes she can help keep the person happy. It is not unusual for individuals trying to "fix everything for everybody" to have been victimized in the past. They are prone to perceive themselves as not having any

other alternatives/choices except for what how they are doing things presently. Typically, the person, "in charge of keeping the world even," does not anticipate having personal rights or doing what is needed for themselves. These individuals are prone to experience a wide assortment of negative feelings, such as depression, anxiety, anger, being defeated, irritable, worthless, and hopeless with low levels of self-confidence, self-worth, and self-esteem. Often Dora has tended to allow others to be abusive toward her - possibly physically, verbally, sexually, and/or emotionally. Do you ever feel this way or know people who behave in this manner?

Individuals like Dora need to learn that

(See PONDER, page eight)



Mable Rowe Lineberger,  
 Ph.D.





# Family Medicine

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



## Low sperm count requires evaluation by specialist

**Q**uestion: My husband and I have been trying to conceive. We've been having trouble so we went to the doctor. After several tests, we were told that the problem is due to his low sperm count. Can you tell me more about male fertility problems?

**A**nswer: Infertility affects about 15 percent of all couples trying to conceive. According to the National Health Information Center, a couple is considered infertile if they cannot conceive after a full year of regular, unprotected sex. About one-third of all cases are caused by male factors. An equal number are caused by factors in the female.

In the remaining cases, the cause is unknown or is due to problems with both partners.

Since your question deals with male infertility, I will focus on that topic. Men can be infertile if they produce too few sperm cells, sperm cells of poor quality, or have retrograde ejaculation, where some of the seminal fluid is pushed back into the bladder.

You mentioned that your husband was diagnosed with a low sperm count, so let's look more closely at that issue. There are several physical factors that can lead to a low sperm count in men. A condition where the valves within the veins along the spermatic cord don't work properly — called varicocele — is a common cause, as is an undescend-

ed testicle. Infection from a sexually transmitted disease can also cause decreased sperm production. Likewise, underdeveloped testicles can fail to produce enough semen.

Social or environmental factors can contribute to this problem as well. Exposure to excessive heat can decrease sperm production. The testicles, where sperm is produced, are external to the body because the normal body temperature is too high for optimal testicular function. Heat

exposure, such as in a hot tub or sauna, can decrease sperm production. Men who work outdoors in cold climates can overheat the testicles with the several layers of clothing they wear for their work. For some men, even wearing snug underwear — that is, "tighty whities" — that hold the testicles too close to the body can decrease the sperm count.

Smoking of a pack a day of cigarettes has been shown to decrease sperm production. Alcohol consump-

tion also lowers production. Fatigue and poor health can be factors.

A common misconception about conception (what a pun!) is that having intercourse more frequently will increase the likelihood of becoming pregnant. This is a myth. In fact, having intercourse too frequently can seriously depress the sperm count. Having intercourse less often — at least 48 hours between encounters — can substantially increase the sperm production.

Other environmental factors that can decrease a man's sperm count are drugs and chemical substances. For instance, anabolic steroids, medicine used to treat gout, some antibiotics, and certain high blood pressure medications can be problematic.

It is probably a good time to seek advice from a male fertility specialist. Further testing may be needed, as well as a thorough history and physical for your husband.

To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

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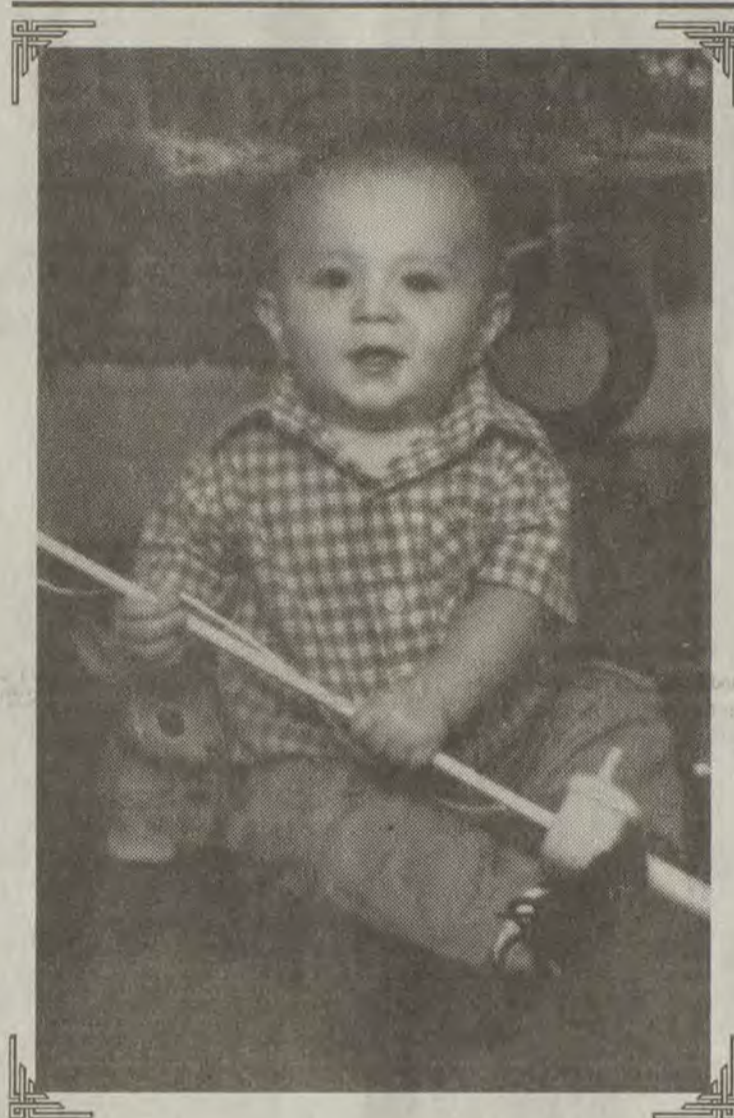
### Anniversary



Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Carlos and Virginia Artrip, of Martin, celebrated sixty years of marriage on January 6, 2005. To honor them, their family held a surprise anniversary party with an extensive buffet and wedding cake. Carlos and Virginia have five children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Their family and friends all wish them many happy years to come.

### Birthday



Cody is 1!

Dakota Austin Blake Scott celebrated his first birthday on January 5, 2005 with family and friends. "Cody," as he is affectionately called, is the son of Jennifer Poe and Eric Scott. He is the grandson of Bonnie Ratliff. He has one sister, Leslie. Cody's family all wish him a wonderful year ahead filled with lots of love and fun adventures!

### Organization

#### 2004 Christmas Senior King and Queen

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and wife, Donna, held their annual Christmas party for area senior citizens at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center last month. At the party, Betsy Layne Seniors Elizabeth Little and Elza France were crowned "2004

Floyd County Senior Christmas King and Queen. Nannetta Yates, director, Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, and all the senior citizen members, would like to thank Judge Thompson and Donn for helping to make the holy days merry for Floyd County's seniors.



Queen Elizabeth Little and King Elza France at the annual senior citizens Christmas party, sponsored by Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

### Ponder

permitting another person to take your rights does not need to continue! By all means, give yourself permission to make necessary adjustments for you to recover your personal rights! Always remember that you are in charge of your attitudes, feelings, and behaviors. A good start is to create a mental picture of you being in control of your life with positive feelings about yourself. Keep that image handy so that you can quickly return to it when you feel as though you are "caught" by someone attempting to victimize you in some way, emotionally or physically. Remember that, whether or not you are reasonably content with your life is up to you.

The following statements are often helpful to folks wanting to change their attitudes and have accepted that they do have permission to have personal rights. (1) "I have the right to exist — to be." This means that you have the right to live an acceptable way of life. You do not need to accept being a victim or being controlled by another person. (2) "I have the right to have needs and have them met by myself and others." You do not have to put everyone else's wishes, demands, and desires ahead of what you value for you. You do not need to always be in the # 2 position all of the time in a relationship. (3) "I have the right to love and be loved." Be aware

that the person, who is putting down or demeaning another person, is not showing love or caring. Also, don't forget that you need to love yourself before you can love another person. You have the right to love and take care of yourself. (4) "I have the right to set limits for self and others." This means that you have the right to establish the rules and/or boundaries as to what is acceptable to you. You will respect yourself more when you do so and in turn others will respect you more. Write these statements down on 3 X 5 size cards and place the cards, four or five of them about, where you are likely to see them often through the day. When you see one, slowly repeat the statements to yourself. As you think about what is said, match it with examples from your life and how you need to maintain these rights. Cognitive-behavioral techniques like this have been found in studies to be very helpful.

There are different ways that an individual can take charge of her life and/or increase her quality of life by establishing and maintaining her need for individual rights. The basic foundation is to make the decision to do what you can to help yourself to make the necessary changes and adjust your attitudes. Here are some ideas. By all means, when you are upset, keep your cool. If at all possible excuse yourself quietly and

leave the source of the argument/disturbance, until you regain your emotional composure. If you are somewhere, such as at work, and you feel that you cannot leave, try to direct your inner feelings so that you are as "neutral" as possible. For example, while the person is speaking, take a deep breath and focus on that mental image of you feeling peaceful and relaxed. Repeat to yourself a statement such as, "Whatever the situation, I will try to stay unemotional, because when I'm calm I'm in control." Remember that when you get emotional, you lose credibility. If possible, prepare your case, so to speak, before you respond to anyone about what was so upsetting. (Writing your arguments down can be very useful.) However, if you are caught by surprise and cannot escape, stall the other person by asking a question, that might let the speaker ramble on while you come up with a game plan.

There are also physical techniques that are helpful for you protecting your individual rights and taking responsibility for yourself in emotional situations. Pay attention to the sound of your voice — don't be shrill or scream. A low, steady voice commands more respect than a high-pitched, shrill one, especially one saying "ugly" words. Your body language is very important. Stand up

straight with your chest out and maintain eye contact at all times. Don't present yourself like a timid mouse or people will treat you like one. Additionally, remember that being assertive does not mean that you are aggressive. What others think about your reaction is their problem and not yours. You need to take care of yourself in an acceptable manner. It is also very important to choose your battles and adjust your strategy. Stop and think whether or not the particular situation is worth your emotional energy or do you need to be persistent to make a point.

While speaking up for yourself and using your individual rights, don't become upset if you feel that you make a mistake. After such events, review what happened, consider what you could have done differently, and come up with a plan for what you will try next in similar circumstances. It all can be a learning experience, especially as you are starting your new way of life.

Just because you have allowed yourself to be victimized in the past, does not mean that you have to continue to do so. Although you shouldn't make changes, just to make a change, give yourself permission to have psychological rights. Stop being a pushover. Vow to speak up for yourself, because getting what you want and need and having your self-respect beats everything else.

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## New Arrivals

### Highlands Regional Medical Center

Dec. 26, 2004

A son, Brayden Cordell Reed, to Amanda Michelle Hendron

Dec. 28, 2004

A daughter, Keisha Paige Prater, to Kimberly Denise and Robert Dwayne Prater

A daughter, Leannah Grace Wells, to Kathy Jo and Wendell Lee Wells

A son, Nicholas Jayden Starr, to Billie Jo and Cody Starr

A daughter, Talena MaKaye Fields, to Shannon and Jason Fields

Dec. 29, 2004

A daughter, Hannah Grace Philpot, to Kimberly and Hobert Philpot

A son, Jeffrey Alexander Salyer, to Deedra and Jeffrey Salyer

A daughter, MaKayla Faith Scott, to Kimberly and Joshua Scott

A daughter, Jadyne Reese Hall, to Jennifer Ann Risner

A daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Rosys, to Jean and Gary Rosys

A son, Kelsie Jimmy Allen, to Sally Mae and Harold James Allen

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303 Amendment No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 119.64 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 274.06 acres, of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 583.51 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W. Newsom Heirs, Olivia Hamilton, Darvene and Anna L. Hamilton, and Carmel Lee and Ollie Tackett.

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

The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit

conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0308 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 186.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Patrick Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Billy Tussey, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. KY Route 7 will be closed to traffic during blasting operations.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9017 Renewal #2 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.10 surface acres and will underlie 0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 21.10 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°40'02" and the longitude is 82°43'14".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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# RAIDERS BEAT CLAY



photos by Jamie Howell  
The leading scorer Wednesday night for the Raiders, junior Ryan Johnson (24) had 22 points, six assists and six rebounds.



Ethan Johnson, pictured eyeing his dribble, hit two free throws to send South Floyd to a victory over Clay County.



photos courtesy of Paintsville HOOPS Classic  
The 2004 Paintsville HOOPS Classic All-Tournament Team included Stewart Miller, Middlesboro; Aaron Troutman, Holy Cross; Marcellus Hargrove, duPont Manual; Chartrael Hall, duPont Manual; C.J. Willis, Seneca; Kelvin Wilson, Seneca; Blake McCowan, Morgan County; Andy Lewis, Morgan County; Michael Robinson, North Laurel; Landon Slone, Paintsville; Kris Bentley, Shelby Valley; Josh Howard, Ripley; Josh Mack, University Heights; Cody Stallons, University Heights; and Derrio Green, A. Crawford Mosley. Justin Royles of duPont Manual was named the tournament's MVP. Slone and Bentley are both Floyd County natives.



DuPont Manual Coach Dave Zuberer (left) and Paintsville Coach Bill Mike Runyon were two of the mentors on the sidelines last week during the HOOPS Classic. The Manual Crimson's ran off a perfect 5-0 record in the tournament, beating Louisville rival Seneca in the championship game.



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KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries attended last week's Paintsville HOOPS Classic.

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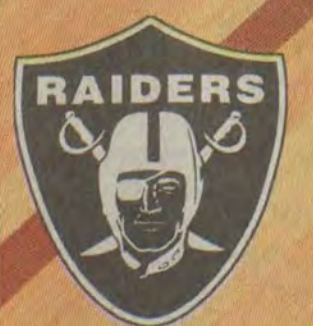
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