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Fugitive arrested for burglaries

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

SOUTH WILLIAMSON Trooper Randy Surber hit the trifecta on Thursday morning when he arrested a suspected burglar who was also wanted for a previous robbery, as well as being on the run from law enforcement in the state of Maine. Surber responded to a

prowler complaint at the Pizza Hut in South Williamson at 3 a.m. Thursday and upon arrival he spied a broken window and heard noises emanating from the eatery. He announced his presence to the perpetrator and ordered him to come out, but John L. Coleman, 35, of Turkey Creek, instead allegedly chose to flee the scene.

Surber caught up to Coleman and managed to apprehend him. Upon a little investigation he learned that Coleman was allegedly under the influence of drugs and that he was wanted for burglarizing the Dairy Queen in Williamson. He further determined that Coleman

was also being sought for

burglary charges in Maine. Surber dropped off Coleman at the Pike County Detention Center, where he was charged with two counts of thirddegree burglary, fleeing or evading, giving a false name and address, public intoxication, resisting arrest, menacing and being a fugitive from another state.

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Nine sentenced for drug charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Nine drug-related offenders were sentenced Friday in circuit court, taking with them a collective total of 10 years and eight months behind

Most sentences cut by probation received a collective total of 42 years and

six months in prison, had Circuit Judge Danny Caudill chosen to disregard plea offers from the commonwealth.

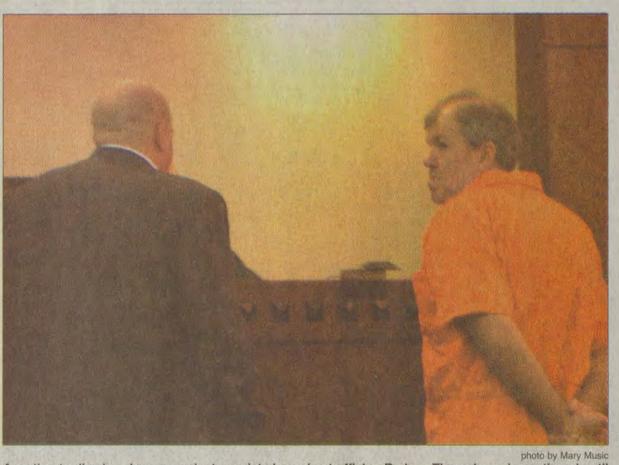
Teresa Howard, represented by attorney Those same criminals could have David Porter, received the stiffest penalty.

Charged with first- and second-degree drug trafficking and second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, Howard was handed a total of 13 years by Judge

Adhering to a recommendation from

the Commonwealth, Judge Caudill sentenced her to eight years for the firstdegree trafficking offense, and handed her a five-year sentence for the other two charges against her. All charges run concurrently, Caudill ruled. Howard will be released on probation after serving three

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A motion to dismiss charges against convicted cocaine trafficker Rodney Thornsberry is continued until next week, following a hearing in the case Friday.

Judge postpones decision on dismissing drug case

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion to dismiss charges against Rodney Thornsberry, a West Virginia inmate serving time in federal prison for cocaine trafficking, was continued in court on Friday.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner asked presiding Judge Danny Caudill for an extension of Institution, could be prohibited by time to consider a response to the motion, which was filed last month on Thornsberry's behalf by Pikeville public advocate Jim

Adkins argued in his motion that the superseding indictment against Thornsberry, who is currently serving a federal sentence at the Beckley Federal Corrections

state statute that forbids "unfair or oppressive prosecution" or by the double jeopardy clause of the U.S. and state constitutions.

Thornsberry, 48, a former Bypro resident, was arrested in March 2003, after authorities pinned him during an undercover state police

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Reno's suit to continue for now

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Motions for dismissal of the case between Reno's Roadhouse restaurant and former employees will be considered at a later date, Circuit Judge Danny Caudill ruled Friday.

Attorney Sheridan Martin, representing CEO Terrence W. Fitzer and operating manager Eric Fitzer, alleges the defendants in the case, several former employees of Reno's, conspired to weaken the

strengthen their own interests in another restaurant.

Lexington attorney James Francis filed a motion to dismiss the case last week on behalf of his clients, Steve Dixon, Steve O's Bar and Grill, and its parent company, Momnana's. That motion argued against Martin's allegations that the former employees misappropriated trade secrets, exploited unfair trade practices, counterfeited intellectual property, interfered tortiously with business relationships, conducted

infrastructure of the restaurant to criminal conspiracy, breached their duty of confidentially, and, according to an amended complaint, are operating a "sham" company.

> Francis argues that the Fitzers don't have a legal basis for the suit, but Martin stands behind his

"I'm confident that we'll prove our case and what makes it easier as an attorney is that I've got very honest and reputable clients," Martin said after the hearing

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Caudill named chief judge for East Kentucky

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -Floyd County Circuit Court Judge John D. Caudill has been appointed chief regional judge for the Eastern Kentucky Region.

The appointment means that Judge Caudill will be responsible for assigning special judges in 22 counties. The position will make him responsible for sending judges to other counties when a conflict arises that makes it improper for a judge to handle a local case.

Caudill has served as the vice regional judge for eight years and that often necessiother counties in the region to adjudicate cases.

Family Court Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier, who oversees family court in Johnson, Letcher and Martin County, retired from the post as of the new year. When Judge Caudill served with him he found himself often traveling to other courts. Caudill noted that he has

worked in 20 of the counties in the region, with the exception of Lewis and Bath. "I aim to visit those now,"

he said. Caudill also mentioned

that Judge Eddie Coleman, of Pike County, has been chosen to replace Caudill as the vice regional judge. "He's an excellent

tated traveling to many of the choice," Caudill noted. "He

Injured worker sues after repo man takes car

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

LOUISA - A disabled truck driver is seeking more than \$1 million from two out-of-state companies he claims stiffed him after he was injured at work.

Paintsville attorney John Coleman Kirk filed the suit last week on behalf of Jeff Maynard, of Louisa, a former truck driver who became disabled after receiving a spinal injury from a fall at his workplace.

Maynard is suing the Protective Life Insurance Company for failing to abide by the terms of a disability insurance policy he obtained when he purchased a Chevrolet Cavalier in 2000

from the Ron Perry Auto Mall in Louisa. Shortly after the purchase,

Maynard became disabled, a result from work injury, the suit says, and the company, which initially paid a number of installments on the vehicle, refused to abide by the terms of the insurance contract by continuing pay-

The vehicle was repossessed last March after the Nuvell Credit Corporation, a company Maynard says is in "cahoots" with Protective Life, began demanding payments on the vehicle.

"One night, sometime after midnight, repo men from Nuvell came right onto

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Parents face hurdles after baby comes home with wrong name

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

ALLEN - A Floyd County couple will finally have their minds set at rest about the identity of their child after a visit to the Pikeville Medical Center this weekend, where they have been

invited to meet with hospital personnel.

Joana and Alan Crum, of Allen, had their daughter on May 30 but were shocked when they received their child's Social Security card a week later which bore the wrong last name for the

That weekend was a busy one at the hospital with eight other births occurring while floodwaters threatened most of the

Every parent's nightmare seemed to be coming true for the couple as they found themselves mired in red tape over the situababy for half a year now and are convinced it is their child, they would like to have the definitive proof of a proper birth certificate and Social Security card. The hospital originally told

tion. Though they have had their

them to take their documents to court in Floyd County and have the child's last name changed back to Crum by a district court judge. This was accomplished on Oct. 29, when Judge James Allen issued such an order. That solution was hardly satis-

factory, however, because the

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Someone in the Census Bureau may be watching a little too much MTV.

Bevis Lake, a 5.7-acre body of water in a forested area about 25 miles northeast of Seattle, is now appearing in Bureau records with a different name: Butthead Lake.

Those two names - Bevis and Butthead - are almost identical to the 1990s MTV cartoon show "Beavis and Butt-head," which featured a pair of slacker teenagers who watch music videos and make bad jokes.

Someone at the Census Bureau must have gotten bored and made a joke out of naming the lake, said Ken Brown, a land surveyor with the state Natural of Department Resources.

"It's got to be," he said.

It's not unusual for small lakes in out-of-the-way places to have different names because of variations in county, state or other official records, but there are no such indications in this case, Brown said.

"That means someone is playing a joke, I think," Brown said.

■ PEARLAND, Texas — Susan and Steven Manis say it was their fault their daughter was late for school so they shared her punishment - spending an hour with her in deten-

The couple says their 13year-old daughter, Jessica Dunkley, was being unfairly punished for being late six times in October and November when the family's van wouldn't start.

So when administrators insisted the Pearland Junior High School East seventh-grader would have to spend an hour in detention, they decided to go with her.

"We're more at fault than she is," said Susan Manis, who had appealed the administration's

LAKE STEVENS, Wash. over, Jessica said it was "a little embarrassing" to have her mom and stepfather in detention with her. But, she said, "I'm proud of them for sticking up for what they believe in."

> During the hour, the trio copied two pages from a school handbook about pillars of good citizenship.

> The first one, Susan Manis pointed out, is "stand up for your convictions."

■ PITTSBURGH — One of Mark Milanak's students scored a touchdown when he got him a Christmas gift.

Russell Malloy, 10, honored his favorite teacher - a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan - by getting Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris to autograph a ball for the reading tutor.

Russell wrote Harris a letter after spending \$16 of his own money for the football, and asked Harris to sign it for Milanak, Russell's reading tutor at Pittsburgh's Bon Elementary School.

Russell had an "in" with Harris - his great aunt, Lisa Knechtel, has cut Harris' hair for 20 years at a downtown salon, and she gave the letter to Harris this week.

"I bought him a real football with my own money. Could you please sign it to my teacher for Christmas?" the note read.

Harris obliged and Malloy and his mother, Gina, gave Milanak the ball on Thursday with the school staff in atten-

Gina Malloy said her son repeated the second grade and had struggled in school until Milanak tutored him - often regaling the boy with stories of the Steelers' glory days, when Harris helped the team win four Super Bowls from 1975 to 1980.

I was entirely floored and flattered," Milanak said. "It made my entire holiday season."

■ WELLINGTON, New After the punishment was Zealand - While at a check-in counter Auckland at

International Airport, Dale Rodel was really bugged. No, really: He was bitten by a scorpi-

"I felt this stabbing like a piece of glass. At first I thought it was a spider so wasn't too worried. When I saw it was a scorpion, I took a step back," Rodel said Thursday.

Investigators from New Zealand's Ministry Agriculture and Fisheries said they were working to ascertain the origin of the scorpion, which is foreign to New Zealand.

Rodel, 19, of Napier on New Zealand's North Island, suffered mild pain and swelling of his foot after being bitten by the insect. He said his injuries were mild, and went away after about eight hours.

Rodel had recently returned from a holiday in South Africa but did not believe the scorpion had hitched a ride in his luggage.

New Zealand, which has stringent quarantine regulations, has no venomous insects or

■ TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It took Robert G. Swofford Jr. more than a month to come forward and claim his \$60 million Lotto prize, but he had to take care of some unfinished business divorcing his wife.

Swofford, a postal worker from Seminole County, claimed his prize Tuesday in a \$34.7 million lump sum payout, ending weeks of mystery about who won the Nov. 24 drawing.

Swofford, 53, and his wife separated three years ago. But two weeks after the winning numbers were announced, Ann Swofford served him with divorce papers and claimed a share of the prize.

Just before Christmas, the Swoffords and their lawyers hammered out an agreement. His wife will get \$5.25 million and \$1 million will be set aside to support their 11-year-old son. In return, she agreed not to seek any more of Swofford's win-

Swofford said he remembered reading about a divorce case where a lottery winner kept it a secret and was penalized in

"I'd heard of a case in California where a judge heard about it after he had settled the divorce case and took the husband to the cleaners and made him pay everything he had left out of his lottery winnings," Swofford said Tuesday.

 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - A man serving a life sentence for murder was sentenced to three additional years in prison for passing out cheese sandwiches while in jail.

Douglas Eugene Wilson, 45, pleaded guilty Monday to possession of contraband and was sentenced by District Judge Thomas Kane.

Prosecutors said Wilson had the sandwiches while in jail awaiting trial on the murder charge and he tried to give them to other inmates, which is a violation of jail rules.

A sheriff's deputy testified at a hearing in May that they warned Wilson not to pass food to other inmate then shocked him with a stun gun when he ignored them.

Wilson was tackled and handcuffed after he reportedly charged a deputy. Second-degree assault and attempted seconddegree assault charges against Wilson were dropped in exchange for the contraband guilty plea.

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"Why are the taxpayers paying the judiciary to hold this hearing on some contraband sandwiches?" he said in a telephone interview with the Gazette of Colorado Springs. "Taxpayers want to know where their money is going - there it

Wilson was convicted last month of first-degree murder in the strangling death of Liza Chavez, 37.

■ EAGLE LAKE, Fla. -Say it, don't spray it.

That's the message from Vice Mayor Dennis Pate, who accused former city manager Linda Weldon of spewing saliva at him after a city council meeting last month. He wants a new rule to prohibit spitting at meet-

But Weldon denies that saliva ever passed her lips.

"That is the most asinine and juvenile thing I have heard," she said. "I wouldn't get that close to him. It is just childish stuff, and I don't want to be a part of it any

The alleged spitting was preceded by an argument between Pate and Weldon over two minor issues at a city council meeting.

"She came at me and said, 'Oh, phew on you, Dennis Pate," he said. "It looked like she was trying to spit — she spit at me. I don't believe city government includes spitting at

No police report was filed in this small citrus belt town, about

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■ MINNEAPOLIS — The brotherhood of cops in Minneapolis is about to get even closer thanks to one officer's decision to offer a kidney to an ailing colleague.

Officer Ron Reier, Police Department spokesman, was scheduled to donate a kidney this week to fellow officer and friend Jeff Seidl.

Seidl has to undergo kidney dialysis three times a week. He needs another kidney transplant because the kidney he received from a relative began to fail about a year ago.

Reier recalled an e-mail he received about Seidl's failing kidney. He said it was like a radio call from an officer in trou-

"Every cop on the street would head to that help call," he

Reier said testing showed they're "enough of a match to make it work."

The transplant was scheduled Friday at Fairview University Medical Center. Both officers plan to return to work in a few weeks.



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The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2005. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

On this date:

■ In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hotair balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury,

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

■ In 1861, the "Star of the West," a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

■ In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

■ In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minis-

■ In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S.

■ In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

■ In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

■ In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: In New York, the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and II other defendants accused of conspiring to wage a holy war against

the United States began. (All the defendants were convicted of seditious conspiracy, except for two who had reached plea agreements with the government.) Severe flooding forced people to flee resort communities in the hills north of San Francisco. British comedian Peter Cook died in London at age 57.

Five years ago: The controversial "Sensation" art exhibit ended its three-month run at the Brooklyn Museum, which had gotten into a fight with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani over what the mayor called the exhibit's offensive anti-Catholic content.

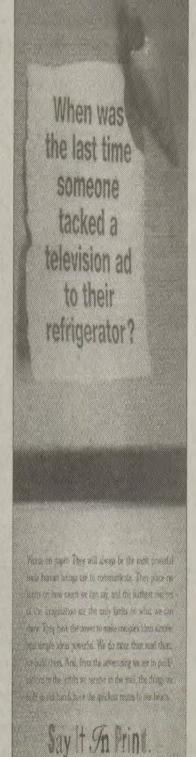
One year ago: Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced that the nation's threat level had been lowered from orange to yellow. Officials said Pentagon lawyers had determined that former Iraq leader Saddam Hussein was a prisoner of war since his capture. An Ohio woman who'd claimed to have lost a lottery ticket worth \$162 million was charged with filing a false police report. (Elecia Battle was later convicted of the misdemeanor and put on one year's

probation.) Today's Birthdays: Actor Herbert Lom is 88. Author Judith Krantz is 77. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 71. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 70. Actor Bob Denver is 70. Actress K. Callan is 69. Country singer Big Al Downing is 65. Actor-singer Jimmy Boyd ("I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus") is 65. Folk singer Joan Baez is 64. Actress Susannah York is 64. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 61. Pop singer Bill Cowsill is 57. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 55. Singer Crystal Gayle is 54. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 42. Actress Joely Richardson is 40. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 38. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 38. Rock singer-musician Dave

Matthews is 38. Singer A.J.

McLean (Backstreet Boys) is

Thought for Today: "Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing/ Is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing." - Phyllis Diller, American comedian.



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Obituaries



Alice Goble Baldridge

Alice Goble Baldridge, 90, of Warco, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at her residence.

She was born September 2, 1914, in Prestonsburg, a daughter of Henry Lafayette (H.L.) and Erma Huff Goble.

She was a charter member of the Maytown Baptist Church in Langley, and a 50-year member of Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Baldridge. She is survived by two brothers: James E. Goble of Prestonsburg, and Daniel L. Goble of San Angelo, Texas.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert (Bobby) Baldridge; two brothers: John H. Goble and Charles A. Goble; and a sister, Louise E. Goble.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 9, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Robert Varney officiating.

Burial will be in the Allen Cemetery, at Warco.

Sentences

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Reportedly, Howard was arrested last March after conducting a methadone sale and using a child to deliver the pills

to a confidential informant working with the Floyd County Drug Task Force: "I wish you well and I hope

you get off drugs," Caudill told her following the sentencing. "This is gonna learn me. I'm

gonna do it," she said before returning to the holding cell.

Judge Caudill also sentenced Friday. Howard's husband, Aaron Lee Howard, during proceeding Friday. He received three years for a second-degree drug trafficking charge. The sentence will be probated after he serves 120 days, Caudill said.

Other sentences imposed Friday included:

Susan Akers received five years for first-degree drug trafficking, a sentence that will be probated after the service of one year.

Eugenia C. Williams received two concurrent oneyear sentences for two counts of second-degree drug trafficking.

■ Vanessa Wright, charged with second-degree complicity to commit drug trafficking, was sentenced to three years. The sentence will be probated after the service of one year.

Marhonda G. Hamilton serve a four-month sentence for second-degree trafficking. Judge Caudill sentenced her to three years, probating the sentence after service of four months.

■ William Powers, charged with first-degree drug trafficking, was sentenced to five years. a sentence that will be probated after the service of one year.

Tawanna Nelson, who pleaded guilty Friday to possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor offenses), was immediately placed on probation after being sentenced to one year, concurrently, on each count. Her husband, Jimmy Nelson, is expected to plead to similar charges later this month.

■ Michael Ousley, charged with receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on a revoked license, and for having a controlled substance in a improper container, received five years on the first charge against him, six months for driving under the influence, and one year for each of the other charges against him. All charges run concurrently, Judge Caudill ruled. Ousley will be released on probation after the service of one car, \$200,000 for damages to his

Wrong name

document made it look like the original surname of the baby differed from theirs

The hospital caught that error and issued a letter to the couple that arrived a few days after appearing in court. The letter from hospital manager Tammy Stratton said that, "I truly apologize for the error on [infant's] birth certificate. This matter has been taken care of."

The letter went on to note that the parents should send the original birth certificate to the office of Vital Statistics in Frankfort, A new birth certificate would be issued upon receipt. The couple, however, decided to send a copy since the original was their only proof of the error. The letter also included a copy of a letter the hospital sent to the office of Vital Statistics. This letter, from Ethel Clark, birth clerk, said that the original birth certificate had the last name of the baby wrong and asked the office to change it.

The Crums are still waiting for the new certificate but some calls made for this story have determined that the problem is all but corrected. A local judge looked over the correspondence that the Crums had collected and said that the original order

to change the last name of the baby

could be expunged once the court

sees the corrected birth certificate.

Good news for the Crums also came from hospital administrator Thelma Vinson. She explained that existing policies at the hospital make it far from likely that baby name tags could be switched at birth. THe policy is that tags are applied before the newborns are taken to the nursery. There they receive a second tag that

tries to take the infant off the ward. Due to the patient privacy laws, there was little that Vinson could say about the case specifically but she did note that, "There's not been no baby switched.'

will activate an alarm if someone

Tech school to build seventh house

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

GARTH - A grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund will be distributed to several counties this year by the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

Though the Floyd County Fiscal Court will be receiving the lowest amount, at \$45,000, they will see that it does the most good when it is allocated to building a home for an area senior citizen with a physical

Jamie Allison, financial director for LINKS (Low Income Housing Coalition of Eastern Kentucky Inc.), said, "We administer the grant but the Floyd County Area Technology Center at Garth will build the house. They construct it in two parts at the

school and then we transport it build the home, but it is also an to the final site. After that we just ask the recipient to pay for insurance and escrow for five years and the home is theirs."

The new home also has a high value to the school and the students that build it. Here the program achieves another positive effect by giving students from the technical school, who come from throughout the county, a chance to put their skills to use and build a home that will house a needy family.

Garth principal Lenville Martin relishes the opportunity to show students the permanency of their work when they build a house at the school.

"This is our seventh one," Martin said. "We've got it down pat now."

Martin explained that the bulk of the work will be done by carpentry students who will the skills you get here.'

opportunity for students in the welding program, who will construct the frame, and the industrial maintenance discipline, which will handle electrical work, plumbing and heat-

"Students will come back to me after graduation and exclaim, 'I can't believe I built a house," Martin said

Martin also chuckled when he recalled the kinds of projects he worked on in school when he was a student.

"It was mostly take-home stuff, maybe a small shelf or two," Martin said. "These kids, though, get to work on something that will stand for ages and provide a home for a needy person at the same time. There is no greater incentive than that to show what you can do with

Senate votes to seat disqualified candidate; one member threatens to resign

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Senate Republicans asserted their power in a disputed election Friday and seated Dana Seum Stephenson as a senator, acting quickly to swear her in and attach a large bronze nameplate to her desk.

The fallout from the decision, including a threatened resignation by one of their own Republican members, hard feelings among Democrats and a promised court fight by the Democrat who lost, will likely take far longer.

"I refuse to participate in what I believe to be the greatest single act of pure, raw, ugly politics as I have ever seen take place in our Capitol," said Senate Democratic Floor Leader Ed Worley of Richmond.

The decision prompted one Republican, Sen. Bob Leeper of Paducah, to say he would resign in protest. Senate President David Williams and Gov. Ernie Fletcher asked him to take the weekend to recon-

The Senate voted along party lines to reject a special committee's recommendation that the Democratic candidate should be seated. Stephenson, 32, won the popular vote, according to unofficial returns, but Democratic candidate Virginia Woodward filed suit, challenging Stephenson's resi-

The Senate then voted to accept the recommendation of three Republican members of the contest committee that Stephenson take the seat because she intended to make her home in Kentucky and still had a house here.

The Kentucky Constitution requires a Senate candidate to be a resident of the state for six years before an election. And testimony during various court proceedings revealed that Stephenson lived in Indiana, including attending school and paying in-state tuition, voting, getting a driver's license and buying a house, during nearly three years of that time.

Two judges ordered that Stephenson's 22,772 votes not be counted and only Woodward's 21,750 be certified by the State Board of Elections.

The vote passed 20-16. Not voting was Sen. Dan Seum, R-Louisville, Stephenson's

The only Republican voting against the matter was Leeper, a former Democrat who served on the contest committee and agreed that Stephenson did not meet the residency require-

Leeper proposed that no winner be declared and that a special election be held. But Leeper was prohibited by the senate president from making his proposal.

Leeper, who switched parties in 1999, said in a breaking voice that he had "tolerated a great deal up here," said he would resign, then left the Senate chamber and went closed Subsequently, he met privately with Williams and Fletcher, but declined to talk to reporters. He said he would release a written statement

Woodward criticized the "abuse of power" demonstrated by the Senate votes and promised she would pursue her case in the courts.

Williams, in a speech before the dramatic end of the proceedings Friday, said he was confident the Senate had the power to determine its own membership, including hypothetically seating a 23-yearold, despite the constitution's requirement that senators be 30 years of age.

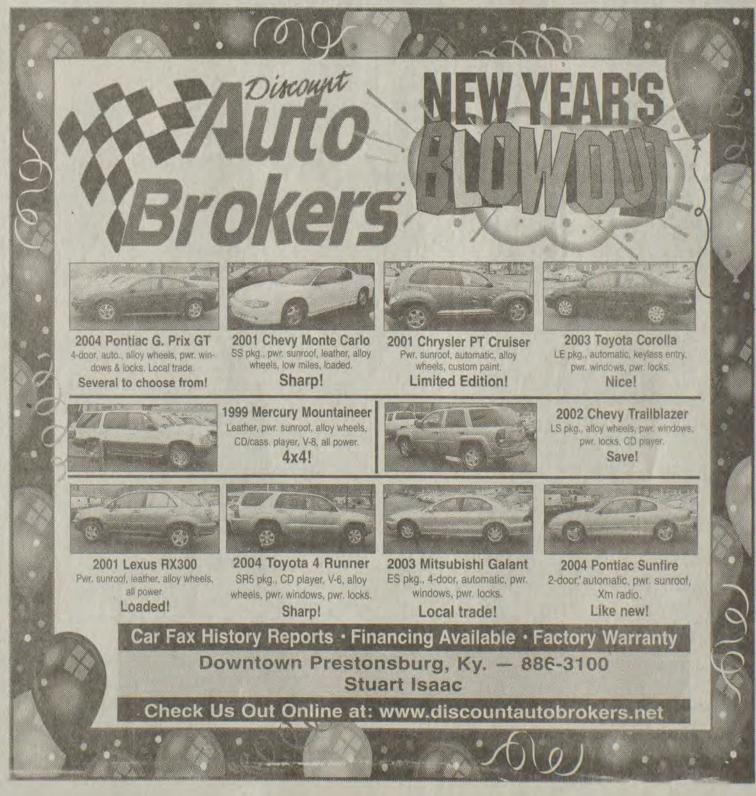
"If 20 people in this body voted that someone was 30 years old, no court in the land could overturn that," Williams said.

"They exhibited the arrogance of power," said Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, the chairman of the special committee appointed to review the election contest.

Depending on what Leeper decides, Stephenson represents the critical 23rd Republican in the Senate. Any measure on taxes or the budget this session requires a 60 percent majority, or 23 of the 38 votes. Similarly, any constitutional amendment requires 23 votes in the Senate, as well as 60 in the 100-member House.

Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, said the courts should be allowed to determine Stephenson's residency. Carroll, a former governor, said the constitutional separation of powers was so important that he even offered to be the 23rd vote for Republican initiatives if they would wait for the legal proceedings to run their course.





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investigation into drug trafficking in southern Floyd County.

That four-month investigation also led to the arrests of Thornsberry's brother, Harold Thornsberry, Glenn Wheelwright, and Vernon Slone, 47, of Bevinsville, who each were indicted in U.S. District court for similar drug trafficking charges. The Commonwealth's Attorney's office charged the men, collectively, with 13 counts of cocaine trafficking in December 2003.

Charges against Thornsberry came about after a confidential informant purchased cocaine from him on three separate occasions in March 2003. The transactions were recorded on audio and videotape, documents say.

He pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to three counts of cocaine distribution and has been in federal custody since that time. Adkins argues that Thornsberry is currently serving time on charges that resulted from the same investigation.

Judge Caudill accepted Turner's request for time to reply to the dismissal motion, ordering that the commonwealth file a response by Jan. 14.

Lawsuit

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Judge Caudill held Francis' motion to dismiss in abeyance, pending the completion of discovery process in the case. He ordered attorneys to complete depositions within 180 days. Both Terrance and Eric Fitzer are scheduled to give depositions in the case Feb. 23.

"Apparently, the court feels that Mr. Martin needs a lot of time in order to prove what case he does have and we don't think he has a case," Francis said. "Most of the statutes cited have nothing to do with the case. I don't think they read the statutes they cited."

Judge Caudill handed down a similar ruling in the case less than a month ago after attorneys representing Mark and Laura Link and the Lois Burchett Living Trust, also filed motions to dismiss the suit.

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

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my property and stole my car," Maynard said. "Not only that, but after they took it, they sent me a letter demanding that I pay for the car and also pay them charges for stealing it.'

According to the suit, filed last week in Lawrence Circuit Court, the Nuvell Credit Corporation sent Maynard a deficiency notice in May, advising him that the vehicle had been sold and that Maynard owed more than \$3,600 in payments.

The actions of both companies were "inexcusable, wrongful, illegal and done with callous disregard" for Maynard's rights, Kirk wrote in the suit.

In addition to the \$1 million in punitive damages, Maynard is asking for \$10,000 to replace the credit standing, and an official apology from the defendants,

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

- Felix Frankfurter

Guest View-**Democrats** need to change

At times, the Democratic Party in Kentucky resembles a dinosaur lumbering toward extinction — or at least a long period of political dor-

The party lost control of the Senate five years ago and shows no signs of regaining the upper hand in that body.

In the 2003 gubernatorial election, Democrats put forward an appealing gubernatorial candidate in then-Attorney General Ben Chandler. But Chandler was soundly rebuffed at the polls, in large part because the party's image was damaged by the scandals of the Patton administration and the flotsam and jetsam of 100 years of dominance in Frankfort.

Fletcher's stumbles during his first year in office gave Democrats an opportunity to stem the GOP tide.

But House Democrats clung to the status quo - they opposed the governor's tax modernization plan and put the interests of state employees above the interests of the taxpayers — and saw their majority in the House shrink by seven seats in the November election.

It should be clear to the party's leaders they need to move beyond the bygone era of courthouse politics and confront the future with new ideas and new leaders.

Fortunately for the party, a substantial minority of House Democrats seems to understand that the days of one-party control are over. When lawmakers returned to Frankfort earlier this week, these upstart Democrats challenged their party's leadership, seeking to replace the guardians of the status quo with leaders more attuned to the new reality of vigorous political competition.

The rebels failed to storm the citadel occupied by House Speaker Jody Richards and his chief lieutenants, but the attempted leadership coup did send a signal that the party still has blood coursing in its hardened arteries. ...

It's not clear whether Richards and the other Democratic leaders' understood the challengers' message of change.

Richards said he promised the members of his caucus that he would make changes. Among the items he listed were a reversal of the Democrats' political fortunes and an increase in the members' secretar-

Democrats have reason to be skeptical of Richards' promise to end the erosion of the party's House majority. The speaker had no success in dealing with a rookie governor, and Fletcher and his team most likely have learned from their initial miscues.

Perhaps House Democrats need more secretarial help, but secretaries can't create a coherent political message or negotiate a deal on the state budget. Richards' inability to articulate a message or find common ground with the governor clearly contributed to the Democrats' losses

It doesn't help the party that two of its statewide officeholders-Attorney General Greg Stumbo and Auditor Crit Luallen - have used their positions to oppose Gov. Fletcher's efforts to reform state govern-

Luallen practically endorsed the indiscriminate use of state credit cards and Stumbo lined up with the state employee unions against the governor's bid to privatize a new prison in Elliott County.

Democrats have less than two years to find a new voice before they face the voters again.

If the party continues to function as the Old Guard, defending dis-

credited practices in state government and opposing serious attempts at reform, the Republicans will continue their rise to dominance. ...

- The Paducah Sun



-Rich ∫owry Column

The Rummy haters

President Bush can find new secretaries for the departments of State, Justice, Energy, Health and Human Services, Commerce, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, Education

and Agriculture, but as long as he leaves Don Rumsfeld at the Defense Department he will not have changed his Cabinet enough to satisfy his critics. No other scalp counts, so long as the hawkish Rumsfeld stays at the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld's detractors say they want his ouster only as a matter accountability.

When something in your bailiwick doesn't go well - a war, in this case - it stands to reason that you should get the boot. Except this logic was never applied to Secretary of State Colin Powell. Even though Bush critics argue that the first administration was a diplomatic disaster area, they always hailed its top diplomat.

The latest round of beating on Rumsfeld comes thanks to a challeng-

ing question he got in Kuwait from a National Guardsman about the lack of up-armored Humvees. Regular Humvees are thin-skinned and provide little protection, putting a premium on the armored version in Iraq's urban combat zone. Rumsfeld's answer has been portrayed as cold and dismissive. Maureen Dowd of The New York Times even compared it 3 Gen. Patton's infamous slap of a soldier in

bed.

Rumsfeld explained what the military has been doing to armored Humvees and

said the Army that not every

vehicle has the degree of armor that would be desirable." He got applause from the troops when he added: "The other day, after there was a big threat alert in Washington, D.C., in connection with the elections, as I recall, I looked outside the Pentagon and there were six or eight up-armored Humvees. They're not there anymore. They're en route out here." That is hardly the back of his hand.

The controversy about Humvees is typical of the debate about the conduct of the Iraq War - there is plenty to criticize, but those doing the criticizing tend to be opportunistic and ahistorical. Wars always produce surprises and unanticipated needs.

The Army initially thought it would need 235 armored Humvees in Iraq. When that number was exposed as absurdly off, it began to make adjustments. Practically every armored Humvee available in the world was sent to Iraq. Production was radically ramped up, going from 15 a month in May 2003 to 450 a month today. Roughly three out of every four Humvees in the combat areas are now

Specialist Thomas Wilson, who asked the question, is being hailed in the press for his bravery. Indeed, asking his question took guts, but there are much more stirring acts of courage by U.S. soldiers every day in Iraq that somehow escape the media's atten-

But the press has its priorities. The old saw used to be that American Jews would ask of anything, "Yes, but is it good for the Jews?" The Rummy-hating media and Left evaluate any Iraqrelated event through a similar filter, "Yes, but is it bad for Rumsfeld?"

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beyond the beltway

2004's Incredible Man of the Year

by DONALD KAUL

Throughout my long and nearly distinguished career as a columnist, I ended each year by naming an "Incredible Man of the Year," chosen by imaginary respondents to the Incredible Poll, a famously unreliable opinion survey of my invention. It honored the person who, in that particular year, was judged the most unbelievable. It was always

a brisk competition. This year I'm retiring the award. George W. Bush has so far and away outdistanced rivals that the competition

has become

ludicrous Indeed, he has set a standard for unbelievability that has never been achieved before and is unlikely to be achieved again.

Consider the evidence:

When he came into office the federal government was running a healthy budget surplus that, over the previous few years, had helped fuel one of the greatest economic booms in our history. Within months he had squandered that surplus, partly because he insisted on a large tax cut that fell largely to the well-to-do.

He went to war in Afghanistan to capture Osama bin Laden, the architect of the 9/11 attacks, and to punish the Taliban regime there for sheltering the terrorist. He succeeded in knocking over the Taliban but he didn't get bin Laden. Neither did he try very hard, preferring to hold back troops in order to prepare for a war against Saddam Hussein in

He then took us to war against Hussein. There were three main reasons given for the

1. Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and was a security threat to the region and to us.

2. Hussein had been a force behind bin Laden and the 9/11 attacks.

3. He was, in any case, a tyrant hated by his people and the Iraqis would welcome us as liberators.

None of that happened, none of it was true. There is still no evidence that Hussein had such weapons or more than a casual relationship with bin Laden. As for the welcome, we've lost more men and women since the liberation than we did before it.

Furthermore:

He has withdrawn from or rejected most of the international agreements favored by our traditional allies in the Western world and has treated the United Nations with extravagant contempt, actions that have squandered the considerable international good will that fell to the United States after the 9/11 attacks.

He has ignored reputable scientific opinion on such subjects as global warming, stem cell research and the pollution of our water supply, disdaining it as "junk science." Instead, in virtually every case, he has opted to serve corporate rather than public inter-

He has provided money for dubious projects like the missile defense system and promoted an improbable manned mission to Mars, while failing to fund a truly valuable project of proven worth, the Hubble tele-

He turned a blind eye to our torture of military prisoners, a practice so at odds with the ideals of this nation that one is left speechless in the contemplation of it. As a result we have forfeited any rightful claim to moral advantage in the world.

In short, he has been an absolutely dreadful president, easily the worst since Harding and perhaps since Buchanan.

Yet — and this is the incredible part — he won re-election. He was helped by some hanky panky with the voting machines in Ohio, but even so, as many as half of the people in the country voted for him, the majority because he made them feel safer.

Think on that. He made them feel safer. That, I submit, is truly incredible - stunningly, mind-bendingly, stupendously incredible. I doubt anyone else could have done it. He belongs in the Con-Man Hall of Fame, next to P.T. Barnum, Charles Ponzi

and Prof. Harold Hill. And so I give you the Once and Future Incredible Man of the Year - George Walker Bush. Look upon him, my friends, we shall not see his like again. Or so we can hope, at any rate.

Pray for the Republic.

Donald Kaul, recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our Nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald kaul2@verizon net.

Faith Extra

· Fallen congressman goes from prison to the pulpit

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

EZEL — Microphones hang unused next to the pulpit. The Rev. Chris Perkins has no need for them.

His voice booms across the United Presbyterian Church, filling the spiritual center of this sparsely populated Appalachian community with a message of hope and redemption.

"My friends, the Gospel is not about power and status," he tells the 60 congregants. "The Gospel shows us that God picks up the earthly notions of what is powerful and glorious and honorable and turns them upside down.

Perkins, a former congress-

Rep. Carl D. Perkins, knows all too well what he's preaching about - he served 21 months in prison for his part in the House banking scandal of the early

It was in the midst of the emotional and legal turmoil of his political demise that Perkins turned to religion. And it was in prison that he says he began to realize God was calling him to the ministry.

"I thought, nah, come on," Perkins said. "But it just never went away."

That's not to say Perkins didn't second-guess his calling. He had to make certain in his own mind that he was doing the right thing.

"At times, you think maybe

man and son of the late U.S. it's a way that you're trying to cope with things, maybe even by escaping to something else," he said. "But over time, I came to the realization it was more than that."

Perkins took his first step toward the pulpit in 1999 by enrolling at Louisville Seminary, a Presbyterian school where he earned a master's of divinity degree while serving at Ezel. He was ordained last year.

Now, 50, his hair graying, Perkins is the full time pastor at Ezel, easily the largest building in this rural Morgan County community an hour's drive east of Lexington. He and his wife of four years, Bunny, a Lexington physician, met in

Robert Motley, a church member for 50 years and owner of a local Frosty Freeze restaurant, said the congregation feels especially fortunate to have Perkins — because of his past rather than in spite of it.

"He's a wonderful preacher," Motley said. "He's a good man."

Mary Reed, pastor of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church in Lexington and a former leader at Ezel church, said Perkins communicates well with people, no matter their station in

"I think he is genuine," she said. "He's experienced the forgiveness and acceptance of God. My sense is he has deep gratitude for that, and wants to be of service."

Still, this was not the path Perkins was supposed to take. He was expected to one day take over the Democratic political empire his father nurtured for more than three decades in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

With a folksy, bumpkin-like manner that charmed voters and disarmed political foes, the elder Perkins was known for delivering much-needed federal dollars to one of the nation's poorest districts. As chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor for 17 years, he made sure the War on Poverty flowed through eastern Kentucky.

When Perkins died in 1984 at the age of 71, more than 100 members of Congress attended his funeral in Hindman.

Chris Perkins was swept into office largely on the strength of voters' reverence for his father. He held the congressional seat for eight years, deciding not to seek re-election in 1992 after his role in the House banking scandal was revealed.

The House Ethics Committee discovered thousands of overdrafts written by lawmakers at a special bank that existed solely for their benefit. Perkins, beset by financial problems, had written 514 bad checks.

After pleading guilty to the charges against him, Perkins lost his license to practice law. He said he had no plans to return to that line of work anyway.

"I'm happier than I've been," he said in an interview. "I like what I do. I don't want to do anything else. It's not like a job to me.'

Ron Daley, a former adviser to the young congressman, said Perkins felt tremendous pressure to be like his father. He said people who know him well see the difference between his service as congressman, a job chosen for him, and his work as a clergyman, a job he feels passionate about.

"When I see the power that he has as a pastor and the dedication that he has to serve God and the congregation, it is very exciting," Daley said. "Despite his legal problems, Chris has a very good heart, an extremely keen intellect and a passion for people."

Wages at the Ezel church are nothing like what Perkins was accustomed to as an attorney and congressman. He is paid \$1,000 a month.

"I discovered that power, money, prestige really are false. They're illusions. When you put your faith and your trust in God, there's a peace that comes that is much more real," he said.

As a minister, Perkins said he's able to help people in a way he couldn't as a politician or a lawyer. He assures his congregation that God will give them strength to bear their trou-

"He comes to us when we need him the most," Perkins said in a recent sermon. "He comes to us in the very worst of times. When all seems lost, and there's no where else to turn. Christ stands with us and he promises to stay with us."

Minister's Moment

. Looking for a real change

by PASTOR JOHN A. BAKER tate the commercials we see on never would have imagined PRESTONSBURG SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The other day in a conversation with a close friend, he relayed to me that a friend of ours had passed away unexpectedly. The casual nature of the announcement was more conducive in describing a person disembarking off a carousel ride, not one who met their untimely demise and now awaits their maker.

We all know our ultimate fate will be the same, yet, we try to ignore the fact that one day someone will be making the same announcement about us to one of their friends.

It's because life should imi-

television. Everyone on the screen is young, laughing, and has to many things yet to accomplish.

The truth of the matter is, life isn't like commercials. On T.V., if you don't like what you see, you turn it off. Life on the other hand forces you to be an active player in a grander role. We have to see our own selves crumbling under the weight of age, right before our eyes. We then have to say things to our personal friends like," you've haven't changed a bit" or "you look marvelous" all along knowing you're lying to yourself and most of the time to them as well.

Twenty-five years ago, I

what I see daily in the mirror. An old, balding, rotund, man who resembles more a bumbling professor than a handsome and dashing athlete. I suppose that for no other reason than aging, is reason enough to desire the return of our Lord. I'd love to see my father and grandfather the way I remember them; strong, dark hair, handsome, and full of energy. Then again, I'd like to see myself that way again too.

I Corinthians 15:52 describing the second coming of Christ states, "In a moment we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye." That is indeed a promise I am anxious to see God keep.



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Community Calendar

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Old Christmas Sunday, January 9

Old Christmas will be celebrated Sunday, January 9, at the Samuel May House, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Samuel May House.

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-

East Point Masonic Lodge

Will hold a regular meeting on January 8, at 7 p.m. District Deputy Grand Master Eddie Overstreet will visit. The Fellow Craft Degree will be conferred. All Master Masons welcome.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

•Craft/Sewing Club Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12

For more information about these activities and class fees. call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more

information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

**Jan. 5 - Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration on Color Coordination. Please bring: small swatches of varying colors of solid fabric, paper and fabric scissors, and a glue stick. Any interested quilters are invited to join. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission. Martin: 1st Thursday, 6

p.m., Martin Church of Christ. Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m.,

Extension Office, Prestonsburg. Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 Office, Extension a.m., Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?'

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

·Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office - 24hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information. •MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers. ·Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline -24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-

·Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in

all men with prostate cancer and your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

*A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

·East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers -Will hold m on thly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) -Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119

christophercook@hotmail.com.

Heating program helps families stay warm

by D.L. DAVIS

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVE BIG SANDY AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Thousands of needy Big Sandy Area families will stay warmer this winter, thanks to assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Created as a result of the energy crisis in the mid-1970s, Congress allotted funds in 1977 to turn a pilot program into one to serve families nationally, eventually evolving into what we know today as LIHEAP.

In Kentucky, LIHEAP helps an average of 150,000 families meet their home heating costs each year through the program's subsidy component, administered by the state's

Community Action agencies.

In the five-county Big Sandy region, applications were taken this past November and December at local offices of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, with 9,231 households applying for help, resulting in more than one million dollars paid to utility providers.

Pike County saw the largest number of applicants for assistance in the region, 2,854, with \$318,437 distributed, followed by Floyd County with 2,138 applications and \$229,885 awarded; Magoffin County with 1,706 households and \$225,544 granted; Johnson County with 1,538 applicants and \$168,967 disbursed, followed by Martin County's 995 applications, resulting \$115,693 distributed.

"Our agency recognizes the

importance of LIHEAP to the families in our communities," said Big Sandy Area CAP Executive Director James Michael Howell. "We are happy to be able to help our neighbors in time of need. We want no one to suffer from the cold because they are unable to meet their home heating costs."

Starting next Community Action will begin taking applications for the second phase of LIHEAP, known as the crisis component, for households in danger of having their gas or electric disconnected, or who are within four days of running out of wood, kerosene. coal, Applications will be taken until all funds are expended. For more information, contact your local office of the Big Sandy Community Program.



CNB appoints Mark Wiete executive vice president and chief operating officer

National Bank has announced the appointment of Mark J Wiete to executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Wiete most recently served as senior vice president and chief financial officer of First Financial Bank in Hamilton, Ohio. Prior to that position, he held management positions with national, regional and local banks in Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia.

Reporting to Dennis T. Dorton, president and chief executive officer of CNB and CNC, Wiete will be responsible for bank operations, branching, marketing and customer service. He will also head an executive committee responsible for strategic planning.

"With 26 years of banking management, Mark is highly qualified to assume the position of chief operating officer," said Dorton. "His education and experience, combined with a passion for community banking, should make Mark a wonderful addition to CNB and the communities we serve."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome Mark to Citizens National Bank, where his experiences and skills will be valuable to helping our community bank get to the next level of growth," said Charles Wells,

PAINTSVILLE - Citizens chairman of the board at Citizens National Bank.

Wiete received a B.S .-Finance (1978) and M.B.A.-Finance (1985) from Xavier University in Cincinnati. His previous community services include volunteer regional leadership for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (an agency of the Department of Defense) and squadron commander and pilot for the Civil Air Patrol.

Originally from Cincinnati, Wiete and his wife, Donna, whose childhood home was in West Virginia, have recently relocated to Paintsville.

"I am very excited about the opportunities CNB, its board, Denny and the Eastern Kentucky region have given me," Wiete said.

Citizens National Bank is the second largest independently owned and operated community banking company in the Big Sandy region, with headquarters in Paintsville. CNB operates branches and ATMs in five counties of the Big Sandy region. The bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens National Corporation, a diversified financial services company that owns mortgage loans and insurance operations serving the Big Sandy region of Eastern





Niagara M. Riley and Nell R. Riley of Lexington, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 15, 2005.

Niagara, known by all as "Riley," a native of Hillsborough, North Carolina, moved to Wheelwright, Kentucky, in 1947, after being recruited to play baseball for the Inland Steel Company in the Big Sandy League. He met Nell Ruth Calhoun, a native of Virgie, Pike County, Kentucky, and they married on January 15, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in Clintwood, Virginia.

They raised their family on Apartment Hill in Wheelwright, having two children, Jeffrey Lynn Riley and Benita Joy Riley. Riley worked at the Price tipple, for Inland Steel, Island Creek, and Wheelwright Mining and Nell worked at the McDowell Hospital for the Daniel Boone Clinic and later the McDowell Regional Medical Center.

After their retirements in 1986, Riley and Nell moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where hey reside at 585 Plainview Road. Nell

continues to bowl every week, as she did at the old Wheelwright bowling alley. Both Riley and Nell enjoy visiting with their friends and neighbors on their front porch, which has become the gathering place of their neighborhood. Their popular front porch was featured in an article in the "Lexington-Herald" about neighbors.

Riley and Nell have, since the birth of their first grandchild nineteen years ago, been devoted grandparents to their three grandchildren, Whitney Slone and Lincoln Slone of Prestonsburg, and Mikka Lynn Riley of Langley.

An "Open House" celebration will be held to honor the fifty-year marriage of Riley and Nell on Saturday, January 15th, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the home of their son, Jeff, and his wife, Becky, at 3277 Brighton Place, Andover Forest, Lexington. All of their Floyd County friends are invited to attend, or call 859-263-3600 during the party to offer telephone congratulations.

Obits

at Best Care Nursing Home, County Funeral Home. Wheelersburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Lloyd Young, 37, of Brushy, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Grover Allen, 77, died Thursday, December 23, at Saint Joseph Hospice Care Center. Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Linville Harvey, 80, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Hola Lykins Harvey. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Melissa Patrick Lykins, 31, of Olive Hill, formerly of died Friday, Salyersville, December 16, in Nicholas County, following an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted December 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Mitchell Minix, 79, of Sevierville, Tennessee, formerly of Salyersville, died Sunday, December 26, at the Sevier County Health Care Facility in Sevierville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ora Ann Collinsworth Patrick, 89, of Salversville, died Friday, December 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Geneva Bailey Peters, 59, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 22, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Magoffin

Garry T. Wilkes, 59, of Royalton, died Thursday, December 30, at his residence in Meadows. Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

Ressie Bailey Williams, 88, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 25, at Riveview Nursing Facility in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday. December 28, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Hattie Patton Conley, 87, of Leburn, a Knott County native, died Monday, December 27, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Couch, 75, of Mallie, died Saturday, December 25, at Hospital and Rockcastle Respiratory Care Center, Mt. Vernon. He is survived by his wife, Polly Sue Amburgey Couch. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Oshita Ritchie Francis, 82, of Saginaw, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, December 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Margie Haddix, 83, of Vicco. died Saturday, January 1, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Ray Pridemore Handshoe, 51, of London, formerly of Knott County, died from injuries sustained in a logging accident on Monday, December 20, at Baptist East Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Jun Ying Wang Handshoe. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Glen Harold Hicks, 72, of Fountain, Florida, died Thursday, December 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Hicks

of Fountain Florida. Graveside funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Peavy Funeral Home. Jessie Little, 58, of Kite, died

Tuesday, December 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Martha Johnson Little. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

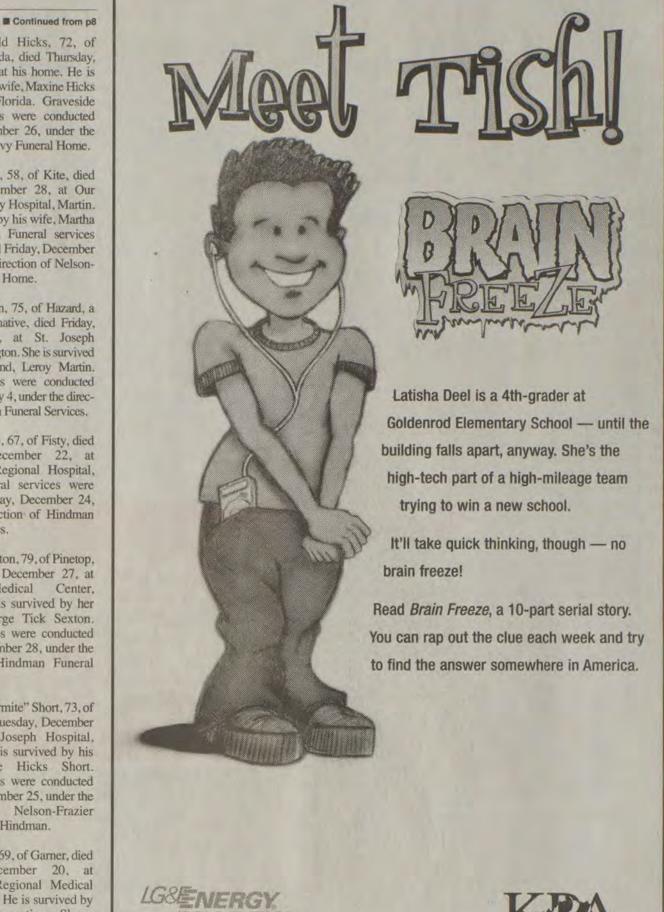
Helen Martin, 75, of Hazard, a Knott County native, died Friday, December 31, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Leroy Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

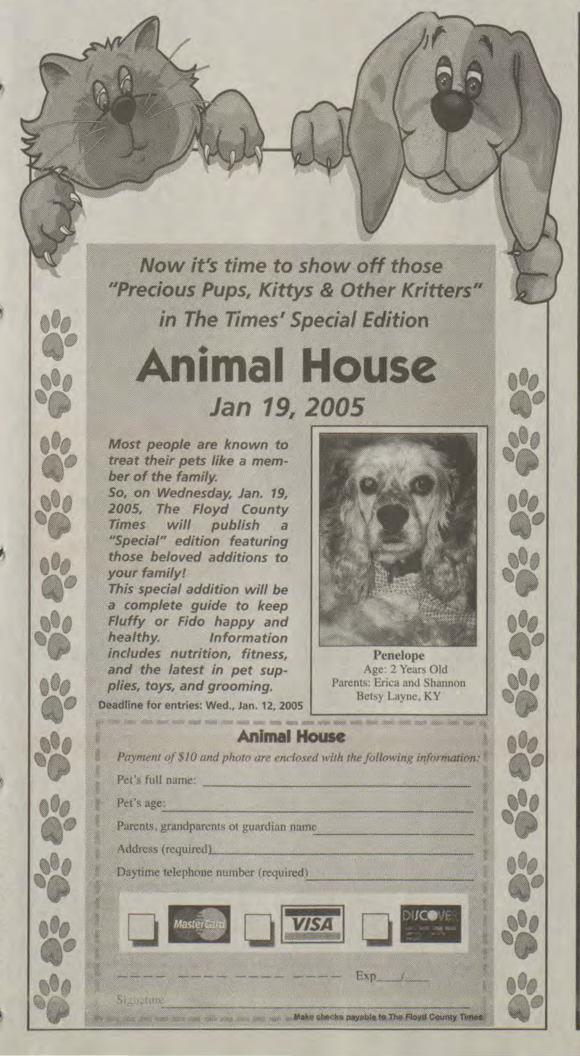
Lola Ritchie, 67, of Fisty, died Thursday, December 22, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Toymae Sexton, 79, of Pinetop, died Monday, December 27, at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville. She is survived by her husband, George Tick Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ernway "Termite" Short, 73, of Mousie, died Tuesday, December 21, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Rosalee Hicks Short. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Ford Slone, 69, of Garner, died Monday, December 20, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Slone. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.







Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Mollie Hughes Calhoun, 95, of Greensboro, Georgia, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 29, at Portsbridge Hospice, due to complications from cancer. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Fannie Viola Price Curry, 75, of Melvin, died Saturday, January 1, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ellis Curry. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ottis Frasure, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 5, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Simpson Frasure, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Teaberry, died Friday, December 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hamilton Hall. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dorsie Wright Johnson, 73, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, December 29, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Roy Lackey, 57, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, January 1, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Spears Lackey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donnie Ray Nelson, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clara Bradley Parker, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Isaac Stephens, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home,

Anthony Taylor Chance Tackett, 3-month-old infant son of Anthony Craig and Rosetta Rowena Brewer Tackett, died Saturday, January 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral

Viola Maebell Wilson, 76, of Tram, died Wednesday, December 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Connie Lynn Allen, 53, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, December 28, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Ken Allen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Maxine Blair, 87, of Nippa, died Tuesday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Cecil Blair. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mervin Blanton, 73, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, December 30, at the VA Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Constance Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

January 3, under the direction of died Tuesday, January 4. Funeral Paintsville Funeral Home.

Walter Robert "Bob" Meek, 74, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, December 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral

Margie Preston, 76, of Springboro, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Monday, December 27, at Hillspring Healthcare Center in Springboro. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under thhe direction of Anderson Funeral Home.

Mary Jane "Little Granny" Tackett Puckett, 98, of Paintsville, died Sunday, December 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Arnold Eugene Rowland, 64, of Volga, died Wednesday, Kenneth (Cracker) Hall, 56, of December 29, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Rose Ann McKenzie Rowland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Inez Adams, 89, of Louisa, died Wednesday, December 29, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Ashley Herald Kelly, 83, of Martha, died Tuesday, December 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Marie Griffith Kelly. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mildred Moore Marcum, 69, of Ft. Gay, West Virginia, died Sunday, January 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lonnie Ray Marcum, 36, of Columbus, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Monday, December 27, in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

Garnett Mathews, 81, of Belle, Florida, formerly of Martin County, died Sunday, December 26, in Waycross, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Spence, 25, of Columbus, Ohio, died Friday, Decembr 24, in Kermit, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Sherman Brown, 86, died Sunday, December 26, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Rose Brown. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Nancy Joyce Coulter, 52, of Belcher, died Saturday, January 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, William Stephen Coulter. A memorial service was held Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Charles Herbert Hawkins, 52, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

William Percy Howell, 83, of Zebulon, died Monday, January 3, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Jerry Johnson, 46, of Virgie,

arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Alex Justice, 67, of Regina, died Monday, January 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janet Ratliff Justice. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Lurcy Slone Kendrick, 65, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 30. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Charles Little, 54, of Virgie, died Friday, December 31. He is survived by his wife, Deloras Burke Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Joseph Franklin "Tiny" McCoy, 81, of Freeburn, died Saturday, January 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, He is survived by his wife, Delores McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Phelps.

Alma Ellen Nelson, 85, of McVeigh, died Thursday, December 30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ruth Lee Queen, 86, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 28, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services conducted Thursday, were

December 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Herman A. Ramey, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, January 2, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Caudill Ramey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, undre the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Matthew Reed, 47, of Norfolk, Virginia, formerly of Turkey Creek, died Monday, January 3, at DePaul Medical Center, Norfolk. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Kennis Andrew Rife, 65, of Stopover, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Gredis Robinson, 90, of Varney, died Friday, December 31, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday. January 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Betty J. Phillips Runyon, 80, of Forest Hills, died Monday, January 3, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral

Amy Williams, 95, of South Webster, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, January 1,

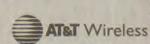
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Bentley, Valley hold off Runnin' Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK -Now in his second season as a member of the Shelby Valley High School boys' basketball team, Kris Bentley is enjoying his third season as a starter for a varsity basketball team. As a sophomore, Bentley ranked as one of the region's top shooters. At the time, Bentley suited up

After his sophomore season, Valley to a 53-46 win over the Pike Central floor Tuesday Bentley, who made life tough at times for opposing 58th District/Floyd County Conference teams, transferred to Shelby Valley. He earned a starting position with the Wildcats last season. On Thursday night, just like his old days at Prestonsburg High, Bentley proved hard to handle for an opposing Floyd County team. Bentley scored a gamefor the Prestonsburg Blackcats. high 20 points and led Shelby

Allen Central. The former Prestonsburg Blackcat turned Shelby Valley Wildcat connected on five three-pointers as the Pike County team beat the Floyd County team in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic being played at Pike County Central High School.

Thursday night's meeting with Allen Central was Shelby Valley's first game in the tournament. Allen Central took to night and dropped a game to Belfry.

Allen Central hung with defending 15th Region All "A" Classic champ Shelby Valley through all four quarters. Shelby Valley led at the end of every quarter, but had to battle for the win.

Allen Central outscored the Wildcats in two of the four quarters, but could never take control of the game.

Shelby Valley led 17-14 at the end of the first quarter and 28-25 at halftime. The Wildcats held a 45-36 lead at the end of the third quarter.

With senior Seth Kiser out of action following a suspension handed down from the KHSAA, Shelby Valley regrouped and played its way to the win over Allen Central with seven different Wildcats scoring. Kelsey Friend added 16 points for the Wildcats. Mitch Riddle added

five points in the victory.

Ryan Hammonds led Allen Central with 13 points. Ryan Collins and Wilfredo Dominguez each had 10 points apiece. Nick Music added nine points for the Rebels. Tim Griffith and Josh Martin rounded out the Rebel scoring with two points apiece.

Cordia 61, Pikeville 54 (OT): Zakery Hurt tossed in 17 points and teammates Dennis Farler and

(See RUNNIN' REBS, page two)

Betsy Layne bests Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK Senior center Kristal Daniels recorded her fourth straight double-double of the season Thursday night as visiting Betsy Layne beat Shelby Valley 65-48. Daniels, who had posted

three

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a n d rebounds during

holiday Whitney Tackett tournament play, scored 18 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the win over Shelby Valley. She also blocked five shots, handed out

three assists and recorded three steals in the winning outing. Kim Clark led the way for Betsy Layne, scoring a gamehigh 19 points. Clark also had seven rebounds, four assists and

three steals. Breann Akers added 10 points, five assists and four rebounds.

Betsy Layne jumped out to an early lead, getting out of the

Candace Meade

first period with a 14-12 advantage. But it wasn't a I smooth-

ing sailfor ing the visiti n g

Ladycats. In the second quarter, Shelby Valley doubled up Betsy Layne and led the three-time defending 15th Region All "A" champ 28-19 at halftime. Shelby Valley's lead was short-lived, though. Betsy Layne stormed back in the third quarter and outscored Shelby Valley 25-12 in the third period to retake the lead. The Ladycats maintained an advantage en route to the win.

Betsy Layne (8-4) made 29 field goal attempts and hit a pair of three-pointers.

Candace Meade and Whitney Tackett each had six points apiece for the Floyd County team. Becky Tackett and Nicole Spurlock both flipped in two points apiece.

Kristen Smith added two points,

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell On Thursday night, Prestonsburg dropped its second game in the WYMT Classic. Clay County beat the Blackcats

69-51. South Floyd, another Floyd County team playing in the WYMT tournament, returned to action Friday night against Perry County Central. The Raiders beat Clay County in the opening round of the WYMT tourney. Above: Prestonsburg junior guard Michael Stephens dribbled against the Clay County defense. Below: The Prestonsburg bench looked on at the action.

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS

Thursday's Games

Coca-Cola Classic Cordia 61, Pikeville 54 Shelby Valley 53, Allen Central 46

WYMT Classic East Ridge 76, Powell Co. 51 Clay Co. 69, Prestonsburg 51

Jenkins 61, Riverside Christian 27 June Buchanan 95, Piarist School 43 South Laurel 93, Wayne Co. 48 West Carter 60, East Carter 57, OT Whitesburg 58, Fleming-Neon 39

GIRLS

Betsy Layne 65, Shelby Valley 48 Cordia 59, Red Bird 47 East Jessamine 58, Pulaski Co. 55 Greenup Co. 49, Lawrence Co. 42 Jenkins 62, Riverside Christian 40 Johnson Cent. 49, Allen Central 46 June Buchanan 52, Piarist 36 Lee Co. 46, Estill Co. 35 Paintsville 61, South Floyd 36 Raceland 40, Bath Co. 37 Russell 54, Paul Blazer 35 Wolfe Co. 60, Powell Co. 53



Lady Tigers scratch South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The South Floyd High School girls' basketball team got back into regular-season action Thursday night, playing on the road against Class A rival Paintsville. The Lady Raiders struggled to find offense in the first half, scoring six points in the opening period and just four in the second quarter. Host Paintsville led 30-10 at halftime and finished the Lady Raiders off in the second half. The Lady Tigers went on to win, 61-36.

Paintsville (5-5) outscored South Floyd 24-14 in the third quarter.

Kendra Carroll led Paintsville in scoring with a game-high 15 points. Senior Stephanie Hall, a star for the Lady Tigers for several years now, added 14 points. Nine different Paintsville girls scored in the winning effort.

Paintsville entered Thursday night's game fresh off a 1-2 performance in the Villa Madonna Christmas Classic. Paintsville's lone win in the Villa Madonna tournament was a 55-30 triumph over Lloyd Memorial.

Paintsville has had an up and down season. The Lady Tigers began the season with back to back losses. After two losses to begin the season, Paintsville pulled off back to back wins.

In 10 games, Paintsville has scored 502 points and allowed opponents a combined 509 points.

South Floyd senior Tab Trammell scored 13 points in the loss to Paintsville and Miranda Gregory netted 10. Courtney Blocker added five points for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd was back in action yesterday on the road at Jackson City. Paintsville was back in action Friday night, playing on the road at 57th District rival Sheldon Clark. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.



Tab Trammell

Outdoors: Even in January, bowhunting can show results

by STEVE VANTREESE FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH - It's deer season. Still. At least for a little while longer, through Jan. 17, Kentucky's archery hunting for whitetails continues. In since Sept. 4, bowhunting is a marathon of opportunities made possible by the state's burgeoning deer population.

By January, however, it mostly grinds

down to the die-hards of the pursuit. Deer are Kentucky hunters' favorite game, but autumn bowhunting and subsequent firearms seasons garner most atten-

Many deer hunters have all the venison

they want, have taken their limits or simply have had their fill of whitetail hunting by now. Most multi-species hunters have gravitated to other game.

It is primarily those dedicated to deer and/or bowhunting in particular that continue in this winter phase of the season. Yet, there is a basis for their continuity: Late bowhunting can produce.

The deer are still out there in force and people mostly aren't.

The commonwealth went into this hunting season with a deer population that Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources managers estimated at perhaps greater than

(See RESULTS, page two)



KDFWR to exhibit at Louisville Sport, Boat, RV and Vacation Sbow

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Departmentpersonnel will be on hand to answer questions and sell 2005 year hunting andfishing licenses at the upcoming Louisville Sport, Boat, RV and Recreation Show.

The annual Louisville boat show, sponsored by the National MarineManufacturer's Association, will be open to the public January 22-30 and held at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center.

"It's a good opportunity for boaters and anglers to see the latest watercraft models, as well

(See EXHIBIT, page two)

Runnin' Rebs

James Taylor added 14 apiece to lead Cordia to the win over Pikeville in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. Pikeville led 13-6 at the end of the first period before Cordia picked up its game and made up some ground.

Continued from p1 Jesse Parrish led Pikeville with a game-high

Play in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic was scheduled to run through Saturday night.

Betsy Layne

three rebounds, eight steals and 10 assists for the Ladycats.

"Kristen had an excellent floorgame at the point," noted Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers.

Most all of Betsy Layne's points came from the floor or from beyond the arc.

one free throw. Clark made Phelps for a game set for a 7:30 good on the lone Betsy Layne free throw attempt.

Shelby Valley (5-5) struggled at the free throw line, hitting just six of 18 attempts. The Pike County team is scheduled to travel Monday to the home Betsy Layne just attempted hardwood of in-county rival

season whitetails.

The late bowhunter faces an

open woods with foliage long

since dropped from the trees.

That helps hunters see deer bet-

ter, but it works vice versa, too.

to position themselves in multi-

trunked trees or clusters of trees

to break their outlines and dodge

deer detection. Higher positions

- with careful use of safety har-

nesses - may be preferred to

Kentucky has been more spring-

like than wintry, but typical end

run days of the archery season

Early January weather across

avoid whitetail scrutiny.

Tree stand hunters may need

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p.m. start.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to return to action Tuesday at home against 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival South Floyd. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Betsy Layne game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Results

one million animals.

Kentucky hunters this year so far have reported taking more than 123,000 deer. Still, the deer are so numerous that managers are more concerned about hunters taking enough to hold the population in check than they are of overharvest.

There is lower competition for hunting spots now. The late season dropout of most deer hunters proves an advantage for those who endure.

The top concern of winter deer is food, so deer food should be the focus of January bowhunters. The earlier motivation of the deer's annual breeding cycle, the rut, has waned and mere survival is the top issue for both bucks and does.

Late bowhunters may find concentrations of deer using waste grain around harvested farm fields or plantings of winter wheat or other green forage. Natural buffets like honeysuckle thickets could hold deer in wilder areas.

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Most deer have been hunted can bring temperatures that test for a succession of seasons hunters' insulation. Depending beginning in September and by on the quirks of the weather, the the late days of the bow season late bowhunter well may need a are highly wary of human activcarefully selected clothing system of long underwear, insulatities. In many areas, deer may have gravitated to more isolated ing mid-layers and wind- and refuges, spots of heavy cover water-shedding outer shell, warm and lesser people traffic. Thick boots, hats, gloves/mittens and cover near a ready food source even chemical hand-warmers. is an ideal combination for late

While it must be warm, the archer's camouflaged January attire should allow silent freedom of movement for the potential shot at a high-strung deer at close range.

State wildlife managers encourage bowhunters to take additional antlerless deer, does specifically, to help roll back the population in high density counties. Especially in counties designated as Zone 1, a greater doe harvest is sought to bring the population back to what is considered a more ideal level while allowing a higher percentage of antlered bucks to flourish within that number.



P'burg senior guard Trevor Compton looked to work his way through the Clay County defense.

Exhibit

as see what's new on the fishing equipment market," said KDFWR Fisheries Director Benjy Kinman.

"We encourage sportsmen and women to come by and see us at the department's booth, pick up the new fishing and boating regulations for next year, and get their new year fishing and hunting licenses," Kinman said.

"New year licenses are required March 1, so this is a perfect time to get ready for the mits would be an additional

spring fishing season."It's not all that far away," Kinman said.

Kentucky resident's who both fish and hunt may want to consider a Sportsman's license this year, which includes a combination hunting and fishing license, statewide spring and fall turkey hunting permit, statewide deer permit, state other fishing and boating-relatwaterfowl and trout permits, at a cost of \$80. Purchased separately, these licenses and per-

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\$37.50. For the sportsman or woman who does it all, the Sportsman's license is by farthe

The new 2005 Kentucky Sport Fishing & Boating Guide will also be available during the Louisville boat show from the KDFWR booth, along with ed information, and information about the upcoming

Kentucky spring turkey hunting season.

Roethlisberger unanimous choice for top offensive rookie

by BARRY WILNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Ben Roethlisberger did what John Unitas, Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Brett Favre and every other NFL quarterback never managed by winning The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year award.

The first quarterback to win the honor since its inception in 1957, Roethlisberger did so unanimously, the second straight rookie to get all the votes. The Pittsburgh Steelers' young star received all 48 votes Wednesday from a nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters who cover pro football.

Last year, Arizona wide receiver Anguan Boldin also swept the panel.

But Boldin didn't go unbeaten in 13 starts, as Roethlisberger did in leading the Steelers to a franchise-best 15-1 record, which led the NFL this season. Neither, of course, has any other rookie QB.

"I think it is just a comfort level every week, learning and practicing, getting on the same page as these guys," Roethlisberger said. "I think that has really helped by being out there in practice and working with these guys, the receivers, the linemen, the running backs, and just getting familiar with each other has really helped our success and our progress."

Roethlisberger's progress was aided by having a superb running game featuring Jerome Bettis and Duce Staley, operating behind perhaps the league's best offensive line. Pittsburgh

ranked second in rushing. And the Steelers' defense was the league's best, allowing

the fewest points and yards. That meant Roethlisberger didn't need to win many games with his arm.

Yet when he did, he brought back the AFC North champions with late drives to beat Jacksonville and the New York Giants. His composure, competitiveness and intelligent handling of the offense were keys to those wins - and several others in which he didn't require such heroics.

"I did not really know what to expect," said Roethlisberger, the 11th choice in the first round of the draft - and the third overall quarterback taken behind Eli Manning and Phillip Rivers, neither of whom had much of an impact.

"I thought coming in, knowing about Tommy (Maddox) as the starter, that I was going to come in and just try to learn this offense and try to learn to be a backup, whatever coach was going to ask of me," Roethlisberger said. "Obviously, things changed."

They changed when Maddox injured his right elbow in Game 2 at Baltimore, the Steelers' only loss. There were loud doubts about Pittsburgh's chances of prospering with a rookie quarterback, including some from Roethlisberger's teammates.

He silenced those doubters very quickly.

'We've got mostly the same guys, it's Ben that has made a big difference," linebacker Joey Porter said. "Everybody else has been here. Duce and Ben are the biggest two additions we had. Nobody knew he could play at this level this early.'

Roethlisberger finished fifth in passer rating at 98.1. He completed 196 of 295 passes - yes, only 99 incompletions - for 2,621 yards, with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. His best work came in the middle of the schedule and he wasn't quite as dynamic in December. But he

kept winning, even as he was given more responsibility in the

"I think we will surely evolve and add more plays and do more things as an offense," he said, "and I can kind of become more diversified as we continue on this quest this year and in coming years."

Roethlisberger, whose sensational rookie season could earn him \$2.6 million in bonuses, is the fourth Steelers player to win the award, joining receivers Louis Lipps (1984) and Jimmy Orr (1958) and running back Franco Harris (1972).

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday's Games

St. Louis at Seattle N.Y. Jets at San Diego

(Scores unavailable at press time) Today's games

Denver at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS) Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. (FOX) Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 15 San Diego, N.Y. Jets or Denver at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m. (CBS) Green Bay, Scattle or St. Louis at

Sunday, Jan. 16

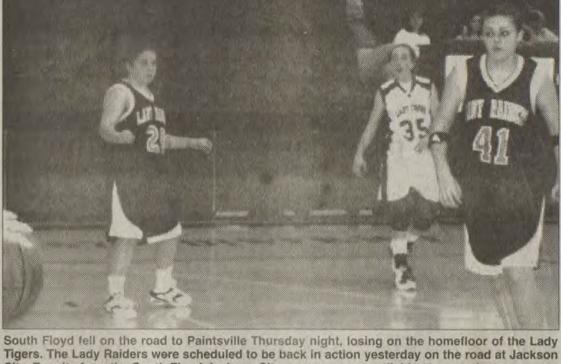
Atlanta, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Seattle, St. Louis or Minnesota at Philadelphia, I p.m. (FOX) Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets or San Diego at New England, 4:30 p.m. (CBS) Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23 NPC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (POX) AFC Championship Game, 6:30 p.m. (CBS) Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6 Jacksonville, Fla. AFC vs. NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX) Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 13 At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)



City. Results from the South Floyd-Jackson City game were unavailable at press time South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean (41) defended the Paintsville inbounds play.



In the loss to Paintsville, senior Courtney Blocker (42) added five points.



Dean and Tab Trammell (23) add scoring and rebounding talent inside for the Lady Raiders,

Judge orders radio station to provide feed cf Cardinals' games to satellite network

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE University of Louisville scored a slam dunk Thursday when a judge allowed a satellite radio network to begin airing the Cardinals' men's basketball games.

Jefferson County Circuit Judge Kenneth Conliffe issued a temporary injunction ordering AM radio station WHAS to distribute broadcasts of Louisville football and men's basketball games to Sirius Satellite Radio, which has a worldwide reach. The ruling was expected to make the Cardinals' next game, against TCU on Saturday, available for Sirius.

partners - Louisville and WHAS-AM - on opposing sides. It underscored their suddenly soured relationship since the station's parent company, Clear Channel Communications, signed a deal with the Cardinals' chief rival, the University of Kentucky.

The judge's ruling was applauded by Louisville President James Ramsey and other top university officials, signifying the importance of the deal with Sirius. But many of the comments were directed at WHAS-AM, the 50,000-watt flagship station for the Cardinals' sports radio network.

Louisville trustees chairman Junior Bridgeman called on WHAS-AM to continue "complete" coverage of Cardinals' athletics.

"In some ways, when you The case put two longtime think about it, they've turned their back on the school," Bridgeman, himself a former Louisville basketball standout,

said of WHAS-AM.

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich said it was a "sad testimony" that the issue of connecting Sirius to Cardinals' games had to be fought in court.

"We've had a long, long relationship with WHAS radio and certainly I think everybody thought we'd ... continue that in the future," Jurich said.

Kelly Carls, regional vice president of programming for WHAS-AM, would not comment on the litigation, citing company policy.

"We are disappointed with the judge's ruling but we will comply with it," said Carls, who declined further comment.

Louisville teamed up with Nelligan Sports Marketing Inc., a New Jersey-based company that holds the radio broadcast rights for Louisville athletics, in suing Clear Channel Radio.

Nelligan and the University Louisville Athletics Association reached a deal with Sirius last October to make Cardinals' games available at Sirius' choosing.

Sirius had wanted to initiate its broadcasts of Cardinals' games last month with the Billy Minardi Classic featuring Louisville's men's basketball team, but WHAS-AM refused to make the broadcasts available to Sirius, according to the university and Nelligan, prompting the

Gregg Hovious, an attorney representing Louisville and Nelligan, said the satellite radio broadcasts would make Cardinals' games available to Louisville alumni and fans across the world. He said that University of Kentucky games, which he said could give the Wildcats a potential recruiting advantage since potential recruits could listen in across the

Conliffe heard arguments from lawyers for both sides Tuesday, but the case bounced between state and federal courts until the circuit court judge issued his ruling Thursday.

Clear Channel had argued that it was under no contractual obligation to make the games available to Sirius, and that doing so would "dilute" listenership to WHAS' broadcasts.

Adding to the intrigue, both sides had mentioned Clear Channel's recent deal with UK. In that deal, Clear Channel agreed to give UK sports priority over Louisville on WHAS-Sirius already has access to AM beginning in fall 2007. The both UK and Louisville, and the Cardinals have priority over UK when both teams play at the

After the Clear Channel-UK. deal, Jurich announced that the Cardinals would end their relationship with WHAS-AM after their contract ended.

Hovious had accused WHAS-AM of denying Sirius access to Cardinals' games to "bully" Louisville into agreeing to release Clear Channel from the last two years of the contract.

Hovious said Thursday that Nelligan and Louisville, with their lawsuit, had signaled they would "stand up" to Clear Channel and would do so again if Clear Channel doesn't comply with the remaining two years of its contract with the

Lady Bulldogs pounce Asbury

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE - Five Lady Bulldogs scored in dou-

ble digits as host Union College dominated Asbury College from the opening tip en route to an impressive 93-48 victory on Tuesday.

Sophomore Sarah Beaty (Monticello) and freshman Allison

Fowler (Morganfield led Union mark. The Lady Bulldogs with 12 points apiece. Beaty hit five-of-seven shots, while Fowler was a perfect four-offour, including two 3-pointers.

junior Andrea Whitehead (Annville) and sophomore Dawn Davidson (Somerset) each chipped in 11.

> Beaty Whitehead each dished out a teamhigh six assists as the Lady Bulldogs accumulated 22 helpers.

Union scored the games first 13 points as the Lady Eagles (2-4 overall) didn't record their first points until the 15:44

steadily added to their lead as they took a 48-23 cushion into the break.

Senior Kristie Miller (Hazard), it almost had as many miscues (22) as points (23) in the first half. The Lady Eagles finished the game with 33 turnovers, which resulted in 39 points for

> The Lady Bulldog offense remained hot in the second half as the margin swelled to 87-37 with 7:02 to play. Asbury scored 11 of the final 17 points of the game as Union posted the 93-48 decision.

Although Union's leading rebounder was Andra Jones (Somerset) with five, the Lady Bulldogs seized a 38-36 advantage on the boards.

April Henderson paced Asbury with 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Stephanie Turnovers killed Asbury as Keeley chipped in 10 points.

Murray St. 83, Morehead St. 61

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY Shawn Witherspoon scored a careerhigh 33 on 13-of-17 shooting Thurday night to lead Murray State to an 83-61 win over Morehead State.

Witherspoon had 20 in the

first half as the Racers (6-5, 1-0 Ohio Valley Conference) built a 41-33 halftime lead.

Trey Pearson and Issian Redding added 12 points apiece for the Racers.

Chad McKnight had 17 points to pace Morehead State

Morehead State cut the Racers' halftime lead to two, early in the second half, but Murray State pulled away from there, building a 68-51 lead by the midpoint of the second half.

The Racers forced 26 turnovers and shot 43 percent from the field (32 of 74).

Lexington police arrest 20 for selling tickets illegally; 12 plead guilty

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

people pleaded guilty Thursday to charges stemming from a on the illegal sale of Kentucky one of Kentucky's seven home basketball tickets.

Police arrested people Wednesday night, to the prior Wildcats' game at Rupp Arena against South Carolina, and charged them with either ticket scalping or selling goods

illegally near the Lexington Center - in which Rupp Arena is located _ or both.

Both are violations of local ordinances.

Police seized 60 tickets and \$7,916 in cash. Among those arrested were a 77-year-old man, a man from Detroit, five people from Cincinnati and a man who said he's owned Kentucky basketball season tickets for 45 years.

"Every game, there are people standing shoulder to shoulder with police, scalping tickets - not just selling them for face value, like I did," said 70year-old Milton Beattie of Somerset, who said he bought his first Kentucky tickets in

Kristie Miller

fans. Kentucky has led the value, why are they pushing LEXINGTON - A dozen nation in attendance in each of you into the alleys to sell the past nine seasons and 18 times since the arena opened Lexington police crackdown for the 1976-77 season. Only

> games this season has failed to sell university out. athletic department spokesman Stricklin Scott said.

Lexington Police Lt. Shawn Coleman police

received complaints since the start of season from several businesses near the arena. Coleman said police had issued warnings for several weeks, but it hadn't made a difference.

"We do our enforcement fair, across the board," Coleman said. "When we go in and start enforcing a problem on which we've had complaints, we deal with everybody fairly.

That explanation didn't sit well with some of the people arrested, including Craig Wilson of nearby Paris. Wilson, 40, said he offered his \$22 ticket to an undercover officer for \$15, right in front of an arena entrance.

"The question I have, if it's Rupp Arena seats 23,000 legal to sell them for under face them?" Wilson said.

Still, Wilson was among those who pleaded guilty in Favette County District Court to the charges, which resulted in a \$250 fine for each charge, as well as court costs of

Five people, including 57year-old season-ticket holder John Bollinger of Lexington, chose to plead not guilty and fight the charges. Bollinger asked for \$30 for a \$27 ticket.

"It really doesn't cost me anything," Bollinger said. "You know who it costs? It costs the Lexington police department, because they're portraying the wrong image. They're wanting pay raises because they're underpaid. They want more people because they're understaffed. This is going to hurt the image of the city of Lexington."

The man from Detroit who was arrested, listed on a police citation as 35-year-old Jimmie Wilson Stephenson, didn't appear in court Thursday, which led District Judge Maria Ransdell to issue a warrant for his arrest.

Others charged had later court dates.

Late Lady Eagle rally falls short at Murray State

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MURRAY - The Morehead was not enough to overcome a second-half deficit of as many as 22 points on the road as Murray State defeated the Lady Eagles, 80-75, on Thursday at the Regional Special Events Center in Murray, in the Ohio Valley

Conference opener for both teams. Morehead State (2-10/0-1) received another strong performance from freshman guard Smith-Williams (Louisville/Pleasure Ridge Park HS), who led five Lady Eagles in double figures with a team-best 17 points, including scoring 14 in the second half. She also added seven rebounds and four steals.

for Morehead State, which is in the midst of an eight-game swing of games away from home. It also snapped a string of

Lady Racers.

The Lady Eagles scored first scored a team season-high 52 Murray State was able to tie the chimed in with 16 points, six points in the second half, but it game at 7-7 with 13 minutes left rebounds, five assists and two in the first half. Over the next eight and a half minutes, the Lady Racers went on a 20-7 run to push their advantage to 16 points. Murray went into the locker room ahead, 36-23.

Morehead State was able to close the margin to within single digits at 39-31, three minutes and 17 seconds into the final period. Murray gradually pushed the margin back up to as high as 22 points at 62-40 with 8:43 remaining in the game. However, the Lady Eagles used an 18-6 run to cut the margin to 10 points with 4:47 to play. Morehead State continued to The loss was the fifth straight close the gap and was within two points 77-75 with 43 seconds left on the clock. Yet, Murray State made three of four free throws in the game's final

three straight wins over the 20 seconds to seal the victory. Junior guard/forward TaNeisha State women's basketball team and held an early 4-1 lead, but (Shelbyville/Shelby County HS)

steals; while sophomore forward Holly Williams (Umatilla, Fla./Umatilla HS) contributed 11 points and equaled her career high with eight rebounds. Freshman guard Stacey Strayer Ohio/Valley (Germantown, View HS) tallied a career-best 15 points, and added three rebounds and three assists. Sophomore forward/center Patti White (Cincinnati,

Morehead State finished the contest holding a slight edge in shooting percentage (40.7 to 40.6) in an otherwise statistically even matchup.

Ohio/Purcell-Marian HS) also

scored 10 points.

Shaleea Perry led Murray State (5-7/1-0) with 19 points, while Katie Willinger added 13 points and eight rebounds.

KSU hires first female athletics director

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Kentucky State announced the hiring of its first female athletics director on Thursday.

position on Dec. 31. She previously served as assistant athletics director at Eastern Kentucky and Virginia Tech for a total of 11 years.

Ratcliffe, a Portsmouth, Va. Derita Ratcliffe, 38, took the native, has a master's degree

from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ratcliffe replaces Curtis Campbell, who has served as interim athletics director since Derrick Ramsey left to work for Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Gonzaga opens win a WCC win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unfortunately for Gonzaga, coach Mark Few might be right. Few has been saying for months that the West Coast Conference is going to be better than it has been in recent years.

The 11th-ranked Bulldogs opened defense of their WCC title on Thursday night with a hard-fought, 91-87 victory over Santa Clara. "There are going to be a lot

of those this season," Few said of the game that wasn't decided until the final minute. "This league is the best it's ever been."

Derek Raivio had 32 points for Gonzaga (11-2), which went 63-7, including 16-0 last season, in winning five straight WCC titles since Few took over the program.

Adam Bailey had 26 points for the Broncos (7-9), who lost their fifth straight overall. Gonzaga has won nine in a row in the series and the last five at the Leavey Center. "I feel like every time the

win is right there and they take it away," Bailey said of playing the Zags. "I'll get it figured out. I'd hate to come back for a sixth year just to beat them." In other games involving

ranked teams on Thursday, it was: No. 9 Georgia Tech 80, Miami 69; No. 12 Washington 84, Southern California 59; No. 13 Arizona 87, California 67; No. 15 Texas 74, Memphis 67; and No. 23 Cincinnati 83, DePaul 54.

Adam Morrison added 18

points, and Erroll Knight had 11 points and eight rebounds for Gonzaga in its first game since having a seven-game winning streak snapped with a 63-61 loss to Missouri on Dec. 30.

Doron Perkins of Santa Clara, and Morrison were called for a double-technical after tangling on the floor under Gonzaga's basket with 2:52 left. Santa Clara's Travis Niesen got a technical just over a minute later after Santa Clara pulled within 80-77. Raivio made both free throws, then J.P. Batista made the front end of a 1-and-1 for the Bulldogs.

"They did better in the clutch than we did," Santa Clara coach Dick Davey said before proving the Bulldogs are on the minds of

got seven weeks to try and improve that.' No. 9 Georgia Tech 80,

Miami 69: Will Bynum scored 21 points to lead the Yellow Jackets (10-2, 1-0), who bounced back from last weekend's overtime loss at No. 2 Kansas.

Guillermo Diaz had 27 points for the visiting Hurricanes (9-3), who had their eight-game winning streak snapped in their first Atlantic Coast Conference game. Miami moved from the Big East after last season. No. 12 Washington 84,

Southern California 59: Tre Simmons scored 22 points to lead the visiting Huskies (13-1, 3-0), who are off to their best start in 29 years, to their ninth

WCC opponents. "But we've consecutive victory.

Freshman Nick Young scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half for the Trojans (7-7), who have yet to win a Pac-10 game under interim coach Jim Saia. The 0-3 mark is their worst conference start since they began 0-4 in 1991, but still made the NCAA tournament.

No. 13 Arizona 87, California 67: Channing Frye had 20 points and eight rebounds to lead the Wildcats (12-2, 2-0 Pac-10) to their ninth straight victory in their first road game in 19 days.

Richard Midgley had 14 points for the Bears (8-5, 1-2), who have lost 11 of 12 to Arizona.

No. 15 Texas 74, Memphis 67: P.J. Tucker scored 18 points,

seconds, for the Longhorns (11-2). His fastbreak dunk after a turnover gave Texas a 71-67 lead and he added two free throws with 17 seconds to play.

including four in the final 42

Freshman guard Darius Washington had 23 points for the visiting Tigers (7-7), who have lost five of seven overall.

No. 23 Cincinnati 83, DePaul 54: Jason Maxiell scored 19 points to lead the Bearcats (12-1) in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Quemont Greer, who leads the conference in scoring at 24.1 points per game, had 12 on 4-of-13 shooting for the Blue Demons (8-4). DePaul has lost 26 of 29 to the Bearcats, including the last 14 in Cincinnati.

Eastern Kentucky 71, Petty has opening for Tenn.-Martin 67

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTIN, Tenn. - Matt Witt scored 27 points to lead Eastern Kentucky to a 71-67 victory Tennessee-Martin Thursday night in the Ohio Valley Conference opener for both teams.

Eastern Kentucky (9-3, 1-0) secured the win with a Ben Rushing free throw with two

several times in the final minutes. The shot was one of Rushing's two attempts in the

The teams were tied at 61-all after the Skyhawks' (3-9,0-1) Jared Newson dunked with 3:51 to play.

A Ben Witt 3-pointer put the Colonels up for good at 68-65 with 1:18 left.

The Skyhawks trailed 30-25

seconds left after the teams tied at halftime, helped in part by an early 11-0 Eastern Kentucky run keyed by Witt.

Witt shot 5-for-8 from 3-point range for the game and better than 55 percent from the field.

Tennessee-Martin was led by Newson and Earl Bullock with 15 points each.

Michael Haney scored 14 points for the Colonels and Jason McLeish added 10.

Kentucky FCA Football Coaches Clinic set

MAYSVILLE - The 14th the Wing-T. Annual Kentucky FCA Football Coaches Clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at Mason County Middle School. The event will again be hosted by Mason County High School

The clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A breakdown of the clinic schedule follows.

8:30 a.m.: Registration 9-9:50 am: Donald Damron, East Carter - Winging It from Ashland Paul Blazer - The I

10:05-10:55 a.m.: Tom Spritzky, Dixie Heights - The Spread Offense on the Goalline.

11:10-Noon: Dale Anderson, Pulaski Southwestern - A Flexible Offensive System.

Noon-12:55 p.m.: Lunch. 1-1:50 p.m.:Jim McKee, Scott County - A new way to do old things!

2:05-2:55 p.m.: Leon Hart,

Fullback as a Runner and Blocker.

Clinic Fee: \$30, includes meal and door prizes. Fee for a staff of four is \$100.

The clinic is sponsored by Sport Campbellsville.

For more information, contact Mason County High School Coach David Buchanan by calling 606/564-3393 (school), 606/564-7544 (home).

Improved infield featured at Daytona's FanFest

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA, Fla. - The 2005 NASCAR Preseason Thunder FanFest at Daytona will sport a new and exciting backdrop this year as Daytona International Speedway will preview its massive, multi-million dollar, multi-faceted infield renovation project for the first time to fans who will experience the much anticipated kickoff to the NASCAR season.

Bands, pit stop demonstrations and inquisitive fan forums Thunder FanFest events will be with some of your favorite drivers as well as new, state-of-theart infield amenities including new Nextel Cup garages, new Busch garages, a new Gatorade Victory Lane and a Fan Zone are just some of the exciting features fans will experience at the high-energy 2005 NASCAR Preseason Thunder Fan Fest at historic Daytona International Speedway.

"We are thrilled to preview our new infield project at NASCAR's Preseason Thunder FanFest," Speedway President Robin Braig said. "Being able to experience the excitement of this unique event in our unique infield atmosphere will make for a memorable time for fans

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and competitors alike."

The January testing session schedule at International Speedway is:

• Jan. 7-9: Rolex Sports Car Series (all cars)

• Jan. 11-13: Nextel Cup (odd owner's points)

• Jan. 15-16: Craftsman Truck • Jan. 18-20: Nextel Cup (even

owner's points) • Jan. 22-24: Busch Series (all cars)

• Jan. 26-27: DASH Series (all cars) NASCAR Preseason held on the following days:

• Jan. 12, 19: Nextel Cup FanFest • Jan. 15: Craftsman Truck FanFest • Jan. 22: Busch FanFest

Among the Nextel Cup drivers testing in the odd-numbered owner's points are two-time Daytona 500 winners Jeff Gordon and Michael Waltrip, Elliott Sadler, 2004 Cup champion Kurt Busch, 2004 Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr., Newman, McMurray and three-time Daytona 500 winner Dale Jarrett.

Among the Nextel Cup drivers testing in the even-numbered owner's points include Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne, Bobby Labonte, Mark Martin, two-time Daytona 500 winner

Sterling Marlin, Jeff Burton, Matt Kenseth, Rusty Wallace and Brian Vickers.

Tickets to enter the Nextel Cup FanFest events are \$15, and \$10 for the Busch Series and NASCAR Craftsman Truck FanFest events.

On FanFest days only, guests will enter the Speedway through the Turn 4 tunnel off Bill France Boulevard and park in the Turns 3 and 4 area of the infield. Trams from the parking area to the new FanZone will be provided.

Gates open at 9 a.m. for viewing of the testing sessions. NASCAR Preseason Thunder FanFest activities are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. each day (Times are subject to change)

Throughout all of the test sessions, fans can watch all the action free of charge from the Oldfield Grandstand, which will be open to the public.

Proceeds from the NASCAR Preseason Thunder FanFest will benefit Victory Junction Gang Camp and The Women's Auxiliary of Motorsports

To purchase tickets for the NASCAR Preseason Thunder Fan Fest, fans can go online at http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com

crew chief for 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEVEL CROSS, N.C. -

change in the leadership of the No. Georgia Pacific/Brawny Dodge driven by Kyle Petty.

The move was sparked by the departure of team engineer Adam Stevens to Joe Racing, Gibbs after which the

team elected to part company Henderson.

"When we made the change

to put Adam and Bill in charge of the 45 team in August of last year, we looked at it as a com-Petty Enterprises announced a bination effort," said Petty,

CEO of Petty Enterprises.

"When Adam came back from the Christmas holiday and told us of his intention to take an offer with Gibbs, we decided to reevaluate the leadership of the team."

Petty is currently exploring options.

"We have made a number of significant moves forward since the end of the season. Our relationship

Evernham Motorsports supplying our engines is the most public of those moves.

"We intend to have an experienced crew chief and team engineer in place when we leave for the first race in Daytona," Petty said. "I have a lot of faith in the 45 team, our engineering group and the rest of the team in Level Cross that we will be competitive right out of the box in

Petty Enterprises and the 45 team take the track for the first time with their new Evernham engine package next week at the season's first official test at Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt Jr.'s goal: Dad's five straight Daytona Busch wins

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -There's no secret that Dale Earnhardt Jr. will once again be the race favorite for the 47th annual Hershey's Take 5 300 NASCAR Busch Series race on Feb. 19.

The driver the No. 8 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series will moonlight once again in the Busch Series' richest and most prestigious event as he shoots for his fourth straight

Earnhardt Jr. is chasing the record of five straight victories set by his late father Dale Earnhardt between 1990-94.

In last year's race, Earnhardt Jr. had to dig deep to pull off the victory.

The 120-lap, 300-mile race held on the Saturday before the Daytona 500 was red flagged at Lap 31 due to rain. The race couldn't be restarted and was postponed until Monday.

Earnhardt Jr., who captured the 2004 Daytona 500 the next day, participated in the traditional car induction ceremonies at DAYTONA USA on early Monday morning and then went inside the Speedway to prepare for the finish of the Busch Series event.

Earnhardt Jr., who led five different times for 47 laps, took the lead for the final time on Lap 109 and held off the pack of furious challengers to earn his third win of Speedweeks clock putting your car in DAY-TONA USA," Earnhardt Jr. said after the victory.

Despite a late night of celebrating, Earnhardt Jr. said he had no problems getting focused for Monday's compet-

"It's kinda like pick up Budweiser Chevrolet in the where you left off," Earnhardt Jr. said.

In this year's edition of the Hershey's Take 5 300, Earnhardt Jr. will once again get plenty of competition from both the stars of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series and the NASCAR Busch Series. Among the other NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers expected join Earnt...rdt Jr. in the Hershey's Take 5 300 include Kevin Harvick, Joe Nemechek, Kasey Kahne, Michael Waltrip and Greg Biffle.

Among the Busch Series regulars expected to return include Earnhardt Jr.'s Chance 2 Racing teammate and 2004 NASCAR Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr., David Green, Ashton Lewis, David Stremme, Kenny Wallace, Clint Bowyer and Jason Keller.

Green, who will wheel a Ford for Brewco Motorsports, is the 1994 Busch Series champion but has never won at Daytona. He says a good finish in the season opener can spark some momentum for the year.

"I don't want to say it paints a picture of your season, but it sure leaves a good foundation," said Green, who sat on the pole

"It's a pretty good alarm in his first start in 1991. "It's almost like a footer on a house. As you build upon that nice expensive house, you want a nice steady foundation. I know as you go into each year, you never know what's around the next corner throughout the season, but at the same time, you're first priority is to get through Daytona and have it

> "I've been through Daytona and had unfortunately a 30th place finish but our performance and teamwork was sound and it really catapulted our year. I've also come out with solid top-10 finishes and it relayed the same momentum. I've yet to come away with a win. I can only imagine what that would seem like."

Lewis will be among the many drivers making debuts with new teams. After driving for his family-owned team, the Virginia native takes over the driving duties at Team Rensi Motorsports. Like Green, Lewis is just looking for a solid

"Everybody's goal is to go there and win but if you can just go there and get the season off to a great start and you don't feel like you're digging yourself out of a hole from the get-go," Lewis said. "You build up all winter to go to Daytona and you know what kind of race it is. You know how prestigious it is and you put a lot of emphasis on it and to go there and run well would mean a lot to this team."

Schwallie joins Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Lucas Oil DirtCar President, Spencer Wilson has announced the addition of veteran dirt track racing photographer, Rick Schwallie to the staff of NARA. Schwallie, one of the most respected photographers in racing, will become the Events Coordinator and Official Photographer for the two-year-old racing series.

"We want to welcome Rick Schwallie to NARA, he will be a real asset for us, not only is he recognized in the racing community for his photography talents, but he will be taking on a more active role working directly with race promot-

ers on their Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series events in 2005, including pre-event promotions prior to their events with NARA," said Wilson.

Schwallie will also help in obtaining sponsors and contingency programs for the series. "I want to thank Spencer Wilson and James Essex for this opportunity with NARA," said the Cambridge, Ohio resident. "I went to a couple of their shows last year and was impressed by the way they do things and I hope to add in helping them become the premier series in late model racing," noted Schwallie.

Schwallie has loved the sport since he was a kid. This

love later turned into a hobby with photography. In 1997, Schwallie obtained his first press pass at Brownstown Speedway in Indiana. This was only the beginning of Schwallie's professionalism. He joined the Renegade Dirtcar Series in 1999 as the tour's series photographer. Schwallie worked for Renegade until 2003 when the series was sold to Xtreme Dirtcar. He then joined up with the Xtreme Dirtcar series in 2004 and visited tracks from California to New Jersey. During his journeys he has worked hand and hand with drivers, track promoters, industry, and the media to help promote Dirt Late Model racing in whole.

Burton to test RCR Busch car in Mexico

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

In preparation for its first points race held outside the United States, the NASCAR Busch Series will conduct a test on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez road course in

Mexico City, site of the Mexico 200 on March 6.

Richard Childress Racing and Jeff Burton, driver of the No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series and winner of 20 races in the NASCAR Busch Series, will be the test team.

The one-day test is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Mexico City (10 a.m. ET) on the 2.518-mile course.

The Mexico 200 will be an 80-lap event, and marks the NASCAR Busch Series' return to road course racing for the first time since 2001 at Watkins Glen.

Manning easily wins first Offensive Player award by BARRY WILNER three teammates.

NEW YORK - Peyton Manning was a runaway winner of The Associated Press 2004 NFL Offensive Player of the Year - as if there could be any doubt.

The Indianapolis Colts' star quarterback had perhaps the greatest passing season in league history. He broke Dan Marino's 20year-old record with 49 touchdown passes and had a passer rating of an almost unfathomable 121.1, shattering Steve Young's mark of 112.8 set in 1994. Manning threw only 10 interceptions and led the Colts to the AFC South title with a 12-4 record.

Manning earned 35 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. He easily outdistanced Eagles receiver Terrell Owens and Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who each got four

He also turned two of his previously unaccomplished receivers, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley, into threats almost on a par with Manning's favorite target, perennial Pro Bowler Marvin Harrison. All caught at least 10 touchdown passes and went over 1,000 yards in receiving - an unprecedented combination for

"I feel more comfortable than I did last year," said Manning, who was co-MVP in 2003 along with Steve McNair of Tennessee. "My goal every year has been to be a better player every year than the year before, and I really fell I've done that. I feel I am a better player this year than last year."

And how.

Rarely, if ever, has a quarterback been so dominant. Manning, 28, had a six-touchdown performance on Thanksgiving Day at Detroit. He had three five-TD games (against Green Bay, Kansas City and Houston) and two with four touchdowns (Chicago and Minnesota). Against the NFC North alone, he threw for 19 touchdowns.

"Amazing," said Packers quarterback Brett Favre, who won the award in 1995. Favre held an NFL mark with 12 straight games throwing at least two TDs, which Manning also broke, finishing at 13. "I think they've built that offense to where they're at a point right now where they dare you to try to stop someone, and that's a hell of a place to be."

In all, Manning was 336-for-497 for 4,557 yards and hit on 67.6 percent of his throws. Three times, he had a passer rating above 140.

Perhaps the only one relatively

unimpressed was, well, Manning. "The regular season is over

with and it's been a good run for us," he said. "Statistically, those things don't carry a lot of weight in the playoffs.'

What could carry weight in the postseason, which Indianapolis opens Sunday by hosting Denver, is the versatility of the Colts' attack. The Colts have the three terrific wideouts, good tight ends in Marcus Pollard and Dallas Clark, a solid offensive line and a Pro Bowl running back in Edgerrin James.

And, of course, Manning, whose steady rise as an NFL star has been capped by this special season, his seventh.

"I look at him as the best player in this league because of what he's responsible for and what he does for our team," Stokley said. "And then to do it at such a high level says a lot about him." Running back Curtis Martin of

the Jets received two votes, while fellow backs Jerome Bettis of the Steelers and LaDainian Tomlinson of the Chargers each got one. So did Chargers quarterback Drew Brees. The only other Colt to win the

award was QB Bert Jones of the Baltimore Colts in 1976. Last year's winner was running back Jamal Lewis of the Ravens.

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This Town, That World

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

BEHIND TIMES

A little girl called this office last Friday to inform us that this is 1959-not 1958, as our last

week's dateline showed. If had only felt our pockets or looked at our bank balance, we would have remem -



Norman Allen

bered all those Christmas bills, known a new year had been ushered in, and thus avoided that error.

WARNING

This office has a piece of furniture against which we hereby warn any, all and sundry visitors who may be inclined to "set a spell." The seat has split, and it has a habit of closing under pressure or, sometimes, as the pressure is eased.

If you see some sedate citizen leaving this place with a chair hanging to him, bustle-like, don't be alarmed. Just catch him if you can-and handle with care.

WHO?-NOT HOW MUCH? See by the papers that the ABC

Board is threatening Walgreen Drug in Louisville for indicating in a newspaper ad that its store had a sale on whiskey and other intoxicating drinks. Seems to us that ABC would be doing a better job if they would worry more about who is selling the stuff, than what they're charging for it.

OBVIOUSLY HE WOULD

This Russian, Mr. Mikoyan, strikes us as a right smart operator. But his statement about that near-crash of the plane he was aboard doesn't show it. He said, according to the newspapers.

"As far as I am concerned, I've had a full life and would have accepted, whatever consequences that might have befallen me."

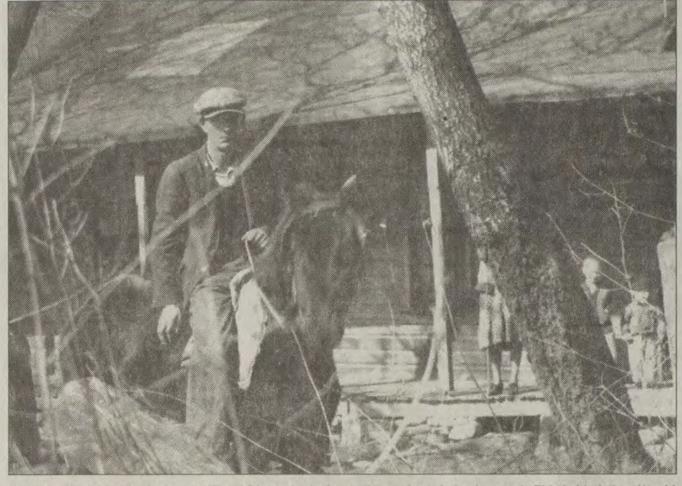
Sure he would-and won't we all, regardless of our druthers?

A MATTER OF ETHICS

Newspaper people can be like Mary, very contrary. There was,

for instance, the publisher about whom we read recently. He had got somewhat more than his fill of a lot of "canned stuff" that was thinly disguised advertising, and had practiced tossing alleged "feature stories," into the waste

(See THIS TOWN, page six)



Ralph lived with his family in rural Floyd County in the house shown here, in background. This is his father, Harold Hall, preparing for a ride into town. Ralph, his younger brother, Roger, and his mother can barely be seen standing

Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by RALPH HALL

~ Chapter 6 ~

Ringeye, my old dog

There is nothing in life that means more to a boy than a good dog. A dog is a real pal - you can say anything to a dog and he will go right on loving you. It seems as if a dog was born for a boy. Sure, girls like dogs, too, but a boy and his dog live in that world called "Adventure." Every morning, when a boy gets up, he goes looking for his dog so that the two of them can head out for a day on that trail called "Fun."



This little country boy loved his "old dog, Ringeye." In today's feature, Ralph Hall, shown here at about age 10, tells of adventures that he and "old Ringeye" shared.

A young dog is much like a boy, give either of them enough rope and they will hang themselves with it, or so they say. A good dog is worth his weight in a bag of duck eggs, while a good boy is worth his weight in the things he likes to carry around in his pockets - like snakes, frogs, a few rocks and a jack knife.

Let me tell you this story about the best old hound dog any boy could have ever owned. We called him "Ringeye, reason being he had a green eye and one that looked some kind of crazy blue. He was just a lazy old hound and most people wouldn't even have wanted him, but me. I thought he was the best dog in all the world.

Wherever I went, Ringeye followed right along behind me. When I picked up the water bucket and took off for the blackberry patch, as I headed up the path, Ringeye would be close on my heels. I had no fear when Ringeye was with me. The only place in the woods that I ever went that Ringeye didn't go with me, was up in a tree. Even then, he would lie at the trunk of the tree until I somehow skinned down.

My daddy didn't like Ringeye very much. He said that Ringeye was just an old lazy hound dog that just wanted to lay around and eat. Well, Old Ringeye didn't like moving around too much. If he had ever gotten into a race with a turtle, I'm sure the turtle would have won because Ringeye would have laid down for a short nap before he crossed the finish line. There was no way anyone could ever have accused him of stealing chickens, because he only liked them breaded and fried well done.

The only thing in all the world Ringeye was good at was jumping rabbits, so I took him rabbit hunting a lot. I would get the old 16-gauge shotgun and off into the woods Ringeye and I would go. Old Ringeye would flush out a rabbit almost everyday. Out of the tall grass the rabbit would jump and then around the hill they both would run. Ringeve right at the rabbit's hind feet, barking all the way. I never killed a single rabbit when I was a boy. I just liked to see them run with Old Ringeye hot on their trail.

I will never forget this one particular hunting trip. It was cold and we heard some baby rabbits crying. When we found them, a blacksnake was busy killing them. Mother Rabbit was nowhere to be seen, so I picked up some rocks and threw them at old snake and he went off into the rocks. There were two little baby rabbits left, so I picked them up and ran down the hill for home as fast as I could.

When I got home, my daddy asked, "Son, what have you got there?" I answered, "Two little baby rabbits." Then I told him the whole story. I told him that I wanted to keep them.

Daddy said, "Okay, but they may not live. You will be lucky if you can keep them alive."

Daddy was right because two days later, they died. I guess the shock of seeing their little brothers and sisters being swallowed up by an old blacksnake was just too much for their little hearts to take.

Ringeye was one of those kind of dogs any boy could have had a good time being with. If I jumped into the pond for a cool dip, Ringeye would jump right in behind me. When us boys played roll at the bat, if one of us hit the ball near Ringeye, he would pick it up and run away. We'd chase after him, cussing all the way and yelling, "Drop that ball, you stupid old hound dog!" After awhile, he'd just drop the ball and lay down beside it.

Ringeye loved to fight. There was just no dog anywhere that he was afraid of. He would take on any of them if they wanted to fight. I got up this one

(See BETSY, page six)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'It's Alive'

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

I always seem to get the latest Lagoon movie at the wrong time. I watched "Jaws" on DVD the week before our trip to Myrtle Beach (so much for swimming) and HBO premiered "The Dentist" the same week I began a series of root canals. Wouldn't you know it that this film arrived two weeks after my wife announced we were expecting a new addition to the family?

This one hit the drive-in circuit in 1974 and was a monster hit inspiring two sequels that were almost as good. The action starts right away

with the Davises getting up in the middle of the night, in their Monica Santa home, to have second their child.

Things start off fine with mom going to the delivery room while dad heads to the lounge to five-card



Staff Writer

draw with a room full of expectant dads. This was the 1970s, folks, so these guys sit around complaining about pollution while puffing on stogies (this was 1974 before California made it illegal to smoke).

Dad starts to worry when he doesn't hear any news and walks out toward the operating room, puffing away, where he is surprised to see an orderly stagger out of a door in a blood-soaked gown clutching his

Thinking that something may be amiss - nothing gets past this guy - dad walks into the O.R., which has become a virtual bloodbath. Security guards hustle him out but he soon learns that his wife gave birth to a mutant that didn't take kindly to forceps yanking on its noggin and subsequently wiped out the staff like they were two for a dollar.

Mr. Davis is not prepared for what happens next and is soon bounced from his public relations job and hounded by reporters while his new born goes on a rampage that claims 11 victims, including the family cat. It all leads to several scenes of the police scouring the neighborhood while an oily research group offers the Davises a ton of money for future rights to the tot's remains.

Eventually Davis realizes that his paternal instincts outweigh his revulsion towards his monster boy, but it may be too late to get the child out of harm's way.

This is a good yarn, folks, and it has a whopper of a last line of dialogue. Suffice to say the Davis baby won't be the only mutant in town for at least two more movies.

This one works because it uses a silly monster movie device to look at

(See LAGOON, page six)

When all hope is lost

by JANET LYNN MITCHELL "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CAREGIVER'S SOUL"

"Don't you know? There will never be a cure!" my teenage daughter screamed from the back seat of the

I steadied my hands on the steering wheel while Jenna continued to rant and rave. I tried to swallow the lump in my throat. Not finding a single word that could or would change the situation, I remained quiet, and tears stung my eyes. God, you have to help the scientists find a cure soon. My daughter is losing all hope.

"It's just too hard! I'm tired of feeling sick! I'm tired of being tired! I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired!" Jenna sobbed from behind, "Mom, I just don't think I can do it anymore..." she said as her voice faded off into silence.

Jenna's words cut deep, for I knew that without hope,

her heart would break. Wishing that this conversation ty. But I felt helpless not knowing how to console her. wasn't occurring on a freeway. I fought traffic and slowly made my way to the off-ramp, checking my rearview mirror only to see the penetrating look in Jenna's eyes as she stared back at me. The unnerving silence was only interrupted by the sound of my turn signal

It had been 12 years since Jenna truly "felt good." For 12 years, she had lived courageously, fighting her chronic disease. I understood her feelings of defeat. I, too, was tired of daily watching my daughter tend to her catheter site, injecting herself with the proper medications and experiencing the unpredictable side effects. I, too, wanted to join her in screaming, "I'm sick and tired of you being sick and tired!"

Watching her in such emotional and physical pain made me ache all over. If only I could take her illness upon me, I'd give her my health and bear her infirmi-

I pulled into the first parking lot I could find. I parked the car, stepped out and crawled into the back

from her eyes, hoping she'd open them and look into mine. She didn't move. For

five minutes, I just sat and held her, praying that God would renew her strength and will to live.

What does a mother say to her child who is living a nightmare, praying that she'd someday soon wake up and it would be over? What words could bring comfort when all hope is lost?

Not knowing the answers, I spoke from my heart, hoping to reach Jenna's. "Jenna, look at me. I need to know that

you really understand what I am about to say."

She turned her head toward me and opened her eyes. Immediately, she began to repeat her words of seat, where Jenna lay motionless. I brushed her hair hopelessness. Gently, I placed my finger against her

> "Honey, today you're tired and you've lost all hope. Today you can rest in my arms and let me hope for you. You can be assured that my hope is endless and so is my love."

> "Mom," Jenna interrupted me. smiling slightly. "If you can hope for me, I guess I can too." She draped her arms around me. "Tell me again. Mom, that your hope is forever."

> "It's forever, baby. My hope is for-

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The many uses for an apron

comes into my life that makes a lasting impression. I bet the same is true for you. My most recent ers. example of this is a lady who

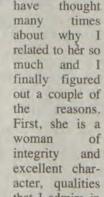
lives down in the great state of Alabama, Walker County to be more specific. Her name is Ruth Teaford Baker and I've told you about her before when I wrote a column about her book, Southern Homespun.

Ruth Baker was

grew up on a 250-acre farm duron to college and became a teacher and distinguished herself as Alabama's Teacher of The where we have been and who we

Every once in a while a person Year, Walker County's Mother of are, we don't have an anchor or the Year, State of Alabama's Governor's Award and many oth-

Over the past several weeks I



that I admire in the youngest of 12 children who any person. But more than that, her writing has a way of touching ing the Great Depression of the my roots and providing me a link 1930s. After high school she went to my past. Personally, I believe this is very important for every American. If we don't know

anything to hold on to when things begin to the wel in our

When Ruth was growing up, in her own words she was a "tomboy" and "tough as a pine knot." Apparently her mother and father were the "salt of the earth" kind of people and their home was, more or less, the hub of the community.

Back in those days they all worked, the mother and father and all 12 kids. They had to just to survive. They grew a crop to earn the income they needed to buy staples and they raised cattle, hogs, chickens and a big garden to provide for everything else. A big wood-burning cook stove, and a mother who worked from sun-up to sundown and beyond, was the glue that held the family together.

When I think about life today and compare it to the life these

people lived, I am very grateful. I can get in my car and go anywhere I want to go, get on a plane and get there faster, turn on the television and get lastant news, email my friends anywhere in the world with the click of a button, call 911 if I have a fire or a medical emergency and so many other blessings that it would take a month to name them. The people who lived back then had none of the modern conveniences that we just take for granted. That's why I said that Ruth provided a link to my past. She also does this for many others on a regular basis, as she has been writing a weekly column for the Daily Mountain Eagle in Jasper, Ala., for the past 25 years.

If you will forgive me, it's along about here that I would like to get personal. A little earlier I said it was Ruth's hard working mother that was the glue that held the family together. Depending on your age, if you will think about your own mother, or perhaps your grandmother, I believe you will see many of those same qualities that helped you to get where you are. A few weeks ago Ruth sent me a copy of her latest book titled, "Barefoot Dreams" and you talk about "links" to the past, they are throughout the book. In little short, one or two page articles, she relates many different aspects of a young child growing up in this era. They did not know they were poor.

One of the chapters that touched me was titled, "My Mother's Apron." I never knew there were so many uses for an apron, which is a testimony of the kind of life that women of this day and time lived. Here is an excerpt that says it better than I could. "The apron was the most useful article of clothing. It became a potholder if a pot started boiling over on the stove. Gathered up from the bottom, it formed a bag just right to hold eggs while gathering from the nests. It seemed to be just the right size to hold a "mess' of beans, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, or other garden good-

It also held splinters of rich pine or chips for starting a fire in the wood cook stove. The apron became a soft cloth to dry tears from children's faces. It was used as a fan when the heat became unbearable and a mop when perspiration dimmed the vision. She used it to fan a sluggish fire to life. When it came time to milk twice a day, she found the apron held the right amount of corn to feed the cow while filling her milk buckets. Gathered up from the bottom, she carried shelled corn to throw out to the chickens." There are even more uses that space do not permit me to give you. This is a wonderful book and I highly recommend it. The title is "Barefoot Dreams" and the cost is \$10 plus \$1.50 postage. Send orders to Ruth Baker, 2100 Hwy. 102, Townley AL 35587.

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JWT auditions to be held Jan. 28 & 29

2005 round of auditions with a local call for its upcoming spring and summer productions. The 2005 amphitheatre season, playing June 10 - August 20, 2005, includes Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Steel Magnolias, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Babe - The Sheep Pig will be produced in cooperation with the Mountain Arts Center April 12 - 16, 2005. Performers, both professional and amateur, are encouraged to attend the theatre's local casting call Friday, January 28 from 5 -9PM and Saturday January 29 from 10 - 3 at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

There are numerous opportunities for local performers in this year's selection of shows. JWT is seeking several children for roles in Babe, including the role of the famous pig. The role of Chip in Disney's Beauty and the Beast will be cast at this audition. Children will also be cast as villagers/napkins/house ware in Disney's Beauty and the Beast. 886-9274.

Jenny Wiley Theatre opens its JWT is also looking for talented local adult actresses for its production of Steel Magnolias, and adults for both Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Jesus Christ Superstar. JWT also plans to cast several local teens/young adults in each pro-

> Auditionees should prepare a short monologue and a brief musical selection. Total time for the audition must not exceed two minutes. There will be a pianist provided. Taped accompaniment and a capella singing are not acceptable. Please bring sheet music to the audition. Please come with comfortable alternate clothing, as some Auditionees will be asked to learn a basic dance combination to demonmovement skills. Auditionees may be asked to read/sing from the shows. There are non-singing opportunities this season.

> For more information, call Jenny Wiley Theatre at 606-

how we treat children, and others, who have

His script is so sharp that some of the things in it have actually happened since the film was made. One prime example is the invasive media that bribes a nurse into entering the Davis house with a tape recorder. Another perceptive touch is that the chief villain turns out to be an unethical pharmaceutical company who'd have thought it? - that is more concerned about lawsuits than the safety of the general public.

includes some sly jokes like one scene where a SWAT team descends on a suburban backyard, only to find a squealing, and entirely normal, toddler. But the best bit is the scene where the baby attacks the driver of a milk truck who interrupts his

feeding frenzy. All in all this is a smart little film with a lot of ideas and one heck of a cool baby monster designed by Oscar-winning effects master Rick Baker American

Best line: "Hunting

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We have a

winner! We had 16 correct entries in our end-ofyear trivia contest and the prize winner was Leslie Shepherd, of Lear, remembered that it was Frank Sinatra who starred in the 1955 drama "Man the Golden with

Shepherd has won the collector's edition DVD of Danny Boyle's 1996 film, "Trainspotting," which comes with a second disc chock full of extras.

Also answering correctly Elizabeth Barrette and Bill Samons, of Martin; Penny Wiley, Melissa Davies, Stephanie Watkins and Tiffany Marie Robinson, Prestonsburg; Rhonda Mitchell, of McDowell; Maynard and Seth Hyden, of Lexington; Letha Berry, Harrodsburg; Dianne Price and Franklin Price, of Blue River; Leigh Ann Williams,

More Lagoon

of Lackey; Brandi

Hall, of Drift; Debby

Gibson, of Coeburn,

Va.; Burt Conley, of

Auxier; and Bobby

Hinkle, of Dwale.

News

Look for more contests in 2005 and keep an eye out come April for our drive-in retrospective series that will review films that played at the Prestonsburg Drive-In and the Almar, between Allen and Martin, during the 1970s.

Lagoon

The script also

and killing babies doesn't seem to be my specialty."

1974, rated PG.

Click and Clack Talk Cars

Frequent brake jobs likely due to bad booster

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I live in Germany, and I love your show. I have a 1995 Buick Skylark with 120,000 miles on it. I often drive 80 to 90 mph on the Autobahn. I find I must change my front brakes (and often my rotors) about every four to six months. Why is this happening? Additionally, when I am coming to a stop and am not at a high speed like when I'm pulling into my driveway - the brake pedal sometimes goes all the way to the floor, as if I have lost all braking power. I do not see any leaking brake fluid. I've had four mechanics check it out, and they tell me my brakes are fine, but I don't believe them. Any ideas about what is

going on here? I really appreciate any words of wisdom you give. Thanks! Frank

RAY: Well, there are several possibilities. Frank, but I'm going to guess that you have a bad powerbrake booster.

When you step on the brake pedal, you activate the booster. The booster uses the engine vacuum to amplify the force of your foot and make stopping easier.

TOM: The way the booster often fails is by not releasing the brakes all the way. So when you're driving around town and using your brakes a lot, your brakes are slowly being applied more and more, even though you don't know it.

RAY: It's as if you're driving with your brakes partially applied. As you can imagine, that wears out your brakes pretty quickly. Like every four to six months.

TOM: It can also explain why your pedal goes to the floor on occasion. When the brakes are in constant use, they eventually overheat. That can boil the brake fluid, and boiling fluid can't do its job, so the pedal sinks. Once the brakes and the fluid cool off (by the next time your drive the car), the brakes return to normal.

RAY: But this is definitely a problem you want to solve quickly, Frank. While you're cruising along at 80 or 90 mph on the open highway, there's not much call for the brakes. But if a giant weinerschnitzel suddenly fell off a truck in front of you and you needed to stop short, you could find yourself in very deep sauerkraut. Am I mixing my food metaphors here? Anyway, get it checked out right away, Frank.

Break was fault of defect in window, not employee

My 19-year-old son works for a rental-car company. Recently when he put the top down on a Chrysler

Sebring convertible, the rear window shattered as the roof came down in back, breaking into hundreds of pieces and falling into the back seat. This was a brand-new car (600 miles). Chrysler says this problem is "not under warranty" and insinuates that my son smashed the windshield by hitting it with something, which is just absolutely ridiculous. They say it is not their problem, and they will not cover the damages. The car-rental place is making my son foot the bill, to the tune of \$700. This can't be legal; this could have happened to a customer or an owner. Luckily, no one was sitting in the back seat at the time. Chrysler should own up to this defect, which is obviously very dangerous. Whom can I contact for help? - Dawn

RAY: Your lawyer.

TOM: Yeah, this is ridiculous. We believe you that your son didn't whack the window. Windows do shatter from time to time without

obvious cause, and it's usually because of some unseen defect in the

glass. RAY: It might have come that way from the factory, or it might have had a small crack in it from being hit by a stone during its first 600

miles. In either case, the hidden defect would have made the window vulnerable. And then all it would take is some stress on the window to cause it to shatter.

TOM: The stress can come from being twisted slightly - as it might be when the convertible top goes down - or from being hit by something, even lightly. We've even heard of a case where a stream of water from a hose caused a windshield to shatter.

RAY: So, Chrysler is right that these things don't "just happen." But when glass does appear to shatter for little or no reason, it's because of some sort of pre-existing stress or defect in the glass, and it's not necessarily the fault of the guy who happens to be standing there when the glass breaks.

TOM: And of course the rentalcar company wants your son to pay for it. It'd do the same thing to a customer. Have you ever known a rental-car company to say, "Ah, don't worry about the damage, these things happen?"

RAY: So, if the rental-car company won't be reasonable and put in an insurance claim to fix the window, as I see it, your son has three options: Have a lawyer take it up with the company, quit the job and walk away, or both. Good luck, Dawn.

What's the best way to warm up your engine in the morning? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at . www.cartalk.com.

Betsy

morning and Ringeye wasn't in the yard. I called for him but he never came to me. I ran into the house and said, "Mother, where is Old Ringeye?"

Mother answered, "He's around some place, Ralph. He always shows up when he gets hungry."

Well, after about two hours, Ringeye had still not shown up. Mother said, "Ralph, go see if you can find your dog." So, I took off up the railroad tracks searching for Old Ringeye. I hadn't gone too far, either, until I saw him, lying beside a rail between two cross ties. He wasn't moving and I started crying, "Oh, Ringeye, my old dog, what has happened to you?"

I ran over to where he lay and I saw a hole in his head. Blood was coming slowly out of his head. Someone had shot my dog. I cried out, "What kind of person could do such a thing? Who killed my dog?" I picked up Old Ringeye and held him close to my broken heart while I walked the tracks, carrying him, and crying the whole way. "My pal, my best friend, how will I ever live now that you are

gone?," I cried. I loved my old dog. He had climbed every hill with me. He had swam Old Beaver with me on hot summer days. He had lain at my feet while I picked berries in the hot summer sun. And now he was gone.

We buried Old Ringeye over in the cow pasture under the great oak tree that he and I had lain under for shade on hot summer days. The big oak with the grape vine I had swung on so many times while Ringeye kept

As I walked home from the pasture, I thought back to the days when Ringeye and I would go to Mr. Johnson's village grocery store together. I would buy two cans of vienna sausages one for me and one for Old Ringeye. My daddy saw the bill where I was buying two cans and he asked me, "Son, why are you buying two cans of viennas?" I said, "One for me and one for Old Ringeye."

Daddy told me, "Ralph, it's and free.

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okay to buy one can for yourself, but don't buy one for that old lazy hound dog." After that, I only bought one can, but Ringeye just couldn't give them up, so I had to share with him.

The rest of that summer was hard times for me. Ringeye was no longer around, but I had strong roots that I could draw from. I had a family who loved me. I had a lot of aunts and uncles to love me. They never let me see a dull moment. And Mutt, he was there, too. If there is anything in life better for a boy than to own a good dog, then it has to be to have a little brother as good as Mutt. Mutt was the best dang brother any boy could ever have. After all, me and Mutt were brothers and we were always going to be together - stuck together just like Elmer's Glue.

Back Then

Back then, when I was young and free,

I had Grandma, "Big Mommy,' to me. I had an old horse named

An old red rooster and

Ringeye, my dog. I climbed high hills and up

Back then, I was young and

I raced up valleys and fields, I shouted and whooped and often yelled -

Many stories of those days I could tell -I picked blackberries long

days in the sun, And drank lemonade in the shade of of an old apple tree. Not a worry or care did I

have back then, Just glad to be a boy in a boy's world.

A deep, cool dip in the old swimming hole, swing on the And a

grapevine of the old oak tree. Back then, when the world was all mine.

I'll always remember Grandma's house, Back then, when I was young

No matter what I do, become

the temerity to be different from us. Triple threat director Larry Cohen, who also wrote and produced, uses a standard monster movie plot device to take a hard look at how quickly our values change when we feel threatened.

("An Werewolf

London").

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basket so much that his control was a thing to marvel at, except when it came to controlling his temper. Then he ran onto a doctor who refused to buy space for a professional card, explaining that it was considered unethical for a physician to advertise even his office hours.

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The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east

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ed on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Energy Kentucky Corporation.

The currently approved operation will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proto add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone.

The amendment application has been for Department

of Pike/Floyd Hollow Natural Resources, conference), must be

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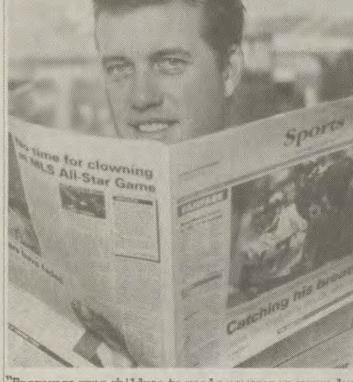
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