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Board member charged

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG, Ky. (AP) — An eastern Kentucky woman resigned from her position on the school board after she was indicted on charges of trying to rape a 15-year-old high school student.

Lisa Bentley, 44, was also charged in last week's indictment with indecent exposure and giving drugs to a minor. She is free on \$50,000 bond and her attorney says she plans to plead not guilty at her arraignment April 13.

"She has maintained her innocence and will do so throughout the proceedings," said defense attorney James W. Craft II, adding that he advised Bentley not to comment on the case.

The indictment alleges that Bentley attempted to "induce, assist or cause" the boy to engage in sex. That resulted in the charge of third-degree attempted rape and of unlawful transaction with a minor. To be charged with third-degree attempted rape, an adult doesn't have to forcibly attempt intercourse, according to state law. Attempting to have con-

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Otter Creek on the brink after losing prisoners

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Corrections Corporation of America will close its Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright, Ky., if it can't fill vacant space caused by the return of 620 inmates to Indiana, the private prison operator

announced Monday.

The Indiana Department of Corrections notified Nashville-based CCA of its intent to return the Indiana inmates currently housed at Otter Creek by the end of May, company officials said.

The CCA-owned minimum/medium security men's prison has 656 beds,

according to the company's Web site.

CCA is pursuing other customers to fill the vacant space, including the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

If no agreement is reached, the company says it plans a phased closure of Otter Creek.

CCA estimates the financial impact

from the loss of Indiana inmates will be about 5 cents per diluted share for 2005.

"We appreciate the long-term, positive relationship CCA has shared with Indiana, and we stand ready to assist the state either within Indiana state borders or out-of-state

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Chris Newsome embraced his wife after a jury found him not guilty of falsifying a report to police.

photo by Tom Doty

Social worker cleared of filing false report

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Chris Newsome, 32, of Harold, was found not guilty of falsifying a report against Richard and Kimberly Hardy, of Auxier, in a district court trial that ended at 6:50 Tuesday evening.

The Hardys, who have had a tempestuous relationship with Social Services for years, claimed that Newsome falsely ended a supervised visit with their youngest child last May when he told police that Richard Hardy had threatened him.

Hardy had taped the visit, however, and no such threat was heard

during the playing of the tape, which began with the Hardys entering the Social Services building and didn't end until after the police escorted them from the building.

The case came down to what Newsome's attorney, Steve Owens, described as credibility. The Hardys

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Student smarts showcased at science fair

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center hosted the region's Science Fair last weekend which gave area students, grades 4-12, a chance to exhibit projects which won top honors at

individual fairs held at each school.

The day saw over 70 entrants bring their science projects to the center. Close to 100 students had entered the fair but several were forced to pull out due to flu outbreaks that saw area schools closing for most of last week.

Center geologist Cathy Neeley

was happy to talk about the program while the center prepares its next exhibit on animals of the Ice Age, which is set to be the center's centerpiece until summer. Neeley noted that the center has become the new home for the regional sci-

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Pikeville Medical Center starts endocrinology program

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — For the second time in as many weeks, Pikeville Medical Center has announced an expansion in the services it offers.

On Tuesday, hospital officials introduced Dr. Nibia

Rodriguez, who will head up PMC's new endocrinology program, which covers glandular and hormonal disorders.

Officials said such a program is in high demand in Eastern Kentucky, because of the high incidence of diabetes in the region. Despite that

need, however, luring an endocrinologist to the region has been a hard sell. PMC has been trying since the 1960s, officials said.

Dr. Rodriguez said she was impressed by Pikeville

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Dr. Nibia Rodriguez joins Pikeville Medical Center as the hospital's first endocrinologist.

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Odds & Ends

■ LINCOLN, Neb. — What do Bigfoot, Noah's Ark and Amelia Earhart's plane have in common?

They're all being used to make a point by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, who is taking aim at a measure to protect hunting.

In an attempt to mock the proposed change to Nebraska's constitution, Chambers has filed 35 amendments to protect the hunting of a myriad of other things, including the missing Earhart plane, the ark, Osama bin Laden and the Holy Grail.

"This state is not going to ban fishing, hunting and trapping," said Chambers, who believes the proposal is unnecessary.

While there is no immediate

threat, there are animal rights groups that would like to see hunting, fishing and trapping outlawed, said Sen. Ed Schroek, who introduced the measure. "I think we should probably get out ahead of this."

The proposed amendment would add one paragraph to the state constitution that says fishing, trapping, and hunting are a "valued part of the heritage of the people and will be a right forever preserved."

Eleven other states have similar protections in law or the constitution. Rhode Island and California also have amendments protecting the right to fish.

Chambers successfully shot down a similar proposal last year. If he gets his way, laugh-

ing, coughing, itching, scratching, lounging, munching and "being oneself" also will be protected.

■ MARYVILLE, Tenn. — A man caught by police last summer on his 23rd birthday running naked and covered in nacho cheese has pleaded guilty to burglary, public intoxication and other charges.

But, he won't be going to jail. In a plea deal with prosecutors, Michael David Monn was sentenced to three years in prison Monday but was given supervised probation.

Prosecutors said Monn was drunk when he broke into a swimming pool snack bar in July 2004.

A police officer found Monn

in the facility's parking lot after Monn had apparently scaled an 8-foot-tall fence and was seen running toward a Jeep with a box of stolen snacks and a container of nacho cheese.

In his Jeep, Maryville officers found clothing and an open bottle of vodka.

■ SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — A woman accused of digging up and taking her boyfriend's cremated remains more than a decade ago — and drinking the beer that was buried with them — was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Karen Stolzmann, 44, had faced up to nine months in jail on a misdemeanor charge of concealing stolen property. She was sentenced Monday,

Sheboygan County District Attorney Joe DeCecco said.

DeCecco had recommended a six-month sentence.

"I kind of thought she should be punished more," he said. "Under these kinds of circumstances, this is just unexcusable."

Investigators accused Stolzmann of digging up the ashes of her former boyfriend, Michael Hendrickson, at a Columbia County cemetery possibly out of spite for his family.

Hendrickson was 27 when he died in 1992 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His relatives contacted authorities last fall after discovering his remains were stolen.

Beer and cigarettes buried with him also were missing.

Investigators were led to Stolzmann, who had lived with Hendrickson and was with him when he shot himself. Both were married to other people at the time.

Detectives searched Stolzmann's home, found her hiding in the shower and located the remains in her garage, authorities said.

Stolzmann also was ordered to pay restitution for metal plaques missing from Hendrickson's grave site, DeCecco said.

■ STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A sculptor who created an entire orchestra of instruments from ice canceled his show at

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2005. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on March 2, 1965, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theater.

On this date:

■ In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

■ In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

■ In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

■ In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

■ In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

■ In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

■ In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

■ In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

■ In 1955, the William Inge play "Bus Stop" opened at the Music Box Theatre in New York.

■ In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Ten years ago: The Senate rejected the balanced-budget amendment, 65-35, two votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on a mission to study the far reaches of the universe. The last U.N. peacekeepers in Somalia were evacuated.

Five years ago: Former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet left Britain for his homeland, hours after he was ruled mentally unfit to stand trial on charges of human rights abuses. A federal jury in Washington convicted Maria Hsia, a friend and political supporter of Vice President Al Gore, for arranging more than \$100,000 in illegal donations

during the 1996 presidential campaign. (Hsia was later sentenced to three months of home confinement.)

One year ago: A series of coordinated blasts in Iraq killed 181 people at shrines in Karbala and Baghdad as thousands of Shiite Muslim pilgrims gathered for a religious festival. John Kerry laid claim to the Democratic presidential nomination after his victories in Super Tuesday contests. Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers was charged with falsifying the books at the long-distance company; his chief financial officer, Scott Sullivan, pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against him. Marge Schott, the controversial former owner of the Cincinnati Reds, died at age 75. Academy Award-winning actress Mercedes McCambridge died in San Diego at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jennifer Jones is 86. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 82. Actor John Cullum is 75. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 74. Author Tom Wolfe is 74. Actress Barbara Luna is 66. Actor Jon Finch is 64. Author John Irving is 63. Singer Lou Reed is 63. Actress Cassie Yates is 54. Actress Laraine Newman is 53. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., is 52. Singer Jay Osmond is 50. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 49. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 47. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 46. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 43. Rapper-actor Method Man is 34. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 29. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 28. Actress Heather McComb is 28. Actor Robert Iler ("The Sopranos") is 20.

Thought for Today: "Just as we are often moved to merriment for no other reason than that the occasion calls for seriousness, so we are correspondingly serious when invited to freely to be amused." — Agnes Repplier, American essayist (1858-1950).

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Science

ence fair and praised the participants, saying, "A lot of thought projects and they asked good questions, which is what science is all about."

Neeley highlighted a few projects that students assembled:

- "Bad Hair Day" was an experiment that measured the impact of humid weather conditions on hair growth;

- "Ladybugs" looked at the effects of fragrances on getting the spotted insects to flee one's home;

- "Tsunami" saw a student build a wave tank to measure the effects of different wave patterns;

- "Invisible Danger" examined the effects of electromagnetic radiation on algae growth;

- One experiment tested the effects of music on students taking tests and compared the results of male and female subjects.

Neeley chalked up the success of the program to area teachers and parents while saving the strongest

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praise for students who participated. She also said that the event was made possible by two sponsors, which included Citizen's National Bank and Morehead State University. The benefactors for the program also supplied awards for winners which include a check for the teacher whose student claims first prize. The winning teachers were rewarded with \$500 to purchase equipment for their classes.

This year also marked the third anniversary for the Tony Turner Award, which is named for the late WYMT anchorman. The award stresses communication and is given to the eighth grader who most clearly communicates his or her project through graphs, journals and consultations with judges where they must explain their efforts.

This year's winner was Tyler Adams, who attends Carr Creek Elementary in Knott County, for his "Tsunami" project.

School

staff reported that, nationwide, high school freshman have the worst rates of retention, the highest rates of discipline problems and highest rates of absenteeism of the four high school grades.

Entering the ninth grade can also be a difficult transition emotionally, as well as being one of the most academically challenging points of a student's life, according to the BLHS report.

In an effort to help prevent ninth grade students from dropping out, the Betsy Layne school is proposing to incorporate a program designed to provide needed support to ninth-grade students in an effort to ease the transitional process for them and to help them toward the accomplishment of high school career goals and eventual graduation.

In addition to providing extra support to freshman students, the academy program would also sequester freshman students to one wing of the school, as well as provide for a lunch period separate from older students.

Freshman students will also receive ongoing orientation, an advisor program, frequent motivational guest speaker programs and will attend a class ("High School 101") that will focus on character development, time management and organizational skills, test taking and study skills, and will provide access to daytime tutoring and extended school services.

"This is the best presentation I have heard since I've been on the board," said board member Mickey McGuire. "I see this as a very positive move."

Board chair Carol Stumbo expressed support of the pro-

posal but questioned whether or not the entire school staff would feel a strong commitment to the program if implemented.

"This would require lots of professional development," Stumbo said. "Would your staff members be committed to the time involved?"

Ousley replied he felt confident his staff would provide the needed commitment.

Board member Jeff Stumbo issued his support of the proposal, but Supt. Paul Fanning hesitated, saying that he was "not very supportive" because of the need for extra funding that the program would create.

No decisions were made at Monday's meeting in regard to the proposal. Further information will continue to be gathered and the issue will be presented again, at a later date. If approved, the BLHS freshman academy pilot program will begin with the 2005-06 school year.

In other business, the board received recommendations from the committee working on the formulation of the district's new drug testing and rehabilitation policies and conducted a first reading of the policy with unanimous support of the board members.

Additionally, the board moved to request a release from state assistance from the Kentucky State Board of Education, effective July 1, 2005, if approved on the state level.

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Prison

management should they have future needs for a corrections management partner," said CCA President and CEO John D. Ferguson.

CCA is the nation's largest owner and operator of privatized correctional and detention facilities, operating 64 facilities in 19 states.

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Election

allegations of policy violations at May Valley, Stumbo said that she felt the allegations were "very serious" and most definitely needed to be proven, or

dismissed, as the case may be. The board moved to consult with KSBA on the matter and bring back their findings at a later date.

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Innocent

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were well known in family court circles and had lost custody of their eight children when the incident happened in May. A 911 call that Newsome placed to ask the police to escort the Hardys from the building revealed this fact when the dispatcher who answered chuckled after hearing the request and noted, "We've dealt with him before."

Newsome, on the other hand, was portrayed by Owens as a hometown boy who had made good and returned to Floyd County to give something back to his community after serving as a social worker in Rowan County following his graduation from Morehead State University.

Owens made it a point to tell the jury about Hardy's run-ins with the law, which included

pleading guilty to charges of threatening to blow up social services and a charge of abusing his wife.

On the stand, however, Hardy asserted that he had only pleaded guilty so he could get out of jail because he missed his children. Hardy eventually lost his composure, saying, "Am I the one on trial? It sure feels like it."

Special prosecutor Phillip Lewis, the Leslie County attorney, played the tape of the Hardy's visit to social services, but it was later revealed that the original recording was lost and that the copy the jury heard was made by Det. Bryan Hall. Steve Owens objected to the tape, saying it was inadmissible since it wasn't the original recording which was made on a digital recorder and later erased.

Hospital

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Medical Center and looks forward to working there.

Rodriguez comes to Eastern Kentucky from Bentonville,

Ark. Before that, she worked in Texas at hospitals in Lubbock and Brownfield.

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Viewpoint

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"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

— Woodrow Wilson

Our View

Board makes right move

We are certain that there are many parents in Floyd County who will join us in congratulating the Floyd County Board of Education for scrapping its bus dropoff policy for a much more sensible approach.

Previously, the board had required the bus driver to have visual contact with a parent or guardian when dropping off any student, whether they be 5 years old or 17 years old. The policy, adopted five years ago, went largely ignored in the case of the latter until recently.

Then, when the board began strictly enforcing the policy, parents of teenagers became upset and began complaining, with good reason. The parents trusted their nearly adult children to stay home alone a couple of hours while they worked, but the dropoff policy wouldn't allow that. The end result was needless headaches for parents who suddenly found themselves torn between keeping their jobs or adhering to the policy.

Now the board has gone in the other direction. After tomorrow, bus drivers will be allowed to drop off students of any age at their designated bus stops, regardless of whether a parent is present, unless the parent requests otherwise.

The new policy makes much more sense, largely because it keeps parenting decisions with the parents, rather than the school system. Parents who are comfortable with allowing their children to remain home unsupervised for a short period of time need to do nothing, while parents who are uncomfortable with such a scenario can easily prevent it.

We applaud the Floyd County Board of Education for making a decision which correctly balances safety issues with parental choice.

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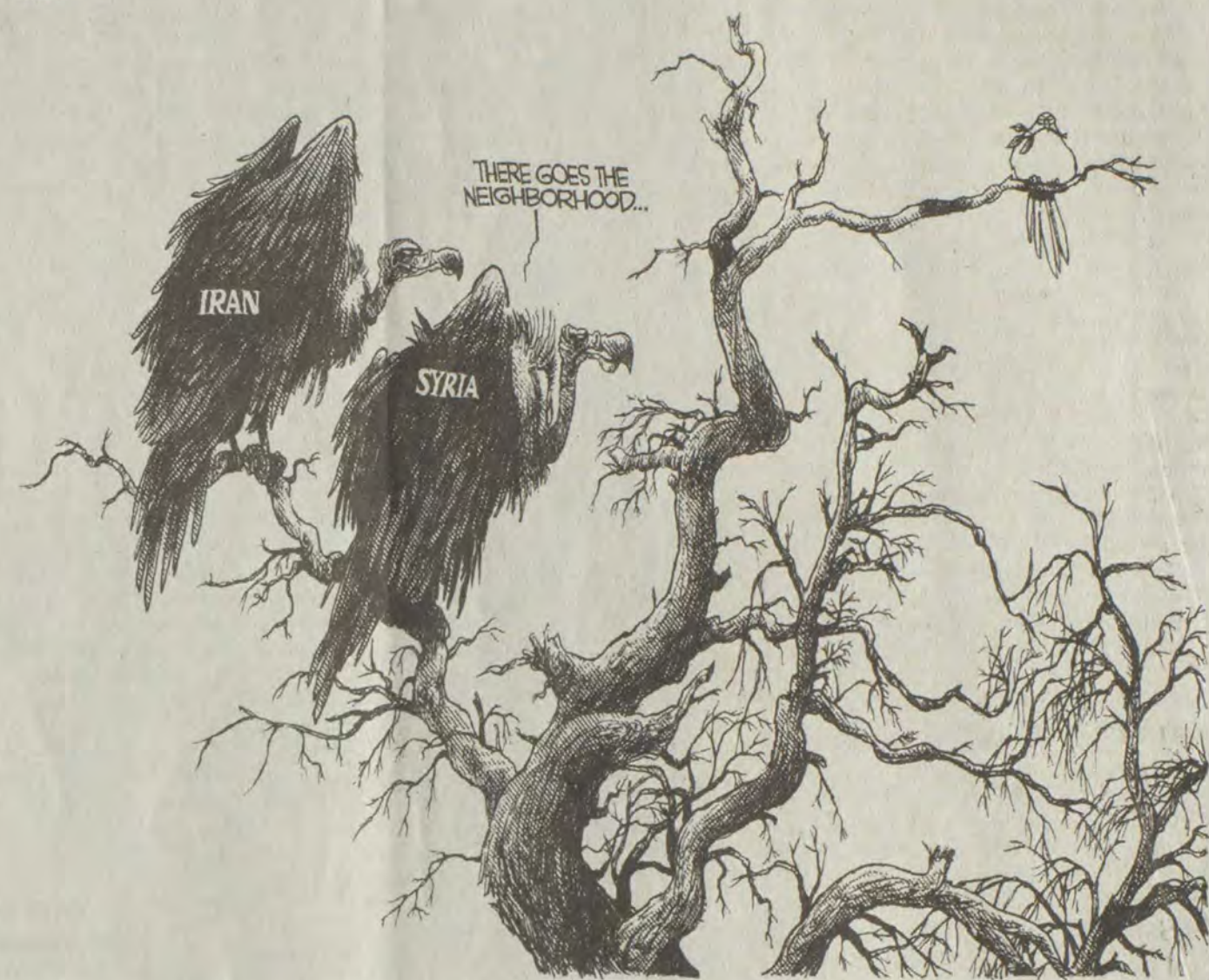
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Capitol Ideas

Lobbyist for churches group sizes up legislature, role of lobbyists

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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FRANKFORT — Like any lobbyist trolling for votes in the Capitol, the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper has experienced victory and defeat. Unlike many lobbyists, though, Kemper's range of interests are not so special as they are general.

For a dozen years, Kemper has lobbied on behalf of the Kentucky Council of Churches, which represents 11 denominations and for which she serves as executive director.

Kemper sees her role as giving a voice for those seldom heard at the Capitol. The stakes can be high, given state government's role in helping shape quality of life, she said.

"It's state governments that make the decisions that affect people's lives most directly — from roads to public health to public schools," she said in a recent interview.

She worries about the clout of special interests in dealing with the General Assembly — which she generally equates as "the influence of corporations over regular citizens."

"It's critically important that the people have a chance to be heard, and I feel like they're being overrun by all the lobbyists," she said.

Kemper acknowledges that she wears the same tag, but sums up her job as "basically to be a lobbyist for those who don't have a lobby."

Over the years, she has spoken out on topics ranging from expanded gambling to concealed deadly weapons.

Her efforts to stymie expanded gambling

have paid off. Gambling, so far, has failed to gain traction in the General Assembly despite the allure of extra revenue touted by proponents.

"It's based on the conviction that the money falls out of the sky," Kemper said. "They don't seem to understand that at any one time there is a finite sum of money in the economy and that it has to come from something else. You are robbing Peter to pay Paul. You are robbing the hapless, predominantly."

Kemper wound up on the losing side when state legislators enacted the concealed weapons law. Years later, she still doesn't approve of Kentuckians carrying concealed deadly weapons but acknowledges that it didn't trigger the rash of vigilantism that opponents had feared.

"I still don't like it that people walk around in what I hope is a civilized state feeling like they have to carry guns," she said. "I'm just appalled at anybody who would, frankly."

Rep. Bob Damron, a Nicholasville Democrat who championed the carry-concealed law, said Kemper is honest, intelligent and committed to her causes — trademarks of a good lobbyist.

"Nancy Jo is pretty passionate about what she does," Damron said. "She doesn't always take the popular side of an issue, which takes a lot of courage. I respect her. We're going to differ on some issues, and sometimes we're on the same side of an issue."

Kemper, 62, earned a master's of divinity at Yale University and serves as minister at New Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Woodford County.

But she doesn't wear her religion on her

sleeve when lobbying for progressive causes, another lawmaker said.

"She lobbies for her faith organizations in a way that is very productive to folks who want to pass legislation that truly is family values," said Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington.

"She's always with us on social justice issues. She is with us on separation of church and state issues because she knows how harmful intrusion by the state could be to the organizations she represents."

Yet Kemper sees a connection between religious principles and good government.

"The whole emphasis of the New Testament is on being concerned for the common good," she said. "Are you looking out for your neighbor? Are you taking care of the little ones? Are you feeding the hungry?"

When sizing up the General Assembly, Kemper said it's filled with capable people who are "pretty devout," though many espouse a more evangelical viewpoint.

And too often, legislators have their eyes on the next election, she said.

"Unfortunately, too much energy goes into getting re-elected and not serving the needs of the people," she said.

Kemper said she sees tax policy as an example of political expediency.

"I think there are those who believe that in order to get elected they need to sign these 'No New Tax' pledges," she said. "I think they are in some sense being dishonest with themselves about what's entailed in making that kind of a promise to people."

Bruce Schreiner is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

Letters

South Floyd grad needs help

Christopher Meadows, a 2002 graduate of South Floyd High School, needs help from family, friends and the people of Floyd County.

You will remember him pacing the sidelines of the Raiders football and basketball games in his wheelchair. You never saw him without a smile. Always a kind word to and for everyone. He was always there for you. Now he needs

your help.

In July 2002, Chris was dropped from his father's insurance unknowingly. He found out in December 2004. During that time, his only insurance was Kentucky Medicaid. The majority of the surgeries and doctor's appointments are in Ohio, not covered by Kentucky Medicaid. Since Nov. 2, he has made four trips to Ohio for three surgeries and a consultation. He had another appointment for Feb. 7 and will be scheduled for at least one more surgery.

By a court order dated Dec. 23, his father was to provide insurance and pay all medical bills that accrued while not covered by insurance. His father appealed this. For Chris' attorney to file a brief to this appeal will cost him and his family \$5,000, which none of them

can afford.

Chris is appealing to all of you to help him with his attorney's fees. Without a brief from his attorney, Chris might lose his case and not be placed back on his father's insurance. Without insurance, Chris cannot have the surgeries he desperately needs now and in the future.

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For the third consecutive year the full-range of services provided by Appalachian Regional Healthcare (the ARH Health System) have been heralded as among the best in the nation.

The ARH Health System has been ranked No. 45 out of nearly 600 multi-hospital and health systems throughout the U.S. on national research firm Verispan's recently released list of the Top 100 Integrated Healthcare Networks in the nation.

ARH was top-ranking system in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Verispan ranks healthcare networks on their financial and clinical performance and degree of integration.

Systems are rated on several categories designed to measure success, including quality of care; financial stability, integration, technology and hospital utilization.

As a complete integrated healthcare delivery system, the ARH Health System offers patients in Kentucky and West Virginia services through its hospitals, clinics, home health agencies, pharmacies and the home delivery of medical equipment and supplies. By bringing advanced services to these locations, patients have the opportunity to receive the majority of their healthcare services close to home.

Such was the case for the first open-heart surgery patient at the organization's Hazard Regional Medical

Center, who after being released from the hospital last month was able to recover at his home just a few miles away. Other ARH hospitals continue to expand medical offerings and provide advanced cardiology and imaging services, including cardiac catheterization, CT and MRI services as well as sleep study centers. The ARH Health System also operates one of the largest rural home health operations in the U.S. That operation consistently meets or exceeds national standards for home health patient care.

The organization also is implementing major clinical information systems that will make ARH the state of the art provider in the entire

region. "This ranking of ARH as one of the top health systems in the nation, as well as being recognized in Kentucky and West Virginia and the entire Appalachian region, is a significant tribute to the tireless efforts of the Board of Trustees and excellent physicians, employees and volunteers; strong relationships with the Kentucky and West Virginia Nurses Associations and the United Steelworkers of America; federal, state and local elected officials; and most importantly, the patients we serve every day," ARH President and CEO Stephen C. Hanson said. "ARH is proud to be the largest health care provider in Central Appalachia and of continuing to be of even greater service to the communities we serve."

The ARH Health System is a not-for-profit health sys-

tem operating nine hospitals, physician practices, skilled nursing and rehabilitation service programs, home health agencies, HomeCare Stores and pharmacies in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia, and is a co-owner of CHA Health. ARH is both the largest provider of care and single largest employer in southeastern Kentucky. ARH consists of more than 4,500 caregivers and approximately 500 physicians serving communities in four states.

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Obituaries

Donald Lee

(Donnie) Lafferty

Donald Lee (Donnie) Lafferty, 71, of Martin, died Friday, February 25, 2005, at his residence.

Born September 25, 1933, in Ashland, he was the son of the late William and Goldia Boyd Lafferty. He was a salesman for Borden Milk Co., a member of the Graceway United Methodist Church, at Langley; a veteran of the Korean War; and a member of the D.A.V.

He is survived by his wife, Emogene Hayes Lafferty.

Other survivors include his sons: Steve Lafferty of Martin, Brent Lafferty of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Roger Lafferty of Martin; a daughter: Donna (Ronnie) Burke of Allen; brothers: Charles R. Lafferty of Martin, Harry Eugene Lafferty of Harold, and Jimmy Lafferty of Rosemond, California; and grandchildren: William Logan Burke, and Evan Addison Burke.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Gary Lafferty, Doug Lafferty, Felix Elmer Lafferty, and Freddie Lafferty.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Harlowe officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Graceway United Methodist Church at Langley, in honor of Donald Lee Lafferty. (Paid obituary)

Alton "Buster" Bentley

Alton "Buster" Bentley, 66, of Kansas City, Kansas, formerly of Langley, passed away Thursday, February 17, 2005, at his home.

He was born October 29, 1938, in Martin, the son of the late Willie and Nona Bradley Bentley.

He graduated from Maytown High School in 1958; was retired from Meadow Construction Company; and was a retired member of Local No. 1290. He greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid bowler.

Survivors include three daughters: Theresa Bentley of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Pamela Ruis of Parkville, Missouri; and Tina Wall of Kansas City, Kansas; a granddaughter, April Bentley; five grandsons: Joshua Bentley, Geoffrey and Jacob Ruis, and Daniel and Sean Wall; his life-long friend and ex-wife, Myrtle "Patsy" Bentley; and two sisters: Helen Boyd of Langley, and Ada Martin of Hueysville; two brothers: Earl Bentley of Scottsdale, Indiana, and Lawrence Bentley of Lawrenceburg; numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends who will miss him. "See ya later, Pops."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Bentley.

Funeral services for Alton "Buster" Bentley will be conducted Thursday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow of Graceway United Methodist Church of Langley, presiding.

Burial will follow in the Blevins Family Cemetery, Wilson Creek, Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Jeff Ruis, Eddie, Victor and Terry Boyd, Tony, Kirk, Glenn, Kelvin and Stephen Blevins, and Brian Wallen.

Honorary pallbearers: Donnie Martin, and Christopher Blevins.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Zellie Akers

Zellie Akers, 61, of Harold, died Monday, February 28, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born October 1, 1943, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late William and Verlie Tackett Rose. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church, at Printer.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Akers.

Other survivors include her sons: Hershel Akers, wife, Esta; David Akers, wife, Oma; daughters: Julie Hall, friend, Donnie; Kim Harris, husband, Danny; all of Galveston; two sisters: Jackie Hall of Galveston, and Julie Wheeler of Ashland; and 17 grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 2, at 2 p.m., at the Old Time Baptist Church, at Printer, with Denver Meade, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Akers Cemetery, Branhams Creek, Galveston, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the Old Time Baptist Church, at Printer. (Paid obituary)

Eleanor Acker

Eleanor Acker, 82, of Dana, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born October 12, 1922, in Hartsville, New York, the daughter of the late Francis Acker and Edna King Acker. She was a 1940 graduate of Canisteo Central High School, Canisteo, New York, where Eileen Keman was her classmate. She was a 1946 graduate of Practical Bible Training School, Johnson City, New York, following which she came to Betsy Layne, at the Calvary Baptist Church to work with Mary Lou Rhodes, and Pastor and Mrs. Walter Binney. She stayed in Kentucky until her death.

Survivors include one brother, Hugh Acker of Almond, New York.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence "Bill" Acker; two sisters: Marilyn Acker Wyant, and Lois Acker Knickerbocker.

Funeral services for Eleanor Acker were conducted Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman J. B. Hall, and Don Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Hartsville Community Cemetery, at Hartsville, New York, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Barry Little

Barry Little, 43, of Hi Hat, died Friday, February 25, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 3, 1961, in Martin, he was the son of the late Everett Clyde Little, and Shirley Moore Little. He was a coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Mitchell Little.

Other survivors include one daughter, Britney Nicole Little of Hi Hat; three sisters: Sharon Newsome, Gaylena Fannin, and Cathie Lawson, all of Price.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Ray Little.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

David Morgan Hall

David Morgan Hall, 57, of Banner, husband of Geneva Grace Hall, passed away Saturday, February 26, 2005, in the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

He was born March 15, 1947, in Banner, the son of the late John Graham Hall and Hester Hall Hall. He was retired from Kentucky & West Virginia Gas Co., a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, Martin, and a deacon of the Church of Christ Arkansas.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva; two daughters: Christina G. Hall of Cox's Creek, and Karie Lanay Hall Grimes of Banner; one brother, Jerry L. Hall of Winchester; one sister, Rosa H. Stewart of Banner; and eight nieces, and six nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lizzie Carolyn Hamilton.

Funeral services for David Morgan Hall will be conducted, Wednesday, March 2, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Entombment will follow in the Samons Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Emajeane Randall 1938 - 2005

Emajeane Randall 66 of Duck Lake, passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan.

Born May 19, 1938, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Ernest and Clara (Sloan) Roop. She married Larry Randall in 1954. He survives.

She had been employed in home care for the elderly for many years, and seemed to enjoy this line of work. Her greatest pleasures were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Other enjoyments included yard sales and open air markets.

The first four years of her married life were spent as an Army wife. Much of that time was in Chinon, France, where two of her children were born.

She was an excellent cook, and was at home in any kitchen. On two occasions her kitchens were in restaurants that she leased / owned. One was the Blue Sky Motel Restaurant in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband, Larry, of Duck Lake: survivors include three sons: Steven (Wilma) of Battle Creek, Phillip (Janet) of Albion, and Paul of Duck Lake; one daughter, Connie Sue McCall of Lansing; her mother Clara (Roop) Tucker, and good friend Dewey Adams of Olivet; sisters Mary Roop and Mildred and Fred Tucker, both of Olivet; brothers: Ernest and Sandy Roop of Battle Creek; and Glen and Sue Roop of Hanover, Michigan; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Roop, in 1982, and Brother Jackie in 1940.

Funeral services were held at the J. C. Adams Funeral Home in Springport, Michigan, on Saturday, February 12, with pastor Mike Donahue officiating.

Visitations were from 12 to 1 on Saturday February 12. Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society are suggested. (Paid obituary)

Fed Clark

Fed Clark, 84, of Honaker, husband of Nova Akers Clark, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born June 30, 1920, in Honaker, the son of the late Robert Clark and Frona Martin Clark. He was retired from Newman Foundry, Kendallville, Indiana; he had worked as a miner; served in the CCC; and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. He was a member of the VFW in Prestonsburg; and the Betsy Layne Chapter of the DAV.

Survivors include Nova, his wife of 57 years, a brother-in-law, Otis Akers; sisters-in-law, Ailene Kidd and Linda Akers, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bruce Clark; and one sister, Marie Peck.

Funeral services for Fed Clark were conducted Sunday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Eddie Akers, Chris Kidd, Banner Kidd Jr., Ronnie Leedy, Virgil Slone, Ronnie Clark, Steve Tackett, and John Pack.

Honorary: Zachary Akers, Ots Akers, and Gary Clark. (Paid obituary)

Wendell Meade

Wendell Meade, 63, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2005, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lexington.

He was born November 16, 1941, in Printer, the son of the late Willie and Anna Elliott Meade.

He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the United States Army. He was a graduate of the Kentucky Christian College, and was a minister in the Church of Christ; and a member of Cacti (Vietnam Veterans group).

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Parsons Meade; one son: Rodney Meade of Prestonsburg; one daughter: Stephanie Harper of Bradenton, Florida; son-in-law, Dr. James Harper; brothers: Duard Meade, Gary Meade, and Hubert Meade, all of Harold; and one sister: Sharon Gearheart of Harold.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Robert Adkins and Morris Adkins officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens at Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Louise Williamson Carey

Louise Williamson Carey, 80, of Cow Creek, widow of James Carey, passed away, Sunday, February 27, 2005, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born July 9, 1924, in Martin County, the daughter of the late James Bascom Williamson and Hattie Fannin Williamson. She was a former clerk, employed at the Ben Franklin Store, and was a member of the Allen Christ United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Carolyn Williamson; a niece, Lynn Polk, and a nephew, Mike Williamson, all of Texarkana, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; one son, James "Jimmy" Carey; one brother, James L. "Buddy" Williamson, and one sister, Jessie Bush.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 3, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ken Lemaster officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Ralph Slone would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our special loved one. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, a floral arrangement, spoke a kind word, or just sat with us. Perhaps you were not there at all, but your thoughts were with us. Whatever you did, we thank you. Our family would like to extend a special thanks to the King's Daughters Hospital, especially Patient Advocates Joan and George, the Old Regular Baptist ministers and singers for their comforting services, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind, professional and courteous services.

Your thoughts and prayers were of great comfort during this difficult time.

FAMILY OF RALPH SLONE

Card of Thanks

The family of Gladys Lee Combs would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke a kind word. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Randy Osborne for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF GLADYS LEE COMBS

Card of Thanks

The family of Alton "Buster" Bentley would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF ALTON "BUSTER" BENTLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Scarlett Nalle Wallen would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Jim McKenzie, Roger Hicks, Deanner Moore, and Jimmy Hall for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF SCARLETTE NALLE WALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Thelma Grace Hughes Robinson would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Chester Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

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Senate panel approves budget bill without seeing projects list

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Senate hastily and unanimously approved a budget Monday just hours after written versions of the two-year spending plan first appeared in the chamber with a mood far different than the contentiousness that preceded it.

The Senate version of a state budget contains some subtle and substantive differences from the House budget proposal that emerged about a week ago.

While there was some grumbling about getting a look at the 300 pages of detail for only a short time before a vote, there was general acknowledgement that it emerged after unusual bipartisanship in a chamber where political feuding has often been the order of the day.

"There are many, many

positive things in this budget," said Senate Democratic leader Ed Worley of Richmond.

What disagreements did emerge revolved around projects, as they so often do.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, said early in the day that he was upset to learn that a regional events center for Northern Kentucky University, and its accompanying \$54 million price tag, was more than the plan set aside for large research buildings at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky and did not include seed money to undertake national cancer research centers at both schools.

Shaughnessy said the emphasis on basketball arenas and an unrelated horse development fund was misplaced when compared with cancer research.

Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Crescent Springs, objected

to the characterization of the center as a "gymnasium," and said it smacked of regional competition.

The votes were way points along the road toward an overdue budget for the state and the two fiscal years that began on July 1. Even after the full Senate vote, differences with the House plan were going to mean a conference committee to resolve differences and another round of votes.

"We're not voting on the final product here," Worley said.

Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, said the debt load required in the Senate budget is modestly lower than the House, though documents produced late Monday night indicated the debt loads are almost indistinguishable, both about \$1.8 billion. State-supported

debt level is lower in the Senate during the current budget, mostly because debt service was reduced in some part by simply delaying the sale of bonds until the next budget.

The Senate cut about \$7 million from the amount the House would set aside for the basic state aid to local schools program. But it added more money than the House for reading programs, a favorite of Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his wife, Glenna.

Other differences in the Senate spending plan:

■ Removed the restriction in the House that would have required the state to operate the new prison in Elliott County, rather than open it to private management.

■ Deleted the requirement in the House for a study of the cost of the death penalty in Kentucky.

■ Authorized 15 new county courthouses but included no funding for their construction during the budget period that ends on June 30, 2006.

■ Increased debt service on the Road Fund by authorizing the sale of \$450 million in bonds, up from the \$350 million included in the House plan. The Senate would have \$100 million of the bond proceeds for county roads and bridges and another \$50 million for city streets. The remaining \$300 million would finance state construction.

■ Increased state assistance to nonpublic school transportation by nearly \$1 million.

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FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced the promotion of four officers during a ceremony held today at the Kentucky State Police Headquarters in Frankfort.

Capt. James Vanhook was promoted to major. A resident of Somerset, Vanhook was previously commander of the London Post. A 19-year KSP veteran, he is now assigned as the assistant director in the Administrative Division at KSP Headquarters in Frankfort.

Lt. Deron Berthold was promoted to captain and assigned as commander of the Legislative Security Branch. Berthold, a resident of Elizabethtown, has been with KSP for 14 years. He previously was assigned to the Elizabethtown Post.

Sgt. Bobby Johnson was promoted to lieutenant. Johnson, who was with East Drug Enforcement/Special Investigations, has been assigned to the Harlan Post. Johnson, who has been with KSP for 16 years, resides in Stanville in Floyd County.

Tpr. Randy Woods, an officer at the Pikeville Post, was promoted to sergeant and is now assigned to the Mayfield Post. He's been with KSP for seven years. His residence is in Harold in Floyd County.

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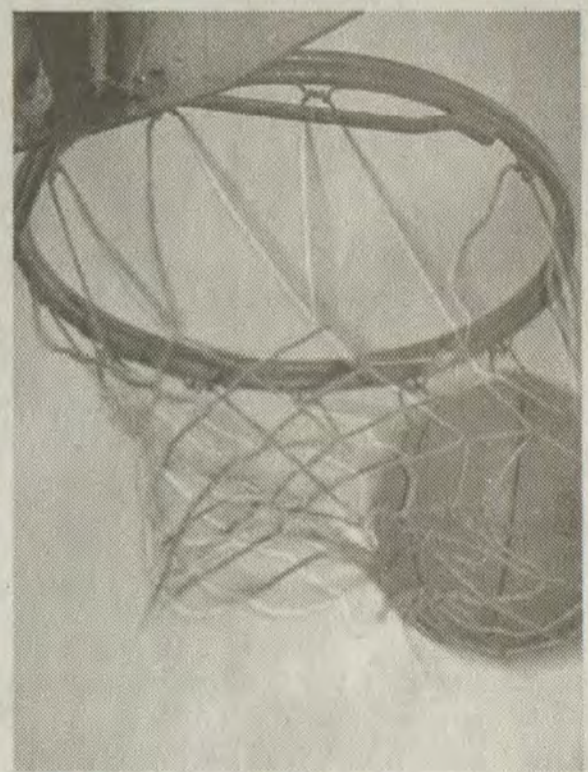
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UK basketball practice facility makes miraculous appearance

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — If it was baseball, it would have been akin to the old hidden ball trick.

Late Monday evening, as a list of projects finally emerged into public view in the Senate, there tucked at the bottom of one of the seven pages was a building no one seemed to be taking credit for — a basketball practice facility at the University of Kentucky with a \$15 million price tag.

"I don't know who put it in there," said Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Charlie Borders, R-Grayson.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, whose district includes the university, called it an "immaculate conception."

Projects are the modern-day gravel of the legislative process — concrete and sometimes hardwood proof of bringing tangible goodies to the folks back home.

What is one legislator's important community development project is another's pork.

"We don't look at these as polit-

ical projects, as they are always portrayed in the press," said Senate Democratic leader Ed Worley of Richmond.

Scorsone said even UK officials had not had the temerity to ask for a practice facility while other projects wandered out in the legislative gulag.

In fact, UK's top priority, a pharmaceutical research facility, was cut back in terms of state funding on the Senate list.

Similarly, the top project on the University of Louisville's list — a medical research center — got a whack from budget-makers.

Meanwhile, a building at Northern Kentucky University, got full Senate treatment with the state supposed to pick up the entire \$54 million tab, or \$12 million more than the House was willing to spend. It is the largest single project in the emerging budget.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, said the choices were a gross distortion of what priorities should be in the General Assembly. While money for cancer and medical research was cut, basketball reigned supreme.

"It's not a gymnasium," protested Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Crescent Springs. "It's a regional special events center."

The Senate and House have competing projects lists, though they also agree on many items. And they end up with nearly identical totals for new debt — about \$1.8 billion. Debt service is not quite as large in the Senate version because projects are not planned for construction and bonds are not to be

sold until later in the budget period.

The Senate added \$14 million more for local water and sewer lines, long a legislative favorite.

The Senate also added \$98 million more for school construction. And it added \$53 million for renovation of the now-vacant old state office building in Frankfort.

The Senate cut \$26 million from the House version two bond funds that finance maintenance and repair projects for state government and

university buildings. It also eliminated altogether a nearly \$41 million pool that was to finance buildings at various community and technical colleges.

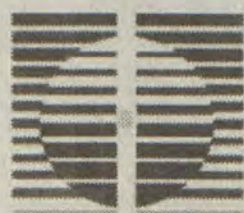
The UK basketball practice center, though, remained a mystery throughout the night as the Senate voted to pass a budget.

Scorsone said no one at UK had advocated such a facility should be included in the budget, even though it would be paid for with UK

money, not General Fund tax dollars.

"It comes out of left field, in terms of priorities," Scorsone said.

The final list of projects won't be known until House and Senate leaders get together to resolve differences in their budget approaches. And Gov. Ernie Fletcher can have another say by vetoing individual items in a budget, though those are subject to override by the legislature.



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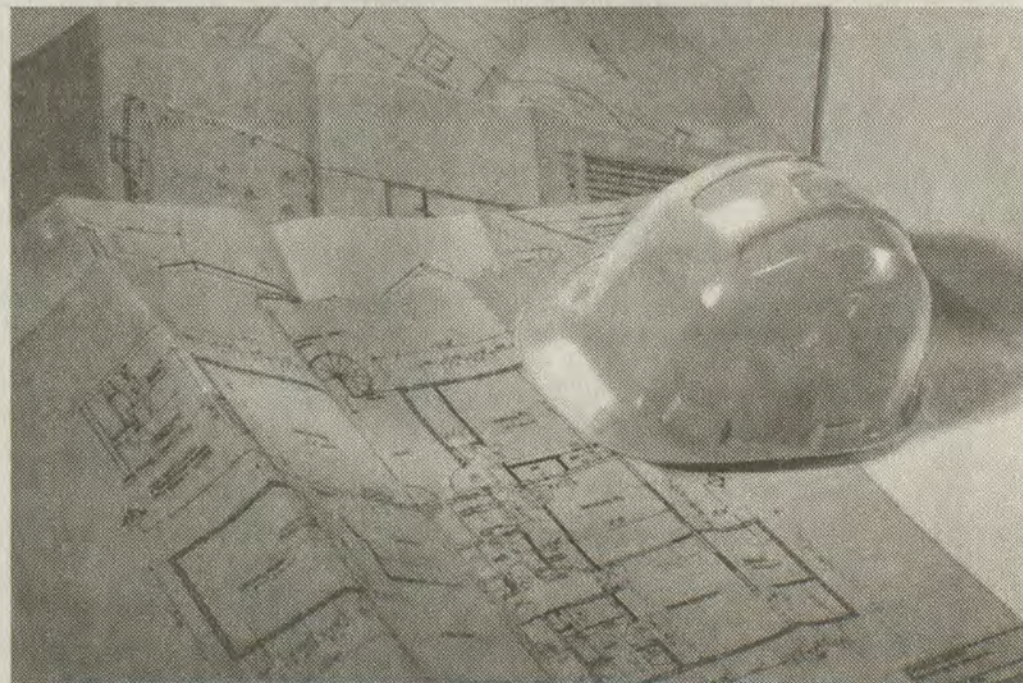
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Odds

■ LINCOLN, Neb. — What do Bigfoot, Noah's Ark and Amelia Earhart's plane have in common?

They're all being used to make a point by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, who is taking aim at a measure to protect hunting.

In an attempt to mock the proposed change to Nebraska's constitution, Chambers has filed 35 amendments to protect the hunting of a myriad of other things, including the missing Earhart plane, the ark, Osama bin Laden and the Holy Grail.

"This state is not going to ban fishing, hunting and trapping," said Chambers, who believes the proposal is unnecessary.

While there is no immediate threat, there are animal rights groups that would like to see hunting, fishing and trapping outlawed, said Sen. Ed Schrock, who introduced the measure. "I

think we should probably get out ahead of this."

The proposed amendment would add one paragraph to the state constitution that says fishing, trapping, and hunting are a "valued part of the heritage of the people and will be a right forever preserved."

Eleven other states have similar protections in law or the constitution. Rhode Island and California also have amendments protecting the right to fish.

Chambers successfully shot down a similar proposal last year. If he gets his way, laughing, coughing, itching, scratching, lounging, munching and "being oneself" also will be protected.

■ MARYVILLE, Tenn. — A man caught by police last summer on his 23rd birthday running naked and covered in nacho cheese has pleaded guilty to burglary, public intoxication and

other charges.

But, he won't be going to jail.

In a plea deal with prosecutors, Michael David Monn was sentenced to three years in prison Monday but was given supervised probation.

Prosecutors said Monn was drunk when he broke into a swimming pool snack bar in July 2004.

A police officer found Monn in the facility's parking lot after Monn had apparently scaled an

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8-foot-tall fence and was seen running toward a Jeep with a box of stolen snacks and a container of nacho cheese.

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Charge

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sensual sex with a minor warrants the charge.

The indictment also charged that Bentley exposed her genital area to the boy, resulting in the indecent exposure charge. Six counts in the indictment charge that Bentley gave the boy marijuana.

"Many people in her community are shocked. She comes from a long line of educators," said Letcher County Attorney Harold Bolling, who presented the case to the grand jury.

Letcher County School Superintendent Anna Craft, the defense attorney's stepmother, said the school board accepted Bentley's resignation and has begun the process to replace her.

"It would be inappropriate for us to comment on the whole situation," Craft said. "I'm sorry

it's happened."

Bentley is the second Letcher County school board member indicted on drug-related charges since January 2004.

Tommy Vanover, 49, was convicted late last year of selling prescription narcotics and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The grand jury that issued the indictment said numerous witnesses testified about drug abuse in the Letcher County schools and the panel called for a special grand jury to investigate the situation.

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Panel approves bill aimed at improving health of young students

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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FRANKFORT — A bill aimed at making Kentucky's children slimmer by requiring physical activity at elementary schools and cutting out deep-fried food in lunch lines took another step forward Thursday.

The House Health and Welfare Committee approved the bill over objections from school administrators, who worried about bulging staffs if elementary schools have to give pupils 30 minutes of daily physical activity. The requirement would not extend to middle and high schools.

The bill already passed the Senate and now heads to the full House.

It would require elementary schools to offer the half-hour daily exercise time beginning in the 2006-2007 school year. Another provision would ban soft-drink sales from vending machines and school canteens at elementary schools during school hours.

All public schools would be banned from serving deep-fried foods, and schools could offer retail fast foods — such as pizza or tacos — just once a week in cafeterias.

Also, the state Board of Education would set minimum nutritional standards for all food and beverages sold in school vending machines, canteens and a la carte lines.

School administrators focused their criticism on the required physical activity.

Bill Scott, associate executive director of the Kentucky

School Boards Association, called it a "tremendous unfunded mandate" that would require some schools to add physical education instructors. It also could force cramped schools to add space, he said.

School administrators also worried the half-hour of exercise would cut into learning time.

"We do want to do what's right for students," said Dale Brown, superintendent of Warren County schools. "But as we look into taking away from class time, that is an issue for us also."

Rep. Tim Feeley, R-Crestwood, a longtime proponent of improving student nutrition, said he would try to amend the bill on the House floor to ease concerns. Feeley said his amendment would delay the exercise mandate an extra two years to give schools more time to prepare.

Rep. Mary Lou Marzian said the bill confronts a public health problem and shouldn't be delayed further. Childhood obesity leads to greater risk of diabetes and other health problems.

"Surely a year and a half is enough time to get their act together out in the school districts," said Marzian, D-Louisville.

Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, R-Lexington, a sponsor of the bill, said schools would have considerable leeway in offering the physical activity.

Committee chairman Tom Burch, D-Louisville, agreed, saying the exercise time wouldn't have to be structured and that classroom teachers could handle it.

"Get the kids out and make them walk around the grounds for half an hour," he said. "What's it take to do that? A teacher's got to exercise, too."

Burch also suggested the physical activity might lead to better academic performance.

"A little exercise makes a student think better," he said.

Rep. James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, said schools shouldn't be blamed for overweight children.

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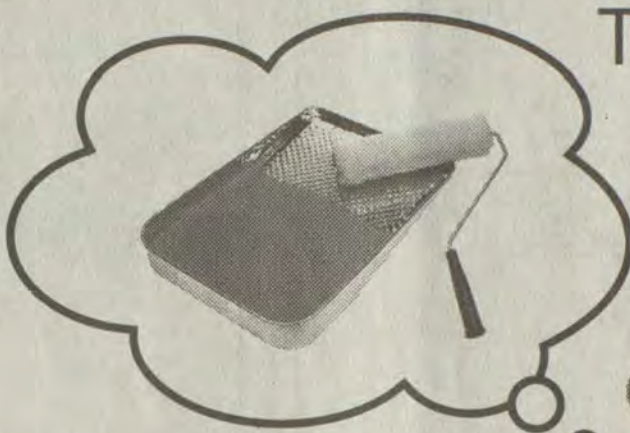
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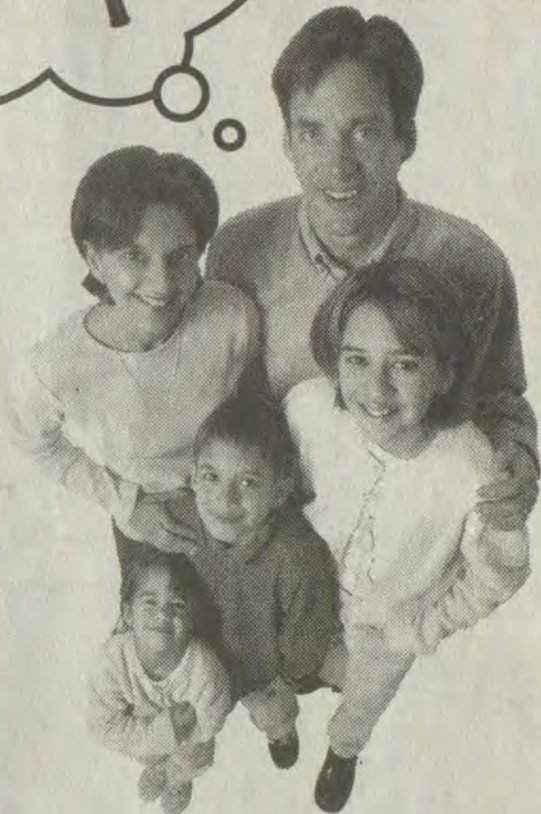
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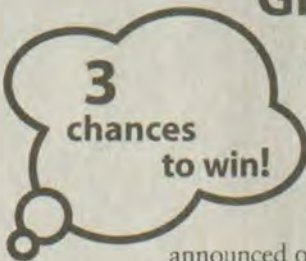
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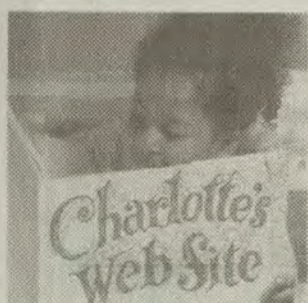


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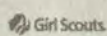
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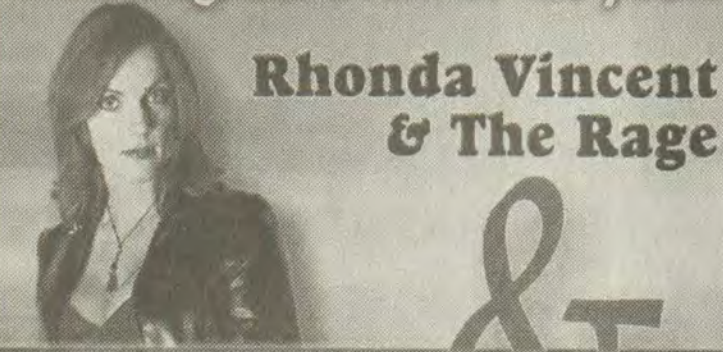
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58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT



photos by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean (41) worked for position during the first half of Monday night's game against Piarist. Dean finished with nine points in South Floyd's 58th District Tournament win.

Below: The Betsy Layne Dome now has two scoreboards. The newest scoreboard is pictured.

Slow-start South Floyd repels Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Many of those who follow 58th District/Floyd County Conference basketball know the Piarist School has never won a game against an opposing Floyd County team. On Monday night, Piarist's girls' basketball team entered the 58th District Tournament looking to make history. The Lady Knight basketball team entered the post-season with three wins and some of its basketball having been played over the past week or so. Piarist went out in front and led 3-0 early on Monday. The Lady Knights held a lead for most of the first quarter before South Floyd went ahead 15-14, leading with just 11.6 remaining in the first quarter and for the first time in the game. South Floyd eased out of the first quarter with a 16-15 lead and quickly stretched its advantage in the second period. Once South Floyd settled down in the second quarter, Piarist's hopes of making history were dashed. The Lady Raiders led 32-24 at halftime and after the sluggish first quarter, never

trailed again, en route to a 73-48 win. South Floyd seniors Tab Trammell and Courtney Blocker led the Lady Raiders with 18 points apiece. Miranda Gregory, another South Floyd senior, added 14 points.

South Floyd (9-15) ended on a strong note, outscoring Piarist 24-8 in the final quarter. The Lady Raider defense held Piarist to less than 10 points in both the second and fourth quarters.

Stephanie Williams led Piarist (3-20) with 16 points. Alyssa Reed and Beth Tackett followed with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Heather Dean added nine points for the Lady Raiders. Danielle Tackett scored seven points and Candice Hall chipped in six.

57TH DISTRICT: Magoffin, Paintsville advance

BLACKLOG – Host Sheldon Clark led 15th Region favorite Magoffin County by a field goal



through one quarter Monday night, but the Lady Hornets battled right back. Magoffin County led Sheldon Clark 21-15 at halftime and eliminated the host team in the second half, outscoring the Lady Cardinals 17-11 in the third quarter and 15-11 in the final period.

Ashley Howard paced Magoffin County (22-5) with a game-high 21 points. Brittany Manns had 16

points and Michaela Howard followed with 10.

Haley Adkins led Sheldon Clark (3-19) with 15 points.

Paintsville 66, Johnson Central 61: Paintsville beat rival Johnson Central for the second straight time and in the process eliminated the Lady Eagles.

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Blackcats bash Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – No, it wasn't a football game. Prestonsburg played host Friday evening to rival Belfry. The two schools met out on the hardwood in a boys' basketball game. Belfry took a 28-27 lead over the host Blackcats into halftime, but Prestonsburg fought right back. Prestonsburg won the regular-season finale, beating Belfry 64-49.

On Senior Night, six Prestonsburg seniors went out on top.

The Blackcats pulled away late, outscoring Belfry 16-7 in the third quarter and 21-14 in the fourth.

Jesse Chaffin and John Mark Stephens each had 14 points for the host Blackcats. Stephens also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Sean Leslie tossed in 11 points and Trevor Compton added 10 as four different Prestonsburg players reached double figures.

Michael Stephens had five points and Michael Morrison, who on Senior Night, also earned a starting nod for the host team, added four.

Kyle Ousley and Joe Blackburn rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with three points apiece.

The Blackcats (16-9) were 11-of-16 from the free throw line.

Belfry (15-8), which came out shooting well and played its best basketball in the opening quarter, got a game-high 17 points from Matt Maynard.

Points were hard to come by late for the Pirates. Maynard was the only Belfry player to finish in double figures. Doug Howard added nine points for the Pirates and David Jones scored eight. Bruce Young scored six points, Adam Wicker netted four, Jamie Case tossed in three, and Adam Warren added two.

Belfry finished 11-for-19 from the free throw line.

Last night, Prestonsburg took on Allen Central in the opening round of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament. Prestonsburg entered the tournament as the number one seed.

JV: Prestonsburg 57, Belfry 54: In the junior-varsity game held prior to Friday night's varsity contest, Prestonsburg led at the end of every quarter and held off a furious fourth quarter, turning away Belfry's JV team.

The Blackcats led 11-6 at the end of the first quarter and 22-12 at halftime. Prestonsburg exited the third quarter with a 39-25 lead.

The Blackcat JV squad went to the free throw line 27 times and connected on 16 of its attempts.

Jordan Hall led Prestonsburg with a game-high 21 points. Bobby Hughes had 11 points and Trevor Patton added seven. Taylor Clark and Lincoln Slone both had six points.

Nathaniel Stephens and Josh Rodebaugh rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with four and two points, respectively.

Dustin May led Belfry with 16 points. Corey Chapman added 12 points and Justin Steele tossed in 10. Belfry was six-of-11 from the charity stripe.



PRESTONSBURG SENIOR JESSE CHAFFIN

Tourney Time: Pikeville teams play Thursday night

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Since league play began in January, Thursday nights have meant one thing to Pikeville College: A women/men doubleheader, beginning at 6 p.m. On the first night of play in the Mid-South Conference tournament, the Lady Bears and Bears should be comfortable.

Thursday's evening session of the 2005 MSC dance will belong to Pikeville College, as the teams play their own version of a tourney twin bill beginning at six.

The Lady Bears, seeded fifth in the

tournament, will take on fourth-seeded Lindsey Wilson College in the first game of the evening session, kicking off at 6 p.m. They will be followed by the Bears playing Lambuth University at 8 p.m.

Bill Watson's Lady Bears are 17-13 on the season and finish tied with Lindsey Wilson at 3-7 in the league standings. However, because one of the Lady Raiders' wins came over second-seeded Campbellsville, they won the tie-breaker and will wear their home jerseys on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Randy McCoy's Bears take a 22-8 worksheet into the postseason and are seeded fourth in this week's

tournament. They will meet fifth-seeded Lambuth Thursday night. The Eagles are 14-16 and won the tie with Campbellsville at 2-8 for the fifth slot.

The Lady Bears and Lady Raiders split their meetings in the regular season with both winning at home. Pikeville was a 61-52 winner in the league opener on Jan. 20, while Lindsey took a 60-58 decision in Columbia on Feb. 10.

The Bears will be looking for their third win of the season when they meet the Eagles Thursday night. Pikeville won 80-72 when the teams played in

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prior to the start of Friday night's Belfry-Prestonsburg varsity boys' basketball game, Citizens National Bank recognized Prestonsburg High School football players who during the 2004 season were honored as player of the game by area radio stations. Pictured with the student-athletes is Citizens National Bank CEO and President Dennis Dorton. Prestonsburg players honored, pictured, from left to right, included Trevor Compton, Jeremy Carr Kyle Ousley Joe Blackburn, Zack Lafferty, Brenton Hamilton, David Shaffer, Billy Joe Hicks, Jesse Chaffin and John Mark Stephens. Compton was named the Player of the Year.

District

Five Lady Tigers scored. Five Lady Tigers reached double figures. Kendra Carroll scored 15 points and Chelsea Jarrell added 14 for the Lady Tigers. Laura Carroll and Jesikah Russell each had 13 points apiece for Paintsville, while Ashley Hall netted 11.

Paintsville outscored Johnson Central 21-15 in the third quarter. **BOYS' BASKETBALL:** Pike Central 72, Belfry 70. **PHELPS** - In the 60th District Tournament, Pike Central battled back from an early deficit and edged rival Belfry. The Pirates left the first quarter

with a 21-12 lead, but from that point on, trailed at the end of every quarter. Chase Snodgrass led the Hawks with 17 points. Anthony Ratliff added 16 points for the winning team. Doug Howard led Belfry with a game-high 23 points. Matt Maynard had 13 points and Bruce Young flipped in 10.

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Pikeville

Jackson, Tenn., on Jan. 22 and followed that with a 65-62 decision on Feb. 12 in Pikeville. The Bears and Eagles played in the opening round of the 2004 MSC tournament in Pikeville, with Lambuth pulling off a 69-64 upset last March 11. That win followed two regular-season victories by the Bears. Pikeville's clubs will be looking to repeat their twin bill on Friday night. The Pikeville/Lindsey winner will take on top-seeded Georgetown on Friday at 6, while the men's

bracket finds Georgetown awaiting the winner of the Pikeville/Lambuth game Friday at 8. The tournament opens on Thursday at 1 p.m. with women's play as third-seed Cumberland meets sixth-seed Lambuth. At 3 p.m., the first session concludes with the men's opener, pitting third-seed Cumberland against sixth-seed Campbellsville. Friday's afternoon session will see the Campbellsville Lady Tigers, the second seed in the field, play the winner of

Thursday's opener at 1. The 3 p.m. game will find Lindsey Wilson taking on the Cumberland/Campbellsville winner. The championship games will be played Saturday afternoon. The women will meet at 1 p.m. while the men play at 4. The entire tournament will be played at the Frankfort Civic Center. Tickets are available in advance at Pikeville College for \$20. Those purchased at the door will be \$30. For ticket information, call 606/218-5224.

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SFHS HOMECOMING



The South Floyd High School boys' basketball team ended the regular-season on a winning note Friday with a 70-55 win over visiting Fleming-Neon. The Raiders hosted Fleming-Neon on Senior Night.

Left: Senior Whitney Johnson was crowned Homecoming Queen. She is pictured with escort Matt Little. Below, right: Seniors Sabrina Reid, Randi Anderson, Whitney Johnson and South Floyd Homecoming Queen Bridget Stumbo. Below, left: The entire South Floyd Homecoming court gathered for a photo.



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Over the weekend, Allen Central High School hosted a freshman boys' basketball tournament. Prestonsburg finished runner-up to tournament winner Johnson Central. In the championship game, Johnson Central (middle) edged Prestonsburg (top), winning 45-43. The all-tournament team (bottom) included some of the 15th Region's top underclassmen. Participating teams included host Allen Central, Prestonsburg, Johnson Central, South Floyd and Belfry.

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schools in Kentucky, it was announced, this week... Born: to Coach and Mrs. D. T. Ferrell, a son, Douglas Todd, February 16, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital... There died: Mrs. Allie Patrick Anderson, 79, last Thursday, at Lexington; Mrs. Evelyn Turner Crum, 38, of Maytown, last Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Esta Belle Goble, 52, Feb. 19, in the Louisa Hospital; Mrs. Jemima Hicks, 67, Tuesday, at her home at Hippo; Stevie Adams, 59, formerly of Floyd County, last Wednesday, at Albion, Mich.; Mayland J. Johnson, 78, of Weeksbury, last Saturday, at the Community Memorial Hospital, Virgie.

Sixty Years Ago
February 22, 1945

Floyd County and the Town of Allen were denied, last week, the tuberculosis sanatorium to be built by the state. Ashland was chosen as the site... The war casualty report for the week: Killed in action—Pvt. James McGlothen, of Printer, January 27, on Luzon; Pfc. Estill Johnson, of Melvin, January 24, on

Luzon; Pvt. Ray Lawson, of Garrett, January 10, in France. Missing—Sgt. Robert L. Carver, of David, in Germany, since February 4. Wounded—Pvt. Charles Bryant, of Hi Hat, in Luxembourg; Pvt. Fieldery Lawson, of Garrett, January 28, in France; Sgt. Earl D. Lafferty, of Sloan, in Belgium... The five-room school at David was destroyed by fire, last Friday... Dr. G. A. Culbertson, owner of the Prestonsburg General Hospital, announced, this week, plans to build a three-story addition to the hospital, as a post-war project... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Howard, of Prestonsburg, February 17, a son, Bobby Doyle... There died: Edgar Prater, 40, of Hippo, a train victim, Sunday, near Northern; Eunice Elaine Robinson, 6, of Little Paint Creek, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Tuesday, of burns suffered the preceding day; Mrs. George Fannin, Sunday, at her home on Johns Creek; Mrs. Virgie Maggard, 41, February 14, at Wheelwright; Mrs. Della Caudill, of East McDowell, Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; Dave Cornett, 72, Tuesday, at Wheelwright; Mrs. Jack Wilson, 67, February 15, at her home on Little Paint.

Seventy Years Ago
February 22, 1935

Walter Kiser, 57, was shot and killed, Friday night, near his restaurant at Martin... Maytown and Martin are co-favorites in the district basketball tournament at Garrett, next weekend... Mrs. E. R. May, of Langley, has been named head of the Floyd County relief office, to succeed Miss Sara Hayes... James D. Stephens, of Prestonsburg, was recently elected chairman of the ritual of Epsilon Phi Zeta chapter, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, at the University of Kentucky... Dutch Webb, Abbott Creek farmer, was robbed, Monday night, of \$90 by two unidentified men who held him at gunpoint... The Floyd County Times extended till March 15, its current subscription rate of \$1 a year... Miss Kathryn Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, has been elected president of Phi Epsilon Pi, Berea College women's literary group... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richmond, of Inez, a daughter, Lou Ann... There died: Hillard Goble, 33, Saturday, at his home on the Auxier Road; Walter Miller, 42, Saturday, at Garrett.

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 ■ BSCTC. Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).
 ■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.
 ■ Martin Extended Educa-

tion Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.
 ■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.
 ■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.
 ■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 ■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Korner

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew,
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do,
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
I forgot, he could not hear,
Oh, God; forgive me when I whine,
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know,
Oh God, forgive me when I whine,
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

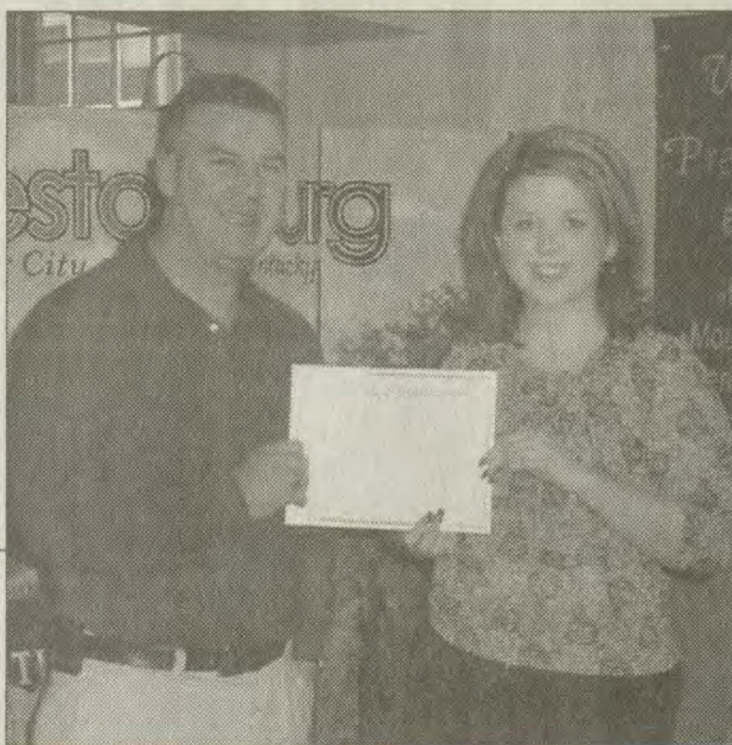
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'Til Next Week...

Floyd County Chamber welcomes new member

By Mandy Stumbo,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Schwans Food Company recently joined the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Schwans, headquartered in Marshall, Minn., is the largest, branded frozen-food company in the United States. Since 1952, Schwans has been well-known for their home delivery service to millions of customers offering delicious ice cream and other fine frozen foods. With more than 24,000 employees worldwide, The Schwans Food Company has grown to one of the largest producers of frozen pizza and egg rolls. The company is also the national leader in frozen dessert and premium ice cream manufacturing and distribution. Schwans has an office in Floyd County located at 427 Cliff Road in Prestonsburg. John Salyer, sales manager, can be reached at 886-9843.



John Salyer, sales manager, Schwans Food Company, accepts membership certificate from Chamber Executive Director, Mandy Stumbo.

Miss Margaret

maybe hurt the child and that I would lose my job, as well. Well, he came back from the bathroom and told me, 'Oh, Miss Margaret, it's okay. It wasn't your fault.'
 Miss Margaret is full of stories just like these, and many more. She remembers the time her grandmother, Pocohontas Dingus, crossed the old bridge, now gone, in downtown Prestonsburg to get a glimpse of Teddy Roosevelt giving a speech from the back of a train car. She remembers the man, John Graham, who sold his land, for the sum of \$1, to the City of Prestonsburg so that they could pave streets and build a courthouse. She recalls being a guest of the United States Congress, along with other members of the John Graham Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Washington, D.C. She remembers how it felt to be a young girl, at the age of 15, being baptized in the town's first Baptist church, the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, now known as First Baptist. To this day, Miss Margaret is the oldest living member of the church and still attends services when she can. "My grandfather, William Dingus, was the founding minister of that church," she proudly relates.
 Born to William A. and Rebecca Dingus, Miss Margaret later married Ray Collins,

a Prestonsburg city policeman. The couple, married for 63 years until Ray's death, lived their lives on Prestonsburg's Central Avenue, where they raised two children, Billy Ray Jr. and Margaret Ann. Billy Ray is the founder of one of Prestonsburg's most widely known landmarks, Billy Ray's Restaurant, located on North Front Avenue in downtown Prestonsburg.
 In addition to a myriad of colorful memories teaching at Prestonsburg Elementary ("the only school I ever taught at," she proudly states), Miss Margaret fondly recalls memories of attending Prestonsburg High School, of which she was a member of the first graduating class of 1928, and the Byington Normal School, a teacher training institution that once was located in the center of town. "I went to that school, and so did my mother and my daddy," she said.
 In addition to having spent a lifetime learning and teaching others, Miss Margaret has spent many active years traveling and keeping fit by playing golf at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. "Oh, I played golf some in Paintsville, too, and other places, but mostly, I played right over at Jenny Wiley," she said.
 She also recalls active days spent teaching children to swim at the now gone David Swimming Pool. "Why, I

taught two sets of children to swim in that pool," she said. "My own and my grandchildren," she said with a laugh.
 Among the places traveled to, Miss Margaret recalls flying over the ocean to visit Hawaii, and traveling to California, Nova Scotia, the Bahamas and various locations in Canada. "I once took a cruise to Alaska, too," she said.
 Additionally, Miss Margaret has spent the past 20 years "wintering" in Florida. "Why, this snow coming down today," she said, "is the first snow I've seen in twenty years!" "And it's beautiful, isn't it," she remarked.
 When asked which, of all the places and sights she had seen, stood out as most beautiful in her mind, Miss Margaret was quick with her answer. "Well, there's nothing quite like coming up the Mountain Parkway and catching that very first of the hills as they peak up, in a row. It just warms your heart, you know?" With tears evident in her eyes, Miss Margaret continued, "You know, these hills, you just get homesick for them...there's just really no other place like it."
 As unique as the hills she calls home, Miss Margaret is one of Floyd County's most treasured residents. As she looks fondly toward celebrating her 94th birthday this coming April 9th, she fondly looks back on a life well-lived.



Winnie Johns, left, and Pocohontas Dingus, off to hear Teddy Roosevelt Jr. give a speech, from the platform of a train, to Floyd County residents.

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Critter

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ers, these people basically bred and sold anything with spots.

The incidence of health problems increased because the breeders were not removing affected and carrier dogs from their breeding programs; temperaments also deteriorated. This, coupled with the fact that many of the new owners were not being prepared for some of the special needs of this breed, led to mass disappointment with these dogs. Dalmatians started showing up in shelters in droves; every newspaper carried "free to good homes" ads for adult Dalmatians. Ethical Dalmatian breeders grilled prospective owners with the fervor of the Spanish Inquisition. The entire breed is still reeling from the episode.

This is why St. Bernard breeders were less than enchanted with Beethoven, and why Chihuahua people shuddered every time they heard "¡Yo quiero Taco Bell!". I suspect Border Collie, Golden Retriever and Shetland Sheep-dog people have mixed emotions about how well their breeds are doing in the televised Agility Trials on Animal Planet.

Once again, I am not breed-bashing. All of these dogs can be wonderful companions in the right setting and if their owner knows ahead of time what they are getting into.

The best advice I know how to give people when they are interested in a certain breed is to find out all they can about it. The first question you need to ask is "what was this dog originally bred to do?" The characteristics that helped the dog perform that task are the ones that would have been emphasized in the breeding.

For instance, most people are totally unaware that Dalmatians were originally bred as bird dogs. For bird hunting, a dog needs to be strong, energetic, very prey-oriented, able to focus quickly on anything that moves, and somewhat independent, so he can make decisions in the field. Dals got away from these roots as they became companions to horse-drawn carriages and fire trucks; eventually they became best known as firehouse mascots. Knowing the back-

ground, however, better prepares you for a puppy who is going to need lots of exercise, training and patience.

I often get calls about "behavior problems" in dogs that are nothing more than an owner who was not aware of what their pet was bred for. People who want their Labrador Retrievers to stop carrying off and chewing on their possessions, and those who are upset because their Terrier is digging holes, have to first be helped to understand that those behaviors are genetically "hard-wired" in those breeds. Chances are, they can't be eliminated, just channeled into more acceptable outlets. Then there was the distraught lady who had bought a Border Collie because she wanted a lap dog!

Dog shows are another good place to find out about different breeds. Exhibitors are often happy to discuss their breed if you are considerate and find out when they might have time to talk. Just looking at the dogs will help, too. Which group (Sporting, Non-sporting, Hound, Terrier, Working, Herding or Toy) is your chosen breed shown in? That will give you a clue about the breed's basic personality. Remember, though, that every dog is an individual, and there's going to be some variation. Check out also how much maintenance is going to be required for your breed. My friend Anita had fallen in love with Bearded Collies—until she saw one "in the fur". She knew they had a lot of hair, but not that much!

This works even if you have a mixed breed dog or are considering one at the shelter. By identifying the predominant breed or breeds present, you can make an educated guess about the dog's temperament.

In summary, don't impulsively choose a breed because it's cute or the most popular, or shy away from one because you've heard something negative about it. Do your homework, know what you're getting into, and honestly ask yourself, like Anita did, whether you are prepared to deal with the challenges of that breed. Both you and your dog will be happier if you do this.

Children are invited to create UNICEF greeting cards for the holiday season

Pier 1/UNICEF/Weekly Reader select "Holiday Happiness" as the 2005 Greeting Card Contest Theme

New York- Children in the U.S. are being asked to submit their creative drawings for the 2005 Pier 1/UNICEF/Weekly Reader Greeting Card Contest. Two winners will be chosen from thousands of entries and their winning artwork will be reproduced as official UNICEF greeting cards sold nationwide to benefit children around the world.

Children ages 13 and under are eligible to enter the contest, which will begin on March 1, 2005, the start of National Art Month. Entry forms are available at all U.S. Pier 1 locations nationwide; online at pier1.com, unicefusa.org, and weeklyreader.com; or by calling Pier 1's Customer Relations department at 1-800-245-4595. All entries must be hand-drawn and received by Pier 1 Imports' home office by April 11, 2005. The children's artwork will be judged on artistic quality and the creative interpretation of the theme "Holiday Happiness."

This year's contest will honor a special milestone - the 20th anniversary of Pier 1's and UNICEF's partnership. Pier 1 started selling UNICEF greeting cards in 1985 and is now the world's largest retailer of UNICEF greeting cards, having raised over \$20 million for UNICEF. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of all UNICEF cards sold at Pier 1 go to UNICEF.

The card contest started in 1991 as a way to help raise awareness among U.S. school children about UNICEF's important work for children around the world. In 2004, Weekly Reader, a leader in educational publishing, became a contest sponsor in order to encourage their 10 million readers - predominantly teachers, parents and children, to participate in the greeting card contest.

Two grand-prize winners will be chosen and their designs will be reprinted as official UNICEF cards available nationwide at all U.S. Pier 1 Imports stores and online at www.pier1.com,

beginning September 2005. The grand-prize winners also win a trip to New York for themselves and two family members, where they will attend the annual UNICEF Snowflake lighting ceremony, visit the United Nations and attend a Broadway play, among other seasonal events. Eight children will also be selected as runners-up and will receive a World Almanac for Kids and t-shirts and magazines from Weekly Reader.

The 2004 grand-prize winners were six-year-old Zane of Blair, NE, and 11-year-old Rebecca of Valrico, FL. Zane's design was a Snowman with the word "Love," inscribed on his belly. Rebecca's creation was a watercolor painting of two homes during a snowfall.

"The annual greeting card contest is a great way for children to participate in helping their global peers," said Charles J. Lyons, president of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. "The real grand-prize at the end of this contest is that it helps provide for and protect the lives of children around the world."

"Pier 1 is extremely proud of our 20-year partnership with UNICEF," said Marvin J. Girouard, Chairman and CEO of Pier 1 Imports. "The money raised from our UNICEF programs each year, like the proceeds from UNICEF greeting cards, goes to an organization that truly believes in the well being of children and families worldwide. Last year, our contest winners' cards alone helped raise over \$180,000 of the \$2 million Pier 1 donated to UNICEF. We look forward to another successful effort with this year's greeting card contest."

For Pier 1 store locations or for further contest information, please call 1-800-245-4595. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-754-3251. Greeting cards are also available on the U.S. Fund for UNICEF web site, <http://www.unicefusa.org/cards/> and at Weekly Reader's website www.weeklyreader.com. Funds

from the sale of cards support UNICEF programs that provide lifesaving medicines, vaccines, nutritious foods, primary education, clean water and sanitation and emergency relief for millions of children and women in 158 countries and territories.

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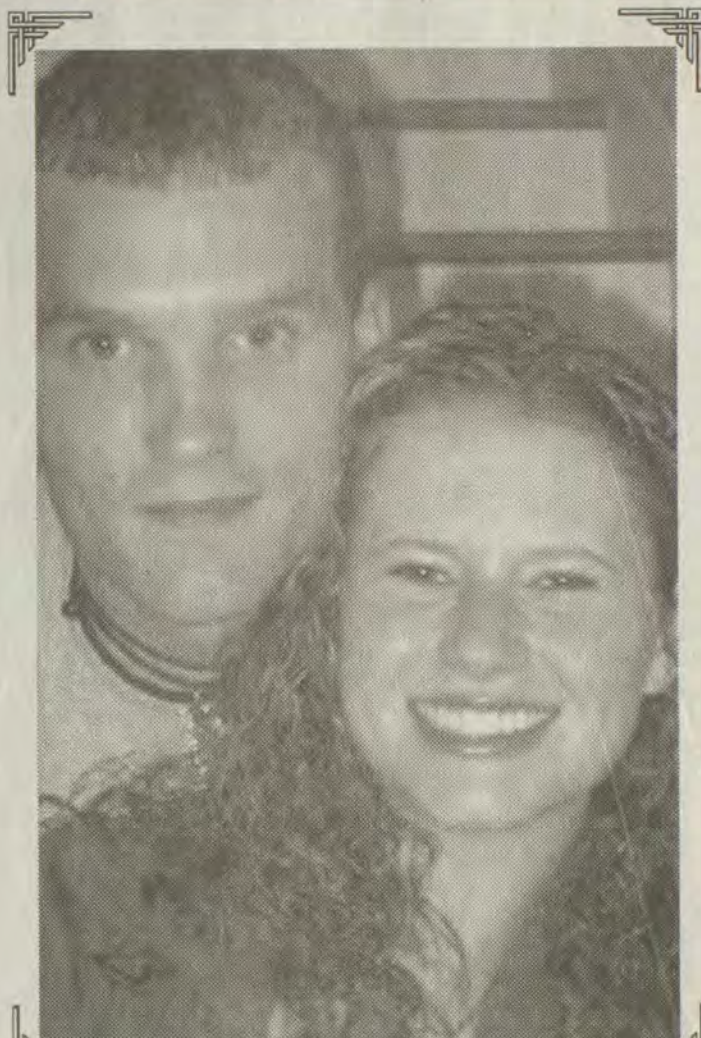
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Weddings



Howell-Prater

Amanda Lee Howell, of Staffordville, and Jason Prater, of Prestonsburg, are happy to announce their forthcoming marriage. Amanda is the daughter of Mike and Bonnie Howell, of Staffordville. She is the granddaughter of Nina and the late Charles Howell, of Grethel, and Garnette and the late Homer Hatfield of Baileysville, West Virginia. Jason is the son of Gail and Greg Morrison, of Auxier, and Robie and Betty Prater, of Waynesburg. He is the grandson of Mary Horn and the late Jackie Powers of Leander, and Edna Carol Nelson of Prestonsburg. Amanda and Jason plan to be married at the Auxier Free Will Baptist Church, on June 4th, 2005. A household shower will be held for the couple at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wittensville on April 23rd. The couple presently attend Big Sandy Community & Technical College in Prestonsburg.

New Arrivals



- February 16, 2005**
A son, Joey Conner Ousley, to Angela and Joey Ousley
- February 17, 2005**
A son, Ethan Tate Hall, to Frankie and Jimmy Hall
A son, Jordan Patrick Wallace, to Rebecca Gene and Kenneth Cecil Wallace
- February 18, 2005**
A son, Branden James Holbrook, to Kelli and Mark Holbrook
A daughter, Ambrelle Lynette Amburgey, to Amber and Stephen Amburgey
- February 21, 2005**
A daughter, Keiana Lasha Lyen Shipe, to Lisa Ann Dorton
- February 22, 2005**
A daughter, MaKena Renee Pierce, to Jessica and Donald Pierce

Oak

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But, to a 10-year-old, whether it's 30 or 3,000, when you're speaking of years, they're both a long, long time ago.

We called the barrier that held the water in which we swam a slate dump, and if we had given any thought to it at all, it would likely have been that it was a natural formation, instead of the result of years and years of many faceless, nameless men—long before our own daddies had been old enough to work—separating the waste from the coal, and dumping it there, one, tiny hand-pushed cart at a time.

Northeast's Number Three Mine still had half a dozen more years of life left in it, and my dad and older brother worked there. But, at the time, I had no idea there had been a Number Two Mine in Muddy Branch. The only thing I know for sure now is that it was located at Concord. I've been told that the tippie ran a con-

veyor belt over the C & O Railroad tracks and dumped the coal into barges that navigated the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy. Of course, while I was discovering what was left of the Number One Mine, Number Two was also many years gone.

I was also told recently that Northeast also operated a Number Four Mine on the Tutor Key side of the hill, with an entrance near where Jerry Daniels' store is now.

But, as would be imagined, back in 1949, as we moved single file toward the largest body of water any of us had ever seen, walking on tufts of grass whenever available, and dodging sand briars, in an effort to protect our shoeless feet, we gave no thought to our history.

Strange, isn't it, how before we give thought to any sort of ancient ruin, we must first become one?



Jr. Pro Fiddlers visit Frankfort

The Jr. Pro Fiddlers recently visited Senator Johnny Ray Turner's office at the Capitol Building, in Frankfort, just before the senators went into session earlier this month. The Fiddlers played for the illustrious group and were met with great enthusiasm, receiving a standing ovation. Each fiddler was presented

with a certificate. Pictured, from left to right, are: Angie Carriere, teacher, Lynsey Caudill, Will Hayes, Rachael Hayes, Whitney Trimble, Minus Helton, Staci Carriere, Joshua Carriere, Kelsey Gray, Justin Poe, Kevin Mischel, Billie Jean Osborne, and Cameron Love. Not pictured is Jessica Arnett.

Conservation Scholarships available

The Floyd County Conservation District is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating Floyd County High School Seniors and College Undergraduate Students for the 2005-2006 school year. Priority will be given to those students majoring in Agriculture and/or the Conservation of Natural Resources.

This is a one time scholarship awarding \$500 with proof of college enrollment. Eligible students must have at least a 3.0 G.P.A. verified by a high school counselor.

The completed applications must be returned to the Floyd County Conservation District Office by May 1st to be eligible. Applications are available at Floyd County Conservation District Office located at Mayo Branch of Brandykeg (approximately 7 from the Lancer-Watergap Intersection traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Resort Park).

For more information, contact the Floyd County Conservation District at 889-9800 or email us@conserve@mikrotec.com



Ron Gevedon, left, and Tim Sizemore, Gallery Director, right.

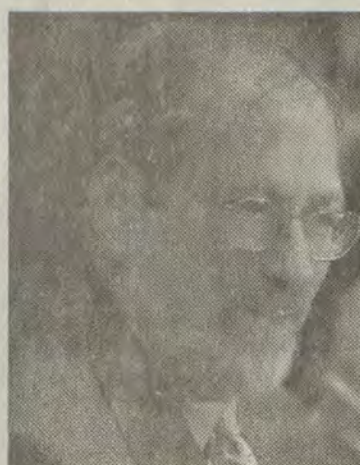
Ron Gevedon visits BSCTC Art Gallery for reception

Ron Gevedon visited the Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, on Tuesday, February 22, 2004 for a reception displaying his art works. Gevedon's exhibit explores his inner world,

which has been greatly influenced by his vivid imagination. The exhibit will be on display to the public until March 10, 2004 and all encouraged to visit the art gallery and enjoy these wonderful art works.

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONS

Dr. George D. Edwards speaks to Rotary



Dr. George D. Edwards

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) spoke to the Paintsville Rotary Club on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, about the impact of post secondary education on the Big Sandy Region and the challenges facing students enrolling in college today. He talked about the rising costs of getting an education and the necessity for additional funding to insure top quality faculty and programs be made available for future enrollment.

Dr. Edwards told the group that BSCTC enrollment has steadily increased over the past three years with more than 4600 students enrolling in the Fall 2004 semester. New construction and renovation of existing structures have been necessary to meet the needs of the rising numbers of students seeking degrees, diplomas and certificates on the four BSCTC campuses. More faculty and increased class scheduling has been required to meet instructional and laboratory needs. The College is in the mid-

dle of the "Fulfilling the Promise" fundraising campaign. The campaign addresses four major giving priorities: the Student Success Endowment Fund, an initiative to expand the College's scholarship endowment program; the Faculty Enhancement Endowment Fund, an initiative to retain and attract qualified faculty; the New Opportunities Fund, an initiative to provide unrestricted funds directed to special projects and initiatives for which budgeted funds are not available; and the Facility

Improvement Fund, an initiative to provide funds for upgrades and repairs not covered by the budget plan. Naming opportunities are also available for buildings, classrooms, conference rooms, etc. Judy Bocoock, BSCTC Manager of Advancement, said, "It's a wonderful way to create a memorial to someone while making a lasting contribution to education in the Big Sandy Region." "Funding is critical to the success of education in Kentucky," Dr. Edwards said. "We need legislative and com-

munity support to help us reach our goal being the best choice for our students' first two years of college education. We need additional dollars to help us change lives in eastern Kentucky." "Big Sandy Community and Technical College stands ready to help the region by providing affordable, quality education for our citizens. Also, we are able to respond to business and industry when they have training needs. We are glad to be a part of the Big Sandy community," Edwards concluded.

President's budget deals crushing blow to workforce training in Kentucky

KCTCS stands to lose \$18.4 million in funding

President Bush delivered a crushing blow to Kentucky's workforce and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) in his \$2.6 trillion budget by eliminating the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education program, among other education programs. The 2006 budget requested no funding for Perkins, eliminated a total of 48 education programs, and slashed education funding for the first time in 10 years.

"These dollars are critical to achieving the state and federal objectives of creating jobs and opportunities for citizens," said Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS.

For KCTCS, the state's number one provider of post-secondary education and workforce training, the cuts would eliminate over \$18.4 million in funding for workforce development, vocational education training, and college readiness programs in Kentucky.

The cuts would eliminate \$8 million in Perkins funds, \$1.6 million for the GEAR UP program, \$5 million for the Upward Bound and Talent Search programs, and \$3.8 million for adult basic education programs.

Perkins funding for KCTCS colleges allows for new developments and improvements in technical programming. These funds are used to supply colleges with current, state-of-the-art technology in order to provide workers with the skills needed by Kentucky's industries such as:

A heavy-duty, high-rise truck transmission jack for the automotive technology program at Ashland Community and Technical College Cavitron jet with SPS technology air pol-

ishing system for dental program at West Kentucky Community and Technology College.

Dell Dimension 4600 computers for medical assisting program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Intra-oral camera and model trimmer for dental program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Differential cell counters and cell washer for the clinical lab technology program at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College. Thermo Cam E4 for technical instruction program at Hazard Community and Technical College.

Production logic controllers for industrial maintenance program at Central Kentucky Technical College.

Computer workstations for allied health building at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Surgical table and accessory package for surgical technology program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Orthopedic and surgical fracture table for radiology and surgical technology programs at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Mega Code Kelly Vitalism Advanced and trauma module for paramedic students at Hazard Community and Technical College.

Computer scan toll for Chrysler vehicles for use in technical programs at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

"Perkins funds are used for the establishment of up-to-date training programs and equipment," said McCall. "Without these dollars many of our programs will cease to exist or be forced to use outdated equipment that is in many cases obsolete."

The Perkins program, named in honor of U.S. Rep.

Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky, was established to provide individuals with the academic and technical skills needed to succeed. A native of Hindman, Rep. Perkins presided over the Education and Labor Committee from 1967-84. He was instrumental in the passage of the Vocational Education Act of 1963, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

In addition to the Perkins funding, the 2006 budget request from the Bush administration proposes the elimination of several programs designed to help prepare low-income students for college such as GEAR-UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), Upward Bound and Talent Search.

Funds received by KCTCS through GEAR UP allow colleges to work in partnership with local middle and high schools. The program provides counseling with low-income families on career and college opportunities, and strengthens academic programs and student services so that graduates are prepared academically and financially to enter college.

Upward Bound and Talent Search, which are part of the federal TRIO programs for disadvantaged students, serve young people in grades six through 12. In addition to counseling, participants receive information on college admissions requirements, scholarships and various student financial aid programs.

"Many of our students are the first in their family to attend college," said McCall. "These programs change their lives by preparing them for success."

KCTCS is changing the lives of Kentuckians by providing affordable and accessible postsecondary education at 16 community and technical colleges on 65 campuses throughout the Commonwealth. For more information, visit www.kctcs.edu

Park official spreading seeds of knowledge about local produce program

FRANKFORT - Last August, Governor Ernie Fletcher announced an innovative program in which state resort park chefs would buy fresh produce directly from local farmers.

With the approach of this year's growing season, Bob Perry, the department's director of food services for the 17 resort parks, three Frankfort cafeterias, and the Artisan Center Cafe, is spreading the word to farmers about the produce program. He and Matt Ernst of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service have appeared in a number of informational sessions sponsored by the service.

In early March, Perry will appear at a University of Kentucky symposium on humanities and agriculture. The annual symposium, which honors the state's first poet laureate, Joy Bale Boone, is cosponsored by Partners for Family Farms.

Perry said he can already see momentum building for greater participation by farmers in 2005. As more farmers find out about the program, they can plant with the park system's needs in mind.

"We've even had farmers come up to us at these sessions with seed catalogues and ask what variety of potatoes we would like for them to plant," he said.

Additionally, using techniques explained during the sessions, farmers can extend their growing seasons from March through November, Perry said. The parks welcome fresh produce any time they can get it.

Through the program, a farmer deals directly with a resort park's chef. The farmer

benefits from being able to sell locally at typical market prices without having to go through a middleman, Perry notes. (The price of an item is determined by periodic surveys).

Meanwhile, the parks are supporting the local farm economy, while paying about the same as they pay to wholesale distributors. Even better, park chefs love to be able to use locally grown fruits and vegetables to build unique menus, Perry said.

"We're making a major commitment to improving our dining rooms," Perry said. "The local produce program is an important step in offering dishes that are unique to an area."

More information on the program may be obtained by contacting Bob Perry, Ky. Department of Parks, 10th floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40601, phone 1-502-564-2172, e-mail BobR.Perry@ky.gov

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In the Mountain Arts Center's continuing efforts to provide educational opportunities in the arts to area youth, the MAC is inviting high school students in the region to attend a one-day video production seminar. The seminar will be conducted by an industry professional and will include a hands-on introduction to camera techniques, directing, producing, and industry terminology. The seminar will culminate in the production of a live video featuring a talented performer from the participating high school. The Mountain Arts Center will provide the instruction and

equipment for the seminar at no cost to schools. However, the school will be responsible for identifying interested students, as well as providing transportation and lunch for participants. Class size will be limited to ten students plus a performer, seminar dates will be determined on an individual basis with participating schools.

To apply for the Mountain Arts Center's one-day video production seminar, interested high schools should contact Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director at 606/889-9125, extension 15 for additional information.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00963

Citizens National Bank Plaintiff
Vs.
Jason Hall, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 22nd day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$33,536.89, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central

Avenue, Ocelene Cole and Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land, located on Abner Fork, Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Center of creek, across road at Cline Johnson boundary line and across bottom and up hill to the top of point. Center of creek, across road to marker across the bottom and up by poplar tree on hill to top of point.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to Jason Hall and Amy Hall, his wife, from County Clerk's

Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's

Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master

Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Hon. Frank Heaberlin
119 East Court Street
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William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
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The Floyd County Times

Notice to Customers of Kentucky Power Company Proposed changes to the Environmental Surcharge Tariff

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 7, 2005, Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) will file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the Commission) in Case No. 2005-00068 an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes 278.183 for authorization to make changes to the environmental surcharge for customer bills rendered on and after April 29, 2005 in accordance with proposed changes to Tariff E.S. KPCo is requesting the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the Tariff E.S. This tariff contains the environmental surcharge ratemaking formula and other terms and conditions. The proposed changes, if approved, will allow KPCo to apply a surcharge to all customer bills rendered on and after April 29, 2005 to recover additional cost of complying with the Federal Clean Air Act and other federal and state or local environmental requirements which apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products from facilities utilized for the production of energy from coal in accordance with KPCo's environmental compliance plan. The full terms and conditions and ratemaking formula of Tariff E.S. are set forth below:

APPLICABLE
To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D., S.G.S., M.G.S., Experimental M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., Q.P., C.I.P.-T.O.D., C.S.-I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.
RATE.

1. The environmental surcharge shall provide for periodic adjustments based on a percent of revenues equal to the difference between the environmental compliance costs in the base period and in the current period according to the following formula:
Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor = $\frac{\text{Net KY Retail E(m)}}{\text{KY Retail R(m)}}$

Where:
Net KY Retail E(m) = Monthly E(m) allocated to Kentucky Retail Customers, net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment; Allocation based on Percentage of Kentucky Retail Revenues to Total Company Revenues in the Expense Month (For purposes of this formula, Total Company Revenues do not include Non-Physical Revenues.)
KY Retail R(m) = Kentucky Retail Revenues for the Expense Month

2. Monthly Environmental Surcharge Gross Revenue Requirement, E(m)
E(m) = CRR-BRR
Where:
CRR = Current Period Revenue Requirement for the Expense Month
BRR = Base Period Revenue Requirement

3. Base Period Revenue Requirement, BRR
 $BRR = ((RB_{KP(B)}) (ROR_{KP(B)}) / 12) + OE_{KP(B)} + (((RB_{IM(B)}) / 12) + OE_{IM(B)}) (.15)$
Where:
RB_{KP(B)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Big Sandy
ROR_{KP(B)} = Annual Rate of Return on Big Sandy Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return
OE_{KP(B)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Big Sandy
RB_{IM(B)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Rockport
ROR_{IM(B)} = Annual Rate of Return on Rockport Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return
OE_{IM(B)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Rockport

"KP(B)" identifies components from the Big Sandy Units - Base Period, and "IM(B)" identifies components from the Indiana Michigan Power Company's Rockport Units - Base Period. The Rate Base for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the account balance as of December 31, 1990. The Operating Expense amounts should reflect the December 1990 expense. The amounts reflect retirements or replacements resulting from the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan and the 2005 Plan.

The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is a weighted average cost of capital calculation, reflecting the cost of debt as of December 31, 1990 and the rate of return on common equity authorized in Case No. 1996-00489. The Kentucky Power component in the Base Period Revenue Requirement is a result of the adoption of the settlement in Case No. 1999-00149. As Kentucky Power's last general rate case had been settled, Kentucky Power proposed and the Commission accepted the use of the rate of return on common equity established in Case No. 1996-00489.

The Rate of Return for Rockport should reflect the requirements of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement. The Base Period Revenue Requirement will remain fixed until either a) a 2-year review case results in the roll-in of the surcharge into existing base rates, or b) further retirements or replacements of pollution control utility plant occur due to the installation of new pollution control utility plant associated with the approved compliance plan.

4. Current Period Revenue Requirement, CRR
 $CRR = ((RB_{KP(C)}) (ROR_{KP(C)}) / 12) + OE_{KP(C)} + (((RB_{IM(C)}) (ROR_{IM(C)}) / 12) + OE_{IM(C)}) (.15) - AS$
Where:
RB_{KP(C)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Big Sandy
ROR_{KP(C)} = Annual Rate of Return on Big Sandy Rate Base Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate a Monthly Rate of Return
OE_{KP(C)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Big Sandy.
RB_{IM(C)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Rockport.
ROR_{IM(C)} = Annual Rate of Return on Rockport Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return.
OE_{IM(C)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Rockport.
AS = Net proceeds from the sale of SO₂ emission allowances, ERCs, and NO_x emission allowances reflected in the month of receipt. The SO₂ allowance sales can be from either EPA Auctions or the AEP Interim Allowance Agreement Allocations.

"KP(C)" identifies components from the Big Sandy Units-Current Period, and "IM(C)" identifies components from the Indiana Michigan Power Company's Rockport Units-Current Period. The Rate Base for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the current costs associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan and the 2005 Plan. The Rate Base for Kentucky Power should also include a cash working capital allowance based on the 1/8 formula approach, due to the inclusion of Kentucky Power's accounts receivable financing in the capital structure and weighted average cost of capital. The Operating Expenses for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the current operating expenses associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, and the 2005 Plan.

The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is the weighted average cost of capital as authorized by the Commission in Case No. 2002-00169. The Rate of Return for Rockport should reflect the requirements of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement. Net proceeds from the sale of emission allowances and ERCs that reflect net gains will be a reduction to the Current Period Revenue Requirement, while net losses will be an increase.

The Current Period Revenue Requirement will reflect the balances and expenses as of the Expense Month of the filing.
5. Environmental costs "E" shall be the Company's costs of compliance with the Clean Air Act and those environmental requirements shall apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products, as follows:
(a) cost associated with Continuous Emission Monitors (CEMS)
(b) cost associated with the terms of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement
(c) the Company's share of the pool capacity costs associated with Gavin scrubber(s)
(d) return on SO₂ allowance inventory
(e) costs associated with air emission fees
(f) over/under recovery balances between the actual costs incurred less the amount collected through the environmental surcharge.
(g) costs associated with any Commission's consultant approved by the Commission
(h) costs associated with Low Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) burners at the Big Sandy Generating Plant
(i) costs associated with the consumption of SO₂ allowances
(j) costs associated with the SCR at the Big Sandy Generating Plant
(k) costs associated with the upgrade of the precipitator at the Big Sandy Generating Plant
(l) costs associated with the over-fire air with water injection at the Big Sandy Generating Plant
(m) costs associated with the consumption of NO_x allowances
(n) return on NO_x allowance inventory
(o) 25% of the costs associated with the Reverse Osmosis Water System (the amount is subject to adjustment at subsequent 6 month surcharge reviews based on the documented utilization of the RO Water System by the SCR)
(p) costs associated with operating approved pollution control equipment
(q) costs associated with maintaining approved pollution control equipment including material and contract labor (excluding plant labor)
(r) the Company's share of the pool capacity costs associated with the following:
* Amos Unit No 3 CEMS, Low NO_x Burners and SCR
* Cardinal Unit No 1 CEMS, Low NO_x Burners, SCR and associated SO₂ Mitigation System
* Gavin Plant SCR, SCR Catalyst Replacement and SO₂ Mitigation System
* Gavin Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Low NO_x Burners
* Kammer Unit Nos 1, 2 and 3 CEMS, Over Fire Air and Duct Modification
* Mitchell Unit Nos 1 and 2 Low NO_x Burners and Low NO_x Burner Modification, Unit No. 1 Water Injection
* Mitchell Plant Common CEMS, Replace Burner Barrier Valves
* Muskingum River Unit No 1 Low NO_x Ductwork, Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification, Water Injection and Water Injection Modification
* Muskingum River Unit No 2 Low NO_x Ductwork, Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification and Water Injection
* Muskingum River Unit No 3 Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification with NO_x Instrumentation
* Muskingum River Unit No 4 Over Fire Air with Modification
* Muskingum River Unit No 5 Low NO_x Burner with Modification and Weld Overlays and an SCR
* Muskingum River Common CEMS
* Phillip Sporn Unit No 2 Low NO_x Burners with Modifications
* Phillip Sporn Unit Nos 4 and 5 Low NO_x Burners and Modulating Injection Air System with Modifications
* Phillip Sporn Common CEMS and SO₂ injection system
* Rockport Unit Nos 1 and 2 Low NO_x Burners
* Tanners Creek Unit No 1 Low NO_x Burners, with Modifications and Low NO_x Burners Leg Replacement
* Tanners Creek Unit Nos 2 and 3 Low NO_x Burners with Modifications
* Tanners Creek Unit No 4 Over Fire Air, Low NO_x Burners and ESP Controls Upgrade
* Tanners Creek Common CEMS

6. The monthly environmental surcharge shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.

The changes to Tariff E.S. contained in this notice are proposed by KPCo. The estimated effect of the proposed changes to the environmental surcharge tariff for a residential customer using an average of 1,000 kWh per month would increase a customer's bill \$0.34 per month, or approximately 0.6 percent. However, the Public Service Commission may order changes to Tariff E.S. to be different from the proposed changes. Such action may result in a change in the environmental surcharge amount for customers to be different than the environmental surcharge amounts in this notice.
Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed changes to the environmental surcharge tariff, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2005-00068. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0614, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.
Intervenor may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101A Enterprise Drive, P.O. Box 5190 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190, attention Errol K. Wagner. A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection at KPCo's district service buildings located in Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A public auction will be held at Worldwide Equipment Inc., 1977 KY RT 1428, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653, at 10:30 a.m., March 24, 2005, to sell a 1987 Mack RD886SX and 1993 Great Dane trailer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Landmark Mining Company Inc. 898-4138, issued 050127
 FCDC Coal Inc. 836-5337, issued 050127
 Frasure Creek Mining Limited Liability Co. 836-5423, issued 050126.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CIVIL ACTION NO: 00-CI-00469

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company Plaintiff

Vs:

Willie A. Delong, unknown spouse of Willie A. Delong, Estate of Eula Ann Delong, Brian Neil Delong, unknown spouse of Brian Neil Delong, unknown spouse of Bill Delong, unknown spouse of Connie Reffett, and First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Amended Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, rendered at the November 17, 2004, term, in the above styled action, I, the undersigned Special Master Commissioner, shall proceed to offer for sale, on the steps of the Old Floyd County Courthouse, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, the following described property, as a whole, to wit:

Certain real property and improvements, situated in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more par-

ticularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on Highway 404, running with Irvin Slone line, thence up the hill to the top joining Harminson Slone Line, thence around the hill with Harminson Slone and down the hill with Harminson Slone and down the hill to Highway 404, thence up the road with Highway 404 to the starting point, Containing 3 acres more or less.

Being the same land conveyed to Grantor by Eula Ann Delong and being of record in Deed Book 269, page 445, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. Also see Affidavit of Descent on Eula Ann Delong recorded in Deed Book 453, page 555 in the Floyd County Clerk's office.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of 10% of the bid price down in cash at the time of the sale with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum. Further, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety or sureties thereon, which shall have the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property in order to secure payment of the balance of the purchase price. Any purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or any part of the purchase price or paying said bond or bonds before maturity by paying the balance of the principal, together with all accrued interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event that the successful bidder

is an owner of an undivided interest in the property herein, then and in that event, said person shall take credit against the balance due on his or her bid for the interest owned in the property and shall fill bond for no more than the remainder of the purchase price after applying such credit, subject however to purchaser's payment of all cost of sale and delinquent taxes. Further, the successful bidder shall be required at bidder's expense to obtain fire and extended coverage insurance upon any insurable improvements from the date of the sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of the improvements or the balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, with a loss clause payable to the Special Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court. Upon default of said deposit or posting of bond, by the purchaser, the Special Master Commissioner shall immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes assessed for the tax year 2001, and all subsequent years. Any delinquent Floyd County real property taxes will be deducted from the sale proceeds. All bidders must be prepared to comply with these **t e r m s**. Announcements on the day of sale shall

take precedence over matters in this advertisement. **GIVEN UNDER MY HAND**, this 21st day of February, 2005. **CLYDE F. JOHNSON** Special Master Commissioner Floyd Circuit Court P.O. Box 763 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to the following: Hon. John E. Hinkel, Jr., 300 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507; Mr. Willie A. Delong, Blue River, KY 41607; Mr. Bill Delong, Blue River, 61 Old Post Office Street, Martin, KY 41649; Ms. Connie Reffett, 4352 South Hannial Way, Apt. 236, Aurora, CO 80015; Mr. Brian Neil Delong, P.O. Box 203, Blue River, KY 41607. This 21st day of February, 2005. **CLYDE F. JOHNSON**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross examination of witnesses in An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of American Electric Power Company from November 1, 2002 to October 31, 2004.

Errol K. Wagner Director of Regulatory Services Kentucky Power Company

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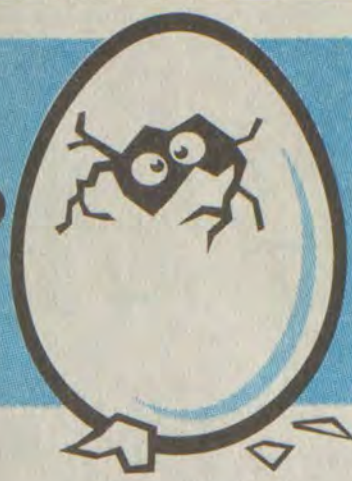
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This Week: Eggs

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What's Hatching?

Hatch up some fun with this egg-citing game!



SCRAMBLED EGGS

Pictures of five animals that hatch from eggs are on this game board. They are hard to see because they are in parts. Try to put the animals back together again as you play the game!

You need:

- The game board on today's page.
- A pair of dice
- Markers for each player
- Five pieces of paper and a pen for each player
- A friend or two

How to play:

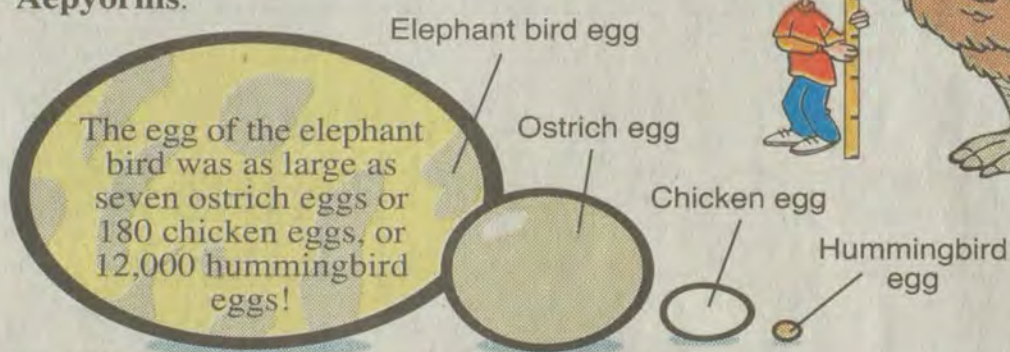
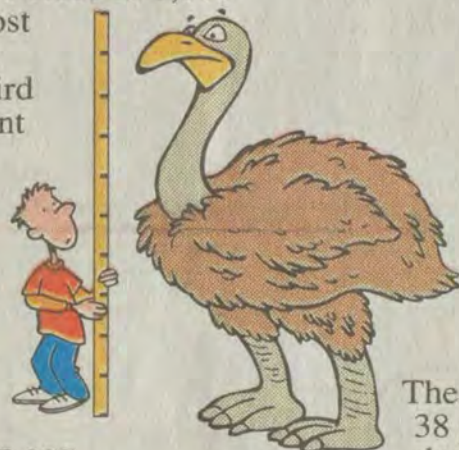
1. Hatch up a fair way to decide who goes first.
2. Each player rolls the dice and moves the number of spaces shown around the game board. The player draws the animal part on the space he or she landed upon.
3. As the game continues, the players add the parts of their pictures: The first player to complete a drawing of one of the animals wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Eggs-traordinary Eggs-tra Large Egg!

Imagine an egg that is more than a foot long and weighs 30 pounds! Eggs of this size were once laid by a large, flightless bird that is now extinct. The bird is called **Aepyornis**.

Aepyornis was 10 feet tall and weighed close to 1,000 pounds. Most people call this large bird the "elephant bird."



Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that some kinds of animals that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared.

Shell Game

Draw an oval about the size of an ostrich egg on a sheet of the newspaper. Inside the outline of that egg search for the letters that spell the names of the animals on this page. Once you find the letters that spell one of the animal names, connect the letters with lines to decorate your egg.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Chinese Egg Puzzler

The average person in China eats about 38 pounds of eggs a year. How many dozens of eggs would 38 pounds be? How many eggs? **Hints:** Large-sized eggs are the size hens most often lay. One dozen large-sized eggs weigh about 1 1/2 pounds.

Source: American Egg Board
ANSWER: About 25 dozen, or 304 eggs.

The Eggs-pert Secret Code

Don't be chicken! Use the secret code to discover the answers to these hard-boiled questions.

1. What do you call a person who studies eggs?
C / C / C / C / C / C / C
2. What do scientists call egg-laying animals?
C X / C / C / C / C / C / C
3. What is the scientific name for the white of an egg?
C / C / C / C / C / C / C

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

E	S	E	N	I	H	C	W	P	H
L	L	E	H	S	C	D	R	A	T
E	A	T	L	A	I	D	E	P	S
P	E	I	H	C	R	A	Y	E	H
H	G	H	E	I	T	T	A	R	C
A	G	W	B	C	S	H	L	I	T
N	S	I	N	R	O	Y	P	E	A
T	N	A	N	I	M	A	L	S	H
G	D	E	L	B	M	A	R	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

If I had wings ...

If I had wings I would fly and see the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty.
Melissa 5th grade

If I had wings I would fly to all the places that were hit by the tsunami. I would give the people food and wood (to build houses with and to make fires). Then they would be happier because they would know that other people care about them.
Dariella 6th grade

If I had wings then I would fly a loop-de-loop in the air. I would be a light blue bird and blend in with the sky.
Ally 3rd grade

I would fly around town. I would give people turns riding on my back.
Kenny 6th grade

If I had wings, instead of taking the school bus to school, I would simply fly over the bus and just follow it to school!
Kathleen 3rd grade

If I had wings I would soar over the ocean. I would fly over the highest trees and speed over the most rapid waterfalls. I'd soar over the forest. If I could choose my wings, I would have the colors of the rainbow.
Shannon 3rd grade

If I had wings it would be so cool! I could see all the beautiful things from a birds-eye-view. I could also soar above the clouds.
Kazia 4th grade

If I could fly, I would sit on a branch so high and watch all the cars passing by. I'd watch kids come out from school and I wouldn't need a ladder to come down from that branch so high because I would fly.
Dorothy 2nd grade

I would fly around the world! I would visit all the national parks. It would be a better view up in the sky. I would go with birds on their migrations to study their habits.
Caroline 8th grade

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Aepyornis Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and find at least five adjectives that describe an Aepyornis. Use these adjectives to write a paragraph about this extinct bird.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify adjectives; Writing Applications: Write paragraphs that describe and inform.

Where did the chicken go on her vacation?

ANSWER: Sandy Eggo.

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Train of Thought

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CHAPTER 8

The story so far: Faced with losing their school, a team of students and their teacher try to win a scavenger hunt. The prize: a rap star's school-sized mansion!

Last week's clue:

Respect and tolerance — it's only common sense,
So said a group of pilgrims who created a town,
Another town, the same name — they played a different game,
And people lost their lives in the witch-hunt that went down.
Now you must take your search — and find the church,
Within a southern state with a double downtown.

"How cool would that be, to stay famous forever as a statue in the Capitol!" Myron said as the Goldenrod Elementary team left the huge building.

"Not bad — except you'd be dead," Amber pointed out. "Kids, I know you're tired, but I want to show you one important thing in our nation's capital," Ms. Roosevelt said, getting a group groan in response. "It's just down Pennsylvania Avenue."

The kids trudged behind their teacher. "How many more clues ... and cities ... and airplanes do we have before the scavenger hunt is over?" Nathan asked.

"I think we're in the home stretch," Ms. Roosevelt answered. "Mr. Sanchez said they are almost finished patching up our school."

"Yeah, we've got to push on," Amber said. "If we don't win ourselves a new school, Goldenrod is gone forever!"

"Why Amber, I didn't know you cared," Ms. Roosevelt said, only half-kidding. A few minutes later, she announced, "Here we are — the National Archives."

The students' bags were searched and, as usual, a security guard asked about the high-tech equipment in the toolbox. Latisha explained that the camera phone, laptop, and other devices were needed for their scavenger hunt — and then she explained the scavenger hunt.

"Why'd you bring us here?" Amber asked. "The Smithsonian has tons more stuff."

Ms. Roosevelt steered the group toward a display case. "We don't have time for tons of stuff. I just want to show you the one thing I keep talking about."

"Cool — the Bill of Rights ...," Latisha said, looking at the 1789 document.

"... and the First Amendment!" Latisha and Ms. Roosevelt said together.

"The First Amendment is our roadmap for personal freedom," Ms. Roosevelt said with her chin held high. "It

guarantees our basic rights."

"From what you see in the papers, people are as mad about First Amendment rights as they are glad," Nathan said.

"It's true that we argue about where to draw the line of personal rights, but that's a small price to pay for a free society," Ms. Roosevelt said.

After their visit, the group ate supper nearby in Union Station and worked on the clue. "Do we have to fly?" Myron asked, the memory of his airport abduction still fresh in his mind. "Can't we take a train or something?"

"Well, we are in a train station," Latisha said. "As soon as we figure out where we're going, I can check online for tickets."

Amber was studying the clue carefully. "There were witch trials a long time ago in Salem, Massachusetts. Is there a Salem in another state — with two downtowns?"

Nathan was about to chomp into a chicken sandwich. "Salem is the capital of Oregon. I don't know how many downtowns they have, though."

"Here it is," Myron said as he looked at the laptop. "In North Carolina — half of Winston-Salem — founded by a Church."

Latisha took a turn at the laptop. "We can take an overnight train from here to Raleigh, switch trains, then take a short bus ride to Winston-Salem."

"Let's do it!" Myron shouted.

As the train faded into the darkness of the Virginia countryside, the weary students faded into sleep. Bleary-eyed, they changed trains in Raleigh the next morning, and were aboard the bus when Latisha shouted urgently. "We left the toolbox on the train — we can't send in our answer!"

At the bus station in Winston-Salem, Ms. Roosevelt talked to an employee. "They can return the backpack, but not until early tomorrow," she said. "We'll just have to figure out another way to send FreeZee a photo."

During a cab ride to the old church, first built by settlers who belonged to the Moravian Church, the group hatched a plan.

"We'll just do it like in the old days," Nathan said as they rode slowly through a town restored to its colonial past. "Get a disposable camera, develop pictures at the one-hour photo, and fax one to FreeZee."

"How did we survive the old days?" Ms. Roosevelt asked with a wry grin.

After following Nathan's plan and waiting for a call from FreeZee (Ms. Roosevelt still had her cell phone), the kids read about the founders of Salem. "Sounds like these church people just wanted to help folks, but the Salem, Massachusetts, people used religion to hurt folks," Latisha said.

Amber nodded. "Yeah, that whole witch thing was bogus. They sure needed some freedom of religion."

"That's in the First Amendment, isn't it, Ms. R.?" Latisha asked.

Ms. Roosevelt took on her teacher tone. "The Salem witch trials took place long before the Bill of Rights was written," she said. "But with the First Amendment, the United States broke from the old ways, when a country would adopt one type of religion and keep out other types."

As all four students listened closely, Ms. Roosevelt continued.

"In our country, we elect leaders by a majority vote, but we don't pick a religion that way."

"Amen to that, sister."

"FreeZee!" Myron said. "Did you get our fax?"

Amber rolled her eyes. "Not if he's standing here."

The rap star laughed. "The fax is in my office in New York. I just wanted to join you all for the next trip."

With that, he handed Nathan a copy of the Charlotte Observer.

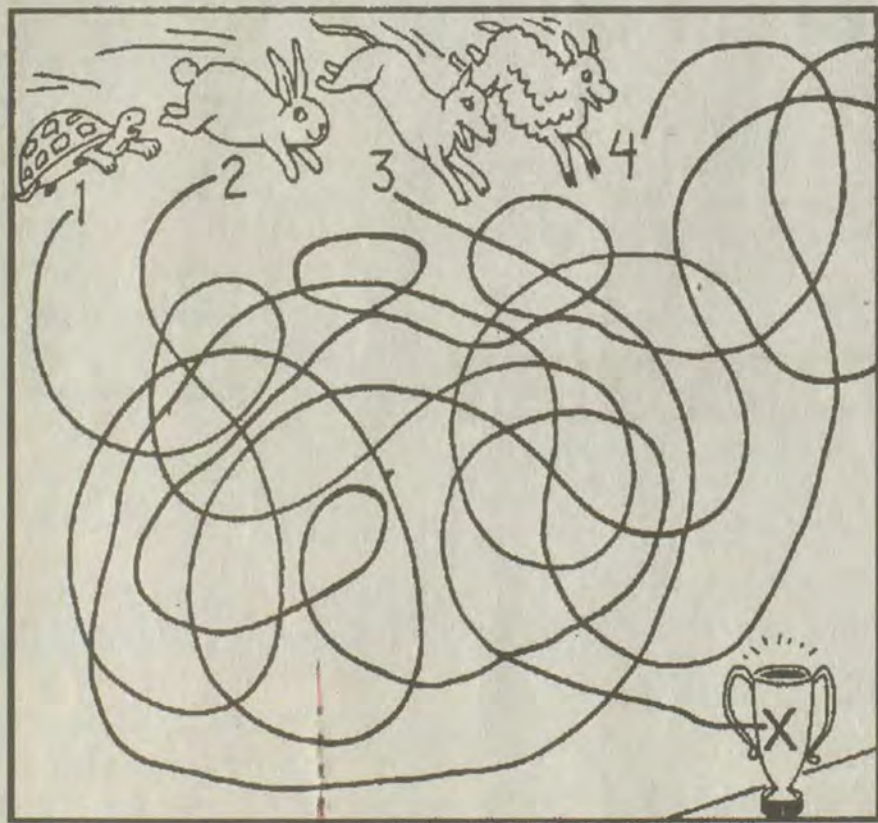
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CUP RACE! Which racer wins this unlikely cup race? Pick one—1, 2, 3 or 4—then trace line for winner.

SEAL TEST! Four sealed envelopes contain \$15 in one-dollar bills. If any dollar amount from \$1 to \$15 may be paid without breaking a seal, how much is contained in each envelope?
One, two, four and eight dollars, respectively.

HEAR, HERE! Lots of words sound alike but are spelled differently. For instance: So, sew; tee, tea; bare, bear; etc. Let's see how quickly you can insert missing letters at right to find sound-alike words for the following:

1. Wood.
2. Pane.
3. Faint.
4. Rain.
5. Vane (or vein).
6. Peek (or peak).

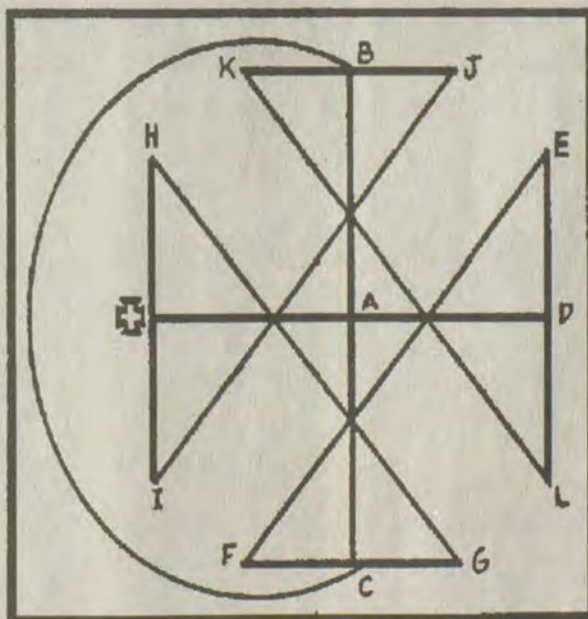
It should not take more than 60 seconds to complete the task.

Just for fun, allow another 60 seconds to see if you can find six more sound-alike words.

1. Would.
2. Would.
3. Pain.
4. Reign.
5. Vain.
6. Pique.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



IT'S A ONE-LINER DRAWING TEST

ONE-LINER! It is possible to draw the complex configuration at left with a single continuous line. In the process, lines may be crossed, but may not be retraced. Pencil or pen may not be lifted from the paper.

To help get you started, place pencil at point indicated by small cross, draw to A, then to B, around to C, back to A...and take it from there. Make point D (which is visited twice) your final destination.

Can you complete the task?

Solution: Draw from small cross to A, to B, C, back to A, to D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and back to D.

1	W	O			D
2	P	A		N	
3	F		I	N	T
4	R		I		N
5	V	A		N	
6	P				E

LEG PULLER! What has 10 legs but can't walk? Give up? How about five pairs of pants.

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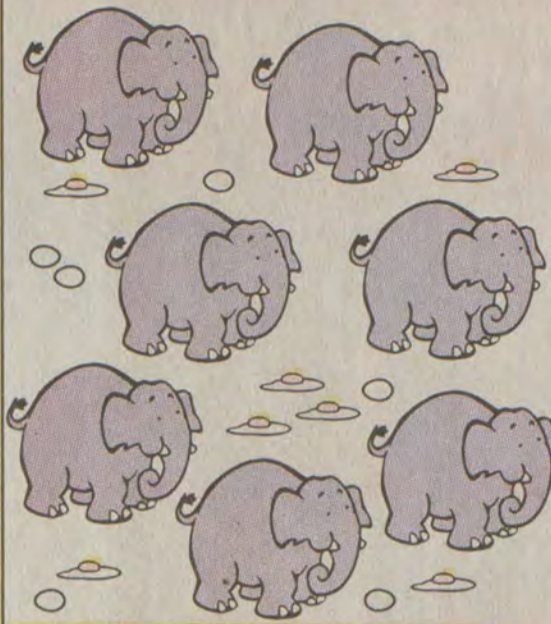
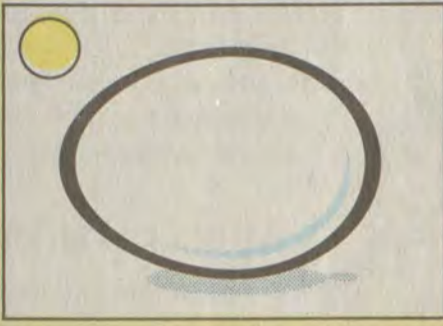
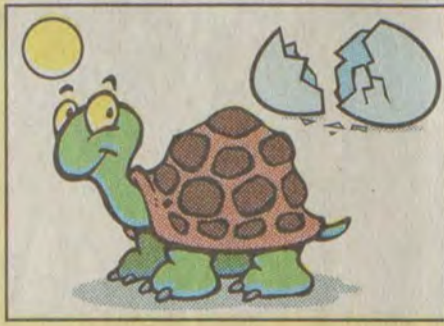
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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

What's Hatching?

Crack! The egg is hatching! Number the pictures in order from 1 - 4.

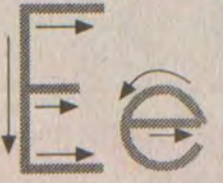


My Rhyme Time

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

My Letters

E is for Egg
e is for egg



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter E. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the E sound like the word egg?

My Numbers

How many eggs?

How many elephants?

How many eggs?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



In the egg is a _____



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter E in the word egg.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 7 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Tell a tale

Find a picture in the newspaper. Have your child tell what happened before the picture was taken, what is happening in the picture and what he/she thinks happened after the picture was taken.

Wednesday

Big E, Little e

On one page of the newspaper search for an uppercase letter E and a lowercase letter t. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase E-e pairs?

Thursday

What Comes Next?

Turn to page 2 of the newspaper. Show your child the page number. Ask, "What page comes next?" Repeat with other pages of the newspaper.

Friday

Growing Up

With your child find pictures in the paper that show people or animals at different stages of life (baby, child, adult, elder). Cut out them out. Group pictures of different animals by their life stages.

Saturday

More or Less?

Select two pictures or drawings in the newspaper with people in them. Ask your child, "Which picture has more people?" "Which picture has less people?"

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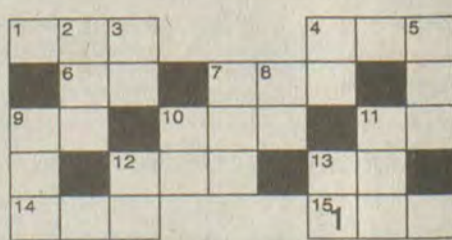


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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle



Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

- ACROSS**
- Digits of 15-Across reversed
 - The last digit is the sum of the other digits
 - Digits of 13-Across reversed
 - Four hundred more than 10-Across
 - 6-Across plus 10-Down
 - 9-Down minus 11-Down
 - The first digit is four times the last digit
 - 4-Across plus 5-Down
 - 11-Across plus 4-Down
 - Three hundred less than 12-Across
 - 8-Down plus 13-Down
- DOWN**
- One-half of 14-Across
 - One-fourth of 13-Across
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Three hundred more than 1-Across
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - One less than 9-Across
 - The first digit is the sum of the other digits
 - The last digit is four times the first digit
 - Digits of 2-Down reversed
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - Twenty more than 11-Across

Rational Numbers answers

4	3	1	3	4	6	8	8	6	8	9	
6	4	6	8	8	8	8	2	7	3	4	1
4	6	6	7	3	3	6	7	6	7	3	3
2	5	7	2	5	7	2	5	7	2	5	7

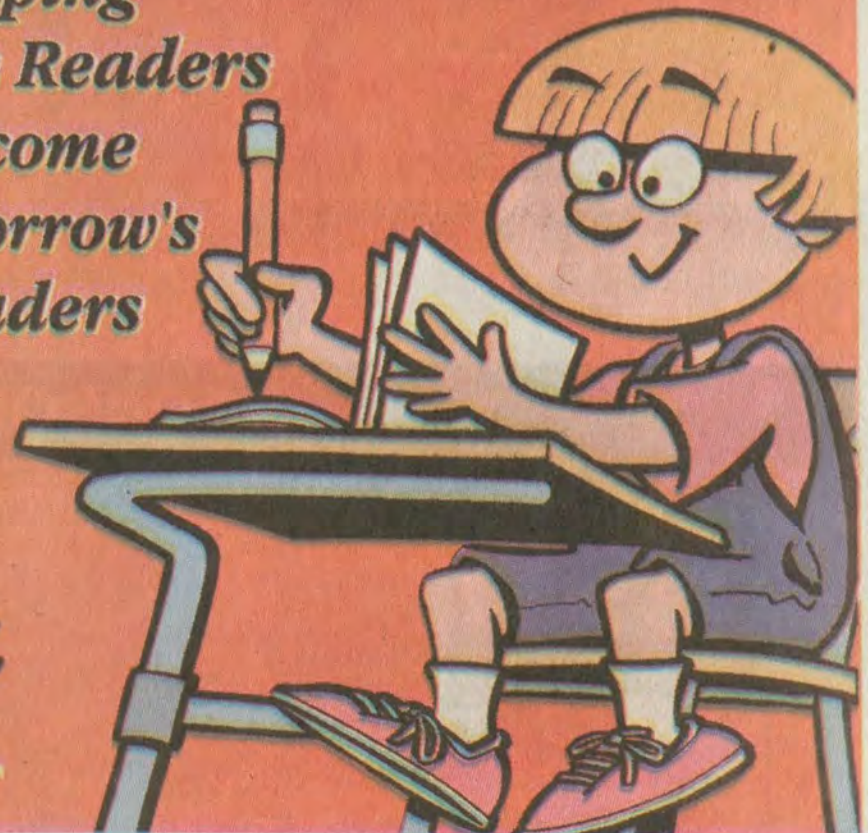
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China

Through the centuries China accepted and adapted many religious ideas. Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism have been influential in the mythology of the land.

Eight immortals

Eight immortals played a vital role in Taoist myth. These superhumans were not gods but humans who gained eternal life by achieving enlightenment. These immortals were rather like our modern-day superheroes. They had great powers like the abilities to fly and perform magic. There are many stories about their adventures as they went about their daily business of conquering evil.

Yin and yang

Most cultures have creation myths that explain how the world came into being. One (Taoist) Chinese myth explains that in the beginning there was nothing but blackness and chaos. Out of this blackness two cosmic forces, yin and yang, created an egg, (the universe). Yin represents the Earth or female forces of life, while yang represents the sky or male forces. For 18,000 years a giant cosmic baby grew inside the egg. When the time was right the giant Pangu was born. Pangu kept the sky from falling on the Earth for another 18,000 years. When Pangu died, his breath became the wind and clouds, and his voice became thunder and lightning. His left eye became the sun and his right eye became the moon. His blood became rivers, and his flesh became the soil and trees. Finally, the tiny fleas that had lived on him became many races of people.

Dragons & demons

Dragons are very significant in Chinese culture. The Chinese often consider themselves "the descendants of the dragon." Chinese dragons are associated with happiness, prosperity and fertility.

Demons are found in many myths around the world. Demons are traditionally evil, bringing disease, famine and other misfortunes. Demons are often associated with the afterlife.

Myths of the Far East

The mythology of Asia and the Far East share many religious themes and symbols.

Pan Xi ruled the sky. He is credited with the invention of the calendar and the compass. According to legend, Pan Xi was the first Chinese emperor.



Guanyin is the Chinese goddess of mercy and compassion. She is often depicted with multiple arms holding various objects.

Harigata wears a crown of the goddess. According to legend, she is the goddess of love and fertility.



India

The diversity of India's geography and its long history has contributed to a vast and varied collection of myths and legends.

Mountain myths

The Himalayan Mountains are home to many Indian gods and are considered to be sacred by Tibetans and Hindus. It is said that the mountain range was formed by a god called Indra who created them from a herd of giant, flying elephants.

Mother goddesses

In very early Indian cultures, Shakti was the great mother goddess, the source of all energy in the universe. Some later myths marry her to Shiva. Some Hindu goddesses are different incarnations of Shakti.

The big three

In Hindu mythology there are three main gods: Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. This triad of great gods is called the Trimurti.

Japan

The islands of Japan and the myths that evolved there were heavily influenced by China and India.

The Shichi Fukujin

According to Japanese myth there were seven gods in charge of happiness and good luck. These deities are often shown traveling together on a magical ship.

Bishomon brought good luck in war. He is always depicted as a warrior in full armor.

Benten was the only female of the seven. She was a love goddess and brought good fortune in marriage.

Fukurokuju was the god of long life, wisdom and popularity. He is usually portrayed as a little old man with a very long head.

Hotei promised contentment and serenity.

Jurojin was the god of long life and happy old age.

Daikoku was the god of wealth and agriculture.

Ebisu was a deaf fisherman and the god of work.

Evil creatures

In Japan, demons were called oni. They had giant horns, came in a variety of colors and had three fingers and three toes. They could be invisible or take the shape of animals. Most oni were very cruel and were thought to be the source of sin and evil.

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Huang di is known as the "Yellow Emperor" who is said to have created the Chinese culture. He is credited with inventing writing, the compass and the pottery wheel, and was the first to breed silk worms.

Pangu, or P'an-ku, is a giant in Chinese myth who hatched from a cosmic egg when the world was created. He is said to be the son of Yin and Yang.

Yan Luo Wang is the king of 10 Chinese underworld courts. He is a terrifying figure who judges and punishes souls.

Vishnu sitting on a snake coil. Vishnu is one of the most important gods of Hinduism. He is the preserver of the world and ensures that good will always win over evil.

Hotei is one of seven Japanese gods of happiness or good fortune. He is usually portrayed as a bald monk with a huge belly. His large stomach is symbolic of contentment, not greed.

According to Japanese Buddhism, Emma-o is the king of hell (Jigoku) and the judge of the dead. He has 18 generals and thousands of soldiers and demons in an underworld divided into eight hells of fire and eight hells of ice.

Miroku is a future buddha who awaits a human birth.

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