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LADYCATS HEAD TO STATE

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HRMC says annexation would cost city

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center is still challenging the city's proposal to annex the hospital and Consolidated Health Systems properties on Route 321.

Now, they say annexation would put the city "at risk."

The hospital argues that annexation would require additional fire protection services to maintain the city's Class 4 fire rating, according to standards laid out by the International Organization for Standards, an organization that sets guidelines for fire protection services provided by cities.

The hospital argues that it is more than five miles outside of the guidelines set by the ISO, which means the city would have to construct and maintain another fire department and purchase two new fire trucks in order to protect its Class 4 rating, assuming the city does, in fact, annex the hospital properties.

"If the hospital were annexed, all of Prestonsburg would be at risk," the hospital said in a recent press release. "A new fire station would need to be constructed and two new additional trucks would have to be purchased to protect the Class 4 rating."

The hospital argues that the new station would need to be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which would increase operating overhead for the city.

Currently, the hospital obtains fire protection services from the North Floyd Fire District, which in turn subcontracts services to the city.

Prestonsburg is currently compliant

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briefs

Woman faces trafficking charges after traffic stop

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A traffic stop turned into a drug bust Sunday when a Banner woman was arrested after giving consent to a state trooper to search her white 1999 Oldsmobile Alero in the Green Meadows area of Pike County.

Ellene Lewis, 41, gave Trooper Derek Sturgill permission to search her car but it was the contents of her purse that saw her get arrested. Sturgill searched the bag and found Valium, Lorcet and Oxycontin tablets. He also noted that Lewis' bag contained $6,440 in cash.

Lewis was lodged at the Pike County Detention Center and charged with two counts of trafficking and one charge of possession of a controlled substance. The investigation by Trooper Sturgill is on going.

photo by Steve Lemaster

Betsy Layne assistant coach Ronnie Akers made good on a friendly wager, losing some of his hair following the regional championship win. Akers promised the Ladycats if they won the regional championship, he would allow them to shave his head. During a pep rally Tuesday, players took turns with the clippers. Fans turned out to support the Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball team Tuesday evening during the rally. Betsy Layne won its second 15th Region championship in three years last week, beating defending champ Pike County Central in the title game. Betsy Layne will play 5th Region Champion Washington County Thursday in the opening round of the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament. The City of Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University host the girls' state basketball tournament.

Sex offenders slip off of system's radar

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three registered sex offenders who were last known to be living in Floyd County have slipped out from under the eye of a system put in place to monitor them.

According to the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry, Floyd County currently has 32 registered sex offenders living in the area. Ten offenders are in Prestonsburg, with the rest scattered throughout the area.

However, the list notes that three offenders have no known address, and that could spell trouble for them in the future.

"If a sex offender fails to keep the board of probation and parole apprised of their whereabouts, then they are subject to a charge of failing to register, which carries a 1-to-5-year sentence," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Taylor noted that his office takes the offense seriously and once tracked a man all the way to Colorado after he had failed to register.

Kentucky State Police maintains a website that disperses information on sex offenders who are registered in the state which is accessible from any computer with internet access.

Searches can be conducted by name, city or county. A list will appear that will inform users about sex offenders registered in their area and list each offender's name, registration date, address and zip code. Web users can click on the name of an offender and will be able to find out what they were charged with as well as view a photo of the offender.

The web site, http://ksp-sor.ky.us, warns that information from the site is not to be used to harass a sex offender, which is a criminal offense, but does note that community members are now entitled to this information.

This year KSP instituted another program for concerned parents which will make sure that interested parties are contacted before sex offenders move into their neighborhood. The Kentucky Sex Offender Alert Hotline is a service which will alert callers when a registered sex offender moves into

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State appeals $20,000 wreck award

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways is appealing a Kentucky Board of Claims order awarding more than $20,000 to the estate of Joyce Weddington.

Frankfort attorney Clayton B. Patrick, representing the Transportation Cabinet, filed the notice of appeal last week and requested the Floyd Circuit Court review a Feb. 2 order handed down by the Board of Claims.

That order awarded the estate of Joyce Weddington, and its administrator Joe Weddington, $20,400.

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Now that the hunt is over ...

What did those clues mean?

If you read through all nine of the clues published before the 2005 Great Easter Egg Hunt was over and you still don't get it, you're not alone.

The clues were designed to be a little tricky. It just wouldn't have been much a hunt if the egg's location had been spelled out from the very beginning.

So what did all of those clues mean? Here's the explanation:

■ 1. "Where in the world could I be? Look above The 'Times' and see." — The key to this clue was the quotation marks around the word "Times," but some of you started the hunt off on the wrong foot. We caught more than a few people gazing up at the sign on the front of our building. But to decipher this one, all you need to do is look at the top of the front page and look at our name. What is above the "Times"? Floyd County.

■ 2. "I hope that you will find me soon. It's cold beneath the sun and moon." Again, this clue led several people astray. We heard reports of a few dozen people heading to the East Kentucky Science Center the weekend after this clue was published. Perhaps they thought the "sun and moon" reference was pointing them to the planetarium, but all this clue was really saying was that the egg was outside, not inside.

■ 3. "I've learned to be more discrete. You won't find me in our county seat." After the first two clues, you would be excused for thinking we were trying to trick you again. But you would be wrong. The egg was not in Prestonsburg, which, of course, is the county seat of Floyd County.

■ 4. "You don't want to look north, east or west. Looking south would be the best." This clue was spelled more than any other. The egg was in southern Floyd County.

■ 5. "Are you looking for something to do or see? There are parks on either side of me." This one seems like another fairly straightforward clue, but it isn't once you realize that there are a lot of parks

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photo by Ralph B. Davis

The 2005 Great Easter Egg Hunt is over. On Monday, 16-year-old Justin Conley, second from left, arrived at The Floyd County Times office with egg in tow, ready to claim his $500 prize. Conley, a Prestonsburg High School student and son of Linda Conley, second from right, found the egg in its hiding place along Route 680 near Minnie, across from the state highway maintenance garage. He received his prize from Times Publisher David Bowyer and Advertising Manager Kim Frasure.

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High: 65 • Low: 43

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Odds & Ends

■ MICHIGANTOWN, Ind. — A turtle that was the only survivor of a pet shop fire may have emerged with a hellish memento.

The palm-sized red-eared slider turtle, named Lucky, was the only animal to survive a fire last October at Dora's A-Dorable Pet Shop in nearby Frankfort, about 40 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

Owner Bryan Dora now says he sees an image of Satan's face on the critter's shell. He can spot lips, eyes, a goatee, shoulders and a pair of pointy horns on Lucky's back.

"The marking on the shell was like the devil wanted us to know he was down there," Bryan Dora said. "To me, it's too coincidental that the only thing to come out unscathed would have this image on it."

The image was not visible before the fire and Dora speculates the intense heat might have caused the shell's color to change. The turtle is healthy and there was no change in its behavior, he said.

The cause of fire that destroyed nine businesses or offices in the 1912 building in downtown Frankfort has not been determined.

"Turtles can hold their breath quite awhile," Dora said. "He may have taken one breath just before and held it through the fire. Except that the fire went on and on for hours."

■ ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's Donald Trump is a little kinder.

Instead of the harsh "you're fired!" uttered by Trump in the "The Apprentice," Tuncay Ozilhan, who fronts the Turkish version of the U.S. reality show, ousted the first candidate vying for a high-paying job in his conglomerate with the slightly gentler: "I don't want to work with you."

First to go in the series that kicked off Sunday was a Macedonian-born cake shop owner whose team failed to impress with this week's task of selling roasted chestnuts in the streets of Istanbul.

Ozilhan is the 57-year-old chairman of the Anadolu Group, which was founded by his father and another partner in the 1950s. The group has interests in brewing, soft-drinks, the automative sector, finance and office supplies.

In the show, which will run for 13 weeks, eight women and eight men compete for the lucrative monthly salary of about $11,000 within the Anadolu Group. Ozilhan fires one or more candidates each week according to how well they perform with the tasks he assigns.

Ozilhan generally shies away from media attention. But he agreed to front the show because of his desire to help aspiring entrepreneurs.

"I accepted because I believe that I can be a guide for the young," Ozilhan said in a recent interview. "I see it as a social duty."

■ HINSDALE, Mass. — Firefighters used their wits — and some snow — to battle a fire in a remote cabin.

About a dozen Hinsdale firefighters trekked three-quarters of a mile to the burning, one-story seasonal camp on Bullard's Crossing Road on Saturday evening.

Since the road was not plowed, fire trucks and other vehicles could not reach the scene, and the firefighters had to carry their equipment — including five-gallon water cans on their backs — to reach the cottage.

They shoveled snow through a bedroom window and pumped water from the cans that usually are used for brush fires to knock down the cabin's flames. Firefighters were at the scene for more than three hours.

Fire Chief Larry Turner said it was the first time his people ever had to use snow to put out a blaze.

The fire, which Turner labeled suspicious, burned out a room in the cabin.

■ LA PORTE CITY, Iowa — Stu Hemesath has earned $29.95 — as a prom date.

The high school senior from La Porte City auctioned himself off as a date on the Internet auction site eBay on Thursday. He will accompany Rachel Kay, 17, to her Cedar Falls prom.

The two say they have never met.

Hemesath said the idea just came to him as he was "thinking about proms and stuff."

"I came to school with a thought in my head, and I told my friends," he said. "They thought it was the coolest thing in the world, so I decided to go for it."

Hemesath posted pictures of himself and a description to secure some bids — which came from people as far away as Alaska.

"That's pretty far," he said. "She was really interested. She showed me her picture, but it was just too far away for it to be a possibility."

Hemesath wasn't shy about his description, saying he's 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, popular and a wrestler. He added: "I have a lot of girls telling me I'm pretty hot."

Kay said she e-mailed Hemesath her phone number so that they could get to know each other before the big day. She said she made her bid in an attempt to make an ex-boyfriend jealous.

"I didn't think I'd actually win, I was just playing around," she said. "He looks like a pretty nice guy. I thought his write-up was pretty funny. He says he's a wrestler, so that's good."

■ NEW YORK — Lucky 13 turned out to be not so lucky in New York.

Hundreds of people showed up at the Daily News' midtown Manhattan offices on Monday, angry over an apparent misprint in one of the winning numbers in the newspaper's scratch-match game.

Vanessa Dover, a 62-year-old painter's wife, thought she had won $100,000.

"We were all celebrating Saturday night, jumping around; the grandkids were screaming," Dover said. "We got up the next morning and the dream was dead."

The way it's set up, the Daily News includes a seven-game ticket in its Sunday edition. Every day, it prints a list of 10 numbers to be scratched off the corresponding day's game, out of 15 possible spaces. If three of the revealed spaces show the same dollar amount, the contestant wins that money.

In Saturday's game, the number 13 was printed instead of the correct number, 12, in the list of scratch-off numbers.

The Daily News apologized to readers for publishing the wrong number and said it was putting up more than $1 million in cash as a prize pool for those affected by the error. A special drawing will have five $100,000 winners, five $10,000 winners and 12,790 other cash winners, the newspaper said in a statement Monday.

D.L. Blair, the judging agency for the scratch-off game, transmitted the wrong number to the Daily News, newspaper spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said. The paper has no way of checking whether the numbers are correct, she said.

In a statement, D.L. Blair, of Garden City, N.Y., said it "profoundly apologizes for and regrets any inconvenience."

■ RICHLAND, Wash. — Army Pfc. Douglas Lambe got on a plane in northern Iraq on the day his son was due to be born. As it turned out he arrived with eight hours to spare.

In two days of flights through Kuwait, Germany and three U.S. cities, "I was calling constantly on the phone," Lambe said. "I was going nuts."

Not to worry. He arrived at Tri-Cities Airport in nearby Pasco about 7 p.m. last Monday. His wife, Nikki, already had arranged with her doctor to induce labor the next morning but wound up going into contractions before that could happen.

"He waited around for me, I guess," Douglas Lambe said.

Fighting jet lag, the new father brought his guitar to the hospital and played songs by The Who during labor. He and his wife named their son Aidan Devin, meaning "fiery poet," to reflect his Celtic heritage.

"It was incredible," Lambe said. "He's gorgeous."

The couple met at Richland High School and dated for four years before marrying in January 2003. Last year, Lambe joined the Army and spent a few months in Germany before being sent to Iraq with the 502nd Engineering Company to build bridges and buildings.

■ COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — The bunny trail led to trouble for a mall Easter Bunny who got upset at a co-worker, police said.

Michael J. Desantiago Sr., 36, of Council Bluffs, was arrested Saturday at the Mall of the Bluffs where he had a job dressed as the Easter Bunny. He told officers he became upset when someone

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2005. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:

■ In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

■ In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

■ In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.

■ In 1942, during World War II, the U.S. government began evacuating Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.

■ In 1956, Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.

■ In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard.

■ In 1983, President Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept enemy missiles — a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars."

■ In 1983, Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

■ In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year odyssey with a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

■ In 2003, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Iraq; 11 soldiers were killed, seven were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued on April 1.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev in Geneva; afterward, Kozyrev said the U.S.-Russia "honeymoon has come to an end," referring to disagreements over Chechnya and nuclear sales to Iran.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II paid his respects at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial. President Clinton visited the western Indian village of Nayla. In a first, Speaker Dennis Hastert named a Catholic priest, the Rev. Daniel Coughlin, as the new House chaplain.

One year ago: Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell offered a strong defense of the administration's pre-Sept. 11 actions as they testified before a federal commission reviewing the 2001 attacks. A report by Medicare trustees said that without changes, the federal health care program would go broke by 2019, seven years earlier than expected.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Marty Allen is 83. Movie director Mark Rydell is 71. Singer-producer Ric Ocasek is 56. Singer Chaka Khan is 52. Actress Amanda Plummer is 48. Actress Hope Davis is 41. Comedian John Pinnett is 41. Actor Richard Grieco is 40. Country musician Kevin Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 40. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 37. Actress-singer Melissa Errico is 35. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 35. Actress Keri Russell is 29. Actress Nicholle Tom is 27. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 27.

Thought for Today: "Having only friends would be dull anyway — like eating eggs without salt." — Hedda Hopper, American gossip columnist (1890-1966).

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Appeal

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As grounds for the appeal, the Cabinet argues that the Board of Claims acted "without or in excess of powers," and that the final order and award is not "in conformity" with provisions of the law.

"The cabinet submits that the Board's Final Order does not support the award and further is not in conformity with the evidence presented at the formal hearing on the matter."

The final order was "outside the scope of current existing law," the document says.

Patrick says that the "errors committed by the board merit review and reversal by Floyd Circuit Court."

Frank Miller, legal representative for the Transportation Cabinet noted that the suit came about as the result of a drunk driving incident from 1992, in which a driver drove down the median on U.S. 23 and struck a guard rail. He has filed the appeal because the Board of Claims assigned the department 15 percent of the blame for the incident, saying that a warning sign was downed which would have told the driver that the guardrail would be coming up.

"This is not the sort of risk that can reasonably be attributed to the board of transportation," Miller wrote.

Miller also pointed out that the board of claims erroneously assigned 85 percent of the blame on the driver, when consuming alcohol before operating an automobile should have warranted assigning all of the blame. It is not known whether the sign warning of the guardrail was down before or after the accident but Miller pointed out that the victim had a blood alcohol level of 0.127.

Hospital

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with current ISO guidelines because both the Prestonsburg Fire Department and the Auxier Fire Department respond to hospital in the event of a fire.

"The ISO information is only one example of the misinformation or lack of information being shared with the city council by the mayor," the press release said. "The hospital is appealing to the residents of Prestonsburg to urge council members to vote 'no' on the annexation issue. Please don't allow the hospital to be annexed as a "quick fix" for the mayor's poor judgment and decisions that have resulted in financial difficulties for the city. The quick fix may bring temporary relief for the mayor, but it is fraught with long-term liabilities."

The hospital argues that the city does not provide "substantial services" to the hospital.

The hospital receives and pays "a premium price" for sewage services from Prestonsburg. The hospital installed sewage lines from the hospital to the National Guard Armory several years ago.

Highlands later gave the line to the city, the press release says.

HRMC also employes a professional security company and argues that it only uses the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police as "back up."

Auxier Water Company and Auxier Road Gas Company would continue to service the hospital even after it is annexed, the hospital argues.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said yesterday that the city will continue with plans to annex the hospital.

The hospital, he said, is not outside of the five-mile radius for Class 4 fire rating.

Fannin also said that the city purchased an expensive ladder fire truck in order to better serve the multilevel hospital during a fire emergency.

"They're talking like they don't get any services from the city, even though Auxier Water is supervised by us, and their sewer is supervised by us, and when they need police protection, it is provided by us," Fannin said. "The Prestonsburg Police Department, and the hospital probably doesn't remember this, helped employees get to work when the hospital was on strike ... They get all these services and never paid anything for the services."

Fannin said the hospital doesn't pay taxes to the North Floyd Fire District, which means the city has been left high and dry in the past by rendering these services to the hospital.

"Can we survive without them? Yeah. Can the community grow without them? Yeah. Annexing would be a plus for them and a plus for us. We can all expand and grow together and everyone would benefit," Fannin said.

If the annexation proposal goes through, the hospital argues that the city will alienate one the area's leading employers.

Injured worker accuses employer of imprisonment

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County construction worker who is suing his former employers for an on-the-job injury says the companies falsely imprisoned him.

Leeroy Wilson, represented by Pikeville attorney Jonah Stevens, filed suit this week against Floyd County businesses Star Construction of Tennessee Inc. and Star Construction Inc., alleging that they failed to warn him and failed to prevent a pole from slipping and crushing his right hand during an accident that occurred on Route 1101 at Printer on Nov. 19.

Stevens argues that his client has suffered permanent bodily injuries with "scars and disfigurement to his body and humiliation."

They are seeking compensatory damages for past and future medical expenses and pain and suffering.

Stevens also argues that the defendants "intentionally confined" Wilson in a moving vehicle after they learned of his injury.

They refused to stop the vehicle at the nearest medical facility, the suit says, and instructed their agents to drive past the nearest routes to Highlands Regional Medical Center and Our Lady of the Way Hospital and into Johnson county, where Wilson was denied full medical treatment.

Wilson was denied a tetanus vaccination, the suit says.

Stevens claims that the company's actions were "motivated" by economic concerns.

Their actions placed Wilson "into a position of begging for medical care, humiliation and extreme emotional distress which demonstrates oppressive and malicious conduct," the suit says.

Stevens argues that actions of Star Construction Inc. are "utterly inexcusable and intolerable in a civilized society."

He is asking for a trial by jury in the case.

Clues

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in Floyd County. On the other hand, our winner did say it was this clue which eventually led him to find the egg. The parks in question for this clue were the Minnie Park and the Elk Horn Coal Education and Recreation Park.

■ 6. "You'll cross the grass to get to me. Stop and look when you reach the trees." This one was pretty straightforward. Getting to the egg required crossing a small field, then looking where the forest began. Of course, that could describe many places, but we never said this was going to be easy.

■ 7. "Ask your magistrate where I might be. I'm on the line between 2 and 3." Apparently, quite a few people took this clue a little too literally. This clue was merely a reference to the fact that the egg was located near the border of magisterial districts 2 and 3. However, we got reports from the magistrates' offices that they were flooded with calls from people wanting to know where the egg was.

■ 8. "I'm along a road you've often seen. Its digits add up to fourteen." We tried to make this one a little more difficult. It originally was to have read "its three digits," but then we dropped the reference to the number of digits to leave some doubt about the exact road, since both Routes 680 and 1427 would both qualify. It didn't work, and we received reports of dozens of people scouring the sides of Route 680.

■ 9. "Answer this and you'll be close. Who does Mickey like the most?" This clue was the first to finally narrow the hiding place down to a specific location. "Mickey," of course, was a reference to Mickey Mouse. Naturally, the answer was Minnie.

Had the contest gone longer, there were three more clues which would have made the hunt much simpler. They are:

■ 10. "There's another road that's close to me, with three lucky numbers, appropriately." This was a reference to Route 680's intersection with Route 777.

■ 11. "Peanuts and popcorn are nowhere to be found, but at least there's plenty of salt around." This pointed to the salt dome at the state highway maintenance garage at Minnie.

■ 12. "If you want to win 500 bucks, find me across from the state road trucks." Another reference to the state highway maintenance garage, this clue would have put hunters on the correct side of the road.

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—Woodrow Wilson

Our View

A wonderful hunt it was

This year's Great Easter Egg Hunt is over, the winner stopping by our office Monday to claim his prize.

While we're sure there are quite a few disappointed egg hunters after reading that news, the hunt itself was about the most fun we've had in awhile, and it quickly grew bigger than we had ever imagined.

This was our second go-around with the Great Easter Egg Hunt. The first, many of you may recall, was held in 2003. And while it was also fun and captured the imaginations of quite a few people, it was nothing compared to this year's hunt.

We're not sure what it was, but this year the community truly embraced the egg hunt. Everywhere we went, people were asking us where the egg was, seeking additional clues or just wanting to know if it had been found. Everyone, it seemed, was hunting for that egg.

The $500 prize it offered was no doubt a big part of the attraction, but we'd like to think there was a little more to it than that. For one thing, it gave everyone, young and old, the chance to take part in a favorite childhood joy — hunting for an Easter egg — as well as a chance to dream. And while the game itself pitted each person against everyone else, the competition was friendly, even cooperative.

Most of all, it was fun. As much joy as we had keeping the secret, we can only imagine the nervous delight that each hunter must have had trying to solve the puzzle. And maybe that's the most important thing — the chance to engage in a friendly rivalry with your friends and neighbors.

One thing is sure — as huge a success as this year's egg hunt was, it will definitely return in the future. But since this year's hunt ended a week early, we will probably need to work on our clues and maybe our hiding places a little bit, to make the game even more challenging. But that's a year away.

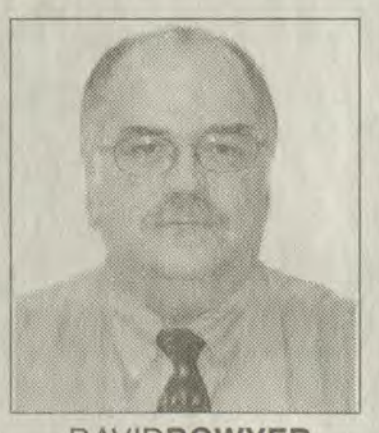
For now, we'll just take pride in having put together a community event that was fun for all. Of course, we didn't do it alone, and we send our deepest gratitude to the sponsors who helped make the 2005 Great Easter Egg Hunt such a whopping success.

So, in closing, thank you to all of our readers, who helped us have so much fun. And have a happy Easter!

— The Floyd County Times

From the Publisher's Desk

Egg-stra! Egg-stra! Read all about it!



DAVID**BOWYER**

Wow! We'd like to say thank you to Floyd County for making the 2005 Great Easter Egg Hunt a smashing success. Hopefully you had as much fun with it as we did. That's right, Monday afternoon Justin Conley arrived at our office to ransom back the egg, and walked away with a check for $500.

Let me take a moment to set a few things straight. Yes, we did hide the egg. A rumor was apparently floating around last week that we had not actually hidden the egg. Editor Ralph Davis and I ventured forth into Floyd County at the beginning of March in search of the perfect hiding place. We chose a brush-covered area at the tree line, across from the salt dome at the state road maintenance facility on Route 680. We thought it was a pretty good spot. While I kept watch, Ralph casually moseyed across the field and then, with a speed only achieved before by action heroes, stuffed the egg into a brush growth at the base of a tree. Let me tell you, Mission Impossible we are not!

Then the fun began. We received many phone calls about the egg here at The Floyd County Times. Several of us also received calls at home, and were approached out and about in the community. We were begged, bribed, cajoled, and at times jeered at to give up the location of the egg, but we held tight. That was also true — only two of us knew the location, so no, you weren't lied to. Elsewhere Ralph has described the clues and the riddles that created them, so I won't do that here. I would like to apologize to the magistrates' offices — we didn't actually mean they knew where the egg was, we were just narrowing down the location for you to somewhere along the line between Districts 2 and 3. I understand they received quite a few phone calls.

We heard of individuals, couples and groups searching all over the county. I am not quite sure what led several groups to the Science Center, but it is a nice place for a walk and hopefully you checked out the exhibit while you were there. I understand folks visited Stone Crest, too, which is another great place to walk. I should know — due to my inability to hit a straight golf ball, I've walked great distances up there myself! More people visited parks throughout Floyd County than ever before in the month of March. (Actually, there are no records, so I don't really know if it was the most; please don't hold me to that statement!)

I also know that some of you scoffed and disbelieved. You may have thought it was a trick, but there is one young man with an extra 500 bucks in his pocket that will tell you otherwise. For those that looked but didn't win, at least you (hopefully) had a good time, got some fresh air, and interacted with friends and neighbors. I know we did!

I would also like to thank our sponsors: Big Sandy Automotive, Brad Hughes Toyota, Country Boy Farm Supply, El Azul Grande, Foodland, Giovanni's Pizza, Home Furniture, Layne Brothers Ford, Linda G's Chattel, McDowell Professional Pharmacy, Meade's BP and Pizza Express, and Tobacco Max. Without these fine folks we could not have done it. Thank you, Floyd County, for supporting them and visiting their fine establishments.

Yes, the wheels are turning. We had such a great time that we plan to do similar things in the future. Watch the pages of The Floyd County Times for details!

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Letters

An open letter to Mayor Fannin

I have learned over the last couple of days that the city council is attempting to annex Highlands Regional Medical Center. This would take an additional 1.5 percent out of my paycheck, along with the $232.60 for federal, $110.62 for state, $29.66 for Medicare and $126.82 for Social Security, which I will never see.

Over the past few months of reading The Floyd County Times, I can understand your attempt to annex Highlands. I believe you are trying to gain revenue for the city because the council can't stay within a budget. I believe there are too many out-of-town ventures, game playing with road signs, too many people with credit cards and elected officials thinking they are above the citizens that elected them.

You, personally, are an economic burden on the city. You have taken city revenue and spent it elsewhere.

If I wanted to attract business to the city, I would bring those officials to Prestonsburg and wind and dine them here. Of course, this would mean one less road trip, more time in the office and weekends at home in your city.

So, if you don't mind, please make a better effort in managing your revenues so you do not have to dip into mine. As you can see in the first few lines, I am taxed enough already and do not wish to be taxed unfairly and without representation by your council.

Aaron Davis
HRMC employee

Highlands provides services

My name is Kelly Castle. I have been employed at Highlands Regional Medical Center for the past nine years as a skilled maintenance tech. I wanted to voice some concerns I have regarding the proposed annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center and statements I have read in The Floyd County Times.

I believe it is financially hard enough to try to raise a family in this part of the country due to the lower wages and state, federal and now city taxes to boot. Like state and federal taxes, local city taxes are never seen by the working class. These funds generally go to cutting new roads to golf courses, taking trips around the state, a raise for an elected official or to make up for some budgeting errors due to mismanagement on someone's part. It is also called taxation without representation and it is illegal.

I also believe that the statements from the mayor in The Floyd County

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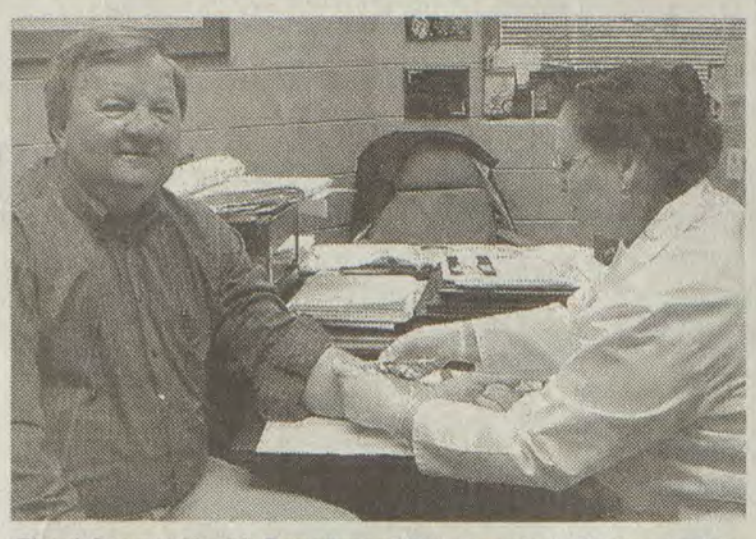
Health Extra



Floyd County Health Department RN Jeannie Lafferty administered a TB skin test to Jailer Roger Webb recently. The Floyd County Health Department is calling attention to the continued threat of TB during National TB Day tomorrow.

Health department gets jump start on National TB Day

Most people have forgotten that tuberculosis (TB) is still around. Most everyone believes that TB is not a serious disease anymore. But in 2003, there were 127 people in Kentucky diagnosed with TB.

As a way to remind the public that TB is still a disease that affects many people annually, March 24 has been declared National TB Day in the United States.

One of the goals of the TB program at the Floyd County Health Department is to skin-test those who are in high-risk settings. People who work in or live in high-risk settings should be skin-tested.

The Floyd County Health Department is getting a jump start on National TB Day by skin-testing employees at the Floyd County Detention Center. All the employees will be tested on an annual basis and every inmate who is housed at the detention center for more than 72 hours will also be tested. These groups are considered at high risk for TB infection because they are confined in a small space.

Other groups who are high risk for TB infection are substance abusers, close contacts of someone with TB, the medically under-served, racial and ethnic minority populations and children exposed to high-risk adults.

Report projects startling obesity-fueled drop in U.S. life expectancy, up to 5 years off average life span

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — New and disputed research adds a twist to the Social Security dilemma, suggesting that a nation gorging itself on bacon double-cheeseburgers will one day dramatically shorten the average U.S. life span.

Obesity — especially its alarming rise among children — is the culprit, fueling a startling reversal in life expectancy, which likely will drop by two to five years or more within 50 years, according to a report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

This would reverse the mostly steady increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries. It could even inadvertently "save" Social Security, but the tremendous price would be higher death rates and escalating health care costs, said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Other longevity scientists called the research overly dire and unlikely to single-handedly affect Social Security.

But Olshansky said with obesity affecting at least 15 percent of American schoolchildren, "it's not pie in the sky. The children who are extremely obese are already here."

Already, rising obesity rates have shaved four to nine months off the average life span of 77.6 years, he and his colleagues contend in the journal report.

In a journal editorial, University of Pennsylvania demography expert Samuel H. Preston calls the projections "excessively gloomy."

Opposing forecasts, projecting a continued increase in U.S. longevity, assume that obesity will continue to worsen but also account for medical advances, Preston said.

Still, failure to curb obesity "could impede the improvements in longevity that are otherwise in store," he said. Americans' current life expectancy already trails more than 20 other developed countries.

Dr. David Ludwig of Children's Hospital Boston, a study co-author, cited sobering obesity statistics:

■ Two-thirds of U.S. adults

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The MSU Equestrian Club
will hold its annual
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on April 8th and 9th, 2005.

The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night, and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night. The show will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex in Morehead, Kentucky.

There will be Walking, Racking, Pleasure Horse, and Saddlebred classes, as well as a Mule class. Admission is $4.00 per person.

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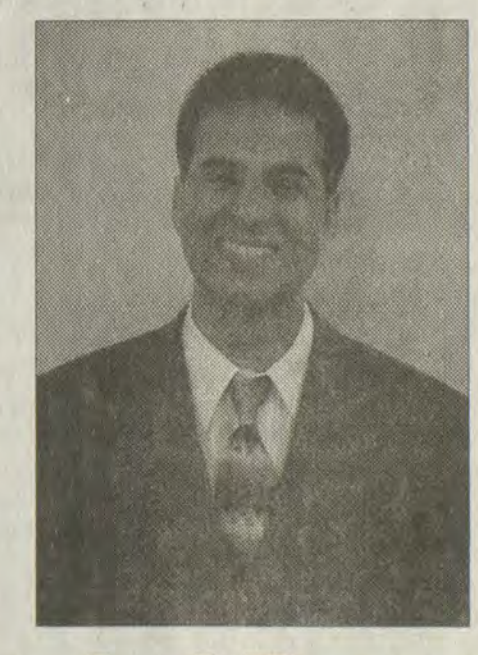

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Obituaries

Charles E. Chaffins

Charles E. Chaffins, 67, of Garrett, died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born June 27, 1937, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Elisha and Ida Mae Conley Chaffins. He was a retired coal miner; a member of the U.M.W.A. District 17; a member of Masonic Lodge 869, in Wayland; and a member of the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, in Garrett.

He is survived by his wife, Sadie L. Hicks Chaffins.

Other survivors include three sons: Terry Chaffins of Garrett, Danny Stutzman of Dunn, North Carolina, and Charles Dwayne Chaffins of Maysville; a sister, Pauline Hall of Mansfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; and three grandchildren at heart: Jared Michael, Christopher and Amber.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, David Chaffins; and a sister, Imogene Chaffins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m., at the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, in Martin, and nightly services were held at 7 p.m. Masonic rites were conducted at 5 p.m., Saturday, by Wayland Lodge No. 869. (Paid obituary)

Ersey Williams

Ersey Williams, 74, of Bevinsville, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born April 12, 1930, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Ballard and Clearcy Hall. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, at Jacks Creek.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Williams.

Survivors include two sons: Samuel L. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Curtis Williams of Bevinsville; three daughters: Annette Mullins of Auxier, and Evetta Smallwood and Teresa Johnson, both of Wheelwright; a brother, Ted Hall of Huntington, Indiana; four sisters: Maggie Slone of Indiana, Susanna Johnson of Huntington, Indiana, Ora Tackett of Bevinsville, and Mary Lou Branham of Minnie; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Dudley Williams and James (Mink) Williams; a daughter, Stella Mae Williams; five brothers: Arthur Hall, William Hall, Banks Hall, Edward Hall, and Donald Gene Hall; and two sisters: Madge Hall, and Margie Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 24, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, at Jacks Creek, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Cook Cemetery, (Frozen), at Jacks Creek, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

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Mae Slone

Mae Slone, 79, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at her residence.

Born May 5, 1925, in Pippa Passes, she was the daughter of the late John and Bell Slone Sparkman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church at Jacks Creek.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Slone.

Survivors include two sons: David Neal Slone and Willie Slone Jr., both of Wheelwright; five daughters: Janivie Hall, Jeraldine Johnson, Ruby Johnson and Emogene Engle, all of Wheelwright; and Christine Johnson of Melvin; three brothers: Wiley Sparkman of Melvin, and Willie Sparkman and Albert Sparkman, both of Pippa Passes; a sister, Verdie Huff of Topmost; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Robert Slone and Arie T. Slone; two brothers: Arie Sparkman and Adam Sparkman; and three sisters: June Sparkman, Geneva Sparkman, and Dally Sparkman.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, at Jacks Creek, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, (Branham Hollow), in Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Ray Layne

Ray Layne, age 80, of Dema, husband of Mary Slone Layne, passed away Monday, March 21, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born June 9, 1924, in Dema, the son of the late Ben Layne and Elizabeth Terry Layne. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the UMWA Local No. 1741, James W. Alley Masonic Lodge, No. 869, Wayland, Scottish Rite Freemasonary of Lexington, and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; one daughter, Veronica Layne (Bill) Hall of Dana; two daughters: Margaret S. (Cecil) Edwards of Middletown, Ohio, and Carroll C. O'Kelley of Panama City Beach, Florida; one step-daughter-in-law, Mary Alice Casebolt of Mt. Hope, West Virginia; one step-son, Lowell T. (Edna) Casebolt of Somerset; six sisters: Verna Mae (F.H.) Lax of Murray, Sue Eastridge of Lebanon, Hassie Hall of Winchester, Lucille (Earl) Haywood of Benton, Norma Jean Odgen of Taylor, Michigan, and Leslie Martin of Morehead; one granddaughter, Rebecca Tuttle (David) Lester of Mt. Sterling; six step-grandchildren, 14 step-great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Olive Martin Layne; and one step-son, James R. Casebolt.

Funeral services for Ray Layne will be conducted Friday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Turner Cemetery, in Dema, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

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

Masonic services will be Thursday evening, at 6 p.m.

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Dickie Davis (Paul Richard) Wallace

Dickie Davis (Paul Richard) Wallace, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 18, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born December 13, 1949, in Willard, Ohio, he was the son of Donna Jean Bolen Moore of David; and the late Burt Davis.

Survivors include two sons: Mark Wallace (wife, Donetta) of Hueysville, and Chad Wallace of Blue River; two daughters: Ginger Price (husband, Brad) of Staffordsville, and Lisa Nelson (husband, Greg) of Dwale; a brother, Tim Davis of Hippo; three sisters: Mary Lou Burke and Laura Davis, both of David, and Vonda Brown of Hippo; and seven grandchildren: Lauren Price, Sarah Price, Kelsey Price, Lakyn Wallace, Amelia Wallace, Katelyn Nelson and Abby Nelson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Sterlin Bolen, Randy Osborne, Jerry Manns, Vick Ray Davis, and Kevin Davis officiating.

Burial was in the Hicks Family Cemetery, at Hippo, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

Active pallbearers: Brandon Spencer, Delanie (Bush Hog) Davis, Justin Brown, Brad Price, Chris Goble, Timmy Bert Davis and Shawn Davi (Paid obituary)

Pat Moore

Pat Moore, 72, of Allen, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at his residence.

Born December 19, 1932, in Logan, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Woodie and Millie Dotson Moore. He was a disabled laborer, and a Prestonsburg Senior Citizen.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Smith Moore.

Other survivors include a son, Pat Hensley of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters: Carolyn Russo of Cleveland, Ohio, and Christina Lynn Reed of Prestonsburg; a step-son, Jonathan Wendell Newsome of Middleport, Ohio; three step-daughters: April Dawn Collins of Ashland, Donna Louise Ellis of Nippa, and Jenny Elizabeth Adams of Salyersville; a sister, Ruth Moore, of Cheshire, Ohio; and several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Lawrence (Larry) Moore; two brothers: Raymond Moore, and Carl Moore; and a sister, Gladys Kacsor.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 25, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Reverend William Jarrell officiating.

Burial will be in the Long John Shepherd Cemetery, at David, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is Wednesday, March 23, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Agnes Ann "Tad" Kidd 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 Mike Howard for his comforting words, and the Sammy Clark Freewill Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF AGNES ANN "TAD" KIDD

Card of Thanks

The family of Rev. Morris Ray "Tootsie" Hall 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, or spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergymen Rodney Mosley and Louis Ferrari, for their comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF
REV. MORRIS RAY "TOOTSIE" HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Emma Lou Clark 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 Tracy Patton for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and 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 EMMA LOU CLARK

Card of Thanks

The family of Edith Martin Hopkins 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 Clergyman Gene Bracken 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.

THE FAMILY OF EDITH MARTIN HOPKINS

Kaitlyn Nashae Tackett

Kaitlyn Nashae Tackett, 18 days old, of Galveston, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born March 2, 2005, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Stevie Joe Tackett and Franchesca Case, both of Galveston.

Other survivors include a sister, Nataleigh Williamson of Pikeville; her grandparents: Rickey Case of Harold, and Tammy Case of Pikeville; and Stevie and Jamie Tackett of Galveston; her great-grandparents: George and Loraine Howell of Pikeville; Frankie Case of Harold; James and Phoebe Luster of Pikeville; and Polly Tackett of Pikeville; her great-great-grandfather, Bennie Tackett of Galveston; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfathers: Burt Case and Tony Tackett; and her great-great-grandmother, Sola Tackett.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial will be in the Robert Hall Cemetery, at Branhams Creek, in Galveston, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Julia Ann Boyd

Julia Ann Boyd, 71, of Banner, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 31, 1933, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna Slone Meeks. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ, in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Boyd.

Other survivors include two sons: Tony Lee Boyd of Pikeville, and Stephen Craig Boyd of Frankfort; a daughter, Anna Meade of Radcliff; two brothers: Johnny Meeks of Mobile, Alabama, and Homer Meeks of Oceana, West Virginia; a sister, Betty Lou Tipton of New Port Richey, Florida; grandchildren: Kristopher, Brian, and Mickey; and great-grandchildren: Jonathan and Joshua.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Martin Earl Meeks.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Richard Kelly officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, at Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Jay Conley would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those who helped through this difficult time. We thank everyone for their prayers and presence; there are so many people, we could not begin to name you all, but your acts of kindness did not go unnoticed. A special thanks to the Garrett Baptist Church, and Larry Adams, whose kind words eased our pain through Dad's loss.

THE FAMILY OF
JAY CONLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Henry Compton would like to express our appreciation to all our friends, neighbors, family and loved ones, who helped during the loss of our beloved Dad.

We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness shown.

A special thanks to our dear friend, Rev. Robert Alex Ousley, for his comforting words, and the Slone Family for their beautiful singing.

A special thanks to the Regular Baptist Church of Hollybush for their dinner after the funeral.

Thank you, Roger Nelson and staff, for your professional services and kindness you showed us, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their help.

THE FAMILY OF HENRY COMPTON

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROY O. RATLIFF

Roy was the beloved husband of Eulene Hamilton Ratliff. He was born January 15, 1929, in Martin, the son of the late McFarland "MF" Ratliff and Hazel Turner Ratliff. He passed away October 16, 2004. Roy graduated from Martin High School in 1945, where he was a member of the *Purple Flash* basketball and baseball teams. He attended Pikeville College and Georgetown College where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity (KA's). He also attended broadcasting school in Nashville, Tennessee. Roy was a retired radio broadcaster *(Rockin' Roy)* with WDOC and WPRT, salesman, and businessman. He was a member of the 1st Assembly of God at Martin, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of the 364th Engineering Company Army Reserve Unit, The American Legion Post 283, a charter member and first post commander of the American Veterans (Amvets) Post 27, and a Kentucky Colonel.

Roy was blessed with the gift of voice. His love for talking about family, genealogy, sports, music, his and Eulene's travels, history, cooking, and politics was wonderful. But talking about our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ was his greatest love. Roy loved to cook and he was famous for his chili on Red, White, & Blue Day, and his holiday hams. He passed all these gifts on to his family, for which we are thankful.

In addition to his wife, Eulene, he is survived by one son, Rory Gregory (Lola Brashear), four daughters: Sherry Lorraine, Regina Robin (Zenith Hall), Cecelia Hazel (Kevin Wooten), and Jimmie Eulene (Steve Slone); seven grandchildren: Jason, Jeremy Roy, Stephanie, Kelley, Steven Glenn, Sarah, and Laura; two brothers: James Burns (Lorraine) Ratliff, and Blake Ratliff.

We Love You, R.O.R. and Daddy, and Dearly Miss You.
Eulene, Sherry, Greg, Robin, Cecelia, Jamie, and families.

Letters

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Times regarding the hospital getting all of our city services for free is more than misleading. The only time that a city police officer is here is when they are bringing in a prisoner or being treated themselves. Therefore, the hospital is rendering a service and not being protected just because there is a squad car in the parking lot.

Our water comes from Auxier Water, not the city Prestonsburg. Yet the city of Prestonsburg had its new water storage tank built on hospital property and the hospital is not receiving a cent from it. It might make you wonder who is receiving a free service. What services that the hospital does use are paid for at a premium rate.

As far as I am concerned, Highlands Regional Medical Center is not bound by any federal, state or city lines. Care is given to patients that come from all over, not just the residents of the city of Prestonsburg. Therefore, Highlands Regional Medical Center is an asset to the city as well as the surrounding communities as Highlands provides a service that is vital for community growth, tourism and business as well as revenue for local merchants that we buy supplies or services from.

I don't think that I should be responsible for paying city taxes, no more than I would expect the city to repair the pothole in the road in front of my driveway out in the county.

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Registry

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their zip code.

To use the service, one just calls the alert line at (866) 564-5652 and enters a phone number and zip code. When a sex offender registers for your area the service will contact callers with the details.

The state also has a system for alerting victims of any crime should the offender be released. The death of a Louisville woman in 1993 led to the formation of VINE, the "Victim Information and Notification Everyday." This program allows for the victim of any crime to be notified when the offender is released from prison.

"It's a great program because it's imperative that victims be notified," Taylor said.

Taylor pointed out that the program will also contact victims when an offender goes before a parole board to give them a chance to voice their opinion. The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office employs a victim's advocate who helps the victims of violent and sex crimes get through the process.

"Our advocate, Kathy Lafferty, is superb," Taylor said. "She is with the victim at all times during trial and makes sure that they are informed about programs like VINE."

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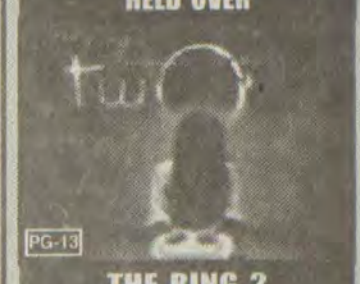

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Martin "Christian" Crider celebrated his 5th birthday on March 12th. Christian turned the "BIG 5" on March 14th! Christian is the son of Ricky W. and Rachel Crider of Prestonsburg. Christian is the grandson of Denzil and Beverly Martin of Wayland, and Charles and Jewell Crider of Middle Creek. Christian and many family members and friends celebrated at "Chuck E. Cheese" in Lexington, KY. Cameron Crider, Tanner and Tate Hicks, Gavin and Grace Martin, Dawson and Braydon Hamilton, Colby and Kennedy Little, Lauren Gearheart, and Mackenzie Holiday helped celebrate this special day!

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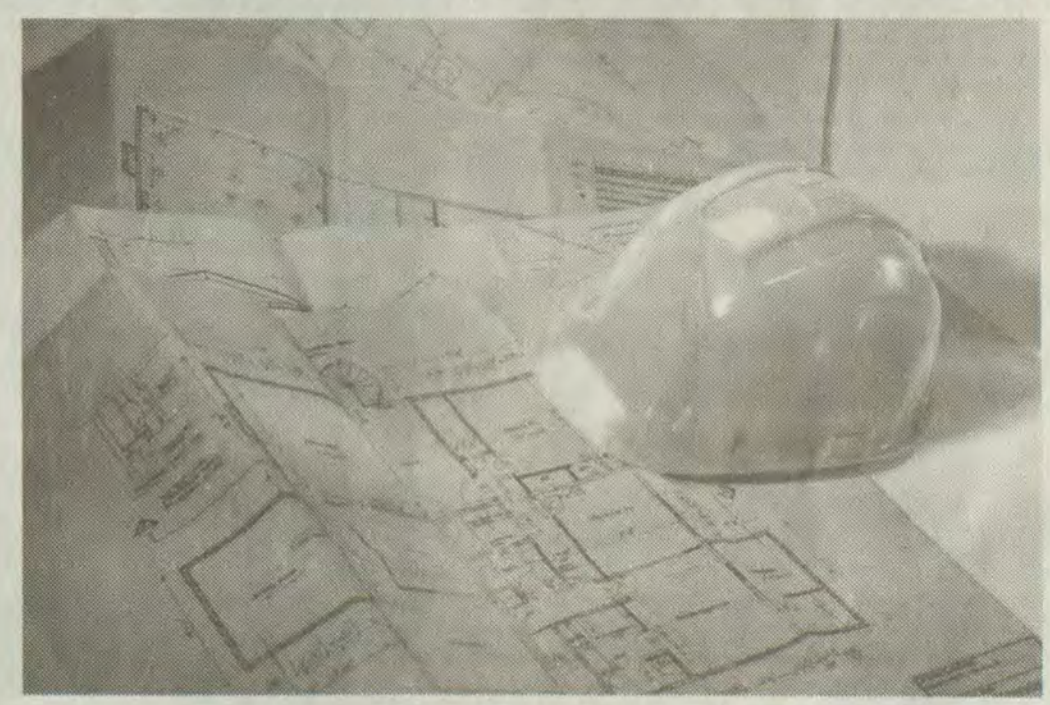

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Obesity

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are overweight or obese; one-third of adults qualify as obese.

■ Up to 30 percent of U.S. children are overweight, and childhood obesity has more than doubled in the past 25 years.

■ Childhood diabetes has increased 10-fold in the past 20 years.

"It's one thing for an adult of 45 or 55 to develop type 2 diabetes and then experience the life-threatening complications of that — kidney failure, heart attack, stroke — in their late 50s or 60s. But for a 4-year-old or 6-year-old who's obese to develop Type 2 diabetes at 14 or 16" raises the possibility of devastating complications before reaching age 30, Ludwig said. "It's really a staggering prospect."

While national attention is starting to focus on contributors to obesity, including the prevalence of fast food, soft drinks in schools and cuts in physical education classes, "what we presently lack is a clear, comprehensive national vision for addressing the obesity epidemic," Ludwig said.

The calculations are a stark contrast with Social Security Administration forecasts for longevity and with projections publicized in 2002 that said the maximum human life span will reach 100 in about six decades.

James Vaupel, director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany, co-authored the 2002 forecast, based on data from developed nations including the United States. He called the new report "very one-sided" and said he doubts obesity will negate the effects of other medical progress.

Emory University health policy expert Dr. Kenneth Thorpe said while obesity is clearly damaging public health, rising rates aren't enough to resolve Social Security's woes.

Other life expectancy forecasts rely on past mortality trends; the Olshansky group used obesity prevalence data and previously published estimates of years of life lost from obesity.

They calculated in reverse, assessing the fall in death rates that would occur if all obese Americans had a normal weight. Their estimate shows that, if not for obesity, life expectancy at birth should be four to nine months higher than the record 77.6 years announced by the government last month.

Richard Suzman, a researcher at the National Institute on Aging, which helped fund the study, said the projections are "possible, but I would say unlikely." He said the best approach is to estimate life expectancy using historical trends.

The Center for Consumer Freedom, an advocacy group for the restaurant and food industry, which argues the obesity problem has been exaggerated, said the paper should be discredited because co-author David Allison has done consulting for makers of weight-loss products.

Allison, a biostatistician at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, noted the journal mentions his financial ties.

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AG opinion reversed on expanded gambling

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Constitution does not have to be amended to allow expanded gambling, Attorney General Greg Stumbo said Monday in a reversal of the office's long-standing position.

Except in very limited circumstances, opinions of the attorney general's office are advisory only. But the opinion will surely be cited by advocates of expanded gambling as the debate resumes in the run up to the 2006 General Assembly.

Four previous opinions from the attorney general, dating back to 1980, have held the constitutional section that prohibits lotteries and other gift enterprises has meant that casinos, slot machines or other forms of gambling were prohibited.

Stumbo, a former legislator who has advocated expanded gambling, said he wanted a fresh look at the legal question.

Stumbo's opinion said only lotteries are a prohibited form of gambling under the Kentucky Constitution. That specific prohibition was lifted more than a decade ago to allow the Kentucky Lottery. Otherwise, the constitution has not been changed on the topic.

The opinion was released Monday, the day the General Assembly was trying to complete its 2005 session.

Language from the constitutional debates before adoption of the present constitution in 1891 and later court cases clearly indicate that horse racing and other forms of gambling are not unconstitutional, Stumbo said.

The question was posed by Sen. Ed Worley, D-Richmond.

Although it has never come to formal votes in the House or Senate, the topic of casino gambling has lingered in the legislature for many years. Just this year, Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, proposed a constitutional amendment to allow expanded gambling.

Boswell said he will modify his proposal for the 2006 legislature to take the opinion into account. But he said he will still provide some sort of local option election provision and ensure that the opportunity to operate casinos is not limited to horse tracks.

The racetracks have long been the leading proponents of slot machines or other expanded gambling, arguing that the additional revenue could support the horse industry.

"That won't do my community much good at all," Boswell said.

Others, such as developers in northern Kentucky and Owensboro, have argued that they should have a shot at casino action themselves.

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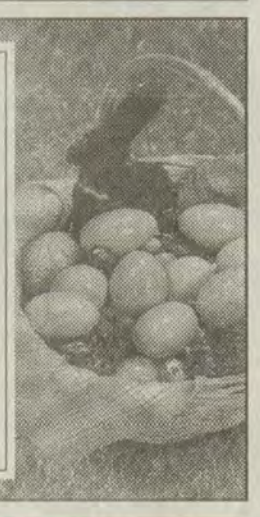

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To The Citizens of Floyd County:

Annexing HRMC would require Additional City Services to Maintain Class 4 Fire Rating

Highlands Regional Medical Center is continuing its challenge of annexation by the City of Prestonsburg. A key element of the challenge and one that the Mayor may not have brought to the attention of the City Council concerns the guidelines for city fire protection. According to the International Organization for Standards (ISO) which sets guidelines for fire protection services provided by cities, the hospital is located over the five mile ISO guideline for maintaining a Class 4 fire rating for a city. If the hospital were annexed, all of Prestonsburg would be at risk. A new fire station would need to be constructed and two new additional trucks would have to be purchased to protect Prestonsburg's Class 4 rating. The station would also have to be manned 24/7 which would further increase the operating overhead of the city. This is a situation that apparently has not been discussed with the council or the public.

Under the present system, Highlands Regional Medical Center has fire protection through the North Floyd Fire District, who in turn sub-contracts services from the City of Prestonsburg. In the event of a fire at the hospital, the Prestonsburg Fire Department and the Auxier Fire Department respond. Under this system, Prestonsburg is compliant with all ISO guidelines for a Class 4 rating.

Fire protection is only one issue that does not seem to have been thought through by the Mayor. City Council needs to be informed of the associated financial requirements that would be placed on the city and of the many other issues and repercussions that would have to be addressed, such as police protection. The Mayor and Council seem convinced the City is providing substantial services to HRMC. HRMC maintains this is simply not the case. HRMC receives only sewage services from Prestonsburg for which it pays a premium price. Several years ago the Medical Center installed sewage lines from the Medical Center to the National Guard Armory at a significant cost. Later Highlands gave this line to the city. Since that time, the city has enjoyed additional revenues because of Highlandsí donation.

HRMC employs a professional security company on a 24/7 basis. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State police are used for back up. Highlands receives water from the Auxier Water Company, a Public Service Commission franchised company. If in fact, Prestonsburg annexed the hospital, Auxier Water Company would continue to be the water supplier. Highlands purchases natural gas from the Auxier Road Gas Company, a Public Service Commission franchised company. If, in fact, Prestonsburg annexed the hospital, Auxier Road Gas Company would continue to be the natural gas supplier.

HRMC maintains its position that annexation is not in the best interests of the Medical Center. The ISO information is only one example of the mis-information or lack of information being shared with the City Council by the Mayor. The hospital is appealing to the residents of Prestonsburg to urge council members to vote "NO" on the annexation issue. Please don't allow the hospital to be annexed as a "quick fix" for the Mayor's poor judgment and decisions that have resulted in financial difficulties for the city. The "quick fix" may bring temporary relief for the Mayor but it is fraught with long-term liabilities. In all likelihood the Medical Center will engage the city in a protracted and expensive legal challenge. The city will incur additional expenses maintaining its fire protection program, and police services will be strained. Finally, the city will have taken a giant step in alienating one of the area's most important employers.

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Legislature adjourns, leaving vetoes sustained

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — After reaching an agreement about taking over office space adjacent to the Capitol, the 2005 General Assembly sustained Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget vetoes, cleared off some unfinished paperwork and adjourned Monday.

Within the budget, the legislature had essentially evicted the executive branch from much of the Capitol Annex, the office building that sits behind the Capitol. The legislature has slowly taken over more than half the building in the last several years.

House Speaker Jody Richards said the administration has agreed to slowly move out of the remaining space over the next three years.

Richards said more meeting and office space is needed in the annex for the legislature.

The delayed move for executive branch employees will allow time for the $35 million renovation of the old state office building in downtown Frankfort.

Other vetoes related to operation of the old governor's mansion, duplicate projects and some technical matters.

"The vetoes are not unreasonable," Richards said.

On its last day, lawmakers also fixed several budget issues, including the term of bonds sold to finance school construction, replaced an outlawed restriction on electioneering near polling places and decided to close schools on primary election days.

A late-night committee meeting also approved the naming of 12 highways and bridges across the state, typical of the kind of leftovers lawmakers scraped off their plates before leaving.

The activity ran into the evening, as lawmakers tried to complete their work and finish the session a day before it had to end under the Kentucky Constitution, which limits the short session to 30 working days.

The courts last year ruled that the law that prohibited campaigning within 500 feet of a polling place was an infringement on free speech rights. The new restriction will be 300 feet.

Schools are already closed on general election days, but lawmakers said since many schools are used as polling places, it made sense to close them on primary days as well.

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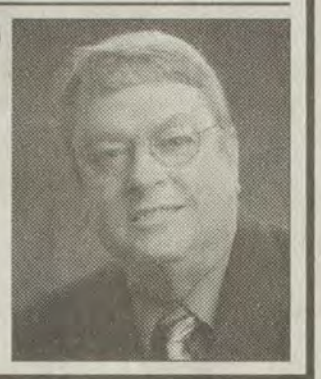

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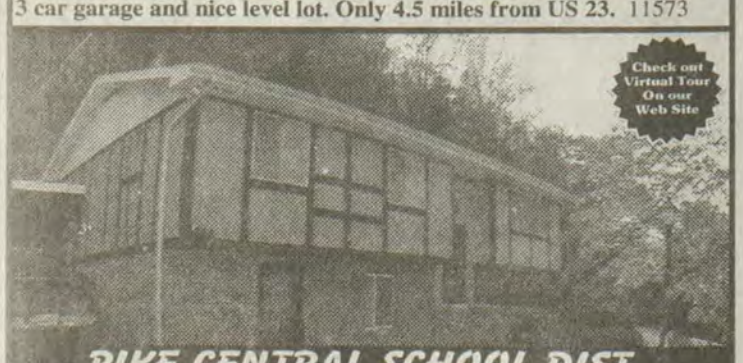

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Floyd County HCTC students named to Who's Who

HAZARD — Floyd County students at the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College have been named to the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Those chosen as national outstanding campus leaders were considered because of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966.

Students named include Kari Liane Collins, of Prestonsburg; Jessica Lee Hughes, of Dana; Angela Holbrook, of Harold; Keesha Elaine Koontz, of Harold; Ed S. Reynolds, of Hi Hat; and Virginia Alice Shepherd, of Hueysville.

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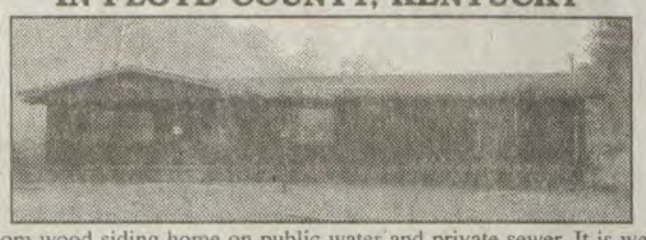

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The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be $8,040.00.

Payment of current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 11:00 am., at the property site, at 256 Mart Meade Branch, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of $46,496.43 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of $12,711.16 plus interest in the amount of $4,589.03 as of July 30, 2004, and interest thereafter on the principal at $9.2246 per day from July 30, 2004, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.03% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 04-173 KKC on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 30, 2004, in the case of United States of America vs. Farrish T. Bradley, Jr., and Sunshine R. Bradley, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 256 Mart Meade Branch, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated August 16, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 397 Page 820 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.83% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

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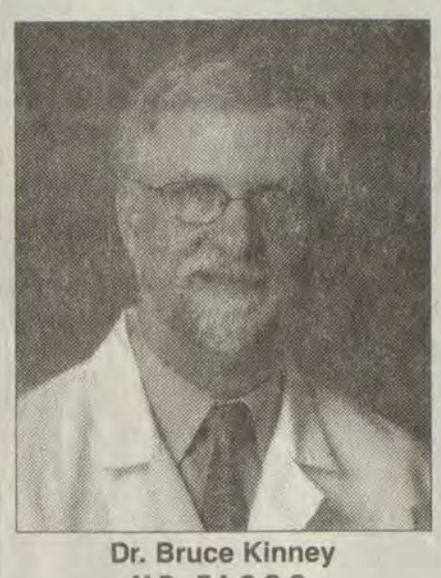

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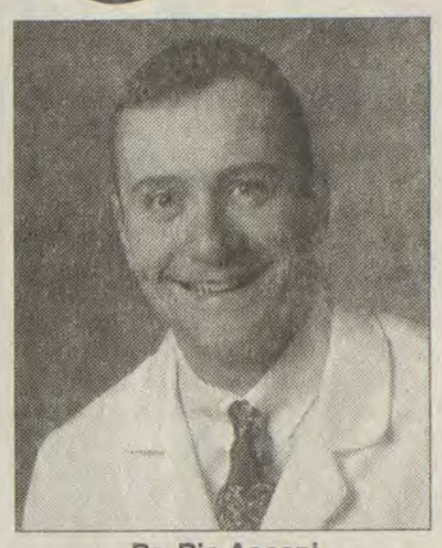

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Audit turns up potential windfall from obscure tax

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A review of an obscure local property tax may have uncovered a potential windfall for some local taxing districts, the state auditor's office said Tuesday.

The audit said as much as $3 million may have gone uncollected over five years from a tax on inventory-in-transit.

The inventory-in-transit tax is placed on personal property located in a warehouse or distribution center that will not stay at the location for more than six months, and is there for the purpose of shipment to an out-of-state destination. Property that stays longer than six months is taxed at a different tax rate.

Prior to 1999, the tax was collected for state use only. In 1999, the tax was also applied to county, municipal, school, and other special taxing districts such as fire departments.

In 2000, the General Assembly lifted the state portion of the tax. It also phased out the tax for county, municipal governments and schools over a two-year period. But local taxing districts were allowed to determine whether to continue to collect the tax.

While many districts did not vote to exempt the tax, it was often not collected.

After the audit, the Department of Revenue reviewed 40 counties for the 2000 taxing year and 17 required additional tax bills.

The tax bills equaled $604,062. Statewide, local taxing districts may be able to collect as much as $3 million from the tax.

Auditor Crit Luallen noted that communities can choose to forego collecting the tax, but might also find a windfall.

Transportation secretary resigns, will head emergency management

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Transportation Cabinet Secretary Maxwell Clay Bailey resigned Monday to head the state's department of emergency management.

Bailey, a retired Air Force general, has headed the state's Transportation Cabinet since Gov. Ernie Fletcher took office in December 2003.

"Bailey informed me he wanted to resign as transportation secretary in order to be considered for the position," Fletcher said in a release.

Bailey, 57, replaces former director Malcolm Franklin who resigned in January, Fletcher spokeswoman Jeannie Lausche said.

Bailey's current salary was uncertain, Lausche said. However, he was making $126,250 per year as the transportation head, Lausche said.

Bailey, a 1969 Air Force Academy graduate, was commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., until his retirement from the military in March 2002. Before becoming transportation secretary, Bailey worked in the state's Department of Criminal Justice on homeland security programs.

Fletcher appointed Bill Nighbert as acting transportation secretary, according to a release. Nighbert was the agency's commissioner of the Department for Intergovernmental Affairs.

Nighbert, the former mayor of Williamsburg, contributed $2,000 to Fletcher's gubernatorial campaign fund and $1,000 to Fletcher's inauguration. His wife, Susan Nighbert, also contributed $1,000 to Fletcher's gubernatorial campaign.

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Chad Rondal Caudill

Chad Rondal Caudill, age 65, of Richmond, Kentucky, formerly of Knott County, Kentucky, died on Sunday, February 13, 2005, at his home.

He was born on March 6, 1939, in Knott County, Kentucky, the son of the late Henry C. Caudill and Madge Huff Caudill.

He was retired from the U.S. Air Force, where he served as an Air Traffic Controller with the United States Air Force, and was instrumental in the launch of Apollo II.

As a Technical Sergeant, Chad Caudill and his men were sent to Cape Kennedy, Florida, to control the arrival and departure of helicopters, carrying dignitaries to and from the NASA Headquarters launch site. Some of the distinguished visitors included former President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice-president Agnew, and numerous congressmen, senators and generals from different branches of military service.

He was also active in U.S. Air Force mobile communications, and traveled extensively in the United States and foreign countries.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Ivallean Brook and Stella Slone.

He is survived by four sisters: Ellora Lockhart of Huntington, West Virignia, Priscilla Combs of Clinton Township, Michigan, Arlene Barnhart of Sheridan, Wyoming, and Christine Crisp of Martin, Kentucky; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, February 19, 2005, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, Kentucky, with Don Crisp officiating.

Burial followed in the G. C. Huff Cemetery, Pippa Passes, Kentucky, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, Kentucky.

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threw water and other items at him, police said.

Desantiago left the area, changed clothes and came back to tell a fellow employee he was leaving. The employee told police that Desantiago "got up in her face and started to yell at her."

Desantiago threatened another person if he didn't get out of his way, police said.

He was charged with two counts of harassment.

■ OGDEN, Ark. — An allegedly drunken bicyclist wound up getting a ride to jail after a state trooper saw him take a clumsy spill at a state highway intersection.

Don Evans, 46, was riding where U.S. 71 and Grand Street intersect early Saturday when he fell from his mountain bike onto the highway pavement.

Trooper Jamie Gravier was about 50 feet away.

"He was pedaling through the intersection of Highway 71 at the Grand Street crossover and fell off the bike. The pedals kept hitting the kick stand and he couldn't keep it up. He was in the middle of the southbound lanes of traffic," Gravier said.

"I saw it happen and thought 'Lord, don't let someone come around the curve.' I turned on the emergency lights and positioned the car to warn motorists. Fortunately nobody was coming or he would have been run over," Gravier said.

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House and Lot located at 1688 Hwy 1428 Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated April 26, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 327 Page 58 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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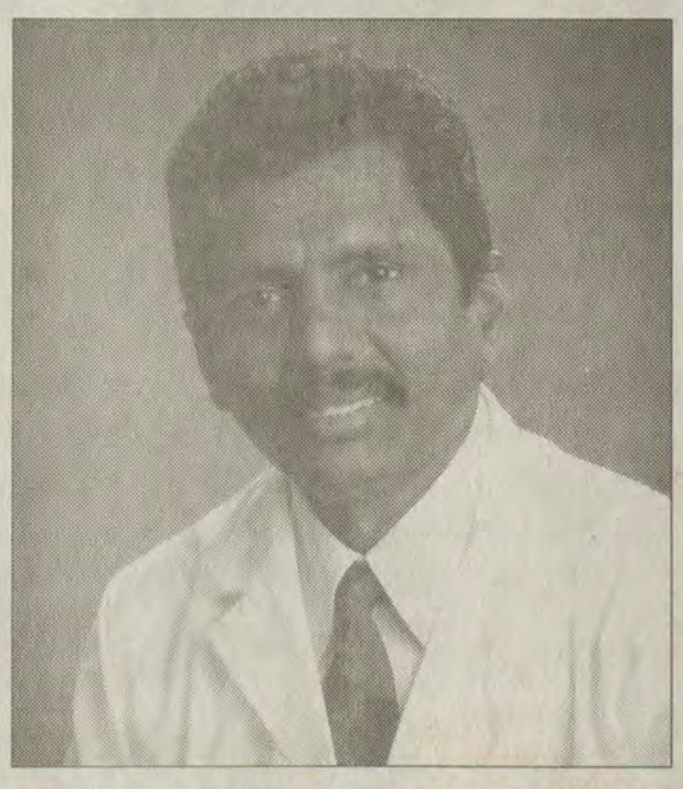

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Reds cut five from camp

SARASOTA, Fla. – The Cincinnati Reds sent five players to the minors on Tuesday, including right-hander Ricky Stone and outfielder Rob Stratton.

The Reds optioned third baseman Edwin Encarnacion and catcher Dane Sardinha to Triple-A Louisville. They also reassigned Stone, Stratton and left-hander Randy Keisler to their minor league camp.

The moves left the Reds with 36 players in camp, 11 more than the opening day limit.

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BOWLING GREEN BOUND

Clark named 15th Region Player of the Year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers recently received word that senior Kim Clark had been named the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) 15th Region Player of the Year.

Clark and her team are headed back to the Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament.

Clark, who as a junior averaged close to 17 points per game, entered the 2004-05 season with lofty billing, ranked as the 15th Region's top player in the The Cats' Pause Kentucky Basketball Yearbook. She has had a stronghold on the 58th District for a while, now, helping to lead the Ladycats to each of the last two district titles. Individual honors have been numerous for Clark, who appears headed to a basketball career on the next level.

The Betsy Layne senior averaged 19.3 points and seven rebounds in three 15th Region Tournament games on her way to a most valuable player honor. She played a key, pivotal role in Betsy Layne's last trip to the state tournament in 2003, too, playing well, both offensively and defensively in the Ladycats' opening round win.

Clark and first-year Magoffin County head coach Steve Miller – named the 15th Region Coach of the Year after a season in which he coached the Lady Hornets to a 24-6 record – will each be honored Friday during the girls' state basketball tournament.

KIM CLARK

KRISTAL DANIELS

KRISTEN SMITH

BREANN AKERS

Seniors lead the way for Ladycats

Strong bench helps boost Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – It won't be long before four Betsy Layne seniors – Kim Clark, Kristal Daniels, Kristen Smith and Breann Akers take the floor and play in a second girls' state basketball tournament. The Betsy Layne quartet has weathered several storms and have two regional championships on its side – not to mention a state tournament win, something that has been hard to come by for 15th Region girls' basketball teams.

"As a group, these seniors have been a part of history here at Betsy Layne High School," Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers acknowledged. "They have played in seven regional championship games (four All-A regional championships and three regular regional championships) and won five regional titles (three All-A and two regular Regional). They are about to play in their seventh state tournament game. That is quite an accomplishment and a testimony to their hard work and dedication to this program."

With upstart Magoffin County running through the regular-season and district tournament portion of the season with a perfect, unblemished record against opposing 15th Region teams, many counted the Ladycats, champs back in 2003, out. After Pike Central upset Magoffin County in the opening round, the tournament favorite exited a tournament-tested team began its run. Betsy Layne, on its way to the regional championship, beat Paintsville Belfry, and then, Pike County Central in the regional title game.

Clark entered the 2004-05 season ranked as the 15th Region's top player and she proved that in the regional tournament.

"Kim Clark, has scored over 1,600 career points and leads this team," Akers said. "She does whatever we need her to do: score, handle the ball, play defense, or pass.

She has the ability to take over a game."

Clark's senior teammates have been equally as important.

"Kristal Daniels has really come into her own this year," Akers added. "She is a force inside with her ability to block shots, score, and run the floor.

"Kristen Smith is an excellent ball handler and defender. She played great during the district and regional tournament, her free throw shooting and assist to turnover ratio was phenomenal.

"Breann Akers, is our unsung hero. She was the difference in the Championship game, coming out and hitting like she did. She is an excellent shooter."

A talented group of non-senior players has stepped up and played well for Betsy Layne throughout the season.

Candice Meade, who joins the four seniors in the Betsy Layne starting lineup,, has played some of her better basketball late in the season.

"Candice Meade really showed what she can do in the championship game – seven rebounds and eight assists was a great performance," Akers continued.

Nicole Spurlock, Whitney Tackett, Becky Tackett, and Kaitlin Lawson, coming in off the bench, provided us with steady play, especially in the Belfry game when our starters were in foul trouble."

Fifth Region champ Washington County (17-16) awaits Betsy Layne Thursday in the opening round of the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament. Washington County earned the trip to Bowling Green after beating Nelson County 55-45 in the 5th Region championship game. Tip-off for the opening round state tournament game between Betsy Layne and Washington County is set for 2:30 p.m.

Pikeville hoopster to play for Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – A local standout who had quite a year in her only season at Pikeville High School will play collegiately at Pikeville College.

Megan Harris, a 5-11 senior who led Pikeville High School to the All "A" Classic state tournament this season, signed a scholarship agreement this morning.

Harris averaged 13.3 points and 10.4 rebounds per game for the Lady Panthers in her lone season in maroon. Harris sat out her junior campaign after transferring from Allen Central High School. Despite missing that season, she still scored 924 points in her high school career.

Harris, a two-time all-58th District performer, shot 46.0 percent from the field this season and hit 34.5 percent from the arc. For the season, she connected on 72.2 percent of her free throws.

"We think Megan has tremendous upside and can be a terrific asset to our program," said Coach Bill Watson of Pikeville College. "We've watched her development through the years and think she will be very valuable to the Lady Bear program for the next four years. We're very pleased to add her to the family."

The Lady Bears finished the 2004-05 season 17-14 in Watson's eighth season as head coach of the women's basketball program.

Harris will join two other signees as freshman on the 2005-06 roster. Pikeville has already signed Whitesburg teammates Camille Cook and Whitney Hogg, who also helped their team to the All "A" Classic state tournament.

Versus Kentucky, Utah hasn't fared well

by DOUG ALDEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's history against Kentucky in the NCAA tournament can't be much worse.

There have been five meetings in the last 12 years and every result has been the same – a Kentucky victory. The only difference has been when it happened.

"I know we haven't won yet, but that doesn't really matter to me," center Andrew Bogut said.

The most notable of the meetings was the 1998 NCAA championship, when Tubby Smith and the Wildcats beat the Utes 78-69. That was seven years ago, long before anybody on either roster could even know where they were going to play in college.

The Utes (29-5) are hoping to end the school's 0-5 tournament drought against Kentucky on Friday night in the Austin Regional.

Less than half of Utah's current players were around for the most recent meeting, when Kentucky beat Utah 74-54 two years ago in the second round.

Bogut, Utah's 7-foot sophomore star, was still back home in Australia and didn't get to watch it. First-year coach Ray Giacoletti was still coaching at Eastern Washington, a year away from being hired to replace Rick Majerus.

The Utes haven't been this far in the tournament since 1998, when they went to the Final Four and lost to the Wildcats in the title game.

"I've heard a lot of history about it, but coming into this game we're both 2-0 in the tournament. It's a whole new year," said Utah's Justin Hawkins, who was a senior in high school the last time Utah played Kentucky.

Utah reached this point by beating Oklahoma 67-58 Saturday with a dominant performance that showed the Utes can do more than just feed the ball inside to Bogut. The big Aussie had seven assists and Hawkins scored 20 points to help lead the Utes.

This is also Giacoletti's first time this deep in the NCAA tournament. He was 0-1 before, getting Eastern Washington there a year ago by winning the Big Sky

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Myles' transformation a key to Louisville's run

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Shortly after Rick Pitino became Louisville's coach in March 2001, he met with each of the players he was inheriting.

He needed only 10 minutes to size up Ellis Myles.

"Lazy, arrogant, disrespectful," Pitino recalls. "Every bad adjective you can come across he was."

One remarkable transformation later, the burly Myles is the cornerstone of Louisville's best season since 1997, leading the team in rebounds (9.2 per game) and ranking second in assists (115).

The fourth-seeded Cardinals (31-4) face top-seeded Washington (29-5) in the Albuquerque Regional on Thursday and Pitino knows Louisville would've never made it this far without Myles, the last link to the Denny Crum era.

"He's the key," Pitino said. "Without him, we're not a good team. We can play without anyone except him."

Myles nearly didn't survive Pitino's

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conference.

The Eagles lost in the first round to Oklahoma State, but were tied with the Final Four-bound Cowboys 36-36 at halftime.

Giacoletti seems unfazed by the success and wants to make sure his team is, too after knocking off the Sooners, who were seeded No. 3 in the Austin Regional.

Because he knows next up are the second-seeded Wildcats.

"We had fun on the flight home on Saturday, but you've got to stay focused on the moment or you miss an opportunity," Giacoletti said. "I'm sure there will be plenty of time this spring and summer when we can look back and feel a sense of pride on things. But we're right in the middle of it right now."

Although Utah's history with Kentucky in the tournament runs fairly deep, only five Utes have been around for any of the meetings.

Point guard Marc Jackson scored 19 in the loss to the Wildcats two years ago. Teammates Tim Drisdom, Bryant Markson, Richard Chaney and Chris Jackson (no relation to Marc) were freshmen.

And none were around for the other meetings with Kentucky in 1998, '97, '96 and 1993, when the Utes' bad luck against the Wildcats began with an 83-82 loss in the second round.

"At this point, you've got to play somebody good. Might as well have the opportunity get the monkey off our back and have coach Giacoletti get rid of that little myth," Marc Jackson said. "This is a different team from the past years. Both us and them."

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Kentucky (27-5) vs.
Utah (29-5)
NCAA Tournament,
Austin Regional,
Austin, Texas
Friday, 9:40 p.m.

Louisville

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first day. Pitino was so turned off by the "overweight problem child" he threatened to stick Myles on the next plane back to his rugged childhood home, Compton, Calif.

That was all Myles needed to hear.

"Compton is not a place you want to go back to," he said.

Myles acquainted himself to the weight room and melted off 15 pounds before Pitino's first season. Although only 6-foot-7 and hardly a leaper, Myles slowly developed into a solid post presence.

He got even more incentive than Pitino could provide in December 2001, when he became a father.

"When my son (Ashton) was born and everything like that, I just had to find something, you know," he said. "Just like I used basketball as an outlet back in Compton, I was able to use it to motivate myself and realized that I have a son now and I have to mature in some kind of way."

His personal comeback derailed toward the end of the 2002-03 season, when he ruptured the patellar tendon in his right knee in a game against Marquette. He had surgery, underwent months of rehab and sat out the 2003-04 season, itching to return.

This season, Myles says he's felt like a new person. He's looked like a different player, too.

Although Pitino has criticized his box-out technique, Myles has reached double digits in rebounding 18 times this year. He's also become a skilled passer, leading the team in assists over the last nine games, and a competent ball handler, often bringing the ball up the floor to beat pressure.

"I'm different in a whole bunch of ways now," he said. "I think I've matured into a man now, I can handle different situations on my own."

But Myles committed five turnovers in each of Louisville's NCAA games and Pitino said he needs to rely more on his teammates.

"When he doesn't try to do too much, he really is the key to the team," Pitino said. "When he plays like he did in the conference tournament, he is brilliant, and he really helps his team go. I am hoping he'll do that in the next game."

The Cardinals boarded a plane for Albuquerque about noon EST on Tuesday.

In scouting Washington, Pitino talked to N.C. State coach Herb Sendek, who was Pitino's former assistant at Kentucky. N.C. State lost to Washington 68-64 in December and Sendek told Pitino the Huskies are as offensively potent as Duke or North Carolina.

The Huskies scored 88 and 97 points in their first two NCAA victories and averaged a Pac-10 best 87 points per game during the season.

"They are the quickest team in college basketball," Pitino said. "The match-ups are very difficult for us. What we have to hope is that we make the match-ups difficult for them as well and that we can get in a close ballgame, fight it out at the end and come away with a victory."

The Cardinals have used a 2-3 zone defense much of the season to protect a weak bench and keep players out of foul trouble. It worked well in Saturday's 76-54 rout of Georgia Tech, as the Yellow Jackets shot 38 percent and mustered their second-lowest point total of the season.

The Cardinals ranked fourth in the nation in field-goal percentage defense (38 percent) and Pitino said they've become adept at playing any defensive scheme.

"They are comfortable in zone, they are comfortable in man and we've had to use full-court press to win this year," he said. "When you are as thin as we are, there's not one defense that you can rely on because you go through so many different things to protect your players."

Washington left for Albuquerque on Monday to get used to the city's 5,314-foot altitude. Pitino said the altitude will be no factor in Thursday's game. He's talked with members of New Mexico's coaching staff and said they told him the key to dealing with the altitude change is staying hydrated.

NEXT GAME
Louisville (31-4) vs.
Washington (29-5)
NCAA Tournament,
Albuequerque Regional,
Albuerque, N.M.
Thursday, 7:10 p.m.

Traverse City bat-maker, NCAA settle suit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT – Forty-six days into a federal court trial, a Traverse City baseball bat maker has settled his legal dispute with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, three aluminum-bat makers and a trade group.

Steve Baum of Baum Research and Development Co. of Traverse City said in the 1998 lawsuit that the NCAA, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association and bat makers Hillerich & Bradsby of Louisville, Ky.; Worth Inc. of Tullahoma, Tenn.; and Easton Sports Inc. of Van Nuys, Calif. conspired to keep his composite bat out of amateur baseball.

Lawyers declined to discuss the terms of the settlement. U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn, who rejected a request by the defendants Wednesday to dismiss the suit, told jurors Monday that the case was settled but did not elaborate, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Baum said his bat with a wooden exterior and plastic foam core performs like wooden bats but is cheaper than aluminum bats and just as durable.

The bat manufacturers countersued Baum, saying he misled the NCAA.

Baum has said that he has lost at least $120 million because his bat, an ash veneer over a plastic foam core and other materials – was not approved for use.

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Utah's Bogut leading vote-getter on AP All-America team

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the preseason All-America balloting.

All that has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press' All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 20.4 points and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

The voting was done on a 5-3-1 basis by the same 72-member national media panel that selects the Top 25 each week. The balloting was conducted before the NCAA tournament began.

Bogut received 60 first-team votes and 330 points, 22 more than Redick, who had 53 first-team votes.

Simien and Paul each had 289 points with Simien getting 45 first-team votes, one more than Paul. Warrick also had 44 first-team votes and got 283 points.

Bogut was the only member of the first team not to have received any recognition after last season. In fact, he was the only one of the five not to have been at least an honorable mention selection in the preseason All-America balloting. Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better as the year went along," first-year Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said. "I've never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has."

Bogut showed off his passing skills with a season-high seven assists in the Utes' second-round win over Oklahoma last Saturday, a game in which he has a season-low 10 points on just seven shots. That led the Utes into the round of 16 for the first time since their 1998 run to the national championship game.

"We were just trying to have a successful year and do our best," said Bogut, Utah's first All-America since Andre Miller in 1999. "It just all came together these last couple of weeks."

Redick is one of the best shooters in the game from long range – 40.5 percent on 3-pointers – and the free throw line – 93.7 percent. The 6-4 Redick averaged 22.1 points and played 37.3 minutes per game for the short-handed Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and are in the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

"J.J. has become a complete player," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Everyone watches his shooting ability. He's found different ways to score; he's become our best off-the-ball perimeter defender; he's handled the ball; he's become a leader for us."

Redick is the first Duke All-America since Jason Williams was selected in 2001 and 2002.

The other three All-Americas all were eliminated from the NCAA tournament on the opening weekend.

The 6-0 Paul had one of the most impressive stat lines in college basketball. He averaged 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 6.6 assists, 2.4 steals and shot 47.4 percent on 3s and 83.4 percent from the free throw line.

He was the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team and he's Wake Forest's first postseason selection since Tim Duncan repeated in 1997.

"I just love the way he commands a game," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "He's not without flaws, but I wouldn't trade him for any point guard in the country."

The 6-9 Simien had an outstanding career despite what seemed like constant injuries. He missed 28 games over his first three years with various injuries and he missed four games this season after having surgery on his left thumb. Still, he averaged 20.3 points and 11.0 rebounds while shooting 55.2 percent from the field and 81.6 percent at the free throw line to become the Jayhawks' first All-America since Nick Collison in 2003.

"He had the best year of any player I have ever coached," Kansas' Bill Self said. "It's amazing the adversity he has been through but he remains so positive. His play is a direct reflection of his attitude."

The 6-8 Warrick, one of the key players in Syracuse's 2003 national championship run, averaged 21.4 points and 8.6 rebounds while shooting 54.8 percent from the field, a stat augmented by his spectacular dunking ability.

"It's a special honor especially since no Syracuse player has done it since Billy Owens in 1991 and there have so many great players here the last few years like Carmelo (Anthony)," Warrick said.

Orange coach Jim Boeheim said: "Hak was spectacular. The dunks he made just demoralized people. He took over games and we struggled to score except for him."

The second team had Illinois guards Dee Brown and Luther Head, Sean May of North Carolina, Salim Stoudamire of Arizona and Ike Diogu of Arizona State.

The third team was Deron Williams of Illinois, Shelden Williams of Duke, Nate Robinson of Washington, Raymond Felton of North Carolina and Joey Graham of Oklahoma State.

Two first-team selections from last season – seniors Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State and Ryan Gomes of Providence – were honorable mentions this season.

In addition to Roberts and Gomes, last season's first team included Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's, Emeka Okafor of Connecticut and Josh Childress of Stanford.

2004-05 AP All-America Basketball Team

FIRST TEAM

Andrew Bogut, Utah, 7-0, 240, sophomore, Melbourne, Australia, 20.4 ppg, 12.2 rpg, 62.9 fg pct, 1.9 blocks (60 first-place votes, 330 points).

J.J. Redick, Duke, 6-4, 190, junior, Roanoke, Va., 22.1 ppg, 37.3 minutes, 40.5 3-pt fg pct, 93.7 ft pct (53, 308).

Chris Paul, Wake Forest, 6-0, 175, sophomore, Lewisville, N.C., 15.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 6.6 apg, 83.4 ft pct, 47.4 3-pt, fg pct, 2.4 steals (44, 289).

Wayne Simien, Kansas, 6-9, 255, senior, Leavenworth, Kan., 20.3 ppg, 11.0 rpg, 55.2 fg pct, 81.6 ft pct (45, 289).

Hakim Warrick, Syracuse, 6-8, 209, senior, Wynnewood, Pa., 21.4 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 37.5 minutes, 54.8 fg pct (44, 283).

SECOND TEAM

Dee Brown, Illinois, 6-0, 185, junior, Maywood, Ill., 13.2 ppg, 4.5 apg, 50.8 fg pct, 44.6 3-pt fg pct (32, 242).

Sean May, North Carolina, 6-9, 266, junior, Bloomington, Ind., 16.8 ppg, 10.8 rpg, 55.4 fg pct (23, 237).

Salim Stoudamire, Arizona, 6-1, 179, senior, Portland, Ore., 18.6 ppg, 51.1 fg pct, 51.3 3-pt fg pct, 91.4 ft pct (18, 189).

Ike Diogu, Arizona State, 6-8, 250, junior, Garland, Texas, 22.6 ppg, 9.8 rpg, 36.4 minutes, 57.5 fg pct, 2.3 blocks (12, 164).

Luther Head, Illinois, 6-3, 185, senior, Chicago, 15.7 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 3.8 apg, 41.0 3-pt fg pct (6, 102).

THIRD TEAM

Deron Williams, Illinois, 6-3, 210, junior, The Colony, Texas, 12.1 ppg, 6.6 apg (3, 88).

Shelden Williams, Duke, 6-9, 250, junior, Forest Park, Okla., 15.4 ppg, 11.3 rpg, 58.5 fg pct, 3.8 blocks, (2, 81).

Nate Robinson, Washington, 5-9, 180, junior, Seattle, 16.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 4.6 apg (1, 73).

Raymond Felton, North Carolina, 6-1, 198, junior, Latta, S.C., 12.6 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 7.0 apg, 44.1 3-pt fg pct (3, 69).

Joey Graham, Oklahoma State, 6-7, 225, senior, Brandon, Fla., 17.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 53.2 fg pct, 46.0 3-pt fg pct, 88.9 ft pct (1, 61).

HONORABLE MENTION

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Cincinnati 5, Tampa Bay 3

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. – Edwin Encarnacion had RBI singles in the seventh and eighth innings, and the Cincinnati Reds scored five times in their final two at-bats to beat Tampa Bay 5-3 Monday.

Wily Mo Pena, competing for playing time in the Reds' outfield, singled and scored in a two-run seventh and again in the eighth, when Cincinnati got three runs with two out.

Pena, who could be the fourth outfielder if Ken Griffey Jr. and Austin Kearns are healthy, is hitting only .188 (9-for-48) this spring.

Griffey went 0-for-2 but showed his recovery from a torn hamstring is going well, easily chasing down fly balls in center field for six innings.

Encarnacion, expected to start at third base for Triple-A Louisville, improved his spring average to .389 (14-for-36) with six RBIs.

Ryan Freel was 3-for-3 for the Reds.

Scott Kazmir allowed five hits, walked one and struck out five over 4 2/3 scoreless innings for the Devil Rays.

Tampa Bay scored twice in the first off Brandon Claussen and got one run in the third off Jose Acevedo.

Carl Crawford reached first to start the game on an error by Reds shortstop Rich Aurilia. Julio Lugo singled and, following a double steal, Aubrey Huff singled in Crawford and Lugo scored on Eduardo Perez's sacrifice fly.

Lugo tripled and scored in the third against Acevedo, the only run he allowed in three innings. The Reds' other relievers pitched four shutout innings.

Randy Keisler went the fifth, Todd Coffey (2-0) threw two scoreless innings and Joe Valentine pitched the ninth for his first save.

Cincinnati began its comeback against Angel Garcia in the seventh with three consecutive singles by Aurilia, Pena and Encarnacion. Pena scored on a wild pitch.

Austin Kearns started the eighth-inning rally with a single off Garcia. Pena followed a sacrifice by Felipe Lopez with a two-out RBI single off Franklin Nunez (0-1) to make it 3-all.

Bobby Estallela then singled to give the Reds the lead and Encarnacion hit an RBI single.

South Laurel 72, Warren Central 59

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – Junior forward Walt Allen scored 30 points as South Laurel of London won its first state basketball title with a 72-59 win over Warren Central of Bowling Green on Saturday night in the Boys Sweet 16 tournament championship game at Rupp Arena.

South Laurel (32-4) became only the fourth 12th Region team to win a state title, joining Hazel Green (1940); South Laurel's predecessor, Laurel County (1982); and Pulaski County (1986).

The Cardinals, who closed on an 11-game winning streak, had not advanced past the quarterfinals in two previous trips to the Sweet 16.

Warren Central (30-5) had a 21-game winning streak end. Warren Central is the second team in as many seasons to fail in a quest to become the sixth team to repeat as state champions. The 4th Region champion Dragons ended Mason County's bid to do so last season.

When Laurel County won the title in 1982 over North Hardin, it came in dramatic fashion, on a half-court shot by Paul Andrews. By contrast, South Laurel never trailed and controlled the game from the start against against Warren Central.

The Cardinals continually worked the ball inside, using their height advantage against an undersized Warren Central team and allowing the 6-foot-4 Allen to score 15 points by halftime. They also enjoyed success from the perimeter, going 6-of-9 from 3-point range in the half, including 3-for-3 by sophomore Jordan Hammonds.

South Laurel led 20-7 after the first quarter as Warren Central started the game 1-of-10 from the field. The Cardinals continued to roll in the second quarter, building their lead to as many as 18 points before Warren Central pulled within 37-28 by halftime.

The Dragons got as close as six points early in the third quarter, but a 10-0 South Laurel run rebuilt the Cardinals' lead to 47-31.

Warren Central came no closer than 10 points after that.

Allen, the tournament's most valuable player, finished 10-of-16 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free-throw line. He also had nine rebounds and three assists. South Laurel shot 54.5 percent (24-of-44) from the field, including 7-of-11 from 3-point range.

Eric Fields scored 15 points and Ty Proffitt added 13 for South Laurel.

Sophomore Jeremy Anderson led Warren Central with 18 points. Troy McFarland, the only returning starter from last season's team, had 13 points.

In semifinals earlier Saturday, Warren Central beat University Heights of Hopkinsville 69-55 and South Laurel outlasted Pleasure Ridge Park of Louisville 66-65 in double overtime.

Against University Heights (32-5), the Dragons picked up 22 points from Anderson. Warren Central fell behind by seven points in the first quarter, but eventually wore down the smallest school in the tournament. The 2nd Region champion Blazers finished 32-5.

In the other semifinal, Will Allen scored on a put-back with six seconds left in the second overtime to lift South Laurel past 6th Region champion Pleasure Ridge Park (31-6).

Allen's basket capped a wild second overtime, in which South Laurel built a six-point lead, only to fall behind when Pleasure Ridge Park's JaJuan Spillman stole the ball and scored on a layup with 17 seconds left.

Spillman, who had hit game-winning shots in two of Pleasure Ridge Park's last three games, again had the ball in his hands in the final moments before it was stolen by Proffitt. Proffitt dribbled out the clock.

Ormerod, Guffey twins top girls' all-state team

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Sacred Heart star Carly Ormerod and Clinton County twins Paige and Amber Guffey topped the 2005 Associated Press girls All-State basketball team, released Tuesday.

The 5-foot-9 Ormerod, who will play at Kentucky this fall, put up only modest numbers in her final season – 16 points, six rebounds and three assists per game. But she also won three state championships and two Sweet 16 Most Valuable Player trophies.

The Valkyries lost to Assumption in the 26th District tournament opener, but Ormerod still left high school with a 135-8 record.

Ormerod received 27 first-team votes from a panel of 12 media members statewide.

Paige Guffey, a 5-9 guard, averaged 21 points per game this season. She was the second-leading vote getter, garnering 25. Her sister, Amber, earned 20 first-team votes. Amber Guffey averaged 19 points per game this season.

Amber Guffey ranked sixth in the state in field-goal percentage (62 percent). Both twins shot better than 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Christian County forward Arnika Brown also made the first team, earning 23 first-team votes. The 6-foot Brown was the state's ninth-leading scorer, averaging 21.8 points per game. Brown also averaged 11 rebounds per game.

Shannon Novosel, a 6-1 post player for top-ranked Lexington Catholic, rounded out the first team. Like Ormerod, Novosel's numbers weren't gaudy this year, but the Lady Knights have won 32 of 33 games heading into this week's Sweet 16.

Rockcastle County's Johnna Abney, Lexington Catholic's Nikki Davis and Woodford County's Destiny Mattingly led the second team. All of them received 16 votes.

Abney, a 5-4 guard, led the state in free-throw percentage (88.2 percent) and led her team to a 27-4 record. Rockcastle County opens the Sweet 16 against Lexington Catholic.

The 5-9 Mattingly averaged 20.8 points this season.

Knott County Central's Kasi Mullins-Galloway, the state's eighth-leading scorer (22.3 points per game) and Scott County's Rebecca Gray, the state's 13th-leading scorer (20.8 ppg) completed the second team.

Sacred Heart's Taylor Kopple was the top vote-getter on the third team, garnering 12 votes.

Lexington Catholic's Greg Todd was named the coach of the year, edging Woodford County's Jay Lucas. Woodford County went 29-2 this season, losing to Lexington Christian in the 11th region semifinals.

2005 Kentucky High School All-State Team

The 2005 Kentucky High School girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by 12 members of The Associated Press (with school, height, class, position and number of combined points. First-team votes worth three points, second-team votes worth two points and third-team votes worth one point):

Players of the Year
(with votes in parentheses)
Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart – 7
Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Co. Central – 2
Anaris Sickles, Lex. Catholic – 1
Haley Ratliff, Pike County Central – 1
Shannon Novosel, Lex. Catholic – 1

FIRST TEAM
Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart, 5-9, G – (27)
Paige Guffey, Clinton County, 5-9, G – (25)
Arnika Brown, Christian Co. 6-0, F – (23)
Amber Guffey, Clinton County, 5-9, G – (20)
Shannon Novosel, Lex. Catholic, 6-1, F/C – (17)

SECOND TEAM
Johnna Abney, Rockcastle Co. 5-4, G – (16)
Nikki Davis, Lex. Catholic, 5-9, G – (16)
Destiny Mattingly, Woodford Co. 5-9, G – (16)
Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Co. Cent. 5-8, F – (15)
Rebecca Gray, Scott County, 5-10, G – (13)

THIRD TEAM
Taylor Kopple, Sacred Heart, 5-11, F – (12)
Tara Rowe, Rockcastle County, 5-9, G – (11)
Merideth Marsh, Christian Acad., 5-8, G – (10)
Amber Norton, Louisville Assumption, 6-2, F – (10)
Heather Hammond, Rockcastle Co. 5-9, F – (9)
Chelsia Lymon, Scott County, 5-6, G – (9)

HONORABLE MENTION
(with votes, unless only one received):
Ashley Hawkins, Henderson County (8); Anaris Sickles, Lex. Catholic (8); Jackie Distler, Sacred Heart (7); Jayme Thiem, Newport Central Catholic (7); Emily Queen, Rose Hill (6); Melanie Cornett, Rowan County (5); Haley Ratliff, Pike County Central (5); Alicia Bunton, Louisville Ballard (4); Camille Cook, Whitesburg (4); Jayme Gilbert, Clay County (4); Brooke Faulkner, Harrison County (3); Sasha Fields, Phelps (3); Heather Hassloch, Heritage (3); Robyn Jennings, Elizabethtown (3); Julie Leach, Ohio County (3); Britta Maggard, Perry County Central (3); Austin McIntosh, Owsley County (3); Pam Bell, Paducah Tilghman (2); Brittany Edelen, Washington County (2); Esther Fleming, Shelby Valley (2); Aseer Itiavkase, Paducah Tilghman (2); Rachel Lantry, Cov. Holy Cross (2); Kendra Latham, Harlan (2); Brooke Smith, Bell County (2); Lydia Watkins, Christian County (2); LaQuisha Wharton, Louisville Iroquois (2); Brittany Bass, Cov. Holy Cross; Paula Carver, Webster County; Colette Cole, Breathitt County; Chelsea Goodman, Mercer County; Megan Harris, Pikeville; Krista Hatfield, Henderson County; Jillian Horn, Mercer County; Samantha Howard, Pikeville; Shawna Howard, Pikeville; Ashley Massey, Cumberland; Amie Noll, Cov. Holy Cross.

Coach of the Year
Greg Todd, Lexington Catholic – 4
Jay Lucas, Woodford County – 3
Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle County – 2
Don Rice, Christian Academy – 1
Jill Morgan, East Ridge – 1
Steve Helton, Scott County – 1

Bentley basks in Rupp's glow

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON – Look, forget the results. It was totally one-sided Thursday night in Rupp Arena. The 15 th Region lost in the opening round for the fifth straight year, this time being represented by Shelby Valley, this time by a 69-38 final to Henry Clay.

The game was one-sided, as big a difference in two teams as you'll ever care to see.

That is one story. But forget that. I'm asking you to set that to the side for the next 750 words, and consider looking at this from another angle.

Consider Kris Bentley, if you will.

The first time I saw Bentley (who is no relation, by the way) he was a sophomore and shot his Prestonsburg Blackcats past East Ridge in the first round of the 15 th Region tournament. He had floppy hair that bounced when he ran, much like his "do" the last two years in the Valley.

That summer I heard he had transferred to Shelby Valley, and I thought he'd be a perfect fit. He could fill the shoes of the departed Paul Terry Fleming and keep their run of consecutive trips to the Sweet 16 alive.

But alas, it didn't happen. Bentley and his team got back to the region – played at Prestonsburg, his old school. In the first round, they played Prestonsburg – his old school.

And lost. To Prestonsburg – his old school.

It had to be devastating for him. He transferred to the two-time regional champ, only to fall to his old school in the opening round of the region on his old court. He had to wonder if his dream would ever be realized.

Forward to this, his senior season, and once again his team is the regional favorite. This year, however, they're trying to do it with a new head coach. Jason Booher, the former Shelby Valley assistant who spent last year at Belfry, had stepped in for Rodney Rowe.

That change was a wash, however, as Booher was familiar with the talent and the system they ran, making for a smooth transition.

It was during the holiday break that Bentley had to wonder if he'd ever make it to Rupp. Seth Kiser, the 3-1/2 year starter at point guard, was dismissed from the team. I don't think it's much of a stretch to say Kiser was the most talented Wildcat, and his departure could have easily meant so much turmoil that the dream could be lost and never again found.

But it wasn't to be. If anything, it seemed to bring the Wildcats closer, the bond between them and their coach stronger. When the post-season began, they even managed to elude their annual loss to East Ridge in the 59 th District finals.

And then last Saturday, they managed to survive a Belfry roster that wanted to beat their former coach more than they wanted to win for themselves. They survived a torrid second half by Doug Howard, and finally, Kris Bentley was on his way to Rupp Arena.

Last night wasn't the way Bentley had dreamed about ending his career. He finished with eight points on 3-of-10 shooting, going 2-of-9 from the arc. He had three steals and two assists but five turnovers in his final game as a high school basketball player.

But it wasn't so much (ital) how (ital) Kris Bentley played in his last game as it was (ital) where (ital) he played it.

It was in the postgame press conference that Bentley brought it all into focus. Yes, the night didn't go the way he'd hoped, but his career had. He played with the right teammates and for the right coaches, and, most importantly, it had ended at the right place.

"There are no regrets," he said. "I've had the time of my life. Even though we lost, there are no regrets about this."

How is that for focus? How is that for perspective from a high school kid?

It is terrific, that's how it is.

And then, as he elaborated, he gave the quote I was looking for. It is what we in the media hope for when we've watched our team get drubbed and have sat through the press conference for both teams and still have no angle for a story, no idea what we're going to say.

That's when it happened.

"This is where I wanted to end my career," Kris Bentley said. "This is where I wanted to take my jersey off for the last time."

How sweet is that? How good is that line? It's where he wanted to take his jersey off for the last time.

Thank you, Kris Bentley.

Thank you for a terrific high school career, for a silky-smooth jumper, and for filling the void the Wildcats needed.

Thank you for the quote, the line of the night, the angle for my column.

But thanks most of all for the perspective.

Sometimes, we look at this through old, tired eyes. We look at the scoreboard and see a 31-point loss, look at the stat sheet and see 24 turnovers and 37 percent shooting and 30 points off turnovers for the other team, and we can't see it.

Sometimes, we need to look through teenage eyes. From the perspective of the young.

It is then that we truly see what it's all about.

KABC Award winners from each region:

R.	Player,	school Coach,	school
1st	Trey Tindell,	Calloway Co. Terry Birdsong,	Calloway Co.
2nd	Curtis Pulley,	Hopkinsville/Bill Price,	Union Co.
3rd	Derek Adams,	Muhlenberg North/David Miller,	Breckinridge Co.
4th	Matt Morris,	Franklin-Simpson/David Clark,	Franklin-Simpson
5th	Anthony Thomas,	Hart Co./Artie Braden,	John Hardin
6th	JaJuan Spillman,	PRP/Shawn Purlee,	Doss
7th	Domonic Tilford,	Jeffersontown/Jeff Morrow,	Jeffersontown
8th	Zack Mefford,	Williamstown/Tim Mefford,	Williamstown
9th	Brennan Votel,	Cov. Catholic/David Henley,	Holmes
10th	Keaton Belcher,	Pendleton Co./Chris O'Hearn,	Mason Co.
11th	Bryan Turnage,	Henry Clay/Kirk Chiles,	Henry Clay
12th	Nathan Bray,	Somerset/Shawn Thacker,	Somerset
13th	Aaron Cash,	Rockcastle Co./Anthony Nolan,	Cawood
14th	Andrew Sewell,	Breathitt Co./Kevin Spurlock,	Hazard
15th	Aaron Branham,	East Ridge/Randy Casey,	Belfry
16th	Bryantt Furman,	Rowan Co./Don Daniel,	Rowan Co.

KABC's Court of Honor: 1st Region: Berny Miller, Paducah Tilghman; 2nd: Bob Fox, Earlington; 3rd: George Taylor, Central City; 4th: Ernie Simpson, Bowling Green; 5th: Ralph Dorsey, Caverna; 6th: Harry Hardin, Fairdale; 7th: Joe Thompson, Trinity; 8th: Tom Creamer, Shelby Co.; 9th: Ken Shields, Highlands; 10th: Woodie Crum, Harrison Co.; 11th: Jock Sutherland, Lafayette; 12th: William Marshall Clark, Somerset; 13th: J.W. "Spider" Thurman, Clay Co.; 14th: Goebel Ritter, Hazard; 15th: Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, Martin; 16th: Charlie Baker, East Carter

Allen Central Middle earns first win of season, knocking off Betsy Layne 2-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – The Allen Central Middle defense performed flawlessly Monday night, digging 10 Betsy Layne attempts without an error, Hannah Howard and Natalie Glime each returned three. Allen Central prevailed in the volleyball season opener, winning 2-0. Brittany Hodge and Brittany Johnson stopped two attempts and Kimbo Blevins dug up one. Howard ran the offense three times with three assists while Hodge and Koko Martin sat up one kill each. Brittany Hodge pounded in three non-returnables for the Rebel Offense earning three kills and Johnson and Glime dropped in one kill each.

The Allen Central girls dished up nine aces on the night while serving 83 percent. Johnson led all servers with three aces. Glime and Martin each had two floor busters and Hodge and Hannah Howard each slapped in one.

The Rebels defeated the Bobcats, 21 - 7 in the first game of the match and 21 - 5 in the second game.

Allen Central traveled to Allen Tuesday night. Results were unavailable at press time.

Daniels wins Yatesville Lake Tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISA – On Sunday, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its first tournament of the 2005 season on Yatesville Lake. After a long winter and a late spring everyone was excited to get the new season started. There was a great turn out as 26 boats competed in the event.

Yatesville Lake was down about eight feet, which is normal winter pool. The water was in good shape with a temperature of 44 to 47 degrees and stained water on most of the lake.

Spring has been late arriving this year and the fish were really still in their winter patterns. Most of the fish were suspended in 10 to 15 feet of water off of channel banks. Late in the day some of the fish started moving more shallow. This was really the first time this year the fish have moved to prespawn locations.

The fishing for this tournament was fair. It would have been better if the warmer weather had started about two weeks ago.

The main pattern for this tournament was to fish channel banks with jigs and crankbaits.

A list of the top finishers follows.

1st—Scott Daniels (5 fish) 16.65 lbs.
2nd—Timmy Robinson (1 fish) 6.06 lbs.
3rd—Billy Rogers (1 fish) 5.15 lbs.
4th—Barry Rice (1 fish) 4.91 lbs.
5th—Brandon Staten (2 fish) 4.39 lbs.
6th—Kevin Runyon (2 fish) 4.20 lbs.
7th—George Thornsbury (2 fish) 4.13 lbs.
8th—MO (Name unavailable) (1 fish) 4.11 lbs.
9th—Mike Hoskins (1 fish) 4.04 lbs.
10th—Brad Taylor (1 fish) 3.61 lbs.

For more information about the Tug Valley Bass Anglers, go online to www.setel.com/~tugvalleyanglers.

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers is in its 15th year of existence and is one of the state's largest bass clubs.

The bass club is for the serious, more dedicated tournament fishermen.

Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the John's Creek Elementary School.

Cards to host high school quarterback/wide receiver camp

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE – he University of Louisville and head coach Bobby Petrino will hold its first ever Quarterback/Wide Receiver Camp for high school players (grades 9-12) on Sunday, June 5 at the University of Louisville football complex. The cost for the one-day camp is $50.

Petrino and his experienced staff will provide detailed instruction in the advanced techniques of quarterback and receiver play — the same fundamentals that helped the Cardinals lead the nation in scoring and total offense in 2004. High school players can find out exactly what it takes to be a great quarterback or receiver - the secrets of success that the Cards used to go 11-1 and finish the season ranked sixth in the AP poll.

For more information, call the Cardinal Football Office at 502-852-632

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Halbert inducted into KABC Court of Honor

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) inducted 16 new members – one from each region – into its Coaches' Court of Honor on Friday during the National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament. Legendary Martin Purple Flash coach Denzil "Hoss" Halbert represented the 15th Region.

While guiding the Purple Flash, Halbert enjoyed one of Floyd County's most successful coaching tenures.

The KABC began the Court of Honor program in 2002, recognizing various coaches from each of the 16 regions, who have set themselves apart.

Last week, the KABC also named and honored its coaches and players of the year in each region. East Ridge senior guard Aaron Branham was named the 15th Region's player of the year. Belfry first-year head coach Randy Casey took the region's top coaching honor. Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock, now the head boys' basketball coach at Hazard High School, took the 14th Region's top coaching honor.

Mullins-Galloway named Gatorade Kentucky Girls Player of the Year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Chalk up another honor for Knott County Central senior and University of Kentucky signee Kasi Mullins-Galloway. Knott County Central head coach Rhett Gibson was recently informed – via letter – that Mullins-Galloway had been selected as the 2005 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

The Knott County Central senior had a phenomenal senior season, averaging 22.3 points per game, eighth-best in the state.

"I wouldn't trade her for any other player in the state," Gibson said during a recent interview.

Now in its 20th Anniversary season, the Gatorade High School Player of the Year Award honors top high school student-athletes in 10 varsity sports for their athletic performance, as well as for their achievement in the classroom and overall character. The award is considered by many as the top honor in high school sports.

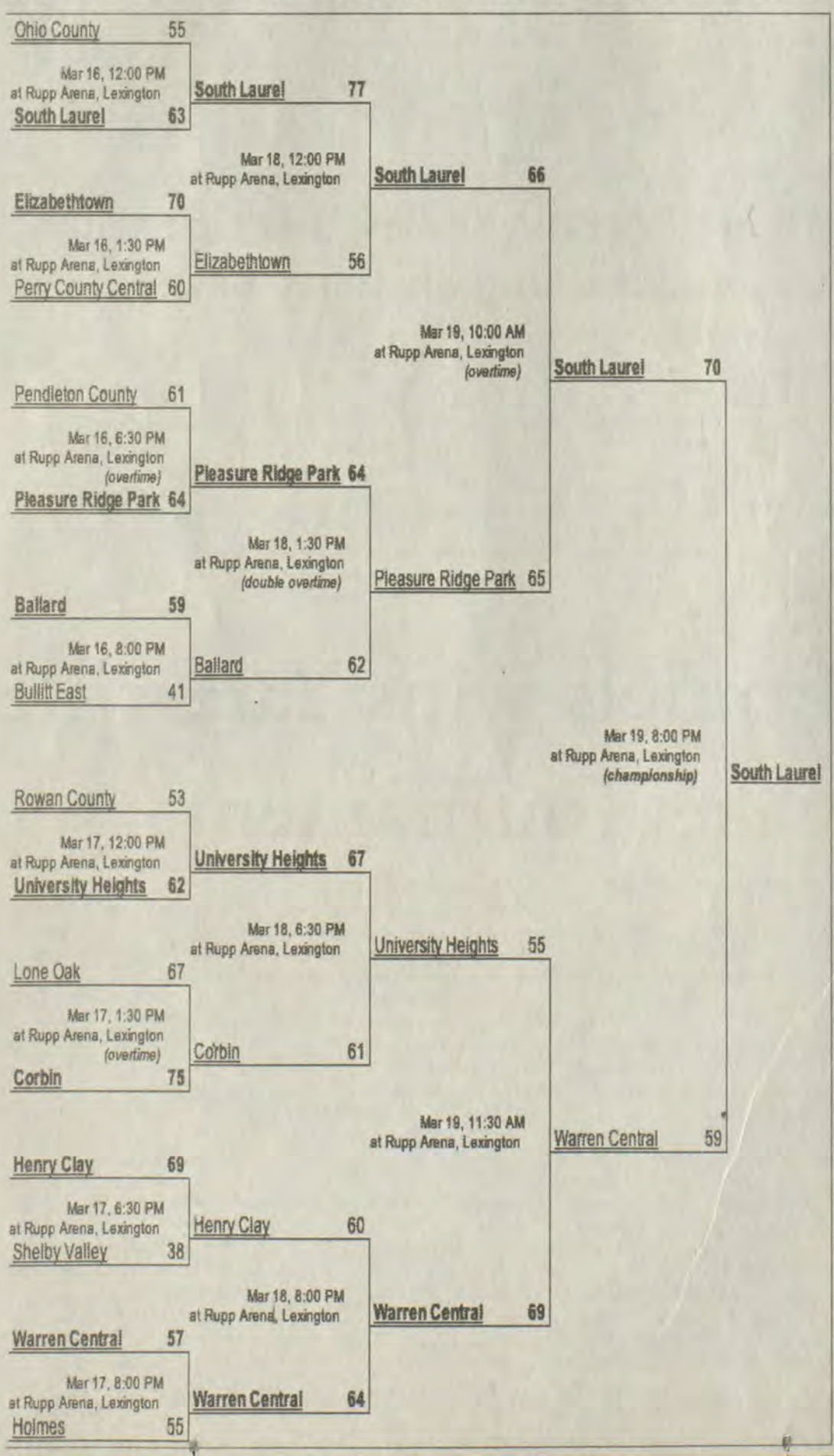
Selections were made by a National Advisory Board comprised of sportswriters and sports-specific experts from across the country, As Kentucky's honoree for the 2005, Mullins-Galloway is now a member of prestigious Gatorade Circle of Champions, joining the likes of past Gatorade State Players of the Year, including Diana Taurasi, Katie Smith, Tamika Catchings, Swin Cash, Vince Carter, Shaquille O'Neil and Derek Jeter. In addition, she is now eligible for the Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced later this month.

As part of the Lady Patriot's honor, she will receive both a plaque and a banner, commemorating her honor.

Knott County Central, led by Mullins-Galloway, captured the 14th Region title and will take on Iroquois Thursday night at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena in the opening round of this year's Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament.

KASI MULLINS-GALLOWAY

2005 National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen® Basketball Tournament



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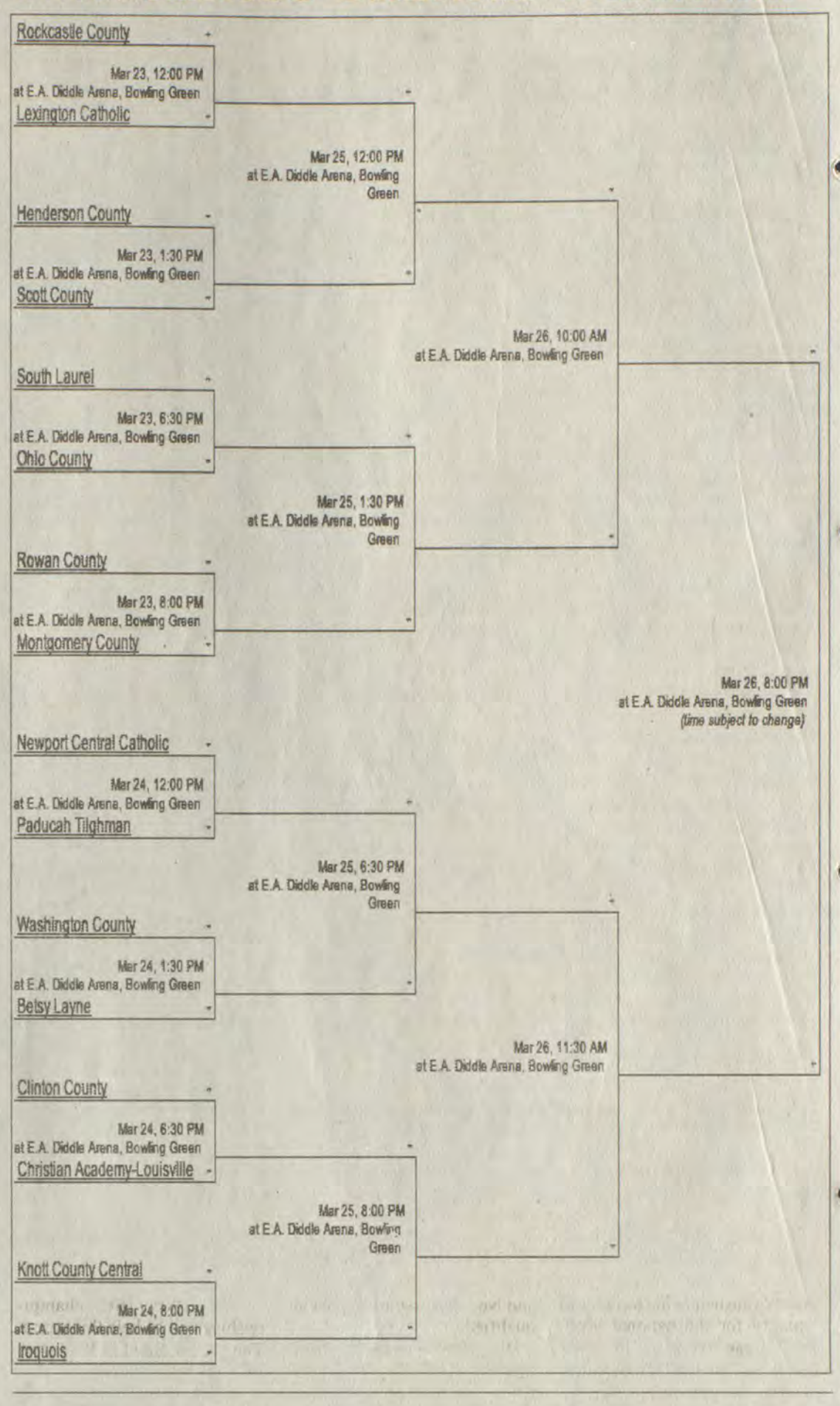

No. 30 Louisville defeats Michigan State

Clark wins in singles, doubles competition.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – Senior Octavian Nicodim won his match 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4 singles to clinch a 5-2 win for the No. 30 ranked University of Louisville men's tennis team over visiting Michigan State at Bass-Rudd Tennis Center Sunday afternoon.

"I was very pleased when we won the doubles points and then rolled in singles. Octavian (Nicodim) clinched the match but Jakob Gustaffson, Jeremy Clark and Slavko Radman also won easily," said U of L coach Rex Ecarma.

The Cardinals took the doubles point with wins from the No. 1 and No. 3 slots. Clark paired with Gustaffson to win at No. 1 8-6 over Nick Rinks and Andy Formanczyk. Damar Johnson and Mark Kennedy won 5-2 over Cameron Marshall and Mike Flowers.

"We felt very confident at No. 2 singles and No. 3 doubles but knew we would need help elsewhere and the team did it.

The match was moved indoors when Michigan State appealed to the officials, citing the temperature at the start of the match which was one degree cooler than the rule.

"Even though this was the warmest day of the year and we have practiced outdoors for a month, we were surprised when the officials granted their request," explained Ecarma.

The Cardinals improved to 14-7 for the season.

"Most of all I was very pleased that our players always display sportsmanship, dignity and class," said Ecarma. "This team shows such promise and handles adversity well not to mention represent our school with class.

Sweep!

Pikeville men, women win sectional titles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – For one group, it has nearly become the expected. But for the other, it was treading new water.

The Chattanooga Sectional of the IBC qualifying tournament was painted orange and black on Sunday as both the men's and women's championships came home to Pikeville College. Both teams will now participate in next month's IBC championship tournament in Rockford, Ill.

For the Lady Bears, it marked their fourth sectional title in as many years, keeping alive their streak of not only qualifying for the national tournament but also winning the championship along the way.

The men, however, had experienced different luck. In their first four years, they had reached the sectional round but never finished in the top four to qualify for the national level. This year, however, they not only got through the door, they knocked it down.

The men, ranked eighth in the country, rolled 9667 to finish nearly 100 pins ahead of defending national champion Kansas University's 9578. Toledo, ranked 36th in the latest power ratings, finished third at 9298, with No. 10 Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State, the national runner-up a year ago, checking in by finishing fourth at 9290.

Three other Top 25 teams in the Chattanooga Sectional, No. 15 Western New England, No. 19 Florida State and No. 24 Cincinnati, all failed to qualify for the IBC.

Nationally, the top six and 13 of the top 14 teams will be in the national event. Only seventh-ranked Vincennes failed to qualify from the Allentown Sectional, where 12th-ranked Erie Community College was the champ, knocking off Central Florida, who is fourth in the country.

University of Nebraska won the Fairview Heights Sectional, while top-ranked Fresno State was the champion of the San Jose Sectional.

Pikeville will be joined by three other NAIA schools in the men's tournament. No. 9 Newman, No. 14 Lindenwood and No. 16 Missouri Baptist all qualified.

In the women's draw, Pikeville's 9435 easily outdistanced No. 8 Kansas' 8984 to win the Chattanooga Sectional. No. 11 McKendree and No. 10 Purdue also qualified here. Two other national powers failed to qualify from Chattanooga – 19th-ranked Ball State and No. 23 Florida State.

Meanwhile, in Allentown, Morehead State squeaked past Central Florida for the title by only two pins. Top-ranked Wichita State, which lost to Pikeville in the 2004 championship round, easily won the Fairview Heights Sectional, while No. 6 Fresno won in San Jose, knocking off No. 2 West Texas A&M.

Four of the nation's Top 16 teams did not participate this year, choosing to take their chances in the NCAA tournament. They were ninth-ranked Fairleigh-Dickenson, No. 14 Sacred Heart, No. 16 New Jersey City and 24th-ranked Northern Illinois.

Pikeville will be one of five schools who otherwise participate at the NAIA level in the women's draw. The others are McKendree, No. 13 Newman, No. 15 Lindenwood and surprising Missouri Baptist, which entered San Jose ranked 46th in the latest power ratings.

The 2005 IBC championships will be held this year at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Ill., April 20-23. The top four teams from each section in both the men's and women's fields will compete for the national title.

On Thursday, each team will roll 32 Baker games and then be ranked 1-to-16 for the double-elimination tournament, which begins Friday morning. The championships will be contested on Saturday evening and be telecast on CSTV.

Horsemen win opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TUPELO, Miss. – Former University of Kentucky Wildcat Dusty Bonner tossed five touchdown passes Saturday, leading the Lexington Horsemen to a 47-37 win over the Tupelo (Miss.) Fireants.

Randy Bell rushed for two touchdowns as the Horsemen overcame a 10-point third-quarter deficit to win the opener.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Nathan Leslie, who after high school, went on to play at Marshall University, played center for the Horsemen. Leslie is in his first season as a member of the Lexington Horsemen.

The Ants led 30-20 with less than two minutes remaining in the third quarter when Bonner got the Lexington passing game doing.

Lexington's Chad Spencer, another former UK Wildcat led the Horsemen in receiving yards with 11 catches for 50 yards and two touchdowns, all of which came in the first half.

Passing, Bonner finished 21-for-33 for 180 yards.

NEXT GAME
Ohio Valley-Lexington
At Rupp Arena
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Jeremy T. Watkins, a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., who obtained a bachelors degree in business administration management from the MU College of Business, recently completed training in Viera, Fla., for the Wal-Mart Management program. He has since transferred to the Cannonsburg Wal-Mart in Ashland, where he'll be employed as an assistant manager, beginning March 28. Watkins, who graduated from Paintsville High School and went on to attend Prestonsburg Community College for two years, is the son of Tee and Sharon Watkins of East Point.

Steroid hearings will make youngsters more curious, experts warn

by JOE MILICIA
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CLEVELAND – Steroid use among high school students is on the rise, and experts warn that the recent focus on major league baseball's drug problems will only make such use increase.

While congressmen who questioned former home run king Mark McGwire and others say their goal was to curb use among teenagers, last week's hearings increased awareness of steroids – and that will lead more youngsters to try them, said Tracy Olrich, a sports psychologist at Central Michigan University.

"I saw very little accomplished," Olrich said. "It was unclear exactly what the point of it all was."

But Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., the second-ranking Republican on the House Government Reform Committee that held the hearings, rejected such criticism.

"That's pretty naive," Shays said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "That's like saying my children, when they grew up, didn't know about sex. The kids know about this stuff, and the problem is: What are we going to do about it?"

Steroid use among high school students more than doubled from 1991 to 2003, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 6 percent of the 15,000 students in grades 9-12 who responded to the CDC's 2003 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey acknowledged taking steroid pills or shots at least once.

"I think we've had a million kids who've cycled on these drugs," said Charles Yesalis, a professor of health and human development at Penn State University and an expert on steroid use. Cycling means that they've used them over a 6-12 week period or longer.

Yesalis, who gave that estimate to Congress during testimony March 10, said he thought when former Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for steroids and was stripped of his Olympic 100-meter gold medal in 1988 that there would be a backlash against performance-enhancing drugs.

"It had the opposite effect," Yesalis said.

He expects baseball's steroids scandal to lead more young athletes to try steroids as well.

"Now that it's in the news every day, (teenagers) equate steroids with doing well in sports, making lots of money and being successful," said JoAnn Dahlkoetter, a sports psychologist who works with athletes at Stanford, though she added that Congress needed to address the issue.

She counsels youngsters and sees the side effects of steroids, such as anger and depression.

"The effects are devastating," she said. "They come to me because they've gotten caught or are worried about getting caught or are having problems. Sometimes they can't handle their aggression. Their anger gets out of control."

Yesalis said, similar to pro sports, most people acknowledge there's a steroid problem in high schools but think only other schools are involved. He calls it the "not-in-my-school phenomenon."

Less than 4 percent of the nation's high schools test students for steroids, according to a 2003 survey of athletic directors by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

"Because of the already serious constraints on our school systems, testing is probably out of the question for most school districts," Yesalis said of tests that cost at least $100 each.

A lack of testing means that teenagers are rarely caught using steroids.

"It's almost a `don't ask, don't tell' mentality," said Chad Zimmerman, a former Carnegie Mellon offensive lineman.

Zimmerman, who says he never used steroids, remembers the pressure to improve his performance – pressure that came from coaches and teammates, as well as from within himself.

He and a former suburban Cleveland high school teammate, Nick Palazzo, said they got little guidance on safe ways of reaching their peak potential. So the two started STACK magazine to provide young athletes with alternatives to steroids.

The magazine features advice from top athletic trainers and is distributed to 3,100 high schools across the country. The premiere issue last month featured LeBron James' high school training regimen as its lead story.

"Everybody's pretty much aware that there's going to be athletes on your own team or the other team that are going to be using (steroids)," Zimmerman said.

Several high school students in Buckeye, Ariz., in the fall of 2003 and in Grapevine, Texas, last month admitted using steroids, in each case only after the mother of a player found steroids in her son's room.

"You could do that story in any town of 20,000 or more," Yesalis said. "Any high school is going to have a handful of steroid users."

Yesalis acknowledged there are greater health problems facing high schools, such as alcohol abuse, but he said that doesn't mean steroids should be ignored.

"This is more of a moral and ethical problem than a public health problem," he said.

One of the difficulties in discouraging the use of steroids is that they are effective in building muscle and strength, Yesalis said. It's also tough to frighten kids by warning about side effects such as cancer, severe acne and shrinking of the testicles.

Although there have been deaths associated with steroids – such as the highly publicized suicide of Texas high school baseball player Taylor Hooton – those cases are rare.

"Mom and dad have to give the message that it's cheating and false glory," Yesalis said. "If you don't do that, the kid can see through this pretty quick."

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Play of bench key to Kentucky's success

by MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON – Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith has a theory about why the Wildcats do so well in tournaments.

It's right there on the stat sheet – nine players average more than 10 minutes a game, and four others average between 6 and 9.3 minutes. Smith said the team's efforts to develop depth usually pay off during postseason play, when quick adjustments have to be made, sometimes with the season on the line.

Kentucky, playing in its 46th NCAA tournament, will bid for its 28th appearance in the Elite Eight on Thursday, when the second-seeded Wildcats (27-5) play sixth-seeded Utah (29-5) in a regional semifinal in Austin, Texas.

Of Kentucky's 15 players, only two have not seen significant action with a game still in doubt. Six of the eight most-used reserves are freshmen or sophomores. Of the two upperclassmen, one, junior Ravi Moss, is a walk-on.

Because of that depth, no Kentucky starter is averaging more than 29.3 minutes a game.

"We try to develop depth and make sure that when you get into a tournament that a guy like Ravi Moss has the confidence and he knows I have confidence in him," Smith said. "Anybody we bring off the bench has had enough experience and playing time in game situations that they can step up and perform."

Sophomore center Lukasz Obrzut is an example of that. Seldom used for much of the season, he played a career-high 22 minutes in a 78-71 win at Alabama that clinched the Southeastern Conference regular-season title.

The 7-foot sophomore from Gliwice, Poland, only scored two points against the Crimson Tide, but he grabbed four rebounds and set numerous screens that freed up teammate Patrick Sparks, who had 26 points and seven 3-pointers.

In a 72-64 first-round NCAA tournament win over Eastern Kentucky, Obrzut scored five points in five minutes as Kentucky held off the Colonels.

"I always try to give my best on the court and just keep improving every day," Obrzut said. "Confidence comes from practice and I just keep going during the game and let it go."

Obrzut's emergence gives the Wildcats two potentially productive 7-footers off the bench, as 7-foot-3 Shagari Alleyne shined early in the season for Kentucky.

At power forward, Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas have subbed capably for starter Chuck Hayes. There's depth on the perimeter, too, with Moss, freshman point guard Ramel Bradley, Joe Crawford and Josh Carrier. The Wildcats' top eight bench players have combined for 15 double-figure scoring games this season.

Moss said it's important for the bench players to be ready to go in a game on a moment's notice.

"I think we can wear teams down and we won't get worn down because we don't play as many minutes, so hopefully that will pay off for us," Moss said. "We all come in off the bench ready to do whatever we can to help the team."

Depth has proven critical in previous postseason runs by the Wildcats. In 1998, Smith's first season as Kentucky's coach, Cameron Mills – a former walk-on – capably stepped in after the mother of key reserve Allen Edwards died right before the SEC tournament.

During that tournament, Jeff Sheppard, the team's leading scorer, sprained an ankle. Reserve Heshimu Evans replaced Sheppard "and we moved right on," Smith said. "That's what you have to have."

Kentucky went on to win the NCAA title that season, beating Utah 78-69 in the championship game.

Smith realizes that by limiting everyone's minutes, some players won't be happy. Crawford, a much-hyped freshman, left the team briefly in January because of disappointment over playing time, but then returned to the team.

"They all want to play more," Smith said. "Each individual has to do their part in order for us to be successful. It's like a piece of a puzzle. Everybody has to fit together, and coordinating that is a challenge ... Some guys have to learn to submit and sacrifice sometimes for the betterment of the team."

file photo

Kentucky fans, coaches and players looked on during a regular-season game.

Kentucky 69, Cincinnati 60

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS – Kentucky beat up yet another neighbor Saturday night.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 19 points and second-seeded Kentucky held Cincinnati scoreless for the final 2:41 to pull away for a 69-60 second-round NCAA tournament victory.

For the second straight game, Kentucky (27-5) beat a nearby rival. On Thursday, it eliminated Eastern Kentucky, a school about 30 miles south of Lexington. On Saturday it was Cincinnati, which is about 90 miles north of the Kentucky campus.

Rajon Rondo added 16 points for Kentucky, while Randolph Morris finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds to help the Wildcats avoid a second straight second-round exit. They will face sixth-seeded Utah in the Austin Regional semifinals.

Nick Williams scored 16 points and Jihad Muhammad added 14 for seventh-seeded Cincinnati (25-8), which was trying to become the third straight Conference USA school to eliminate Kentucky from the tournament. The Bearcats have lost 15 straight to their nearby rival and still haven't beaten Kentucky since 1939.

The bitterness between the two schools, who have rarely played since 1948, was evident throughout the RCA Dome, where there was a Final Four-like atmosphere. The crowd of 40,331 set a one-session record for any NCAA subregional site, breaking the previous mark of 39,940 set in Indianapolis in 1990. Most of the fans were clad in Kentucky blue or Illinois orange, but as the second game started, pockets of Cincinnati red also appeared.

Fans interrupted each other's chants and one fan held a sign that read "Real Cats Wear Blue and White, not Black and Red." Kentucky fans even booed the Bearcats' cheerleaders as they led the team onto the floor.

On the court, the emotions were even stronger. Cincinnati's James White had an angry look on his face during pregame warmups and Kentucky players were chest bumping before introductions.

The coaches got into it, too. Cincinnati's Bob Huggins worked the officials hard, and Kentucky's Tubby Smith repeatedly stomped the floor and walked across the sideline to make points.

It was that kind of day – and that kind of game.

The difference was Kentucky's inside power, where the Wildcats outscored the Bearcats 34-12 in the paint.

Chuck Hayes sparked the game-sealing run by posting for back-to-back layups. Randolph Morris followed that by grabbing an errant pass that bounced off the front of the rim, scoring and drawing the fourth foul on Cincinnati's Jason Maxiell with 3:56 to go. That made it 64-59.

The Bearcats were shutout the rest of the way.

But Cincinnati made it closer than some expected, especially after a dismal start.

Kentucky used its speed to get open from outside and take advantage inside with a game-opening 11-0 run.

When the Bearcats got Hayes and Azubuike in foul trouble, though, they rallied. Cincinnati went on a 16-5 run that gave them a 28-26 lead.

Kentucky got off to another quick start in the second half, scoring the first six points and using a 9-2 run to build a 42-37 lead. Cincinnati fought back, getting within 58-57 with 6:05 to go, but the Wildcats allowed just one more basket the rest of the way.

Villanova's Sumpter says he'll be back from injury; Wildcats coach not so sure

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter stood in the locker room assuring reporters that his left knee was fine. His coach wasn't so optimistic.

The Wildcats defeated Florida 76-65 Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament and advanced to the Syracuse Regional semifinals, where they might be without Sumpter against top-seeded North Carolina.

Villanova coach Jay Wright is assuming the worst.

"He hasn't had any X-rays or anything, so we don't know how serious. But I think it's pretty serious. I'm guessing right now. I know if there was any way he could play, that kid would play," Wright said.

Wright said Sumpter has a history of not telling trainers how bad he's hurt. The junior missed two games this season with a sprained right knee. On Sunday, he went down twice in the first 12 minutes before going into the locker room.

Sumpter, the team's second-leading scorer at 15.6 points per game, returned without the brace on his right knee. He didn't play again, instead cheering his teammates on from the bench.

He predicted he would play Friday when Villanova plays the Tar Heels. That would be a big help for Villanova after Sumpter had eight points and six rebounds in only 10 minutes.

"I really did think Curtis was ready to have a monster game," Wright said.

HOMAN'S BIG DAY: A season facing Big 12 big men prepared Jared Homan for his matchup against North Carolina's dominating inside duo of Sean May and Marvin Williams.

The Iowa State center had 19 points and a career-high 20 rebounds in Iowa State's 92-65 loss to the top-seeded Tar Heels in the Syracuse Regional. The 6-foot-10 Homan shot 8-of-19 and had two blocks in 38 minutes.

"I think the main thing that contributed to that is going up against the big guys in the Big 12," the senior said. "I see good post players every day in the Big 12, so it was just another day."

Still, the Cyclones came up short, in large part because of May and Williams. They combined for 44 points and 32 rebounds in a dominating performance that led to a couple of brief skirmishes with Homan. All appeared to be forgiven after the game, when May made a point of talking to Homan before heading to the locker room.

"I told him after the game, 'Just keep working, someone is going to see the talent you have,'" May said.

Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan believes Homan has a chance to play professionally.

"He fights every second he's on the court, and I think he has a big future playing this game," Morgan said.

AND THE BAND PLAYS ON: The Bucknell Bison almost didn't have a band to play their fight song.

With the school on spring break, Bucknell's regular band couldn't be rounded up to make the trip to Oklahoma City. The Northern Iowa band filled in during the first round but their team lost so they went home, forcing Bucknell officials to scramble on Saturday – and into Sunday.

Athletic director John Hardt joked Saturday that he was going to call "Rent-A-Band," and he might've if someone had given him the number.

School officials struck out trying to borrow bands from several high schools and colleges because they were on spring break, too. That left them with one last hope: Oklahoma State's band, which already was in the arena because their team was playing the game before Bucknell's.

After some initial hesitation, the school agreed. The musicians seemed to enjoy it, making a big show for TV cameras when they pulled orange Bucknell T-shirts over their OSU garb.

The Bison's NCAA tournament run ended with a 71-62 loss to Wisconsin.

STREAK ENDS: Louisville forward Francisco Garcia's streak of make free throws ended in the first half Sunday against Georgia Tech.

Garcia has gone through 19 games this season without missing at the line, and he hadn't missed in 40 straight attempts dating back to the end of the first half of a victory over South Florida on Feb. 12. Then he stepped to the line for the second time Sunday, and missed with 11:46 to go. He rebounded to finish 8-for-10 at the line.

It was all part of a dazzling performance from the junior from the Bronx. He scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half, blocked four shots, had two assists and a rebound all while playing all 40 minutes of the game.

"I feel like I'm on top my game right now," Garcia said.

ROUGHING IT: Nick Mathews apologized Sunday morning if he didn't smell good. The Villanova senior hadn't had a shower since leaving Philadelphia on Thursday night, and neither had his seven classmates who have been living in a small RV this weekend.

They bought their tickets online hours after the bracket was announced, and they arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday morning where they parked behind the Gaylord Entertainment Center. They've been tailgating ever since, breaking only for Friday's 55-47 victory over New Mexico and a trip through the nearby bars.

"We have not moved since," Mathews said.

They padded the RV with cushions and pillows brought from home with the eight men all sleeping inside.

The parking hasn't been cheap with the RV taking up eight spots at $10 per space per day with lawn chairs, a grill and a beer bar made up from a parquet floor strip that looks like the Villanova basketball court, featuring autographs from the Wildcats and even school president, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin.

"It's just been the best weekend ever," Mathews said.

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Louisville 76, Georgia Tech 54

by NANCY ARMOUR
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Louisville Cardinals are done whining about their seeding. They're making all their arguments on the floor.

Francisco Garcia scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and Taquan Dean halted Georgia Tech's last hope with a flurry of 3-pointers, sealing a 76-54 victory that sent Louisville to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1997.

"I don't want to tick anybody off, but somebody told me this is a four seed, you're nuts. You're absolutely nuts," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "They're as good as anybody we've played this year."

Dean finished with 14 points, all but two on 3-pointers, and Larry O'Bannon added 16 for Louisville (31-4). The Cardinals never trailed and led by as many as 23 points, and their stifling 2-3 zone limited last year's NCAA title runner-ups to less than 38 percent shooting.

Luke Schenscher (13) and Jarrett Jack (11) were the only Yellow Jackets in double figures, and B.J. Elder was held to just three points on five shots.

As the final seconds ticked down, the thousands of Cardinals fans who were lining up Saturday night to buy left-over tickets started chanting "Sweet 16! Sweet 16!" Garcia was beaming as he came out of the game and hugged coach Rick Pitino, who improved to 29-9 in 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

"By far it was our best performance of the year," said Ellis Myles, who had nine points and eight rebounds. "Defensively, we dominated. We got out of the gate hot and we never let them get back into it. That's what you have to do in this tournament."

The Cardinals thought they'd locked up a top seed or at least a No. 2 after beating Memphis to win the Conference USA tournament, and they made no secret of their disgust when they didn't get one. Worse, they drew the fourth seed in the Albuquerque Regional, behind lightly regarded Washington, Wake Forest and Gonzaga.

Well, Wake and the 'Zags are done now, relegated to their couches for the rest of the tournament. And Louisville can prove it really did deserve that top seed, playing Washington in the regional semifinals next weekend.

"A four seed, I don't buy it. That's OK. We never focused in on it. We never talked about it again," Pitino said. "We've done our job and now we're in the Sweet 16."

Besides, if the Cardinals keep playing like this, their seed isn't going to matter.

"Washington got a bum steer getting two No. 1s in their bracket because these guys are a No. 1," Hewitt said. "We weren't good enough to beat them. That's why they're going to move on. That's going to be a good game next week."

With the way Louisville was talking before the game, the Cardinals were sounding like they were the underdogs instead of fifth-seeded Georgia Tech (20-12). But that misconception ended in a hurry. They shredded Georgia Tech's vaunted press right from the start, making their first six shots – four from 3-point range – and not missing until the game was 5 1/2 minutes old.

No one was better than Garcia. He had topped his average by halftime with 18 points on 5-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-5 from 3-point range.

"I'm playing good right now but so is my teammates, too," Garcia said. "Larry is playing great and Taquan is playing great. I'm not really focusing on how I'm playing as long as we win. Like I said yesterday, if I don't score and we win, I'm happy."

Even with Dean only playing seven minutes because of foul trouble, the Cardinals had a 45-30 lead at halftime. But Louisville had a big first-half lead in last year's tournament and wound up blowing it, losing 80-70 to Xavier in the first round.

"We talked about that coming out of halftime. We didn't ever want that feeling again," O'Bannon said. "It's not like we're playing a team with a 200 RPI. We knew they were going to make a run and we just wanted to make our run."

That's just what they did.

Bynum and Elder hit back-to-back 3s to cut Louisville's lead to 52-43 with 9:44 left. It was the first time Georgia Tech had been within double figures since early in the first half.

But Juan Palacios made a pair of free throws and Dean made his own pair of 3s. After Garcia and Elder traded misses from long range, Dean made another 3. Myles made a pair of free throws, and Dean capped the run with a layup. Georgia Tech never threatened again.

"In my head, I didn't see an ending like this," said Elder, one of the five seniors on Georgia Tech's roster. "It happens. We came out and played hard, they just came out and played better than we did."

Cardinals playing their best when it matters most

by TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Louisville Cardinals are relaxed and playing their best basketball of the season.

Just ask Georgia Tech.

Last year's national runner-up watched a team unhappy at being seeded fourth hit its first six shots Sunday, including four from 3-point range, as the Cardinals routed Georgia Tech 76-54 and reached their first regional semifinal since 1997.

"They just played an exquisite basketball game," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "They passed the ball well. They spread us out. When we took away the 3, they went to the basket. They got to the foul line. They played an unbelievable basketball game."

The Cardinals (31-4) agree.

"By far, it was our best performance of the year," Louisville senior forward Ellis Myles said. "Defensively, we dominated. We got out of the gate hot, and we never let them get back into. That's what you have to do in this tournament."

In the other game at the Gaylord Entertainment Center, fifth-seeded Villanova downed No. 4 seed Florida 76-65 and advanced to its first regional semifinal since 1988 – despite a poor game from its leading scorer and its second-best benched by an injured knee.

The Wildcats will play No. 1 seed North Carolina on Friday night in Syracuse.

This is the best season record-wise for the Cardinals (31-4) since 1983, when they reached the Final Four and lost to Houston in the national semifinals.

The Cardinals now have the chance to prove whether or not they deserved the No. 1 seed they thought they earned winning both the Conference USA regular-season and tournament titles. They will play surprise No. 1 seed Washington on Thursday night in Albuquerque.

"A 4 seed, I don't buy it," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "That's OK. We never focused in on it. We never talked about it again. We've done our job, and now we're in the Sweet 16."

Pitino had worried that the 6-foot-7 Myles couldn't compete against 7-1 Luke Schenscher under the basket.

Unfortunately for Georgia Tech, it was Schenscher who struggled, unable to handle the physical Myles who constantly stopped the Australian simply by putting his arms in the air. Schenscher had seven points and only two rebounds in the first half, finishing with an ineffective 13 points and five rebounds.

Francisco Garcia keyed the Cardinals' fast start with 18 of his 21 points in a first half in which Louisville built a double-digit lead within the first five minutes. When Georgia Tech got within nine in the second half, Taquan Dean responded with three consecutive 3s and capped a 16-2 run with a layup.

Larry O'Bannon had 16 points, Dean finished with 14, and Juan Palacios added 12 points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

"They were shooting lights-out," Georgia Tech guard Will Bynum said. "All four perimeter players. There is nothing we can do about that."

Jarrett Jack added 11 points, while Bynum and B.J. Elder combined to go 4-of-15 from the floor for the Yellow Jackets (20-12).

Villanova had everything seemingly going wrong. Leading scorer Allan Ray couldn't score, and Curtis Sumpter turned into a cheerleader after crumpling to the floor twice and grabbing his left knee.

"If there was one guy that I thought we couldn't win without, it was Curtis Sumpter," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "And I can't believe these guys did this. I really can't. It was an incredible effort by these guys."

Backup Jason Fraser simply took over with 21 points and 15 rebounds. He went 11-of-17 at the line, and Villanova (24-7) revived memories of its 1985 run to the national championship by dismantling Florida, the Southeastern Conference tournament champ.

Florida had its chance after pulling within 44-43 early in the second half. Then, the Gators (24-8) went on a seven-minute scoring drought, and their chances of getting past the second round for the first time since 2000 disappeared in a 10-0 run by the Wildcats.

Anthony Roberson averaged an SEC-high 18.2 points in the regular season, but was just 1-of-8 against Villanova as his shooting slump extended a second straight game. Matt Walsh finished with 12 points, but wasn't much better at 4-of-13.

Randy Foye scored 18 for Villanova, and Kyle Lowry contributed a career-high 15 off the bench.

That prompted a courtside celebration with the Villanova fans who were chanting, "We want N.C."

"We must have confident fans," Lowry said.

The old lion learns a few new tricks

by JIM LITKE
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There's no mistaking the new Bob Knight.

Looking an awful lot like the old one, there he was after Texas Tech upset Gonzaga in the Albuquerque Regional, headed to the round of 16 for the first time in 11 years, commanding the spotlight again because of his basketball smarts.

But instead of reminding everybody else how much he still knows, the first thing out of Knight's mouth was how much he's learned from this group of kids and how his wife, Karen, is a better coach than he is.

"She doesn't always agree with the way I coach. She thinks that I do a lousy job with our post players," he said, citing just one example.

Given the way the Red Raiders played in the opening half against Gonzaga's zone, there was very little wiggle room in that assessment. With bodies stacked up in the lane, Knight's intricate motion offense wasn't creating enough space to score and for a while you wondered whether, like a man who's played chess the same way his whole life, he would stubbornly try to win it his way or not at all.

"He won't say it, but he's a little more laid back," his son, Pat Knight, who doubles as Tech's assistant coach, said afterward. "Back then, he treated all the players pretty much the same. Now, with all the AAU ball and just the upbringing of kids, some kids you can't yell at and some kids you can. He's been really good handling that."

The way Knight handled it Saturday was to calmly pass along to the big men the advice that Karen Knight, a pretty fair high school coach back in Oklahoma, had given her husband, and to let his guards play one-on-one in hopes of luring the Zags out of their zone. The changes cut into Gonzaga's big rebounding edge and with backcourt mates Ronald Ross and Jarius Jackson combing for 42 points, Tech squeezed out a 71-69 win.

It couldn't have been easy for Knight, the ultimate control freak, to let go with so much on the line. After all, he spent much of the week cutting off reporters, railing about his practice time and even complaining at one point that he was forced to drink out of a paper cup provided by NCAA officials instead of the cup bearing the logo of an auto-parts sponsor that he prefers.

Yet when it mattered most, Knight did the least coaching. He watched Ross drill the game-deciding 3-pointer with just over a minute left and said, "If we had lost today and I was fishing next week, I'd think back over this season and I'd think about what a wonderful experience it was for me to be with these kids, this team.

"It's as enjoyable a team to watch and to be around," Knight said, "as any I've ever had."

Few people would have believed that when Knight skulked off to Lubbock, which may not be the end of the basketball map, but it was close. In hindsight, it's clear how ready Knight was for a change in both his personal and professional life. Pat Knight said the townspeople aren't "really Basketball Bennys. They're just happy when you compete," and that his father, in turn, is "more mellow, in a sense."

What he means is that the old man has learned to listen to counsel besides his own, to trust ballplayers with responsibilities in ways he rarely did before.

"I've never had a player that I would have had more admiration for than Ronald Ross," Knight said in a rare moment of candor, then added for laughs, "particularly when he hit that 3."

That basket was good enough to send everybody back to the record books for research, and without having to remind us himself, revealed exactly how much Knight still really knows. His 45th tourney win means Knight trails only Mike Krzyzewski (66), Dean Smith (65) and John Wooden (47) in career victories and only the first two in Sweet 16 appearances.

Texas Tech faces West Virginia next with a chance to add a few more lines to Knight's legacy. Either way, the perception has already shifted, no matter how subtly. Someone asked Ross in the postgame news conference what he thought about Knight. The one-time walk-on was going on about hard work and his attention to detail, when the coach leaned over and whispered in his ear.

Ross looked back at his white-haired coach, then proceeded to describe him in terms you never thought you'd hear from one of Knight's players:

"He," Ross said, "is a latter-day Santa Claus."

And his holidays are just beginning.

Summitt ties Smith's NCAA win record

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Pat Summitt would rather count the number of players, assistants and friends she's had during her 31 years at Tennessee than all the victories.

Summitt tied former North Carolina men's coach Dean Smith for the most wins in NCAA history – 879 – as Tennessee beat Western Carolina 94-43 on Sunday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"It's really not about a number," Summitt said. "It's about people – the people here at the university, the administration, all the great assistant coaches I've had, the loyal people who have stuck by me for years, the people I work with in the office and certainly all the players.

"When you think about women's basketball, we have a list of who's who – All-Americans, Olympians and people of impact in this game."

Summitt has a chance to surpass Smith when top-seeded Tennessee (27-4) faces Purdue in the second round Tuesday night, with the winner advancing to the regional semifinals in Philadelphia.

Summitt is 879-171, while Smith was 879-254 in 36 years with the Tar Heels.

Tennessee senior Shyra Ely said she was glad to be part of Summitt's victories.

"I just think it's huge not only for women's basketball, but college basketball," Ely said. "I think it's awesome that she's representing the entire basketball nation."

Coincidentally, Western Carolina's coach was around for a good chunk of Summitt's wins. Kellie Harper was the point guard on Tennessee's three straight national titles from 1996-98.

"Pat Summitt is huge for the women's basketball game," Harper said. "She's been a pioneer, a legacy, a legend – all of those adjectives. And now, her tying Dean Smith allows her legacy to move over to basketball, not just women's basketball, and I think a person like Pat Summitt needs to be a legend in the game of basketball."

Harper received a standing ovation when she walked onto the court, but couldn't do much to help her teams stay with the Lady Vols.

The 16th-seeded Catamounts (18-14) were undersized and outmatched from the beginning.

The Lady Vols increased the lead to 19-8 with 13:47 left before halftime, and had a 19-2 run that gave them a 29-point advantage with 4 1/2 minutes left in the first half. The margin hit 49 on Brittany Jackson's 3-pointer with 12:36 to go.

Shanna Zolman tied a career high with 28 points, while Ely had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Alexis Hornbuckle added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

And, in one of Summitt's favorite statistics, the Lady Vols outrebounded Western Carolina 57-36.

Chevon Keith and Monique Dawson each had nine points to lead the Catamounts, who won the Southern Conference tournament to earn the school's first NCAA bid.

Summitt, who tops all women's coaches with an 86-17 NCAA tournament record, began coaching at age 22 when teams didn't offer scholarships. She's been at the top of the women's game for years with six national titles and 15 Final Four appearances.

Fittingly, Summitt tied Smith on Tennessee's home court at Thompson-Boling Arena, where the Lady Vols are 252-14 since it opened in 1987. Tennessee has never lost an NCAA game in Knoxville, going 45-0 since the women's tournament began in 1982.

Kentucky enjoying postseason success in the WNIT

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – The last time Kentucky's women's basketball team made it this far in the postseason, the oldest members of this year's squad were in grade school.

Mickie DeNoss

Kentucky has enjoyed only sporadic success in women's hoops and before last week hadn't played a postseason game in six years. Now, the Wildcats are enjoying their longest postseason run in 15 years.

Kentucky (17-15) has won two Women's National Invitation Tournament games, including a 91-54 rout of Chattanooga on Sunday, to advance to the quarterfinals against either Xavier or Indiana State. The Wildcats also have clinched their first winning record in five seasons.

That's heady stuff for a program that had won one postseason game since 1990, when the Wildcats captured the title in the National Women's Invitational Tournament, the WNIT's forerunner.

Kentucky's players "are young and excited about playing in the postseason," Chattanooga coach Wes Moore said. "Some teams that have been in the NCAA tournament for the past two or three years may not be as excited about being in the WNIT as they are."

Kentucky coach Mickie DeMoss became used to long postseason runs during 18 years as an assistant at perennial power Tennessee. She said the experience of playing in the postseason will be invaluable to her team, which has three freshman starters, and is a reward for the team's three seniors – Sara Potts, Danyelle Payne and Keiko Tate.

"We're able to keep practicing, and for the young players, that's really beneficial," DeMoss said. "For the seniors, just having a taste of what the postseason is like – I'm so happy for them. It's something they'll always remember, how they closed out their careers at Kentucky."

Kentucky squeaked into the WNIT with a 15-15 record after losing 10 of its last 12 games during the regular season and Southeastern Conference tournament.

But the Wildcats' attendance numbers – they averaged 5,301 fans during the regular season – has convinced the WNIT to let them host all of their tournament games thus far, including a 79-68 first-round win over Eastern Michigan.

Kentucky could continue to host through the championship game.

The pressure of the postseason – win and advance, lose and your season's over – hasn't affected her team, DeMoss said.

"It's not a feeling of pressure with these players," she said. "It's an air of confidence I've seen them have. I think they look at it as an opportunity."

Potts certainly sees it that way. The 6-foot guard from Rochester Hills, Mich., a second-team All-SEC pick, scored a career-high 32 points in the rout of Chattanooga (25-5) and tied her own school record by making seven 3-pointers.

Against the Southern Conference regular-season champion, Kentucky shot 59.3 percent from the field – its second-best outing of the season – and 52.6 percent (10-of-19) from 3-point range. The Wildcats also went 11-of-11 from the free-throw line, tying the school record for single-game percentage, set in 1977 with an 11-of-11 outing against Morehead State.

"There's a sense of urgency with this whole thing," Potts said. "We've finally made it to the postseason, and we're trying to make the most of it.

"Everyone on this team believes this tournament is something we can win."

New star: Edwards wins first Cup race to complete Atlanta sweep

by PAUL NEWBERRY
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HAMPTON, Ga. – Carl Edwards had quite a weekend.

Two races. Two victories. Two backflips.

NASCAR's newest star pulled off an unprecedented sweep at Atlanta Motor Speedway, racing to his first Nextel Cup victory Sunday – a day after he won his first Busch Series race.

Edwards pulled off a daring move on Jimmie Johnson coming off the final turn and beat him to the line by about half a car length to win the Golden Corral 500.

"We're on a mission," the 25-year-old Missouri driver said. "We're here to win races."

Edwards became the first driver to capture his first victory in NASCAR's top two series on the same weekend.

Get used to it. He's an immensely talented driver who honed his skills on the dirt tracks of the Midwest. Johnson noticed the potential when Edwards moved up to the Cup series for the final 13 races last season.

"You can see his intensity, his car control," Johnson said. "This guy is our next superstar."

He's also quite a showman. After both victories, Edwards climbed out of his car in front of the main grandstand, balanced himself on the window ledge and did a backflip onto the asphalt.

"It would be a shame not to enjoy it a little bit," he said. "I'm just trying to have a good time."

Johnson, going for his second win in a row, grabbed the lead from Edwards with 25 laps left and appeared to be strong enough to hold it all the way to the finish.

But, on the final lap, Edwards got a great run coming out of turn two and pulled up on Johnson's back bumper. Johnson went high coming through turns three and four, trying to block his challenger, but Edwards went even higher.

Edwards hugged the wall and traded paint with Johnson's car as they roared through the trioval. Johnson bobbled slightly just a few feet from the finish, and Edwards slipped by on the outside to win by a minuscule 0.028 seconds.

"That's the hardest I've ever driven in my life," Edwards said. "I'm pretty proud of that."

It was another head-to-head duel between Roush Racing (Edwards) and Hendrick Motorsports (Johnson). The two powerful teams have split the first four races this season, and their drivers occupy the top five spots in the point standings.

After racing trucks most of last year, Edwards is running a full schedule in both the Cup and Busch series, trying to gain as much experience as possible. Clearly, he's a quick learner.

"He did it strictly on guts and determination," car owner Jack Roush said.

Greg Biffle held on for third, followed by Mark Martin and Kasey Kahne.

Johnson led a race-high 156 laps, followed by Biffle with 151. Edwards was out front for only nine laps, but ran strong all day.

At least Johnson shook off the embarrassment of being docked 25 points and losing his series lead because his Chevrolet failed inspection after winning last week's race at Las Vegas.

"We were thinking about Victory Lane and being able to smile over our critics and everyone who thought we were doing something goofy last weekend," Johnson said. "We're going to prove what this team is capable of and change the impression some people may have of the team."

Johnson second-guessed himself for drifting high on the track at the end of the race, rather than maintaining the low line that had been working.

"I made one small mistake," he said. "It cost me the win."

Johnson's team wasn't the only one to face NASCAR's wrath after Las Vegas. In all, three crew chiefs were suspended for rules violations – though two were in Atlanta pending appeals – and Johnson was docked 25 points.

At the driver's meeting before the race, NASCAR president Mike Helton issued a stern warning to the drivers and crew chiefs. He raised the possibility of stiffer penalties if teams continued to flout the rulebook.

Apparently, the message got through. Everyone passed inspections this time.

The race wasn't even a lap old when 10 cars got caught up in a huge wreck coming down the backstretch.

Casey Mears spun off turn two, sparking a wild melee that took out four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon and six-time Atlanta winner Bobby Labonte. The race was halted for nearly 10 minutes while workers cleaned up the mess.

"I thought I was going to get through there," said Gordon, who rammed the inside wall. "But they all turned down in front of me."

Gordon and Labonte eventually got back in the race with rebuilt cars, but it was merely to earn as many points as possible on the high-banked oval. Labonte finished 37th, Gordon 39th.

Defending Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch also was involved in the big wreck, but he had only minor damage. He climbed back into contention, getting as high as second before a shredded tire ruined his day.

Busch wound up 32nd and surrendered the top spot in the standings back to Johnson, who has an 82-point lead on Biffle and an 87-point advantage on Edwards. Busch slipped all the way to fourth, 103 points behind.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. showed no signs of breaking out of his slump. The race's defending champion was slow all weekend, starting 35th and finishing 24th.

Sun King leaps to No. 1 in Run to Roses' Top 10

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – It's shuffle time on the road to the Kentucky Derby.

On a day full of Derby preps, some surprising results elevated Tampa Bay Derby winner Sun King to No. 1 in this week's Run to the Roses' Top 10.

Trained by two-time Derby winner Nick Zito, Sun King was the lone winner of five 3-year-olds ranked in last week's Top 10 who ran Saturday. Among the losers were Afleet Alex and Rockport Harbor, rated 1-2 entering the weekend.

Zito is the star of this year's Derby chase with no less than five contenders. Sun King, 2-for-2 this year, pulled away effortlessly when roused by jockey Edgar Prado and won by 3 1/4 lengths.

The son of 1999 Derby winner Charismatic covered 1 1-16 miles in 1:43.98, just off the track record of 1:43.40.

"I was riding with confidence every step of the way," Prado said. "And when he felt the company of another horse coming he caught another gear."

With the Derby seven weeks away, Sun King's final prep will be the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland on April 16.

Four-time Derby-winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas returned to the thick of things after Consolidator's victory in the San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita. Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Wilko was fourth; Bob Baffert's top Derby prospect Roman Ruler was last, and was taken off the Derby trail to allow a minor foot injury to heal.

A son of Storm Cat, Consolidator won in record fashion, setting stakes records for time (1:40.11 for 1 1-16 miles) and margin of victory (6 1/2 lengths over Giacomo). Lukas' colt moves into the rankings at No. 5.

"It's mighty exciting to be back (on the Derby trail) again," said Bob Lewis, the two-time Derby winning owner of Consolidator. "Wayne said he was a different horse, and he was right on the button."

Said Lukas: "Consolidator went right to the head of the class."

Meanwhile, Greater Good surged into the Top 10 at No. 6 with a victory over Rockport Harbor and Afleet Alex in the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park. Winning his third straight race, Greater Good covered the 1 1-16 miles in 1:44.92.

Survivalist moved onto the Derby trail with a three-quarters of a length victory over Pavo in the Gotham Stakes at Aqueduct. Pavo was disqualified to fourth after his rider, Alan Garcia, mistakenly whipped Naughty New Yorker in the face. Favorite Galloping Grocer was moved up to second from third.

Zito's other Derby hopefuls are High Fly, No. 3 off his win in the Fountain of Youth on March 5, No. 10 Bellamy Road, Andromeda's Hero and Noble Causeway.

Lost in the Fog, the unbeaten winner of the Swale Stakes, was pulled off the Derby trail by trainer Greg Gilchrist. Also dropping out of the Top 10 were Afleet Alex, Roman Ruler, Wilko and Bandini.

This week's top 10, with Derby future wager odds (set March 12):

1. Sun King (Nick Zito, trainer; Edgar Prado, jockey): Won Tampa Bay Derby with ease ... Now 2-for-2 this year for owner Tracy Farmer ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 16) ... Odds: 10-1.

2. Rockport Harbor (John Servis, Stewart Elliott): Good effort despite first loss ... This colt is no Smarty Jones ... Next start: Arkansas Derby (April 16) ... Odds: 14-1.

3. High Fly (Zito, Jerry Bailey): No. 2 on Zito's hit parade ... Worked five furlongs in 1:02 at Palm Meadows on Saturday ... Next start: Florida Derby (April 2) ... Odds: 21-1.

4. Sweet Catomine (Julio Canani, Corey Nakatani): May be best 3-year-old on West Coast – male or female ... First race against boys looms ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 9) ... Odds: 16-1.

5. Consolidator (D. Wayne Lukas, Rafael Bejarano): Dusted off supposedly strong San Felipe field ... Could Lukas have a fifth Derby winner? ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby or Blue Grass ... Odds: 44-1.

6. Greater Good (Bob Holthus, John McKee): Winner of Southwest and Rebel, same races Smarty Jones won en route to his Derby win ... Next start: Arkansas Derby ... Odds: 28-1.

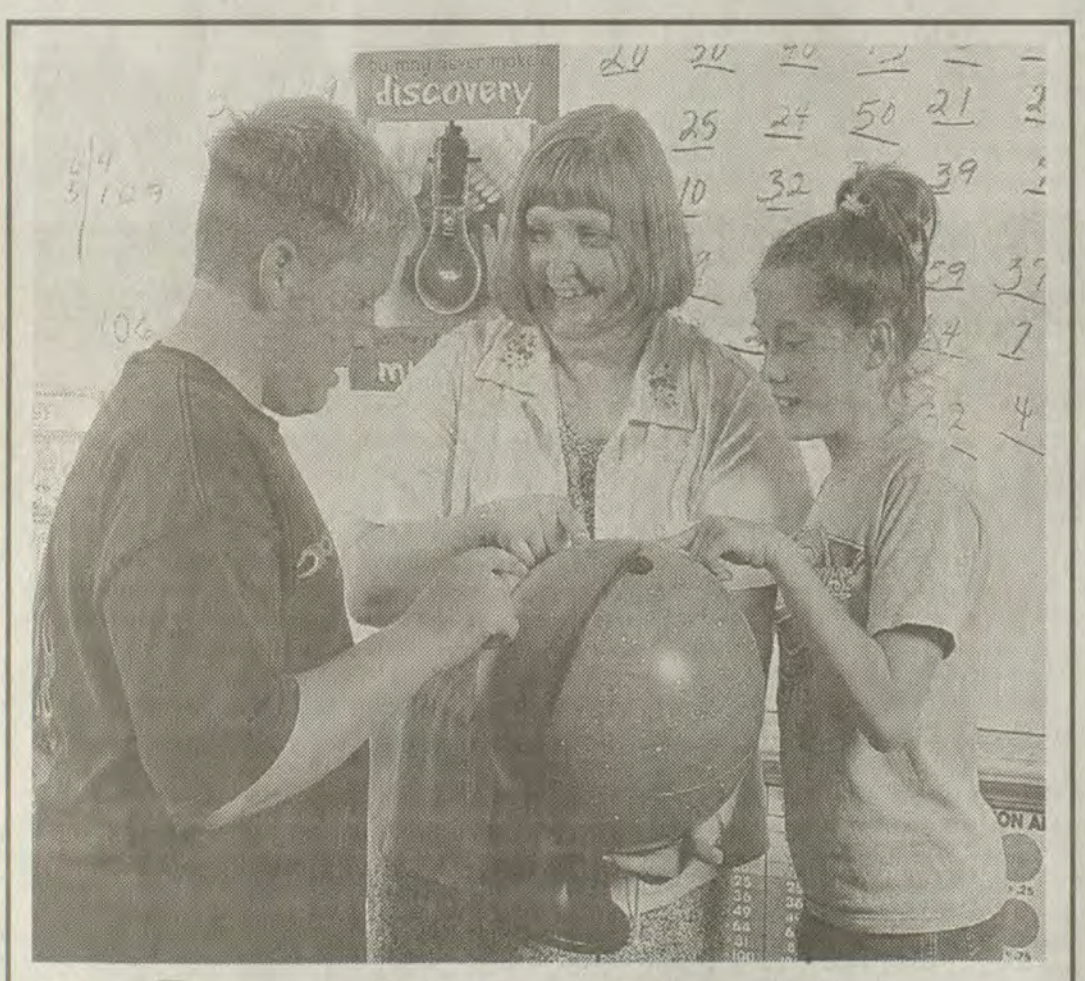
7. High Limit (Bobby Frankel, Ramon Dominguez): Won Louisiana Derby on March 12 off a 4 1/2-month layoff ... Won other two starts at Delaware Park ... Next start: Wood Memorial (April 9) or Blue Grass ... Odds: 9-1.

8. Survivalist (Shug McGaughey, Richard Migliore): Won Gotham by three-quarters of a length for second win in five career starts ... Hall of Fame trainer is 0-for-6 in Derby – best finish was 2-3 with East Goer, Awe Inspiring in 1989 ... Next start: Wood Memorial ... Odds: 6-1 (mutuel field).

9. Giacomo (John Shirreffs, Mike Smith): Distant runner-up in San Felipe seems competitive every time out ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby ... Odds: 26-1.

10. Bellamy Road (Zito, Javier Castellano): With Zito training, what's to knock about allowance race winner prepping for a Derby chance? ... Owner? Yankees boss George Steinbrenner ... Next start: Wood Memorial ... Odds: 6-1 (mutuel field).

KEEP AN EYE ON: Afleet Alex, Andromeda's Hero, Bandini, Galloping Grocer, Noble Causeway.



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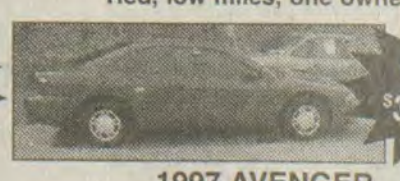
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POISON OAK

Velvet Elvises prohibited

Hot dog and a bottle of pop! Spring has officially arrived.

Don't know about you, but I couldn't be happier about the whole thing. As a matter of fact, I would be in favor of declaring the first day of spring a legal holiday. Of course, since it came in on Sunday, we'd would have had to take Monday off, but that's generally the way we do things anyway, right?

The ancient Romans made the coming of spring a holiday, you know. They called it the "Feast of the Lupercal," (or Lupercalia) and every February 15—a bit early, at least for this part of the world—they'd gather in the streets and dance and eat—wonder if they had soup beans and cornbread in those days?—and play games, all to honor the coming of spring. Wouldn't be surprised if even ole Nero himself didn't climb up on a flat-bed chariot and hit a note or two of "The Orange Blossom Special" or "Bile Them Cabbage Down" on his fiddle.

Clyde Pack

Don't know what kind of winter winds might have danced around their scanty little togas, but the coming of spring was obviously a pretty big deal to them. After the winter we've just had, maybe we ought to make a big to-do about it, too. After all, what's another festival among friends, anyway?

(See **OAK,** page three)

KIM'S KORNER

Bad news

Watching the news lately, I found myself continuously shaking my head in total disbelief.

There's the Terri Schiavo case, Robert Blake, Scott Peterson and nine year old, Jessica Lunsford.

All of which are horrendous situations making the heart ache and stomach sick.

Kim Frasure

We hear Schiavo's husband telling us she expressed to him that she wouldn't want to live hooked up to machines. How many of us have expressed that very desire or request (if you will) to our own spouses? And how many of us haven't had that particular conversation with our parents? It's definitely something to think about.

And so, too, is the fact that every single human being needs to prepare a living will so that this very situation doesn't happen to others.

Families pulled apart, having to make such a decision for a loved one who can't make it for themselves.

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Women in History

Jean Voelker Rosenberg

Advocate

:photo by Kathy J. Prater

Jean Rosenberg sits among her many treasured possessions in her office on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, where she employs daily an "open-door" policy for those seeking information.

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

We all have a variety of "chapters" in our lives, says Jean Rosenberg, program administrator of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College's "First Stop for Parents Career Development Center" office. "We act according to the chapter of our lives we are currently engaged in," she said. "We don't look back and say 'I made a mistake.' We move ahead - a chapter at a time."

With advice such as this, it is little wonder that Rosenberg has managed to touch the lives of so many within our community. She has, it appears, an extraordinary gift for seeing the potential in those who, oftentimes, have given up on even themselves.

"It is never too late to improve oneself," she said, "It's simply a matter of switching gears."

Rosenberg and her staff are dedicated to helping BSCTC's non-traditional students succeed in their academic goals and in their efforts to improve their lives. Offering a well-blended mix of both academic and personal counseling to those who seek advice within her office, Rosenberg serves as a strong advocate for women and for those who are returning to higher education in non-traditional roles.

Rosenberg came to Floyd County in the early 1970s with husband, John, and infant son, Michael. Coming from a background of working in civil rights as an employee of the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C., Rosenberg was soon actively involved in improving the new community in which she found herself enmeshed.

Among her many notable accomplishments, Rosenberg helped found the Floyd County Meals on Wheels program, established by the Prestonsburg Presbyterian Church's Christian Services Ministry, coordinating a volunteer effort from the kitchen of her very own home.

Seeing that a need for pre-natal childcare existed, Rosenberg established and taught a childbirth preparation class, again, in her home. As the program grew, space was made avail-

(See **ADVOCATE,** page three)

CRITTER CORNER

Basic rules for cats who have a house to run

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

DOORS: Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get door opened, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain snow, or mosquito season. Swinging doors are to be avoided at all costs.

CHAIRS and RUGS: If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so that it is as long as the human's bare foot.

BATHROOMS: Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything—just sit and stare.

HAMPERING: If one of your humans is engaged in some close activity and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called "helping," otherwise known as "hampering." Following are the rules for hampering:

When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on and then picked up and comforted.

(See **CRITTER,** page four)

This is what the Hughes family, of Langley, calls their "morning feeding frenzy." The cats, who all belong to the Hughes family, "all show up for a bite of mackerel early each morning."

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ March 21-25 - Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers needed.

■ March 23 - "Career Exploration Day," 8th grade.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all Floyd County parents/guardians. To be held at the MAC. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Fun workshops, door prizes and free lunch.

■ March 28 thru April 1 - SPRING BREAK!!

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School

■ March 23 - Career Expo.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center.

■ March 31 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts!!

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ March 23 - SBDM regular meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public.

■ May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Parents, grandparents and guardians, please join us!

■ April 4 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., in FRC office.

■ April 11 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts!

■ May 24, 25 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-2006 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in school auditorium. The following information is required before enrollment: Student's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, physical exam, and eye exam. Please bring these documents the day you register your child.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all Floyd County parents, grandparents and guardians, at Mountain Arts Center.

■ March 24 - "Let's Talk About Drugs," Our Lady of the Way Hospital, 1 p.m., for K-3.

■ April 6 - Child Abuse Awareness Month - Booth will be set up in school lunchroom and Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will be on hand for questions and comments.

■ April 11, 12, 13 - Free computer class, beginners and advanced, 5:30 to 7:30, in school computer lab. If interested, call FRC center to sign up.

■ FRC monthly Advisory

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

March 22 and 24, 1995

While neighboring counties are bringing their 911 emergency telephone systems on line, Floyd County's five-year effort to implement the service may be facing a disconnection notice. The failure of the fiscal court to pass an ordinance authorizing the collection of the monthly 911 surcharge since 1990 may require the county to reimburse citizens who have been paying the special tax, which the accumulated about $800,000...Floyd County's new judge-executive pledged to make the county's affairs more open to the public, and that's just what happened at Friday's fiscal court meeting. Newly-appointed Judge-Executive Bob Meyer opened the meeting by suggesting that the meeting be moved to a larger meeting room, and he openly discussed the financial condition of the county...Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) said, yesterday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the City of Prestonsburg have reached agreement to fix three sites on Middle Creek in Prestonsburg...A retired Prestonsburg businessman was killed, and his wife was injured in a car accident, Friday, near Ashland. Thomas May Hereford Jr., 80, of Prestonsburg, died when his car went through a red light and was struck by a pickup. Hereford was pronounced dead at the scene. Hereford's wife, Inez May Richmond Hereford, was seriously injured in the accident...Despite the news that the county's funds have dwindled to an all-time low, Floyd County magistrates rejected a request, Friday, to hold off buying new vehicles...Fire departments around Floyd County kept busy this week fighting three separate fires in three different areas of the county. In Martin, a fire that destroyed a house early Sunday morning is under investigation for suspected arson, said a Martin Fire Department representative...Osborne Elementary School at Bevinsville was issued a "bottled water only" warning last Wednesday, after an inspection by the Floyd County Health Department showed sediment in the water. That warning was lifted this week after samples of drinking water taken at the school showed no bacteria was present in the water, but health officials advised the principal to use common sense in allowing the water to be used for cooking and drinking...James (Tim) Salyer, 36, of Wheelwright, was killed Wednesday, in a tractor accident at Wheelwright...Dennis Horn, 20, of Inez, was charged with the attempted rape of a Floyd County woman on March 12, at a residence on Abbott...It finally happened, the combination of numbers available for the Prestonsburg 886 exchange has been depleted. Around the end of February, South Central Bell began assigning 889 numbers in the Prestonsburg calling area...It appears that it will be July 1995, before county officials can transfer about $800,000 into a special 911 service account, became the funds are not available at this time...An attorney for Hallard Hall, 47, a Prater Creek man who is charged with pointing a knife at a Kentucky State Police officer said, Wednesday, during a preliminary hearing, that his client was holding his false teeth and a wrist-watch in his hand, when he was wrestled to the ground during an altercation last week...Two Harold Elementary students, Brandis Bradley and Ashley Hall, claimed first and second place honors, respectively, in Storytelling in the Junior League State Competition Event of Forensics held March 16-18, on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green...A Toler creek man, facing a murder charge, pleaded guilty to reckless homicide, Monday, in the shooting death of his brother last July. Jackie Ray, 45, was set to stand trial on a murder charge, Monday, before Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill, in connection with the death of Allen Thomas Ray, 53, of Lexington...The case of a Floyd County woman accused of stabbing another woman two weeks ago, has been referred to the grand jury. Pamela Jean Bates, 29, of Wheelwright, is charged with first degree assault, for allegedly stabbing Genia Diane Hall, 30, on March 8, in the parking lot at the swimming pool building at Wheelwright...There died: Thomas May Hereford Jr., 80, of Prestonsburg, Friday, March 17, near Catlettsburg, at the scene of an accident; Josephine Hughes Gray, 88, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, March 16, at Bethany Village Health Center in Oklahoma City; Billy Ray Hinkle, 53, of Sebring, Florida, Thursday, February 16; Laura Layne Davis, 79, of Hippo, Tuesday, March 21, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Curtis Hollifield, 76, of Clear Creek, Fisty, Friday, March 17, at his residence; Raney Boyd, 58, of Wheelwright, March 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Josephine May Webb, 95, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Monday, March 20, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge; Erman Waddle, 69, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, March 18, at his residence; Myra F. Smith, 67, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, March 18, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Alverta Samons, 46, of Drift, Friday, March 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Darsie Ousley Owsley, 88, of McArthur, Ohio, Friday, January 20, at her grandson's residence; Barbara L. Owsley, 54, of Gas City, Indiana, Saturday, March 18, at Marion General Hospital; Chloie Sykes Damron, 88, of Weeksbury, Saturday, March 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Lorraine Frasure Bryant, 49, of Harold, Wednesday, March 22, at her residence; Garry Grant Howard, 57, of Maysville, Wednesday, March 22, at Meadowview Regional Hospital, Maysville; James H. "Bud" Stewart, 69, of Wayland, Wednesday, March 22, at Veteran's Hospital, Lexington; Lee Kidd, 85, of Harold, Tuesday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bruce Jr. Jarrell, 64, of Dana, Monday, March 20, at his residence; Carl Raymond Horn, 80, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

March 20, 1985

Two fire departments plan to call it quits in April, due to a money shortage...Wheelwright mayor and city commission were blocked by a court order from acting on a decision to fire two members of the utilities commission...Floyd County's forest fire problem is among the worst in the region...There died: Ed George, 92, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Donald Nelson, 55, native of Water Gap, March 1, in Arizona; Charles A. Layne, 68, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday; Franklin Combs, 84, of Hueysville, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Iona Slone, 42, of Halo, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Anna Lee Fenix Rice, 57, of Banner, last Wednesday, in Lexington; Luna Mosley, 80, of Garrett, March 13, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Fayus Eugene Gayheart, 45, of McDowell, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Joe Wheeler Lewis Jr., 21, of Stanville, March 14, in a Lexington hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

March 19, 1975

The fiscal court, at its March 5 meeting, voted to increase salaries of magistrates by $200 a month, bringing monthly salaries to $560...For the April criminal term of circuit court, names of 82 Floyd County residents have been drawn for jury service. There is only one murder case to be investigated by the grand jury...Beginning July 1, Kentucky automobile owners will have the option of either accepting or rejecting the new nofault insurance benefits...The U.S. Shoe plant here was broken into for the second time in two months, Sunday night, and $250 in cash was stolen...Dr. Paul B. Hall is one of 22 men, and the only eastern Kentuckian, to be honored April 7, when they will be inducted into the University of Kentucky Alumni Association's Hall of Distinguished Alumni...There died: Garland Gibson, 79, of Cincinnati, O., formerly of this county, Feb. 17; Ruth H. Jones, 37, of La Grange, native of Floyd County, March 3, at her home; Sie Hamilton, 80, of Grethel, Saturday, at a Pikeville Hospital; Daisy Maynard Collins, 62, of Cow Creek, Friday, March 14, at a Martin hospital; John Earl Harris, 54, of Prestonsburg, March 10, at the VA Hospital, in Lexington...Turner Brown Moore, 76, of Houston, Texas, native of this county, last Wednesday; Hillard McKinney, 48, of Martin, March 4, at the VA Hospital, Lexington; Mary Elizabeth Martin Arnett, 81, of Salyersville, native of this county, March 12; Sherlie I. Stepp, 59, of Dayton, O., formerly of the Johns Creek Section, Jan. 29; Mrs. Ollie Blackburn, of Rochester, N.Y., native of this county, in Rochester, March 1; Mrs. Icy Williams Hicks, 54, of Halo, last Friday,

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Yesterdays

at the McDowell Hospital.

Forty Years Ago
March 18, 1965

Prestonsburg businessmen issued urgent calls here, this week, for citizens of the county to appear at the courthouse, Wednesday, to testify to the need for the proposed municipally-operated bus line...Bobby Donald Morrison, 29, was fatally injured, Friday night, when his auto wrecked on the Cow Creek-Buffalo road as he was driving to his home near Endicott...The Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce appealed this week to residents to make available at least 20 rooms for the increased number of students expected at Prestonsburg Community College during the fall semester...A pilot project to start in Floyd and three bordering counties, will provide about 250 families a trip, at federal government expense, to some other section of Kentucky or to another state where there is work for the head of the household...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Curt Church, a daughter, Paula Jo, March 8, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Denzil Ratliff, 68, Saturday, at his home at Martin; Harry Evin Mullins, 83, Saturday, at his home at Bevinsville; William Riley (Buddy) Collins, 86, of Lancer, last Thursday, at the home of a son there; Isaac Shepherd, 47, of Hite, last Wednesday; John H. Hatfield, 57, of Hunter, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago
March 17, 1955

H. D. Fitzpatrick Jr., this week, announced plans to construct the second section of a Town Center shopping area in the Court Street-Lake Drive vicinity, on either side of the new First National Bank building...Named to the All-Tournament team at the conclusion of the district basketball tournament, last week, at Garrett, were Kelly Coleman and Lowell Gibson, of Wayland; Lowell Hughes, of Prestonsburg; Arthur Smith, Martin; Chet Curry, Wheelwright; Gene Davis, Betsy Layne; Justin Turner, Maytown; Edgar Rister and Doug Chaffin, Garrett; Marvin Martin, McDowell, and Dean McKenzie, Auxier...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Tackett Jr., of Prestonsburg, a son, Robert Lowe, March 10, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Kate Dillon, 62, Tuesday, at her home at Ivel; Ulis Elkins, 59, of Dwale, last Thursday, at a Lexington hospital; Hilard Hall, 49, of Wheelwright, Friday, at the Virgie Community Hospital; Hiram Lawson, 95, of Honaker, last Wednesday, at the home of a daughter at Grethel; Rev. Burley Hall, 64, formerly of Banner, Sunday, at Eminence, Kentucky.

Sixty Years Ago
March 15, 1945

The casualty list: Killed in action—Andy Sturgill, of Harold, in Luxembourg; Missing—Sgt. Auburn Calhoun, of Water Gap, in Germany since February 21; Wounded—Pfc. Harry E. Layne, of Prestonsburg, February 9, on Luzon; Pfc. Clyde Patton, February 12, on Luzon; Claude Pratt, of Jones Fork, February 21 in France; Pvt. Palmer Moore, of Gearheart, February 10, on Luzon; Cpl. William C. Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, in Germany...After transcribing the statements of two men accused of stealing a car here, Mrs. Ben Parker, stenographer for County Attorney W. W. Burchett, found that her own car was missing, Tuesday...Burns Flanery, 16, was fatally wounded, Sunday night, by an accidental revolver shot at Martin...There died: S. B. May, 77, Saturday, at Langley; Mrs. Victoria Layne Maynard, 73, formerly of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Catherine Akers Rice, 85, Monday, at Ivel; Arthur Conley, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at New London, Ohio; Mrs. Josie Banks Roe, 78, Monday, at Dwale; Marion Crider, 45, Saturday, at Betsy Layne.

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Seventy Years Ago
March 15, 1935

More than 400 homes were flooded, Tuesday, when heavy rains sent streams on a rampage in this county...W. J. Todd's store was robbed here last week—the fourth time in a year...B. F. Stamper, of Prestonsburg, announces the birth of his 24th child, a son...A wrecker attempting to pull a wrecked truck onto the highway, at Sugar Loaf, was itself overturned, Monday, fracturing the ankle of its operator, Bernard May...In the wreck of the truck, Norman Hays, of Lackey, was injured...There died: Mary Delores Joseph, 19 months, February 28, at Betsy Laye; Otto Stratton, 27, February 25, at Tram; the eight-months-old baby of John H. Shepherd, February 24, at Dock; Bruce Spradlin, 28, Abbott Creek, Friday, at a Martin hospital.

School

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Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

■ March 18 - Heart Health/CPR demonstration, 5th grade, 1:45 p.m., in gym. Presented by Kim Sanders, OLWH.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," at Mountain Arts Center, registration at 8:30 a.m. For parents, grandparents, guardians of Floyd County students. Learn to relax while you relax and enjoy guest speakers, door prizes, and a free lunch. For more info., call 452-4553.

■ March 28-April 1: SPRING BREAK!!

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.

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

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ 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 Education 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.

Advocate

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able on the then Prestonsburg Community College campus, and, in 1978, Rosenberg was able to formally organize the Big Sandy Family Childbirth and Educational Association.

Rosenberg, who has an educational background in both nursing and social work, has served on numerous boards in the Big Sandy area, including the Big Sandy District Cancer Council, the Prichard Committee, and the advisory committee of Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

She also helped establish the Floyd County School System's Talented and Gifted program at Clark Elementary. The program later became a blueprint for other such programs across the state.

In 1987, Rosenberg took a position as part-time program administrator of the Prestonsburg Community College Single Parent/Homemaker Program, servicing a ten-county area. This program eventually evolved into what is today known as the Ready to Work/Work to Learn program that is implemented through the First Stop for Parents Career Development Center.

Through the career development center, participants focus on building self-esteem and setting motivational educational and career goals. Within the program, Rosenberg and her staff, annually, conduct a Survival Skills Workshop where participants are offered seminars on topics such as automobile repair, money management, self-defense and career counseling.

Rosenberg's strong advocacy has earned her many awards and recognition's, among them: the Hall of Fame award, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth; the Quality of Life award, Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children; the Model Program Award, Kentucky Community and Technical College System; the Floyd County Hall of Fame Award, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce; the Woman of the Year Award, "The Post"; the Health Advocate of the Year Award, National Women's Health Network; and the Vision for East Kentucky Women Award, East Kentucky Women in Leadership, presented at the 1998 East Kentucky Leadership Conference.

Though Rosenberg has received numerous awards and certificates of appreciation in recognition of her service to the people of Eastern Kentucky, the award she says she is most proud of, the one most recently presented, is the KCTCS New Horizons College Staff Excellence Award, Big Sandy Community and Technical College. "This award, this beautiful award," she says as she reaches to pick up the crystalline award, "is the one I am most, most proud of. I am proud of this award because I was nominated for it by my staff. That gives me a wonderfully good feeling - to know that my staff believed me to be deserving."

And here at The Times, the staff believes that Jean Voelker Rosenberg is very deserving to be named as one of Floyd County's "Women in History." Congratulations, and please, keep up the good work!

Editor's Note: Jean and John Rosenberg, in addition to son, Michael, also are the parents of daughter, Ann.

Korner

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Robert Blake's being found "not guilty" blew me away! I admit I hadn't kept up with the details of the case, and had only seen bits and pieces of the news regarding it. But what little I did see, were the stunt men he had tried to hire as "hit men" to get rid of his wife?

Hello!

Then last night, I caught a segment saying that their testimonies weren't very credible because they had been known to use drugs. Okay, so, we know they had been known to use drugs, we know they didn't kill her. What the trial was about was Robert Blake killing her or not and there were two people whom had sat in the testifying seat stating he wanted her dead and tried to hire them to do it!

Then there's Scott Peterson. I don't think I have ever witnessed as cold of a human being in my life. No emotion what so ever!

How on earth someone could do what this man has done is so totally unthinkable it's unreal.

The little nine-year-old, Jessica Lunsford, rips my heart out! And when scenes are flashed on screen of her abductor sitting in a restaurant sipping a cup of coffee with a smile on his face, makes me want to jump through the screen and shake his teeth out!

Lord, if there were ever a time to pray it is now!

So much hatred, so much strife,
Til Next Week..
Pray!

Oak

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Now don't misunderstand. It's not that I dislike winter, it's just that ever since I was a little boy growing up in Muddy Branch, sloshing through slush and mud and are trying to evade water-soaked snowballs thrown by those older (and more accurate) old mean boys, I've hated it.

But anyway, if the Romans can make a holiday out of spring's arrival, so can we. We could rope off Main Street, and since it'd be a lot closer to actual summertime than when the Romans held their celebration, we could even include some warm-weather activities, like grass cutting, for instance. We could have a parade of lawn mowers. We could decorate them up with crepe paper and balloons, divide them into different categories—like push and ride... and give a big prize to the winners. Maybe we could even have a prize for the best decorated weed eater.

And, since it wouldn't be long until we could count on sunshine on a daily basis, it might be fun, too, if in honor of our true Anglo-Saxon heritage and our wintertimes spent indoors fighting off cabin fever, we stage a whitest-legs contest. Of course, those who've been to Myrtle Beach or a tanning bed would no doubt giggle and poke fun, but who cares.

The possibilities are endless. Why, with a little effort, we might even be able to get a few local politicians to make speeches, a few local bands to sing some springtime songs from beds of flat-bed trucks, and a few local organizations to sell lemonade. What is sure to be a downer for some, though, is the idea that we would strictly forbid anyone to sell chalk dogs and velvet Elvises for this one.

"Special Deliveries"
by
Sharon Adams, CNM

Sharon Adams, Certified Nurse Midwife

Sharon received her Diploma in Professional Nursing from Saint Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Huntington, WV. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Morehead State University and graduated from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, KY. Sharon is a member of the National Association of Childbearing Centers, the American Nurses Association and the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Sharon has been employed with Big Sandy Health Care in Prestonsburg since June 2003. She provides a wide array of women's health care services including prenatal care, labor and delivery, family planning and gynecological services.

Physicians for Women
886-8997
23 Willow Drive, Auxier, Kentucky
(Located 0.7 miles from Highlands Regional Medical Center.)

Critter

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For book readers, get in close under the chin, between the eyes and book, unless you can lie across the book itself. When a person is reading the newspaper, be sure to leap on the back of the paper. They love to jump.

For knitting projects or paperwork, lie on the work in the most appropriate manner so as to obscure as much of the work as possible—or at least the most important part. Pretend to doze, but every so often reach out and slap the pencil or knitting needles.

For people paying bills, keep in mind the aim—to hamper! First, sit on the paper being worked on. When dislodged, watch sadly from the side of the table. When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers, scattering them to the best of your ability. After being removed for the second time, push pens, pencils and erasers off the table, one at a time.

WALKING: As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human. Take advantage of the times when they are on the stairs, when they have something in their arms, when it is dark, and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.

PLAY: This is an important part of your life. Get enough sleep in the daytime so you are fresh for your nocturnal games. Here are two favorite cat games you can play:

"Catch the Mouse": The humans would have you believe that those lumps under the covers are their feet and hands. They are lying. They are actually Bed Mice, rumored to be the most delicious of all the mice in the world, though no cat has ever been able to catch one. Rumor also has it that only the most ferocious attack can stun them long enough for you to dive under the covers to get them. Maybe YOU can be the first to taste the Bed Mouse!

"King of the Hill": This game must be played with at least one other cat. The more the merrier! One or both of the sleeping humans is the Hill, which must be defended at all costs from the other cat(s). Anything goes. This game allows for the development of unusual tactics, as one must take the unstable playing theater into account.

WARNING Playing either of these games to excess will result in expulsion from the bed and possibly from the bedroom. Should the humans grow restless, immediately begin purring and cuddle up to them. This should buy you some time until they fall asleep again. If one happens to be on a human when this occurs, this cat wins the round of King of the Hill.

TOYS: Any small item is a potential toy. If a human tries to confiscate it, this means that it is a Good Toy. Run with it under the bed. Look suitably outraged with the human grabs you and takes it away. Always watch where it is put so you can steal it later. Two reliable sources of toys are dresser tops and wastebaskets.

FOOD: In order to get the energy to sleep, play, and hamper, a cat must eat. Eating, however is only half the fun. The other half is getting the food. There are two ways to obtain food: either by convincing a human you are starving to death and must be fed *NOW,* or by hunting it yourself. Here are some guidelines:

When the humans are eating, make sure you leave the tip of your tail in their dishes when they are not looking.

Never eat food from your own bowl if you can steal some from the table.

Never drink from your own water bowl if a human's glass is full enough to drink from.

Should you catch something of your own outside, it is only polite to bring it indoors to show it to your humans.

HUMANS: Humans have three primary functions: to feed us, to give us attention, and to clean the litter box. It is important to maintain our Dignity when around humans so that they will not forget who is master of the house. Humans need to know basic rules. They can be taught if you start early and are consistent.

You will then have a smooth-running household.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College re-dedicates Building A on the Mayo Campus

Fifty years ago Building A on the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) was dedicated for the first time. Following extensive renovation, the beautiful new 11,000 square ft. office and classroom facility was re-dedicated on Monday, March 14, 2005.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC, welcomed a standing room only crowd of alumni, community leaders, dignitaries and citizens to Mayo Campus's new Building A foyer for the dedication ceremonies. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finetta Mullins from the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former student of the old Mayo Vocational School. Clayton Case, a student at the college, sang the National Anthem.

Roger (Tucker) Daniel, Johnson County Judge Executive and Doug Pugh, Mayor of Paintsville, brought greetings from the county and city. They talked about the unity of the Mayo campus with the community and the contribution it has made over the years to the citizens of the big Sandy area. Mayor Pugh cited the new Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center as a prime example of the complex partnership between BSCTC, the city of Paintsville and Johnson County Fiscal Court. He said, "Together we are working to bring new businesses to this area."

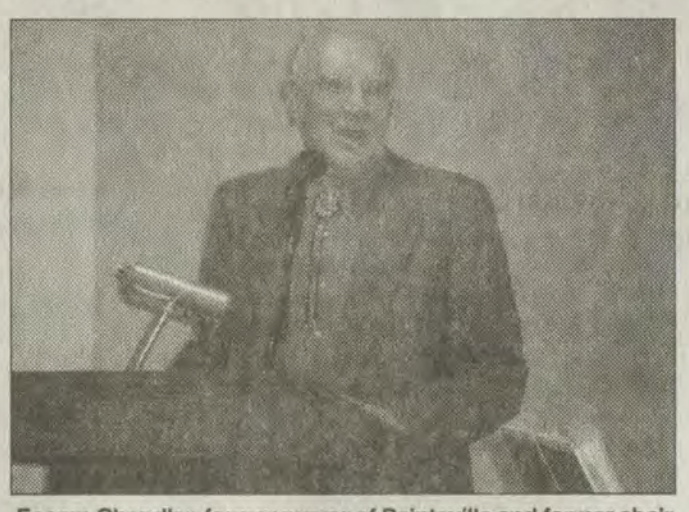
Vice President Bobby McCool introduced two very special people who related memories and stories of the history of the Mayo campus to a hushed crowd. Ninety four year old Escom Chandler, Chair of the Mayo Advisory Board for 30 years and former Mayor of Paintsville spoke about the old Mayo Normal School, where teachers were trained to teach and the beginning of the Mayo Vocational School and the great men and women who dedicated their lives to bring education and training to the citizens of east Kentucky. He told of the years when the United States was at war and this school changed lives by providing the skills needed to work, earn a living and prosper. Chandler said, "Before Mayo school was founded there was little hope for our people. Here on this campus they were able to get training and learn how to make a living."

Bronelle Skaggs, former Vocational Region Eleven Director came to the podium to talk about education and the changes that the college has been involved with in the Big Sandy Region. He related how the Mayo campus has grown and the many changes it has gone through over the years. He told about the little vocational school, with a handful of dedicated teachers that grew to include 3 college campuses and 5 area centers which formed the old Vocational Region Eleven. Big Sandy Community and Technical College was formed from the consolidation of those campuses with Prestonsburg Community College. Skaggs said, "Education is the key to success, I believe it and I have seen the results. I know this to be true."

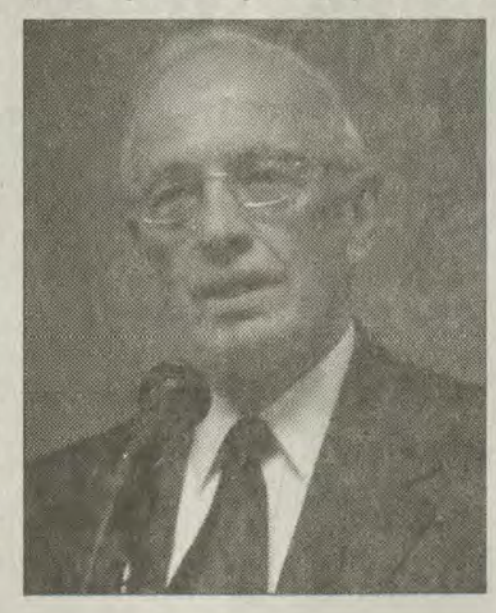
Dr. Michael McCall, KCTCS President, sent greetings with a message read by Dr. Edwards, "Enhancing technical education at all KCTCS colleges throughout the state has been one of our organization's top priorities. Technical education is vital to Kentucky's ability to compete in the New Economy and Building A will allow us to provide both educational and economic opportunities for the citizens of this community."

Inspirational music for the event was provided by Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC employee, and the Big Sandy Singers, a new musical group made up of students from the college. Refreshments were catered by Nellie Baldwin and Carla Perry from BSCTC food services.

A ribbon cutting was held on March 14, on the BSCTC Mayo campus, in recognition of the rededication of Building A.



Escom Chandler, former mayor of Paintsville and former chair of the Mayo Advisory Board, spoke to the assembled crowd.



Bronelle Skaggs, former Vocational Region Eleven Director, spoke of the changes in education seen in recent years.

BABE - The Sheep Pig coming in April

Jenny Wiley Theatre, The Mountain Arts Center and Appalachian Wireless announce April performances of BABE - The Sheep Pig, a play adapted from the hit movie Babe. The play depicts a young pig's fight against convention to become a sheepdog - or, rather sheep pig - in this heartwarming production. Farmer Hoggett brings home a clever little piglet, named Babe, from the village fair. Once Babe is adopted by Fly, the farm's matriarch sheepdog, the lonely piglet begins to adjust to his new home and its inhabitants. Discovering that the fate of most pigs is the dinner table, Babe devotes himself to becoming a useful member of the farm by trying to learn how to herd sheep. Despite the skepticism of the other animals and the kindly but conventional Farmer Hoggett, Babe embarks on a career in sheep herding with some surprising and spectacular results. When the day of the Grand Challenge Sheep-Dog Trials dawns, the whole farm waits breathlessly to see if Babe will triumph. BABE is suitable for the entire family.

Josh Carriere , of Prestonsburg, is cast as BABE in Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's production of BABE - The Sheep Pig sponsored by Appalachian Wireless.

The evening performance on Friday, April 15 will include a special fair - a Pet Adoption Fair provided by the Pike County Animal Shelter beginning at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, the first 100 children under twelve-years-old attending the Friday night performance will receive a special piggy bank from Citizens National Bank. Everyone is encouraged to come early and enjoy the preliminary activities.

Scott Bradley, JWT Artistic Director, directs the play, with David Gardner in charge of lighting and Joe Campbell managing sound. The costumes by Corey Martin and set designed by Michael Petit truly transform the MAC stage into Farmer Hoggett's barnyard.

Joshua Carriere, of Prestonsburg, is cast in the role of Babe. Other cast members are Erin Castle, Stacie Carriere, Jessica Danielle Hall, and Emma Kathleen Smith, all of Prestonsburg; Savannah Grace Hall and Caleb Wheat, of Pikeville; Taylor James Harr of Robinson Creek; Madison Renea Martin and Taylor Madison Moore of Martin; Austin Sadler of Grethel; and Daniel Mark White, of Paintsville.

All performances are at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, with School Matinees scheduled for April 13 and 14 at 9:45 a.m. Educational packages are available for participating schools upon request; contact the Mountain Arts Center for school matinee tickets. Public performances are April 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are $14/Adult, $12/Senior 55+, $10/Youth (under 21). For tickets call the Mountain Arts Center locally at 886-2623, or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. Additional information is available online at www.jwtheatre.com or www.macarts.com.

Make plans to attend the upcoming productions of Jenny Wiley Theatre this season: Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jesus Christ Superstar, Steel Magnolias, Isn't It Romantic ˆCabaret, The Diary of Ann Frank, and A Christmas Story.

Jenny Wiley Theatre receives funding from individuals, corporations, the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Paintsville Tourism Commission. Partial funding has been provided by the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Birthday

Happy 91st, Della!

Della Crum, of Martin, will celebrate her 91st birthday on March 24, 2005. Della is the widow of the late Arvil Crum. She has nine children, 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Della, who shares that the secret to a rich life is to work hard and fear the Lord, will celebrate her special day with a score of family members and friends.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

February 28, 2005
.- A daughter, Haylee Jo Thornsberry, to Toni Little
.- A daughter, Kenna Danae Raleigh, to Kendra Leann & Danny Raleigh
March 1, 2005
.- A son, Tanner Nathaniel Fairchild, to Kimberly Ann & Clifford Fairchild
.- A daughter, Lily Grace Howard, to Angela & James Howard
.- A daughter, Kara Nashea Risner, to Michelle Dawn & Kirby Risner
.- A daughter, Andra Jayne Mullins, to Emma L. Pollard
.- A son, Christopher Gadge Lockhart, to Sandra Kay & Jimmy Lockhart
March 2, 2005
.- A son, Martin Wayne Mosley Jr., to Clarissa & Martin Mosley
.- A son, Kasdon Wyatt O'Bryan, to Mollie & Randall O'Bryan
March 3, 2005
.- A son, Dylan Dakota Hicks, to Danyail Hicks
March 4, 2005
.- A daughter, Charla Rose Gambill, to Melinda Combs
.- A son, Joseph Howard Roscoe Meade, to Donna & Cecil Meade
March 8, 2005
.- A daughter, Sierra Sky Akemon, to Kimberly Renee & Randy Shawn Akemon
.- A son, Zackary Lee Wright, to Maria & Randall Wright
.- A daughter, Carrie Ann Hall, to Lora Renee Hall
.- A daughter, Kellie Mechelle Marshall, to Jennifer Mechelle & Larry Dean Marshall
.- A daughter, Ricki Lynn Carty, to Bridgett Lee Carty
March 9, 2005
.- A daughter, Adrianna Elizabeth Gail Tackett, to Christine & Cleve Tackett
.- A son, Dylan Michael Chaffins, to Ralinda & Terry Chaffins
March 10, 2005
.- A daughter, Chesa Paige McCoy, to Tiffany Leigh & Nicholas Wade McCoy
.- A daughter, Savannah Jean Bussler, to Barbie Jean Bussler
March 11, 2005
.- A daughter, Abigail Grace Ratliff, to Billie Michelle & Todd Anthony Ratliff
.- A daughter, Mya Alison Danielle Burgess, to Mary Lynn & Mark Allen Burgess
.- A son, Tyler Eugene Bellar, to Vanessa Jolene & Robert Earl Bellar
March 12, 2005
.- A daughter, Kaitlyn Cheyenne Roberts, to Elizabeth & Jason Roberts
March 14, 2005
.- A son, Robert Dean Bolden Jr., to Samantha Grim
.- A son, Landon Blake Hunter, to Stacy & Jason Hunter
.- A daughter, Caylee Grace Caudill, to Rebecca & Terry Caudill
.- A daughter, Mallory Paige Hall, to McKella Case
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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0294, AMENDMENT 1

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 25 Clydean Drive, Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining operation, located 1 mile southeast of Weeksbury, in Floyd and Pike counties. The amendment will add 31.22 acres, and will delete 2.15 of surface disturbance, making a total of 639.97 acres within the amended permit boundary.

(2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 1 mile southeast from Kentucky Route 466's junction with Caleb Fork County Road, and is located on Pine Fork of Caleb Fork, in Floyd County, and Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork, in Pike County. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 09 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 01 seconds.

(3) The proposed amendment is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed under the amendment is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company, Joyce N. Johnson, Clinton & Eva Little, and Joe & Mary Tackett. The operation will use the surface area method of mining.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I 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 Neal Delong, unknown spouse of Brian Neal Delong, unknown spouse of Bill Delong, unknown spouse of Connie Reffett, and First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc.
Defendants

AMENDED 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), 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 31st 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 particularly 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 purchaser price. A 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 if 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 terms. Announcements on the day of sale shall take precedence over matters in this advertisement.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 17th day of March, 2005.

CLYDE F. JOHNSON
Special Master Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court
193 East Court Street
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 Neal Delong, P.O. Box 203, Blue River, KY 41607.

This 17th day of March, 2005.
HON. CLYDE F. JOHNSON

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 99-CI-359 FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF VS.

Edward M. Kuss, Rebecca S. Kuss, Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee, Assignee of Oceanmark Financial Corp., Wickes Lumber Company, City of Prestonsburg
Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of April, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of $350,857.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 526 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 1

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on South Lake Drive, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the right of way of U.S. Highway No. 23 at the cross fence above what is known as the Seibert Place, corner of line of Reba H. Mayo, et al; thence up said highway with line of said state highway a southerly direction to a stake 552 feet from the beginning corner and opposite the present lower cross fence of Anna B. Allen; thence a straight line up the hill parallel with line of said Reba H. Mayo, et al., to center of ridge between Mayo Branch and Big Sandy River to a stake 613 feet from corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence up the ridge with center of same 613 feet to said corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al, and J.D. Mayo; thence down the hill with said line of Reba H. Mayo, et al, to the beginning.

Parcel No. 2

Situated on the waters of the Big Sandy River in the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shown upon that certain plat dated July 17, 1953, and prepared by H. Salisbury, Engineer, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court. These lots are adjacent to and adjoin the property now owned by Duran Moore, in South Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on U.S. Highway #23.

Being the same property conveyed to Edward M. Kuss and Rebecca S. Kuss from Mason Moore, et al by deed dated February 17, 1988, of record in Deed Book 318, Page 617, in the office of the Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or $5,000.00 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 and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Defendant/Cross-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 Defendant/Cross-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. Kristen J. Mudd
Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss
P.O. Box 5480
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480
513/241-3100

William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 31, 2005, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky.

1985 Chevrolet G25 Van Vin # 1GBEG25H2F7110497

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty Bank
36 Main Street
P.O. Box 888
Martin, KY 41649

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

10:00 a.m., April 4, 2005
Southern Water & Sewer District Office

A public meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, April 4, 2005, at the Southern Water & Sewer District Office, at 245 Ky. Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky, for the purpose of providing general information to the public, regarding a proposed water system improvement project. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, or any other pertinent issues.

Southern Water & Sewer District
Hubert Halbert, Chairman

NOTICE OF BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT

Community Trust Bank, Inc.
346 North Mayo Trail
Pikeville, KY 41501

Notice is hereby given that Community Trust Bank, Inc., intends to establish a branch during the third quarter of 2005, at 6424 Kentucky Route 1428, Allen, Kentucky 40601, in Floyd County, Kentucky. This notice is published pursuant to Federal Reserve regulation. Any person desiring to comment on the establishment of this branch may do so by submitting written comments within 15 days of the publication of this notice to Banking Supervisor, Supervision, and Regulation, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01212 U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS.

Lester Tackett, Audrey Tackett, Citifinancial Services, Inc., Commonwealth of Kentucky and Floyd County, Kentucky
Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of January, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of $55,345.68, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 23235 KY Route 122, Melvin, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Abner Fork of Left Beaver Creek and being all of First Party's interest in and to the following described property and obtained by deed from Darcus Newsome and Monroe Newsome, her husband, bearing date of March 30, 1964, and recorded in Deed Book 184, Page 554, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning on a stone marked near the center of the creek, thence a straight line across the bottom with Epison Newsome line to a stone at the county road, thence up the road 50 feet, thence on up the State Highway to Willie Harris line, thence across the bottom with Willie Harris Line and wire fence to center of Abner Fork or Creek, thence down the center of the creek to the beginning so as to include all land in said boundary and both lots.

Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all rights of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights of tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

Being the same property conveyed to Lester Tackett and Audrey Tackett by deed recorded in Volume 249, Page 85, of the Floyd County, Kentucky, records.

*Consists of housing unit and lot.

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 2005, 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. Septtimous Taylor
4830 Towne Square Court
Owensboro, KY 42301

William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-8027 RENEWAL

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility, affecting 34.25 acres, located 0.10 mile east of Ligon, in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.5 mile south from State Route 979 junction with Clear Creek Road, and located 0.75 mile south of Ligon post office. The latitude is 37°22'09". The longitude is 82° 40' 28".

The proposed facility is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company, Gordon Meade, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Will Slone Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Jerry Banks is the owner of certain property located at Sage Allen Branch (formerly known as Motts Branch and General Allen Branch) of Salt Lick on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County (Deed Book 289, Page 434). He had discovered an abandoned cemetery on his property which contains two (2) identifiable graves and possibly four (4) unmarked graves. It is his intention to relocate these graves with the assistance of Knott Floyd Land Company due to mining operations on his property.

The identifiable graves are: Bobbie Shepherd and Wanda Hicks. Permission to relocate the grave of Bobbie Shepherd has been granted by her next of kin. The only other identifiable grave is that of Wanda Hicks, born 1926 and died 1927. All reasonable efforts have been made to contact Wanda Hicks' next of kin and to determine if there are other graves in this location.

1. The cemetery has no known official name. It is located on Sage Allen Branch, approximately one mile up Sage Allen Branch on the left hand side of the branch near the residence of Jerry Banks, and has been abandoned for many years.

2. This notice is to request assistance from anyone having knowledge of persons buried in this location or the names of their next of kin.

3. If you have any information about persons buried in this location, please contact George Adkins at Knott Floyd Land Company, P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 874-9003.

4. This notice will run each Wednesday in the Floyd County Times for a period of 60 days from January 12, 2005. At the expiration of 60 days notice, Jerry Banks will petition the Floyd Fiscal Court to grant authority to relocate the graves whose next of kin cannot be located.

5. The graves requiring Fiscal Court approval to be relocated will be relocated at a perpetual care cemetery in Floyd County, and will be marked by appropriate headstone and footstone. The relocation will be supervised by a licensed funeral director who will have obtained the appropriate permits from the Health Services Cabinet, Department of Vital Statistics. The relocation is planned to take place on or after March 21, 2005.

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.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00620 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS.

Tony Butler and Betsy Butler; Ford Motor Credit Company and Floyd County, Kentucky
Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of January 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of $12,700.09, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in South Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning at a stake on May Waddles line and running 80 feet with said line to Second Street, thence turning and running with Second Street 50 feet to Calvin Osborne's line, thence turning and running 80 feet to J.W. Halbert's line, thence turning and running 50 feet with J.W. Halbert's line to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Dennis Martin and Gladys Martin by deed from Lottie Ryan, dated July 14, 1962, recorded in Deed Book 180, Page 306, Floyd County Clerk's Office. For further source of title, refer-

ence is made to the Will of Dennis Martin, recorded in Will Book B, Page 590, and the Will of Gladys Martin, 1996, recorded in Will Book O, Page 307, said clerk's office.

This was conveyed August 13, 1997, by John Lawrence Maddox and Billie Sue Maddox, his wife, to Tony Butler, divorced and unremarried, Betsy Butler, widow, by Deed Book 410, Page 440, recorded in Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The real property or its address is commonly known as 37 Chestnut Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649.

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 sixty (60) 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.

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FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
CASE NO. 04-CI-00977
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUITY ONE ABS, INC., MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFIED SERIES #2003-1
C/O EQUITY ONE, INC.
PLAINTIFF
VS.
Kenneth Johnson, Georgine Johnson, unknown defendant, spouse of Georgine Johnson
Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of January, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of $45,950.01, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Cen-ter) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 145 Elm Street, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright and being Lot No. 108 including the dwelling house and appurtenance thereunto belonging located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright subdivision as shown by first party's map of plat in File No. 348 records of the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Being the same property conveyed to Georgine Johnson, from Robert Howard and Kolleen Howard, husband and wife, by Deed dated June 30, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 387, Page 529, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the succcessful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or $5,000.00 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.

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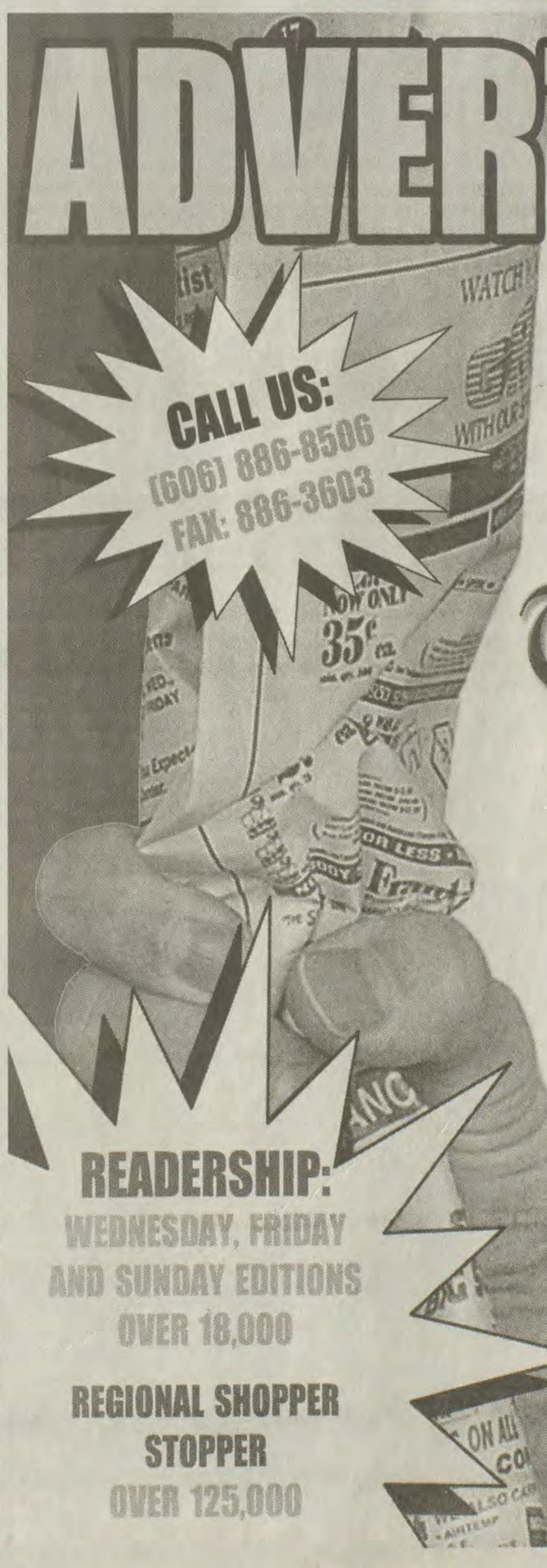

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This Week: Bunny Buddies

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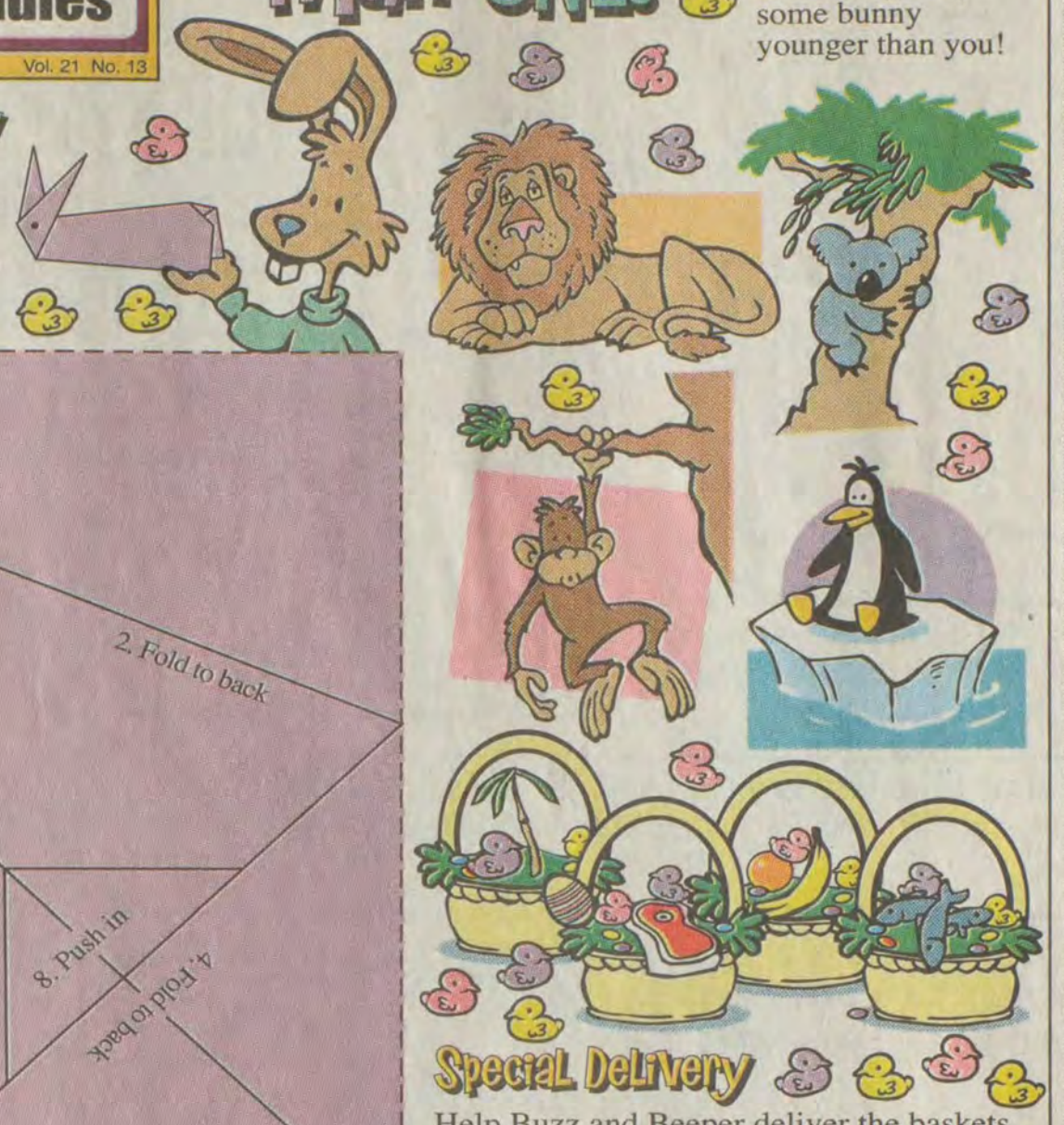
The Bunny Buddies are Back!

TWO are More Fun Than ONE!

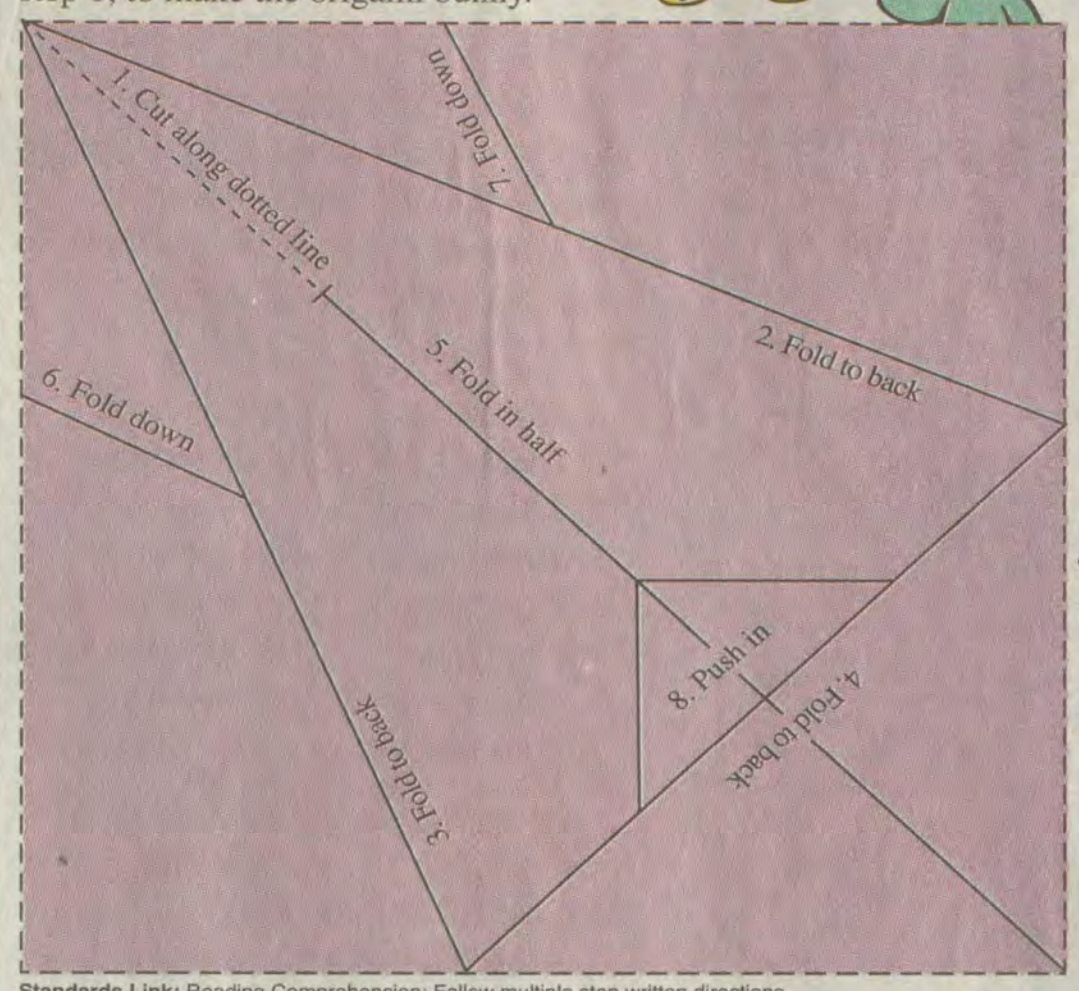
Buzz and Beeper Bunny are back with all kinds of Easter fun.

If the activities on this page seem hard, find some bunny to help you. If it looks easy, help some bunny younger than you!



Make an Origami Bunny

In Japan, folding paper into animals, plants, and objects is an art called **origami**. Try the art of paper folding. Cut out the square, then follow the directions, starting with step 1, to make the origami bunny.



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

Special Delivery

Help Buzz and Beeper deliver the baskets. There's a basket for each of the animals in the zoo. Draw a line from each animal to its basket.

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

Silly Scramble

The secret code to crack Beeper's riddle is hidden in the egg rows.

is the letter **A**. The egg to the right of it is **B**. The next is **C**, and so on.

The alphabet follows in order from left to right, top to bottom. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

What kind of stories do bunnies like best?

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Facts vs. Opinions

Look through the newspaper for advertisements with an Easter theme. Circle the facts in yellow. Circle the opinions in green.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between fact and opinion in expository text.

IN 60 seconds, find as many marshmallow chickies on this page as you can. Then have a friend try. Who found more?

BUNNY HUNT

Y	B	U	N	N	Y	N	U	B	
N	N	B	Y	N	N	U	B	U	
N	U	N	B	U	Y	B	Y	N	
U	Y	B	U	N	N	Y	N	N	
B	U	N	N	B	U	N	N	Y	
U	N	B	N	U	N	N	U	N	
N	Y	B	Y	N	N	U	B	N	
N	U	Y	N	N	U	B	A	U	
Y	N	N	U	Y	N	N	U	B	

How many times can you find the word BUNNY in this puzzle?

HINT: The word BUNNY is spelled forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

SCORING

1 - 3 = Good Start
4 - 6 = Very Good
6 - 10 = Excellent
11 + = Awesome!

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand the importance of individual action and character.

Double Double Word Search

ORIGAMI
JAPAN
ALPHABET
BASKET
BEEPER
BUNNY
OPINIONS
AWESOME
DELIVERY
SILLY
GREEN
EASTER
PAPER
EGG
MAKE

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

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

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

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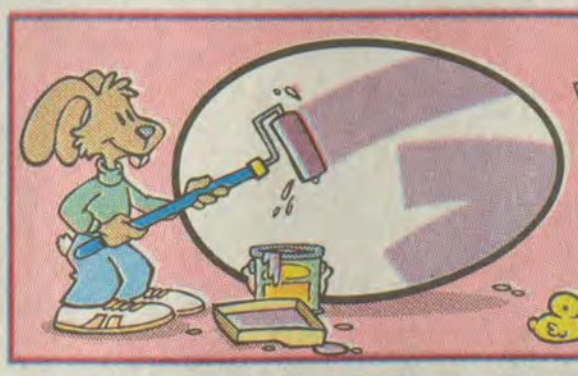
Trust

Who do you trust? Do you know why? Can you find a picture in the newspaper of someone you trust? Can you find a picture of someone you would not trust?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information; Health: Recognize qualities that build strong character.



Why do we paint Easter eggs?

ANSWER: Because it's easier than wallpapering them!

Weekly Writing Corner

Easter Bunny Spotted!

The latest news has let everyone know about the Easter Bunny sighting. He appeared to be wearing a pink suit and was caught carrying a basketful of eggs. The chickens may be pressing charges against this so-called egg-stealer!

Emily, 6th grade

Easter Bunny alert! Exciting news, folks! The Easter Bunny has been spotted on the corner of Maple Street at two in the morning. We think that he was checking out the houses so he would know where to hide the eggs. But we only saw him for a few seconds. After that short time, he disappeared!

Elena, 6th grade

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Our own journalist, Ashley, spotted the Easter Bunny in a local neighborhood park. She said he was hiding eggs and hopping around. She was playing basketball when she spotted him yesterday. Keep your eyes peeled for more sightings because it looks like the Easter Bunny is getting a head start on egg hiding.

Ashley, 6th grade

If I saw the Easter Bunny I would take pictures of it. Then I would get someone to take my picture with the Easter Bunny. Then I would make the Bunny a house and I would be the only one who would know where he lived.

Marco, 5th grade

On February 13th, a nine-year-old girl spotted the Easter Bunny. The Bunny was probably mixed up about the holidays because he was hiding Easter eggs!

Elise, 3rd grade

On Tuesday, the Easter Bunny was seen on 1st Street. He was yellow and pink. He had a mustache.

Roberto, 2nd grade

The Easter Bunny has been found in our town the night before Easter. He was seen with a truckload of chocolate eggs. He said that this year is going to be the best ever!

Keilan, 6th grade

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted!

Deadline: April 15, 2005
Published: Week of May 15, 2005

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COLORING PAGE

HEADY STUFF! Heads and hands are showing in this party scene, but dot-to-dot lines will reveal what's missing.

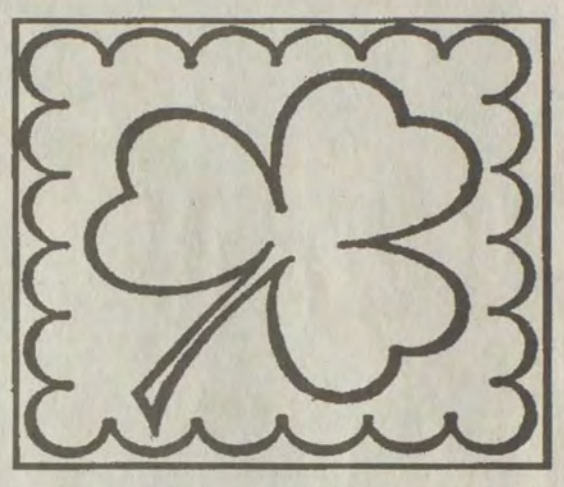
SAFE BET? Paddy produces an ordinary soda can. He bets his pal Mike that the can is bigger around the middle (circumference) than it is tall. Does he win? You decide.

GREEN LIGHT! Color the shamrock at right bright red. That's right, red. Stare at it intensely for a few seconds, and then shift your eyes to the ceiling or nearby wall.

Alakazam, would you believe the image you see on the ceiling or wall will be green?

On the other hand, color the shamrock green, turn to the ceiling or wall and the image you see will be red.

Give it a try. See if it works for you.



Junior Whirl®

by Hal Kaufman

1.	R							E
2.		R					E	
3.			R			E		
4.				R	E			
5.			E			R		
6.		E					R	
7.	E							R

UN-MIX AND MATCH WORD WORKOUT

YOU ARE provided with definitions and anagrams below to find seven eight-letter words that fit in the framework of letters at left. How long will it take you to find them?

Definitions:	Anagrams:
1. Bugle call	live + reel
2. Wristband	care + belt
3. Game plan	stat + grey
4. Cut back	seed + care
5. Plot plan	soar + nice
6. Short month	ruby + fare
7. Up-down car	real + vote

Letters of anagram words, of course, require unscrambling to form words in question.

Time limit: 2 min. each.

1. Reveille. 2. Bracelet. 3. Strategy. 4. Decrease. 5. Scenario. 6. February. 7. Elevator.

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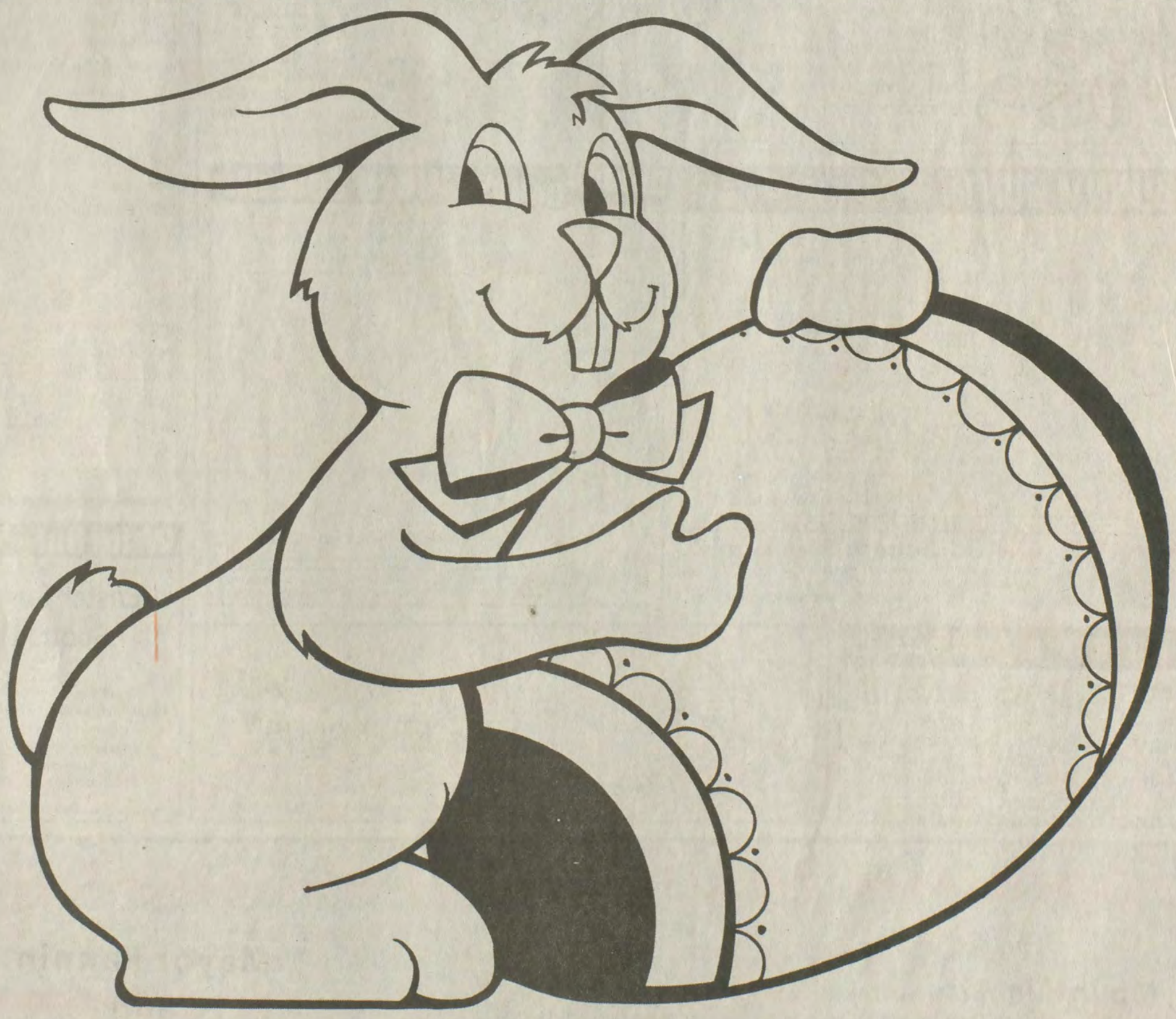

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My Kid Scoop™

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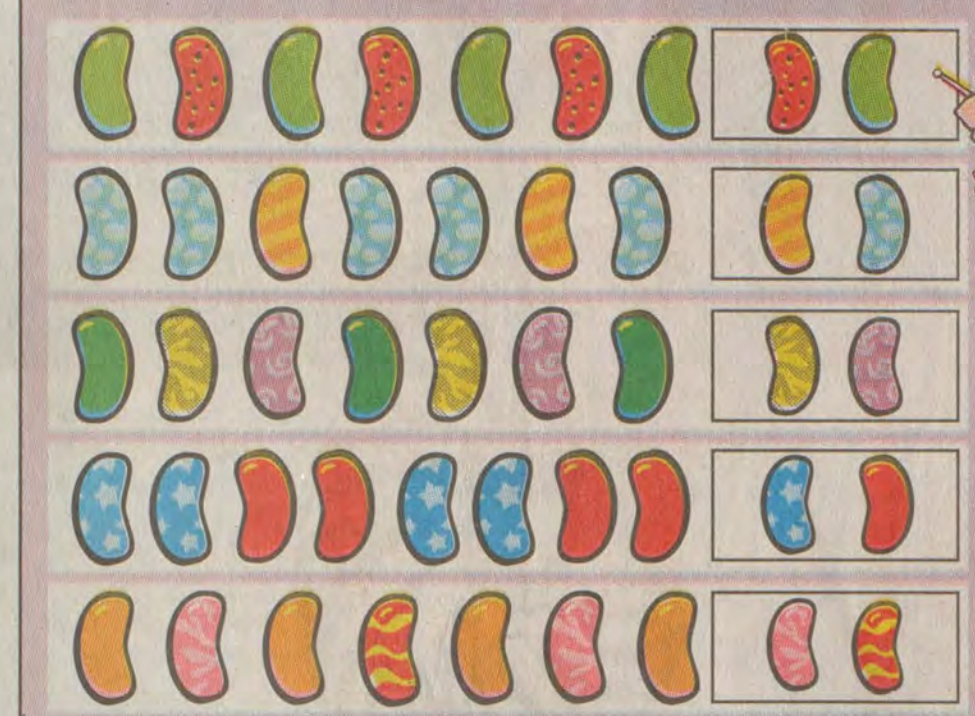
My name:

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.

Jelly Bean Patterns

Circle the jelly bean that comes next in each row.



My Rhyme Time

Jugs are filled with jelly beans,
Jars are filled up, too.
The Easter Bunny is on his way
With tasty treats for you.

My Letters

J is for **Jelly Bean**

j is for **jelly bean**

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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the **J** sound like the word **jelly bean**?

My Numbers

How many ?

jelly jars

How many ?

jesters

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.

Juicy jelly beans are

Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter **J** in the word **jelly bean**.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number **2** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Rhyme Time

The word jelly rhymes with belly. Look through the newspaper for pictures of things whose names rhyme. Can you find two pairs of rhyming picture words?

Wednesday

Letter Families

With your child, look at one page of the newspaper. Say, "The big **J** called 'uppercase' **J** is looking for his little brother (sister) called 'lowercase' **j**. Let's see how many big **J**, little **j** matches we can find.'

Thursday

Jelly Bean Colors

Show your child a jelly bean and tell him or her what color it is. Then look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that are the same color as the jelly bean. As a reward, eat the jelly bean!

Friday

Easter Egg Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find and count all of the Easter eggs. Cut out the larger eggs. Sort them by size and then by color. Are there any other ways they can be sorted?

Saturday

Bunny Search

Give your child some cotton balls, glue and a section of the newspaper with Easter art. Ask your child to paste a bunny tail on every bunny he or she can find.

Learning Buddies!

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E	U	S	T	J	E	U	I	S	S	E	O	T
8	6	4	3	8	7	3	2	8	3	6	2	8
N	R	I	R	A	S	I	E	G	S	G	G	E
6	2	5	2	5	3	6	2	5	7	6	4	7
I	U	G	E	E	Y	V	S	N	T	E	F	A
8	4	3	4	2	3	7	3	5	3	2	6	5
R	I	O	E	T	U	R	R	T	S	S	O	L
4	7	6	7	6	7	6	5	6	7	6	7	7
D	T	T	D	H	I	E	E	R	A	S	R	Y

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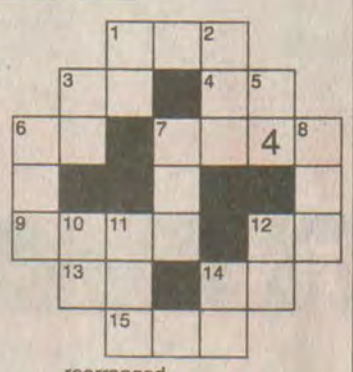
Rational Numbers

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

1. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
3. 12-Across minus 6-Across
4. One-eighth of 7-Down
6. Same digit repeated
7. Consecutive digits in descending order
9. 1-Down times 3-Down
12. One-fifth of 8-Down
13. Forty more than 3-Down
14. 1-Across minus 11-Down
15. The first digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN

1. Consecutive digits in ascending order
2. Consecutive digits rearranged
3. 2-Down minus 7-Down
5. Six more than 4-Across
6. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
7. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
8. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
10. Consecutive odd digits in ascending order

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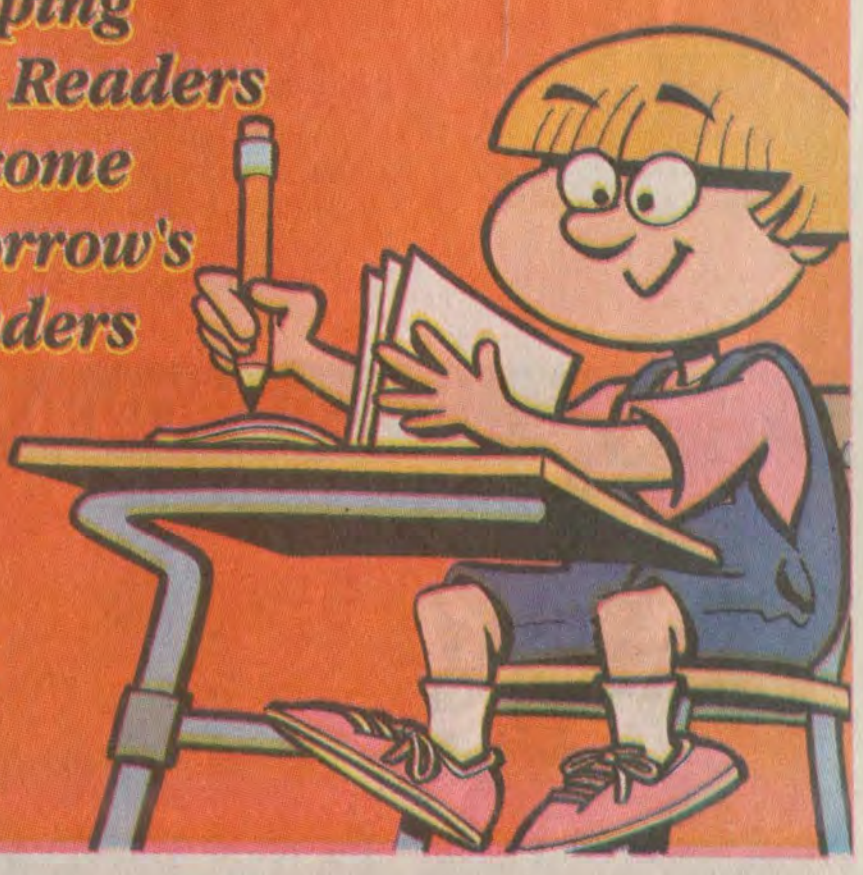

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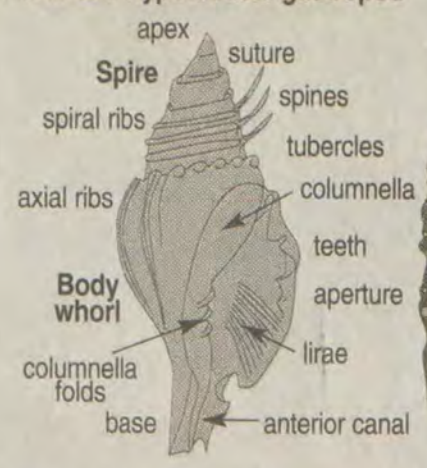
Seashells

Parts of a hypothetical gastropod



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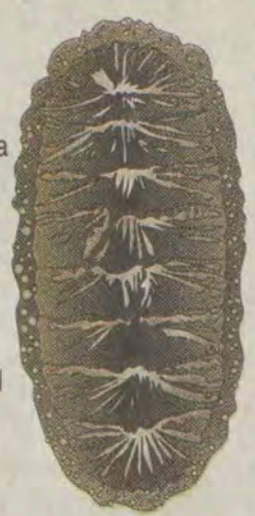
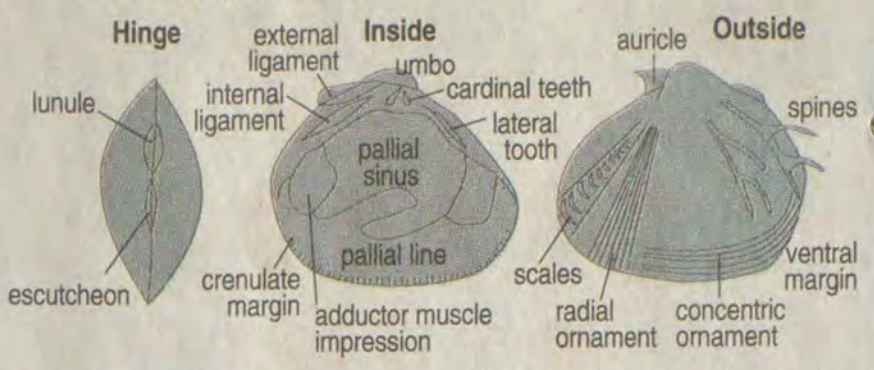


Eight articulating plates make up the shell of the chiton. About 500 species live worldwide in rocky tidal areas. A muscular band surrounds the plates and firmly attaches the chiton to algae-covered rocks, where it feeds.

TUSK SHELLS

The scaphopods, or tusk shells, lie buried in the sandy seabed. A cone-shaped muscular foot protrudes from the hollow base. Tentacle-like filaments help the mollusk capture small prey and feed. Native Americans used the shells to decorate their clothing.

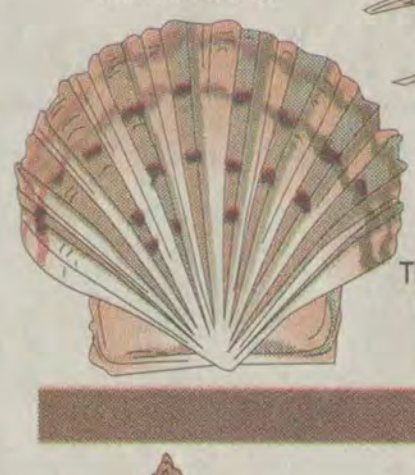
Parts of a hypothetical bivalve



CHAMBERED NAUTILUS

The only cephalopods to produce true external shells are the Nautiloids. The shells are large and lightweight. Inside, closed chambers are filled with gas, allowing the shell to float. All of the Nautiloids live in the Indo-Pacific region.

BIVALVES

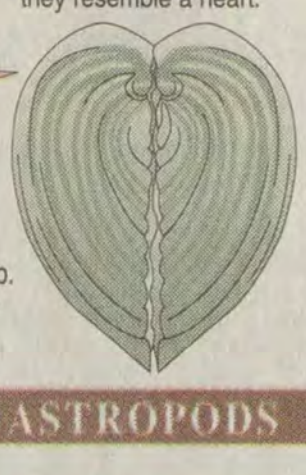


Pecten albican

All scallops "swim" by rapidly ejecting water from their shells.

Thorny Oyster

The thorny oyster is actually a scallop. They attach themselves to rocks or coral and grow to 6 inches long.

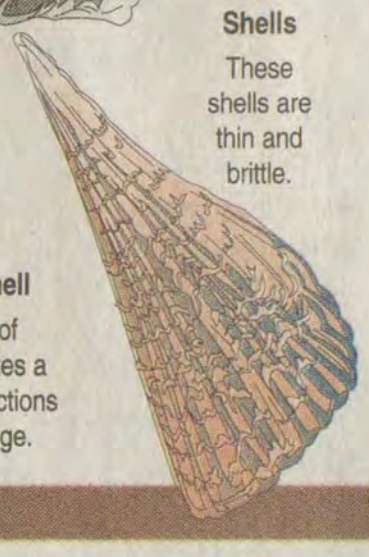


True Heart Cockle

When the shells are viewed from the side, they resemble a heart.

Black Hammer Shell

This family of mollusks creates a shell with projections along the hinge.



Pen Shells

These shells are thin and brittle.

GASTROPODS

Volute imperialis

Volutes are among the most popular, beautiful and expensive of shells collected.

Black Murex

Most murex shells are heavy-walled and spiny.

Green Turbo

Turbo shells are common worldwide.

Perry's Triton

All Triton shells are thick and have tooth-like grooves on the outer lip.

Hebrew Cone

Markings on the shell resemble the Hebrew language.

Humpback Cowrie

All cowries are highly polished and shiny.

Sundial

These are small to large shells from warm, tropical seas.

Spider Conch

Distinctive finger-like spires project from the shell of these conches.

Tiger Cowrie

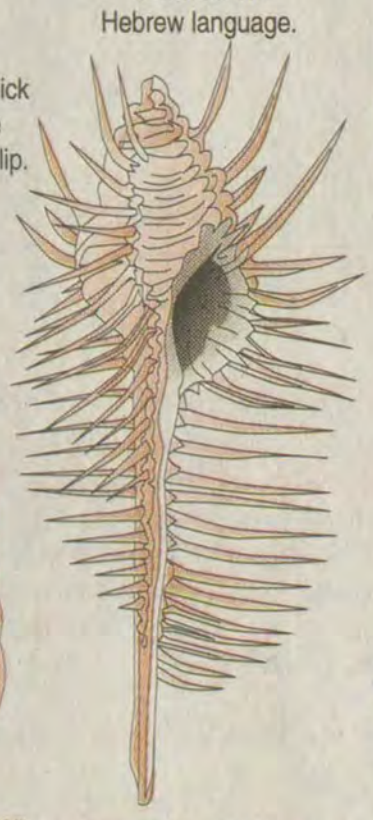
Only five species of cowrie are found in North America.

Pacific Triton

Triton shells are large and were used as horns by ancient peoples.

Marlin's Spike Auger

Auger shells are very pointed. The mollusks inside eat marine worms.



Venus' Comb Murex

A very rare and delicate shell from Japan.

Blackened Frog

Members of this family live on or near coral reefs.

What is a seashell?

Seashells are natural objects. They are the exoskeletons of a group of animals called **mollusks**. The exoskeleton is important to mollusks because it provides shape, rigidity and protection from predators.

What is a mollusk?

The phylum Mollusca includes clams, snails, slugs, octopuses, squid and chitons.

The Latin word **mollis** means soft. The term **malacology** (study of mollusks) comes from "**malakos**," the Greek word for "soft."

Sometimes the term **conchology** is used for the study of shells alone. Several features are common to all mollusks:

1. A **mantle** that secretes calcium carbonate in the form of spicules or a shell.

2. A **mantle cavity** where respiration occurs through gills (aquatic) or through the mantle wall (terrestrial). Excretory and reproductive organs function there as well.

3. A body divided into **three regions**: the head, foot and visceral mass.

4. Three **body cavities** (coelomic spaces) for kidney, heart and gonad.

5. A **ribbon of teeth** (radula) used in feeding.

How are they classified?

According to the characteristics of their shells, mollusks are organized into major groupings. Most seashells fall within these two groups:

Gastropods (snails) have a single shell, which spirals outward and to one side as it grows.

Bivalves (oysters, clams, scallops and mussels) have two-part shells that enclose the body.

These are shells that can sometimes be found on the beach:

Scaphopods (tusk shells) have a single shell that does not coil, but grows in a narrow, slightly curved cone.

Polyplacophores (chitons) have a row of eight overlapping plates.

These are the remaining groups of mollusks:

Cephalopods (octopus and squid) have no shell, although the chambered nautilus does have a shell which coils flatly, in a single plane.

Neopilina are deep-sea creatures that have a single shell which fits over the body like a cup.

Aplacophora are also deep-sea mollusks with no shell. Small spines cover their bodies.

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