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## briefs

## 'Nervous' robber hits liquor store

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An armed man who robbed County Line Liquors on Jockey Hollow in Prestonsburg was so nervous he nearly dropped his gun on his way into the establishment, officials and witnesses said.

The robbery occurred at after 9 p.m. Saturday and the man, a white male, walked away with nearly \$1,500.

"They said he was really nervous when he came in the door. He was so nervous, he almost dropped the gun," said Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Will Holbrook, who assisted at the scene. "The owner said one of the workers got in a back corner and tried to get away from him because he said, 'I was afraid he would shoot me 'cause he was so nervous.'"

Reports indicate that the man, described as being approximately 5 feet, 10 inches and in his 40s or early 50s, covered his face with blue bandana before he came into the store. He was wearing gloves, a hooded sweatshirt with faded lettering on it and blue jeans.

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# Receiver appointed for gas company

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorneys on both sides of the Wheelwright Gas case met with Perry County Judge Bill Engle on Tuesday and agreed that the situation requires the judicial appointment of a special "receiver," who will be authorized by

the court to handle relations with gas providers for the city.

The meeting was held via conference call with the judge from the Prestonsburg office of attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who was retained by Wheelwright residents who are suing the city. Wheelwright city attorney Tim Parker was also present, as were representatives from the newly

formed gas commission.

Judge Engle began the conference by announcing, "I find that there has been mismanagement and I'm going to appoint a receiver."

The mismanagement Engle spoke of included a failure by the city to appoint and maintain a gas commission which would have apprised them of a substantial

arrearage owed to Equitable Gas by the city which neared the \$100,000 mark by July and had begun piling up since the year began.

The attorneys agreed that Prestonsburg lawyer Tom Smith would make an ideal receiver after the job was turned down by

(See WHEELWRIGHT, page eleven)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Student members of the Allen Central High School JROTC program, along with their instructors, appeared before the members of the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening to make an appeal for covering the drained pool in order to create useful space for student teams and classes. The board has been engaged in determining the best course of action for use of the pool area for the past several years. Options have included filling the pool in with concrete, installing rubberized flooring and installing a retractable cover.

# School board asked to decide fate of ACHS pool

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

ALLEN — The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening at Allen Elementary School. Board members were welcomed to the school by a display of student work, writings and a performance of the AES choral and music departments, led by director Michael Bell.

Following, Principal Linda Gearheart and members of the school's site-based council offered

an overview of recent test scores and plans for future improvement.

Board member Mickey McGuire noted that the school "seems to do very well in K through 5, an area you all excel in ... But then you seem to slip in the middle school grades."

Gearheart responded that in some cases, she felt that transfer of teachers from one grade to another, along with student transfers from one school to another, can have an impact on those grades. She informed the board that her staff

was aware of the work to be done and that plans were already in progress toward future improvement.

Members of the Allen Central High School JROTC program attended the meeting to report to the board the importance of the school swimming pool area to them and to urge the board to move to have the pool covered.

The swimming pool has not been in use by the school since the

(See BOARD, page twelve)

# Grand jury finds shooting 'justifiable'

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A flea market gun vendor was "legally justified in using deadly force" against another vendor who was shot and killed at the Bull Creek Trade Center earlier this year, a Floyd County grand jury ruled Tuesday.

The grand jury issued a "no true bill" for Doug Moore, 65, of Dinwood Road in Martin, and announced that they would not seek an indictment against him. Moore was released from custody on August 4, a few hours after

he shot Manchester resident Harold Smith, 56, at the flea market.

Moore was not initially charged in the shooting because witnesses claimed he acted in self-defense against Smith, who some — Moore included — considered to be his friend.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office began presenting the case regarding Smith's death to the grand jury in September. Since that time, jurors heard testimony from 18 witnesses, including every person identified by investi-

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# Three more nabbed in drug roundup

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — Operation UNITE's most recent drug roundup appeared to take a break for the holidays, but saw three more arrest warrants issued this week, with 12 sealed indictments still sitting on the shelf at the courthouse.

Marlene Bentley, 63, of Wayland, was arrested Monday and arraigned Tuesday in circuit court. She was charged with two counts of trafficking stemming from drug sales allegedly made on Jan. 13 and 20.

Bentley is charged with selling hydrocodone and methadone on those occasions and is facing first- and second-degree drug trafficking charges which carry penalties of 10 and five years, respectively.

Bentley was released Tuesday after posting 10 percent of her bond, which was set at \$30,000.

A pretrial conference date has been set for March 23, at which time Bentley will have to decide if she wants to go to trial for the charges or accept a plea offer.

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# State funds upkeep of three cemeteries

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court welcomed Patty White, the East Kentucky representative for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, and received three checks, totaling \$7,645, for upkeep of three county cemeteries Monday.

Magistrates Allen Williams and Larry Stumbo were on hand representing the court and each

took a moment to thank the Governor's office. Williams spoke briefly about the history of the Middle Creek Battlefield, noting that he is a history buff and as such was thrilled to see preservation efforts aimed at Middle Creek Battlefield Cemetery.

Stumbo took a moment to thank Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb and said that Webb's

(See GRANTS, page twelve)



The Gov. Ernie Fletcher's office presented the Fiscal Court with three checks for upkeep of area cemeteries on Monday. Patty White (second from left) presented the checks to (from left) Jailer Roger Webb, Magistrates Larry Stumbo and Allan Williams, and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

photo by Tom Doty

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Today  
Mostly cloudy  
High: 48 • Low: 26

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Partly cloudy  
High: 46 • Low: 26

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# Obituaries

## Rubestene Click Akers

Rubestene Click Akers, age 71, of Martin, the wife of the late Bradley Akers, passed away Saturday, November 26, 2005, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born October 25, 1934, in Martin, the daughter of the late Hie Click and Myrtle Boyd Click. She was a housewife and homemaker.

She is survived by her two sons: Glen W. (Debbie) Akers and Gary V. (Ramona) Akers, both of Martin; three daughters: Rita G. (Keith) Frasure, Vanessa A. Adkins, and LaDonna R. (Tommy) Akers-Gibson, all of Martin; two brothers: N.D. (Maxine) Click of North Carolina, and Richard (Aileen) Click of Indiana; nine grandchildren: Kristy Davis, Anita Akers, Jessica Frasure, Justin Frasure, Matthew Adkins, Samuel Howell, Shanna Howell-Boyd, Sabrina Howell, and Stephanie Gibson; and two great-grandchildren: Bradley W. Akers and Jacob R. Davis.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Juanita Akers; and one sister, Lavone Click Conn.

Funeral services for Rubestene Click Akers were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Akers Cemetery, in Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Matthew Adkins, Justin Frasure, Dyan Keith Davis, Tommy Gibson, Leonard Click, Jeremy Mitchell, Randy Caudill, Doug Volk, and Buford Conn.

Honorary: Norman Conn and Roger Hunter. (Paid obituary)

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## Archie B. "Bud" Hicks

Archie B. "Bud" Hicks, 74, of Mosherville, Michigan, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2005, at the Hillsdale Community Health Center.

He was born July 17, 1931, in

Garrett, the son of the late Enoch and Pokie Wicker Hicks, and was the youngest of their 12 children. Archie was a farmer and worked at Paul's Junkyard in Homer, Michigan, for 20 years. He belonged to the Riverside Baptist Church, Homer, Michigan, and had also worked for the Salvation Army and Gospel Barn for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Renda Jordan Hicks of Mosherville, Michigan; a sister, Lonnie Snedegar of Marion, Ohio; a brother, Lacy Hicks of Eastern, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 30, at 11 a.m., at the Riverside Baptist Church, in Homer, Michigan, with Pastor Jim Collins officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery, in Litchfield, Michigan.

Visitation, at the George White Funeral Home, Litchfield, Michigan.

Memorial are suggested to Riverside Baptist Church, or the family.

(Courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.) (Paid obituary)

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## Lois Mullins

Lois Mullins, age 64, of Hippo, wife of Freddie Mullins, passed away Monday, November 28, 2005, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born April 19, 1941, in Hueysville, the daughter of the late Dockie Prater and Geneva Cooley Prater. She was a secretary and treasurer of M and M Welding Co.

She is survived by her husband, Freddie; a son, Gregory (Sandy) Mullins of Hippo; a daughter, Greta (Shannon) Thornsberry of Martin; mother-in-law, Margaret Mullins of Hippo; one brother, Roy (Phyllis) Prater of Munster, Indiana; three sisters: Brenda Sue (Jesse) Hampton of Columbus, Ohio, Linda June

(Red) Martin of Hueysville, and Pam (Tom) Martin of Eastern; two grandchildren: Lauren Taylor Mullins and Madison Nicole Thornsberry; and several nephews.

Funeral services for Lois Mullins will be conducted Thursday, December 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will follow in the John Wess Prater Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, with song services each night at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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## Brenda Gail Stanley

Brenda Gail Stanley, 46, of Honaker, died Sunday, November 27, 2005, at her residence.

Born December 29, 1958, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Faye and Martha Rose Lawson. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John Milton Stanley.

Other survivors include two sons: John Clayton Stanley of Bardstown, and Derek Ray Stanley of Honaker; five brothers: Bobby Lawson, Faye Edward Lawson, and Earl Lawson, all of Honaker, Eddie Lawson of Harold, and Roger Lawson of Banner; five sisters: Patty Fannin, Katherine Collins, and Anna Mae Asher, all of Honaker, Wilma Kidd of Loraine, Ohio, and Ozella Kidd of Harold.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 1, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Junior Kidd and Richard Bowens officiating.

Burial will be in the Lawson Cemetery, Little Mud, in Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

(Paid obituary)

## Dayton Warrix

Dayton Warrix, age 63, of Waterloo, Indiana, formerly of Hueysville, husband of Judi Thomas Warrix, passed away Monday, November 21, 2005, in Dekalb Memorial Hospital, in Auburn, Indiana.

He was born September 24, 1942, in Hueysville, the son of Sylvia Crager Warrix of Hueysville, and the late Clyde Warrix. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He worked in the maintenance department at Wal-Mart Distribution Center, in Garrett, Indiana.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by three sons: Kenny (Teri) Warrix of Avilla, Indiana, and Greg (Julie) Warrix and Jeff Dayton (Donna) Warrix, both of Kendallville, Indiana; two brothers: John Warrix of Hueysville, and Bobbie Warrix of Wayland; 10 sisters: Betty Ousley of Branford, Florida, Barbara Schmidt of Tipton, Ohio, Velma Shepherd of Prestonsburg, Margie Reed of Hippo, Clydia Heintzelman, Shirley Boyd, Bonnie Warrix, and Kim Slone, all of Hueysville, and Audrey Whitaker and Kathy Neely, both of Waterloo, Indiana; eight grandchildren: Dustin Warrix, Jessica Warrix, Adam Warrix, Chad Warrix, Josh Morris, Joey Price, Jeffery Warrix, and Danielle Warrix; and one great-grandchild, Angela Price.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, William Warrix; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Warrix.

Funeral services for Dayton Warrix were conducted Saturday, November 26, at 10 a.m., at the Feller Funeral Home, in Waterloo, Indiana, with Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating.

Burial was in the Christian Union Cemetery, in Garrett, Indiana, under the professional care of the Feller Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

(Paid obituary)

## Robbery

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Two customers who pulled into the parking lot as the man was leaving told officials that he left in a blue or black older model car. It wasn't apparent if anyone else was in the car.

Manager Charlie Rowland, who came to the scene after the robbery took place, said no one was injured and no merchandise was taken from the store.

The man, he said, walked up to the counter, nervously shaking, and demanded cash from store clerks Jim Salyers and Justin Blair. Neither man was available for comment.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Justin Cornett continues the investigation. He did not return inquiry calls.

## Pike County judge arrested on drunken driving charge

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County circuit judge faces a drunken driving charge after his arrest on the Mountain Parkway over the weekend, according to Kentucky State Police.

Steve Combs, 45, of Pikeville, was arrested shortly after 11 p.m. Friday near Salyersville, Trooper Scott Hopkins said.

Combs was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville before being released on an unspecified cash bond.

Hopkins said a tipster called state police to report a drunken driver on the Mountain

Parkway. He said the trooper who investigated observed the vehicle, a 2002 Ford pickup truck, driving erratically before he made the traffic stop.

Combs couldn't immediately be reached for comment Monday afternoon.

In a written statement, his brother, Donald Combs, said the judge was on his way to Lexington when he was arrested.

In the statement, Donald Combs said his brother believes he will be cleared of the charge.

"We would remind everyone that every citizen, even circuit judges, are entitled to the presumption of innocence," Donald Combs said.

## We Shall Meet Again

*This is a remembrance to a daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend. For once we get to heaven, we shall all meet again.*

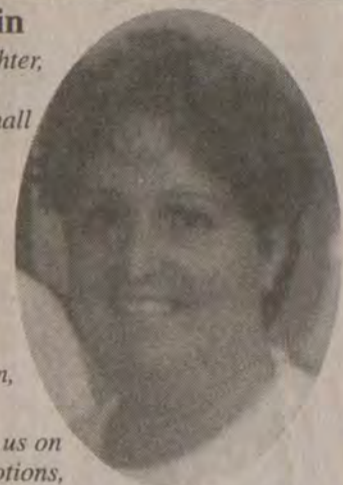
*This is to the one we love so much, it hurts to think when she left us so early, our world fell apart.*

*It's so hard not to cry, but when the crying begins, we thought once we get to heaven, we shall all meet again.*

*We think of this so often, it keeps us on track. It's so hard to hold the emotions, but we think once again, When we all get to heaven, we shall all meet again.*

**John 11 (25:26)**  
Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the Life: He that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?

**From the family of Bettina Lynn Chaffins Harris Hunt**  
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## Card of Thanks

The family Richard A. "Rick" Bentley 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. A special thanks to Clergyman Denny Curry for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD A. "RICK" BENTLEY

## Card of Thanks

The family of Sola Tackett Williams 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, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank the Regular Baptist ministers, Clifford Williams, Larry Dixon, and Clyde Lewis, for their comforting words, the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### John W. Hall Lodge 950 plans Christmas party and officer installation

The annual Christmas party of John W. Hall Lodge 950, F&AM, Martin, will be held on Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m., at the lodge hall. Dinner will be served, and Santa Claus will be there.

Also, the installation of officers of John W. Hall Lodge will be conducted on Friday, January 6, 2006, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served. The public is welcome to attend, both of these events.

### HRMC Dec. Calendar

- Dec. 5, 6 - AARP, 10 a.m. till 12 p.m. Meeting rooms A&B.
- Dec. 6, 8 - Neonatal Resuscitation program, 8-10 a.m. Meeting rooms A&B.
- Dec. 10 - Childbirth class, 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. HRMC Medical Office Bldg., 5th floor, Board Room.
- Dec. 10 - Ky. Mountain Dental Society, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting rooms A&B.

### Maytown Center

Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basket-

ball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.  
 •Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

### May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

### Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus. Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self." "Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

### UNITE

Beginning January 9, the UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight

against drugs.  
 •Dec. 1 - TheFloyd County UNITE Coalition will host a celebration dinner, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge. Speakers from Clay County will attend. Open to all members, pastors, govt. officials, educators, and substance abuse workers, as well as interested persons from the general public. Please R.S.V.P. to 886-8087 or email to: [jhseter@mikrotec.com](mailto:jhseter@mikrotec.com) if you plan to attend. The dinner is free.

•"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 29.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

### Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

### Free Body Recall classes

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929;

Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### Interested in new job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

### External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

### Floyd County Extension

**Homemaker Club Meetings**  
**Allen:** 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
**Cliffside/Prestonsburg:** 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.  
**David:** 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

**Martin:** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

**Evening Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

**Maytown:** 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

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

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

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

### Looking for a Support Group?

**Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group**

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

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

•Domestic Violence Hotline -

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

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: [doslone@eastky.net](mailto:doslone@eastky.net).

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action

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# Viewpoint

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## Our View End the days of futility

A decision to appoint a receiver to negotiate lower gas rates for the Wheelwright Utility Commission should come as good news for residents of that community, but the rationale behind that decision is bad news for members of the city commission.

In providing his reasons for the decision, Perry Circuit Judge Bill Engle ruled that the city commission had mismanaged the utility, most notably by failing to appoint a utility commission.

For their part, city leaders have said that they were unable to appoint a utility commission because it was difficult to find anyone to take the job. However, that, too, could be considered the fault of city commissioners, because of how they have treated utility commissioners in the past.

Instead of letting utility commissioners make decisions on how best to run the system, the city commission has consistently undermined it in the past by reversing utility commission decisions or simply getting rid of utility commissioners with whom they disagreed.

Sure, city commissioners should have some oversight over the utility commission, but that should not extend to consistent meddling. It could be reasonably asserted that in the past Wheelwright has not had a utility commission so much as a "futility commission."

This ruling, if not the debacle that required it, should be a wake-up call for the city commission.

— The Floyd County Times



## Capitol Ideas Study: CATS doesn't properly measure all students progress

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's student testing program "inadequately" measures the performance of many pupils — particularly those with learning disabilities, according to a recent study.

Test scores for most learning disabled students in Kentucky are also not being properly reported, according to the study by the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions in Bowling Green.

"Kentucky's testing policy continues to inadequately measure results with far too many of the commonwealth's children being left behind," according to the report by Richard Innes, an education analyst at the Bluegrass Institute.

States are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act to report pupils' and school districts' performance annually, while keeping a 2014 goal for proficiency. There are a range of potential consequences for public schools failing to meet yearly progress goals for two or

more consecutive years.

Kentucky uses the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System in meeting the state's federal NCLB requirements. It measures students in reading and mathematics.

"Policies established by the Kentucky Department of Education allow too many schools to escape accountability for the performance of their student subgroups," according to the study.

An increasing number of minority and learning disabled students' progress is being overlooked by Kentucky's current reporting methods, according to the report.

Because of the state's reporting methods, more than 75 percent of Kentucky high schools, 56 percent of middle schools and 81 percent of elementary schools were not held accountable for how their learning-disabled pupils performed in 2005, the report claimed.

Among the reasons, the report claims, is that the CATS test is equipped for measuring an entire school's performance, not small subsets of students.

"Such grossly inadequate coverage of these special students — who number more than 100,000 statewide — is simply unacceptable," the report said.

State education officials had not finished reviewing the entire report and were not planning a direct response, Kentucky Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross said.

"There's a lot wrong with it," Gross said.

Kentucky's current CATS system does measure learning disabled students in the aggregate, Gross said.

"It is true that in schools there may not be a significant population to report for NCLB, but those schools are reported for CATS and they are reported by the school districts," Gross said.

Gross also criticized the report, claiming it was biased against the state's education department and officials have responded to similar claims in the past.

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.



## Letters Save gifted programs

I am writing to urge the citizens of Floyd County never to consider eliminating the gifted and talented programs in the Floyd County school system. As a daughter of two former educators in the system, Clem and Alice Martin, a student that attended school in the system, as well as a gifted and talented teacher in the system from the years 1983 to 1987, I feel well qualified to make these assertions.

It is not my intention to hurt anyone in this county with my opinion. There are many people that have been wonderful to me in so many different ways. However, I never felt like I belonged there. As there was no identification of gifted students at the time that I went to school, I will never know whether or not I would have been eligible for gifted and talented services. Nor did I have any access to dramatic classes, except through the volunteer efforts of Shirley Stewart in my freshman year at Allen Central High School.

During my junior year, Joyce Watson and several other dedicated teachers gave awards to students who excelled in acade-

mics and held an awards ceremony to honor these students. I received two of them, but sadly I didn't even show up to receive them because I honestly didn't feel like it mattered what I did except to my parents and some of those teachers. I deeply appreciate those teachers, Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Martin, my friends and family, for the emotional support that they gave me during the most difficult time of my life.

I think that one thing that was said to me in high school by another student pretty much summed up how I felt about my school life. When a rumor floated around the community that people were kidnapping blonde-haired, blue-eyed girls, he said in front of the whole class, "Don't worry, Sharon. Nobody would want you anyway."

I knew that I wanted other children who felt unaccepted to have the opportunity to excel in other areas than were offered at the time. I was thrilled when Ron Hager, former Floyd County superintendent, backed the program with funding and support. I was excited to have to

opportunity to work with Janie Goodman and Tammy Francis on a project that encouraged students to excel in academics and make the most of their talents and gifts in those areas. I am proud to say that I taught students such as Barry Davis, Beth and Ryan Jones, Dr. Lisa Hobbs and Dr. Robin Williams. I taught others that I am equally proud of, but I am unaware of where they are located and what they are doing at the moment.

When I saw that Billie Jean Osborne had opened up the Mountain Arts Center and joined Jenny Wiley in giving the community and arts outlet, I cheered. Please consider the talents and gifts that Floyd County children have been given. I strongly urge that talented and gifted education and the arts are vital to the survival of the Floyd County community.

Thank you, Carol Stumbo, for fighting for this program. It's a battle you should not have to fight.

Sharon Martin Lavender  
Godwin, N.C.

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# Health Extra

## Safe Kids offers toy safety reminders

LEXINGTON — Parents and caregivers can make sure they're choosing safe toys for their children by paying close attention to warning labels and manufacturer's guidelines. "More than 3 billion toys and games are sold in the United States every year, and most of them are very safe. Warning labels and manufacturers' instructions tell you how to use the product safely," said Sherri Hannan, Safe Kids Fayette County coordinator. "If the manufacturer sets a minimum age or other restrictions, there's a reason. Follow the instructions."

Nationwide in 2003, more than 155,000 children ages 14 and under (including nearly 53,000 ages 4 and under) were treated in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries.

"By far, the biggest category of toy-related injuries — about 40 percent — involves riding toys, such as scooters, inline skates and skateboards," Hannan said. "If you give a riding toy to a child, remember: the gift isn't complete without a helmet and protective gear." Riding toys should not be used near vehicle traffic, stairs, swimming pools or bodies of water.

Under federal law, new toys cannot contain hazardous substances or pose a danger of electrical shock, burns or mechanical injury (such as pinched or cut fingers). Any toy with small parts must be labeled as a choking hazard if intended for ages 3 to 6 and is prohibited if intended for children less than 3 years old. Hazardous art materials must be labeled as "inappropriate for use by children," and realistic-looking toy guns are subject to labeling requirements.

"If you buy toys secondhand or get hand-me-downs, visit [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) to make sure the toy hasn't been recalled for

safety reasons," Hannan said. "If a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled."

Safe Kids Fayette County also recommends these precautions:

- Use a small parts tester (available in quantity from the Safe Kids Resource Catalog) or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

- Inspect toys often to make sure they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with broken toys or toys with straps, cords or strings longer than 7 inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

- Supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. Simply being in the same place as your child is not necessarily supervising. An actively supervised child is in sight and in reach at all times and is receiving your undivided attention.

- Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls and unsupervised play, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children.

Safe Kids Fayette County, led by Kentucky Children's Hospital, is part of Safe Kids Worldwide, the first and only national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under. More than 450 coalitions in 16

countries bring together health and safety experts, educators, corporations, foundations, governments and volunteers to educate and protect families.

Safe Kids Fayette County

was named as one of the top five worldwide coalitions for 2005. For more information about toy safety, protective equipment and choking, call (859) 323-1153 or visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).

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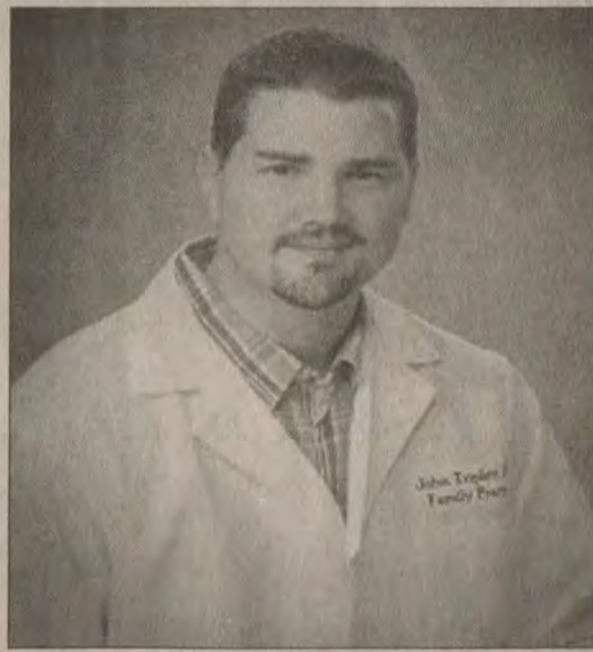
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Nicole wants to tell everyone who made her party a Special one, "THANK YOU!"

She is the daughter of Jonathan and Kim Burchett of Slickrock, the granddaughter of Kenny and Imajean Robinson of Martin, and Eddie Burchett and the late Tamara Ann Burchett of Slickrock. She is also the great-granddaughter of Josephine Scarberry and the late Junior Scarberry of Langley, and also the late Sam and Ella Robinson of Martin.



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The program is guided by a fellowship trained bariatric surgeon, Dr. Laura Velcu. Patients seeking treatment receive extensive pre-operative education and undergo a complete screening process, including a psychological evaluation, to help determine whether the surgery is appropriate for them. Patients are also required to attend support group meetings, where they receive vital information about what to expect following surgery, nutritional guidance, and other important aspects of the surgery and follow-up care.

As with any surgical procedure, weight loss surgery may present risks. Ask your referring physician or a bariatric surgeon if weight loss surgery is right for you.

**About the surgeon**

Dr. Laura Velcu, M.D. is fellowship trained in bariatric surgery, an intervention for weight loss to control morbid obesity. She received her medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Dr. Velcu completed her surgical residency at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. She also completed a surgical fellowship in complex and minimally-invasive surgery at University of Pittsburgh, Magee Women's Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Velcu is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. She is actively involved with research in the field of bariatric surgery.

**Weight Loss Surgery Support Group**

Expectations weight loss surgery group meetings are being planned on a monthly basis. Please watch for additional details and forthcoming announcements about the support groups in the future.

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# Lindsey Wilson programs at BSCTC join first counseling school

PRESTONSBURG — Lindsey Wilson College's programs at Big Sandy Community and Technical College Prestonsburg Campus have joined the newly created Lindsey Wilson School of Professional Counseling.

The school — which includes Lindsey Wilson's human services and counseling undergraduate program and counseling and human development graduate programs — is the only one of its kind in the nation, according to college officials.

Lindsey Wilson has offered classes at Prestonsburg through a collaborative agreement with BSCTC since 2002.

"The creation of the School of Professional Counseling is a sign of Lindsey Wilson's commitment to mental-health counselor education, especially to under-served communities in our state," said Lindsey Wilson President William T. Luckey Jr. "In forming the school, the Lindsey Wilson Board of Trustees also wanted to make a statement about one of our college's flagship programs. Our undergraduate and graduate programs in human services are among the best in the nation, and this school gives them an official place to call 'home' within the college."

Lindsey Wilson's School of Professional Counseling offers a master of education degree in counseling and human development that specializes in community mental-health counseling and also a bachelor of arts degree in human services and counseling.

The graduate program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, the accreditation arm of the American Counseling Association. The graduate program has been cited by CACREP as a model small-college graduate program in the United States.

"The commitment of the School of Professional Counseling is to provide practitioner-based programs known for their by academic integrity, professional competence and sound ethical practice," Luckey said.

By enrolling in the School of Professional Counseling, asso-

ciate-degree graduates from KCTCS can earn a bachelor's degree in human services and counseling or a master's degree in counseling and human development. Students who earn a master's degree are eligible for the credential of "licensed professional counselor" in Kentucky



### Katrina Lynn Harris

was born Aug. 24, 2004, at UK Hospital. She weighed one pound, 12 ounces, and was 12 inches long. She was born to Veronica Mae Harris of Prestonsburg. She is now 15 months old and is doing very well. She is a beautiful little girl who is loved very much by her family. Katrina is the granddaughter of the deceased Bettina Harris Hunt, Johnny Harris, grandfather, her great-grandparents are Vonnice Chaffins, Betty DeRossett, Allen and Avonell Harris.



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**HCTC donates to Red Cross for Katrina relief**  
Hazard Community & Technical College employees and students donated a total of \$2,400.08 to the American Red Cross after collecting money from all five campus locations. Shown above during the presentation of the cash are, from left, are: HCTC's Bart Massey, Angela Fugate, UCM's Heather Pennington; Bobby Carpenter, executive director of the Big Sandy Chapter of the American Red Cross. Second row, from left, are: HCTC's Carla Seals, Rebecca Neace, and Jamie Grace. The money will be sent for victims of hurricane Katrina.



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
**A much heavier Kitty attended her daughter's recent wedding.**  
Kitty, now over 50 lbs. lighter, attributes much of her weight loss success to Curves women's fitness center.

**Kitty Burchett - Curves client**

**Then and Now**

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Kitty Burchett, a bookkeeper at Prestonsburg High School, says that there is "no comparison" to the "then" of life as a much heavier woman and the "now" of life at more than 50 lbs. lighter.

"I just feel so much better," she said. "You know everything is not all about looks, it's a whole lot about how you feel...and I just feel so much better."

Kitty, who attributes much of her weight loss success to the "Curves" women's fitness center located on Hillside Drive, in Prestonsburg, near Glyn View Plaza. Curves is owned and operated by Pam Hall.

"I just love this place," Burchett said. "It's comfort-

able, it's fun, there's no pressure...everyone is free to work at their own pace. There's no mirrors, and, most importantly, no men! You come here and there are only other women...everyone working toward the same goal and being supportive of one another. I can't even begin to tell you about all the new friends I've made since I've been coming here."

Burchett, age 43, said she "got serious" about weight loss when seven-month old grandchild, Caleb, was born. "Caleb is the light of my life," she said. "When he was born, I started to think, 'You know, I want to be around as he grows up, I don't want to miss out on anything.' That's when I started to get serious and really got determined to lose those pounds."

Since May of this year, Kitty

has lost over 50 lbs. and more than 32 and 1/2 inches from her 5'9" frame. "I've been on a low-fat diet, too," she said, "but most of my success began to come when I started to move. Joining Curves has made all the difference."

Burchett says that she tried other gyms before joining Curves but just felt as though she "never really fit in." "The other places were not, well, structured," she said. "At Curves, you come in and you know exactly what you're going to do. The routine gives you a complete, quick workout. I like the structured environment. It's worked for me. Now I feel guilty if I don't come in. I guess you could say I'm 'addicted' to Curves!"

Burchett is the mother of three children, Amanda, Amy and Matthew. Her husband, Gary, is deceased.

To learn more about the Curves fitness program for women, call Pam Hall at 889-9929.



**ICG donates to HCTC**

International Coal Group (ICG) donated a Caterpillar articulating truck and a Caterpillar excavator, with a combined value of more than \$27,000, to the Technical Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College. James Cox, Maintenance Manager, is shown above with Jimmy Caudill, diesel technology faculty member at the Technical Campus. Dr. Jay K. Box, college president/CEO, said the gift makes it possible to provide even better training for students so they are ready for the job market. "ICG shows they care about education and that's a good sign to see from the business world," Dr. Box said.

**Cell phone companies challenge state's telecommunications tax**

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Five cell phone companies are suing the state, challenging a new tax set to take effect Jan. 1.

The companies — Cingular, Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint and NPCR — are challenging the way the state proposes to collect a 1.3 percent tax on gross revenues. The measure was passed earlier this year by the General Assembly as part of a sweeping overhaul of the state's tax code.

The cell phone companies, which filed suit Friday in U.S. District court in Frankfort, are asking a federal judge to strike down a provision in the law that prohibits the tax from being passed on to customers.

The lawsuit is the second challenge to the new telecommunications tax enacted in March. Two television satellite companies sued the state in May, challenging a 5.4 percent tax that they say unfairly benefits cable operators and hurts

satellite operators. The lawsuit is ongoing.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Monday that he has not reviewed the latest lawsuit, but he stood by the telecommunications tax and the tax reform bill.

A lawyer for the cell phone companies did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The five cell phone companies challenging the provision serve about 80 percent of the approximately two million cell phone users in Kentucky.



**HCTC students enjoy living archaeology**

Students in the Biology Club at the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College got a glimpse of what life was like a thousand years ago when they visited the Red River Gorge. HCTC faculty members Dell Sasser and Ralph Clark said the students enjoyed seeing Native Americans and other craftspeople demonstrate the daily business of living. The group gathered near Gladie Creek, similar to sites inhabited by Kentucky's first people. Shown above are HCTC students Amanda Neace, Zach Webb, Alex Smith, Connie Hagans, and Will Starner listening to Dell Sasser sharing information about the natural history of plants found in Red River Gorge.

**Many happy returns? The lowdown for holiday shoppers on refunds, returns and exchanges**

As holiday shopping gets into full swing, the Better Business Bureau of Central & Eastern Kentucky wants to remind consumers aware of their rights when it comes to refunds, returns and exchanges. It could save gift recipients a big headache after the holiday if they try to return something that wasn't "quite right."

If you are beginning your gift shopping, keep these facts in mind:

Each retail establishment has the right to set its own policy regarding returns, refunds and exchanges. There is no legal requirement for a store to refund your money. The merchant may choose to exchange merchandise or give you store credit toward another item, especially

if you do not have the original receipt.

There is no legal requirement for a store to post its policy (although many do). If you don't see it, before making a purchase, ask the store for the specifics of its return, refund and exchange policy, and if available, to obtain a written copy. It is also up to the customer to determine if the same policies apply to layaways and specially ordered merchandise.

If the merchandise is defective, and there is a "no

refund" policy, ask the merchant for the name, address and phone number of the manufacturer. You can then write or call the manufacturer about the defect and request a refund.

Special or custom orders generally require a good-faith partial payment up front. Customers, however, should realize that such orders often fall under a "no refund" policy. Check with the merchant about the specifics of placing such an order BEFORE making a commitment.

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# Odds & Ends

■ ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gentlemen, start your beards.

Anchorage has been awarded the 2009 World Beard and Moustache Championships following a bid process and vote of its members, according to association president Bruce Roe of Bremerton, Wash.

The biannual contest has been held in the United States only once before, two years ago in Carson City, Nev.

"It's a big honor," says David Traver, vice president of the Southcentral Alaska Beard & Moustache Club. "We've had a beard competition going on in Anchorage for about 54 years now, and we feel Anchorage is the perfect venue for this event."

Competitors can choose from several different categories, including handlebar mustaches to those sporting the "Fu Manchu" style. There also are categories for those preferring to grow goatees and other partial beards.

■ MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — A name like Ronald MacDonald might have raised suspicion from the start for a Wendy's employee.

Now the 22-year-old MacDonald has been charged with stealing from a safe at the Wendy's restaurant where he worked.

The man is no relation to the cheerful, red-haired clown who

is the face of the McDonald's advertising campaign.

The restaurant manager said he found MacDonald and another employee taking the money at about 1:30 a.m. Monday.

MacDonald and Steve Lemay, 20, were detained at the store until police arrived.

■ ST. JOHN, Ind. — What's the best way to catch a runaway ostrich? Apparently not a lasso. An ostrich led St. John police on a two-hour chase through neighborhood streets and yards Friday, before they finally managed to throw a net over it.

Resident Kathy Sorenson watched from the kitchen of her home in the northwestern Indiana community as police set up roadblocks.

"Then I saw a police officer jump out of his car and run toward something with a rope, like he was trying to lasso something," she said. She assumed officers were trying to catch a stray dog, then saw the ostrich run out from behind a tree.

The bird was turned over to animal control officers after it was caught. Police Chief Fred Frego said he had no clue where the ostrich came from.

"We don't have any missing ostrich reports," he said.

■ HUNTSVILLE, Mo. — Along with concert tickets, sports memorabilia and designer handbags, add a Missouri jail to

the list of things you can buy on eBay.

Randolph County officials have decided to sell their old jail on the auction site as soon as Wednesday. Bidding starts at \$32,500, said Jim Myles, a county commissioner.

County leaders say they got the idea to sell the jail from neighboring Howard County, which sold its jail to a Los Angeles lawyer who plans to renovate it into a country getaway.

"After Howard County sold their jail, we were kind of jealous," said Myles. "We wished we had been first."

The two-story structure resembles a quaint home more than a secure lockdown. That's because until 1989, the jail doubled as home to the county sheriff and his family, with a separate living quarters including a full kitchen and fireplace. The sheriff's wife even cooked meals for prisoners.

■ PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Courtney Reynolds always assumed she wouldn't have a traditional wedding.

But even she may have been a little surprised at how nontraditional her wedding turned out to be: Instead of white, she wore camouflage — as did the groom.

Not to mention her husband was 7,000 miles away when the couple said their vows.

Reynolds, 26, and Christopher Bowden, 25, are both Air Force staff sergeants. He's based in the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar, while she's in Colorado.

"I always said I was going to be untraditional," said Reynolds, who wore a white veil along with her uniform.

The couple tied the knot Friday via a teleconference link rather than wait for months. And when it came time to seal their nuptials with a kiss, they both puckered up to a video monitor.

■ AUGUSTA, Maine — In this town, window shopping is attracting a lot more guys than usual.

A lingerie store called Spellbound is grabbing attention with live models in the window. Some people have complained, but police say there is nothing illegal about the lingerie models.

"It's tainting the wholesome businesses down here," said Carrie Rossignol, co-owner of Video Game Exchange. "I think it's selfish, and I think it's morally reprehensible."

Another downtown merchant likes the idea, saying the models are attracting more potential customers to the area.

"It's like a New York thing. It's urban. It's edgy," said Stacy Gervais, owner of Stacy's Hallmark Store and a founder of a downtown merchants group. "We need a shtick — something that we do that attracts people and gets us remembered."

Spellbound owner Felicia Stockford said she has had no trouble finding staffers. She said the young women enjoy strutting their stuff in the shop window.

■ LOPBURI, Thailand — These were no party animals: Almost all the guests were too

frightened to make an appearance, and the others ate and ran.

That didn't matter to the tourists who converged in Lopburi on Sunday to watch monkeys eat piles of fruits and vegetables during the 17th annual monkey banquet.

The party was thrown by local hotelier Yongyuth Kitwatananon, who is thankful for the business the monkeys bring his city, 70 miles north of Bangkok.

The long-tailed macaques are regarded as disciples of Chao Pho Prakam, a four-armed deity whose likeness is enshrined in the heart of town.

With such status, the monkeys are given free rein. They can be seen dropping peanut

shells on street vendors, relieving themselves on curious onlookers and making merry on the electrical wires they use as footpaths. A sign at a local park says, "Beware of monkeys snatching your purse."

But Sunday's festival was a bust. The crowds and noise scared the monkeys off — except for one or two dozen brave ones who stuffed themselves, leaving a terrible mess behind.

■ DENTON, Texas — Seventy-one-year-old Virginia McNeill is finally getting her college degree — after three tries.

She first enrolled at the University of North Texas in

1951. She tried again in 1984. But in 2002, McNeill vowed to crack the books and keep at it until she graduated.

"People ask me what am I going to do with my degree, and I say 'I'm going to frame it,'" McNeill told the Denton Record-Chronicle. She is scheduled to graduate from the University of North Texas on Dec. 17.

McNeill said raising a family and running a family business forced her to postpone her education.

"Thank goodness there's not a statute of limitations on dreams," she said. "Time didn't run out on me, so I'm really lucky. I sure didn't expect it to take so long."

## Stumbo urges consumers to be aware of potential pitfalls when purchasing gift cards

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Stumbo warns consumers who buy and use gift cards to be conscientious consumers. There are often early expiration dates and service charges on gift cards and certificates. Before purchasing these items, the Attorney General urges consumers to ask the merchant for specific details regarding expiration dates and service charges.

The use of gift cards has increased significantly in recent years as consumers view them as an efficient way of ensuring that friends and family get the gifts they really want. The National Retail Federation estimates that \$55 billion worth of gift cards were sold in 2004.

However, the purchaser of

the gift card or the recipient of the card may be unaware that it has an expiration date or that the merchant is charging a monthly "maintenance fee" that diminishes the buying power of the gift card or certificate.

"I want to help prevent consumer embarrassment, anger and frustration when attempting to use a card that has expired," Stumbo said. "With the holiday season rapidly approaching, this awareness campaign could not come at a better time."

Some states have laws regarding gift cards. For example, some laws stipulate that a gift card cannot have an expiration date of less than two years after the card is purchased. Some laws also require that for a specified period of

time no service charges or fee be administered that would reduce the total amount for which the holder may redeem the gift card. Many laws also specify that a gift card sold to a consumer without an expiration date is valid until redeemed.

"Ask questions when you purchase a gift card. This will eliminate the element of an unpleasant surprise at the check-out counter and ensure that the recipient is able to take full advantage of the gift," Stumbo added.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2005. There are 31 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

■ In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

■ In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. (He was acquitted by the Senate.)

■ In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Miss.

■ In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

■ In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

■ In 1939, the Russo-Finnish War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland.

■ In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjöld.

■ In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

■ In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

■ In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Brady bill, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

**Ten years ago:** President Clinton became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Northern Ireland, where he implored Roman Catholics and Protestants alike not to surrender to the impulses of "old habits and hard grudges."

**Five years ago:** Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors.

**One year ago:** Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced his resignation.

■ NAACP President Kweisi

Mfume announced he was stepping down after a nearly nine-year tenure. President Bush tried to repair strained U.S.-Canada relations during a visit to Ottawa. "Jeopardy!" fans got to see Ken Jennings end his 74-game winning streak as he lost to real estate agent Nancy Zerg.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Gordon Parks is 93. Actor Efram Zimbalist Jr. is 88. Actor Robert Guillaume is 78. TV personality and producer Dick Clark is 76. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 75. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 68. Movie director Ridley Scott is 68. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 62. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 62. Singer Luther Ingram is 61. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 60. Playwright David Mamet is 58. Actress Margaret Whitton is 55. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 53. Musician Shuggie Otis is 52. Singer June Pointer is 52. Country singer Jeannie Kendall is 51. Singer Billy Idol is 50. Rock musician John Ashton (The Psychedelic Furs) is 48. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 48. Football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 43. Rapper Jalil (Whodini) is 42. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 40. Actress Sandra Oh is 35. Country singer Mindy McCready is 30. Singer Clay Aiken is 27. Actress Elisha Cuthbert is 23. Actress Kaley Cuoco is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "No particular man is necessary to the state. We may depend on it that, if we provide the country with popular institutions, those institutions will provide it with great men." — Thomas Babington Macaulay, English historian (1800-1859).

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# Prosecutors say grand jury work should continue

by **JOE BIESK**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's pardons of state officials for alleged personnel law violations should not serve as "a gag" on the investigation, a prosecutor said in court papers filed Monday.

While Fletcher no doubt has the constitutional power to pardon people, he does not have authority over the Franklin County special grand jury conducting the investigation into his administration, Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites wrote.

"The issue is whether that power may be used as a club against the citizen representatives of the grand jury," Whites wrote. "The people do not contend that the governor may not make use of his pardoning

power. The people merely request that this power not be used to gag the grand jury and prevent them from fulfilling the charge."

The assertions were part of a wide-ranging 50-page filing with the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

That court ruled earlier that the special grand jury could keep returning indictments but that they must remain sealed until Fletcher's pending legal challenge is settled. A hearing on the matter was scheduled for Wednesday.

So far, the special grand jury has indicted 13 current or former Fletcher administration officials on alleged violations of the state's personnel law. On Aug. 29, Fletcher pardoned nine named people and said the amnesty would extend to any-

one other than himself who could be indicted for actions before that date.

The governor subsequently fired nine administration officials, including some who were pardoned.

Fletcher's attorneys have claimed the grand jury should not be allowed to indict anyone who could be protected by the pardon. They have also challenged the grand jury's ability to write a report on its findings.

Whites claimed Fletcher's pardons should not sway the grand jury's future work.

"The undoubted power of the governor to issue a pardon relieving his friends and associates from the burden of facing the criminal justice system that confronts ordinary citizens cannot be used to crush the ongoing investigation of government

corruption," Whites wrote.

Sheryl Snyder, Fletcher's attorney, said Fletcher was not seeking to silence the grand jury. Two other government bodies — the Kentucky Personnel Board and the Executive Branch Ethics Commission — were also conducting similar investigations, Snyder said in a telephone interview.

Prosecutors seemed to be "misleading" the grand jury on the effect of Fletcher's pardons, Snyder said. A grand jury's role is not to write reports, Snyder said.

"It's not a matter of gagging anybody," Snyder said. "It's a matter of enforcing the rule of law that grand juries are not a roving band of investigators who willy-nilly write reports."

Still, Whites said that if the grand jury wrote a report, its

findings would be subject to court inspection.

Meanwhile, seven witnesses appeared before the grand jury Monday, including officials

from the state Transportation Department, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the state Commonwealth Office of Technology.

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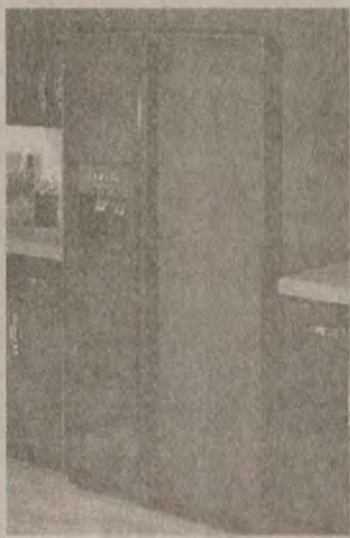
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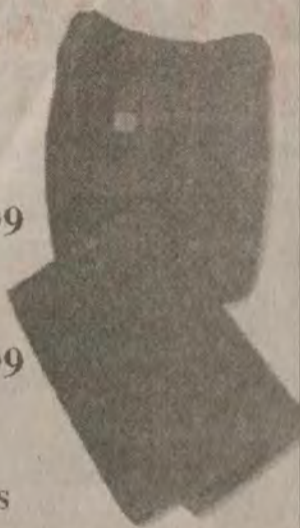
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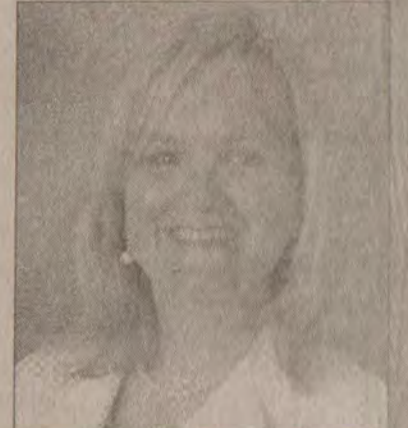
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another litigator that both sides had agreed to. Parker noted that he knew Smith and thought him a good guy but initially said that he would have to get the decision approved by the city. By the end of the meeting, Parker said that Smith wouldn't need to await approval and both attorneys hashed out an order for the court appointing Smith according to Judge Engle's guidelines.

Smith will be paid out of gas revenues and will be given authority to meet with Equitable Gas and other companies to establish a gas rate. Engle observed that gas is high now and that everyone can accept that, but noted that the gas rate situation had been mismanaged by the city. He also stated that he had reviewed minutes of city meetings and gave credit to Parker.

"My impression is you were aware of it [the bill] and tried to

take action," Engle said. "I think that's highly commendable."

Engle did note that he had yet to receive minutes from a meeting held on Nov. 17 by the city that dealt with issues pertaining to the suit. Parker said that minutes would not be ready until February and that they were not legal until approved by the city commission.

Engle countered by saying, "I need to see them, whether they're legal or not."

Both attorneys said that they were in contact with people who would be happy to meet with the appointed receiver to negotiate a better gas rate. Pillersdorf said he knew people involved with the Otter Creek Correctional Center who have many gas connections and would benefit from a lower rate for the jail. Parker intoned that he knew a representative from Trane Corporation

who would be willing to fly in from St. Louis to meet with the receiver.

Judge Engle said that they were good ideas and should be reported to Smith when he is duly appointed in an order that was expected to be ready by Tuesday afternoon. Pillersdorf and Parker drafted the order appointing Smith on Tuesday morning, with Pillersdorf set to deliver it to Engle in the afternoon.

Smith's appointment will be for 60 days, with the court deciding before that time has elapsed if he will be called upon to stay longer after reviewing his progress.

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Authorities also arrested Victor D. Rhea, 45, of Wheelwright, and charged him with first-degree drug trafficking and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rodney Scarberry, 28, of

Little Mud, was also picked up and charged with three counts of third-degree trafficking.

Scarberry and Rhea had not been arraigned at press time.

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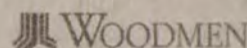
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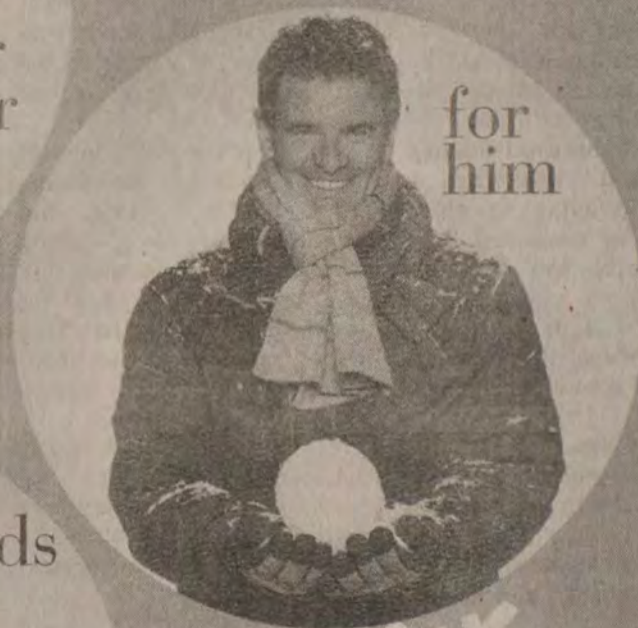


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# Six more file for election Martin councilman

## charged with assault

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

### Times Staff Report

May election filings include the names of six candidates who filed this week. There are now 28 candidates registered for several county elections.

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Ray Hall, who filed Tuesday, will campaign for another term this year. He is currently the only candidate running for the position.

Other applications this week were for magistrate and constable positions in various districts.

Garrett resident Kenneth Roberts, who filed Monday, is currently unopposed for the District 2 magistrate position. He joins Mike D. Goodman, of Langley, who filed this week to run for the District 2 constable position.

In District 3, Jason Moore, of McDowell, filed to be placed on

the ballot for the magistrate race. Melvin resident Paul Younce, currently unopposed, is seeking election in the District 3 constable race.

In District 4, the magistrate race grew to seven competitors this week with the filing of Tim Hamilton, of Stanville.

Candidates for office so far include:

■ District 1: Magistrate — John A. Goble, of Prestonsburg; constable — Michael Hall, of East Point, and Billy Jarvis, of Prestonsburg.

■ District 2: Magistrate — Kenneth Roberts; constable — Mike D. Goodman.

■ District 3: Magistrate — Clinis Hall, of Drift, Russell Warren Jarrell, of Printer, Marietta Adams, of Drift, and Jason Moore, of McDowell; constable — Paul Younce, of Melvin.

■ District 4: Magistrate Nicholas J. Martin, Paul David Tackett, both of Teaberry, Arnold Bob McKinney, Ronnie Akers, both of Harold, B.J. Newsome, of Betsy Layne, Charolette Frasure, of Grethel and Tim Hamilton, of Stanville; constable — John Kidd, of Harold, Mona Case, of Betsy Layne, and Logan Tucker, of Beaver.

■ County Judge-Executive — R.D. "Doc" Marshall, of Allen, and former Judge-Executive Ben Hale, of Blue River.

■ Prestonsburg mayor — Mayor Jerry Fannin, of Prestonsburg, unopposed.

■ Floyd County Sheriff — Dalton Conley, of Garrett, Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Deputy Jailer Damon Newsome, and Eunice Shepherd, of Prestonsburg.

■ Floyd County circuit court clerk — Circuit Clerk Douglas Ray Hall.

MARTIN — A Martin City Council member was arrested on Thanksgiving following an alleged domestic violence dispute at his home.

Charles E. Justice, 46, of Front Street in Martin, was taken into custody for the second time this year and charged with fourth-degree assault.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Hicks, who was unavailable for comment, alleges in the complaint that the Justice started punching the victim, his girlfriend, while she was lying in the bed. He then grabbed her and pulled her into the floor, the citation says.

Hicks reported that the female suffered with a bruise on her forehead, a "mouse" under her left eye, and bruises and cuts on her arm. It wasn't apparent if she sought medical treatment after the alleged dispute, which reportedly occurred at approximately 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Alcohol was suspected as a factor in the alleged dispute, police said.

Justice was arrested on the same charge in February. At that time, the Kentucky State Police officials were called to Justice's home at approximately 3 a.m. by his girlfriend's 8-year-old son.

Trooper Shawn Little reported that the child claimed that Justice held his mother against

the wall and choked her. Little claimed that Justice admitted to holding his girlfriend down during the dispute.

The woman, who later dropped the charges, told officials at that time that no assault had taken place between her and Justice.

The charge was officially dismissed in March.

Justice, who is scheduled to be arraigned in January, was released after posting a \$5,000 surety bond on Nov. 25.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson refused to comment regarding the alleged incident. She said the charge will not affect Justice's appointment as a city council member.

Justice did not return inquiry calls.

### Justified

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gating officers, Smith's family and others who provided relevant information about the shooting or the character of Smith and Moore.

"Multiple eyewitnesses testified to the grand jury that the two men involved got in to an argument which escalated in to a physical altercation," the grand jury foreperson wrote. "These witnesses say that Harold Smith then drew his gun, cocked it and pointed it at Doug Moore. At the same time, Harold Smith was heard to say to Doug Moore that he was going to kill him. The witnesses then say that Doug Moore drew his gun and fired once, striking Harold Smith, which resulted in his death. This was supported by the physical evidence at the scene ... The evidence cannot justify a criminal homicide charge."

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he agrees with the grand jury finding. The "senselessness" of Smith's death, compounded with several "unusual" circumstances (like the fact that the men were "getting along fine" a few minutes before the shooting took place) is why the grand jury deliberated on witness testimonies so intensely, he said.

Turner said members of Smith's family, who did not return inquiry calls, were not satisfied with the grand jury's decision. Several family members and acquaintances of Smith testified that reports of what happened were out of character for the man, who Turner himself called "good" and "peaceful."

"There is no question at all that he was a good man who had a good reputation in his hometown," Turner said. "He was a good, peaceful man. No one disputed that, but the grand jury still had to go with the evidence."

To state that it was out of character for Harold Smith to pull out a gun, as witnesses were saying — what matters is what happened. The grand jury's decision gives no indication that he was a bad guy or that Doug Moore is a good guy. It says there wasn't sufficient evidence to prove that the shooting was anything but justified."

All of the witnesses provided consistent testimony, with only slight differences regarding some reports, Turner said, pointing out that there is no "middle ground" charge for someone who kills another in self defense.

Moore, who was waiting with his hands in his front pockets and his gun in his back pocket when authorities arrived at the scene of the shooting on August 4, was taken into custody without incident.

Witnesses at the flea market that morning said Moore and Smith were walking "side by side" down the center walkway when they got into a dispute about the war in Iraq.

Witness Sam Hamman said the argument began when Smith started talking about 14 soldiers who were killed in Iraq. Moore argued that just as many people are killed on American roadways.

The argument escalated as the men walked down the center walkway, witnesses said, and it ended at the flea market's snack stand, where Smith was shot.

Turner said there was no other testimony provided as to the reason for the initial argument, but he said the war debate was not discussed extensively for the grand jury.

Moore refused to comment, saying only that he wanted to be left alone.

The case can be presented to the grand jury at a later date if new evidence is discovered.

### Board

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1998-99 school year.

Recent options explored by the board have consisted of filling the pool in with concrete, installing a rubberized flooring surface and installing a retractable covering on which various school teams and clubs could hold practices and other activities.

JROTC team members informed board members that the covered pool would be used by the JROTC Drill Team/Color Guard/Rifle Team for practice and training exercises, as well as the school cheerleading, dance, baseball and softball teams.

"We all put our heart and soul into this program," said JROTC

member Shane Duncan, an ACHS senior. "It's as 'top of the line' as any football or baseball program."

Instructor Larry D. Maynard echoed Duncan's sentiments, saying, "These kids are diehards. They keep going regardless of the obstacles ... Let's not make it too hard for them to keep going. Let's help them achieve excellence because that's what they want to do."

The board agreed to seriously consider the students' plea.

Shane Music, Prestonsburg High School, sat at Monday's board table as student representative.

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efforts to provide labor, using work release inmates, has been a vital component in keeping area cemeteries looking their best.

Webb also spoke, saying that several cemeteries were impassable with thick brush when the project started.

Frank Fitzpatrick, who maintains the Middle Creek Battlefield as a historical tour site, noted that the area was a key battle site for both Union and Confederate forces during the Civil War, as it was in the middle of a road built to drive live stock from Central Kentucky to Lynchburg, Va.,

and was thus of importance to both forces for launching attacks.

Fitzpatrick also cited the Big Sandy Administrative District for their help in preparing the grants which led to the checks which will be used to refurbish Honaker/Justice Cemetery as well as John Graham.

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## SEASON-OPENER:

# Raiders to host Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Two familiar rivals will hook up Friday night when Johnson Central visits South Floyd for a boys' basketball season-opener for both teams.

South Floyd had the first of two pre-season scrimmage games Wednesday

night at Allen Central against June Buchanan. The Raiders ended the exhibition season Saturday at home in their own panorama against Garrett Christian Academy. South Floyd dropped the first scrimmage game and won the second in convincing fashion.

Last season, Johnson Central beat South Floyd 81-79 in double overtime in what

was another season-opener for both teams.

Johnson Central ended pre-season play with a scrimmage versus 16th Region contender Morgan County.

Mark Starnes is set to enter his first season at the helm of the Johnson Central boys' basketball program. He replaces

(See RAIDERS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Seniors Nick Music (25) and Justin Jacobs (20) both return for the Allen Central High School boys' basketball team.

## T-D/Pikeville College Junior High Tournament begins Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - It's as much a holiday tradition as turkey and dressing, as chestnuts roasting and exchanging Christmas cards, and beginning on Saturday, it will happen again at the Pikeville College Gym.

The annual junior high boys' basketball tournament, this year sponsored by T-D Sporting Goods and Pikeville College, will begin with all eight first-round games taking place this Saturday. The tournament will continue next week with the championship game on Saturday, Dec. 10, immediately following the Bears game against Berea College.

The Bears will play the Mountaineers at 2 p.m.

"We have teams call us every year wanting to know if they can get in the tournament," said John Biery, tournament director. "We're glad to see people are interested in playing in it. We love it as a tool to get more students on our campus and using our facilities."

"And this year we're thrilled T-D Sporting Goods is back with us as a sponsor. Dave Collier has been a friend of the college for years, and we're very pleased he agreed to take part this year as well."

Action will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. when A.B. Combs will play Johns Creek. That game will be followed at 10 with Hindman playing Mullins. Allen Central will play Dorton at 11 with Pikeville battling Louisa at noon.

The winners of those four games will advance to the quarterfinals, to be played Monday night, Dec. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

The bottom half of the bracket will begin play Saturday at 1 p.m. when Johnson County clashes with Millard. That game is followed by Magoffin County meeting Belfry at 2 p.m. Virgie will play Robinson Elementary of Perry County at 3 p.m., while Elkhorn City will play Adams in

(See JUNIOR, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Arliss Beach (Ashland) was one of the UK seniors who concluded his career Saturday when Tennessee visited Commonwealth Stadium for a regular-season finale.

# UK Football program hands out '05 awards

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The University of Kentucky football program has announced award-winners for the 2005 season. The Wildcats finished the season Saturday at home with a loss to rival Tennessee. Kentucky ended the campaign 3-8 overall (2-6 in the SEC). The Wildcats struggled the most offensively Saturday against Tennessee, failing to get into the end zone.

Sophomore tailback Rafael Little, who ranks in the nation's top five in all-purpose yardage and punt returns, has been selected as Kentucky football team's Most Valuable Player for the 2005 season, head coach Rich Brooks announced Monday.

Little, who became only the sixth Wildcat to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season, was elected for the honor in balloting of the Kentucky team members, one of two awards selected by the squad. In addition, the Wildcats' coaching staff also tabbed Little as the team's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, the first time the same player has claim both in the three years since individual awards were re-instituted at Kentucky.

Little had 1,982 all-purpose yards, eclipsing Derek Abney's single-season school record. In addition to leading the Southeastern Conference in all-purpose yardage, he also leads the league in punt returns with an average of 16.9 yards per runback.

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## UK BASKETBALL

### DECEMBER GAMES

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Dec. 10	Indiana, 3:45 p.m. (at Indianapolis)
Dec. 17	Louisville, 3 p.m.
Dec. 23	Iona, 7 p.m.
Dec. 30	Ohio, 8 p.m. (at Cincinnati)

## Roberts storms off bench, leads Bears to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Out of the starting lineup for the first time this season, Napoleon Roberts responded just as Coach Randy McCoy would hope: he came out with a vengeance.

The 6-9 junior from McIntosh, Ala., tossed in 25 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead Pikeville College to an 80-62 win over Knoxville on Saturday afternoon.

Roberts, who had four points at the break, responded with 8-of-12 shooting from the field and 10 second-half rebounds to lead four Bears in double figures.

One night after getting hammered on the boards 50-29 by Mobile, the Bears turned the tables on the Bulldogs - a 55-35 advantage, thanks to having four players with at least seven rebounds and two (senior Martin Gerlero had 10) in double digits.

Pikeville (3-5) led 38-27 at the half and survived an early charge by Knoxville to win. The Bulldogs had a 12-2 run in the first 3:31 to pull within one.

(See BEARS, page two)



## Shawnee wins battle of Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - An opportunity to tie the game inside the final 10 seconds ended in a turnover and a 68-63 loss for Pikeville College Saturday afternoon as it hosted Shawnee State University.

Trailing 66-63, the Lady Bears had a timeout with the ball but a pass to senior Julie Yates was deflected away, effectively ending what had been a solid effort by the home team.

"We played hard and did the right

(See BATTLE, page two)

## Roberts, Yates named MSC players of the week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The two most impressive individual performances of the season came on Saturday for the basketball teams of Pikeville College, and they were good enough for some league-wide notoriety.

Senior Julie Yates and junior Napoleon Roberts were named players of the week by the Mid-South Conference on Monday for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 26.

Yates, a 5-6 guard from Elkhorn City,

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Belfry High School graduate David Jones ended his first season at the University of Kentucky Saturday. Jones exited the Tennessee game following an injury.

## Junior

the finale at 4 p.m.

Those winners will play on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. The semifinals are slated for Thursday night at 6 p.m., lead-

ing to Saturday's championship game, beginning around 4 p.m.

For more information on the tournament, contact Biery at 606/218-5223.

Shag Campbell Tournament: The Shag Campbell Tournament got underway Monday night at Allen Elementary. The tournament is scheduled to run through tonight.

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## Battle

things all day long," said Coach Bill Watson. "We just weren't able to execute down the stretch. But I'll take this effort. If we play that hard all season, I'll take my chances every time out."

Yates was the target of the final play after a 19-point, five-rebound effort that saw her nail five three-point baskets, including four in the second half. The Elkhorn City product added six steals and four assists in the game.

Saturday's game was tied six times in the second half, including at 61 with 4:28 to play after

junior Tonya Amburgey nailed a three-point shot. But Shawnee responded when freshman Andrea Rudmann sank a trey 20 seconds later to give the guests a lead it never lost.

Pikeville (5-4) pulled within one when Yates scored inside with 2:10 to play, but it would prove to be their final points of the game.

Yates led three Lady Bears in double figures. Amburgey followed with 12; freshman Sasha Fields followed with 11 off the bench.

Pikeville was also hurt with

27 turnovers, but forced 21 from Shawnee State.

Shawnee (7-0) was led by senior Tara Walker, who turned in a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds, half of which came off the offensive glass. She was 7-of-8 from the line for a team that went 18-of-22 (81.8 percent) for the day.

Freshman Kelly Wagner followed with 11 off the bench.

Pikeville will return to action next weekend, playing Brescia on Friday in the Huddle House Classic in Williamsburg.

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## Bears

But a 13-5 run, which included seven from Roberts, pushed Pikeville back in front by nine (53-44), and the Dogs never got within six after that.

Roberts, who also blocked four shots, was joined in double figures by Emanuel Tekie with 15, Steve Sickler with 14 and Gene Cotton with 11. Tekie hit

three three-pointers and all four free throws while Sickler grabbed eight rebounds. Cotton was one of two Bears with three steals.

Knoxville (2-7) was led by Delonte Gay's 19 markers, thanks to 3-of-4 from the arc. Senior Tony Scruggs had 11 points, eight assists and five

rebounds, while Jeffery Rice followed with 10.

The Bears were in action on the road rival Alice Lloyd Tuesday night. Results from the Pikeville-Alice Lloyd game were unavailable. Pikeville will return home on Saturday, Dec. 10, when it hosts Berea College at 2 p.m.

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## Week

had 19 points, five rebounds and four assists in Saturday's 68-63 loss to Shawnee State. SSU, ranked 22nd in NAIA Div. II and a perfect 8-0, was on the ropes thanks to Yates' performance. She hit four second-half three-pointers, finishing with five for the game.

She was 7-of-14 from the field and finished with six steals.

Yates is averaging 6.8 points and 4.2 assists per game. Her

five three-pointers on Saturday equaled her output for the season to this point. She leads the team with 18 steals.

Roberts won the honor based largely on the second half of his Saturday outing. The 6-9 forward from McIntosh, Ala., had 25 points and 17 rebounds on Saturday, but had 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds after intermission.

For the week, Roberts aver-

aged 15.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game while sinking 13-of-23 (57.0 percent) from the floor. In addition, he was 2-of-3 from the arc, 3-of-4 from the line and had five blocked shots.

Roberts leads the Bears with an average of 12.4 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. He's shooting 50.6 percent from the field and his 17 blocked shots are more than half the team's total of 30.

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## Awards

The team's Most Inspirational Player was senior wide receiver Tommy Cook. Cook, following numerous injuries, spent six years with the Wildcats.

Junior cornerback Bo Smith was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player by the Kentucky coaching staff and senior tailback Draak Davis and senior kicker Taylor Begley shared the Special Teams Player of the Year.

Smith led the team in interceptions with two, caused two fumbles, had four pass breakups, and totaled 63 tackles during the season. He also return a blocked field goal 72-yard for a touchdown in an SEC win over Vanderbilt.

Davis appeared on four kicking units regularly throughout the season. He was among the national leaders and second in the SEC with a 25.6-yard mark in kickoff returns, helping the

Wildcats rank third in the nation as a team. He also had nine tackles on special teams while also causing and recovering a fumble.

A four-year starter at place-kicker, Begley ended his Kentucky career with 226 points, third on the school's all-time career ladder, and is second in UK history in field goals and extra points made. This year he connected on 12-of-15 field goals and finished a school-record of 92 consecutive extra points made.

Among the team's winners of other top awards, senior center Matt McCutchan, a transfer from the Naval Academy, was the Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman recipient and senior tailback Arliss Beach was selected for the Jerry Claiborne Award, given to the senior who best exemplifies the ideals of the school's former head coach, a commitment to academics and

the display of a team-oriented attitude. Beach came to the UK football program from Ashland Paul Blazer High School.

Other award-winners were freshman linebacker Braxton Kelley as the Outstanding First-Year Player, sophomore safety Roger Williams as Most Improved Player and senior defensive tackle Richard Gray and freshman tailback Alfonso Smith as Most Valuable Scout Team Players.

Kelley had 44 tackles in the first seven games, tops among all freshmen in the SEC, before sustaining a season-ending injury. Williams was third on the team in tackles with 69 stops, along with an interception, two caused fumbles, and two pass breakups.

■ Sophomore wide receiver Dicky Lyons has been suspended indefinitely for violation of team rules.

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# Cardinals accept bid to 2006 Toyota Gator Bowl

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville has accepted an invitation to face an ACC opponent to be determined in the 61st Annual Toyota Gator Bowl on January 2, 2006. Kickoff is slated for 12:30 p.m. (EST) at Alltel Stadium and will be televised to a national audience on NBC.

"We're excited and proud to accept an invitation to the Toyota Gator Bowl on a traditional New Year's Day bowl date," said U of L Vice President for Athletics Tom Jurich. "It's a great privilege to represent the BIG EAST Conference in our initial season in the league. I know our team and coaching staff are looking forward to the challenge of playing a strong ACC representative in our eighth straight bowl. I had an opportunity to attend last year's Super Bowl in Jacksonville and saw first-hand how the city embraces a big event and the

enjoyment so many visitors had. I know our team and fans are looking forward to a great experience in Florida."

Louisville (8-2, 4-2 BE), in its first season in the BIG EAST Conference, has won four straight games and will play Connecticut on Saturday, December 3, in the final game of the regular season. The Cardinals bring one of the nation's top offensive football teams into the game. Louisville is ranked seventh in total offense (497.10) and third in scoring offense (46.70). The Cardinals have scored 40 or more points in seven straight games, including 41 in the win over Syracuse last Saturday.

"We're really excited about taking the University of Louisville to the Gator Bowl," said head coach Bobby Petrino. "The Gator Bowl has an incredible history of putting on a first class game. Having coached in the NFL for three years in Jacksonville, I know our fans

and players will enjoy the city. I'm pleased for our players who have put in a tremendous amount of hard work and this is a great reward for them."

Junior running back Michael Bush leads the nation in scoring at 15.75 ppg and has rushed for 928 yards and 20 touchdowns. On defense, the Cardinals bring the 21st-ranked defense into the game led by Elvis Dumervil, the nation's sack leader with 20.

Louisville is making its eighth straight bowl appearance and third straight under Petrino. The Cardinals are 5-6-1 in bowl games and are making their third appearance in a traditional New Year's Day bowl game. Louisville defeated Alabama, 34-7, in the 1991 Fiesta Bowl and also beat Drake, 34-20, in the 1958 New Year's Day Sun Bowl.

Last season, Louisville snapped a two-game bowl losing streak with a 44-40 win over 10th-ranked Boise State in the Liberty Bowl.

## Raiders

Les Trimble. Starnes is a former Mason County High boys' basketball assistant who also spent some time with the NBA's Boston Celtics. This is his first 15th REgion coaching job.

Tip-off for Friday's Johnson Central-South Central season-opener is set for 7:30 p.m.

Both Allen Central and Betsy Layne were in action Tuesday night. Allen Central

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was on the road at Knott County Central and Betsy Layne was at home in the Dome, playing host to Magoffin County. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.

# BCS standings unchanged; USC, Texas a win from Rose Bowl

by RALPH D. RUSSO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Only twice in Bowl Championship Series history has a team been in position to reach the title game heading into the final weekend of the regular season and played its way out.

Southern California and Texas will try to avoid tripping up at the finish line Saturday, the way UCLA did in 1998 and Tennessee did in 2001.

As they have been all season, the Trojans and Longhorns were atop the BCS standings Monday. USC is first for the fifth time in six weeks. Texas, which was on top for one week, is second again.

The final BCS standings are released Sunday and the top two teams will play in the Rose Bowl for a national title. USC and Texas are the only unbeaten teams left in Division I-A, but each faces one more test.

USC (11-0) plays rival UCLA (9-1) at the Coliseum on Saturday. Texas (11-0) will meet Colorado (7-4) in the Big

12 title game at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Both the Longhorns and Trojans are favored by at least three touchdowns, so only a major upset will prevent them from meeting in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 4.

Penn State is third, ahead of LSU and Virginia Tech, as the entire top 10 was unchanged from last week. It's just the second time in the eight years of the BCS that has happened.

Since the BCS was implemented, nine teams have played games on the final weekend of the season ranked either first or second in the standings. Those teams are 6-3, and none that were No. 1 failed to reach the championship game.

UCLA was second and undefeated in 1998 when it lost 49-45 at Miami in a game rescheduled because of Hurricane Georges earlier in the season. The Bruins missed out on a shot to play Tennessee, which beat Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference title game later that same day, for a national title.

UCLA's loss, and a loss that same day by unbeaten Kansas State, allowed Florida State to reach the title game against Tennessee. The Volunteers won the Fiesta Bowl and the national championship.

In 2001, Tennessee was second in the BCS standings heading into the SEC title game against LSU. A win would have sent the Volunteers to the Rose Bowl to play Miami for the national title, but they were upset 31-20. Nebraska, which didn't even make the Big 12 title game, ended up playing — and losing to — the Hurricanes.

Oklahoma was No. 1 in the BCS standings when it lost to Kansas State 35-7 in the Big 12 title game in 2003, but the Sooners still reached the Sugar Bowl to play LSU for the national title. LSU beat Oklahoma to win the BCS title and USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl to win the AP national championship.

Ohio State, Oregon, Notre Dame, Miami and Auburn round out this week's BCS top 10.

## PHS Varsity Basketball Cheer Clinic slated

The Prestonsburg High School varsity basketball cheerleaders will hold their annual cheer clinic on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg High School gym. Registration will be held the day of the clinic at 10:30 a.m. Cost of the clinic is \$25 per individual, \$20 each for siblings and \$15 each for cheer squads of 10 or more.

The clinic is for those in grades preschool through fifth grade.

To get a clinic T-shirt, each participant must have registered and paid the fee by Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Participants will learn basic cheer skills, sidelines, chants and dances. In addition, they will participate in basic stunts and tumbling while also watching the PHS Varsity Cheerleaders perform.

Each participant will receive a clinic T-shirt and treat bag as well as a certificate of participation. Refreshments will be provided and each participant will receive free admission to the

Sheldon Clark-Prestonsburg boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and be able to participate in a pregame cheer with the varsity cheerleaders.

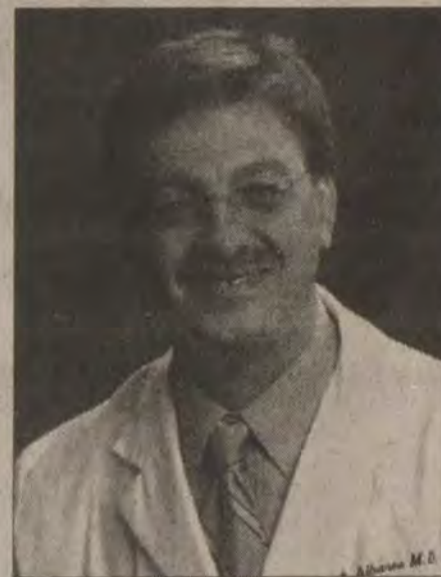
For more information or to register, contact Leslie Ousley (874-0317, evening), Janie Hamilton (478-2139, evening) or Cindy Porter (886-1642/226-3447, day/evening). Pre-registration may be done over the phone or by returning forms to Ousley at Prestonsburg High School or Hamilton at Allen Elementary.



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# Bengals 42, Ravens 29

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — Chad Johnson turned the end zone into his personal putting green, celebrating a long touchdown catch that made everything look easy for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Almost too easy. Carson Palmer took advantage of Baltimore's generous turnovers by throwing three touchdown passes Sunday, setting up a 42-29 victory and a sweep of the last-place Baltimore Ravens.

With Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller fumbling and stumbling, the Bengals (8-3) surged ahead 34-0 late in the third quarter, then weathered a couple of turnovers and defensive lapses that got Baltimore even.

"When you're up by that much, you think the game's over," said Palmer, who threw for 302 yards. "We needed to do a better job of controlling the game."

Not that it made much of a difference.

With another impressive showing by their offense, the Bengals moved a half-game ahead of Pittsburgh in the AFC North. The two will meet in Pittsburgh a week later with the division title on the line.

The Bengals are already up for it. Johnson pulled a tattered "Terrible Towel" from his locker after the game and twirled it around.

"We just finished playing Baltimore what, 30 minutes ago, and I've got my Terrible Towel," said Johnson, who uprooted the end zone pylon and putted the football following his 54-yard touchdown catch. "I'm ready."

They're on a roll heading into their biggest game in 15 years. They've scored 79 points in the last two games, nearly keeping up with Peyton Manning in a loss to the unbeaten Colts a week ago.

"Next week will probably be the biggest game I've played since I've been in the league," said T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who caught nine passes for 147 yards. "I would say this will be the biggest game the majority of us have played."

The Ravens (3-8) did the Bengals a favor and kept the division knotted by upsetting Pittsburgh a week earlier. Their depleted defense couldn't keep up with the Bengals' receiving corps.

"It will be the same next week also," Johnson said. "We just can't be covered."

Only a late-game letdown by the Bengals made this one close.

The Ravens are 3-8 for the first time since 1996, their first season after Art Modell moved his team to Baltimore. Bengals coach Marvin Lewis was the Ravens' defensive coordinator that year, the last time Cincinnati swept their two-game series.

This sweep was emphatic. Cincinnati's 42 points were the most allowed by the Ravens since a 45-19 loss to Jacksonville on Nov. 1, 1998.

Boller put the Ravens in their early hole. He overthrew an uncovered receiver in the end zone, had three fumbles — he got two of them back — and threw a pair of interceptions that put Cincinnati in control 34-0 in the third quarter. At that point, Boller was 4-of-15 for 37 yards, and the Ravens hadn't crossed the Bengals' 35-yard line.

"We stuck to our plan," said Boller, who finished 18-of-32 for 211 yards with three touchdowns. "I settled down a little. We're down 34-0, so what's there to worry about?"

Houshmandzadeh's fumble and Palmer's interception helped the Ravens score three touchdowns in a 4-minute, 49-second span. But the Bengals never really worried — they knew the could score however

many points they needed.

Baltimore played a straight game without backer Ray Lewis and safety Ed Reed. The Ravens were dealt another blow when free safety Matt Stinchcomb hurt his right knee in the first quarter. Tests found a superior cruciate ligament injury that will end his season.

Starting cornerback McAlister (hamstring) and Samari Rolle (ankle) were playing hurt and repeatedly grab or fall on John Johnson and Houston. "I could not say how the way our guys were in the circumstances, but they all and collectively," said Billik said, "they were injured. It was a big mistake — are we clear on that? I am talking about the circumstances, and I could not say either of what they did."

Notes: TE Todd Heap had catches for 87 yards. Michael Jackson and Jamal Lewis ran for 100 yards each. The season and his eighth game against Cincinnati. ... Johnson said his touchdown putt was a tribute to Tiger Woods. "I'm a big fan of Tiger," he said. "I don't know any other way to let him know I'm better than

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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N.Y. Jets at New England	4:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego	8:30 p.m.

### Monday, Dec. 5

Seattle at Philadelphia	9 p.m.
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## Ali fading with age and Parkinson's, but doesn't want pity

by TIM DAHLBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muhammad Ali was in his room at Caesars Palace, trying to recover from the beating he took from Larry Holmes in the last major fight of his career. In the showroom down below, Frank Sinatra paused one song into his act to pay tribute.

Gene Kilroy watched as the crowd rose in a standing ovation for Ali. Then he went upstairs to tell him what had happened.

"Isn't that nice," Ali said. "As long as they don't pity you, I never want to be pitied."

Ali's words from a quarter-century ago came to mind again over the last few weeks as the fighter who once captivated the world with his bombast outside the ring and immense skills inside it made two very public appearances.

Once again, we were reminded that time and the ravages of Parkinson's disease have taken a terrible toll on Ali. The face that was once the most recognizable on earth is puffy, he trembles constantly and walks slowly.

At the age of 63 he's basically mute and trapped inside a body that he once commanded so majestically. Watching him now only serves to remind us how fleeting life is, even for the man who boasted he was The Greatest.

I thought about that as I watched video clips of Ali receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House and again last week at the opening of a center in Louisville, that will serve as a memorial to his life.

For a brief moment I felt sorry for the great fighter and what he had become. Then I thought about what he said that night in his darkened suite, where he was trying to come to terms with his most devastating defeat.

Losing to Holmes in his last big fight was bad enough. Being humiliated was even worse for the proud man who made us believe that he was indeed The Greatest.

All Ali could do was take solace in the fact that he never went down.

"Well, they've got no picture of me down on my back," he told Kilroy.

There's no pictures of Ali on his back today, either. There doesn't need to be. Watching him struggle to stay on his feet, frail from the Parkinson's and recent back surgery, is tough enough to see.

By all accounts, Ali carried himself with dignity at the White House and later at the opening of the Muhammad Ali Center in his hometown. He couldn't speak, but the halting gestures he made showed that his mind remains alert even as

his body degenerates.

Kilroy knows Ali as well as anyone outside his immediate family. He traveled the world with him as his business manager in his prime, and brought him to Washington, D.C., this summer to watch his daughter, Laila, fight.

It saddens him to see what is happening to his friend. But he also knows Ali wouldn't want anyone feeling sorry for him.

"He doesn't want to be pitied," Kilroy said. "He's done too many great things to be pitied."

A lot of those things are on display at the Ali Center, where exhibits trace not only Ali's career in the ring but his activities outside it. It's there, warts and all, including a section on Ali's famous womanizing.

It's an \$80 million tribute to one man, the boxer who grew up as Cassius Clay only to become the most famous man in the world as Muhammad Ali. What is so impressive is that these are the kind of monuments only presidents get, only theirs aren't nearly as interesting.

Somewhere along the way, Ali crossed the line from athlete to statesman and world hero. It began during his career, grew as he promoted peace and reconciliation in his retirement, and was cemented when he stood trembling for long moments in an iconic moment before lighting the Olympic torch in Atlanta in 1996.

He fought brilliantly all his life, and now he fights quietly against a disease he cannot beat. To see him doing so can be as inspiring as watching him

knock out Sonny Liston or defeat big, bad George Foreman in the Rumble in the Jungle.

As he ages, though, it gets even tougher. One look at Ali today will tell you that.

Laila Ali created a stir a few weeks ago when she said her father seemed to be fading. That led to unfounded rumors in the British tabloids that Ali had only months to live.

And Ali underwent back surgery recently that seemed to weaken him even further.

"He's slowed down a lot," Kilroy said. "When you have an operation on your toenail when you get older, it's tough. He went in for his back and that's a tough operation."

Unfortunately, old fighters don't tend to age gracefully. They've taken too much abuse, and Ali took more than most. The thousands of punches Ali took to the head during his career likely led to the Parkinson's that was diagnosed shortly after he retired.

Still, Ali refuses to feel sorry for himself. He tells Kilroy it could be a lot worse. Other people have pain and cancer, he says, and he doesn't.

The memories are good, too, even if Ali has trouble expressing them. He thinks about the old times and all the fun he had.

A smile comes to his face. "We had some good times," he'll tell Kilroy. "Don't feel sad for me."

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## Team official says Lions have fired Mariucci

by LARRY LAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions fired head coach Steve Mariucci and his assistants on Monday, the team's official told The Associated Press.

After Detroit lost to the Atlanta Falcons on Thanksgiving, the reports swirled that the team was considering firing Mariucci. When Mariucci was hired by the Lions was 15-28. His hiring was over the weekend and he was hailed by fans and media alike, but he was not able to turn games of the regular season.

The Lions called a news conference Monday to announce the firing.

Mariucci and his assistants were fired late Monday. The Michigan native came to the Lions from San Francisco, where he was 60-43 over six

seasons. The Lions had not yet made the official announcement.

The Lions have lost four of five games since a solid start put them atop the NFC North with the Chicago Bears. The team has collapsed on and off the field with players failing to produce and some bickering with coaches' game plans.

Mariucci's record with the Lions was 15-28. His hiring was hailed by fans and media alike, but he was not able to turn around a team that has won one playoff game since 1957.

Mariucci has more than two years remaining on the \$25 million contract he signed in 2003. The Michigan native came to the Lions from San Francisco, where he was 60-43 over six

seasons.

Mariucci was cut some slack in the past because the team he inherited was crafted by Millen, but expectations were high heading into his third season.

"I think we need to (make the playoffs). We want to, and we're going to make it happen," Mariucci said before the season. "If we win 10 or 11 ballgames and make the playoffs, it would make us happy and make the fans happy."

Millen hired both Mariucci and his predecessor, Marty Mornhinweg, and drafted or signed most of the players currently on the Lions — and Detroit is an NFL-worst 20-55 since 2001. Millen, a former NFL linebacker and TV analyst was given a five-year extension before this season.

## Private Vow, French Park win Churchill features

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Private Vow stalked the lead until the stretch, then made his move to claim the Grade II \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey Club stakes for 2-year-old colts Saturday at Churchill Downs.

In the similar event for 2-year-old fillies, French Park overcame a bumpy start to win the Grade II \$200,000 Golden Rod stakes by three-quarters of a length.

Private Vow won the 1 1/16-mile race by 2 1/4 lengths, a far cry from his last race, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last month at Belmont when his reins broke at the start and he finished 14th.

Trainer Steve Asmussen wanted to give the colt some time off but knew Private Vow needed one more race to show he could handle two turns.

"This became the best option," Asmussen said. Private Vow will now get some time off until early next year, though

Asmussen wouldn't say when his colt would start preparing for the Kentucky Derby.

Private Vow, ridden by Shaun Bridgmohan, paid \$3.40, \$2.40 and \$2.20. High Cotton returned \$3.80 and \$3.20, while HYTE Regency paid \$4.80.

French Park was bumped twice at the start of the 1 1/16-mile fillies race but chased She Says It Best down the stretch for the win.


The winner paid \$5.40, \$3 and \$2.80, while She Says It Best returned \$4.20 and \$3.20. Lady Danza paid \$6.20 to show.

French Park, who also won Churchill's Grade III Pocahontas Stakes on Nov. 5, now heads to Florida for the winter. There's a chance she could come back here in the spring for the Kentucky Oaks.

"You definitely can't count her out," jockey Mark Guidry said. "She's 3-for-3 (in her career) right now. She's done everything correct so far."

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# No. 7 Kentucky 81, Liberty 51

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Bobby Perry wanted to make up for missing a critical shot earlier this week.

Perry, a junior making his second career start, went 8-of-12 from the field and scored a career-high 22 points Friday to lead seventh-ranked Kentucky past Liberty 81-51.

Rajon Rondo added 13 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (4-1), who remained undefeated in six games all-time against Big South Conference opponents.

Perry's previous career high, 12 points, came in the Wildcats' 67-63 loss to No. 18 Iowa on

Monday in the semifinals of the Guardians Classic. However, he missed a layup during the final minute against the Hawkeyes that would have given Kentucky a one-point lead.

Perry decided not to dwell on the miss but to try to figure out a way it might help him improve. He said he decided to not be so tentative and to shoot with more confidence.

"I've always been taught that if you make a mistake, you have to learn how to correct it," Perry said. "Life is all about learning, all about experiences. From now on, there are no second thoughts."

Kentucky will play another Big South team — coach Tubby

Smith's alma mater, High Point — Tuesday before a Dec. 3 showdown with defending national champion North Carolina at Rupp Arena.

Perry made his first five shots against the Flames (1-2), including three 3-pointers, and scored 14 points in the first 11 1/2 minutes. Smith said Perry is reaping the benefits of practicing the past two years against former Kentucky star Chuck Hayes.

"When you bang against one of the top players in the country you're going to get better," Smith said.

Liberty returned only one starter from last season's 13-15 team — guard Larry Blair — and while Blair scored 26 points, he

also took 25 of the team's 59 shots. The Flames, whose other loss this season came by 35 points to Virginia, only challenged Kentucky in spurts.

The Flames turned the ball over on their first four possessions and didn't attempt a shot until almost 3 minutes into the game. Blair kept Liberty reasonably close with 14 first-half points, but thanks to 7-of-14 3-point shooting, Kentucky led 36-28 at halftime.

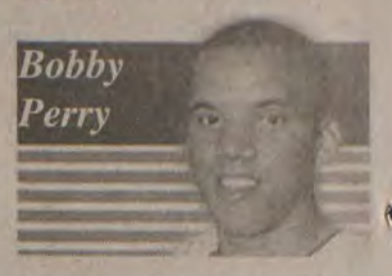
Liberty trailed only 38-30 during the first minute of the second half before the Wildcats went on a 15-2 run to take a 53-32 lead with 14:39 left. Liberty came no closer than 18 points after that, and the Wildcats

stretched their lead to as many as 34 points.

Kentucky committed only 11 turnovers and limited the Flames to 32.2 percent field-goal shooting. Besides Blair, only one other Liberty player scored in double figures — Damien Hubbard, who had 13.

"We need to learn our roles on the court and execute our game plan better," Liberty coach Randy Dunton said. "I thought in the first half there was progress. I was disappointed in our second-half performance because we aren't here for moral victories."

Freshman guard Adam Williams, making his debut, scored on his first field-goal



attempt — rebounding a missed 3-point attempt by Preston LeMaster and dunking with 24 seconds left to bring a roar from the crowd of 22,717.

Sophomore swingman Joe Crawford, who started Kentucky's first three games, did not suit up against the Flames because of multiple injuries, including a knee strain and a hip pointer.

## UK women win Pepperdine tourney

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MALIBU, Calif. — Kentucky used a tenacious rebounding effort and rallied from a 10-point first half deficit Saturday to defeat Hofstra 67-54 in the championship game of the Pepperdine Thanksgiving Tournament. It marked the Wildcats' first tournament championship since the 2001-02 season. Sophomore center Sarah Elliott (McKee) was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after totaling 30 points over the two-day tournament, coming off of an off-season knee surgery.

Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney scored a team-high 13 points to lead the Cats (4-0) and was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts. Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer (N. Vernon, Ind.) scored 12 points, while Elliott played 31 minutes and added 11 points. Kentucky out-rebounded Hofstra 46-33 and out-scored the Pride 21-13 in second-chance opportunities.

"I am really proud of our team and the way they competed," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "We were tenacious on the boards tonight and we were able to fight for rebounds and put-backs inside which was the key to this game."

Guard Nastassia Alcuis (Lexington) chipped in eight points on 4-of-5 shooting from the field, while senior forward/center Jennifer Humphrey (Memphis) added a game-high eight rebounds.

Kentucky quickly fell behind to start the game as a pair of Hofstra free-throws put the Pride in front 9-6 at the 15:26 mark of the opening peri-

od. A lay-up by Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) pulled the Cats to within one point (11-10) with 11:49 remaining in the half, but UK wouldn't score again for more than two minutes as Hofstra went on a 10-0 run capped off by a pair of free-throws by Vanessa Gidden.

A three-pointer by Pfeiffer and a pair of free-throws by Mahoney brought the Cats to within four, 20-16, with 8:19 left until halftime. The Wildcats were able to keep within five points of the Pride and came as close as one point (26-25) with 5:30 remaining in the period. A pair of charity shots by Moe Gamble (Winter Haven, Fla.) tied the score at 32 with 26 seconds left in the period, before a jumper from Hofstra's Cigi McCollin gave the Pride a two-point halftime lead at 34-32.

The Cats shot just 34.5 percent (10-of-29) from the field in the opening period, while the Pride connected on 11-of-31 attempts from the floor.

The Wildcats brought a renewed energy out of the locker room at halftime, quickly taking command of the game. A jumper by Mahoney just 28 seconds into the final period tied the score at 34 and Kentucky scored the game's next six points, capped off by a pair of free-throws by freshman point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville) to give the Cats a 42-37 advantage at the 15:58 mark of the game.

Kentucky kept adding to its lead to move ahead by eight (47-39) with 12:58 left on a lay-up by Elliott in the paint. A 6-2 run by the Pride pulled them within four on a three-pointer by



Sarah Elliott

McCullin with 11:11 remaining in the game, but back-to-back baskets by Alcuis and Humphrey pushed the Cats lead back out to eight. Two Hofstra turnovers and baskets by Mahoney and Humphrey moved the Wildcats ahead by 10 (59-49) with just over five minutes remaining. Kentucky connected on 5-of-8 free-throw opportunities in the last two minutes of the game to seal the win.

For the game, the Wildcats shot 38.3 percent (23-of-60) from the floor, but connected on 64 percent of its free-throws and utilized a sizable rebounding advantage. In the second half alone, the Cats out-scored the Pride 18-2 in points in the paint.

Kentucky returns to action Thursday when it hosts Florida International. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. The game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network (radio) with Neil Price. Live stats will be available online at ukathletics.com.

## Tennessee defeats ECU, 92-58

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee men's basketball team shot a season-high 54.8 percent from the field and forced 25 Colonels turnovers on their way to defeating the Eastern Kentucky men's squad Friday night in Thompson-Boling Arena, 92-58. With the win, Tennessee improves to 3-0 while the Colonels fall to 1-3.

Mike Rose, the OVC Freshman of the Week, led Eastern with 13 points on 5-of-6 (83.3 percent)

shooting against the Volunteers. Meanwhile, seniors Alonzo Hird and Jason McLeish each added 13 points for ECU in its first meeting with Tennessee since 1984.

Tennessee's Major Wingate posted a game-high 18 points while Chris Lofton chipped in with 17 while going 4-of-8 (50 percent) from behind the three-point arc.

The Colonels took their only lead of the night three minutes into the game when a McLeish free throw gave ECU a slim 5-4 advantage. Tennessee responded with a 9-2 run and would not

look back the rest of the game. Wingate tallied 14 of his 18 points in the opening 20 minutes while going 4-of-4 from the field and converting all six free throw attempts to help UT take a 44-29 cushion into the intermission.

Eastern threatened to cut the deficit to single digits early in the second stanza thanks to a 6-0 run spurred on by Hird and McLeish made the score, 46-35. However, the Volunteers bounced back with eight straight points of their own to end any thoughts of an ECU comeback.

## Bears lose rebounding battle, game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A lack of rebounding on both ends of the court did Pikeville College in on Friday night, as the Bears fell to No. 18 University of Mobile 62-47.

The Rams pulled down 50 rebounds to Pikeville's 29, but what really took the Bears out of the game was 20 offensive rebounds. Five different players had at least six boards for the Rams.

Senior guard Mike Rose led the Rams with 19 points on 7-of-12 shooting.

Pikeville (2-5) benefited from poor free throw shooting by the Rams, who were only 9-of-26 from the line.

Mobile (5-1), which plays at Lindsey Wilson tomorrow night in Columbia, struggled from the field, hitting only 39 percent (23-of-59), but the bears were only marginally better, hitting 20-of-51 (39.2 percent).

However, the Rams hit seven of their 19 three-point shots for 36.8 percent, while the home team was only 3-of-21 (14.3 percent).

Sophomore Gene Cotton led the Bears with 15 points and was one of three with six rebounds. He was the only player in double figures in the scoring column.

Mobile had three players in double digits, led by sophomore Walter Fitzgerald's 13 markers. Senior Randy Jordan added 12 while junior Shane Spencer tossed in 11.

## Georgia 69, W. Kentucky 65

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Dennis Felton still knows his way around E.A. Diddle Arena.

Felton, who left Western Kentucky three years ago with a 39-game home-court winning streak intact, returned to lead his Georgia Bulldogs to a 69-65 victory Saturday night over the Hilltoppers.

Billy Humphrey's steal and subsequent free throw with 5.4 seconds to play sealed the win for the Bulldogs (3-1).

"This was our first challenge of this type, and I expected it to be fun and exciting, and it was," Felton said.

Felton, who spent five seasons at Western Kentucky (3-1) before leaving for Georgia, received a warm reception when he arrived on the court before the game.

"Everything was great. I saw a lot of old friends. It was very, very heartwarming, the reception I got when I first stepped onto the court," Felton said.

Felton's homecoming was made even sweeter when the Bulldogs, who never trailed in the game, jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead that grew to 41-25 at the half. However, Georgia had to overcome a Hilltopper rally that drew Western Kentucky to 67-65 on Courtney Lee's free throws with 31.9 seconds left.

The Hilltoppers had a chance to tie the game with 15 seconds left, but Humphrey

stripped the ball from Anthony Winchester on the decisive possession and was fouled, shooting 1-of-2 from the foul line.

The Hilltoppers' effort was hurt by their own mistakes with turnovers and missed free throws.

"You can't turn the ball over 28 times and get beat on the boards (37-31) and shoot below 50 percent from the free-throw line (12-of-25) and expect to win games against many teams," Western Kentucky coach Darrin Horn said.

Levi Stukes led Georgia with 17 points, while Humphrey finished with 13 and Channing Toney added 11.

Winchester paced the Hilltoppers with a game-high 29

points. Elgrace Wilborn finished with 14 points and eight blocked shots, while Lee added 13 points.

The game also was a tribute to former Hilltoppers guard Danny Rumph, who died May 8 from an undiagnosed heart condition. Rumph's parents were presented with his No. 11 jersey in a pre-game ceremony, and Western Kentucky's players all wore the name Rumph on the back of black jerseys as part of the memorial.

Rumph, who was recruited by Felton to Western Kentucky, would have been a senior this season.

"It was very difficult having to think about Danny," Felton said. "That was the hardest part for me."

## Texas Tech 76, Morehead St. 42

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — Jarriss Jackson scored 27 points and Martin Zeno had 15 as Texas Tech beat Morehead State 76-42 on Saturday.

Jackson was 10-of-10 from the foul line and hit three 3-pointers for the Red Raiders (4-2), who held the Eagles scoreless for an eight-minute stretch that began during a 21-5 run in the second half.

Shaun Williams scored 12

points. Elgrace Wilborn finished with 14 points and eight blocked shots, while Lee added 13 points.

Texas Tech, which started the game on a 14-3 run, shot 42 percent from the field and led by as much as 40 before Morehead State scored the final six points.

Terry Martin and Alan Voskuil added nine points for Texas Tech.

Quinton Smith had nine points,

Which of the following characters did Pam Grier not play?

- A. Foxy Brown
- B. Coffy
- C. Jackie Brown
- D. Cleopatra Jones



November's contest salutes the African-American films of the 1970s. We will be awarding a double dose of action to this month's winner with one copy of Anchor Bay's Drive-In Double Feature DVD featuring "Brotherhood of Death," in which three men return to their hometown after service in Vietnam and must fight a new war against racism. Pro footballers Mike Thomas, Roy Jefferson and Mike Bass star. In "One Down, Two to Go" you get four action cinema legends teaming up against organized crime. Fred "The Hammer" Williamson, Jim Brown, Richard "Shaff" Roundtree and Jim "Enter the Dragon" Kelly star. Just go to [www.floydcountytimes.com](http://www.floydcountytimes.com) and answer the question to be eligible to win.



# Tennessee 27, Kentucky 8

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Tennessee managed to keep at least one of its streaks alive and ended a disappointing football season in positive fashion.

Erik Ainge passed for 221 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday as the Volunteers avoided finishing last in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division with a 27-8 win over Kentucky.

With the victory — its most lopsided of the season — Tennessee (5-6, 3-5 SEC) extended the second-longest active winning streak in an uninterrupted series between major-college opponents to 21 games. Notre Dame's 42-game winning streak over Navy is the longest. Kentucky (3-8, 2-6) hasn't beaten Tennessee since 1984.

Tennessee began the season ranked No. 3 but fell out of bowl consideration last Saturday with a home loss to Vanderbilt, ending the Volunteers' 22-game winning streak over their in-state opponent and their 16-year run of postseason appearances. The Vols, however, haven't lost to both Vanderbilt and Kentucky in the same season since 1964.

"It was good to finish up the season with a win," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "That

sounds strange coming out of my mouth. We're used to coming in and playing your rear end off against Kentucky before you go on to your recruiting and bowl game.

"It's been a different kind of year, a frustrating kind of year, but it was a great end for our seniors."

Kentucky had been competitive against Tennessee the past two seasons, losing 20-7 and 37-31, but the Wildcats squandered their chances this time. Three times the Wildcats had possession inside the Tennessee 10 but came away with only two field goals.

"That's not good enough against a team like Tennessee," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said.

Ainge made his fifth start of the season and went the distance, completing 17 of 25 passes and setting season highs for completions, yards and touchdowns. His first-half touchdown throws of 50 yards to Robert Meachem and 32 yards to Chris Hannon, which staked the Vols to a 17-6 halftime lead, were Ainge's two longest completions of the season.

"We threw some high percentage short passes to get some confidence and get into the flow of the game," Ainge said.

The lead could've been larger, but Tennessee had two

turnovers in its own territory and had two long touchdown plays by tailback Arian Foster — a 55-yard run and a 78-yard catch — called back because of penalties. Foster finished with 114 yards on 26 carries and also had five catches for 44 yards.

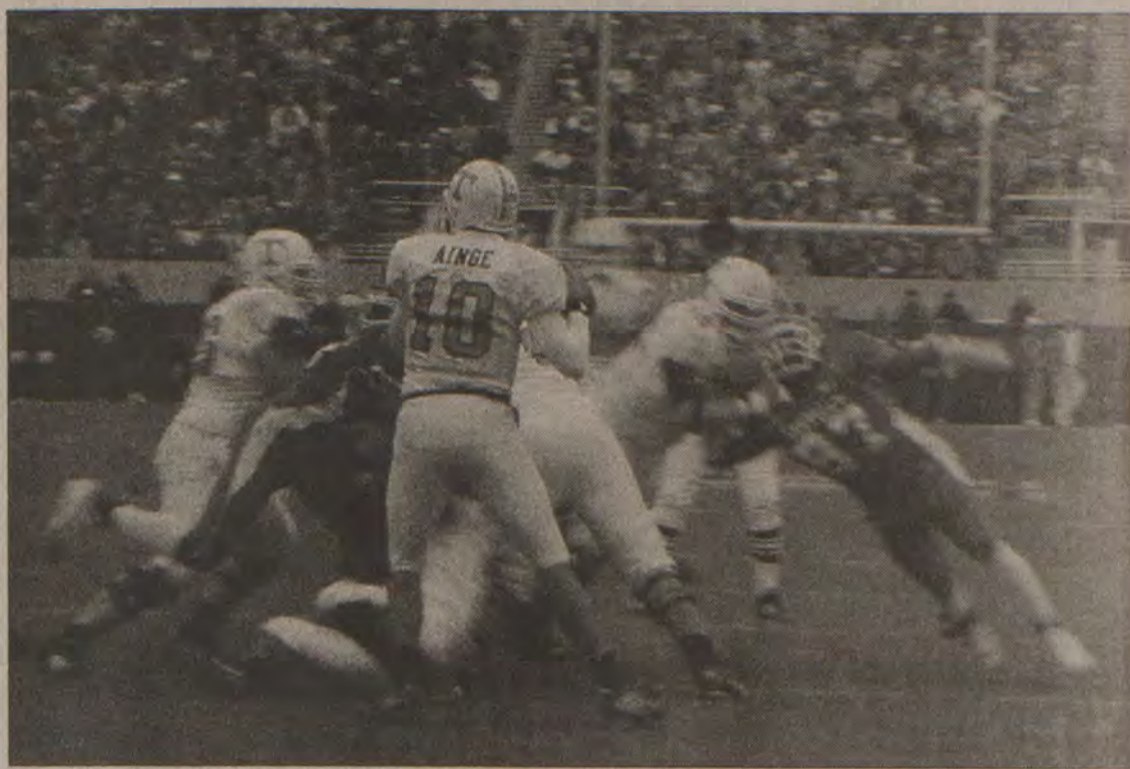
Kentucky lost starting quarterback Andre Woodson in the second quarter to a shoulder injury, and his backup, freshman Curtis Pulley, fumbled three times, losing one, and threw three interceptions, one of which Tennessee defensive tackle Justin Harrell returned seven yards for a third-quarter touchdown.

Pulley finished 23-of-33 passing for 155 yards.

"Curtis did some good things in relief, but he's still a true freshman," Brooks said. "We didn't protect him very well, and they got a little too much pressure on him."

Kentucky opened the second half by driving from its own 20 to the Tennessee 9, but Pulley fumbled and Tennessee's Kevin Simon recovered. The Wildcats made only one other trip into Tennessee territory and scored their only second-half points on a fourth-quarter safety.

Ainge's touchdown pass to Meachem came courtesy of a Kentucky error, as Meachem caught a short pass and went



Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge (10) had a career outing Saturday when the Volunteers visited rival Kentucky.

photo by Jamie Howell

untouched into the end zone after two Kentucky defenders missed potential tackles.

Kentucky's Draak Davis forced and recovered a fumble by Tennessee punt returner Jonathan Hefney at the Tennessee 9, but the Wildcats lost four yards on three plays

and settled for a 31-yard field goal by Taylor Begley.

Kentucky lost the ball on downs at the Tennessee 41 late in the first quarter, but Trey Mielsch recovered a fumble by Ainge at the Vols' 30. Again, Kentucky couldn't record a first down, and Begley missed a 43-

yard field-goal attempt.

Tennessee went up 14-3 on its next series, as Ainge connected with Hannon for a touchdown. Begley added a 25-yard field goal before halftime.

Tennessee kicker James Wilhoit had field goals of 31 and 40 yards.

## No. 16 Louisville 41, Syracuse 17

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville took advantage of an opportunity to show off for a potential bowl-game suitor during the Cardinals' final home game of the season.

Gator Bowl President Mike Hartley was on hand Saturday to witness the Cardinals' 41-17 win over the Syracuse Orange. It was the Cardinals' 12th consecutive home win.

With the Syracuse win, and a win over Connecticut next weekend, Louisville (8-2, 4-2 Big East Conference) would make itself the favorite to go to the Jacksonville bowl game Jan. 2, Hartley said.

"They're just a tremendous offensive power," he said. "We're looking to match them against a good opponent. ... I'm personally hoping for a Virginia Tech-Louisville matchup."

Hartley also named Florida State, Miami, Georgia Tech and Clemson as possible opponents to represent the Atlantic Coast Conference. Louisville has history against the two Florida teams. Louisville's home win over the Seminoles in 2002 was named the greatest moment in the history of Louisville's former conference, C-USA, and the Cardinals were a dropped interception away from a win over Miami and a perfect season last year.

The Cardinals made their case

for the Gator Bowl, though, scoring more than 40 for the seventh consecutive game. Cardinals senior receiver Montrell Jones must have known his team was auditioning and put on his own personal showcase.

Jones scored two touchdowns and had 220 all-purpose yards. He scored the Cardinals' first touchdown on their second offensive play, a 60-yard pass from Brian Brohm. It was Jones' longest catch of his career. His 118 receiving yards were also a career best.

"I would say that's probably the best game of my career," Jones said.

Syracuse coach Greg Robinson was unimpressed.

"He did OK," Robinson said. "I didn't see anybody that tore it up." The Orange answered with a touchdown and then took the lead, 10-7, with a field goal after Louisville muffed a punt.

"Our offense came right back and responded and made it a 7-7 ball game and now it was a football game," Robinson said.

Despite the lopsided final score, Robinson said it was the best game the Orange (1-10, 0-7 Big East) has played in their disappointing season. He said the Cardinals' last two touchdowns were his fault and that there were players in the game who usually didn't play defense.

"I'm telling you, we could've beat that team," Robinson said.

Kolby Smith scored the Cardinals' second touchdown on a 9-yard run in the first quarter, and Jones added one more, a 19-yard reception, with 10:56 to play in the second quarter. The Cardinals led at the half 21-10.

Smith and George Stripling picked up the rushing duties, with the Cards' leading rusher and scorer, Michael Bush, recovering from a sprained foot. Stripling matched Jones' two touchdowns on runs of 9 and 89 yards.

In the third quarter, Louisville's Art Carmody kicked a 23-yard field goal and Syracuse's Paul Chiara scored on a 24-yard touchdown run. Carmody added a 44-yard field goal with 12:37 to play in the game, extending the lead to 27-17 but leaving the Orange in striking distance.

The goal post in the south end of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium closed the door on the Orange's comeback.

With 8:42 to play in the game, Syracuse kicker John Barker bounced a 48-yard field goal attempt, which would have been the longest in his career, off the left upright.

"Everybody in (the stands) started to worry a little bit," Robinson said. "If we make that field goal and put the pressure back on them, it was going to be an interesting ball game."

It was still interesting for Louisville fans as they watched

Stripling put up the last two scores of the game.

Another interesting moment for Cardinal fans was watching Brohm lying on the turf holding his right knee after he was tackled on a 7-yard scramble late in the third quarter. He did not return to the game. Brohm will have an MRI on Monday, coach Bobby Petrino said.

Brohm threw for 219 yards, with two each interceptions and touchdowns. The Cardinals fumbled four times and lost two.

Hunter Cantwell finished the game under center for the Cardinals, finishing 3-of-5 passing for 66 yards.

Syracuse quarterback Perry Patterson completed 19 passes for 259 yards. Rice Moss had 116 receiving yards for the Orange.

### Louisville-UConn game time set

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville-Connecticut football game on Saturday, Dec. 3, will be played at 7:45 p.m. ESPN.

The Cardinals (8-2) close out their first season in the BIG EAST with their first-ever trip to East Hartford, Conn. Louisville will be trying to win its ninth game for the third time under head coach Bobby Petrino.

## After disastrous season, Tennessee looking forward to 2006

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Tennessee already is thinking about next football season, and who can blame the Volunteers for doing so?

The Vols (5-6, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) needed a 27-8 win over Kentucky on Saturday simply to avoid the SEC Eastern Division cellar — at the end of a season in which they began with a No. 3 national ranking.

Tennessee had its first losing record since 1988, saw a 16-year streak of bowl appearances end and lost to in-state rival Vanderbilt for the first time since 1982.

It's no surprise, then, that the first questions coach Phillip Fulmer faced after the win over the Wildcats (3-8, 2-6) dealt with next season.

"The tendency is to be relieved that the season is over," Fulmer said, "but I really wish we had another two weeks of practice, a bowl game and (the chance to) get the young guys more experience. You take whatever lessons you learned and try to make the most of them."

"Now, we are going to look at a lot of different things in

terms of decisions and adjustments to be made in order for us to get back on track."

Among the immediate concerns is whom Fulmer will pick to replace Randy Sanders, who resigned as the Vols' offensive coordinator during the season. The favorite for the job is David Cutcliffe, who once held that position until he left to become Mississippi's head coach. Ole Miss fired Cutcliffe last year after six seasons, and he subsequently stepped down as Notre Dame's assistant head coach during the spring after undergoing heart-bypass surgery.

Cutcliffe did not attend Saturday's game, and when asked about the possible hiring of an offensive coordinator, Fulmer said only, "We'll talk more about that next week."

Fulmer wanted instead to discuss Tennessee's most lopsided win of the season.

The inconsistency that plagued the Vols' offense much of the season never appeared against Kentucky, as Tennessee beat the Wildcats for the 21st straight time — the second-longest active winning streak in an uninterrupted series between major-college opponents. Notre Dame's 42-game winning streak over Navy is

the longest. Kentucky hasn't beaten Tennessee since 1984.

Tennessee sophomore quarterback Erik Ainge, who has rotated with senior Rick Clausen all season, made his fifth start of the year and went the distance, completing 17 of 25 passes for 221 yards and two touchdowns, both in the first half.

Ainge had season highs for completions, yards and touchdowns. His scoring passes of 50 yards to Robert Meachem and 32 yards to Chris Hannon, which staked the Vols to a 17-6 halftime lead, were Ainge's two longest completions of the season.

"We tried to get him going early with a couple of short passes," Fulmer said. "Sometimes the short pass can turn into a long pass. The receivers did a good job of making some plays. Erik is a confident person. He has had some struggles this season at times — some of his own doing, some of other things around him — and that has been the downfall of the consistency of the offense."

"We have 70 or 75 plays and 68 of them will be good, but the ones that are bad are the ones that beat you. Those errors are what we need to eliminate."

Kentucky had its chances but

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Scores from Saturday, Nov. 26

SOUTH	
Appalachian St. 34	Lafayette 23
Boise St. 30	Louisiana Tech 13
East Carolina 31	UAB 23
Fla. International 52	Florida Atlantic 6
Florida 34	Florida St. 7
Furman 14	Nicholls St. 12
Grambling St. 50	Southern U. 35
Louisiana-Lafayette 54	Louisiana-Monroe 21
Louisville 41	Syracuse 17
Memphis 26	Marshall 3
Miami 25	Virginia 17
Mississippi St. 35	Mississippi 14
N.C. State 20	Maryland 14
Southern Miss. 26	Tulane 7
Tennessee 27	Kentucky 8

MIDWEST	
Kansas 24	Iowa St. 21, OT
S. Illinois 21	E. Illinois 6

SOUTHWEST	
Arkansas St. 31	North Texas 24
Houston 35	Rice 18
Oklahoma 42	Oklahoma St. 14
SMU 40	UTEP 27
Texas St. 50	Georgia Southern 35

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL • AP TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (55)	.11-0	1,615	1
2. Texas (10)	.11-0	1,570	2
3. LSU	.10-1	1,447	3
4. Penn St.	.10-1	1,430	4
5. Virginia Tech	.10-1	1,332	5
6. Ohio St.	.9-2	1,276	7
7. Notre Dame	.9-2	1,252	6
8. Oregon	.10-1	1,144	8
9. Auburn	.9-2	1,126	9
10. Miami	.9-2	989	10
11. UCLA	.9-1	942	11
12. West Virginia	.9-1	932	12
13. Georgia	.9-2	899	13
14. Alabama	.9-2	758	14
15. TCU	.10-1	740	15
16. Louisville	.8-2	600	17
17. Florida	.8-3	542	19
18. Texas Tech	.9-2	512	18
19. Boston College	.8-3	396	21
20. Michigan	.7-4	340	22
21. Wisconsin	.9-3	317	24
22. Clemson	.7-4	225	25
23. Fresno St.	.8-3	203	16
24. Georgia Tech	.7-4	187	20
25. Iowa	.7-4	91	—

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 73, South Carolina 64, Florida St. 24, UCF 20, Boise St. 15, Nevada 13, California 10, Nebraska 8, Northwestern 8, Colorado 7, Minnesota 6, Toledo 6, Iowa St. 4, UTEP 2.

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# GOLF: Funk wins Skins Game with \$925,000

by **BERNIE WILSON**  
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LA QUINTA, Calif. — Tiger Woods might want to think twice about needing Fred Funk.

Sure, everyone had some side-splitting laughs on the third hole of the Skins Game when Funk pulled on a pink skirt, his penalty for failing to outdrive Annika Sorenstam. It was Woods who first suggested that Funk would face eternal grief if one of Funk's straight-but-short drives didn't measure up to one by the LPGA star.

Well, the yuks and double-entendres made way for some serious golf on Sunday, when Funk set rookie records by winning the Skins Game with a whopping \$925,000 and 15 skins.

Funk had a two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th, collecting the final \$550,000 and six skins

when none other than Woods missed an 8-foot birdie putt.

"Wow," said the 49-year-old Funk, who became the oldest Skins Game winner.

"I'm still in shock that I got asked to be in this thing," said Funk, who was invited to his first Skins Game after winning The Players Championship in March. "I've always watched it on TV and was shocked to be part of it. It's something that I didn't even dream of, actually. First of all, I didn't dream that I'd win The Players Championship."

Said Woods: "It started off with some nice birdies at first, and after that Funky just took over."

Coincidentally, Funk won \$775,000 and 12 skins on two par-5s. The \$925,000 and 15 skins were records for a rookie.

Almost as surprising as Funk

winning practically the entire purse was Fred Couples, the King of Skins, getting shut out for the first time in 12 appearances.

"Getting nothing is not the end of the world," said Couples, who still holds the Skins Game career records with \$3,515,000 and 77 skins. "I've gotten my share. So I'm tickled pink just to be here."

Woods won the other \$75,000, on the third hole on Saturday. Sorenstam was shut out for the second straight year.

"This course is long for me to start with, and you put some wind and some firm greens, it made it really tough for me to get it close," said Sorenstam, the LPGA star playing in her third straight Skins Game. "It's an honor simply to come here. This is a great experience for me."

With more than half the purse up for grabs on the final hole, Funk played it brilliantly.

As usual, his drive was in the middle of the fairway on the 524-yard, par-5 finishing hole, although Woods and Couples had more distance. Funk's approach shot left him with a 30-foot eagle putt, which curled just to the left, leaving him a tap-in for birdie.

"Obviously I'm not a power hitter at all," said Funk, who hit a 284-yard drive and a 3-wood from 241 yards.

"I wasn't sure, into the wind, that I could get home, but I hit a really good drive and a really good 3-wood to get it up there," he said. "I didn't think birdie would win it, but you just never know in the Skins."

"Again, timing's everything," Funk said. "It was very difficult to make putts. You saw a lot of putts go right up to the hole and break off. Freddie and Tiger hit a bunch like that. It's

just difficult trying to read these things and you don't know where they go."

Woods needed to make his birdie putt to halve the hole and force a playoff. He missed just left.

Funk also won \$150,000 and three skins with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-4 12th, the day's third hole.

The previous oldest Skins Game champion was Gary Player, who was 48 when he won it in 1983.

Funk won the most money in one year and won the biggest hole in a regular Skins Game — not including the 2001 event that was played under a validation format. Greg Norman won \$800,000 on one hole in that 2001 event, and \$1 million overall.

Woods and Couples both had chances to reel in Funk, who won \$225,000 and six skins on

Saturday.

Woods had a sensational approach shot out of the right rough on the par-5 16th and could have won \$280,000 and four skins, but his 25-foot eagle putt stopped about 4 inches short of the cup.

"Don't do that, don't," Woods said to the ball before covering his face.

"Nice lag," Sorenstam told him.

"I've got a pretty pink skirt for you," Funk said to Woods.

On the par-3 17th, which was worth \$350,000 and five skins, Funk hit into the water and Woods and Couples both missed long birdie putts. Sorenstam made a par putt, forcing Woods and Couples to do the same to halve the hole and carry the money over to the 18th.

The Skins Game is sponsored by Merrill Lynch.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### • AP TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (61)	5-0	1,785	.1
2. Texas (6)	5-0	1,696	.2
3. Connecticut (4)	4-0	1,682	.3
4. Villanova (1)	2-0	1,493	.4
5. Oklahoma	3-0	1,465	.5
6. Gonzaga	3-1	1,371	.8
7. Louisville	1-0	1,331	.6
8. Boston College	5-0	1,296	.10
9. Memphis	3-1	1,202	.11
10. Kentucky	4-1	1,079	.7
11. Florida	5-0	1,023	.14
12. Illinois	5-0	866	.15
13. Michigan St.	3-2	860	.12
14. Iowa	4-1	852	.18
15. Arizona	2-2	808	.9
16. UCLA	4-1	534	.16
17. Indiana	3-0	533	.20
18. Washington	6-0	455	.25
19. George Washington	2-0	422	.21
20. Nevada	3-0	412	.22
21. Alabama	2-1	404	.19
22. Wake Forest	5-1	339	.24
23. Maryland	4-1	282	.23
24. N.C. State	5-0	236	—
25. LSU	3-0	196	—

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 175, West Virginia 138, Wisconsin 76, Bucknell 73, Ohio St. 55, Stanford 42, N. Iowa 36, Vanderbilt 25, Iowa St. 19, Hawaii 16, North Carolina 16, Ohio 13, Oklahoma St. 13, Michigan 12, Kansas 9, Creighton 8, Xavier 8, Iona 6, Old Dominion 6, Arkansas 4, Oregon 4, Texas Tech 4, Wichita St. 4, Winthrop 4, Georgetown 3, Texas A&M 3, Miami 2, Cincinnati 1, Drexel 1, Harvard 1, UAB 1.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE

### BASKETBALL • AP TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and preseason ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (21)	5-0	1,123	.1
2. Tennessee (22)	5-0	1,116	.2
3. LSU (2)	4-0	1,043	.3
4. Ohio St.	3-0	985	.4
5. Baylor (1)	6-0	959	.5
6. Rutgers	2-0	907	.6
7. North Carolina	4-0	879	.7
8. Connecticut	5-0	870	.8
9. Maryland	4-1	738	.10
10. Minnesota	4-0	719	.12
11. Notre Dame	4-0	654	.13
12. Stanford	3-1	605	.15
13. Michigan St.	3-2	559	.9
14. DePaul	5-0	486	.17
15. Arizona St.	4-1	452	.16
16. Texas	3-1	405	.18
17. Georgia	3-2	380	.11
18. Temple	5-0	372	.21
19. Vanderbilt	5-1	355	.20
20. Oklahoma	5-1	339	.22
21. New Mexico	5-1	200	.25
22. Purdue	2-1	165	.19
23. UCLA	2-2	128	—
24. Texas Tech	1-4	102	.14
25. Utah	2-1	93	.23

Others receiving votes: Louisville 59, Washington 49, Boston College 30, N.C. State 29, Southern Cal 27, Virginia Tech 25, Villanova 17, George Washington 11, W. Kentucky 10, Mississippi 9, Arizona 7, Wake Forest 7, Florida St. 6, Saint Joseph's 3, BYU 2, Bowling Green 2, Kansas 1, Middle Tennessee 1, Oregon 1.

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### POISON OAK

## The truth about Rudolph?

It's been published every year since 1792. During that time, folks have come to trust and depend on it for everything from weather forecasts, to when to plant their potatoes and beans, to secrets of romance via the zodiac.

I'm talking, of course, about The Farmer's Almanac. Although I don't have a little garden plot behind my house, wouldn't know a cumulus cloud if it landed in my front yard, nor a follower of the signs of the zodiac, for several years I, too, have looked forward to the next issue.

A couple of weeks ago, son Todd gave me the 2006 edition of the publication. And since I have come to pretty much believe the content of The Almanac to be credible, I feel sure that it'll rain on Valentines Day and Apple Day Saturday, next year. I also now know that striped skunks eat mice.

But something else I learned just might be a big surprise to a bunch of little boys and girls, and maybe even surprise a few grownups. As a matter of fact, it might even put a different slant on the upcoming Christmas season.

Okay, here goes! Rudolph, the red-nose reindeer, is a girl.

You read right. According to The Farmer's Almanac, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has concluded that Rudolph, as well as Comet and Cupid, and all the rest of Santa's reindeer, are girls.

Of course, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is not going to express such a theory without offering scientific proof. So, here's the simple explanation as to why they've concluded what they've concluded: While both male and female reindeer grow antlers each summer, the male reindeer shed theirs from November to mid-December. The lady reindeer keep their antlers all winter long until after they give birth in the spring.

Since we all know that Christmas comes on December 25, and since all of Santa's reindeer have antlers, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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## Dewey Lake shelter reservations no longer taken at project office Corps adopts new reservation system

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office, Dewey Lake, will no longer be taking shelter reservations for its four shelters located in the Downstream Recreation Area and Picnic Hollow. In years past, the public could call the project office and reserve a shelter, beginning on the first working day in January of each year. This will no longer be done.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will use a nationwide reservation system called the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) to manage reservations for group site picnic shelters located in day use areas managed by the Corps beginning in the 2006 recreation season.

Anyone wanting to reserve a shelter at Dewey Lake can do so by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777 or by visiting the www.ReserveUSA.com website. There is no cost to use this system, but there will be a service fee charged for a change or cancellation. Credit cards, certified checks, bank checks or money orders may be used for payment. Personal checks will not be accepted.

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## Two HCTC faculty members age with grace

It's the 21st century and women aren't just referred to as old; women are smart, sassy, out-spoken, and willing to wear red and purple at the same time. Two Hazard Community & Technical College faculty members exemplify this new life style and are embracing the aging process with a sense of humor.

M. Kay Miller teaches English and Sue Gillett teaches math. They're friends. They wear purple. And, they embrace the idea that 50 isn't really that old.

One reason for this new life style is the poem, "Warning," written by Jenny Joseph. M. Kay Miller

has that poem hanging on her wall. Mathematics faculty member Sue Gillett also relates to the words.

The "Red Hats Society," has its own web site. Their philosophy reads: "Welcome to the place where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life and, since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together. Underneath the frivolity, we

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M. Kay Miller and Sue Gillett are "red hat" wearers who are embracing life on the HCTC campus.



## Christmas dinner in Africa

by Phyllis Puffer,  
PROFESSOR, BIG SANDY COMMUNITY AND  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

"Will there be market women by the road tomorrow?"

"Oui, Mademoiselle. Of course. There are always market women."

"But tomorrow is Christmas. I think the market women will take the day off."

"Non, Mademoiselle. There will be market women. There are always

market women." Having checked with more than one source and all agreeing there would be market women out, even on Christmas Day, I did not pack a lunch for the who-knew-how-long trip by bus the next day to the city of Bangui, the capital of the next country.

Contrary to all the assurances, there were no market women along the road. There was, wondrously enough, a Frenchman. That was the only time, on that trip through Cameroun from the Atlantic Ocean to

the center of the African continent, that I saw another Caucasian traveling the same route. The Frenchman had not brought a lunch either but he did have an avocado. I had a bottle of water. We shared both.

The Frenchman was slim and of medium height. He was a youngish forty and looked like anybody else rather than the handsome, dashing, figure of romance that an American would assume about a Frenchman. He earned his living as a waiter in Paris and usually made big bucks working

at celebrations during the Christmas season. He had traveled widely in India and frequently complained that African prices were too high and accommodations too poor. He thoroughly believed that India was a much better travel bargain. His trousers were an Indian souvenir. They were black and made from a silky material gathered into a cuff at the ankle. With it he wore a purple, short sleeved t-shirt. But his hair was not long and

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### CRITTER CORNER

## Pica in dogs

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

There seems to be no end to the variety of things that dogs will chew up and swallow. I'm not just talking about the dogs who dig the Thanksgiving turkey carcass out of the garbage, steal the roast off the counter, or munch down on the Girl Scout Cookies. These are potentially dangerous, but understandable, dietary indiscretions. Sometimes they also eat the foil covered in turkey juice, the Styrofoam meat tray, or the box the cookies were in.

Over the past twenty years I have had calls about dogs that had eaten pantyhose, bathroom tile, corncobs, eyeglass frames, dentures, and items that I really can't mention here. It scares me to think about what the

owners didn't know about! Some of this stuff has to be surgically removed, but most of it, thankfully, eventually passes on its own.

Weird things I have personally found in dog poop makes up a category all its own. I recently saw something shiny in a deposit left behind by a boarding Shih-Tzu puppy; it turned out to be nothing more than a short piece of metallic thread, but while investigating this, I also found what appeared to be a woman's fake fingernail. I once found what looked suspiciously like pieces of my lace laundry room curtains embedded in a "dog mine" in the front yard. Sure enough, the curtains had been mangled behind my back. I know most normal people don't spend any time inspecting what they're scooping, but since they insisted on it in vet school, I do it compulsively, much to the disgust of

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This is Officer "Van Gogh." Van Gogh is a five year old, 60 lb. yellow Labrador Retriever. He is 2001 graduate of the ATF Canine Training Center, Fort Royal, VA and now works as a "representative" of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Agency, Lexington field office. Van Gogh is an Explosives Detection Canine Agent who recently paid a visit to the Mountain Arts Center where he showed off his special training talents by seeking out hidden explosives (smokeless black powder) before enjoying a well-deserved lunchtime reward, offered by handlers Robert Young and Eric Melcer. The folks at the MAC report that they were "thrilled with Van Gogh's visit"!

# School Calendar

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Dec. 5, 7, 12 - Our Lady of the Way Community Education Dept. will present a program on AIDS/HIV to 8th grade students.

■ Dec. 6 - "Magic Me" will meet (weather permitting) until 4:30 p.m.

■ Dec. 8 - "Parent University," at Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presenters, lunch provided, and door prizes. All parents/guardians welcome.

■ Dec. 14 - Free clothing give-away at Graceway Church, on Rt. 80, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Dec. 14 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.

■ Dec. 14 - "Connect with Kids" special on WYMT, "When Nobody's Looking," 7 p.m.

\*\*Anyone interested in sponsoring a needy student for Christmas, please contact the YSC at 886-1297.

■ 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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

## Allen Central Middle School

■ 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.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

## Duff Elementary

■ Nov. 30 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m., in library.

\*\*School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. 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

■ 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 Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

■ 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

■ Dec. 6 - SBDM meeting, 6 p.m., in school auditorium.

■ 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

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. If you wish to participate, watch for announcement of dates and call youth service center to register.

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ 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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ 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

■ FRC monthly Advisory 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

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# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

November 29 and 1, 1995

A special Floyd County Grand Jury returned six indictments, on Monday, one against Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, and a three-count true bill against WMDJ radio station owner Dale McKinney. Thompson was charged with one count of willful neglect of duty for allegedly failing to properly account for tax receipts since January 1990. The charge, listed as a violation, not a felony, could be remanded to district court. McKinney is charged with two counts of accepting cash contributions over \$100 in his bid for county judge-executive in 1993. He is also charged with filing a false report with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance...A liquor ordinance that would benefit a local business was sent back to the drawing board after Monday night's Prestonsburg City Council meeting. The second reading of the ordinance, which would benefit Center Stage, by defining what a bona fide restaurant means, was postponed by city council members...James S. Maynard, 25, of Deboard, who is accused of robbing Hopson's Jewelry in Prestonsburg, is also the suspect in a similar robbery in Paintsville. Chuck Jennings, who owns C&C Video and Jewelry in Paintsville, said Monday, that Maynard is the same man who robbed him a week earlier...Former Floyd County Judge-Executive Bob Meyer will speak to a joint meeting of the Floyd Chamber of Commerce and the Big Sandy Area Labor Management Committee at noon Monday, December 4, at Jenny Wiley State Park. Meyer is a proponent of regional planning as a tool to stimulate the economy and promote growth in the Big Sandy area...The Mountain Arts Center is scheduled to open in seven months, but after the Prestonsburg City Council meeting, Monday, the center may open without an executive director. Prestonsburg City Council voted five to three against the Mountain Arts Center commission's recommendation to hire Gary Frazier, of Prestonsburg, as the center's executive director...A special grand jury investigating allegations of public corruption in

Floyd County, has asked the FBI to meet with officials in the state attorney general's office to determine if a federal probe into the county's solid waste program is warranted...Donnie Williams, 47, of Prestonsburg, pleaded guilty, Wednesday, before Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill to charges that he attempted to influence the testimony of two juveniles in favor of Roger Toy Adams, a Johnson County attorney, who allegedly propositioned them for sex in the parking lot at Prestonsburg Village in November 1994...Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale held his own, Wednesday, at his first fiscal court meeting, and he didn't back down during his crusade to hire Turner E. Campbell on his staff as administrative assistant...Floyd County Board of Education approved a revised building estimate for the renovation of Prestonsburg High School, Tuesday, and ratified a construction management contract for the project. Construction is expected to begin next spring on the first phase of the project, which is estimated at \$5.9 million. The total project cost is set at \$7.6 million...Martin resident Jamie Barnett, whose water bill, one month, was \$546 for 187,000 gallons, won't receive help from the city, because of a City ordinance...Prestonsburg Merchant's Association will officially kick off the Christmas season this weekend with a parade on Saturday...The Mountain Arts Center may not have their own funds for operating expenses, but the City of Prestonsburg has enough to help cover costs up to the opening date. The Prestonsburg City Council approved a motion Wednesday, to loan the Mountain Arts Center management commission \$36,000 for operating expenses...In an effort to reduce the chances that money could again be lost, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson is restructuring his office during tax season...Legal aid for the poor could decline, if a bill that has been approved by the House-Senate Conference Committee, gets approval by the full house and senate...There died: Gertrude Hunt Hall, 86, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, November 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Armina Mosley Hall, 76, of Drift, Thursday, November 23, at her res-

idence; Enon Cook, 79, of Wayland, Wednesday, November 22, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gracie Meade Hall, 91, of Honaker, Friday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John England, 51, of Warsaw; Saturday, November 25, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw; Jean Ford, 66, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, November 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andy Collins, 85, of Hi Hat, Friday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Arvilla Ousley Spradlin, 81, of Prestonsburg, Friday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Johnny Gordon Adkins, 37, of Inez, Friday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Alma C. Snipes, 86, of Rochester, Indiana, Monday, November 27, at her residence; Mitchell Dotson, 72, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, November 28, at Marion Community Hospital in Ocala, Florida; Flora Slone, 73, of Melvin, Wednesday, November 29, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; John Lackey, 61, of Tram, Tuesday, November 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago

November 27, 1985

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies officially opened the Big Sandy Regional Airport...Floyd County liquor and beer dealers had an easing of the competition from legalized dealers in a bordering county, this week, after prohibition returned to Magoffin County at midnight, Monday...An operating permit granted to a controversial coal processing plant, at Ligon, will apparently stand, following a hearing officer's finding that improvements at the plant should resolve the problems it has long caused its neighbors...Disputes between two coal companies, and two physicians, are the subject of suits filed this week, in Floyd Circuit Court...Archer Park's swimming pool, which for years, has been slowly sliding into disrepair, will get a facelift, if a loan application to the state Land and Water Conservation Fund is approved...There died: Dr. James E. Wells, 54, prominent

Anderson County veterinarian and native of Auxier, died Monday, November 18, at his home in Lawrenceburg...Clyde Robinson, 73, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Water Gap, died Sunday, in Warsaw...Mrs. Mary Jane Jervis, 78, of Endicott, died Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness...Russell Stephens Parsons, 53, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, at his residence, following an extended illness...Joe Younce, 64, of Melvin, died Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, following an extended illness...Elmer Reffett, 60, of David, died last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a brief illness...and William O Patton, 87, of Eastern, died Sunday, at the home of his son, James E. Patton, of Hazard, following an apparent heart attack.

## Thirty Years Ago

November 26, 1975

Four lanes, not three, have been recommended for reconstruction of KY 80, from this county to Perry, and the cost will be "at least" \$176,000,000, a consulting engineering firm has told the Department of Highways...At the same meeting, last Thursday, at which City Council adopted an ordinance completing the annexation of area in the Goble-Roberts Addition, a petition was received from residents of the May Branch subdivision, asking that the section be included in the corporate limits of Prestonsburg...Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waugh, of Wayland, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary, December 4...Marvin Music, of Prestonsburg, was honored recently as a new University of Kentucky Fellow for his financial contributions to U.K. Mr. and Mrs. Music were recognized by UK President Otis A. Singletary during the annual dinner of the UK Development Council in Lexington...Only Prestonsburg and Wheelwright are in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Act, at this time, and the deadline for Allen, Martin and Wayland, the county's other incorporated communities, has already passed...There died: Mrs. Ethel Stephens

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**Yesterdays**

Smith, 90, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Jim Wright, 70, of West Prestonburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

**Forty Years Ago**  
November 25, 1965

Early planning was done here, Tuesday, to re-enter Floyd County in the American Red Cross "blood bank" program...Floyd County, with its 81 per cent approval, led all Big Sandy counties at the November election, in support of the state bond issue...There died: Mrs. Mary Alice Knox, 81, of Wayland, November 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Dollie Collins, 74, November 23, at her home at Banner; George Falin, 73, of Wayland, November 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George Conley, 37, of Albion, Mich., formerly of this county, at Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Susan Osborne, 71, last Wednesday, at her home at Ivel.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
November 24, 1955

Miss Annie E. Allen, the beloved "Miss Annie" of Baptist mission work in eastern Kentucky, for more than 40 years, died Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, at the age of 78...Sunday turkey shoots are illegal in Kentucky, and they will be outlawed in Floyd County, Sheriff Gorman Collins said this week...A recount of the vote in the election, Nov. 8, of City Councilmen, at Martin, is asked in a complaint filed in circuit court, this week, by Hargis Calton and W. D. Crisp, Council candidates, who on the face of the official returns, were defeated...There died: Glen Lewis, 28-year-old Floyd native, Saturday, in an automobile crash near Montpellier, O.; Fred Newman, 41, former Floyd County teacher, last Thursday, at Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Jane Ray, 83, formerly of Floyd County, last Saturday, at a Catlettsburg hospital; Miss Victoria V. Crum, 41, last Sunday, at the home of her parents, at Wayland; Mrs. Sarah Vanderpool, 67, of Emma, Wednesday, at the home of a son, on Calf Creek; Samuel M. Music, 69, of East Point, Thursday, at Madison, Indiana; Mrs. Emma Crum Sammons, 86, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter, here.

**Critter**

my family and friends. You never know what you may find. The act of eating things that are not food is called Pica, and it can have several different causes. Some dogs get carried away when they are chewing something, and proceed to swallow it. Bone fragments, wood splinters, and rawhide chunks are frequent examples. Others, for some unknown reason, develop a liking for a certain taste or texture that normally would not be very appetizing. The same thing occurs in children. I have a friend (who I will refrain from identifying here, so I won't be murdered) that ate everything from lip balm to Play-Doh to magic markers as a child, and still swears that they tasted good. Someone told me about a Pug obsessed with rubber bands. Sometimes a vitamin or mineral deficiency is suspected when a dog, especially a puppy, persists in swallowing non-food items like dirt or rocks. This is less likely to be a problem now that most pets are fed good quality nutritionally balanced commercial diets. Normal puppy exploratory behavior is more apt to be behind this sort of thing. Remember, they don't have hands, so just about everything goes in their mouth. What can you do if you own one of these canine garbage disposals? The first, and most obvious thing is to block the dog's access to items he is prone to chew up. If it's just one thing, like the rubber bands with the Pug, it is a little easier to be conscious of keeping them out of the way. If your Labrador likes to eat rocks, on the other hand,

removing all of them from the yard is going to be a major undertaking! Another approach is to make the favored items as unappealing as possible. Several products are on the market that leave a bitter taste when they are sprayed on objects. Again, this is going to work best when there are only one or two things that the dog goes after, and when the owner can be very persistent in keeping them covered with the bad taste. Also, considering what dogs will eat, how do we exactly define "bad taste"? There is even a powder designed to be mixed in the dog's food that supposedly will deter him from eating his own stool. This stuff actually works sometimes, but I have to wonder—how do you make poop taste any worse? I also try to teach my dogs to release items they have in their mouth when I ask for them. I make it into a game, and practice at first with items they are not highly possessive of. After a couple of rounds of "Give it" / "Take it," they either get their

toy back or I trade it for something they like even better. This way they don't see my taking things from their mouth as a threat, so when I really need to get something away from them, it is not usually an ordeal. I have to stress, though, that this can be very dangerous, so it's not something I would do with a dog I hadn't worked with enough to develop a mutual trust. You may be able to bribe the dog away from a forbidden object with something he really loves—some cooked chicken in his bowl in the living room while you discreetly pick up the plastic bottle he was mauling in the kitchen, for example. Don't put yourself in danger. If you suspect your dog has swallowed something he shouldn't have, call your vet to see if there is anything you should do, or what you should watch for. Don't worry, no matter how stupid you think it will sound, he has probably heard it before, and if not, he will make a mental note of it for future reference. You may even see it someday in a newspaper article!

**Sixty Years Ago**  
November 22, 1945

Warrants were sworn out here, Monday afternoon, for three civilians in the ambush-slaying of ex-soldier Johnny Holbrook, 28, on the head of Jack's Creek, this county...As of last Friday, only \$49,100 of Floyd County's \$765,000 Victory Loan quota had been subscribed, County Judge E. P. Hill, chairman, reported this week...Two decorated servicemen returned to Floyd County within the last two weeks. At home at Beaver is Sgt. Foster Mitchell, 29, who possesses the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster. Sgt. Freddie Cottrell, Silver Star recipient, returned here, last week, from Italy...Peter C. Van Gilst, who retired, Nov. 1, as vice-president in charge of operations of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, was honored, Tuesday evening, with a banquet, in Ashland...There died: Walter C. Miller, 41 November 14, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; Newt Robinson, 72, Friday, at his home at Maytown; James Goble, 83, Tuesday morning, at his home in the Porter Addition, here.

**Seventy Years Ago**  
November 22, 1935

The state highway department last week, let contract for the construction of 7.5 miles of road on the Martin-Wheelwright route, this stretch to extend from McDowell to the upper end of the route, giving this rich section of Floyd more access to the rest of the county...Only two Left Beaver Creek towns—Wheelwright and Minnie—have, to date, reached their quota in the Red Cross roll call drive...Miss Bessie Branham, 23, of Prestonsburg, and Elden Baldrige, of Little Paint, were killed, Saturday night, when struck by an auto at the lower limits of Prestonsburg...Sol Justice, 53, was killed, Friday night, by a slatefall in a mine of the Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright; in another mine tragedy, former Harold resident, Noah Kidd, 33 years old, died in a slatefall in the mine of the Greenough Coal Company in Pike County...There died: Hiram Harris, 90 years old, prominent Prestonsburg businessman, at his home here Saturday.

**School**

Month - Respect and Togetherness\*

■ Dec. 7 - Nominations for SBDM Council ("School-Parent Organization") will be accepted until 3 p.m., this date. Nominations must be turned into Robin Johnson, Dreama Bates, or Kim Hall, in main office.

■ Dec. 14 - SBDM Council election, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m., at the school. For questions about the nomination process or about the upcoming election/requirements, call 452-2131.

■ Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

■ Tuesday's and Thursday's, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Women's Exercise program, in school gym. FREE! If you would like to participate, contact the center.

■ Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

■ Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

■ If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

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.

Adult Education & GED Schedule

■ Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

■ Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

■ Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

■ Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

**Oak**

has logically decided they all must be girls.

Come to think of it, that does have a ring of truth to it. After all, no matter where you live, they always find you. And besides, how many times have you ever heard of Santa having to park his sleigh beside the road, somewhere, and ask directions to someone's house?

The Farmer's Almanac is one interesting publication, all right.

**Dinner**

shaggy as one might expect of a bread and cheese world traveler. His medium brown hair was in a short businessman's cut. From the shoulders up, he was clean shaven and respectable looking. It was easy to imagine him in "ordinary" clothes responding to the needs of wealthy Parisian diners or even at a moderately priced café, responding to Americans' signals.

Our little bus and its occupants passed through customs on the Cameroun side, and after about a twenty or thirty minute ride we stopped for the C.A.R. customs officials.

I never saw those officials. What I did see was our driver going here to this building and there to another building. "It's Christmas and I have to go to his house," he explained as he mounted long stairs to a building on the side of a hill. Apparently, this was the custom official's house. The passengers got tired of waiting in and by the bus and drifted away. I had been sitting in the cab with the driver and his friend. It turned out that the friend's mother lived in this little settlement by the border crossing. He took advantage of the opportunity to pay her a visit and invited me along.

The friend was probably around the same age as the driver and appeared to be in his mid to late twenties. He was trendily dressed in thoroughly Western attire of blue jeans and matching jeans jacket. He was a rather round young man, relaxed and self-assured. He had the air of someone rather successful and prosperous.

He and I sat in a little circle with his mother in her living room. All of us were in arm-chairs. She was small and thin with white hair. She wore a summer housedress of discreet length. She seemed alert and intelligent. She smiled, enjoying the unexpected visit with her son. The floor was brick red tile and the walls were white. The successful Western son evidently came from a successful, Western family.

I became nervous about the bus loading up without us. The idea seemed not to have occurred to either of the others and it seemed to have no effect when I mentioned it. Finally, I got quite anxious and they indicated that I could leave if I wished and it would not bother them. I left and they continued their easy conversation.

Back at the bus, I found that the passengers remained scattered and the driver was not to be seen. After looking around here and there for anyone at all in our little company, I found a "restaurant." The Frenchman was there enjoying a big dinner.

The local eatery consisted of a tiny building having two small rooms. The first room had two wooden tables of rough, unpainted lumber. One table had a rough wooden, unpainted bench on one side. The Frenchman and I sat there. Possibly six feet away was the second wooden table with a bench on the other side of it, against the wall.

The second room was the kitchen. The two rooms were separated by a wall with a window in it through which the

proprietor talked to the customers. When a customer's dish was ready the man placed the plate in the opening and disappeared. He then dashed quickly around the side of the building, past the open window behind the other table, through the doorway, to the serving window, picked up the plate, turned and took either two steps to our table or one step to the other table, and placed it before the customer. Then he dashed back through the open door, around the side of the building, back into the kitchen, and reappeared at the window, ready for the next customer. This was a busy day and he repeated this series of actions about three times while I was there. I wondered why he just didn't put a door in the wall.

I asked the Frenchman how the food was. He nodded, "It's good." I wasn't too sure, but I was pretty hungry and placed my order. The plate arrived full and hot. It was rice with a sort of stewed meat sauce over it. It was all meat without any vegetables that could be seen. The meat was shredded, similar to the barbeque served in Southern states at home, but the taste was different. I'm afraid I didn't care for it and just ate the rice around it. I hoped no one would notice. No one seemed to, but I later learned that black Africans have come to expect that whites won't like their food.

Besides the one customer at the other table and the two of us at ours, the minute dining room held a young man who was standing in the middle of the room, listening intently to the Frenchman. The Frenchman was delivering a modern, avant garde essay on the evils of how we celebrate Christmas today. Christmas is too hectic and materialism is taken to ridiculous extremes. The Frenchman said that the Parisian waiters profited handsomely from Christmas feasting but at the same time he seemed to indicate that they also laughed quietly among themselves at the great sums of money their customers spent in the restaurants.

It was an essay to which I could relate in every way. It was doubtful, however, whether the young African, who appeared to be seventeen or eighteen, truly understood what the Frenchman was saying. To me, he appeared a little glassy eyed. He might have been unsteady on his feet, but he did not move from his spot so I couldn't see how he walked in order to make sure. It seemed that he had to concentrate a little too hard to follow what was being said. I was sure he had been celebrating with alcohol and had been thoroughly enjoying the maligned holiday. The essay on the evils of the modern way of celebrating Christmas seemed incongruous in this land where Christmas was only as old as European settlement and where not a Christmas tree or light was to be seen.

Eventually, the driver came around looking for his passengers and we loaded up again, the materialism, extravagant display and, above all, gluttony of Christmas thoroughly defeated.

**Editor's Notice:**

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**Red Hat**

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share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next."

Women from all walks of life and all parts of the United States took to heart the meaning of the "Red Hat" poem and came to the conclusion that as they get older there are more important issues than worrying about what other people may think. As one woman put it, "It's about being comfortable with the person you have become - warts and all!"

Miller and Gillett are fun, playful, and intelligent. Gillett, age 58, had a grandmother live to be 99 and her mom is now

age 78. "Be nice to me; I'm going to be around for a while," quips this Appalachian woman.

"Sue doesn't tip toe around anything," noted her friend of 13 years, M. Kay Miller.

Both women have an opinion on most subjects; they are assertive; they've had their share of bumps along life's highway and they've been learning all along the way. "Pick your battles carefully" is one lesson they share with younger women. "Don't sweat the small stuff," and "Don't hold a grudge." "Get your priorities straight." "And 100 years from now, what will matter?"

Miller, age 63, believes she

has become older and wiser. When she started teaching 34 years ago "I was a mouse." But she overcame that when she saw how some students were victims of discrimination because of their educational background and she wanted to help them. And to do that, she'd have to speak up. She's been speaking up ever since.

Miller looks forward to the future, as does Gillett. A wedding was approaching soon in Gillett's life and she bought a dress to look her most smashing self. And unlike women of long ago, what color dress did she choose?

Solid, brilliant, beautiful red.



The Allen Central High School "Good Sam's Club," sponsored by Sandy Mullins, honored Sergeant Jerry Hardy, Colonel Larry Maynard and Danny O'Quinn on Veteran's Day for their service to the military. Pictured are Sergeant Hardy, club vice-president Whitney Hall, club president Ryann Thornsberry and Col. Maynard.



**Dance Etc. to perform Nutcracker at MAC**

The Nutcracker ballet will be presented by the Mountain Arts Center and Dance Etc., on the Mountain Arts Center stage, on Dec. 7 and 8, at 10 a.m. (students and teachers) and again at 7 p.m. for the general public. The Nutcracker is the classic ballet story of a little girl and her favorite new toy. Student and teacher ticket prices for the 10 a.m. matinees will be \$4; evening show ticket prices are \$10 for all ages. Teachers wishing to make reservations for their classes should call Shelly Crisp or Loretta Blair at 886-2623 (or toll-free at 1-888-622-2787). Be prepared to inform of date and time you wish to attend, number of students plus number of adults, and number of those with special needs that will be attending.

**Corps**

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When calling to make a reservation for the Dewey Lake area, make sure to mention that the shelter you want to reserve is for a "day use facility" at Dewey Lake, Van Lear, Kentucky 41265. Dewey Lake shelters are set up as the following: Shelter #1 below dam day use recreation area, Shelter #2 below dam day use recreation area, Shelter #3 (nearest to large playground) and Shelter #4 Picnic Hollow. Just specify which shelter you would like. Visitors may also visit the Dewey Lake website to view the area photos of the project at [www.lrh.usace.army.mil/OR/Project.asp?OR-DEW](http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/OR/Project.asp?OR-DEW)

When calling to reserve a shelter, have your information ready along with a pen and

paper to take down any information needed. You should have two dates you are interested in, in case one is already reserved.

This new system has been adopted to make it more convenient for the public to make reservations at Corps facilities.

An additional feature of this system will allow you to make your reservation 360 days in advance.

For questions/comments about the new system feel free to call the Dewey Lake project office at 886-6709, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**Letters will be accepted until noon, Tuesday, December 16th, 2005.**

**Letters are FREE.**

Send letters to:  
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## AUTOMOTIVE

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**FOR SALE:** 87 Ford F150. 300 6 cylinder. 4 speed transmission, good work truck. \$800. Call 606-478-5173.

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**WANTED IMMEDIATELY LPN/CNA** Spine and Braine Neurological Center. 7160 North Mayo Trail Pikeville. Benefits, paid vacation, 401k, health insurance. Call 606-478-7000 or fax resume to 606-478-7001.

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Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487, Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm

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**HEAVY EQUIPMENT** steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid driver's license and up to date surface mining papers. Call 606-886-1759 Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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### 530-Homes

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**FOR SALE:** Two story 4 BR home, HUD approved. Located at Stampers Branch, Wayland, KY. Last white house on the right. \$33,000. Please call 606-946-2271 or 606-785-5556. Ask for Sheila Wicker.

**FOR SALE:** 4 BR 1 BA 3 acres of land located on 1428 between Allen and Lancer. If interested call 297-6514. \$89,000

**FOR SALE:** 2 year old 1700 sq ft home. One owner, 2 car garage. 0.69 acre lot. New subdivision-Abbott Creek Prestonsburg. 606-886-9046.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 3-4 BR 1 BA, dining room, asking \$32,000. Will accept reasonable offer. 195 North Front St, Maytown. Contact Margarita Boyd at 606-226-4546.

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**FOR SALE** with or without hook-up. 1999 16 x 80 3 BR 2 BA MH. \$12995. Call 886-2842 or after 6:00 call 886-3451.

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### 580- Misc.

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## RENTALS

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**APARTMENTS FOR RENT** 1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. in Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

a/c. Private off street parking. No pets. \$450 month rent. \$200 deposit. Call 886-0010.

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**FOR RENT:** 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4

mile south or Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

### 630-Houses

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 BR 1.5 BA in Wheelwright. HUD approved. \$400 month \$300 deposit. Call 432-9110.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 2 BR house at Garrett for rent. \$100 week \$300 deposit. 477-1707 or 478-5389.

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### 640-Land/Lots

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650- Mobile Homes

FOR RENT: Doublewide with carpet. Excellent condition. All electric. Storage building. 2 miles up Little Paint Road. \$550 plus utilities. Call 886-3613.

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FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 BA doublewide located at Little Paint near Prestonsburg. \$450 month \$300 deposit. No pets. Call 886-0475 or 226-0730.

660- Miscellaneous

FOR RENT: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Located on RT 122 1 mile south of Martin, across from Garth Technical School. Must furnish references. 285-9112.

SERVICES

770-Repair/Services

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NOTICES

MEDICARE PLAN D PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT and SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE. Call Lynda Spurlock 606-285-9650

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-1235 BETSY LAYNE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PLAINTIFF VS. GLEN DONOVAN BURGESS; DELORES BURGESS; AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 16th of February, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, 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 1st day of December,

2005, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described surface property, located at 384 Pine Ridge, Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin located in the center of the point, being the same corner of Lot No. 1 and a point of the Ross Hale property, thence N76° 46'E 121.17' to an iron pin center of the point, thence N 57° 04'E 96.77' to an iron pin centerline of the point and being the R/W line of U.S. 23, thence with the R/W line S 36° 04' W 327.07' to a R/W marker and corner of Lot No. 2, thence N 59° 12' W 45.33' to an iron pin, corner of Hale Cemetery, thence with the Hale Cemetery N 65° 36' W 49.23' to an iron pin, thence continuing with the Hale Cemetery N 70° 58' W 43.38' to an iron pin the edge of the road, thence with the road access easement N 83° 03' E 92.26' to an iron pin of road access, thence across the end of the road easement N 12° 58' E 20.00' to an iron pipe, thence running with Lot No. 1 N 12° 58' E 98.27' to the point of beginning. Said Lot No. 2 containing 0.51 acres. Being the same acquired by Barbara Elliott Yeager as Trustee, by the foregoing Deed from Delores Tackett (now Burg-ess), dated February 11, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 476, Page 414, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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. (b) The successful bidder shall be 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. (c) 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) 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. (e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale, and for the Master Commissioner. Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-123 HOMEMCOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. STUART E. STEPHENS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Summary Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 3rd day of October 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$104,117.82, 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 1st day of December, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying on 339 South Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more

particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Big Sandy River and being the same land conveyed to the first parties by Frank H. Layne and Mary Lou Layne, his wife, by deed bearing date, December 27, 1971, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 208, Page 428, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, containing one lot, more or less, described as follows: Being Lot No. 3, Block No. 3, of the Goble-Roberts subdivision of Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, containing a 100 ft. front and running to the river, as shown on map of said subdivision filed in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Stuart E. Stephens and Betty Jo Stephens, his wife, by deed dated March 22, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book 209, Page 342, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Philip Q. Ratliff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA 525 Vine Street, Suite 800 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be 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. (c) 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) 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. (e) 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 Counsel: Hon. Philip Q. Ratliff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA 525 Vine Street, Suite 800 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 02-CI-1125 PROVIDENT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. RICHARD GORDON PRICE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD GORDON PRICE FIRSTAR BANK, NA FLOYD COUNTY CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 31st day of August 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,476.97, togeth-

er 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 1st day of December 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying on 550 Westminster Street, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying on Westminster Street in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, being the same property conveyed to the Grantor and Grantees by Melvina Price, widow, by deed dated July 2, 1979, duly recorded in Deed Book 240, Page 162, Floyd County Clerk's Office, and being more particularly described as follows: Starting at a post at the corner of Andrew Stephens line 209 feet south-east to a post; thence go south-west 133 feet to a post at the corner of Wayne Ratliff property; thence north-west 64 feet to a post at the corner of Mitchel Martin property; thence proceed northeast 60 feet to the corner post of Frank Price property and Mitchel Martin property; thence 57 1/2 feet north-west to a stake; thence 63 feet north east to a stake; thence northwest and proceed 65 feet to the street then north-east 10 feet to the original starting point at the post at the corner of Andrew Stephens property. Being the same property conveyed by Deed, recorded in Deed Book 452, Page 8, of the Floyd County, Kentucky, records.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 858-5064 AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Martin and Floyd

Counties. The proposed amendment will underlie an additional 589.43 acres, making a total area of 6462.59 acres. The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch, on Daniels Creek. The operation will underlie land owned by Jerry Howell, A.E. Reitz, Pocahontas Development Corporation, and William Crider. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining

Announcement from Inter Mountain Cable

To all Kentucky Subscribers As part of the Kentucky Tax Reform last year, effective January 01, 2006, there is a new tax on cable TV. The tax is 3% on the "retail purchase" of multi-channel video programming service. The tax is billed to customers (as a separately stated item) and then collected and remitted to the Department of Revenue. This new tax will replace any local franchise tax such as the Pike County Franchise Tax, the Coal Run Franchise Tax, the Pikeville City Franchise Tax, and the Magoffin County Franchise Tax.

Announcement from Home Satellite Service

To all Kentucky Subscribers As part of the Kentucky Tax Reform last year, effective January 01, 2006, there is a new tax on direct broadcast television service (DBS). The tax is 3% on the "retail purchase" of multi-channel video programming service. The tax is billed to customers (as a separately stated item) and then collected and remitted to the Department of Revenue.

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NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before December 30th, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

Table with columns: Settlement, Case Number, Estate Of, Fiduciary, Date Filed. Lists various estate settlements and their details.

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Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 2, 2005, at S & V Development Mobile Home Park (Lot No. 18 Nascar Drive), Minnie, KY 41651, by First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649, at 11 a.m.

1992 Indies Mobile Home 14 x 68 VIN #AL1468I926883

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  
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Martin, KY 41649

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Construction Procurement, on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium, located

on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time on the 16th Day of December 2005, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: Johnson, Lawrence, Martin, Floyd Counties.

FE01 121 DW05 0000136; US 23, US 460, KY 3, KY 321, and various routes in District 12, a distance of 110.84 miles. Right of Way Mowing - Litter Removal.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Construction Procurement, until 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, December 16, 2005. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (Non-Refundable). Bid Proposals Are Issued to Prequalified Contractors.

Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties, at a cost of \$10 each (Non-Refundable).

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5238 RENEWAL**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 0.9 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 12.70 surface acres, and will underlie 1591.00 acres, and the total area within the per-

mit boundary will be 1603.70 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.2 mile west from County Road 1280's junction with Kentucky Route 2029, and located 0.03 mile southwest of Lick Fork of Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 47". The longitude is 82° 53' 38".

The proposed operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Leslie Bradley and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Kentucky Dept. of Transportation, Floyd County Fiscal Court, Charles & Becky Howard, Eldree Handshoe Ratliff, Clinton Handshoe, Gary Handshoe, Hershel & Margaret Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Sharon Chaffins, Leslie Bradley, Kirstina Strohschein & Beulah Leitch, Mitchell Stephens, Wanda Hutchinson, Marvin & Janet Shepherd, Levisa Coburn Estate, Johnny Hoover Heirs, First Commonwealth Bank, Lindburg Hale, Nadene Howard, Pheba Handshoe Bryan, Cletis Howard, Michael Crager, Rex & Madge Hicks, Velton Prater, and Oakley Conley. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road—Lick Fork Road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. 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, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase I bond release on permit No. 836-5450, which was last issued on 06/03/03. The permit covers an area of approximately 26.45 acres, located 2.0 miles southeast of Drift Kentucky, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.25 mile southeast from KY Rt. 122's junction with Simpson Martin Branch Road, and located 2.0 miles east of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 37". The longitude is 82° 43' 07".

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 0 7 , 4 0 0 . Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$107,400 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed on 11/18/04.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/06/06.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/09/06 at 9:00 a.m., at the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference is received by 01/06/06.

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The following item will be offered at public sale on December 23rd, 2005, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649, at 11:00 a.m.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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All items are sold

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Prestonsburg Park Commission has declared surplus a 1979 Boom Truck. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4 p.m., December 7, 2005. Vehicle may be inspected at Archer Park office. The commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Edford L. Clark, 263 Osborn Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Wesley Boyd, 1520 Champaign Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146, Jacklynn Darling, 71 Spring Street, Morehead, KY 40351, Emmitt Branham, 2136 Ky. Route 979, Harold, KY 41635, and Edgar Martin, 10301 Ky. Route 979, Harold, KY 41635, own property located near Harold, Kentucky, and has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.40 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with Ky. Route 1426, near the community of Grethel, on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment Case Number Estate Of:

10-24-05 05-P-00368 Sharon K. Reynolds

10-25-05 05-P-00372 Dellig Stephens

10-27-05 05-P-00373 Richard G. Hall

10-27-05 05-P-00374 Malta L. Harvey

10-27-05 05-P-00375 Rose Akers

10-31-05 05-P-00378 Kevin Johnson

11-03-05 05-P-00381 Charles E. Howard

11-10-05 05-P-00390 Detry Hughes

11-14-05 05-P-00393 Ruby Faye Joseph

11-15-05 05-P-00395 Jacqueline Branham

11-15-05 05-P-00396 Thelma Bentley

11-14-05 05-P-00392 Ethel Dudley

11-14-05 05-P-00394 Peggy Jo Meyers

11-18-05 05-P-00397 Hershel Conn

11-18-05 05-P-00400 Emmogene Newsome

11-18-05 05-P-00402 Tramble Adkins

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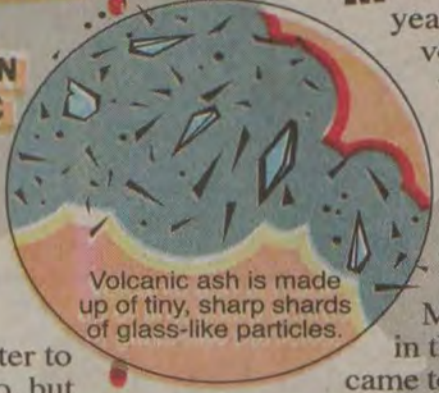
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## This Week: Ashfall

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**FOUND FOSSIL CLASSROOM LAYERS SKELETON VOLCANIC**

Ash has covered some of the words in the story below. Can you decide where each word here belongs?



### It Happened in Nebraska!

It isn't unusual for a hunter to occasionally find a fossil or two, but when paleontologist Dr. Michael Voorhies was looking for fossils near Orchard, NE, he found a lot more!

"Near sundown on a long day of fossil prospecting," Voorhies remembers, "I was walking along the valley rim above a creek. In cuts and slopes, erosion had laid bare a bed of silvery gray ash — the fossil-bearing kind — sandwiched between layers of sandstone."

Voorhies discovered part of a baby rhinoceros skull sticking out of the ash. As Voorhies dug deeper, he found an entire baby rhinoceros skeleton! The skeleton was fully articulated, which means that all the bones were still intact and neatly laid out in order.

Over the next few days, Voorhies and his team discovered 12 more complete skeletons from an area no larger than your classroom.

### Animals of Ashfall

There is no other site in the world like Ashfall. Rhinos, horses, camels, birds, and turtles were all caught in the falling ash. Their quick death and burial preserved not only their skeletons, but in some cases the food in their stomachs when they died. The remains of undigested food help scientists understand the plant life and eating habits of animals that lived millions of years ago.



Here are three of the seventeen species of ancient animals whose fossils were found at Ashfall. Can you find each animal's identical match on this page?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### How far away?

Voorhies had discovered the remains of mammals that were more than 11 million years old. These animals had died at a watering hole following a massive volcanic eruption in what is now the state of Idaho.

Color each odd-numbered square red and each even-numbered square yellow to find out how many miles from the volcano the Nebraska fossil site is located.

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

Standards Link: Life Science: Some kinds of animals that once lived on Earth have disappeared and some resemble others that are alive today.

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

#### News from the Past

Read the newspaper to find out about something new that has happened in your community. Write a letter to your future grandchildren about this news. Be sure to tell who, what, when, where, why and how.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write friendly letters.



### Which dinosaur is the smartest?

ANSWER: The霸王龙!

# EXPLODING HISTORY!



### A Big Blast from the Past

More than 11 million years ago, a huge volcanic eruption in what is now Idaho blanketed northeastern Nebraska with about a foot of ash.

Many of the animals in the area, which later came to be called Ashfall, were grass eaters. As they foraged through the ash to find and eat grass, they breathed in the fine, deadly ash.

Standards Link: Life Science: When the environment changes, some animals survive and some die or move to new locations.

Within a few days, their lungs had filled with ash, and they suffocated.

Over the next few days, winds blew the loose ash around. Eventually the ash settled in the lowest places. The fossils that Voorhies found were in an ancient watering hole that got covered by about eight feet of ash. The ash covered the animals completely, keeping their remains safe from predators and other destruction for millions of years.

Q: How do we know where the ash came from?

ANSWER: Volcanic ash is a lot like a fingerprint. The ash is made up of combinations of chemicals that are unique to each volcano. Scientists matched the chemical composition of the ash that covered the fossils with the chemical makeup of the ash near the crater of an ancient Idaho volcano. They also checked to see that the ash at the watering hole was the same age as ash from the volcano at the time it erupted.

### A BIG FIRST!

Nebraska was the first state to choose a state fossil. Use the code to uncover the name of the state fossil.

SECRET CODE

↑ = A    ▲ = H    ▼ = M    □ = O  
 ★ = T    ↓ = W

### Extra! Extra!

#### Dig Into the News

Look through today's newspaper to find:

- four common nouns
- four proper nouns
- four pronouns
- four adjectives
- four verbs

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns, pronouns, adjectives and verbs.

### Double Double Word Search

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

- ASHFALL
- VOORHEIS
- SUNDOWN
- FOSSIL
- VOLCANO
- NOUN
- CAMEL
- EUBELODON
- GIRAFFE
- SKULL
- IDAHO
- PLANT
- BABY
- DOG
- LAID

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

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

### Weekly Writing Corner

#### The Find

One day, I was walking along a creek bed, I saw something hard and white sticking out of the ground. I brushed off some dirt and discovered ...

I bent over and brushed off the debris. I pulled a bottle out of the ground; it had a white, metal lid. I screwed off the rusty top. Inside was a rolled up stack of newspapers. The first page began, "Dear Olivia, I arrived in America today." It was signed Erich Herrman, 1867. My last name is Herrmann! Our name is German. He must have come from Germany. I took the bottle to my mom and we spent the rest of the day at the library and looking through pictures at home. It turned out that Erich was my great-great-great-grandfather. Olivia came after him and was soon his wife. I gave the papers to the local history museum. I learned a lot about my relatives the day I found my history in a bottle.

Tessa, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

... a mammoth tusk! I took it home and "googled" it on the Internet. I found lots of things like, "Do You Want To Learn About Mammoths?" I chose "Great Mammoth Tusk Facts!" Man, am I lucky I found a mammoth's tusk!

Ely, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I am a geologist, so my heart starting beating very fast because I wanted to dig it up as soon as I saw it from the corner of my eye. I brushed off some dirt and discovered a Brontosaurus tooth. I ran it to my lab and examined it. The tooth was old and rotten because dinosaurs died dreadfully. That day I was proud of myself. If my partners hadn't mentioned me going for a walk, I probably never would have found such an amazing tooth.

Sunny Rae, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

... a small bone. I went to the museum and asked if it was a dinosaur bone and it was! Then I went back to the spot where I found it and there were more. I sold them to the museum in return for tickets to go there any time.

Jasper, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

... a rusted over shotgun with a mother-of-pearl handle! Wow I thought and I gaped at the antique. I peered a little closer and saw the initials J.W. James Way? John Wright? I thought for a while and then it struck me — John Wayne! Oh my gosh! I was going to be rich!

Mackenzie, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

... it was a magical milk jug. I drank it and I was never thirsty again.

Scott, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

... I discovered a fossil.

Ben, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

... a huge, white rock. I stared at it, blankly. It didn't look like a rock I've ever seen. So I decided to crack it open and it sparkled in the burning sun. I gave it to the bank and they said it was so rare, they gave me millions. I was so happy; I went off and bought the Boston Red Socks!

Skyler, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

... a magic crystal! I couldn't believe what I just saw. I was so freaked out. Nobody else saw it, just me! Why was I the only one?

Samira, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

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