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briefs

Church fire ruled arson

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — Kentucky State Police is seeking help from any individuals who can aid them in their investigation into the robbery and subsequent arson perpetrated Tuesday on the Independent Baptist Church, located on Route 645 in Inez.

KSP was called in after firemen put out the blaze, which began around 9 p.m. and had already engulfed the church by the time they arrived at the scene. After putting out the fire, police were brought in to investigate what the firemen suspected was arson.

KSP Det. Don Parker quickly established that several items had been taken from the church before the fire was set. He also determined that two storage sheds had been burglarized.

Parker has asked that anyone with information about the case contact KSP at 1-800-222-5555 or the Kentucky Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.

The fire was put out by a combined effort from the Inez and Lowmansville fire departments, which were assisted at the scene by the Martin County Sheriff's office and detectives Parker, Scott Hazelette, Rodney Carroll and Dwayne Price.

Marlow's closes after judge's ruling

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Circuit Judge Steven Combs ruled against country club owner Marlow Tackett, the subject of a property dispute claim in Pike County Circuit court, last week. This week, Tackett is relinquishing his 30-year establishment at Marlow's Country Palace.

Pike County Sheriff Charles Keese

said Tackett was already moving when he was served with the court order Tuesday.

Combs filed an order on Feb. 7, granting requests that Tackett pay delinquent rental payments totaling \$8,937.80 to four individuals seeking his eviction at Marlow's Country Palace in Pikeville. Combs also ordered Tackett to begin payments on a \$348,323.99 delinquent property tax and garbage bill. In the order, Combs further noted that failure to pay

the delinquent tax or rental money would allow the court to enforce an underlying judgment and order previously issued for Tackett's eviction on Feb. 13.

The payments, referred through the Pike County Circuit Court's office, were to be retained in an interest-bearing account "for safekeeping" pending the final disposition of an appeal in the case, the order says. Attorney Joe Friend, representing some property owners who are

seeking the eviction, said Tackett has not made payments toward the arrearage.

"Justice, in some places, is slow," Friend said. "It doesn't seem fair to me that a fellow can get an entertainment license and not pay the county tax of about \$340,000, and then not pay his [landlord], and then not be evicted for eight or nine years."

(See MARLOW'S, page eight)



photo by Sheldon Compton

It was an odd scene Wednesday morning on South Central Avenue in Prestonsburg, as police officers, medical professionals and firefighters gathered around a downtown residence that became the focus of an unusual car accident. According to police, the driver of this vehicle may have inadvertently accelerated rather than braking following a minor collision just across the street. The driver was, according to initial reports, avoiding an oncoming vehicle pulling onto South Central Avenue before making contact and then surging onto the front porch of the residence. No one was seriously injured in the accident, and the damages included only the iron fencing in front of the house, brick inlay and columns along the front porch, as the car stopped against the house itself.

Betsy Layne man charged with sex abuse

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — An Betsy Layne man was arrested Wednesday on charges of first-degree sexual abuse.

Isreal T. Boyd, 39, was picked up following an investigation into allegations he inappropriately touched two children under the age of consent on Jan. 18. The investigation was conducted by KSP Trooper Shawn Little.

Boyd was arraigned in

district court Thursday and placed under \$25,000 cash bond by Judge Eric Hall. Boyd was unable to enter a plea to the charges, as they constitute felonies, but a preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 27, when Hall will hear evidence in the case before deciding whether it merits going before a grand jury.

Boyd as ordered to have no contact with the complaining witnesses in the case and to stay at least 1,000 yards away from all parties involved in the matter.

P'burg recognized for emergency prep

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city was recognized Wednesday by the Department of Homeland Security with a certificate presentation ceremony at the Mountain Arts Center.

Major Alecia Webb-Edgington, director of homeland security for the state, was the keynote speaker and addressed an assemblage of local officials, who included Mayor Jerry Fannin, Police Chief Mike Omerod and city safety coordinator Lon May.

Edgington began her remarks by apologizing for Gov. Ernie Fletcher's absence and said that he had planned to attend before

being sidelined with health issues that have left him hospitalized this week. She then said that it was good to be back in Floyd County and noted that she spent a fair amount of her childhood visiting with her grandmother, who lived in Dwale.

Edgington then turned her focus to the award, saying that Prestonsburg set a fine example for emergency preparedness by taking the issue seriously from the beginning and submitting to a vulnerability assessment that was conducted by her office. She went on to note that Prestonsburg officials showed their dedication to the process by keeping an

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Mine safety fines going up

by NANCY ZUCKERBRÖD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that oversees mining safety announced plans Thursday to raise its fines amid criticism that it has been too lax in punishing mine operators who break safety rules.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration will develop rules that modernize the system under which it penalizes operators, and the change will include a hike in fines, said David Dye, acting administrator of the Labor Department agency.

"MSHA's current penalty

structure is 25 years old and needs updating to strengthen incentives for compliance," Dye said in a statement. "Mine safety violations put workers at risk, so the penalties for those violations need to be serious and straightforward."

The agency has been deflecting criticism since the Jan. 2 accident at West Virginia's Sago Mine, which left 12 miners dead. Eight other coal miners have been killed on the job since then, including one who died Thursday when a roof collapsed in a Kentucky mine.

Miners' representatives were cautiously optimistic about the

agency's plans to raise fines.

"We're glad to see that MSHA is taking this step, but we want to wait to see what sort of rules come out of this process," said Phil Smith, a spokesman for the United Mine Workers of America. Smith said that in addition to the increase in fines, the government ought to make it more difficult for operators to whittle down fines on appeal. "When it gets to the review process, fines are often reduced or eliminated entirely," Smith said in an interview.

He cited the reduction of fines — from \$435,000 to \$3,000 —

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Tomorrow



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Sunday



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17 graduate from Job Corps

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Carl Perkins Job Corps Center graduated 17 students Thursday as part of their winter commencement ceremonies.

The Job Corps provides needy young adults across the country with access to obtaining their high school diploma or GED, as well as training in several careers, making the graduates attractive prospects for college and/or the workforce. Thursday saw students from various areas come

together to receive their diplomas before heading back to places such as Florida, Virginia and even Nicaragua.

The ceremony was hosted by the Job Corps' Social Development Director Wynonna Davis and featured musical interludes by a chorus composed of staff at the school. Center Director Deborah Burchell gave the opening speech and let the graduates know that they had completed a phase in their development and needed to know, "Now's the time

(See GRADUATION, page eight)



Graduates of the Carl Perkins Job Corps Center adjusted their tassels Thursday, signifying they were ready to move on, with several bound for colleges and a few ready to embark on careers.

photo by Tom Doty

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Obituaries

Eugene Amburgey Sr.

Eugene Amburgey Sr., 75, of Garrett, died Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg.

Born August 27, 1930, in Letcher County, he was the son of the late Rueben and Rachel (Minnie) Adams Amburgey. He was a retired factory worker and group leader for AFLCIO.

Survivors include two sons: Charles Amburgey (Tammy) of Garrett, and Eugene (Bud) Amburgey Jr., (Patty) of Sidney, Ohio; two daughters: Linda Barger of Garrett, and Soletta Miranda of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; a brother, Olin Amburgey of Louisiana; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Marie Amburgey; four brothers: Thomas (Ed) Amburgey, Denver Amburgey, Teddy Amburgey, and Brody Amburgey; three sisters: Opal Werling, Effie Ousley, and Goldie Ratliff; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 18, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Denver Meade and Red Morris officiating.

Burial will be in the Jones-Frasure Cemetery, at Wilson Creek, in Langley.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Talt Johnson

Talt Johnson, 89, of Bevsinsville, died Monday, February 13, 2006, at his residence.

Born December 25, 1916, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Steve and Diane Hall Johnson. He was a retired coal miner and a member of U.M.W.A. Local Union 5899. He was a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin.

He is survived by his wife, Olive Kiser Johnson.

Other survivors include four sons: Benjamin (Janice) Johnson of Welcome, North Carolina, Donald (Gleda) Johnson of Printer, Ronnie L. (Colleen) Johnson of Melvin, and Roger (Brenda) Johnson of Bevsinsville; a daughter, Wilma Lee (Chuck) McKay of Lexington, North Carolina; three sisters: Eva (Good) Lacey of Plymouth, Ohio, and Connie Mullins and Eliza Johnson, both of Melvin; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; two step-sons: Joseph (Marie) Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida, and Avery Johnson of Bevsinsville; five step-daughters: Patricia (Ira) Potter of Langley, Eunice (Dave) Warren and Abby New, both of Corbin, Freda (Dean) Counts of Michigan, and Mavis (Reggie) Caudill of Hi Hat; 16 step-grandchildren, 16 step-great-grandchildren and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by

his first wife, Arnie Hall Johnson.

In addition to his parents, and first wife, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter; three brothers: Edgel Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, and Crit Johnson; four sisters: Dora Johnson, Minnie Johnson, Cora Huffman, and Dinah King; a son-in-law, Charles (Chuck) McKay; and a step-son, Layne Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 16, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Monroe Hall Cemetery, in Bevsinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Marie Rowe Waddle

Marie Rowe Waddle, age 81 of Weber City, Virginia, passed away on February 13, 2006, in the Holston Valley Hospital in Kingsport, Tennessee.

She was born February 16, 1924, in Lookout, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Charlie and Frona Rowe.

She previously resided in Wise County, Virginia, before moving to Weber City, Virginia. She was a retired sales clerk with Cas Walkers Grocery Store in Appalachia, Virginia, and salvage broker in Weber City, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gershen

Waddle; her parents, Charlie and Frona Rowe; brother, William Russell Rowe; and an infant sister, Patricia.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Miles of Johnson City, Tennessee; two sons: Danny Waddle and wife Andrea, of Jefferson City, Tennessee, and James Darrell Waddle of Weber City, Virginia; a sister, Colleen Hall of Wheelwright; four grandchildren: Christi Miles-Poole and husband, Donald of Hollywood, California, Luke Waddle and wife, Jennie of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, AZ3 Skye A. Waddle, USA Navy, in Norfolk, Virginia, and Joshua Waddle of Weber City, Virginia; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Harley Waddle of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee; two step-grandchildren: Ronald Glover and wife Brandi, of Jefferson City, Tennessee; and Holli Schnicke and husband Richard, of Knoxville, Tennessee; three step-great-grandchildren: Summer, Lauren, and Myranda.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m., in the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Waddles and Hall Cemetery in Kite, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to their mother's care givers: D'lynn Lawson, MEOC, and Barbara, Pam and Kim, Amedisys Health Care Service. Family and friends served as pallbearers. (Paid obituary)

Mandatory booster seat bill passes House

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentuckians would have to strap small children into booster seats when riding in vehicles under a bill passed by the Kentucky House on Wednesday.

The bill, which cleared the chamber on an 81-14 vote, was the latest attempt by Democratic Rep. Kathy Stein of Lexington to make the use of booster seats mandatory.

Violations could result in a

\$25 fine, but Stein said the objective is not to punish parents but to educate them about the safety value of booster seats.

The measure would require children who weigh less than 80 pounds and measure between 40 inches and 4 feet 9 inches tall to be restrained in booster seats.

Rep. Denver Butler, D-Louisville, worried that the requirement could be a financial hardship for parents of multiple young children.

Butler cited his own family,

noting he used to haul his seven children in the family station wagon. "I'm just wondering where would you fit seven booster seats? Some of them are going to have to ride on top," he said.

Stein said the state could be in line for a \$10,000 grant distributed to various counties to assist parents unable to afford booster seats. She predicted there would be other programs to help needy families obtain the seats.



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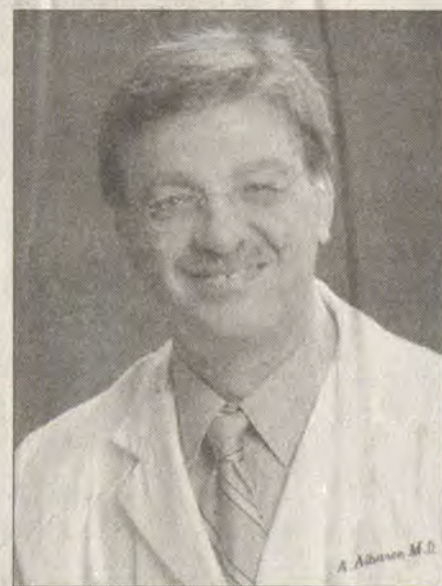
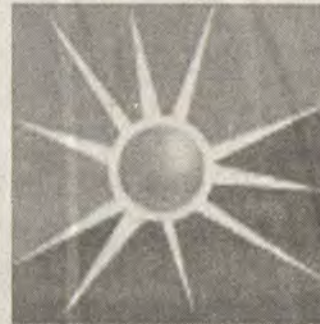
The family of Betty F. Bentley would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the friends and family who sent flowers and food, or just called to express their sympathy. We would like to thank everyone who called or came by when Mom was sick, to talk to her, and let her know that they cared and wished her well. We would like to thank the entire staff of Hospice who took such good care of Mom, they were so gentle and caring with her. We would like to thank Highlands Cancer Center for their care and concern. We would like to thank Dr. Shkhashiro and his staff. We would like to thank Dr. Eugene Trout and his wife, Violet, for caring for Mom. We would like to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their compassionate service. We would like to thank Rev. Tony McCutcheon and his wife, Karen, for travelling a long way to perform Mom's service, and the loving and sincere tribute he gave her. Thanks to Betty Frasure and Jeanie for singing. Mom will be greatly missed. She was an angel on earth who touched so many lives; we were all better for just knowing her.

Julia A. Bormes

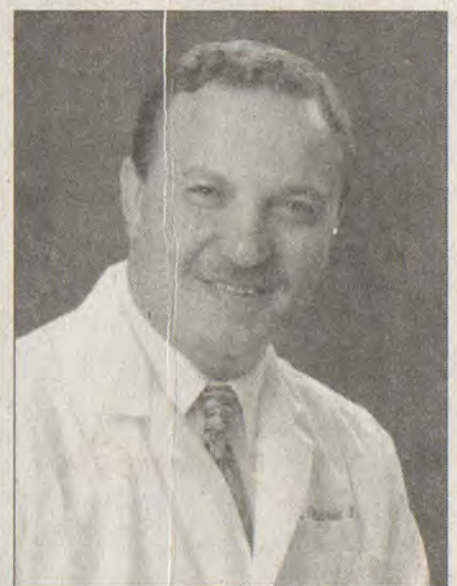
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Marriage Licenses

Jessica Renee Hughes, 20, of Martin, to Brian Carter Blankenship, 30, of Pikeville.

Ida S. Burchett, 69, of Pike County, to James S. Burchett, 45, of Allen.

Tiffany Dawn Smith, 19, of Pikeville, to Kevin Michael Cox, 28, of McDowell.

Holly Beth Hamilton, 24, to Nicholas Alan Tackett, both of Pikeville.

Diane Melissa Newman, 39, of Michigan, to Jerry Tackett, 28, of Pikeville.

Sheila Anne Tackett, 34, of Pikeville, to Cola Vance Jr., 29, of McDowell.

Susan Wells Howell, 47, of Albertville, Ala., to Walter J. Holderby, 54, of Salyersville.

Tina R. Baldrige, 38, of Warsaw, Ind., to Paul Lewis, 38, of Prestonsburg.

Leona L. Sayre, 66, of Langley, to Phillip Everett Sayre, 69, of Louisville.

Sabrina Renee Jarvis, 22, of Martin, to Brandon David Cochran, 24, of Conyers, Ga.

Amy Lynn Barton, 19, of Barto County, Fla., to Scottie DEan Watson, 28, of Pikeville.

Savannah Rose Spears, 21, of Boyd County, to Steven J. Daniels, 20, of Prestonsburg.

Yvonne Osborne, 38, of Martin, to Matthew Edward Smith, 38, of Pikeville.

Tiffany Nicole Hunt, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Billy James Osborne, 39, of Melvin.

Jessica L. Hastings, 29, of Pikeville, to Christopher Scott Holcomb, 30, of Richwood, W.Va.

Civil Suits Filed

Derek Click vs. Effie L. Bond; property dispute complaint.

Cavalry vs. Jackie Gayheart and April L. Gayheart; debt complaint.

Community Trust Bank Inc. vs. Estate of Ester Lawson, Linda Greer, Donald Greer, GMAC Mortgage Corporation, doing business as Ditech.com, Floyd County; debt complaint.

Elizabeth Lewis vs. Charter Communications Inc., Charter Communications LLC., Charter Communications VI LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company LLC, Falcon Communications Cable LP, Charter Communications Entertainment I LLC., Wendell Williams, auto accident complaint.

Glenn N. Kidd vs. Carolyn Kidd; divorce.

Sharon Burchfield vs. Robin Burchfield; divorce.

Casey Bowling vs. Luis Verduzco; petition for health care insurance.

Eula Shepherd vs. Eric Shepherd; petition for health care insurance.

Jeffrey Young vs. Ellen Woods; petition for health care insurance.

Sharon Gibson vs. Jackie Gibson; petition for health care insurance.

Emogene Hall vs. Harry Conn, Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company; auto accident complaint.

Tom Wayne Johnson, Telena Johnson vs. Albert Hall; auto accident complaint.

Tiffany Taylor vs. Sgt. Lyndon Johnson, Joyce Arnold; compliant regarding appeal, requested expungement of segregation sentence given to inmate at Otter Creek Correctional Center.

Roger Webb vs. James Isaac; petition for declaratory judgment regarding political candidacy in the Floyd County jailer's election.

Harold Mitchell vs. Floyd County Board of Education; auto accident complaint.

Patty Bays vs. Kenneth Bays; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Stephanie Vanderpool vs. Frank Rudder; petition for health care insurance.

Ricky Littleton vs. Wendy Vangor; petition for health care insurance.

Johnny Hall vs. Linda Woods; petition for child sup-

port and health care insurance.

Liisa Burchett vs. Richard Burchett; petition for health care insurance.

Frank Hamilton vs. Crissy Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.

Neitha Spurlock vs. John Spurlock; petition for health care insurance.

Charges Filed

Maggie Robert, 48, Hindman; shoplifting.

Vonda Phillips, 32, Hillsboro; shoplifting.

Daniel R. Harvill, 19, Hueysville; driving under the influence, fleeing or evading authorities, wanton endangerment of a police officer, reckless driving, two counts of failure to wear seat belts, no or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle, one headlight, improper signal, no operators or moped license.

Brian Wefenstette, 36, Paintsville; third-degree assault, two counts of terroristic threatening, harassment, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Lee M. Lewis Jr., 33, David; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Michael P. Butler, 36, Drift; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Christopher West, 31, Prestonsburg; harassing communications, criminal trespassing.

Phillip Martin Jr., 40, Hueysville; public intoxication, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Vivian Hunt, 42, Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.

David Matt, 18, Prestonsburg; three counts of shoplifting.

Dwight Prater, 27, Garrett; public intoxication.

Jeffrey Collins, 35, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Donald Davis, 22, Prestonsburg; harassing communications.

Tommy Hicks, 29, Drift; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Tina Miller, 45, Auxier; shoplifting.

Jeremy Ross, 21, Printer; fourth-degree assault.

Andra S. Hall, 31, Mousie; misdemeanor theft by deception.

Michael Stephens, 30, Salyersville; misdemeanor theft by failing to make required disposition of property.

Sherry Jacobs, 48, McDowell; second and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.

Timothy Blevins, 26, Garrett; littering.

Mandy Jordan, 28, Prestonsburg; intentional breach of compulsory attendance.

Greg Collins, 26, Wheelwright; harassing communications.

Sarah Little, 21, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Manuel Adams, 45, Harold; public intoxication.

Joshua Hicks, 23, Auxier; public intoxication.

Angela Boling, 27, Garrett; littering.

Valerie Spurlock, 29, Printer; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Karen Childers, 49, Hager Hill; harassing communications.

Marveta C. McCarty, 42, Prestonsburg; shoplifting.

Inspections

McDonalds, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, container of flour observed stored without a proper cover, some employees without proper hair restraints, chemical test strips unavailable at three compartment sink, overhead light in storage area improperly shielded, clothing items stored near food equipment. Score: 91.

Daniel's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, lot sizes not in compliance. Score: 96.

Hillbilly Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in all cooler units, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in need of cleaning, ceiling in storage area in disrepair, walk-in cooler light improperly shielded. Score: 94.

Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to see thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, food items observed stored on floor of walk-in cooler, proper hair restraints not in use, walk-in cooler door and floor in disrepair, wiping cloths improperly stored after use, single-service items stored on floor, floor in disrepair, clothing items stored in contact with food equipment, cleaning equipment improperly stored after use. Score 90.

Save-All Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all freezers and coolers sport conspicuous thermometers, drain leaking at sink in women's restroom, sink in meat washing sink inoperable, no towels at sink in food prep area, walk-in cooler light improperly shielded, clothing items stored in contact with food equipment. Score: 90.

Property Transfers

April Akers to Rodney Akers, property location undisclosed.

James AKers to Ella Mae AKers, property location undisclosed.

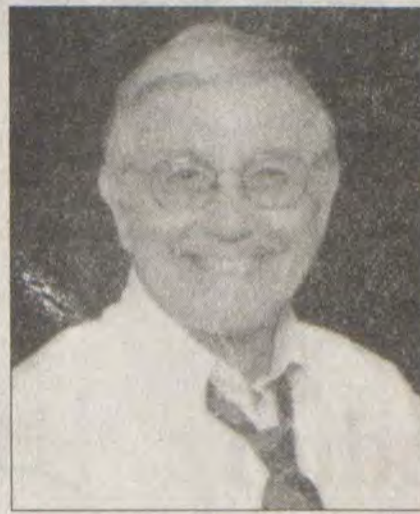
Leroy Akers to Rodney Akers, property location undisclosed.

Emma Bentley to Knott Floyd Land Company, property located at Frasure's Creek.

Charles Childers to Tona Rhea, property located at Otter Creek.

(See RECORD, page six)

R.D. "Doc" Marshall Candidate for Floyd County Judge-Executive



Rally with the Candidate

Everyone is invited to come and meet R.D. "Doc" Marshall on Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

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— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star on Vice President Dick Cheney's hunting accident:

Vice President Dick Cheney's decision to wait 18 hours before saying anything about accidentally shooting a hunting buddy in the face and chest down in Texas does make one wonder.

The incident, which took place during a quail-hunting trip late Saturday afternoon, injured 78-year-old lawyer Harry Whittington of Austin, Texas. It also has made the vice president the subject of jokes across the nation. To be sure, this whole thing was bumbled in a decidedly Elmer Fudd-like way.

But it ceases to be funny in light of the fact that Whittington suffered a heart attack Tuesday morning, apparently caused by birdshot lodging there. He is expected to get better, but it may be a while before he leaves the hospital.

No one is suggesting that this was anything but an accident. Clearly there is blame to be shared, including with the victim himself. Secret Service agents rushed to his aid and the local sheriff's department was contacted.

It's the bizarre way that Cheney decided to disclose the information - leaving it to the Texas property owner to speak to a local newspaper the following day - and the White House's lame explanations after the fact that have raised eyebrows. Cheney also did not have all of the required hunting permits.

Yes, Cheney is the No. 2 leader of the Free World, but in this case he needs to be treated like his name was Joe Hunter. He should proactively make himself available to law enforcement authorities who may have further questions, without excuses - like those we've heard in the past - about having more important work to do.

Meanwhile, all involved should pray that Whittington recovers. Indeed, if the notoriously private vice president thinks the scrutiny is intense now, it could get far, far worse.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on torture:

The Bush administration has denounced the findings of a tough new United Nations report alleging the mistreatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Some of the conclusions in the report may in fact be overdrawn and misleading.

But there can be no doubt that many of the prisoners at Guantanamo are subject to painful, cruel stresses that need to be addressed more seriously than they have been. The report, prepared by four U.N. envoys after an 18-month investigation, concludes that U.S. treatment of the detainees violates their rights to physical and mental health and even that it "must be assessed as amounting to torture."

Techniques cited in the report include prolonged solitary confinement; exposure to extreme temperatures, noise and light; forced shaving and other methods intended to exploit religious sensitivities; and painful methods in the force-feeding of prisoners who have engaged in hunger strikes.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack defended the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo and noted that "nobody who wrote this report actually went to Guantanamo." This is fair comment, but it should be noted that the U.N. investigators declined a visit to the prison because they would not have been allowed to question inmates.

Some of the interrogation techniques cited by the U.N. team are disturbing. But they need to be put in context. Prolonged solitary confinement can be arduous and even painful, but it is pretty tame stuff compared with some of the things that go on in many parts of the world. And while force-feeding isn't pleasant, it is the moral and legal responsibility of prison administrators to protect the lives of those under their supervision.

But the Bush administration can hardly claim its treatment of the prisoners at Guantanamo has been humane. Some 440 prisoners are now at Guantanamo. Some have been there for more than four years, in a strange country halfway around the world from their homes, with no idea when - if ever - they will be released. A top official of the Red Cross has publicly said, "The open-endedness of the situation and its impact on the mental health of the (prison) population has become a major problem." The administration has said 17 of the inmates will be brought before a military tribunal. But this is no substitute for a speedy and equitable reckoning of the guilt or innocence of these inmates. Keeping them in limbo may not be torture, but it's not humane and it's not defensible.



Guest Column

Bush speaks nonsense on energy

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Despite the bravado in his State of the Union address, President Bush actually admitted that his efforts in the Middle East are destined to fail. Here's what he said: "America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world." He then unveiled billions of dollars in new subsidies to find an alternative to oil.

What's going on here? Haven't we been told repeatedly that Bush's policy in the Middle East is going to bring freedom, democracy, and stability to the long-suffering oil states of the region? Why the subtle confession that the policy will fail?

Could the victory of Hamas in the Palestinian elections have convinced Bush that his democratic crusade may not achieve his stated goals? Whatever the reason, his remarks about oil betrayed a glimmer of realism. In this administration, that is big news.

The rest of what he had to say about oil, though, is shot through with nonsense. No one's addicted to oil. Addiction implies passivity and helplessness; it doesn't even apply to drugs.

It certainly has nothing to do with oil. We use oil because under current circumstances, it makes sense to use oil. It's efficient and still cheaper than the alternatives. Maybe, as the Wall Street Journal suggests, Bush's remarks about oil are poll-driven, but it is rather premature to declare the dawn of the post-oil era. Much of the earth has not been explored, much less tapped. And there are huge quantities of shale oil and tar sands in Canada and the United States, quantities that rival Saudi Arabia's crude-oil reserves. There's lots of oil outside the Middle East. So what's the president talking about? (Incidentally, only 11 percent of oil used by Americans comes from the Persian Gulf.)

Not that all is well with energy. More than most industries, energy has been shaped substantially by government intervention. It is a politicized industry. Companies have grown large thanks to an array of pro-corporate policies. For half a century the U.S. government has meddled in the Middle East largely to keep the oil companies' investments secure. This has worked to the detriment of would-be competitors that might have come up with alternatives in a laissez-faire environment. The fact is, we have no idea what the energy industry would have looked like had the government kept hands off and let free competition determine the outcome.

Clearly, Bush is nowhere near learning this lesson. His speech included promises to use taxpayer money to find the next source of energy. He seems to

think it will come from switch grass and wood chips. But how the heck can he know? There's no trick in giving a few big well-connected corporations billions of dollars and having them come up with a new form of energy. The trick is finding energy forms that make economic sense, with benefits outweighing costs. Subsidies distort people's perception, guaranteeing that what they do will not make economic sense. Did we learn nothing from the synthetic-fuels boondoggles of the Jimmy Carter years?

Advocates of big government (Bush included) always think that subsidies are an efficient way to achieve an economic objective. The truth is the opposite. The only way to know whether a solution is economically sensible is to have all the costs borne openly by producers and consumers; as the economists say, all externalities should be internalized. Forcing the taxpayers to bear the costs will create an illusion that will mislead everyone, wasting resources and leaving us worse off.

To have a rational energy industry there is only one choice: a free, unsubsidized market. In other words, the best energy policy is no energy policy.

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Letters

Police have too much power

Brian Jones, a man from North Carolina, [Letters to the Editor, Feb. 15] hit the nail on the head. Just shows that the police have far too much power.

I experienced this recently when I was arrested for a 24-hour stay at the jail in Prestonsburg. No, I don't drink, take drugs or fight anyone. I was just stupid enough to believe I had the right to protect myself in my own home.

The police have increased arresting the easy cases. That makes them look

like they're doing a good job, when in fact they are exercising their ever-increasing power.

How do you think the drug problem got as bad as it is? UNITE is doing a great job. Why weren't the police doing anything over the years? They knew about it.

The jail is inhumane by any standards, worse than even those in Wild West days. The temperature was no more than 30 degrees. Inmates had to lie on bare cement floors, no mattress or pallets. The lucky ones were given one blanket, two if they were lucky. After repeated requests, of course. The blankets had more holes than fabric. The

cold cement floors sucked the heat out of the body. It's a wonder people don't die of shock from the cold.

I was only there for 24 hours and it was days before I could get warmed up.

Their excuse was being so cold kept down germs. Cleanliness would go a long way killing germs. Then again, they'd probably kill the inmates from the disinfectant, that would have to take second place to cigarette smoke. At times it was hard to see anyone behind the smoke haze. It was not unusual to see a deputy standing in front of a "No Smoking" sign puffing away.

Lois Bond
Hueysville

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Eight Below'

by DAVID GERMAIN AP MOVIE WRITER

There was a great nature and survival film to be had in "Eight Below," the story of sled dogs struggling to stay alive in Antarctica after their two-legged overseers leave them behind during a killer storm.

All it needed was more face time with the canines and less with the humans.

As it is, "Eight Below" is a solidly entertaining tale of endurance and companionship that offers some glorious snowy vistas, a good dose of action and a few very cool-looking quadrupeds.

The filmmakers felt they needed a strong bipedal presence, so we're forced to sit through a lot of bland human interaction interspersed with the far more rousing, dramatic and, honestly, better-performed sequences with the dogs.

Animal acts can stand on their own. The 2004 tiger tale "Two Brothers" and 1989's "The Bear," both from director Jean-Jacques Annaud, told captivating dramas from the animals' perspectives, with minimal human interference.

In "Eight," director Frank Marshall ("Alive," "Arachnophobia") and first-time



screenwriter David DiGilio fall back on a framing story centered on the dogs' handler, Antarctic guide Jerry Shepard (Paul Walker), who has forged such a bond with his team that he cannot live with himself after a hasty evacuation leaves the animals stranded.

"Inspired" by a 1983 Japanese film that was based on a real-life dog survival story from the 1950s, "Eight Below" updates the tale to 1993, the last year sled dogs were allowed to work in Antarctica because of the risk they could transmit distemper to seals.

Jerry and his team of grand furballs are assigned to help a researcher (Bruce Greenwood) hunt for meteorites. The dogs' sturdy heroism allows both men to return to base after a near-deadly accident, but with the storm of the century forcing

"Eight Below," a Walt Disney release, is rated PG for some peril and brief mild language. Running time: 120 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

research teams to beat their retreat from Antarctica, the dogs are abandoned.

Winter closes in, and Jerry and ex-girlfriend Katie (Moon Bloodgood), a perky pilot, are unable to go back and fetch the dogs, who like any good ensemble of actors, heartily embody a band of souls at odds with one another but learning to work together for mutual survival.

The dogs are regal presences well suited to the majestic landscapes captured by cinematographer Don Burgess. Idiosyncrasies of personality shine through among the dogs, especially in established leader Maya and up-and-coming alpha male Max.

It's easy to anthropomorphize animals and assign human motivations to the basic instincts they act on to stay alive. But this is a Disney film, so you're supposed

to identify with the dogs as something more than dumb beasts.

And some of their actions — mournful looks of resignation, moments of self-sacrifice, grieving growls over an injured comrade — will melt the iciest heart.

On the other hand, the humans are on a tight leash, their characters pleasantly shallow, their exchanges largely limited to lamentations over the dogs and repetitive backslapping reunion scenes.

Antarctic explorers sure hug a lot. Must be the cold, lonely nights.

Jason Biggs of the "American Pie" flicks is on hand for comic relief as the team's slaphappy cartographer, but his goofy antics are not funny and just make you long for more time with the dogs.

This is the sort of film that prompts families to unwisely adopt the breeds of adorable animal their kids fall in love with on screen, only to dump them at shelters when the persnickety problem pets turn out to be too much of a hassle.

Presumably, the size and strength of the heroes of "Eight Below" will result in less of a run on purebred huskies and malamutes than, say, "101 Dalmatians" caused for spotted dogs.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Highly imaginative films ruled the rental shelves this week with the adaptation of a Broadway play and one sequel getting top honors.

"Saw 2" — Only one year after the original film, audiences were treated to this follow up which manages to outdistance its predecessor. Here is the rare sequel which manages to improve on its roots. The Jigsaw killer is back and has imprisoned several young people in a dilapidated apartment building that is laced with booby traps. While the characters desperately search for clues that will show them the exit, an ethically challenged cop must interrogate the madman in order to save his son, who is trapped inside with the rest of the victims who don't know that his father arrested every one of them. Donnie Wahlberg shines as the cop and Tobin Bell is letter perfect as Jigsaw.

Wal-Mart is offering "Saw 2" in a double DVD package for \$19.99 with the 1997 film "The Ugly." This is a steal as it costs the same but you get the second film which is an eerie thriller about a psychologist called out to an asylum to reevaluate a brutal mass murderer.

"Proof" — Dramas don't get much better than this 2005 adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway play that starred Gwyneth Paltrow. She returns for the film and gets able support from Anthony Hopkins and Jake Gyllenhaal in a story that centers on a young woman forced to settle her father's affairs after his death. She must contend with a well-meaning sister who sweeps in and tries to take charge, as well as a student who studied under her mathematician dad and wants to go through his papers. Well rendered and exquisitely acted.

"Zathura" — Kids will get a kick out of this adventure, which finds two brothers and their babysitter transported into the middle of an intergalactic war after opening a dusty board game they stumble across. This

may sound a bit like "Jumanji" and it's no surprise, as it is based on a children's book by the same author. Director Jon Favreau ("Made" and "Swingers") may seem an unlikely choice for this material, but he acquires himself well here.

"Mirror Mask" — Director Dave McKean teams up with graphic novelist Neil Gaiman (DC's "The Sandman") and the

Jim Henson Company ("The Dark Crystal") to create this visually arresting tale which has enough imagery on hand to distract viewers from the somewhat trite narrative. A young woman is drawn into a fantasy world when her home life becomes unbearable, but soon begins to sense parallels in her new environment that mirror the one she is escaping from. This

one's all about the scenery which was imagined by Gaiman and created by the whizzes at the Jim Henson Company who crafted a similar tale on a somewhat smaller scale, for their 1986 film "Labyrinth." CGI has changed the playing field since then and Henson's company proves they're more than up for

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Legislation would keep drug addicts out of coal mines

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — In the mountains of eastern Kentucky, where prescription drug abuse has been described as epidemic, coal miners have had to worry about working alongside addicts.

Legislation introduced to the General Assembly on Tuesday is intended to alleviate those concerns by requiring all coal miners to undergo mandatory drug testing.

Gov. Rep. Robin Webb, D-Crosson, said the legislation is key to Kentucky's effort to make coal mines safer and is supported by miners whose lives could be endangered by co-workers impaired by drugs or alcohol.

"You are in an inherently dangerous environment, and you are dependent upon your co-workers in a manner that is somewhat unique," Webb said. "We regulate the industry now at all levels. We regulate the environment. To me, human lives are worth more than that."

Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront after a blasting accident three years ago killed one man and seriously injured another in a Floyd County underground mine. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators he saw miners snorting crushed painkillers. An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs.

In a series of public hearings over the past year, state regulators heard testimony from coal operators and miners who said drug abuse had become widespread in the coal labor force and that it needed to be dealt with. Some coal operators complained of miners moving from job to job, working long enough to earn a paycheck to buy drugs.

A task force established to study the problem recommended the mandatory drug testing program. The screenings would

be required before miners are hired and randomly after they start work.

The legislation would revoke the certification of coal miners who test positive. Proponents said that would stop the practice of miners fired by one company for abusing drugs from being hired by another company.

Webb said coal miners would be responsible for paying for the initial drug test which would be required before they are certified for the occupation. They would be reimbursed the cost of the screening if they pass and are hired by a coal company.

"I wouldn't view this an imposition on the miners or the companies," Webb said. "There are safeguards in the system to allow legitimately medicated individuals to work."

Roy Billiter, a disabled coal miner from Shelbiana, said he thought drug testing people was not a bad idea. Billiter, 51, said coal mines are "no place for drugs."

Billiter said he worked in a coal mine for about 30 years until 2003, and during that time was required to take drug tests. While it sometimes felt intrusive, Billiter said he agreed with the requirement.

"It's dangerous stuff the way it is," Billiter said. "In that situation if you're not 100 percent, it's dangerous not just to yourself but to your fellow workers. You're between two rocks."

Brett Hall, spokesman for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, said the administration has worked with legislative leaders in the House and Senate on the issue. Plans were to unveil the legislation in an event at the Capitol, this week. Those plans were scuttled when Fletcher was hospitalized for gallbladder surgery. He is expected to be off the job until next week.

"We have worked with all sides of the matter in order to move toward mine safety," Hall said. "This is just one aspect of it. There's not just one answer to mine safety. There's a whole litany of issues we have to look at."

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said mining companies support the legislation.

"It's the responsible thing to do," Caylor said. "Drugs and coal mining don't mix, period."

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Associated Press Writer Joe Biesk contributed to this report.

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the task with this effort.

This week marked the passing of noted character actor Andrea Katsulas, 59, of St. Louis, Mo. He saw lots of screen time as a villain in films such as "Next of Kin" and "Someone to Watch over Me." His turn as the one-armed man in the big screen version of "The Fugitive" led to his getting cast

in his best role as Citizen G'Kar on television's "Babylon 5." Katsulas also scored a recurring role on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" as a Klingon General. He died of inoperable lung cancer.

Next week look for Charlize Theron in the drama "North Country" and the film adaptation of the musical "Rent."

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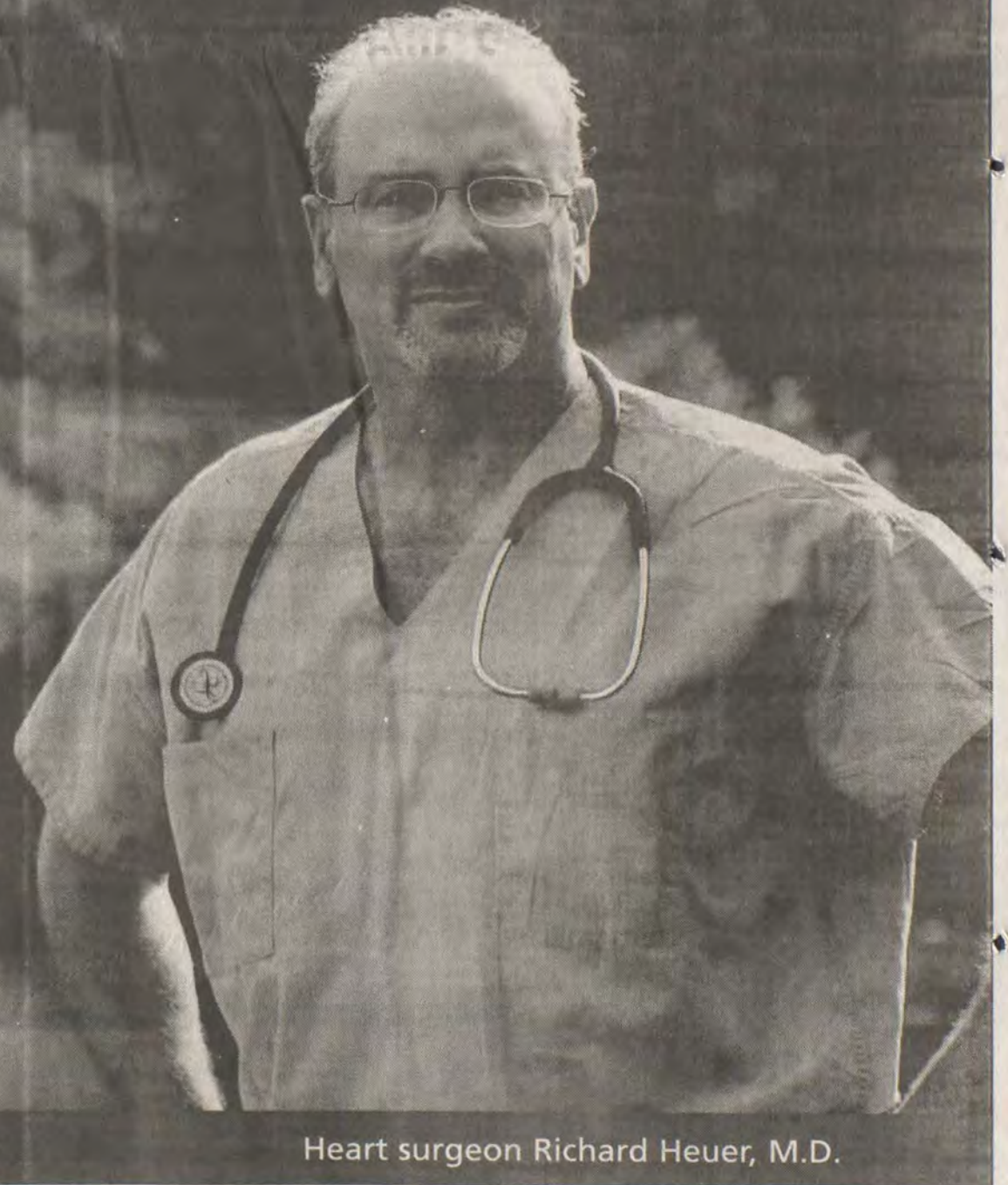
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Floyd Chamber welcomes Parkview Pharmacy

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to welcome new Chamber member, Parkview Pharmacy, on Jan. 9.

Kristy (Mullins) Moore and Valerie (Vance) Akers opened the Parkview Pharmacy in Minnie. Moore and Akers, along with family and friends, have worked night and day to build a pharmacy that is friendly and convenient for their customers.

Parkview Pharmacy offers a drive-thru for those on the go and a spacious parking area for those who would rather come in. Moore and Akers grew up in this community and know the importance of family, trust and generosity. These businesswomen will do whatever it takes to fill your needs and, you will always be greeted with a smile. Come visit Parkview Pharmacy and let Kristy and Valerie put a little cheer in an otherwise "sick" day.

Parkview Pharmacy is located

across from the Minnie BP and is approximately two minutes from McDowell ARH. They accept most third-party insurance, including Medicare Part-D plans. They can also make the transition to their pharmacy easier by transferring your prescriptions for you.

Moore and Akers are focused on making their pharmacy one that is patient-oriented. Educating and counseling patients about medications and disease states are their priority.

Pharmacy hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Kristy and Valerie are eager to make a real difference in their hometown community.



Pictured from left to right are Trish Cieslak, The Perfect Setting/Chamber treasurer; Tim Hites, ICC Technology Partners/Chamber board member; Brandon, Valerie and Carter Akers, and Alan Joe, Dawson, Kristy and Katie Moore, owners, Parkview Pharmacy; Greg Wilson, First Commonwealth Bank/Chamber, vice chairman; Debbie Burchell, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps/Chamber board member; Bryan Allen, Hall & Clark Insurance/Chamber board member; and Mandy Stumbo, executive director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

HRMC adds Dexa Scanner for bone density testing

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center's Radiology Department has upgraded its services to the community with the addition of a Dexa Scanner for bone density measurement.

The new measure for bone density is used in the diagnosis of osteoporosis, the disorder that results in increased susceptibility to fractures due to bone loss. The Dexa Scan DPX-IQ bone densitometer offered by Highlands will measure the density of the spine, hip and other bones that are the most common fracture sites.

Before the availability of Dexa scanning, evaluating bone density using conventional x-ray techniques did not reveal a potential problem until a patient had lost 25-30 percent of her bone mass. With the Dexa Scan, in just a matter of a few minutes, the highly sensitive densitometer assesses risk at a much earlier stage. It can also be used to evaluate response to treatment for osteoporosis. Osteoporosis affects one-third to one-half of all postmenopausal women.

Osteoporosis is reported to afflict 24 million Americans, resulting in more than one million hip, spine, and wrist fractures annually.

70 mph speed limit bill clears Senate, heads to House

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Slow pokes beware.

A bill that would let motorists drive Kentucky's interstate highways and parkways at 70 mph cleared the state Senate Tuesday. The speed limit on other state highways with four or more lanes would be 65 mph.

Kentucky would join 30 other states that already have at least 70 mph speed limits in place, said Sen. Brett Guthrie, the bill's sponsor. That includes four of Kentucky's seven surrounding states, Guthrie said.

"It's not groundbreaking," Guthrie told his Senate colleagues. "It's conforming."

The Senate passed the bill on a 34-2 vote. It now heads to the House for consideration.

Two Democrats opposed the plan.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said he felt raising the speed limit would be dangerous for Kentucky motorists. A 70 mph speed limit would lead to more fatalities and injuries, Scorsone said.

"With a higher limit, it's just going to ratchet up the speed," said Scorsone, who voted against the bill.

Many motorists already disobey the posted speed limit, Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-

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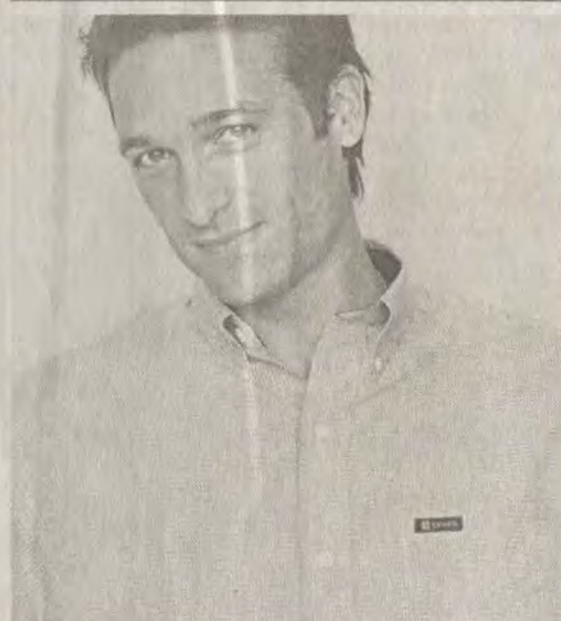
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The case began in the 1990s, when Tackett asked the court to probate a will purported to be written by former property owner Jennie Staton, and it has since evolved into four separate district and circuit court case filings in Pike County. Tackett claims he met Jennie Staton in the 1970s, when he first opened the club. At the time, he was living in an apartment above the business. He said he befriended and helped Jennie Staton, who later included him in her will.

Another will purported to belong to Staton was probated in Pike County, several years before Tackett claimed to have found the second document, which he claims was misplaced by Staton's family members.

The filing of the second will came after the 10-year statute of limitations had expired in the probate case.

Staton's heirs, Daniel Staton, Jackie Mullins, Lora Staton and Elizabeth Holland, represented by Friend, asked the court to evict Tackett, whom they claimed was withholding possession of the property. Friend said that his representation of these individuals constitutes about a quarter of the entire list of Staton heirs who hold a claim to the property.

In January 2004, special Judge Susan M. Johnson denied Tackett's request, ruling that Webster presented no evidence that the will had been concealed, as it had been alleged. Johnson's

order was affirmed in March 2005 by Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman, who denied the request based on testimonies given by a handwriting expert and pen and ink specialist who claimed that the will was not in Staton's handwriting and that the ink used on the document did not exist when the document was reportedly signed.

A forcible detainer, allowing the eviction, was previously filed in the case, but Webster appealed the ruling, arguing that it was presented in the wrong court and that forcible detainers are only granted to lessees who refuse to leave property after the expiration of a lease. Tackett's lease expires in 2009, Webster argued.

Combs' ruling on the payments came after Friend filed a motion in Pike Circuit Court last month to dismiss the appeal, arguing that it had not been "perfected" because Tackett still owes rental money. Attorney Bill Moseley, also representing Tackett, filed a motion on Feb. 2, asking the court to overturn the previous district court decision in the case, arguing that Friend did not file a counter statement to Tackett's appeal.

Oral arguments will be presented for those discussions on Feb. 28, Combs ruled.

Another issue regarding the eviction stems from a request filed by Tackett for temporary and permanent injunctions to reopen the entrances to his business, which were barricaded previously by property owners. Friend filed a counterclaim of that motion, and the judge, who denied the temporary injunction request, is considering the permanent injunction request. A hearing is also set on Feb. 20 in an old district court case regarding a request for Tackett's eviction, Friend said.

Friend said Tuesday that special judge Susan Johnson will issue a writ of possession order to secure Tackett's eviction.

Repeated attempts to contact Tackett were unsuccessful. He previously told The Times that he was moving, regardless of the outcome of the case, because he had outgrown the business

location in Pikeville.

Keesee said Tackett, who has been commended throughout the years for various charitable

donations, donated most, if not all, of the food at his business to charities or churches.

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photo by Tom Doty

Kentucky Homeland Security Director Major Alecia-Webb Edgington presented Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin with a certificate at the Mountain Arts Center on Wednesday, recognizing the city's commitment to increasing safety measures around the area in the event of natural and manmade disasters.

Prepared

open line of communication between all branches of city government and pointed out that such communication was vital to the success of the program.

Such cooperation was in evidence last May when city, police, school and emergency response workers tested their mettle by staging a mock disaster at Prestonsburg High school. The groups set the bar high by during the drill, which involved a rolling meth lab crashing near the school, with one armed felon desperate to make good her escape.

Omerod said after the demonstration that everyone

learned something with the exercise and noted that developing a clear communication structure was the most important lesson learned from the event.

Every agency responding to the exercise met a week later at the courthouse, where coordinator Thursa Slone, of the Floyd County Health Department, chaired a meeting to evaluate the response of each agency. She later observed, "Overall, it went very well." She also noted that the event pointed officials towards few problems, such as how the county would respond to a similar incident in an area outside of city limits.

Edgington later observed that Prestonsburg will probably never have to worry about a terrorist attack but commented that manmade and natural disasters depend on the same protocols that her office is establishing in all of Kentucky's counties. She added that the process should be imprinted in all counties by May of this year.

Edgington closed her remarks by saying, "I commend you for taking the lead on this." She then presented a certificate of preparedness to the city and said, "I applaud Prestonsburg's efforts in helping us better prepare Kentucky."

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Fines

against a coal company in charge of an Alabama mine where 13 people were killed in 2001.

There were 208 alleged violations of federal rules at the Sago Mine in the year before the accident there. The average citation was for \$156, according to a congressional report released by Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., top Democrat on the committee that oversees workplace safety.

"These people were repeat offenders on serious violations," said Miller, who has urged the agency to raise fines. "We hope the secretary has gotten the message that repeat violations are unacceptable and that minimal fines are unacceptable," he said in an interview.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao has asked Congress to raise the cap on the maximum fine it can impose on mine operators from \$60,000 to \$220,000. The maximum penalty was increased from \$55,000 to \$60,000 in 2003.

Under the Bush administration, the mine agency has levied

the maximum penalty against operators 37 times, according to the report Miller released. In the five years before President Bush

took office, the Clinton administration levied the maximum penalty 118 times, the report found.

Graduation

to set new goals." Burchell then turned things over to the event's keynote speaker, Les Stapleton.

Stapleton first addressed the crowd by talking about his 20 years with Kentucky State Police and said that decisions the students make today can pay off in the future. He then noted that he was there to see them off because he, too, got his start at a Job Corps Center and supported himself through college with the carpentry skills he developed at the Job Corps. Stapleton noted that he has come full circle,

retiring from KSP and starting his own contracting business, where he now builds homes.

"Everything you learn here can pay dividends down the road," Stapleton told the graduates.

The dispensing of diplomas turned into a spirited event, with students in attendance loudly cheering and supporting the graduates. The students went on to a gala reception featuring foods prepared by other students in the Culinary Arts Program.

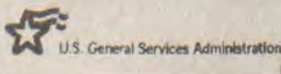
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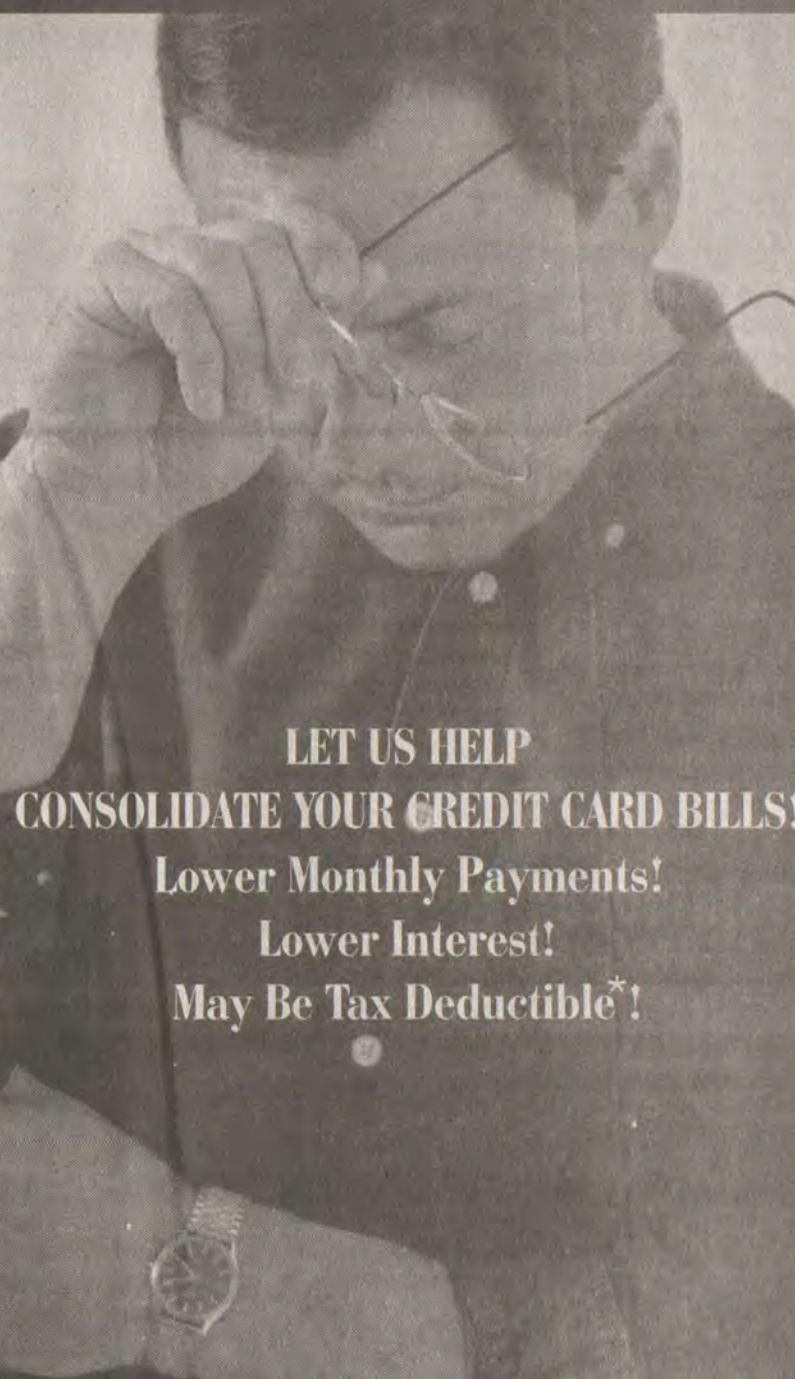
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Accident Thursday brings death toll to three in Kentucky coal mines

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — The number of coal miners killed on the job in the United States this year rose to 20 on Thursday after a rock fall in an underground operation in Kentucky.

A layer of rocks fell on a miner in a TECO Coal mine near Hazard, said Chuck Wolfe, spokesman for the state's Environmental & Public Protection Cabinet.

The company identified the victim as Tim Caudill, 33, a roof bolter who has worked for the company since 2001. In a press release, the company said Caudill was relocating equipment from one location to another when rock and debris fell on him.

There were no other injuries, the company said.

Wolfe said state mining officials were notified at about 8:55 a.m. Thursday of a roof collapse

at the mine operated by TECO subsidiary Perry County Coal Corp., Wolfe said.

The fatality raises to three the number of coal miners who have been killed in Kentucky this year. In two accidents in January, a miner was killed in a rock fall in an underground mine at Pikeville, and a truck driver killed in a crash outside an underground mine near Phelps.

West Virginia leads the nation this year in coal mine fatalities with 16. Utah is the only other state that has reported a coal mine fatality, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection, said the victim in Thursday's accident was removed from the mine and taken to a local hospital. He said he didn't know whether the victim died at the scene or at the hospital.

"Obviously, our investigation has already begun to determine the cause of the accident," York said.

In the state's other fatalities this year, Cornelius Yates, 44, of Shelbiana was killed in a rock fall inside the Maverick Mining Co. operation at Pikeville on Jan. 10. Gov. Ernie Fletcher visited the accident scene, later calling for a review of the state's mine regulations to ensure they're adequate to keep miners safe.

The driver of a loaded coal truck was killed in a crash outside a mine at Phelps on Jan. 23. Inspectors said James Thornsby either fell or jumped from the truck and was run over by the rear tandem wheels.

Kentucky led the nation last year in the number of mine deaths with eight people killed on the job, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Fletcher to spend more time in hospital

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher would remain in the hospital at least another day, after his surgeon recommended more rest following gallbladder surgery, his spokesman said Thursday.

"He won't be out of the hospital today," spokesman Brett Hall said.

Fletcher had his gallbladder removed Tuesday, a day after having a gallstone removed. The governor could be home by Saturday, but Fletcher and his doctors were "taking it one day at a time," Hall said.

Dr. Joseph Fine, who removed Fletcher's gallbladder, said Wednesday the governor would need time to recover from the surgery.

Still, Fletcher was "doing great," Hall said.

"As far as his the milestones and his recovery from this he's getting along great," Hall said. "His humor and his spirits are good."

On Monday, doctors removed the gallstone, which caused the inflammation. Fine said typically patients will require five to six days of hospitalization for a combination of procedures similar to what Fletcher went through, but the governor is "ahead of the curve."

It's unclear whether Fletcher, 53, will be able to return to work at his office next week as doctors originally thought he might.

For now, Hall said, Fletcher had been following his doctor's advice and resting.

"He's evidently being a very good patient because we don't hear much from him," Hall said. "He's obeying the doctors orders and resting and making

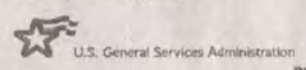
sure he's taking advantage of his time for recovery and recuperation."

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, who is vacationing with his family in Florida, had assumed the state's gubernatorial powers Monday. However, Fletcher reassumed his duties Tuesday evening.

Doctors said they made four small incisions in the governor's abdomen to remove the gallbladder, an hourlong operation they deemed necessary to prevent the buildup of future stones.

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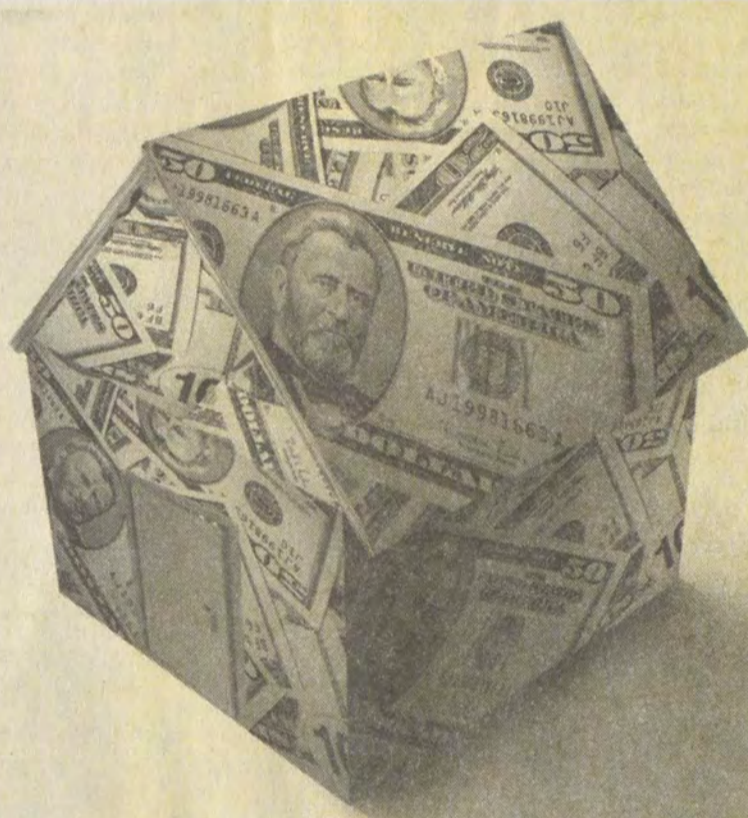
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Senate panel looks at ways to make coal mines safer

by **NANCY ZUCKERBROD**
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WASHINGTON — Technology that might help save trapped miners was shown off on Capitol Hill Wednesday, including text-messaging systems and tracking devices that are not widely used in U.S. mines.

Lawmakers also got a look at the one-hour oxygen packs miners do rely on. There was broad agreement that the government ought to require operators to store extra oxygen in mines or

outfit miners with longer-lasting packs.

"An hour just seems like such a short amount of time," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

It took rescuers more than 40 hours to bring the West Virginia Sago Mine victims to the surface following the Jan. 2 explosion that killed 12.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration, which did not participate in Wednesday's hearing, has announced a temporary emergency rule that

would require coal mine operators to provide miners with extra air packs.

Several manufacturers of the safety equipment said there ought to be regulations clarifying what new technology should be used. They also said more money should be spent on research and development.

"Who's gonna pay for it?" asked Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bruce Watzman, the top safety expert at the National Mining Association, said his trade

group wants the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to boost its spending on research and development of mine safety equipment. The roughly \$30 million the agency spends annually on the effort is not enough, he said.

Jeffrey Kohler, a NIOSH mining expert, was supposed to testify at the hearing before a subcommittee of the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee. However, Kohler said he was told at the last minute he would not be

allowed to speak.

Bill Hall, a spokesman for the Health and Human Services Department, which oversees NIOSH, said the agency does not allow officials to sit on congressional panels with private-sector witnesses.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., chaired the hearing and said legislative action would follow.

"This is not a one-day hearing for the purpose of saying we did it," he said.

But Isakson cautioned his colleagues to proceed carefully. "As legislators responding to a crisis, we want to do whatever we can do to make mining safer, but we want to do it in an informed way and not a reactionary way," he said.

Conservation district cost-share program announced

The Floyd County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost-share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share Program through Feb. 28.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under

state law.

Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified.

The best management practices approved through the State Cost-Share Program help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies.

Among the 18 practices eli-

gible under the State Cost-Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices.

The program provides up to \$20,000 for animal waste storage practices and up to \$7,500 for other practices. In the first 11 years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 19,105 applications seeking \$197 million in cost-share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 6,263 of

those applications have been approved for a total of \$71.2 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2006 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by your local conservation district office located at 18 Mayo Branch, Brandy Keg, in Prestonsburg. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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National College student wins Imagine America MAP award

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Speed

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Louisville, said. Shaughnessy said he voted against the bill because raising the limit would increase drivers' traveling speeds.

"You create sort of a cushion in your mind that you think you can go beyond the speed limit and not get pulled over," Shaughnessy said. "And we just increased that cushion by 5 miles per hour."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed the increase during his State of the Commonwealth speech last month.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he thought the speed limit bill would "fare favorably" in the House, where a similar bill is pending.

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I am writing this letter to let everyone at Champion Supports and Services, Inc. know how much I appreciate all of them, and especially Tonya Newsome-Sanders, Executive Director.

I would like to say thanks to Tonya and her staff at Champion Supports and Services, Inc. for the last two years, and for what you all have done for me and my son Ronnie, since the death of his father—for the help that I have received, and the love and comfort you all show me and Ronnie, in time of need.

I would like to say how grateful I am and a very special thanks to Tonya Newsome-Sanders, of what a great job with the Lord's help that she is doing at Champion Supports and Services, Inc. She has a wonderful program. She involves all individuals and their families, in all activities that take place at Champion Supports and Services, Inc. Tonya has a lot of great activities for the individuals and families.

She had a great big Christmas party, including all individuals and their families. She gave great gifts, and lots of food. But most of all, Tonya gave from her heart to all individuals. Tonya was very good

to my son, and he enjoyed everything she got him, especially the DVD player. That is why I said Tonya has a big heart, not just for my son, but for every individual in her program.



year." Good luck and God bless you all. Keep the good work up.

Sincerely, and thanks to everyone,
Mrs. Barbara Sword

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Thank-you Tonya and staff for the great job you all have done, I'm looking forward to another "great

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Blackcats tops Breathitt

Barnette, Leslie combine for 44 points in win

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - After dropping two straight 58th District games, the Prestonsburg Blackcats were looking to get back on the winning track Wednesday night as they hosted the Breathitt County Bobcats on Wednesday. Prestonsburg had

not shot the ball well in their previous two games and the Blackcats seemed to have switched from an inside-dominated team to wanting to shoot the long range jumpers. The Blackcats fired up over 50 three-point field goal attempts in the two losses before returning to form Wednesday night. Both teams came out of the gate slow-

ly as the score would show. Prestonsburg and Breathitt County were tied at 8-8 after one quarter. The Blackcats started to gain the advantage in the second quarter, outscoring Breathitt County 18-6 to take a 24-16 lead at the half. Senior forward Sean Leslie tossed in seven of his 21 points in the second quarter as Prestonsburg began to pull away en route to a 75-59 win.

Lewis Barnette has been the most consistent scoring threat throughout the season for Prestonsburg and the senior center continued that trend Wednesday

pouring in 23 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Sophomore Bobby Hughes came in off of the Blackcat bench and finished with 12 points.

Prestonsburg continued to build on the lead in the third quarter, outscoring Breathitt County 24-17 to take a 48-33 lead to the fourth quarter. Prestonsburg would outscore Breathitt County 27-26 in the final quarter to set the final score.

Brooks Herrick added five

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Prior to the start of Wednesday's game, Prestonsburg coach Jackie Day Crisp (right) talked with Breathitt County mentor Brian Hall, a Floyd County native.

Random Thoughts on the Cats

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Wednesday seemed like the last "sure win" for the men's team at



Rick Bentley

Kentucky, meaning I thought they had a better-than-average chance to be the favorite. Normally something like this would bring out the rare "diary" column, but because I'm watching the game alone, we'll try Random Thoughts during a UK basketball game.

Greetings and welcome to the Bentley Estate. As I said I'm watching the game alone tonight, but you may get cameos from Sabrina, who isn't a very big sports fan, and less likely, Lacey the Cat. Lacey isn't in uniform tonight, by the way.

Wow! Tubby promised a lineup shift and has delivered. The five players who hustled most in practice this week were Brandon Stockton, Patrick Sparks, Ravi Moss, Bobby Perry and Lukasz Obrzut. Amazing how the laid-back Sparks made the list as he approaches 100 straight games - including all of them as a Cat - in the starting five.

I'm really a big Ravi Moss fan. I once wondered if the walk-on had the skills to play in the Mid-South, but now he's my favorite player on a team I'll be glad to see fade into "Bolivia," as Mike Tyson might say.

Amazing. Obrzut and Perry trap a Dawg - the Cats are playing Georgia, by the way - on the block and Obrzut leans on the guy until he takes four steps from a standing position and finally steps out of bounds.

Gawgia sure has some ugly road uniforms. Makes me wish I had some buddies from the South to laugh at.

At this rate, this column will be

(See BENTLEY, page two)



South Floyd senior guard Ryan Johnson worked the basketball against Prestonsburg senior guard Michael Stephens. Before Tuesday's 58th District game, Johnson was recognized for recently scoring his 1,000th career point.

Raiders beat P'burg, finish second in regular-season standings

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - In a game that would decide which team finished second and which team ended regular-season competition third in the Floyd County Conference/58th District, host South Floyd rose above late Tuesday night. On a night when both Homecoming and Senior Night activities were held, South Floyd heated up in the second half and outscored Prestonsburg 35-23 on its way to a 68-61 win. South Floyd (2) and Prestonsburg (3) will meet in the opening round of the upcoming 58th Dis-

trict Tournament. South Floyd battled back and defeated Prestonsburg 50-48 in last season's 58th District Tournament championship game.

With the win Tuesday night, South Floyd avenged an earlier loss. In a game played Jan. 14, Prestonsburg cruised to an 81-63 win over the Raiders.

Senior center Ryan Little led the charge for South Floyd Tuesday night with a double-double performance of 18 points and 16 rebounds.

Mason Hall and Justin Slone, scored 14 points apiece. Ryan

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58th District Tournament set

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Another season of high school basketball is coming to a close and that means district and regional tournament time. Prestonsburg High School will serve as host to the 58th District Tournament. This year's 58th District Tournament will run Feb. 27-March 2. Pairings were released on Wednesday afternoon. On the girls' side of the bracket, Prestonsburg will be the number one seed. The Lady Blackcats will take on number four seed South Floyd Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. On Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m., number two seed Betsy Layne will tangle with number three seed Allen Central. The girls' district tournament championship game will be held on March 1 at 7 p.m.

On the boys' side, number one seed Betsy Layne will play number four seed Allen Central on Feb. 27 at 8:30 p.m., while number two seed South Floyd will battle number three seed Prestonsburg on Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. The boys' championship game will take place March 2 at 7 p.m.

The East Kentucky Expo Center will host the 15th Region Tournament March 6-11.

P'burg claims conference title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Prestonsburg put the finishing touches on a Floyd County Conference championship season Tuesday night on the road at rival South Floyd. The Prestonsburg girls' team again showed the characteristics of a championship team, doubling up South Floyd 66-33 and capturing a conference championship and the top seed in this season's 58th District Tournament.

"I'm real proud of these girls," said Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack. "They have done everything that I've asked of them. We are going to enjoy this conference championship and get ready for the district tournament."

Prestonsburg will host the upcoming district tournament.

"Obviously, we're happy to be hosting the district tournament," Pack added. "These girls have worked hard all season and they're looking forward to having the district tournament on their home floor."

Prestonsburg wasted little time in getting out in front Tuesday night. The Lady Blackcats bounced out of the first quarter with a 19-10 lead and held South Floyd to single digits in each of the last three quarters.

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Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack and his team put the clamps on a Floyd County Conference championship Tuesday night.

Witt's buzzer-beater lifts Bobcats over Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - One shot can will a ballgame. Betsy Layne center Trai Witt tossed in 14 points on seven field goals Tuesday night on the road at Paintsville. Witt's two biggest points of the gam came just before the final buzzer. The junior center took a pass from teammate Brandon Thacker and hit a jumper in the lane, catapulting Betsy Layne to a 77-76 win over preseason favorite Paintsville.

"It is always a big win when you go on the road and beat a quality team like Paintsville," Betsy Layne Coach Brent

Rose said, following his team's fourth-straight win.

Betsy Layne overcame an early deficit. On Valentine's Day, the way his team fought back and won was even sweeter for the Betsy Layne mentor.

"We never gave up and kept battling," Rose added. "It was so nice to win one at the buzzer after losing so many in that same fashion."

With just five seconds remaining in regulation, Paintsville sophomore forward J.D. Vanhoose missed a free throw and Betsy Layne senior Brandon Kidd pulled down

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Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose and the Bobcats followed last Friday night's Floyd County Conference championship-clinching win over Prestonsburg up with a last-second victory over Paintsville.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS' BASKETBALL

- Tuesday's scores
Belfry 69, Allen Central 61
Betsy Layne 77, Paintsville 76
East Carter 54, Raceland 37
Hazard 85, Letcher Central 78
Johnson Central 85, Pike Central 79
June Buchanan 74, Oneida Baptist 62
PHELPS 70, Piarist 49
Shelby Valley 58, Williamson, W.Va. 55

Wednesday's scores

- Prestonsburg 75, Breathitt County 59
Pike County Central 72, Phelps 60

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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Bentley

done by the 8-minute media timeout in the first half.

Ever notice Kentucky has an assistant coach who looks like the scalper in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"? I have no idea who the guy is, but I think that every time I see him.

You should check out "Sidelines," an online blog by Herald-Leader columnist John Clay. He updates it throughout the game with tidbits and (mostly frustrated) comments about the game. You can find the link on the newspaper's Web site. I'd give it to you, but I've mentioned another paper twice and I'm afraid Marty's head may explode if I do that.

Georgia has a red-headed guy named Newsum. You just know he gets abused by his teammates.

It took 5:06 for Randolph Morris to enter.

I'm catching a lot of grief for my steadfast support of Coach Smith, but honestly, who would you rather have? I'm not a big fan of his 'style of play either, but who? I think Dennis

Felton has done a great job at Georgia, but do you want him in Lexington?

And please, stop it. To paraphrase him, Rick Pitino ain't walking back through that door, so knock it off.

Holy crap. Sheray Thomas, who wins a crowded race for the honor of being my least favorite Cat, has dunked one and laid another in on consecutive trips. It should have been two dunks but he isn't strong enough to reach the rim on the latter. Still, it's part of an 8-0 run for a 15-10 lead.

Am I the only person whose blood pressure spikes anytime Sparks dribbles toward the paint? The phrase turnover-waiting-to-happen is too obvious for its own good.

My doctor may read this and have a whole new diagnosis for me on my next visit.

This will either end soon or turn into the longest column of all time, and I doubled my word quota with the Super Bowl edition.

Morris just got his shot

blocked. That's always a good sign. Still, it's an 18-10 lead half-way through the half. A minute later, an entry pass causes him to stumble as it sails out of bounds. Not a glowing start for him as Woo makes a surprising return.

I miss Tom Hammond when he's off SEC games, but not enough to watch Olympic figure skating.

With a 24-20 lead, Sparky can't get the ball in bounds from under his own basket. I've never in my entire life seen a team have so much trouble getting the ball in bounds.

Let's play Jeopardy! The answer: 28 percent. The question: What will the Bulldogs shoot in the first 17 minutes if Kentucky absolutely refuses to guard them?

And just like that, Georgia gets a wide-open layup for a 25-24 lead with 90 seconds left in the half. God I love this Kentucky team.

I love these commercials JP runs for schools. "We offer actual collegiate classes for real credit at SEC schools."

Kentucky runs its famous four-out, one-in play, which consists of four guys standing around outside and one in the post, but manages to get a bucket from Morris for a 28-25 lead at the half. Meanwhile, I'm off to iron.

This seems like a good time to mention I'm pretty proud of myself for making it through the first half without using the words "sucks," "awful" or "miserable" in describing the Cats. Those seem to be on the tip of my tongue at all times while watching them this season.

Dave Neal just described the Cats as "a little sloppy" in the first two minutes of the second half. Do you think he meant "in general" or "even for them"?

Morris just followed a miss with a slam. Because I've been very critical of him, allow

me to say I've been pretty impressed with him offensively since he returned. He still couldn't guard me and gets in a lot of foul trouble, but he's pretty inspired on the offensive end.

How's this for a stat: Kentucky has shot 48.5 percent to Georgia's 30.6 and has 12 more rebounds, but the lead is only 35-31, and Tubby has to call timeout to awaken his team right after a media break.

I'm telling you, I love this team.

Anybody wondering why I watch if they make me so miserable? Me too.

Wakeup call answered. Seven straight points makes it an 11-point lead. It could be approaching 20, but three straight possessions end with turnovers. At the next media break, it's five straight without a bucket, but the lead is still 42-34.

Sundiata Gaines may be my favorite name in the SEC. Nope, not maybe. It is.

Rondo dribbled straight into the UK bench. Of course, he could have just been trying to get Shagari Alleyne some action.

Yet another turnover - Kentucky's 22nd - results in free throws for Gaines and causes Tubby to slowly turn and look down his bench for someone - anyone - who can play. The camera turned away before he began perusing the stands for players.

It's almost as if Kentucky is insulted that it hasn't blown the game and goes on a turnover explosion. It's up to 25 now, four in the last minute of play. Alas, Georgia can only get within five.

Georgia dunks and calls timeout with 11.4 seconds left, and the boos cascade down onto the Rupp Arena court. Kentucky's gonna win, but it's been less than impressive.

Final score: Kentucky 68, Georgia 61. The Cats survive 26 turnovers.

In the end, just as I thought. A game even Kentucky would struggle to lose.

Blackcats

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points for the Blackcats and the duo of Michael Stephens and Nick McGuire finished with four each. Taylor Clark pitched in three points for Prestonsburg. Brenton Hamilton added two points and Zach Ousley rounded out the scoring with one point.

Justin Hollan led Breathitt County with 24 points on the night as the Bobcats fell to 3-19 on the season. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 11-10 overall.

Prestonsburg will travel to East Ridge tonight. The Blackcats will be on the road again Saturday against Hazard. Prestonsburg will wrap up regular season play next week with

road games at Paintsville on Tuesday and at Belfry on Friday. Senior Night will be on Wednesday as the Blackcats host Magoffin County.

PRESTONSBURG 75, BREATHITT COUNTY 59

BREATHITT COUNTY (3-20) - Hollan 24, Smith 7, Combs 4, Moore 14, Allen 8, Lawson 2.

PRESTONSBURG (11-10) - Stephens 4, Herrick 5, Barnette 23, McGuire 4, Leslie 21, Hughes 12, Ousley 1, Hamilton 2, Clark 3.

Breathitt Co.....8 8 17 26-59 Prestonsburg.....8 16 24 27-75

P'burg

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Prestonsburg went into halftime leading 29-16.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with a game-high 22 points. Meaghan Stone hit four three-pointers and added 18 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Darcey Hicks added six points for Prestonsburg while Julianne Frye and Alexis DeRossett dumped in five apiece. DeRossett entered the game late and got her five points on a field goal and a three-pointer.

After the intermission, Prestonsburg picked up right where it had left off in the first half, outscoring South Floyd 26-9 in the third quarter.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with 12 points. Junior center Heather Dean followed with eight points for the Lady Raiders. Danielle Tackett and Chelsie Tuttle chipped in with

five points apiece for the South Floyd girls.

The Lady Raiders managed to hit five three-point field goals.

Prestonsburg will return to action tonight, playing on the road at Lawrence County. South Floyd will be on the road at Shelby Valley. Start time for both girls' varsity basketball games is set for 7:30 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG 66, SOUTH FLOYD 33

PRESTONSBURG - M. Slone 18, Fields 2, Whitaker 22, Hicks 6, Frye 5, Chaffin 1, Collins 1, DeRossett 5.

SOUTH FLOYD - D. Tackett 5, Hall 12, Dean 8, Tuttle 5, Conn 3.

Prestonsburg...19 13 26 8-66 South Floyd....10 6 9 8-33

Bobcats

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the rebound and found Thacker who then located Witt, setting up the game-winning shot.

Betsy Layne, this season's Floyd County Conference champion, has been the victim of numerous close losses throughout the season. Witt's jumper, however, allowed the Bobcats to experience the winning side of a close game.

Kidd and Derek Case joined Witt in double figures and led Betsy Layne in scoring with 16 points apiece. Thacker and backcourt running mate Pat Stapleton finished with nine and eight points, respectively.

Betsy Layne played without key reserve Mane Klokocar, who was under the weather.

The Tigers took a 19-11 lead out of the first quarter. After leading 32-31 at halftime, Paintsville was outscored 25-19 in the third period.

Sophomore Landon Slone led Paintsville with a game-high 23 points. Vanhooze added 16 points and Daniel Pugh pushed in 10 for the Tigers.

BETSY LAYNE 77, PAINTSVILLE 76

BETSY LAYNE - Thacker 9, Stapleton 8, Kidd 16, Craft 2, D. Case 16, Witt 14, B. Case 12. PAINTSVILLE - Williams 2, Pugh 10, Grimm 13, Vanhooze 16, Slone 23, Bundy 9, Meade 3.

Betsy Layne...11 20 25 21-77 Paintsville.....19 20 19 18-76

Senior Lewis Barnette led Prestonsburg with a game-high 19 points. Michael Stephens and Sean Leslie, two other Blackcat seniors, added 13 points apiece. SOUTH FLOYD 68, PRESTONSBURG 61

Stephens 13, Herrick 3, Barnette 19, McGuire 6, Leslie 13, Hall 3, Patton 4.

SOUTH FLOYD - M. Hall 14, E. Johnson 9, T.J. Hall 2, Johnson 11, Slone 14, Little 18. Prestonsburg...18 20 14 9-61 South Floyd....18 15 21 14-68

Raiders

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Johnson, who was honored prior to the game for recently scoring his 1,000th career point, flipped in 11 points.

Ethan Johnson, one game after connecting on a school-record 10 three-point field goals against Allen Central, chipped in with nine points.

The Raiders took to the hardwood with a full compliment of players for the first time in three games. Due to various circumstances, South Floyd had been without one or more players for the last two games.

Prestonsburg played arguably its best basketball in the second quarter in the latest meeting between the two county rivals, outscoring South Floyd 20-15. The Blackcats went into halftime leading 38-22.

Scoreboard

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Tuesday's scores Phelps 52, Piarist 34 Prestonsburg 66, South Floyd 33 Wednesday's scores Magoffin Co. 65, Paintsville 51 Perry Co. Cent. 73, Hazard 41

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Amber Whitaker, Prestonsburg High School Girls' Basketball



Alex Hammonds, Allen Central High School Boys' Basketball



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Phelps files Piarist in win column

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS - Homestanding Phelps won its 14th game Tuesday night, turning back Piarist 70-49 in a game that saw the Hornets do their most significant damage in the second and fourth periods.

Robert Gannon led the effort for Phelps with a game-high 18 points. Gannon was one of three Hornets to reach double figures.

Piarist hung with Phelps through most of the game. Phelps led 12-10 at the end of the first quarter and entered halftime with a 12-point (33-21) lead. The Hornets closed the chapter on another win in the fourth quarter with a 21-13 showing.

Sophomore Caleb Hoskins led Piarist with 17 points. Chris Baker was Piarist's second-leading scorer with 16 points. Matt Doyle and Jake Moak each had

six points and Josh Ousley four for the Knights.

PHELPS 70, PIARIST 49

PIARIST (6-13) - Ousley 4, Moak 6, Baker 16, Doyle Hoskins 17.

PHELPS (14-18) - M. Dotson 1, Gannon 18, McCoy 10, Paige 4, R. Dotson 21, Workman 4, Stiltner 10.

Piarist.....10 11 15 13-49 Phelps.....12 21 16 21-70

Pirates hold off Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY - Host Belfry played its best basketball in the first and fourth quarters Tuesday night against Allen Central. The Pirates led Allen Central 16-11 at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Rebels 23-14 in the fourth period. Zack Bowman

tossed in a game-high 16 points and the Pirates held on in the end, winning 69-61. Belfry, playing without the services of regular starters Matt Maynard and Jamie Case, took a 31-24 lead into halftime.

Three other Pirates joined Bowman in double figures scoring. Each team featured eight different scorers.

Josh Martin led the way for Allen Central with a team-high 17 points.

BELFRY 69, ALLEN CENTRAL 61

ALLEN CENTRAL (4-19) - Collins 11, Hammonds 8, Martin 17, Slone 2, Prater 3, Music 3, Jacobs 2, Robinson 15.

BELFRY (16-6) - J. Steele 8, May 14, Bowman 16, C. Steele 10, Reed 15, Warren 2, Bowens 2, Farley 2.

Allen Cent.....11 13 23 14-61 Belfry.....16 15 15 23-69

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KHSAA NOTEBOOK

State wrestling tournament gets started in Frankfort

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The 2006 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships got underway Thursday at the Frankfort Convention Complex and will run through Saturday. General admission tickets are \$6 each per session or \$22 for an all-session ticket. Those under six will be admitted free of charge. Coolers are prohibited inside the Frankfort Convention Complex.

Priscilla Brownfield of Campbell County became the first female competitor to qualify for the State Championship over the weekend. The senior qualified in the 103-pound weight class and will square off against D.C. Evans of Whitley County on Thursday. Brownfield will look to match the feat of Alaskan wrestler Michaela Hutchinson who captured a State Championship in the Alaskan State Wrestling Championships earlier this year.

Complete Tournament entries as well as a schedule of sessions are posted on the Association website at

www.khsaa.org/wrestling. Results will be posted after each round of competition daily.

Remaining schedule

Friday, Feb. 17
 Session 2
 8:30 a.m. – Gates open for fans
 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Second Round Championship Bracket, First Round Consolation Bracket
 Session 3
 4 p.m. – Gates open for fans
 4:30 – 11 p.m. – Second Round Consolation Bracket, Third Round Championship Bracket, Third Round Consolation Bracket

Saturday, Feb. 18
 Session 4
 8:30 a.m. – Gates open for fans
 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Fourth Round Championship Bracket, Fourth Round Consolation Bracket, Fifth Round Consolation Bracket, Sixth Round Consolation Bracket
 Session 5

3 p.m. – Gates open for fans
 3:30 – 6 p.m. – Consolation Bracket Finals (7th, 5th and 3rd place matches)
 6:30 p.m. – Championship Opening Ceremonies
 7 p.m. – Championship Bracket Finals (all weight classes)
 ■ The 2006 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18 at the University of Kentucky Lancaster Aquatic Center. State Meet psych sheet entries have been posted on the Association website. Results will be posted on the website following each event each day.

Tickets to the event are \$6 per session per day. Capacity is very limited and a sell out is expected.

A schedule of events is posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/swimming.

Friday, Feb. 17
 Session 1
 7:30 a.m. – Advance Ticket Sales
 8 a.m. – Gates open for fans
 9 a.m. – Boys' Swimming Prelims

12 p.m. – Boys' Diving Prelims Facility will be cleared
 Session 2
 1:30 p.m. – Advance Ticket Sales
 2:30 p.m. – Gates open for fans
 3:30 p.m. – Girls' Swimming Prelims
 6:30 p.m. – Girls' Diving Prelims
 Saturday, Feb. 18
 Session 3

7:30 a.m. – Advance Ticket Sales
 8 a.m. – Gates open for fans
 9 a.m. – Boys' Finals in All Events Facility will be cleared
 Session 4
 1 p.m. – Advance Ticket Sales
 2 p.m. – Gates open for fans
 3 p.m. – Girls' Finals in All Events

■ The KHSAA Public/Non-Public Task Force will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22, beginning at 9 a.m. (ET) at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Following the Commissioner's status report to the Kentucky Board of Education on Feb. 1, the KBE asked the group to re-convene the Task Force for the purpose of coming to consensus on solutions for Proposal 3 and Propo-

sition 20 that will go to the KHSAA Board of Control for consideration prior to the April 11-12 KBE meeting. A final review of the issues will be considered by the KBE at its April meeting.

■ Tickets to the 2006 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet are currently on sale through the KHSAA. The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at the Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ballroom. Individual tickets are \$15 each, or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$425.

Those to be inducted are Earl Adkins, Richard Bedwell, Tom Hammond, Stan Hardin, James Holman, Joan Johnston, Charles Joseph, Rick Kestner, Carole Liedtke, George Lusby, Jimmie Reed, Kenny Rollins, Tom Steltenkamp.

■ The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is special meeting to review appeals. The meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 20 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Hornets sting Piarist

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS – The Phelps High girls' basketball team won its fourth straight game Tuesday night, defeating visiting Piarist 52-34.

Adrienne Slone led a balanced Phelps scoring effort with 10 points. Slone was one of eight different Phelps players to post points.

The Lady Hornets jumped out in front early on, leading Piarist 17-8 at the end of the first quarter. Phelps went on to hold Piarist to eight points in each of the next two quarters en route to a 52-34 win.

The Lady Hornets led 32-16 at the half.

Stephanie Williams paced Piarist with a game-high 11 points. Bethany Tackett added seven points for the Lady Knights.

PHELPS 52, PIARIST 34

PIARIST – Williams 11, Carty 3, Tackett 7, Hackworth 6, Dennison 5, Crum 2.

PHELPS – A. Rice 8, Coleman 6, Keene 5, Hall 8, Slone 10, Johnson 9, Woodford 4, McGuire 2.

Piarist.....8 8 8 10-34
 Phelps.....17 15 14 6-52

JC beats Betsy Layne for ninth straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Head coach Phillip Wireman's Johnson Central Lady Eagles won their ninth straight game Monday night. Johnson Central led 14-3 through one quarter and held Betsy Layne to just nine points in the second half en route to a 49-26 win over the defending 15th Region champion.

Brianna Ritz led Johnson Central with 12 points. Chessi Griffith scored nine points and Celena Conley added eight for the Lady Eagles.

Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 15 points. Candice Meade followed with five points for the Ladycats.

Johnson Central went into halftime leading 26-17.

JOHNSON CENTRAL 49, BETSY LAYNE 26

BETSY LAYNE – Hamilton 15, Meade 5, Martin 2, Lawson 2, Tackett 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL – Griffith 9, Ritz 12, Salyers 4, Conley 8, Wireman 3, Meek 4, Salyer 2, Burton 4.

Betsy Layne.....3 14 2 7-26
 Johnson Cent.....14 12 10 13-49

Strong second-half sends Sheldon Clark past P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ – Sheldon Clark made things happen in a big way Monday night at home against visiting Prestonsburg. The Lady Cardinals made the most of a 28-25 halftime lead, outscoring Prestonsburg 32-13 in the second half. Ashley Sumpter led Sheldon Clark to a 60-38 win, scoring a game-high 20 points. Reane Jude followed Sumpter's lead effort with 17 points.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with 14 points. Julianne Frye added eight points for the Lady Blackcats. Meaghan Slone and Darcey Hicks each had six points for the Prestonsburg girls.

SHELDON CLARK 60, PRESTONSBURG 38

PRESTONSBURG – M. Slone 6, Whitaker 14, Hicks 6, Frye 8, P. Slone 2, Hughes 2.

SHELDON CLARK – Sumpter 20, Jude 17, Cornett 4, Preece 3, Allen 4, Dalton 3, Booth 2, McCoy 2, Kirk 3.

Prestonsburg.....6 19 4 9-38
 Sheldon Clark.....9 19 14 18-60

Magoffin muscles past Lady Tigers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE – Calloray Howard scored 19 points and Brittany Manns had 13 Wednesday night as Magoffin County got back on the winning track in 57th District play with a 65-51 win over Paintsville.

Ashley Jade Howard was a third player in double figures for Magoffin County, scoring 13 points.

Magoffin County took a 42-33 advantage into halftime.

Kendra Carroll led Paintsville with 19 points, sharing game-high scoring honors with Calloray Howard. Laura Carroll added 12 points for the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Hornets outscored Paintsville 15-10 in the fourth quarter.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY 65, PAINTSVILLE 51

PAINTSVILLE (18-6) – K. Carroll 19, L. Carroll 12, Jarrell 4, Adams 6, Vanhoose 2, Russell 2, Welch 4, Lyons 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (18-5) – Manns 16, A.J. Howard 13, M. Howard 4, C. Howard 19, Powers 9, Hall 4.

Paintsville.....19 14 8 10-51
 Magoffin Co.....20 22 8 15-65

15TH REGION RECORDS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Pike County Central	17-7
Belfry	16-6
Paintsville	16-9
Johnson Central	14-9
South Floyd	14-12
Phelps	13-9
Shelby Valley	13-10
East Ridge	12-10
Prestonsburg	11-10
Sheldon Clark	9-13
Pikeville	9-13
Lawrence County	9-14
Betsy Layne	8-12
Magoffin County	6-14
Piarist School	6-17
Allen Central	4-19
David School	0-26

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Belfry	19-4
Magoffin County	18-5
Paintsville	18-7
Johnson Central	17-8
Phelps	13-8
Sheldon Clark	13-12
Prestonsburg	12-9
Shelby Valley	12-12
Pike County Central	11-12
East Ridge	9-11
Lawrence County	7-15
Betsy Layne	5-16
Allen Central	4-19
Pikeville	2-17
Piarist School	2-18
South Floyd	1-17

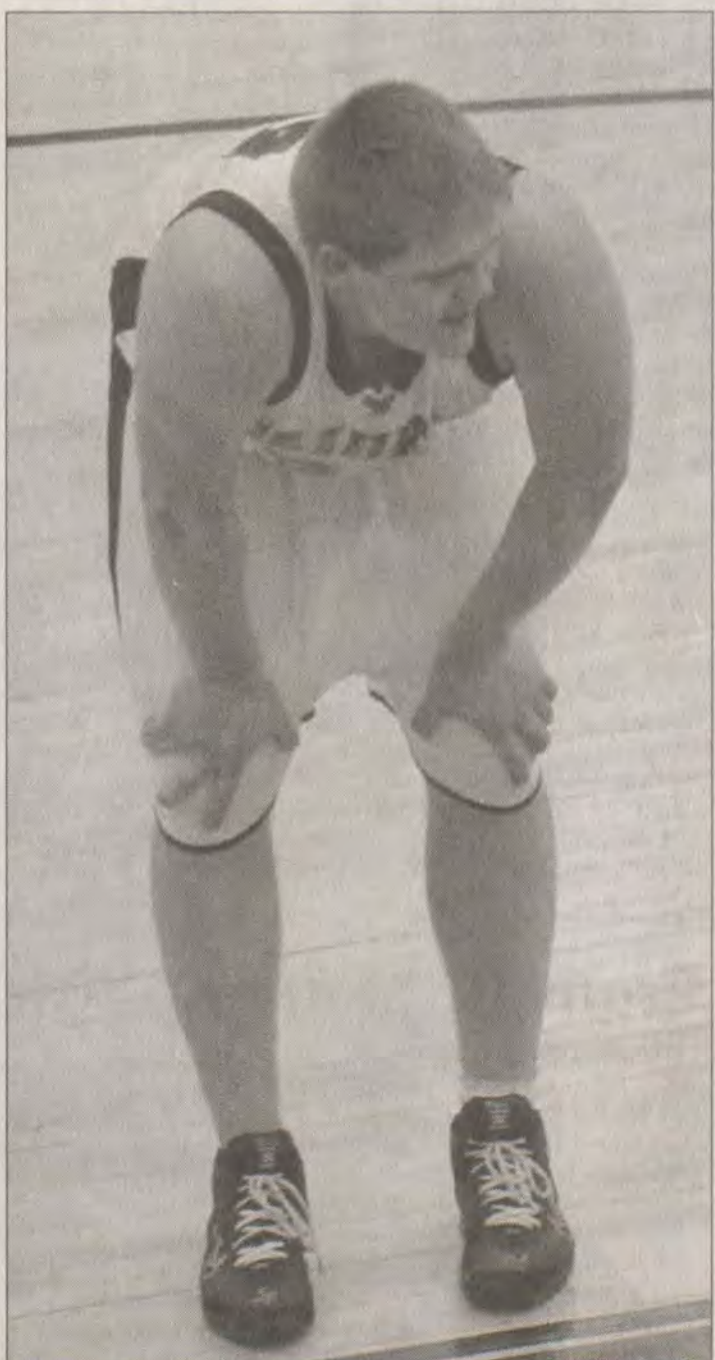
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7. John Hardin
8. Shelby County
9. Male
10. Jeffersonton
11. Lexington Catholic
12. Ballard
13. Doss
14. Holmes
15. Owensboro Catholic
16. Bryan Station
17. Henry Clay
18. Warren Central
19. Fern Creek
20. Lafayette

GIRLS' RANKINGS

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Scott County
3. Christian County
4. Assumption
5. Clay County
6. Mercy
7. Central Hardin
8. DuPont Manual
9. Iroquois
10. Christian Academy-Lou.
11. Corbin
12. Sacred Heart Academy
13. Notre Dame Academy
14. Butler
15. Franklin-Simpson
16. Monroe County
17. Muhlenberg North
18. Perry County Central
19. Shelby County
20. Woodford County



South Floyd senior center Ryan Little had a double-double effort of 18 points and 16 rebounds in Tuesday's victory over Prestonsburg.



ABOVE, RIGHT: Prestonsburg senior forward Sean Leslie defended against Breathitt County's Travis Smith in Wednesday's home game. LEFT: Brenton Hamilton (34) came in off of the bench and added scoring for the Blackcats.



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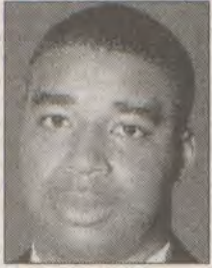
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CATS RETURN TO WIN COLUMN:

Kentucky 68, Georgia 61

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Not only had senior Brandon Stockton never started at Kentucky, he hadn't even played in five of the last seven games.



Brandon Stockton

But that was season No. 1. Season No. 2 started Wednesday night with a 68-61 victory over Georgia, and Stockton was in the lineup. "It felt pretty good," Stockton said. "Coach has been looking for ways to start the game off well. In practice he's been evaluating us and trying to change things up. I knew I had to come out and work hard to help the team."

Despite his efforts, Stockton was the only one of 11 Wildcats who got playing time who didn't score a basket. Still, his presence as a starter — along with that of two other newcomers — may have inspired others who did. Coach Tubby Smith said Tuesday that he told his team this week that the slate is now clean. Those who play best in practice, according to his grading system, will get to play the most in the games. On Wednesday, that meant Stockton, Lukas Obrzut and Ravi Moss joined the lineup while Randolph Morris, Rajon Rondo and Joe Crawford were benched — at least for the first

six minutes. "I thought they did a good job," Smith said. "Those guys brought a lot of energy and a lot of effort. They didn't make a lot of mistakes." The result was critical win for Kentucky (16-9, 6-5 Southeastern Conference), which kept its NCAA tournament hopes alive by snapping a three-game losing streak. Patrick Sparks, who was one of only two usual starters in the lineup Wednesday, said it was merely coincidence that the veteran players graded the best. Smith said he was convinced the tactic worked. "We're going to do that every day from now on," he said. Forward Sheray Thomas, who joined the lineup with some of the usual starters, ignited the Wildcats by scoring the next six

points on a dunk, layup and long jumper. Those points ignited a 13-0 run for the Wildcats, but Georgia (14-10, 4-7) immediately followed with a 15-2 run of its own to regain the lead. Thomas had 13 points, the first time he has led the Wildcats in scoring. "We've changed the lineup a lot this season, but we had been losing, so we needed something new," Thomas said. None of the players complained about the new system afterward, but Rondo — who leads the team in points, rebounds, steals and assists — suggested with his body language some disappointment. "I just got outplayed, I guess," Rondo said. Of course, Rondo's heroics in a handful of games are the reason Kentucky still has a fighting chance at making the tournament for the ninth straight year under Smith. Rondo had the game-winner Jan. 21 against South Carolina, which is Kentucky's next oppo-

nent Saturday. Then, after a home game against Mississippi, the Wildcats finish the season against arguably the conference's three toughest teams — Louisiana State, Tennessee and Florida. "What we did in the past is done with," forward Bobby Perry said. "We have to improve on each game and forget about every-

thing else. We did that tonight." Georgia coach Dennis Felton said the Bulldogs played better than they did in a 69-55 loss to Kentucky earlier this season in Athens, but Kentucky was better too. "This game was more fierce, much more late season, postseason, fight for your life," Felton said.

KENTUCKY 68, GEORGIA 61

GEORGIA (14-10)—Idrissi 2-10 2-4 6, Bliss 2-6 0-1 4, Gaines 2-7 1-2 6, Stukes 4-14 2-2 11, Mercer 4-10 2-2 12, Brophy 1-2 0-0 3, Newman 1-5 0-0 2, Toney 1-3 0-0 3, Humphrey 5-6 2-2 14, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-63 9-13 61.
KENTUCKY (16-9)
Perry 3-6 0-0 8, Obrzut 2-3 1-2 5, Stockton 0-2 0-0 0, Moss 2-6 1-2 5, Sparks 4-9 2-2 11, Bradley 1-1 0-0 2, Rondo 2-3 0-2 4, Thomas 6-8 0-0 13, Crawford 2-10 0-1 6, Morris 6-9 0-0 12, Sims 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-58 4-11 68.
Halftime—Kentucky 28-25. 3-Point Goals—Georgia 8-24 (Humphrey 2-3, Mercer 2-4, Gaines 1-1, Brophy 1-2, Toney 1-3, Stukes 1-9, Newman 0-2), Kentucky 6-19 (Perry 2-2, Crawford 2-4, Thomas 1-1, Sparks 1-6, Stockton 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Moss 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Georgia 26 (Idrissi 6), Kentucky 46 (Morris 7). Assists—Georgia 11 (Mercer 4), Kentucky 19 (Moss, Sparks 5). Total Fouls—Georgia 15, Kentucky 15. A—22,548.

Davis tries to stay positive amid more rumors

by GENARO C. ARMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Indiana coach Mike Davis tried to stay positive. But after the Hoosiers' latest setback, a 71-68 loss to Penn State on Wednesday night, there was one question on everyone's mind: Was he stepping down after this season? "I'm not answering anything about my job," Davis said in a low, raspy voice after a reporter asked him about a story posted Wednesday night on SI.com, citing sources in the athletic department that he would step down after the season. Davis said he didn't know about that story until he was asked about it on his post-game radio show. "If I say something, I say the wrong thing," Davis said. "I just need to keep my mouth quiet

and focus on my basketball team." ESPN.com reported late Wednesday night that Indiana will hold a news conference Thursday at which Davis will announce his resignation, effective at the end of the season. Indiana (13-9, 5-6 Big Ten) lost for the sixth time in seven games. The Hoosiers fell out of the Top 25 this week for the first time this season, giving more fuel to a vocal contingent of fans calling for his ouster. But Davis said he saw some good signs Wednesday, even though his team squandered a halftime lead. Robert Vaden led Indiana with 17 points and A.J. Ratliff had 11 points, all in the first half. That was as many points as Ratliff had in his last four games combined. "I thought we made some progress," Davis said. "Some

guys made plays who hadn't made plays in a while. ... We can take a lot of good out of this." More so for Penn State (12-11, 4-8), which won for the first time since beating then-No. 6 Illinois on Feb. 4 to snap the Illini's 33-game home winning streak. Ben Luber hit a jumper, then Geary Claxton nailed a 3 with 3:46 left to give Penn State a 70-65 lead. Lewis Monroe hit one of two free throws to cut the lead to 71-68, then Luber missed two free throws with 2 seconds left. But Marshall Strickland missed a desperation 3 after the buzzer, and the Penn State fans stormed the court. Claxton had 20 points and nine rebounds, while Travis Parker had 21 points and seven rebounds for Penn State. Unlike its last two games, home losses to Minnesota and Wisconsin, Penn State didn't lose

momentum in the second half. "We didn't want anything to happen like the previous two games we played in the second half," Claxton said. "So we came out with a lot of energy because we worked real hard over these last two practices." Penn State coach Ed DeChellis said that while his young team, which has just one senior (Parker), didn't play well in the last minute, "it was important for us get the good feeling back." DeChellis steered clear of the rumors surrounding Davis. "That's not my deal," he said. "I'm focused on Penn State." Davis, in his sixth season since replacing Bob Knight, took Indiana to the NCAA championship game in 2002. But his team has slipped badly since starting this season 10-2 and peaking at No. 9 in the AP

poll on Jan. 9. The game Wednesday night was his first back on the bench after missing one game with flu-like symptoms amid rampant speculation about his job security. Before the game against Penn State, Davis sat in a chair in a hallway leading to the court and in front of the media room for at least 45 minutes. In a low voice, he declined to answer questions about the recent drama over his coaching status. He spent a lot of the first half on the bench with his hand on his chin, but was pacing the sidelines and was more animated after halftime. Indiana guard Roderick Wilmont said Davis didn't address the speculation to the team in the locker room after the game. Wilmont also said the rumors about the coach's job weren't a distraction. "I don't know. I don't know

what's going on," Wilmont said on his way out of the Bryce Jordan Center. "I'm here to play." When asked Monday by reporters to explain why Indiana fans have been reluctant to fully embrace him, Davis suggested it was because he wasn't a graduate of the school. Davis then tried to quiet speculation Tuesday by saying he had no plans to quit this season. He also said that his job status had become too big a distraction as the Hoosiers prepare for the final weeks of the regular season. It doesn't get easier for Indiana, which is at No. 10 Illinois on Sunday. "These guys are going to be fine," he said. "They are hurting in the locker room because we lost the game. But I'm glad to see them hurt. I'm glad to see them show some emotion. ... I see a lot of positives out of it."

Witt leads Eastern over Samford

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Senior Matt Witt scored a career-high 33 points, equaled a school record with seven three-pointers and established a new school record for career points (1,743) to guide the Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team to a 75-70 victory over host Samford Tuesday night in Seibert Hall. The win pushes the Colonels' record to 12-13 overall and 9-8 in the OVC while the Bulldogs fall to 16-8 and 12-5. Witt, a native of Tipp City, Ohio, finished the game shooting 12-of-19 (63.2 percent) from the field and an even better 7-of-10 (70 percent) from behind the arc. Witt scored his 15th point of the contest on a three-pointer from the right wing to put the Colonels ahead, 33-22, with 8:12 remaining in the first half. That bucket also gave Witt 1,725 career points, surpassing Antonio Parris' (1983-87) old mark of 1,723

points. Eastern went on to build a lead as large as 14 points, 41-27, late in the first half before Samford hit back-to-back three-pointers in the final minute to make the score 41-33 heading into the locker rooms. The Colonels shot 61.5 percent (16-of-26) from the field in the first 20 minutes of action and never trailed. The Bulldogs slowly sliced into the deficit at the start of the second half and closed to within two points, 47-45, at the first media timeout. A fast-break dunk by junior Julian Mascoll a few minutes later pushed the Colonels advantage back up to five points, but Samford would not go away. Randall Gulina's second trifecta of the night followed by a Travis Peterson dunk knotted the score at 60-all with 9:26 left. Two minutes of scoreless action ensued before Peterson netted 1-of-2 free throws, giving Samford its first lead at 61-60. From that point on, there

were seven lead changes down the stretch before Eastern cemented the win. The key Eastern Kentucky bucket came with just over one minute to play and the Colonels trailing, 70-69. Mascoll drove the lane setting up sophomore Darnell Dials for an old-fashioned three-point play to end a three minute EKV scoring drought and put the Colonels ahead for good, 72-70. Samford missed a long jumper on its next possession before Witt connected on two free throws to make the score, 74-70. The Bulldogs missed two more three-point attempts in the waning seconds enabling Eastern to win at Samford for the third consecutive year. Senior Jason McLeish added 17 points while Dials chipped in with 10 to help the Colonels cause. Peterson paced Samford with 25 points. The Bulldogs' leading scorer, J. Robert Merritt, was in constant foul trouble and held to just 12 points.

Eagles outlast Asbury

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILMORE — The Alice Lloyd College Eagles took to the road Tuesday night and pulled off a KIAC win over host Asbury. Alice Lloyd had three players score 14 points apiece in an 88-72 conference win. Jeremy Daniels, Rodney Mitchell and Brent Prichard each had 14 points for the Eagles. Corey Hairston also worked his way into double figures for Alice Lloyd, finishing with 10 points. Alice Lloyd slipped out of the first half with a 39-38 lead. The Eagles, thanks to hot-shooting from the field and beyond the arc, pulled away in the second half. K.J. Waterman led Alice Lloyd on the boards with a game-high 11 rebounds. Waterman and Eric Mullins added nine points apiece for the Eagles. Jeremy Jackson pushed in eight points for the visiting team. Derek Bland led Asbury with a game-high 25 points. Ben Spann had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the host squad.

WOMEN'S — Alice Lloyd 101, Asbury 74: Belicia Mullins had 17 points and Chastity Fox added 16 to lead Alice Lloyd to a 101-74 win over Asbury. Six different Lady Eagles reached double figures scoring. Whitney Lykens and Kaylan Richardson each had 15 points, Taran Cody scored 12 and

Kristal Daniels netted 10. Daniels had the game's only double-double as she pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with her 10 points. Former Clinton County standout Brittany Abbott led Asbury with a game-high 26 points.

Murray State forfeits to Morehead women

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The Ohio Valley Conference has announced that Murray State University is forfeiting its December 10, 2005 women's basketball victory over Morehead State University. The forfeiture was imposed by OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher after a review of the eligibility status of one of the Murray State student-athletes. The University made an administrative error in allowing an ineligible student-athlete to participate in that contest, which

was won by Murray State, 85-74. Morehead State's Ohio Valley Conference record is now 8-8 due to the forfeiture. "I want to commend Murray State University and its administrators for their full cooperation during this review process," stated Steinbrecher. "Once the error was discovered, the athletics staff responded immediately and took appropriate actions. It is only due to the University's prompt and thorough response that this situation has been brought to a timely and appropriate conclusion."

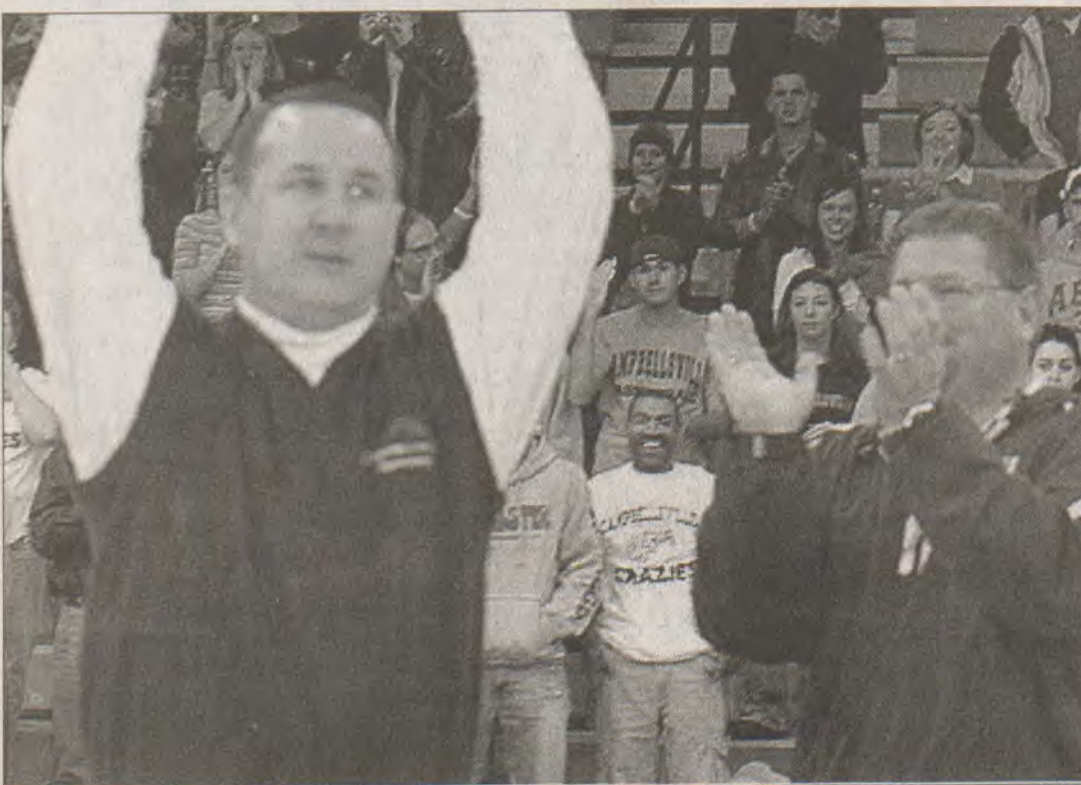
Jacksonville State clips Morehead

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — B.J. Spencer scored 19 points to lead a balanced Jacksonville State scoring attack as the Gamecocks defeated Morehead State 77-68 in an Ohio Valley Conference game Monday evening in Jacksonville. JSU, now 12-11 overall and 10-7 in the OVC, also got 14 points and a game-high 10 rebounds from Courtney Bradley. Dorian Brown and Tim Lewis had 12 points each. Walker Russell had 11 points. MSU, 4-19 overall and 3-14 in the league, was led by Shaun Williams who scored 17 points and was the only Eagle in double figures.

The Gamecocks built a 40-25 halftime lead by hitting 50 percent from the field to only 37 percent for MSU. Spencer had 10 points and five rebounds at intermission. The Eagles got no closer than the final margin in

the second half. JSU also hit 50 percent from the field for the game. MSU warmed up in the second half, but still hit only 43.9 percent for the game. The Gamecocks won the rebound battle 40-to-34



Paintsville native Keith Adkins celebrated his recent 100th career win as Campbellsville University head men's basketball coach.

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Teammates Biffle, Edwards eye Cup title

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards have little room for improvement.

Biffle won five of the first 15 races last year, added another victory at the season finale in Homestead and finished second in the Nextel Cup championship. Edwards picked up four wins, capping each of them with trademark backflips, and was third in the points.

What will NASCAR's newest stars do for encores?

"We should be a bunch better than we were last season, and if that's the case, then we're going to be really, really good," Edwards said.

Indeed. The Roush Racing teammates begin this season — starting Sunday at the Daytona 500 — as two of the favorites to win it all.

"It's hard not to be overconfident because they say, 'Well, you had such a great year last year. What do you expect this year?'" Biffle said. "Gosh, if I did the same thing I did last year I'd be ecstatic. Certainly, I'd like to win the championship, but if I had to replay last year, I

don't know that I'd do a thing different."

Well, there is one thing he would like to change.

Biffle was 20th at Texas Motor Speedway in November because of a loose wheel, a finish that essentially ruined his chance at the title with two races remaining.

Biffle had one of the strongest cars at Texas. He started seventh and quickly moved into the lead. He was ahead by several car lengths when one of the rear wheels started coming loose, forcing him to make a green-flag pit stop.

He fell a lap down and battled the rest of the day to rejoin the leaders. It happened too late, and Biffle lost 47 points in one race to

eventual series champ Tony Stewart.

Making his day bittersweet was that teammates Edwards, Mark Martin and Matt Kenseth swept the top three spots. His fourth Roush teammate, Kurt Busch, was 10th.

"I think about it a lot," said Biffle, who finished 35 points behind Stewart in the final standings. "You can go back and count a whole bunch of races. ... but Texas is more of a clear-cut, down-to-the-wire deal. That replays a lot."

Biffle spent part of the off-season reliving what could have been, even while he tried to relax at his mountain home and in his shop. He said the bad memories probably won't cease until the green flag drops Sunday at the "Great American Race."

What will he think about then?

"About winning and what it's going to take to win and how we're gonna win," he said. "I think with that mind-set and that attitude and working hard toward that goal, it puts you as one of the front-runners."

Edwards should be included in the front-runner group, too.

Unlike Biffle, who is the only driver in NASCAR history to win championships in the Busch series and the Craftsman truck series, Edwards came out of nowhere to find fame in 2005.

Last week at media day, Edwards sat down at a round table and quickly found himself surrounded by tape recorders, microphones and cameras. He looked around, paused for a few seconds and then recalled how different things were a year ago.

"I sat over there for 15 minutes and a couple guys came by and that's about it," Edwards said. "There's a lot more attention now."

Well-deserved attention.

Edwards had 18 top-10 finishes last year and joined Biffle at the forefront of the Roush team. He carried his success on the track in 2005 into the off-season.

He did a commercial with his

mother, got a walk-on role in the movie "The Disciple," and filmed a small speaking part in an episode of the Fox television show "24." He also has been in several photo shoots.

"It's fun. It's definitely different," Edwards said. "The only frustrating part about anything that's gone on is that I don't have the time to talk to everybody I want to talk to or return everybody's phone call."

"It's hard to make everybody happy. I'm trying to remember that all I can do is do my job the best I can. Other than that, it's spectacular. You get to do all these things. It's a dream. It's unreal. I feel like I've lived two completely different lives."

Edwards began last season as a virtual unknown, driving in the Busch Series for the first time and in the Cup Series for a second year. But after performing backflips after each victory — he won nine races in all — he quickly became a fan favorite.

But now, like Biffle, he realizes the next goal has to be winning a championship.

"I don't want to get any sort of illusion that things could be easier or we're just going to back into (the championship), because that's not how it's going to go," Edwards said. "There's such a small difference from the guys who are really fast and the guys who are 11th."

"The reality is if you don't make the Chase everybody considers your season not that great. There's such a small spread that I don't feel like we can afford to rest on anything."

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule and Standings

Feb. 19 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Oct. 8 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
Feb. 26 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.	Oct. 14 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
March 12 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas	Oct. 22 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
March 19 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga.	Oct. 29 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 26 — Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.	Nov. 5 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas
April 2 — Virginia 500, Martinsville	Nov. 12 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
April 9 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas	Nov. 19 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
April 22 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz.	
April 30 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.	
May 6 — TBA, Richmond, Va.	
May 13 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C.	
May 28 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	
June 4 — MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	
June 11 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	
June 18 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn	
June 25 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.	
July 1 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	
July 9 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.	
July 16 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.	
July 23 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	
Aug. 6 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis	
Aug. 13 — TBA, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	
Aug. 20 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brookly, Mich.	
Aug. 26 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.	
Sept. 3 — Sony HD 500, Fontana, Calif.	
Sept. 9 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.	
Sept. 17 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.	
Sept. 24 — Dover 400, Del.	
Oct. 1 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.	

Final 2005 Standings

1. Tony Stewart, 6,533
2. Greg Biffle, 6,498
- (tie) Carl Edwards, 6,498
4. Mark Martin, 6,428
5. Jimmie Johnson, 6,406
6. Ryan Newman, 6,359
7. Matt Kenseth, 6,352
8. Rusty Wallace, 6,140
9. Jeremy Mayfield, 6,073
10. Kurt Busch, 5,974
11. Jeff Gordon, 4,174
12. Jamie McMurray, 4,130
13. Elliott Sadler, 4,084
14. Kevin Harvick, 4,072
15. Dale Jarrett, 3,960
16. Joe Nemechek, 3,953
17. Brian Vickers, 3,847
18. Jeff Burton, 3,803
19. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,780
20. Kyle Busch, 3,753

2006 NASCAR Busch Series Schedule and Standings

Feb. 18 — Hershey's Kissables 300, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Sept. 8 — Emerson Radio 250, Richmond, Va.
Feb. 25 — Stater Bros. 300, Fontana, Calif.	Sept. 23 — Dover 200, Del.
March 5 — Telcel-Motorola 200, Mexico City	Sept. 30 — Yellow Transportation 300, Kansas City, Kan.
March 11 — Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas	Oct. 13 — Dollar General 300, Concord, N.C.
March 18 — Nicorette 300, Hampton, Ga.	Oct. 28 — Sam's Town 250, Memphis, Tenn.
March 25 — Sharpie Mini 300, Bristol, Tenn.	Nov. 4 — O'Reilly Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas
April 8 — O'Reilly 300, Fort Worth, Texas	Nov. 11 — Arizona Travel 200, Avondale, Ariz.
April 15 — Pepsi 300, Lebanon, Tenn.	Nov. 18 — Ford 300, Homestead, Fla.
April 21 — Bashas' Supermarkets 200, Avondale, Ariz.	
April 29 — Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala.	
May 5 — Richmond 250, Va.	
May 12 — Diamond Hill Plywood 200, Darlington, S.C.	
May 27 — Carquest Auto Parts 300, Concord, N.C.	
June 3 — Dover 200, Del.	
June 10 — Federated Auto Parts 300, Lebanon, Tenn.	
June 17 — Meijer 300, Sparta	
June 24 — AT&T 250, West Allis, Wis.	
June 30 — TBA, Daytona Beach, Fla.	
July 8 — USG Durock 300, Joliet, Ill.	
July 15 — New England 200, Loudon, N.H.	
July 22 — TBA, Martinsville, Va.	
July 29 — Gateway 200, Madison, Ill.	
Aug. 5 — Kroger 200, Indianapolis	
Aug. 12 — Zippo 200, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	
Aug. 19 — Michigan 250, Brooklyn	
Aug. 25 — Food City 250, Bristol, Tenn.	
Sept. 2 — Ameriquest 300, Fontana, Calif.	

Final 2005 Standings

1. Martin Truex Jr., 4,937
2. Clint Bowyer, 4,869
3. Carl Edwards, 4,601
4. Reed Sorenson, 4,453
5. Denny Hamlin, 4,143
6. Paul Menard, 4,101
7. Kenny Wallace, 4,068
8. David Green, 3,908
9. Jason Keller, 3,866
10. Greg Biffle, 3,865
11. J.J. Yeley, 3,711
12. Johnny Sauter, 3,695
13. David Stremme, 3,694
14. Ashton Lewis, 3,587
15. Jon Wood, 3,346
16. Stacy Compton, 3,345
17. Justin Labonte, 3,285
18. Kevin Harvick, 3,259
19. Randy LaJoie, 2,880
20. Tony Raines, 2,736

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Gordon picked as title favorite

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeff Gordon has already beaten Tony Stewart in one race this season — but not on the track.

Four-time champ Gordon has been picked by the motorsports media to add another NASCAR Nextel Cup title in 2006, beating out reigning and two-time champion Stewart by 51 points.

A total of 247 votes were cast on nascarmedia.com between Jan. 18-Feb. 13, with Gordon receiving 57 first-place votes and 1,748 points. Stewart was next with 48 first-place votes and 1,697 points.

Jimmie Johnson, Gordon's

Hendrick Motorsports teammate, was third with 43 first-place votes and 1,691 points.

Rounding out the top five were Roush Racing teammates Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards. The rest of the top 10 were Dale Earnhardt Jr., Ryan Newman, Mark Martin, Kurt Busch and Matt Kenseth.

Eight of those drivers competed in the 2005 Chase for the championship. Gordon and fan favorite Earnhardt failed to make it into the 10-man, 10-race Chase.

STARTING UP: The new-look Champ Car Atlantic Championship, with new teams, new drivers, new cars and new engines, is

adding something old, too.

The open-wheel development series, previously known as Toyota Atlantics, is bringing back standing starts at the beginning of select races in 2006.

Series officials have not yet determined all the races where they will use the popular, Formula One-style starts, but the first two will be during the Champ Car Grand Prix of Cleveland on June 24-25. The series will run races both days.

"We've closely examined the re-introduction of standing starts in Atlantics and we're prepared to do it on tracks where it's feasible," said Tony Cot-

man, Champ Car vp of operations. "There are a number of factors that will help determine where we can institute standings starts, such as the number of cars in the field, the width of the track and the configuration of the circuit, but we plan on doing it at as many venues as possible, as long as it provides for safe and clean racing."

Standing starts were a long-time tradition in the Atlantic championship since the series began in 1974. Atlantic stalwarts such as Bobby Rahal, Gilles Villeneuve, Price Cobb, Keke Rosberg, Kevin Cogan and Howdy Holmes all earned victories in the early days of the series by taking the green flag from a stationary position on the starting grid.

Atlantics first went to a rolling start at the Milwaukee Mile in 1988. The championship continued to use standing starts at all road and street course events until the beginning of the 1999 season when Atlantics switched exclusively to rolling green-flag starts.

Among the other changes in Atlantics this year is the all-new Swift chassis, powered by Mazda 300-horsepower, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engines and

riding on Yokohama tires.

FEMALE TRUCKER: The next step in the racing education of promising driver Erin Crocker will start tonight in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series event at Daytona International Speedway.

The 24-year-old Crocker drove in two truck races and four Busch Series events in 2005, but plans to run the entire truck series in 2006.

Driving for Evernham Motorsports, she is already considered one of the best female racing prospects to come along. Team owner Ray Evernham is trying to bring her along slowly and carefully, which Crocker says is just fine with her.

"I know I have a whole lot to learn and I'm happy with the approach Ray is taking with me. This is all very exciting."



Jeff Gordon
"I want to finish races, be consistent and improve every time we're at the track."

"When I saw the hauler pulling through the tunnel with my name on it at the truck test in January, I definitely had a moment," she added. "It is every driver's dream to get to the level I am at and, of course, to the top ranks of the Nextel Cup Series. It is beyond what I have ever hoped for in my career."

The truck race will be Crocker's first start on the historic Daytona track.

"Before last weekend, I had only raced on one superspeedway, that being Talladega in the ARCA race last year," she said. "Daytona appears to be a lot narrower and it seems to be more

of a handling track from what I learned at the test in January.

"I am so excited to be racing at Daytona. It is obviously a very prestigious track on the NASCAR tour, with all the history that has been made here." Crocker's goals are modest.

NASCAR to begin policing bump drafting

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In response to comments from Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart that somebody could get hurt or killed at Daytona International Speedway if changes aren't made, officials will begin policing the high-speed bumping that has become commonplace on NASCAR's biggest tracks.

Two days after Stewart said "bump drafting" — slamming into the rear of another car to maintain momentum — is out of control at Daytona, NASCAR said that spotters will be placed in "zones" in the turns on the 2.5-mile oval track. They will feed information to NASCAR, which will then determine whether to penalize the drivers during Thursday's twin 150-mile qualifying races and Sunday's Daytona 500.

Bump drafting is common at Daytona and Talladega, the only two NASCAR tracks that require carburetor restrictor-plates to sap horsepower and keep speeds down. But Stewart was particularly upset and vocal after a wild ride in Sunday night's Budweiser Shootout exhibition.

NASCAR officials quickly came to the conclusion that something needed to be done.

Robin Pemberton, vice president of competition, and Nextel Cup director John Darby

outlined a plan Tuesday to begin policing the bump drafting.

"As we go forward in attempting to control bump drafting in those areas, there's going to be some very subjective calls being made," Darby said. "That's the reason we'd like to get this under way as quickly as possible. ... Hopefully we don't have to make a call. But if we do make a call in the twins, it wouldn't be quite as painful as having to make it in the Daytona 500."

Pemberton said penalties for overzealous bumping could range from driving through the pit lane at the pit road speed limit to being parked for repeat offenses.

He said it will be up to the drivers to keep from getting into trouble on track.

"It's a serious matter," Pemberton said. "To leave it in our hands when we're not out there, they may get a call they didn't bargain for."

Two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip, said the new policy could be a problem.

"That's going to be really arbitrary to police because even the most sublime bump drafts at a time when a guy's getting ready to make a move in another direction can result in sending a guy out of control," Waltrip said. "It seems to me it would have to result in a crash before (NASCAR) could react."

"If you bump draft going

straight really hard, that's OK. You have to know the other guy is going to continue in a straight line. Even if you barely bump draft him, it would cause a crash if he's starting to make a move."

Darby said NASCAR is going to try to work with the competitors on the situation.

"Every bump draft will not create a penalty," Darby said. "Every time a car touches another car will not create a penalty. Unless it becomes very apparent to us that there is an unnecessary hit, specifically in one of the no zones, we will not issue a penalty."

Darby noted that bump drafting in and of itself is not an offense.

"It can enhance the excitement of the race," he said. "As it transfers to stock cars, and particularly applies to Daytona and Talladega, with the cars running closer together, a bump draft at the right time in the right place is not the worst thing in the world. But it has been turning bump drafting into slam drafting because the hits just keep getting harder and harder and harder."

Pemberton said having officials police bump drafting is not a long-term solution.

"There are a number of things that can be done," he said. "But we have to do it right and make sure that whatever the fix is, the cars are at least as safe as they are now."

Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati hooks back up with Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati will return as the title sponsor of the ARCA RE/MAX Series race that opens the Kentucky Speedway season on Saturday, May 13.

A full stock car field will take the green flag for the "Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati 150" at 3:00 p.m. The dealership sponsored its first speedway event in 2005.

Financial terms of the one-year renewal were not disclosed. Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati will receive facility signage, advertising, a luxury suite, grandstand tickets and other promotional considerations for the event under the terms of the agreement.

"We're certainly excited to

welcome Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati back for a second season," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Casis said. "The dealership and its faithful riders have proven to be a welcome and valuable addition to our fan base."

Cincinnati's oldest and largest Harley-Davidson dealership has been assisting riders with motorcycle service, parts, accessories and Motorclothes for 92 years. New and experienced riders can contact the dealership at 513-641-1188 or through <http://www.harley-davidsonofcincinnati.com>.

"Last year's successful event motivated us to move this partnership forward to this season,"

Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati President Robert Nolan said. "We know our customers enjoy the opportunity to attend an event of their very own at Kentucky Speedway."

The "Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati 150" will be preceded by a motorcycle drive-in that will originate from the dealership at 1799 Tennessee Ave., in Cincinnati. Phone the dealership or visit its Web site for more information.

The Kentucky Speedway opening weekend also includes a noon pre-race concert with country music quartet Cowboy Crush and the ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series "Kentucky 100" on the paved quarter-mile track at 1:30 p.m.

World of Wonder

EXPLORING THE REALMS OF HISTORY, SCIENCE, NATURE & TECHNOLOGY

Part two of four — trim here and tape to the bottom of part one

Life in the trees

Almost all prosimians are arboreal and live in the trees. They represent the most primitive or earliest primates on the evolutionary family tree. This group includes the tree shrew, lemur, loris or bush baby, the potto, the rare aye-aye and the tarsier. (Some scientists question whether the tree shrew and the tarsier are true prosimians, but they are included in this article.)

Where in the world

Most prosimians are native to Madagascar, an island off the southeast coast of Africa. Some species can be found in Asia and on the continent of Africa. Prosimians are not native to the Americas.



Tree shrews

Tree shrews have been around for about 70 million years, and they have not changed very much in all that time. Most are 6 to 10 inches long, with a tail that is just as long. They resemble rodents and have long snouts and small ears. Although the tree shrew shares many characteristics of a squirrel, its large brain suggests it may belong to the primate order.

Lemurs

There are 22 species of lemurs, divided into three families: **Lemuridae** (true lemurs and dwarf lemurs), **Indriidae** (indris, avahis and sifakas), and **Daubentoniidae** (aye-eyes).

Lemurs vary in size, from as small as a mouse to as large as a cat. They live in the trees and are graceful when jumping from tree to tree. They use their long, bushy tails for balance as they navigate the forest canopy. Lemurs have projecting front teeth that serve as a "tooth comb" for grooming and a special grooming claw on the second toe of each foot. Some lemurs are **diurnal** (active during the day); others are **nocturnal** (active at night).

Lorises and galagos

There are about 11 species in the loris family. They are arboreal, nocturnal and **omnivorous**. (They eat plants and meat.) One way to distinguish between species is to observe how they move. Lorises and their close relatives, the pottos and angwantibos, move slowly, creeping through the treetops, while their close cousins the African galagos (bush babies) are known for their speed and long jumps.

Tarsiers

Tarsiers are found in Southeast Asia. These small (rat-sized), nocturnal animals have huge eyes (bigger than their brain). They have large hands to aid in hunting and large feet to assist with aerial leaps.

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; Encyclopedia of Animals, University of California Press; Fascinating World of Animals, Reader's Digest; Encyclopedia of Animals, Academic Press; Smithsonian National Zoological Park

Prosimians

The lower primates

There are six families of prosimians and about 50 species. One of the most interesting things about these mammals is their highly specialized hands and feet.

The **indri** is the largest of prosimians and the most monkey-like. It can grow to 4 feet (from head to toe). The indri is threatened by habitat loss.

Today, the **feather-tailed tree shrew** is more often seen in zoos than in the wild.

The **slender loris** weighs about 2 ounces. It creeps slowly through the trees, eating a variety of insects.

Lesser bush baby

Bush babies are also known as **galagos**. There are several species, each with its unique food preferences. Generally they feed on insects, fruit and tree gum. Some can leap up to 15 feet; others prefer to scramble along the tops of branches.

The **aye-aye** is an extremely rare and solitary creature. It lacks the dental comb and grooming claw of other prosimians. This nocturnal omnivore feeds mostly on insects and eggs.



Getting a grip on things

The shape of a primate's hand can reveal how it lives. Indris and tarsiers cling and leap through trees, while tree shrews and aye-eyes climb.



The tree shrew has long, clawed fingers. The loris has a short index finger and a wide hand span. The Indri's large thumb helps it cling to branches. The aye-aye digs into a tree limb with its claws. The tarsier's large pads give it a stronger grip.

Western tarsier

No bigger than your hand, the **tarsier** sleeps in the trees in an upright position. But don't let that cute face fool you, the tarsier is a skilled killer. It is carnivorous and feeds on insects, lizards, snakes, birds and bats. The tarsier can turn its head almost 360 degrees.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Nastiness all around

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Well, the "big day" is over. And I am glad to say that it passed without even so much as a twinge, sting or memory - good or bad. As a matter of fact, I had so dismissed Cupid's little holiday that it didn't even register with me when my daughter's "boy friend," Chris stopped by the office on Tuesday to tell me that he had "something for Elizabeth" out in his car.

My first thought was that his mother was giving away magazines again (she has several subscriptions and has been quite generous in passing them along). My second thought, okay, to be perfectly honest, I didn't even have a second thought aside from "Why?" Elizabeth's birthday is coming up, but not until mid-March; Christmas was over weeks ago; my daughter and her friend hadn't been arguing that I knew of; and so why he had "some-

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POSTSCRIPT

Snow on Wolfpen

Note to self: Resist the urge to explore unfamiliar roads the day after a good snow and freezing temperatures.

That's exactly what I didn't do Monday and why I had some spine-tin-

gling moments as a result. For years, I had wanted to drive up Wolfpen Creek in Knott County and see the old log cabin where the late Appalachian writer James Still lived and wrote. In fact, one of his books is called The Wolfpen Notebooks.

(If you haven't read his works, do yourself a favor and read them, starting with the acclaimed novel River of Earth.)

Wolfpen Creek comes out on KY 15, close to the Letcher-Knott

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Bo Isaac's Bluegrass Debut CD a major hit!

Dwight Yoakam move over, Floyd County may soon have an additional "star" on the US 23 Country Music Highway. The very talented Bo Isaac of Wheelwright, KY has just released his debut CD, I'm Not Living Life, It's Living Me, to over 200 worldwide radio stations and it immediately began generating high praise from bluegrass disc jockeys. Bo McCarty from America's Bluegrass (syndicated bluegrass radio show) stated that "Bo Isaac has a BONA FIDE HOSS CAT project on his hands. I played it all weekend on my CD player." Dwayne Amburgey from WSGS in Hazard, KY said that it was "an excellent CD - I give it an A+." Bo's manager/agent, Ken Carriere of Goodtyme Productions, states that "We were quite confident that once this project was released, Bo would

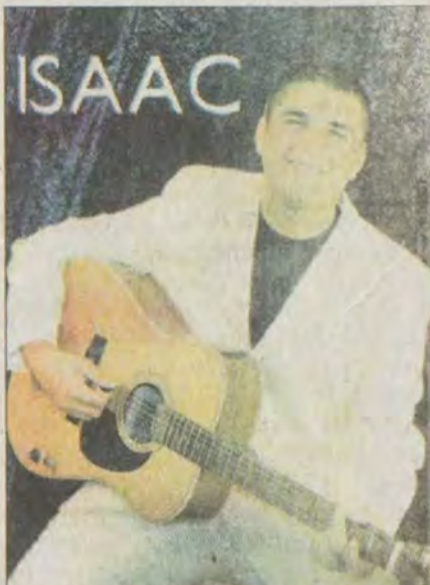
begin receiving the recognition he deserves. He is a seasoned entertainer (began performing at the age of five as a *Kentucky Opry Jr. Pro) and talented singer/songwriter at the tender age of 22. He wrote 9 of the 12 songs on this project - and they are all great!"

The official release of his CD takes place this Saturday, the 18th when Bo Isaac and his band, The Wheelwrights, open for Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, KY. Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver are one of the top performing groups in bluegrass/gospel music in the industry and have recently won their fifth consecutive IBMA Vocal Group of the Year. For more information on this event please go to www.goodtyme.com or www.macarts.com.

Note: More information and samples off Bo Isaac's CD are available at www.boisaac.com.

Event: Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
Opening Act:
Bo Isaac & The Wheelwrights
Day/Date: Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006
Time: 7:30 PM
Location:
Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg, KY
Ticket Information:
1-888-790-2365 or 606-886-2623

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Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Imaginative illustrations adorn the walls of the children's library.



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Just a few of the new books recently purchased by the library courtesy of a generous donation provided by a local resident.

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Librarian Homer L. Hall is proud of the newly built children's wing of the Floyd County Public Library. He invites all area families to visit this beautiful new space.

Children's library receives generous donation Books purchased in honor of Mrs. Dolores Smith

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys and Bobsey Twins, Arthur and his little sister D.W., Charlotte the spider, Wilbur the famous pig, and Clifford the Big Red Dog, along with a sweet little French maiden named Madeline, an family of Borrowers, and scores more are all there. Waiting for your child, in the newly built children's wing of the Floyd County Library.

"We're really proud of this wing," said Homer L. Hall, librarian. "Our children deserve it and we're proud to offer it to them."

The new wing, spacious and inviting, is located on the second floor of the library building. And for those who remember the old children's section of the library, the new wing will be sure to delight with its

new comfortable adult-size seating and rocking chairs, along with several child-size tables and chairs, as well. Ample space between the many shelves, all containing hundreds of books, make perusing the available selections an ease for both parents and children.

A hand-painted skylight and wall mural add to the inviting atmosphere, challenging children to unleash their imaginations and dare to dream untethered by boundaries or limitations of any kind.

In addition to the thrill of opening the new wing, Hall was recently presented with a gift that he is most proud to share with Floyd County's children. "In memory of his much loved wife, Dolores, Mr. Bill Smith, of Middle Creek, recently gave us a generous donation with which to purchase new books for our children's library...Dolores loved children, she had a

degree in education, and Mr. Smith wanted to honor her in this way. We were thrilled with the donation because it has allowed us to have a wonderfully well stocked children's library," he said.

"We cordially invite everyone to come out and visit. Bring their children and grandchildren and spend time in this new wing. We're awfully proud of it," Hall said.

Library hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday; and on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children's Story Hour is held each Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Computer stations are available for use by the public, as well as an extensive selection of audio and video CDs and tapes. For more information, you may contact the library staff at 886-2981.

FLYLADY

Juggling Act

by Maria Cilley

We all have a scared little kid living inside of us. We like to think of ourselves as being all grown up; after all, our age and our bodies are matured. Somewhere along the way, however, we have felt like we were losing control and we have worked hard at taking control of every area of our lives; only to end up feeling even more out of control.

That scared little kid inside of us is trying so hard to not mess up. We want to show the world that we are good at what

we do. We don't want anyone to not like us, this is why we say "YES" to anyone who asks us to do something. We don't want to disappoint anyone and most of all we don't want anyone to know our dirty little secret. That secret is that we are not really in control; we are faking it!

Is this beginning to sound like a juggling act to you? We can keep a few pins in the air for a minute or two and then someone throws us one more thing to juggle. Eventually, one after another pin starts to hit the floor. I guess there is always a straw that breaks the camel's

back. If you will think back through your life; you will begin to see when those pins started coming at you too fast. Maybe your children came close together or perhaps a loved one died. You could have started a new job or moved. Eventually, something had to fall by the wayside. Most of the time it was you and your home! You didn't even realize you were neglecting yourself. You simply just thought you didn't have time to do it all! That little child in you wants to do it all by herself. She doesn't want to ask for help! The lack of control she is feeling has her pushing everyone away that could and would help her. Why can't we do it by ourselves? I think this is the question we have all wanted to know the answer to for a long time.

I don't think it is that we can't; it is just that it does not come naturally to us. We need to be taught. Since that little child in us does not want to let anyone know she is faking it and doesn't really know how to do and handle everything, she silently beats herself up for not knowing it all! Does that sound like anyone you know?

When you look at the FlyLady cartoon character, you can identify with the different faces that she has. One minute you need a cheerleader, the next minute you may need a fairy Godmother. Then there are times that you need a loving mother figure to lift you up or gently remind you of something you have not done. She is always dressed to shoes

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FlyLady

with a bright smile on her loving face. You see her wings and know that she can FLY.

You, too, have many different faces and they are all merged into the real you. The real you wants to be loved and to love! You want to be appreciated and respected! You don't like being angry and feeling bad. You want to feel happy and enjoy life, not just go through the motions keeping all the pins juggling in the air. What you really want is peace! In order to find this peace, you are going to have to make peace with all the different faces you have. The scared little child hiding away inside needs to know that it is going to

be fine. You don't have to be perfect to be loved. The rebellious little child sulking away just needs to know that she is being heard and that housework, exercise and food are not punishments. The happy-go-lucky little child inside needs to know that she can go out and play and that all will be okay. Our lives cause us to present many different faces. None of us can go back in time and change our parents, but we can re-parent ourselves with the love that we extend to our children and our grandchildren. Let's use a kinder voice and help this part of us grow up and quit fighting the adult part of us. When we can embrace with

love the parts of us that are scared, looking for love, respect and kindness, then we can let go of our need to always be in control or to just look like we are in control, and finally merge our adult and hurt little child into one happy person who is FLYing! Finally Loving Yourself, all parts of you, is the key to making peace with all those faces.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections," published by Bantam. Copyright 2006 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication..

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Eyes

thing" for her in his car was a complete bewilderment to me.

Later that afternoon, when Elizabeth came sashaying in carrying a large, stuffed pink unicorn and a furry gift bag filled with a card and other goodies, the light came on in my head: "Oh, yeah, Valentine's Day..."

Good thing, as they say, that my head comes attached to my shoulders.

In all fairness to myself, I have to admit that I have been fighting a big battle with a

nasty, pernicious, evil, cough-carrying, mucous flinging, head pounding, sinister little near-deadly organism for the past week and a half.

How I've managed to do anything, much less remember a nice (real word: "vile") little holiday, is beyond me.

Feeling as though you've recently been run over by a Mack truck does very little to help accomplish those long suffering goals of home organization. Sad to say, my kitchen counter is still cluttered. Only

now, along with all the other previously mentioned stuff, is an assortment of cold remedies and boxes of kleenex.

Oh, well, "one of these days (Alice!), one of these days..."

Until then, I'll keep reading Flylady. Hopefully, something, somewhere, sometime will soon kick in.

Hope this finds you feeling fit as a fiddle, and if it doesn't, don't drop by to visit me.

Till next week....

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Postscript

county line. I've passed the sign and have come close to turning there many a time. But I always talk myself out of it in the interest of time.

Monday as I was driving to Whitesburg in mid-afternoon, I decided, on a whim, to go through Wolfpen. Co-worker Jim Webb had pointed out to me one day where to turn off KY 160, near Carr Fork Lake, to get to Mr. Still's home.

Sure, we'd had a fair amount of snow, but all the roads I'd been on were clean as a whistle and the sun was blindingly bright.

I drove down the appointed state road, and, sure enough, after about a mile, there was the green street sign that said Wolfpen Creek.

(I've wondered where the name comes from. I can't imagine penning a wolf.)

The road along Wolfpen Creek is narrow and winding, going back and forth across the

tiny creek, which would be better described as a branch.

To my surprise, the thin valley is much more populated than I had imagined. I had pictured Mr. Still's cabin as being quite isolated. However, houses along the creek, though not exactly side by side, were plentiful on both sides of the road.

Overwhelmingly the houses are well cared for - old and new - and the yards well tended. A lot of pride lives there.

The road was clear for a couple of miles, although yards and the close hillsides were still covered with snow.

But then I began to notice that the road was ascending and the houses were more concentrated on one side.

Then there were no houses, and the road was headed up and over a steep hill where the sun obviously had not penetrated.

This is not what I had in mind, I said to myself as the snow and

slush deepened. I found I could not turn around and go back; there were no places to turn around. Up and over the hill was the only recourse.

It was, let me tell you, pretty harrowing.

Fortunately, I made it to the top of the hill and found a work crew on the other side clearing away tree limbs and scraping the road. Some sun had hit this side, and I wasn't sure whether the pavement was covered with mud or this was the way the road is.

After I maneuvered a curve that turned in on itself, the road became more like it had been on the low ground of the other side.

I felt considerably better when I saw KY 15 up ahead.

To beat it all, I realized when I got out on the main road that I had not seen James Still's cabin. I'd been too afraid to take my eyes off the road.

Maybe I'll wait until summer to go up Wolfpen again.

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Poetry Corner

A Tribute to the Miners and Families of the Tallmanville Tragedy

by Willard Ousley

January 2, 2006 was a sad day in the small community of Tallmanville, West Virginia...
When the people learned that an explosion had occurred inside the Sago Mine,
They were fearful, for loved ones were at work that day...
They learned that some were trapped, and they began to pray...
One crew reached safety, to the surface above ground...
Where they reported to officials what had happened, that when they tried to reach the others by phone, there was not a sound...
The officials spread the word, to all Federal and State Mine Inspectors, all law enforcement people and to Governor Manchin also...
Hoping, that how to handle this situation, some of them would surely know...
While families and friends, of those thirteen men,
Were all gathered together, in that little Church...
And hoping that the Rescue People, would soon start their search...
The officials were doing everything they knew to do...MSHA and State Inspectors were there, Governor Manchin and his wife, too...
Large drilling rigs were called in, they drilled a hole from the surface, into the mine deep underground...
The officials checked the air's quality, after sending test equipment down, to where they believed the men to be...a high level of gasses is all that they found...
Now, early morning of the second day, the rescue team had made a gruesome discovery...
The first report said that twelve men were alive, and just one man had died...
While friends, family and Governor Manchin and his wife all waited in that little church...
While the Rescue Team continued their search...
Then the awesome discovery, to their amazement, the first report was not accurate...twelve men were dead...
Only one man had survived, not twelve...
Like the first report had said...

Tragedy in the Skies

By Willard Ousley

On January 28, 1986, the mighty Challenger started on its flight...
It had stood ready on its pad, ice had formed on it thru the night...
As it blasted off and penetrated the skies...
A malfunction occurred, and it disintegrated...
Right before our eyes.
Seven brave people lost their lives...
They left behind husbands and some children, loved ones and wives...
As the world looked on this Tragedy, in disbelief...
Their loved ones were stricken, and we shared in their grief...
The parents of that brave teacher stood gazing from the ground...
They saw the massive explosion, but did not hear the sound...
The news flashed around the world, by the magic of t.v....
Not just in America, but to all nations across the sea...
Condolences were sent from everywhere, even from behind the Iron Curtain...
For Russia, too, had lost four astronauts,
Their people knew how bad ours were hurting...
The Space Program has been disrupted, but I'm sure not for good...
For other brave people will still want to go,
If by chance, they could...
In this world of disappointments, things sometimes go wrong...
But when they go the right way, it makes our nation strong.
So to all the families of that fateful crew,
The prayers of all people are with you,
And our Space Program, too.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for February: "Fairness" and "Perseverance."

■ Feb. 21 - Magic Me, weather permitting.

■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ 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

Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

■ Feb. 22 - Respect class, 7th grade.

■ 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 Assis-

tant 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

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 pres-

sure 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

■ 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.

Prestonsburg High School

■ Feb. 18 - PHS Varsity Basketball Cheer Clinic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. For students preschool thru fifth grade. Location: PHS gymnasium. Learn basic cheer skills, receive free t-shirt and free admission to PHS vs. Magoffin game on Feb. 22. "Drop-ins" welcome, but must register and pay by Feb. 10 to ensure child receiving t-shirt. More info., call Leslie Ousley at 874-0317; Janice Hamilton at 478-2139; or Cindy Porter at 886-1642 or 226-3447.

■ 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. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

■ 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 Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

The Piarist School

■ School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store regis-

ter tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City register tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ 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.

■ 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.



Family Medicine



Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor
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Question: Could you tell me about how to tell when a headache is a serious one? A friend of mine, who is a nurse, told me that these are called secondary headaches. What causes them and what should people watch out for?

Answer: Headache is one of the most common complaints that people seek medical attention for. About 90 percent of these headaches are what doctors call primary headaches. This means that the headache itself is the malady

that is affecting the person. Primary headaches include migraines, tension headaches and cluster headaches.

The remaining 10 percent of headaches fall into the category we call secondary headaches. In these cases, the headache is not the illness, but is a symptom of an underlying medical problem. Often this underlying illness can be a very serious medical condition.

When a physician sees a patient with a headache, it is imperative that a proper history and physical be done so that the type of headache can be determined. Since most patients with a

Secondary headaches require prompt medical treatment

headache have a normal neurological exam, the history can be the major key to determining the type of headache. There are several "red flags" that a physician looks for when assessing a headache, especially in a hospital emergency department.

Here are some of these red flags:

■ The worst headache of a person's life or the first major headache ever.

■ A headache that's accompanied by double vision, dim vision, fever, pain in or behind the eye, one-sided weakness or disorientation.

■ In a person that has a history of headaches, a headache that is decidedly different from his or her typical pattern.

■ Headaches that awaken a person from sleep.

■ An atypical headache that is associated with vomiting, sensitivity to light and sound, especially after head trauma.

Some of the underlying causes of

secondary headaches are brain tumors, infection in the central nervous system, head trauma, as well as metabolic illnesses such as diabetes, carbon monoxide poisoning, and kidney failure. Bleeding into the cranium from an aneurysm or other vascular malformation can cause secondary headaches. Temporal arteritis, a condition that untreated can cause loss of vision, is a fairly common cause of secondary headache in older people. Also, substance abuse should always be considered.

Finally, you should seek prompt medical attention if any of the following are true: You have more than three headaches a week or need pain relievers almost daily. Your headache is accompanied by signs of illness, like fever, dizziness, slurred speech, stiff neck or mental confusion. Your headache is associated with loss of physical function or decreased level of

consciousness. You have a persistent headache after a head injury. Your headache keeps getting worse and won't go away. You're over fifty and are bothered by more frequent headaches or have your "first and/or worst" headache of your life.

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Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Auditions

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Blue Lake Arts Camp is a summer school of the arts located in Michigan's Manistee National Forest. The camp offers fine arts education for all ages and annually serves over 6,000 gifted elementary, junior high and high school students with diverse programs in music, art, dance, and drama. Blue Lake also offers an International Exchange Program and two public radio stations.

The programs at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp are designed to educate students through a carefully and balanced curriculum. Elected courses in art, drama, dance, and music are also offered. Organized recreation, practice time, recitals, master classes, evening activities and regular attendance to the performances that are offered at the camp complete the experience for those who participate.

A representative from the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp will be coming to the Mountain Arts Center in the fall to conduct in-house auditions for the Summer 2007 season as well as provide an informational presentation on the program.

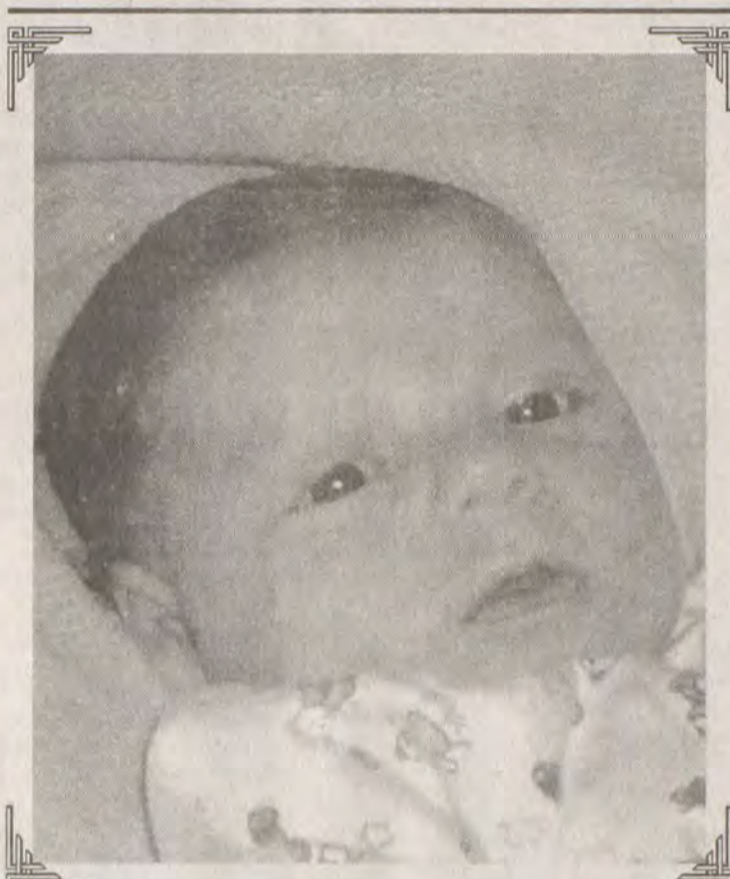
Individual Instruction is a very important part of the Arts Education Program at the Mountain Arts Center. Offering private lessons enables both children and adults to work one-on-one with an educated and experienced instructor who can give each student the personal attention they need to enhance their talents and abilities. The invitation by the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is indeed a great honor and prestige for the Mountain Arts Center and its individual instruction students and teachers.

Mountain Arts Center offers individual instruction in Banjo, Guitar, Fiddle, Violin.

Voice, Mandolin, Piano and Martial Arts. To find out more about the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan, please call Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director at the Mountain Arts Center, at 1-606-889-9125.

For additional information on the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, please visit their website at www.bluelake.org

Births



New Arrival

Canon Tyler Ailes was born December 20, 2005, at Baptist Hospital, in Nashville, Tennessee, to proud parents Colin Tyler Ailes and Jennifer Walters Ailes. He weighed 9 lbs., and was 22 inches long. Canon is the maternal grandson of Wayne and Carolyn Walters, of Emma. His paternal grandparents are Larry and Kellie Ailes, of Lancaster, Ohio.



Five Generations

Mrs. Blanche Dempsey, seated and holding her two great-grandbabies, also recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. To help make the day even more special, her two great-granddaughters visited with their new babies, marking the fifth generation of their family.

Pictured at left in Mrs. Dempsey's lap is Jaden Baker, the six-week old son of Christopher and Tina Baker, of Raleigh, North Carolina. To the right is MacKenzie Jefferies, the four-week old daughter of Marc and Lana Jefferies, also of Raleigh.

Standing behind the trio are, from left to right, Tina Baker, Joby Ray Brady (Tina and Lana's father), Mary Lou Dempsey Brady (Joby's mother), and Lana Jefferies.

Mrs. Dempsey is formerly of both Wheelwright and Weeksbury. Her husband of 71 years passed away in November, 2000. Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey spent the majority of their married lives in Floyd County, moving to Lincolnton, Georgia in 1997 only because they were growing older and needed to be nearer their daughter, Mary Lou and her husband Donald. She says that she misses the mountains of Kentucky but that mostly she misses her friends and brothers and sisters of the Burton Pentecostal Church, near Wheelwright, of which she is the last surviving charter member.

Mrs. Dempsey wishes to say "Hi" and "God Bless You" to all of her Floyd County friends and relatives. Anyone that would care to write to her may do so by addressing correspondence to: 123 White Rock Road, Lincolnton, Georgia 30718. You may also telephone to: 706-359-7003. Mrs. Dempsey would love to hear from you.

New Arrivals

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New Arrivals



January 19, 2006

- A daughter, Emily Gabrielle Brenda Raeann Daniels, to Rosetta and Anthony Daniels, of Bonnyman.

January 30, 2006

- A daughter, Madison Nikil Spence, to Ernestine Chaffins, of Inez.
- A daughter, Madison Brook Smith, to Stella and Howard Smith III, of Paintsville.
- A son, Christian Lee Morris Cole, to Kayla and Christopher Cole, of Flat Gap.

January 31, 2006

- A daughter, Nakita LaShea Howell, to Rebecca Sue and Virgil Wayne Howell, of Dwale.
- A son, Chayton Daniel Marshall, to Kimberly and Daniel Marshall, of Salyersville.
- A son, Braedan Adkins, to Belinda Leeann Adkins, of Harold.
- A daughter, Kady Marie Hall, to Katrina and Joseph Hall, of Minnie.
- A daughter, Katelyn Rose Sandlin, to Jessie Hickman, of Buckhorn.

February 1, 2006

- A son, Cory Dillon Runyon, to Jennifer M. Maynard, of Lovely.
- A son, Cody Ryan Runyon, to Jennifer M. Maynard, of Lovely.
- A son, James Garrett Ousley, to Jennifer and Gary Ousley, of Prestonsburg.
- A son, Brian Ethan Cliff Smithers, to Amanda Gail Patrick, of Salyersville.
- A son, Logan Wayne Branham, to Kayla Gearheart, of Prestonsburg.

February 2, 2006

- A daughter, Lyndsee Lashee Hall, to Maggie and Lyndon Hall, of Drift.
- A daughter, Kaylee Renee Hall, to Maggie and Lyndon Hall, of Drift.
- A son, Chaz Thomas Hollan, to Melissa Gayle Hollan, of Van Lear.
- A daughter, Shyanna Faye Hollan, to Linda and Pryce Hollan, of Jackson.

February 3, 2006

- A daughter, Tayla Harley June Lewis, to Chasity and Jonathan Lewis, of Wootton.
- A daughter, Lauren Paige Asher, to DeRhonda and John Asher, of Jeff.
- A daughter, Kaylee Shaelynn Johnson, to Leslie Mullins, of Ivel.
- A daughter, Haley Grace Maggard, to Sarah Lynn and Larry Maggard, of Smilax.

February 4, 2006

- A daughter, Hannah Shay Turner, to Elisha Louise Watts, of Jackson.
- A daughter, Brook Elizabeth Caudill, to Courtney Megan Sullivan, of Staffordsville.

Building a better community - together

The Floyd County Conservation District held its annual tree giveaway during the week of February 7th. The District was assisted this year with the help of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Facility Maintenance class. Each year, the District gives away thousands of trees to area residents to assist in the reduction of

soil erosion and stream bank stabilization, forest management, wildlife habitat improvement, and community beautification. The Floyd County Conservation District would like to thank the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Facility Maintenance class and the residents of Floyd County who participated in this year's event.

Floyd students recognized as outstanding at ALC

Several Floyd Countians have earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 2005 Fall Semester.

Named to the President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Justin Keith Frasure, of Martin; Ashley Nicole Gunnell, of Martin; Elisha Ann Hall, of Martin; Jennifer Le-Ann White, of Prestonsburg; and Whitney Dawn Lykens, of Betsy Layne.

Named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point of average of 3.75-3.99 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Devon Reynolds, of Grethel; Cynthia Lynn Hartscuh, of

McDowell; Robert Shawn Newsome, of Prestonsburg; Misty Elaine Tackett, of Beaver; and Leigh Ann Michelle Tuttle, of McDowell.

Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.74 (based on a 4.0 grading scale) were Leah Christina Collins, of Minnie; Jordan Lee Kidd, of Dana; Daniel Albert Knausz, of Harold; Joshua Linden Sergeant, of Prestonsburg; Preston Ross Simon, of Stanville; Stephanie Dawn Skeans, of McDowell; Bryan Joseph Stratton, of Ivel; Justin D. Triplett, of Bevsinsville; and Tiffany Nicole Turner, of Garrett.

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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services; Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqp. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Free United Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branchham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

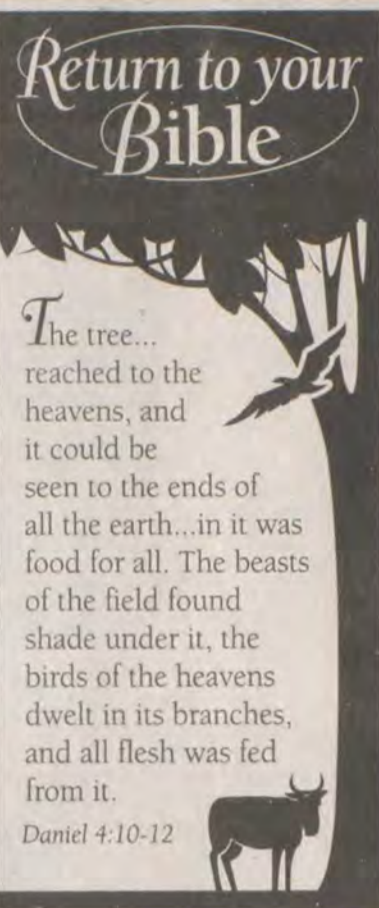
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

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Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

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Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

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Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

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Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profit.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

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Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaie; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
Geoffrey D. Marsh, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify the Unknown Spouse of Imogene Craft Rice of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about February 9, 2006, in which the Unknown Spouse of Imogene Craft Rice on May 4, 1989, was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number 1 of the Floyd Circuit Court and is represented by Civil Action Number 06-CI-00154. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for a debt collection.

The Unknown Spouse of Imogene Craft Rice on May 4, 1989, shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he/she desires to do so. If he/she does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court. Anyone having information concerning the Unknown Spouse of Imogene Craft Rice, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020. Geoffrey D. Marsh Attorney at Law 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 874-9003, Permit No. 836-5429, will be blasting at Salyers Branch of Saltlick Creek in Floyd County, Latitude 37°30'45",

Longitude 82°53'06". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren; one (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one: (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonation in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals (siren), shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303, AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 112.54 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 322.30 acres, of which 223.62 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 795.68 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by F. W. Newsom Heirs, Walker Tackett, et al., Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Carmel and Marie Clark, Anthony and LuAnn Tackett, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton,

Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., and Arnold Turner Jr., et al. The amendment will underlie land owned by F. W. Newsome Heirs, Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Maggie Hamilton, Carmel and Marie Clark, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., and Arnold Turner Jr., et al. The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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