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briefs

District court no-show now facing drug charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man who failed to appear in court to face a misdemeanor charge of alcohol intoxication was arrested Tuesday when police officers served a summons on him and observed drug paraphernalia in his apartment.

Kenneth Spriggs, 25, was taken into custody when two Prestonsburg police officers served his failure to appear notice and found that he had two water pipes on the floor of his apartment, as well as a wooden box containing mostly consumed marijuana cigarettes.

According to the arrest report, Spriggs readily admitted the items were his and he was subsequently taken into custody.

Spriggs was arraigned Wednesday and pleaded guilty to the outstanding charge of alcohol intoxication and was issued a \$200 fine. He pleaded not guilty to the drug charges.

Spriggs was granted a pretrial conference on May 1 and placed under a \$2,500 cash bond. The court also ordered that he remain in jail until he pays off \$183 from a previous case.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Evening showers

High: 44 • Low: 29

Tomorrow

Rain & snow

High: 39 • Low: 28

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Family sues over Luv Homes shooting

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The mother of a man who was shot to death when he broke into a trailer at Luv Homes in Ivel last year has filed suit against the business' former manager who fatally shot her son.

One year to the day that Ronald Dillion was killed, the suit was filed at the

circuit clerk's office by Prestonsburg attorney Jimmy Webb on behalf of Dillion's mother, Caroline, and his son, who is a minor.

The suit seeks damages from Michael Kirk, of Ivel, who was the acting manager of the outlet, and the store's corporate owner, CMH of Kentucky, which is based in Louisville.

The shooting occurred on March 22, 2005, when Dillion broke into a model

home on the lot. Kirk's account was that he told Dillion he had a gun and then ordered him to lie down on the floor of the home. Kirk's account reported that Dillion stood up and took two steps forward, which prompted Kirk to shoot him in fear of his life.

Kirk was subsequently fired by Luv Homes after the shooting and sued the company claiming that they were aware of problems he had with break-ins but

would not pay for a security guard for the lot. That suit is still in litigation and is being handled by the Kirk Law Firm, which painted Dillion as a career criminal in the complaint. Their suit also included an account of the shooting with Kirk saying that he warned Dillion he had a gun when he surprised him in a model home where he was lying in wait and expecting

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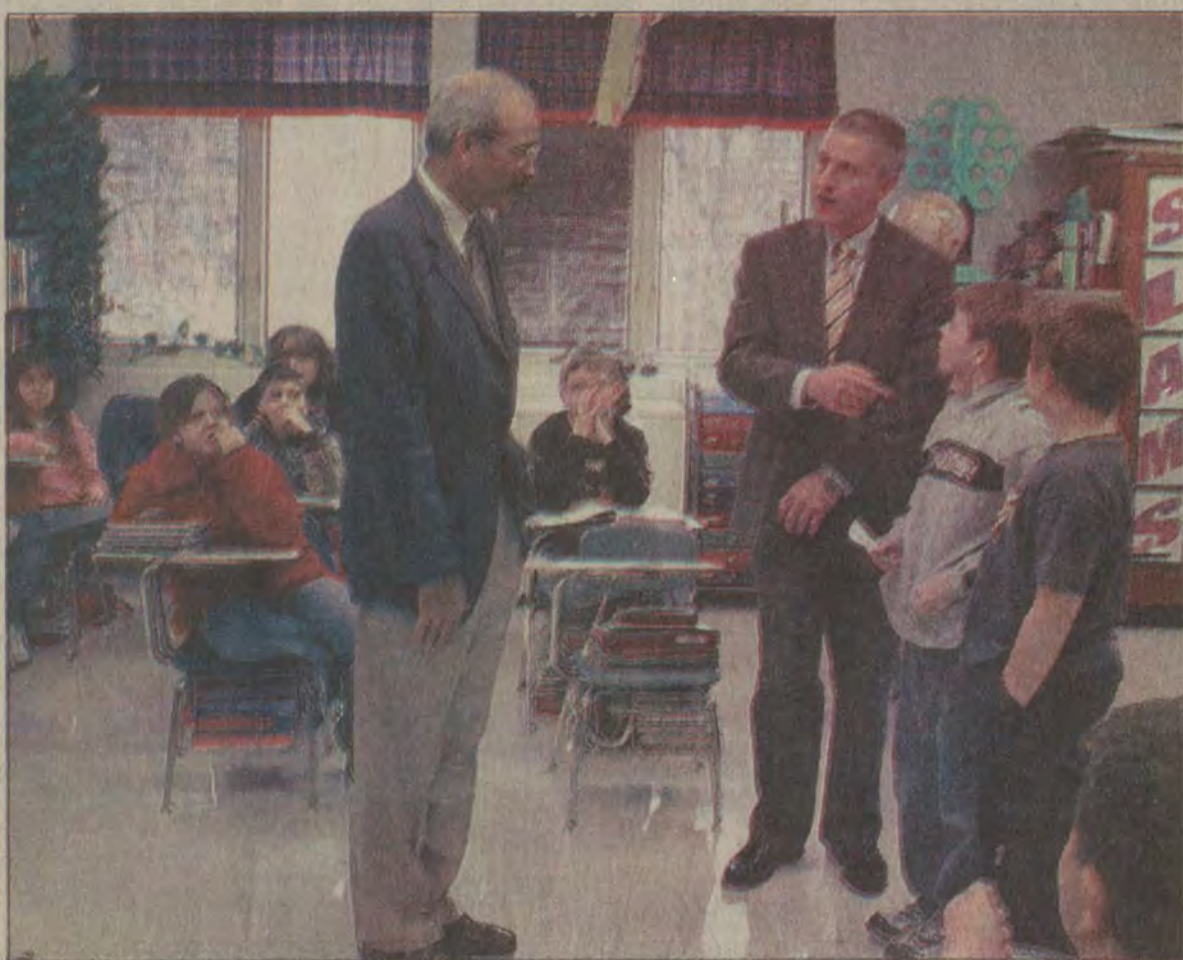


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Dr. Kirti Jain, left, an oncologist from the Highlands Cancer Center, and Bud Warman, CEO of Highlands Regional Medical Center, visited Jamie Madden's fourth-grade classroom at Clark Elementary yesterday afternoon to accept a donation of \$208.56 from students Kaleb Milan and Bradley Ousley. The boys, along with the rest of their classmates, collected the money because they wanted to help cancer patients.

Clark students skip snack to help cancer patients

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Jamie Madden's fourth-grade students decided they wanted to make a difference, so the Clark Elementary kids got together and brainstormed an idea to help raise money for a worthy cause.

Kaleb Milan, age 10, said that he got the idea from his old school, Prestonsburg Elementary. Students there helped out with the hurricane disaster relief fund.

Kaleb said that as he and his

fellow students talked, it became apparent that one thing a majority of them had in common was that of having family members who have suffered from cancer.

"So, we decided to raise money to help people with cancer," he informed Bud Warman, CEO of Highlands Regional Medical Center, and Dr. Kirti Jain, oncologist at Highlands Cancer Center, who were at the school yesterday afternoon to visit the students and answer any questions they might have about cancer or the medical field.

"This was all totally their idea," Madden said. "They came to me and asked me if they could do it. I told them I'd talk with Mr. Goodman and when I did, he said okay and they went to it."

Through donations from family members, friends and neighbors, along with daily contributions coming from the students themselves, who willingly gave up their daily snack money, the fourth-graders collected a total of \$208.56 that they presented to

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Man charged with murder after accident

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — A Craynor man has been charged with murder after he allegedly crossed the center line on the Mountain Parkway Tuesday afternoon and collided with another vehicle.

The accident saw a passenger in the second vehicle, Janet Lovely, 52, of Salyersville, killed and authorities have charged Mickey McKinney, 26, with murder, driving under the influence, no insurance and driving on a DUI-suspended license. Nelson Lovely, 58, was treated and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center following the accident. The Prestonsburg Fire Department had to use the "Jaws of Life" to extricate Janet Lovely from the

vehicle.

McKinney was charged in his hospital bed at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, where he was taken for a broken hip sustained in the accident.

Authorities were already searching for McKinney after he failed to show up at the Department of Probation and Parole, where he was scheduled to meet with his probation officer after being convicted of one charge of theft by unlawful taking after being arrested for his part in an all-terrain vehicle theft ring that was investigated by Sgt. Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Circuit Court Judge John D. Caudill issued orders

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Perry death penalty case returns to Floyd

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Death penalty cases are rare in Kentucky and when such a verdict is reached it can take years for the sentence to be carried out as was evidenced in the case of the

Commonwealth vs. Donald Herb Johnson, which saw its latest motion heard in circuit court Thursday.

Susan Balliet, of the Department for Public Advocacy, appeared for Johnson and asked the court

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Money for sick coal miners cut in budget

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Curtis Wilburn worked more than 30 years in coal mines in eastern Kentucky, breathing the unavoidable black dust that floats through the air in the underground portals.

Now diagnosed with black lung disease, Wilburn, 61, has been trying to get assistance

from a special fund set up to provide financial help to coal miners who suffer from the breath-stealing condition.

So he's troubled by news that legislators may take \$1.9 million out of the state's black lung fund to use elsewhere.

"I don't think it's right," Wilburn said.

The money would be transferred to the Kentucky Office

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Floyd County schools hosted an art workshop Tuesday at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center for elementary, middle and high school students. The purpose of the workshop was to help students prepare for the upcoming Floyd County Schools Art Festival, to be held May 2 at the Mountain Arts Center. Local artists Tom Whitaker and Tim Sizemore, from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, along with guest artist Pam O'Field-Meade, from West Liberty, all conducted individual workshops for the students.

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Obituaries

Dovie Gearheart

Dovie Gearheart, 89, of Hueysville, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 26, 1916, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Wilson and Martha Patton Handshoe. She was a homemaker, and attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Gearheart.

Survivors include her sons: Glen Gayheart (Anna) of Shelby, Ohio, Douglas Gearheart (Dalia) of Willard, Ohio, and Quintin Gearheart (Luci) of Martin; her daughters: Wanda Sue Jones (Clinton) of Prestonsburg, and Deborah Howell (Darrell) of Hueysville; a brother, Sammy Handshoe of Winchester; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Anna Mae Gearheart.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Randall Gearheart; a daughter and son-in-law, Geneva and Harold Baldrige; and two brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 20, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Allen Chaffins officiating.

Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Mary Alice McKenzie McCoy

Mary Alice McKenzie McCoy, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born April 4, 1921, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late B. McKenzie and Hettie Frazier McKenzie. She was a homemaker and a member of the Benedict Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Mason McCoy, who died March 17, 1988.

Survivors include two daughters: Hedda Lamarr Lewis (Doug) of Betsy Layne, and Rita Rosemary Armstrong (Tony) of Prestonsburg; one son, Charles Gary McCoy (Susie) of Prestonsburg; seven grandchildren: Andrew Douglas Lewis, Heather Lasha Lewis Ledford, Christina Michelle Lewis Cook, Nathaniel Cade Armstrong, Eric Anthony Armstrong, Mary Elizabeth McCoy, and Charles Mason

McCoy; and one great-grandchild, Whitney Michelle Cook.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild, Garnett Renee McCoy.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 23, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Gordon Fitch officiating.

Interment was at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Lloyd Douglas McGarey

Lloyd Douglas McGarey, age 61, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, formerly of Martin, husband of Jayne Tallent McGarey, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He was born March 17, 1945 in Martin, a son of the late Lloyd and Patricia Adams McGarey. He was a graduate of Morehead State University, Morehead; a former lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard, and a 1974 graduate of Mercer Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Georgia. He was currently employed as a pharmacist for Pharmacy Staffing Services, Nashville, Tennessee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Patrick McGarey of Mooresville, North Carolina, and Daniel McGarey of West Palm Beach, Florida; two brothers: Jerry McGarey of Martin, and Chris McGarey of Lexington; and one grandson, Cooper Del McGarey.

Funeral services for Lloyd Douglas McGarey will be conducted Friday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Jack Howard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

ATV helmet proposal approved by Senate committee

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill that would require youngsters to wear helmets when riding all-terrain vehicles took an alternate path toward the full Kentucky Senate.

A scaled-back version featuring a farm exemption was added to a separate measure by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday. The action came shortly after the ATV legislation remained stuck in the Senate Transportation Committee.

"This was a hedge to make sure it got through one way or another," said Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Julie Denton, R-Louisville.

The version that passed the House by a comfortable margin would require youngsters under age 16 to wear helmets whenever riding ATVs on private or public property.

The Senate Health and Welfare Committee voted for a different version that would exempt youngsters from wearing helmets when doing farm chores aboard four-wheelers.

The ATV helmet language was added to a House-passed bill aimed at increasing lead screening for children in Kentucky.

Denton said she was told by the Senate's Republican leadership that the agricultural exemption was needed to garner sufficient Senate support.

"I don't like the ag exemption but I can concede that if that's what it takes to get it through so there's at least some protection somewhere," Denton said.

Sen. Joey Pendleton said the farm exemption would make enforcement difficult.

"There'll be a lot of people hiding behind agricultural purposes," he said.

The result could be more youngsters dying in ATV crashes, Pendleton said.

"If we're sincere about doing something, then let's do it right the first time and let's not let another family grieve through the loss of a child," he said.

Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, said a couple of youngsters died in ATV crashes in his western Kentucky district in the past 10 months. The most recent death was last Sunday when a 14-year-old was thrown from a four-wheeler. Another teen was seriously injured in the crash. Police said the youngsters weren't wearing helmets.

Another leading supporter of the bill, Michele Finn with the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky, said the farm exemption would create a "big loophole."

"It would encourage more kids to be riding ATVs without helmets on," she said.

Finn worried the bill featuring the ATV proposal would be

weighed down by another amendment on an entirely different topic.

That bill, also tacked on by the Health and Welfare Committee, would prevent a local air pollution control district from passing regulations that are more stringent than state or federal standards. The amendment was offered by Republican Sen. Dan Seum of Louisville, a critic of Louisville's Strategic Toxic Air Reduction program.

Finn said she would prefer that the Senate deal with a bill focused solely on ATVs.

That bill was scheduled to be heard Wednesday by the Transportation Committee but never got its turn. Committee chairman Brett Guthrie said afterward the delay occurred so a couple of members absent from the hearing could attend a future meeting.

Lawsuit

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a break-in. The Dillion family has staged several protests since the shooting and brought friends and family members to the Floyd County Justice Center where they carried placards asking for justice in Dillion's death. The case is still pending before a grand jury.

The suit filed by the Dillions

states that Kirk "took the law into his own hands, and Ronald Dillion lost his life for a petty crime."

The suit asks for punitive damages and a trial by jury. The action also notes that Dillion's child has been denied future income, support and companionship due to the actions of Michael Kirk, and further notes that CMH is responsible for the acts of its employees.

Dillion's father has said that his son was "no angel" but that he never committed a felony and did not carry a firearm or knife.

Murder

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Thursday that McKinney's status is that he has been released on his own recognizance until he is able to travel, at which point he will be brought back to Floyd County for failing to comply with the terms of his probation. The judge also reiterated the terms of McKinney's release, which include no consumption of alcohol and no driving in the state.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omorod said that McKinney has been ordered to surrender himself to authorities upon release from the hospital.

Card of Thanks
*If my love could have saved them,
they would never have died.*

We, the family of Jackie Merle Moore and Marsha Lynn Robinson would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to everyone during our time of grief. Thanks to all their friends and neighbors, who brought food to their homes. A special thanks to the Little Rosa Church, Brothers Rick Akers, Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall, and James Swiger. Thanks to Sisters Irene Moore, Shirley Elliot, and Barbra Tuttle, who prepared so much food during this time, and all the sisters and brothers at the church for all you did. Thanks to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for your efficient service and your kindness. Special thanks to our nephew Jeremiah Swiger for all that you did for your aunt and uncle, who loved you so much. Thanks to everyone who was with us during this time of overwhelming grief. I wish we could say an individual thanks to each and every one of you. We love you all. Thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for your kindness and escort services. A special thanks to Jerry Moore and Eddie Von Martin for taking such good care of Jackie. Special thanks to Kenneth Gayheart for the love and care he gave our sister, Marsha. She loved you so.

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2005 Dodge Ram 1500 Rumble Bee \$21,960	2004 Chrysler Sebring V6, Loaded \$ 9,460
2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Cummins Diesel, 4x4, 6 Speed \$21,900	2004 Dodge Stratus SXT 19K Miles, One Owner \$10,965
2003 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Quad Cab, Local Trade \$18,960	2004 Dodge Stratus 2-Dr, Warranty Remaining \$10,865
2002 Dodge Dakota 4x4 Sport One Owner \$11,950	2004 Dodge Stratus Local Trade \$ 8,875
2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4, SLT, One Owner \$16,950	2004 Honda Civic EX Automatic w/Sunroof \$15,480
2001 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4, SLT, Local Trade \$12,985	2004 Mitsubishi Lancer ES All Power, New Tires \$ 9,950
2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4x4 Local Trade \$ 6,980	2004 Oldsmobile Alero \$ 9,960
1999 Dodge Ram 1500 \$ 6,950	2002 Dodge Intrepid Local Trade \$ 5,685
1999 Jeep Wrangler Sahara Hand Top \$12,980	2002 Dodge Neon Great MPG \$ 5,980
1999 Toyota Tacoma 3-speed, 4x4 \$ 9,980	2001 Dodge Stratus V6, Local Trade \$ 6,950
1998 Dodge Ram 2500 Quad Cab Cummins Diesel, 4x4, Nice! \$14,875	2001 Lincoln Town Car Extra Clean, New Car Trade \$ 9,950

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Marriage Licenses

Sharon L. Shelton, 39, of Robin, Ga., to Virgil L. Shelton, 32, of McDowell.
Susan Rae Musick, 31, of Norwalk, Ohio, to Larry Michael Shepherd, 31, of Prestonsburg.
Shannon Patrick Collins, 30, of Prestonsburg, to Tommy D. Johnson, 23, of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Lindsay Johnson vs Liberty Mutual Insurance, for damages.
Nationwide Insurance Company vs Ryan Fitzpatrick, for damages.
Jessica Hall vs Michael Hall, divorce filing.
Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare vs Lee M. Lewis, to recover costs of medical treatment.
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank vs John Ferrarri, to collect a debt.

Small Claims Filings

Capitol One Bank vs James Bailey, to collect a debt.
National Check Bureau vs T.C. Hall, to collect a debt.
Landmark Financial Services vs

Ralph Lewis, to collect a debt.
Landmark Financial Services vs Tommy Ryan, to collect a debt.
Landmark Financial Services vs Jessica Lemaster, to collect a debt.
White Ace Enterprises vs Everett Jim Gayheart, to collect a debt.
Stacey L. Jones vs Derick N. Ridling, petition for child support.

Charges Filed

Stephen Vanover, 23, of Auxier; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Christopher Lee Cox, 21, of Garrett; domestic violence, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.
Andrea Hall, no age given, of Mousie; theft by deception.
Christopher Allen, 22, of Lackey; criminal littering.
Zelda Shawn Moore, 31, of Lackey; criminal littering.
Ned Meade, 47, of Dema; harassing communications.
Durand Shepherd, 32, of Hueysville; harassment.
Bryan Edward Osborne, no age listed, of Calf Creek; terroristic threaten-

ing.
Danny Allen, 49, of Hi Hat; DUI, no insurance, controlled substance not in its prescription container, operating on a suspended license.
Gene Delmas Slone, 37, of Hueysville; fourth-degree assault.
Venice Glenn Young, 32, of Red Jacket, W.Va.; alcohol intoxication.
Andrew L. Crum, 20, of Drift; alcohol intoxication.
Jeffrey Holbrook, 23, of Van Lear; alcohol intoxication.
Racheal D. Tackett, 26, of Harold; public intoxication.
Johnny Ray Crisp, 42, of Allen; alcohol intoxication.
Joshua Miller, 22, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Angela M. Collins, 19, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
James Michael Layne, 40, of Lackey; alcohol intoxication.

Inspections

Subway, North Lake Drive, regular inspection. Violations noted: No towels or self-closing door for employee restroom, personal items stored on food

rack, cleaning utensils improperly stored, proper hair restraints not in use. Score: 95.
Hobert's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations observed.
James Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, lot size not in compliance. Score: 96.
Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food dispensing scoop stored in contact with food, proper hair restraints not in use, cleaned silverware improperly stored. Score: 85.

Property Transfers

Albon Meade and Sons Construction Company to Albon and Rosemary Meade, property located at Loars Branch.
Commonwealth of Kentucky to Tom Rose, property located at Abbott Creek.
Ted Conn to Dennis and Michelle Hall, property located at Dana.
Margaret Gray to Natasha and Stephen Harris, property location undis-

closed.
Lorraine Slade Halbert to Stephen and Susan Halbert, property located at Beaver.
Jeanice Hall to Carl Moore, property location undisclosed.
Shirley Lorraine Hall to Carolyn and Lloyd Hall, property located at Branham's Creek.
Birdie and Myrtle Hicks to Shirley Hicks, property location undisclosed.
Betty and John Howell to Luther Paige, property located at Big Mud.
Amanda and Brian Lafferty to Dwayne and Sabrina Lafferty, property location undisclosed.
Luther Paige to Bill Scott Paige, property located at Big Mud.
Andrew and Mary Lou Ray to Emmet and Velma Lawson, property located at Little Mud.
Geneive Spears to Glen Spears, property location undisclosed.
Earl and Thelma Thornsberry to Carolyn and Lloyd Hall, property located at Branham's Creek.
Marlene Vanhooose to Christopher Vanhooose and Sharon Cornette, property located at Jeff B. Wells Subdivision.

Hearing

to set aside the death penalty in the case, noting that many witnesses could be recalled who would now testify that Johnson was mentally ill at the time he entered a guilty plea in the case, which goes back to Nov. 29, 1989.
On that date Johnson beat, stabbed, mutilated and tortured 61-year-old Helen Madden when she refused to let him into the laundromat where she worked after the facility had closed for the evening.
Despite four competency hearings which found Johnson

competent at the time of the plea, the defense suggested Thursday that Johnson has since been placed on new medication and that he is a new person and should be granted another hearing.
Defense counsel also argued that inmates, family members and doctors who previously examined Johnson should be recalled and that they can appear without payment, for the doctors. Each will be able to testify and give information based on Johnson's current diagnosis.
Balliet also said that her

client was hamstrung by ineffective counsel that did not take in to account Johnson's schizophrenia.
David Smith, from the Attorney General's Office, appeared for the commonwealth and summarily attacked the defense's arguments. He noted that it was improper to recall every witness and essentially retry the case. He also observed that Johnson has been found competent on numerous occasions and said that the motion amounted to getting another "bite at the apple."

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"The Kentucky Supreme Court has said in many cases that after a ruling of competency has been made, you can't keep coming back," Smith said. "You have to end it at some point, and I think that time has come."
Judge John Caudill will consider both arguments and current law on the issues raised before rendering a decision. The case was sent back to Caudill after an appeal to the Supreme Court, on behalf of Johnson, was denied by that body in a decision rendered on May 22, 2003.

Students

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Warman and Jain while they were visiting.
"You all are doing a good thing," Warman told the students.
Both Warman and Jain applauded the students for their caring and selflessness and informed them that they were helping many deserving people through their donation to the cancer center.
Warman shared with the children that his own son had once been diagnosed with leukemia, explaining to the children that this was a form of cancer, and also sharing that through medical treatment, his son was able to get better.
Many of the students shared stories of their own in regard to grandmothers, grandfathers and other relatives who had been diagnosed with cancer. One child bravely shared a story about her grandfather's battle with lung cancer through tear-filled eyes.
Jain informed the students that "nearly one out of three"

people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. He told the children that early detection of the disease was instrumental in curing it and that the "number one thing you can do to prevent cancer is to quit smoking."
"And what you children can do is to never start smoking," he said. "Tobacco, in any form, causes cancer."
"How many of you will promise me that you will never smoke?" Jain asked the class. In response, every child in the room raised his or her hand.
After graciously accepting the classroom's donation, Warman invited the children to visit the cancer center and the hospital. "Maybe some of you will want to grow up and become doctors," he said.
Floyd County Board of Education member Mickey McGuire was also on hand to visit the classroom and watch the children make their presenta-

Budget

of Mine Safety and Licensing to be used for training under a provision included in the proposed budget.
"I've been anticipating that politicians in Frankfort would be looking for a way to get their hands on that money," said Thomas Moak of Prestonsburg, a coalfield attorney who represents miners in black lung cases.
The provision would take \$952,000 in each of the next two years from the \$20 million fund.
"That money was put in that fund for miners who are suffering and dying from black lung, and that's what the intent was for," said Steve Earle, a lobbyist for the United Mine Workers of America. "If we start taking money out, where's the stopping point? We don't want that fund drawn down to the point of being insolvent."
Brett Hall, spokesman for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, said the proposal originated in the

administration's budget proposal and has survived revisions by the House and Senate. The proposal calls for the money to be used "to support compliance, education and training programs."
Hall said a portion of the money would be used to educate miners on precautions that can be taken to avoid contracting black lung disease, otherwise known as pneumoconiosis. The disease is caused from prolonged breathing of coal dust.
Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, said far more money has been going into the black lung fund than has been going out each year.
"We concluded it's better to take that money and apply it to the bottom line," Borders said.
State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said he disagrees. Yonts said he learned of the provision on Wednesday, and that he wants it removed from the budget.

"That's not a good thing," he said. "This fund is solely for black lung awards. It is for a designated purpose, and it should not be used for other things."
Moak said the money should be going directly to sick coal miners who have contracted black lung and are no longer able to work. The problem is, he said, the state has made it so difficult for sick miners to qualify for state assistance that little money is coming out of the black lung fund.
"The deck is stacked against them," Moak said. "Nobody's getting much of anything."
Under current law, fewer than 10 percent of coal miners who seek state black lung benefits receive them, Moak said.
Those determined to have black lung are eligible for retraining benefits worth nearly \$65,000 over four years. That would cover basic literacy instruction to college classes.

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Miners age 57 and older could receive cash instead of retraining benefits.
Earle said the process for awarding black lung benefits "is a total failure" because many miners who deserve assistance aren't getting it. He said the UMWA wants the process changed.
Wilburn said coalfield residents, especially young men, have taken note of the situation, and are refusing to work in the mines. Coal operators say they are having trouble finding enough miners to fill job openings.
"It's a known fact that it's hard on your health," Wilburn said. "If you know you're going to destroy your health and not be compensated for it, you're going to look somewhere else."

Invitation

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Bernice Miller, of Prestonsburg, cordially invite all relatives and friends to a celebration in honor of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary, to be held on Sunday, March 26, 2006, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, located at 785 Mays Branch Road, in Prestonsburg, from 2-4 p.m. Please allow your presence to be your only gift.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Dallas Morning News, on court ruling against easing Clean Air Act:

This is not a Humpty-Dumpty world. So says a federal appeals court in scolding the Bush administration for a gambit that would have rolled back gains in the fight for clean air. ...

The 1970 Clean Air Act spared many older plants from stringent new limits on emissions, based on the assumption that they would soon be retired and cease polluting altogether. If upgrading a plant, however, the owner is required to install better emission-control equipment. The law says "any physical change" that increases emissions can trigger requirements for tighter pollution controls.

Three years ago, the Bush administration came up with new, looser interpretations of the language. The new approach would classify as "routine maintenance" anything that amounts to less than 20 percent of a plant's value, even if the project increased pollution.

The appeals court for Washington, D.C., didn't buy that noxious approach and said it was an attempt to skirt clear language in the Clean Air Act.

The administration's re-interpretation would make sense "only in a Humpty-Dumpty world," the court said.

The provision of the law in question called New Source Review affects emission permits at more than 1,000 power plants and thousands more chemical plants, refineries and factories nationwide.

Used properly, New Source Review can be an effective tool in demanding compliance of manufacturers.

Four years ago, with Texas officials in the lead, the Environmental Protection Agency took action against Alcoa, which made major changes at its gigantic aluminum smelter in Rockdale, northeast of Austin, without a permit. Alcoa, the government and environmental groups agreed to negotiate a multimillion-dollar settlement in that case.

Thirty-six years ago, passage of the Clean Air Act represented a clear and fair understanding between Washington and plant owners under which they could plan future investments.

Gains are too few in the nation's often-losing battle for clean air. It's a Humpty-Dumpty world when the government willingly tosses aside a useful weapon.

The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C., on social security reform:

President Bush has made comprehensive Social Security reform a prominent goal in every year of his White House tenure — until this one. Scare tactics have repeatedly derailed those initiatives, producing the genuinely frightful perpetuation of the status quo as the system inexorably advances toward insolvency. ...

So Social Security funds will remain vulnerable to congressional use for non-Social Security needs, masking not only the true size of the federal deficit but the true fiscal condition of the system. ...

Over the last two decades, Congress has spent more than \$1.7 trillion of Social Security money on general-fund obligations. In little more than another decade (by 2017), the system projects that it will be paying out more in benefits than it collects in "contributions."

Presumably, at that point, Congress will stop raiding Social Security because that "surplus" will no longer exist. But even if Congress stopped raiding that surplus tomorrow, it would only delay, not eliminate, the system's looming date with actuarial-table disaster. ...

The longer we keep raiding Social Security for non-Social Security needs, the sooner the system will go broke. And the longer we wait to honestly confront the system's inherent demographic challenges, the more expensive reform will be.

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Guest Column

The Patriot Act and attention deficit democracy

by JAMES BOVARD

The American political system failed when Congress and the media recently rolled over in favor of extending the most onerous provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act. Despite stark evidence of both the law's abuses and widespread popular opposition, Bush got a rubber-stamp extension of a law that has come to symbolize boundless government intrusions since 9/11.

The reenactment of the Patriot Act symbolizes how America is becoming an "attention deficit democracy" — characterized by pervasive negligence and ignorance throughout society and much of the government. Most Americans appear to no longer care whether there is any leash on government power.

Many Americans did try to stop this juggernaut. More than 400 cities and communities have passed resolutions condemning or opposing the Patriot Act. Yet Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), an opponent of the bill, perfectly captured what Congress did: "What we are seeing is quite simply a capitulation to the intransigent and misleading rhetoric of a White House that sees any effort to pro-

tect civil liberties as a sign of weakness."

The Founding Fathers intended Congress to be a vigorous check on and balance to executive power. But Congress has never done anything more than concoct fig-leaves for itself in response to public outrage over the Patriot Act. In late 2004, Congress mandated the creation of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. But the board is totally controlled by the branch of government committing the abuses. The president appoints all five board members, and the board is located in the White House. Bush dallied before announcing his picks, and then appointed as chairman the former co-chair of Lawyers for Bush-Cheney. The board never bothered to hold a single meeting.

With the Patriot Act renewal, Congress made what Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) described as "cosmetic changes" — and then congratulated themselves for defending civil liberties.

With the revised Patriot Act, it will be more difficult for the feds to seize public library records with a Section 215 search warrant (approved by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court). But the feds will still be able to seize library records by invoking other provisions in the law.

Businesses, nonprofit groups, and other organizations hit by Section 215 search warrants are prohibited from disclosing that they have been compelled to surrender customers' information and

other data to the feds. The new, improved Patriot Act will allow individuals and organizations hit by such searches to publicly complain about the intrusion — but only after they wait a year after they have been searched, and only if they can persuade a federal judge that the G-men acted in bad faith. A 365-day waiting period is Congress's notion of due process and fair play for American citizens.

The biggest Patriot Act bombshell of recent times detonated last November when the Washington Post revealed that the FBI is issuing 30,000 National Security Letters (NSLs) a year. The Patriot Act made it far easier for the FBI to use NSLs to compel private citizens, banks, nonprofits, and other entities to surrender information upon demand. These subpoenas, like Section 215 searches, are accompanied by a gag order: Anyone who discloses receiving such a "letter" can be sent to prison. FBI field offices issue NSLs on their own in cases that they claim involve international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities.

NSLs empower the FBI to seize records on people's earning, spending, travels, web searches, emails, and telephone calls. Each NSL can lasso the records of thousands of people. Federal judge Victor Marrero ruled that the Patriot Act's NSL provision "has the effect of authorizing coercive searches effectively immune from any judicial

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Guest Column

That port deal could make you nervous

by JIM HIGHTOWER
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It was big news when the Bushites authorized the United Arab Emirates to take over the operation of some U.S. ports. Behind the headlines, however, were several little revelations that seem to be somewhere between curious... and alarming.

Let's start with a fun one. Guess who was lobbying for the Arab company that was to take over the ports? Bob Dole! Yes, the former-GOP presidential nominee, who was last seen doing TV ads for Viagra, has been lobbying on behalf of

UAE's oil-rich monarchs. From selling Viagra to selling U.S. ports — what a guy!

And guess who also has a curious connection to the emirs? Daddy Bush! One of the seven ruling families of this al Qaida-linked monarchy is a major contributor to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, listed in the top donor category of, "\$1 million or more."

More alarming is the news that very few of our country's ports are American-operated these days. Unbeknownst to the public, 80 percent of our crucial seaport terminals are now run by entities flying the flags of Singapore, China, and other nations.

For me, however, the most stunning revelation is that — once again — no one at the top was on watch! George W. himself was totally unaware that the sale was even being considered until the news hit the media fan. Likewise,

Donnie Rumsfeld and Condi Rice were clueless — even though both sit on the committee that oversees such deals.

Worst of all, though, Michael Chertoff, the head of homeland security, was also blissfully ignorant! His sole job is to be on the alert for any and all security risks — but no one at this \$41.1 billion agency shook the secretary awake to say: "Sir, you might want to sneak a peak at this one."

The port deal reveals more about the White House than it does about the emirs. How can they be so scandalously blasé about our security?

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Inside Man'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

Glossy and gleefully mainstream, "Inside Man" is the least Spike Lee-ish Spike Lee joint ever, and his best film since 2002's "25th Hour" — which, come to think of it, was also a departure for him in terms of substance.

You wouldn't even know you were in Lee's hands were it not for the typically intrusive, horn-heavy score from his favorite composer, Terence Blanchard, and the frank talk about race that has been his signature for the last 20 years. (Some amusing asides about baseball and Brooklyn, two of Lee's favorite things, also allow him to slyly leave some familiar fingerprints.)

Maybe it's working from someone else's script that helps breathe fresh life into the veteran director's work. David Benioff wrote "25th Hour," about a New York drug dealer re-examining his life before surrendering to authorities, based on his novel of the same name. Lee took the material and made it a moving document of the city he loves, post-Sept. 11.

"Inside Man," about a meticulously planned robbery at a lower Manhattan bank, is the first produced script from Russell Gewirtz. Lee has taken Gewirtz's words and turned out a superbly cast, strongly acted action thriller that's suspenseful but never takes itself too seriously, thanks to a darkly funny undercurrent that runs through it.



"Inside Man," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R for language and some violent images. Running time: 129 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

Yes, the ending takes too long (another Lee trademark, unfortunately) and it's got some plot holes, but "Inside Man" is such a wholly engrossing escape that even if you do notice these shortcomings, you won't mind.

Denzel Washington re-teams with Lee following "Mo' Better Blues," "He Got Game" and his Oscar-nominated starring role in "Malcolm X" as longtime NYPD Detective Keith Frazier,

who's called in to negotiate when a band of thieves bursts into a bank and takes about 50 customers and employees hostage.

Led by smooth, arrogant mastermind Dalton Russell (Clive Owen, who can make any bad guy sexy) they swiftly shut the everyone downstairs and scoop up their keys and cell phones, brutally punishing those who disobey with dreams of playing the hero. In one particularly hard-to-watch moment, they make their prisoners strip down to their underwear in front of each other — one stubborn, elderly woman refuses and she, too, gets the beatdown — and put on coveralls and masks.

From there it's a skillfully paced game of back-and-forth, as Frazier and his partner, Bill

Mitchell (Chiwetel Ejiofor), try to outsmart Russell with the help of the no-nonsense tactical leader (Willem Dafoe, didn't we tell you it was a great cast?) and are thwarted every time.

(If you think this sounds like "Dog Day Afternoon," the people behind "Inside Man" know you're thinking this, and they pay homage to Sidney Lumet's 1975 classic by having Frazier refer to it outright. Smart move.)

By now, Lee clearly knows how to bring out the best in Washington, allowing him to be charming and commanding at the same time. Frazier's exchanges with the equally confident Russell are some of the film's most thrilling, and the most unexpectedly funny.

But then another wrinkle presents itself in the form of Madeline White (Jodie Foster), who has the vague occupation of functioning as a fixer for the wealthy and powerful. She's been called in on behalf of Arthur Case (Christopher Plummer), who founded the bank nearly 60 years earlier and has stashed something damaging in a safe deposit box that he'd like to keep secret.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

March began going out like a lamb this week, with only a few titles worthy of your rental dollar.

"Capote" — Phillip Seymour Hoffman's portrayal of Truman Capote anchors this drama which focuses on his writing of the true crime classic "In Cold Blood." Hoffman's Capote is not above manipulating two condemned killers in order to craft a book out of their 1959 slaughter of a small town family in Kansas. This is more of a character study than a plot driven film and viewer interest is ultimately sustained by Hoffman's work in the titular role.

"Chicken Little" — Kids will enjoy this film which follows Little's attempts to warn the populace of an impending alien invasion. His main challenge is that no one has forgotten his previous efforts to convince them that the sky was falling. Parents may be bored at times but the kids will eat this up.

"The Squid and the Whale" — The struggles of two adolescent boys to deal with their parents' ugly divorce is the main focus here. Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney are fine as the parents who become bitterly estranged while their sons suffer. Strong stuff with an ending that is honest, if a little downbeat.

"Dreamer" — If "Squid" leaves you low, then this film will bring you back from the edge. Kurt Russell stars as a Lexington horse trainer who gives in to his daughter's wishes and opts to nurse a racing horse back to health after its breaks its leg. The animal stages a fierce comeback which encourages his caregivers to enter him in the Breeder's Cup. Uplifting and enjoyable for the whole family.

"Derailed" — Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston try hard but ultimately cannot save this thriller which finds them in the midst of an extramarital affair. They fall under the influence of a blackmailer and must eventually outwit him in order to save their families. Slow going with a mid-story twist that will tempt you to stomp the DVD into little pieces.

"Fun with Dick and Jane" — Things only get worse with this comedy about the adult exploits of the stars of the young reader books. In order to live large, the pair find they must become bank robbers in this lowbrow effort that squanders the comedic talents of Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni.

"House of the Dead 2" — A low-budget sequel to the awful first, film which was based on a video game. This one is better

than the first (admittedly, that wasn't hard to pull off) and actually pokes fun at the original film. This time there is a zombie outbreak at a college and special forces are called in for an "Aliens"-type showdown.

"Tales from the Crypt: Season Three" — Fourteen more episodes of HBO's spook show are contained here on three discs. The highlights are "Yellow," starring Kirk Douglas as a general who must order his own son shot for cowardice, and "Carrion Death," in which a

bank robber must contend with a hungry vulture while wounded and stranded in the desert.

"Drive-in Movie Classics" — This collection from Mill Creek Entertainment gives you 50 grind house flicks on 12 DVDs. These are in no way perfect reproductions, but it's a great bargain at \$19.99. You also get a fair sampling of genres and notable contributors like Italian horror maestro Dario Argento, who has two films here, including "Creepers" (with Jennifer Connelly) and

"Unsane" (with Anthony Franciosa). Spanish horror giant Paul Naschy is here in "Vengeance of the Zombies" and "Werewolf vs. the Vampire Women." The collection also includes faves like "Invasion of the Bee Girls" and "Don't Look in the Basement."

Next week look for Robert Englund's ("Freddy Krueger") return to his horror roots with "2001 Maniacs" and be sure to scope out Peter Jackson's remake of "King Kong" in a two-disc special edition.

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SATURDAY EVENING		MARCH 25, 2006															
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7:00	TBS	You've Got Mail (1998)	White You Were Sleeping (1995)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)	Mr. Deeds (2002)	Something to Talk About (1995)	Conviction (2002)	Saturday Night Live	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
7:00	NBC	PGA Golf: The Players Championship - Third Round	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)	Mr. Deeds (2002)	Something to Talk About (1995)	Conviction (2002)	Saturday Night Live	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
7:00	PBS	Inside Ky. (In Stereo)	Bookclub at KET	The Lawrence Walk Show To America With Love	Find! (In Stereo)	The Red Green Show	Kentucky Life Kentucky Afield	Exploring Space: The Quest for Life (N) (In Stereo)	Austin City Limits "Damien Rice; Patty Griffin" (In Stereo)	Independent Lens "Troop 1500" (N) (In Stereo)	Da Vinci's Inquest	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
7:00	ABC	That's Funny (In Stereo)	The Drew Carey Show	News	ABC World News Tonight	Paid Program (In Stereo)	The Insider (In Stereo)	Signs (2002)	The Evidence "Pilot" (In Stereo)	24 "Day 2: 9:00 - 10:00AM" (In Stereo)	Da Vinci's Inquest	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
7:00	WGN	MLB Preseason Baseball: Athletics at Cubs	Ultimate Arena Paintball	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final - Teams TBA (Live)	How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	48 Hours Mystery (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	
7:00	CBS	NASCAR Racing	Paid Program	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Friends (In Stereo)	Everybody Raymond	Cops "Coast to Coast" (In Stereo)	Cops "Coast to Coast" (In Stereo)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (N) (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	
7:00	FOX	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final	How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	48 Hours Mystery (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	
7:00	ESPN	Skating: Figure Skating: World Championships - Women's and Pairs-Free Skate	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters
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7:00	A&E	Move House	Amer. Justice	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos
7:00	TNN	"Death Warrant"	Amer. Justice	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos
7:00	NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	All Grown Up	Danny Phantom	Oppenheims	SpongeBob	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Fico Di Capo" (In Stereo)
7:00	USA	"Undercover Brother"	Edie Sedgwick	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to a Wedding"
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7:00	LIFE	"Someone She Knows"	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone	Augusta, Gone
7:00	ESPN2	Horse Racing (Live)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final
7:00	AMC	"The Spy Who Loved Me"	Wakabayashi	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice	You Only Live Twice
7:00	HGTV	First Place	FreeStyle	Debbie Travis' Facelift	Get Color	House	Design Inc.	Divine Design	First Place	reDesign	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	Design-Dime
7:00	SCIFI	"Thirteen Ghosts"	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts	Thirteen Ghosts
7:00	HIST	The Real Tomb Hunters: Snakes, Scorpions and Booby Traps	Modern Marvels	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle
7:00	TOC	Motorcycle Racing	The Next Bite	Birdnutter	Outdoor	About Fish	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle	Alaska's Bloodiest Battle
7:00	HBO	"The Ring Two"	A Cinderella Story	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date	The Wedding Date
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7:00	HBO3	"Catwoman"	Vanity Fair	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood	Deadwood
7:00	MAX	"Sling Blade"	King of the Hill	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire
7:00	DISN	Emperor New	The Buzz on Maggie	Life With Derek	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
7:00	SHOW	"Without a Paddle"	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle	Without a Paddle
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7:00	TBS	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)	Mr. Deeds (2002)	Something to Talk About (1995)	Conviction (2002)	Saturday Night Live	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
7:00	NBC	PGA Golf: The Players Championship - Final Round	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)	Mr. Deeds (2002)	Something to Talk About (1995)	Conviction (2002)	Saturday Night Live	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!
7:00	PBS	The This Old House (In Stereo)	New Yankee Workshop	Victory Garden	Keeping Up Appearances	Summer Wine	As Time Goes By	Masterpiece Theatre: The King of the Hill (Part 1 of 2)	Grey's Anatomy "Who's Your Boy?" (In Stereo)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (In Stereo)	Extra (N) (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Just Shoot Me!
7:00	ABC	IndyCar Racing: Toyota Indy 300 (Live)	News	ABC World News Tonight	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (In Stereo)	Maximum Exposure	24										

House sets up further state budget negotiations, deny Senate plan

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Top House Democrats scoffed at the GOP-led Senate's budget counterproposal Wednesday, setting up a round of negotiations between the two chambers on how the state should divvy about \$18 billion over the next two years.

Rep. Harry Moberly, the House budget chairman, called the Senate plan "quite painful" and said it was "not good for education at any level." Moments later, House members voted against the Senate's budget plan — a parliamentary procedure required to begin the talks aimed at resolving budgetary differences between the

two chambers.

"I would sort of compare it to peeling an onion," said Moberly, D-Richmond. "Each page that you turn, you cry a little bit more."

Senate lawmakers approved their budget proposal on a 38-0 vote Tuesday, and the House passed its version on a 99-0 vote earlier this month. Whether lawmakers can reach a compromise in their budget negotiations remains to be seen.

Lawmakers have a track record of leaving Frankfort without passing a state budget.

Negotiations broke down in 2002 and 2004, prompting lawmakers to scramble the following years to pass a budget. Then-Gov. Paul Patton and Gov.

Ernie Fletcher ran state government — during the budgetary voids — on executive spending plans.

There were numerous differences between the chambers' spending blueprints, which could become points of contention during their talks.

Among them could lie the fate of a proposed multipurpose arena in downtown Louisville. Fletcher and Senate President David Williams have pushed for building the arena along Louisville's riverfront. However, the House plan recommended building the facility at an alternate site further inland. Both plans contained the state's share of \$75 million.

Moberly said the Senate bud-

get was "not good for children" and was lacking in money for education. For instance, the Senate plan removed a House-endorsed appropriation of \$50 million for new technology in Kentucky's public schools, Moberly said.

Senate lawmakers also included an additional two school days — a plan endorsed by Fletcher in his own budget proposal. Moberly said his Senate counterparts "added days to the calendar, but didn't pay for it."

Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said budgeters would likely reconsider some of the university projects

that had been cut to "see if we can justify funding" them.

Lawmakers are scheduled to finish most of their work by Monday and take a break before returning in April to consider any possible gubernatorial vetoes.

Borders said he thought budget talks could last through the

weekend or they could be resolved more quickly.

"Obviously each chamber feels pretty good about what they sent forward. So if we just go back and look at the differences, you would think we could pull a budget together in a day or two," Borders said. "But that remains to be seen."

Senate passes bill to require drug testing for miners

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill that would require drug screenings for coal miners won unanimous approval in the Kentucky Senate on Wednesday.

The Senate made only a minor change to the version that passed the House previously. The measure returns to the House for what could be a final vote.

The measure is aimed at improving safety in Kentucky mines by keeping workers who abuse drugs out of underground workplaces.

The screenings would be required before miners are hired. Miners would then be randomly tested after they begin work. Coal miners who test positive for drugs would have their certification revoked.

Three years ago, marijuana was found at the scene of a blasting accident that killed one

man and seriously injured another in a Floyd County underground mine. An employee told investigators he saw miners snorting crushed painkillers.

In a series of public meetings over the past year, state regulators heard from coal operators and miners who said drug abuse had become widespread and needed to be dealt with.

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process." (The Bush administration is appealing the ruling).

The White House hyped the Patriot Act renewal as a political triumph. The Associated Press reported, "Republicans declared victory as they sought to polish their national security credentials this midterm election year." Republicans prattled on about how the revised Patriot Act provides "safeguards." Apparently, a "safeguard" is anything that a government official can mention when asked about possible abuses of federal powers.

If enough Americans comprehend this "patriot" charade, it will become far more difficult for the White House and Congress to pull off similar infringements on freedom in the future. At the very least, citizens can still make it hot for anyone in Washington who betrays his oath to uphold the Constitution.

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Not to give anything away, but this detail does beg the question: Why did he hang onto this item when he would have been so much better off destroying it? Never mind, it's just fun to see Foster play against type in a quasi-villainous role: a well-connected, well-spoken social climber who's all business beneath her cool, blond exterior.

Plummer's character, meanwhile, would have gotten along beautifully over Scotch-soaked lunches with the globe-trotting power broker he played last year in "Syriana."

Throwing together such a diverse cross-section of humanity — both inside and outside the bank — raises issues of race and class which couldn't be more relevant. Frazier interrogates a suspect, finds out he's Armenian, confuses him with being Albanian and asks, "What's the difference?" Another cop has no problem referring to a 12-year-old Hispanic boy by using a racial slur.

And one of the hostages, tossed by his captors into the street to deliver a message to police, immediately becomes a suspect by virtue of the turban on his head.

"He's an Arab!" one SWAT officer yells out in fear.

"I'm a Sikh," he explains.

Finding out what's the difference — and doing so with vibrant dialogue and unsettling humor — is what makes this a Spike Lee Joint after all.

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High Court says all ingredients unnecessary for meth conviction

by **ROGER ALFORD**
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FRANKFORT — The conviction of a Kentucky man on a

charge of manufacturing methamphetamine will stand even though he did not have all the ingredients necessary to produce the homemade drug, the

Supreme Court ruled on Thursday.

Jeffrey Matheny, 39, of Crofton, had gone on a shopping spree on March 4, 2001,

purchasing four boxes of cold medicine, three cans of automobile starting fluid, and a gallon of drain cleaner on a series of stops in the western Kentucky town of Madisonville.

The manager of a Rite Aid pharmacy, suspicious of Matheny's purchases of Sudafed, called police. Officers searched Matheny's car, found 396 cold and allergy pills along with the other items, and arrested him and his wife. He was later convicted of manufacturing meth, a highly addictive drug that can be made by using everyday cold and allergy medicines as key ingredients.

Justice John Roach, writing for the majority, said a state law that went into effect last year clearly spells out that people are guilty of manufacturing meth if

they knowingly possess at least two chemicals or two pieces of equipment used in the production process.

The precedent-setting decision reverses a previous Supreme Court position that required people to have all the chemicals necessary or all equipment necessary to produce the drug.

Since that decision was rendered about two years ago, Roach said "it has become increasingly clear" that requiring a person to possess all chemicals for a conviction "defies common sense." Justice William Graves, who was part of the majority that issued the previous opinion, agreed with Roach.

"I consider it my duty to admit a mistake when the

opportunity and circumstances compel remediation," he said in a separate opinion supporting the majority ruling.

Chief Justice Joseph Lambert along with justices Will T. Scott, Donald Wintersheimer agreed with Roach's opinion.

Justices William Cooper and Martin Johnstone dissented.

In his dissent, Cooper called the majority's opinion "a startling display of judicial activism."

Cooper said the issue was revisited after one justice changed his mind and two new justices joined the court. He said the majority's opinion was crafted "without benefit of briefing or oral argument, and without either party suggesting that it do so."

Special legislation for prototype power plant heads to governor

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislators in Kentucky have given their approval to legislation intended to help the state in the competition for a \$1 billion experiment to create the world's cleanest coal-fired electric-generating plant.

The FutureGen project is intended to create a prototype power plant that would turn coal into a hydrogen-rich gas that would then be used to produce electricity or fuel pollution-free vehicles.

Kentucky is among several states — including Illinois, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming — expected to vie for the project.

The FutureGen Industrial Alliance, an international consortium of coal producers and users that has partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy to design and construct the facility, issued a call for proposals two weeks ago. The alliance will develop a list of possible construction sites by this summer.

Legislation that would exempt the project from review by a state board that approves construction sites quickly passed through the House and Senate. The Senate gave final approval on Thursday.

Jodi Whitaker, spokeswoman for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, said he supports the legislation and will sign it into law.

"I actually think everybody recognizes the importance of this project to Kentucky and to the nation's future energy strategy and to our security," said state Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore, sponsor of the legislation. "To be able to use coal to generate electricity and hydrogen, and to do it with practically zero emissions, would be a terrific advance forward for the world."

Andrew McNeill, acting executive director for the state Office of Energy Policy, said the project would create 1,000 to 1,500 construction jobs and 100 to 150 permanent high-tech jobs. He said quick action by legislators shows they realize how important the project could be to the state.

"Kentucky should be a center for moving this country forward in terms of its energy future," said McNeill, who has been heavily involved in the project

for the Fletcher administration. Other states are taking steps of their own to win the project.

In Wyoming, legislation is being considered to give companies a tax exemption on the sale or purchase of equipment used to construct new, high-tech coal

gasification plants. That legislation was aimed in part at the FutureGen project's coal gasification plant.

Texas has already identified two sites for the plant, one near Odessa, the other close to Jewett.

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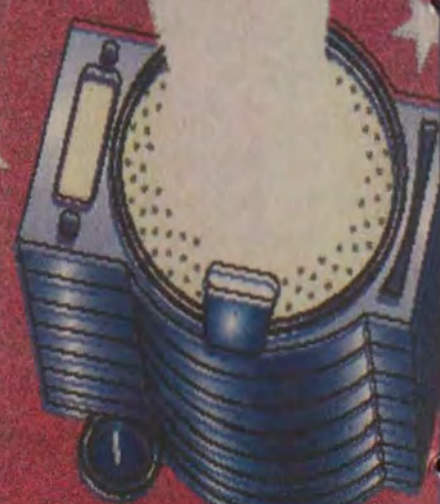
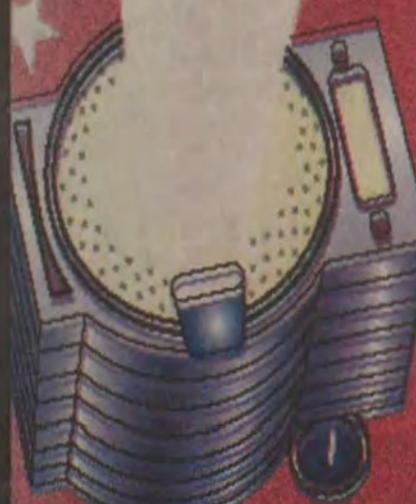
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Blackcats begin spring practice

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — You wouldn't know it by the temperature outside, but spring has arrived. For the Prestonsburg High School football program, spring drills are at the top of the workout list.

Prestonsburg got spring practice underway Monday. The Blackcats headed into their fourth day of spring drills Thursday. Each of the first three days of spring workouts — due to the cold temperatures and winter-like weather — kept the Blackcats inside. Prestonsburg coaches were hoping to get out on the field for the first spring practice session Thursday evening.

"We've been able to get in some work inside," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "These guys have been working hard. Our offseason workouts leading up to spring practice were also good."

Fifty-eight Prestonsburg High players have been out for spring drills.

"We're real pleased with the numbers," DeRossett said. "Spring practice is a great thing for Kentucky high school football. We wanted to get in a week of practice before Spring Break."

Spring Break for Floyd County schools is scheduled to run all next week, March 27-31. The PHS football program has athletes in a variety of spring sports, including

baseball, track and field and tennis.

Prestonsburg finished the 2005 season with a 4-7 record. The Blackcats ended the regular-season third in Class 2A. District 8 following back-to-back runner-up district and runner-up finishes to eventual state champ Belfry. Prestonsburg ended its season with a loss to Middlesboro in the opening round of the Class 2A State Playoffs.

In looking to return to its normal role as a Class 2A, Region 4 title contender, Prestonsburg will again follow a similar path with remaining busy most year-round.

"We've already got a lot of things going for the summer in terms of passing leagues and workouts," DeRossett added.



file photo
Seniors Brenton Hamilton (left) and David Shaffer (right) helped lead the Blackcats during the 2005 season.

UK fans have hope

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Basketball season in Kentucky ended for a lot of people last Sunday afternoon when a surprisingly inspired group of Wildcats fell short of the nation's best team,

the UConn Huskies.

As a result, we will watch the remaining 15 games from an odd angle, that being afar. It's not a place Kentuckians are used to, but we were assured in Sunday's postgame presser that changes would be made.

Personally I was pretty thrilled to see this quote from Tubby Smith: "We'll not go through another season like this, I promise you." There are two reasons:

One, it shows the coach was at least as disgusted by what he saw as the rest of us. Remember, it was probably worse on him; he had to suffer through all the practices we weren't privy to. And B, the first part of the first word of the quote: He said "We." As in, I'll be back and heads will roll.

The last time we received this blessed assurance from our beloved Orlando was after "Team Turmoil" finished its season, and if memory serves, heads did indeed roll.

Now, who exactly have we seen wearing blue and white for the last time? Let's take a look.

Ramel Bradley. The sophomore averaged 7.3 points and little else. A "shooting" guard, he hit 40.1 percent from the floor and an abysmal 30.1 percent from the arc. Any question as to how Smith felt about him was answered when he foolishly broke his hand late in the season and the coach could hardly contain his amusement. **Future:**

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KSP recognizes Knott County student



photos courtesy of KSP

ABOVE: Knott County Central High School student Martin Patrick, of Emmalena (center), was recognized for his winning efforts in the Kentucky State Police "Drive To Stay Alive" program at the Boys' Sweet Sixteen High School Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington on March 18. He received a \$2,500 scholarship check from the Kentucky Automobile Dealer's Association (KADA). Joining him are (left to right): Lt. Col. Dean Hayes, director of the KSP Operations Division; KADA President Ron Jackson; National Automobile Dealer's Association board member Jack Kain; KSP Trooper Joey King, KADA Chairman Kevin Collins; KSP Post 13 Public Affairs Officer Trooper Tony Watts; Patrick's mother, Patricia Short, and stepfather Randal Slone.

BELOW: On behalf of the Kentucky State Police Professional Association, Lt. Todd Henson presented a \$500 check to David Stamper, assistant principal of Knott County Central High School, at the Boy's Sweet Sixteen High School Basketball Tournament in Lexington on March 18. The association donated the money to the school in recognition of Martin Patrick, a Knott County Central student, who placed first in KSP's "Drive To Stay Alive" program.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Martin Patrick, a Knott County Central High School student from Emmalena, was recognized by the Kentucky State Police (KSP) at center court in Rupp Arena on March 18 at the semifinals of the Boy's Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament.

As the top performer in KSP's "Drive To Stay Alive" program, Patrick received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Kentucky Automobile Dealer's Association for his efforts in promoting highway safety and seat belt use among teenagers. His school received a \$500 check from the Kentucky State Police Professional Association.

"I commend this young man for his noble efforts to help save lives," said KSP Commissioner Mark Miller. "Of the 985

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Floyd NWTF chapter to host youth hunt

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will sponsor and host a Youth Wild Turkey Hunt on April 1 on the Dewey Lake WMA. The chapter will meet with participants at Terry's Boat Ramp at 6 a.m. for registration and breakfast (egg sandwiches and drinks). After registration, hunting parties may go their own way to hunt. Also, a boat will be available to shuffle the parties to different areas on the WMA. All youth hunters will receive a free Jakes membership to the National Wild Turkey Federation and all turkeys taken will be registered in the NWTF record books. All local, state, and federal regulations apply during the Youth Hunt. Breakfast will be available only to the hunting

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Lady Hornets fall in state tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN — Magoffin County failed to advance out of the opening round of the girls' state basketball tournament Wednesday night. The Lady Hornets, however, didn't go away without pushing 5th Region champion Elizabethtown. Kabrenda Warfield put together a double-double effort of 17 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Lady Panthers (27-6) to a 49-43 opening round win.

Elizabethtown won, despite committing 30 turnovers. The Lady Panthers controlled the boards, outrebounding Magoffin

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O'Reilly DirtCar Series readies for busy month

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts, the nation's most competitive regional racing series in 2005, will kick off its 2006 season with over \$120,000 in purse money up for grabs during the seven events scheduled for the month of April. The 2006 campaign will begin with back-to-back shows at the Ponderosa Speedway on April 7-8.

Coming off a season that provided 18 different winners in 20 races, as well as a deadlock between Mike Jewell and Tim Tungate for the championship title, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series barges into 2006

with a 24-race schedule, seven of which are in the month of April. In addition, the series will also sanction the first ever Kentucky Speedweek presented by Sunoco, May 29-June 2.

The 2006 season will kick off with two complete shows at the Larry Yantz-promoted Ponderosa Speedway in Junction City, April 7-8. On Friday, April 7, the 3rd Annual Spring 40 will pay \$3,000 to the winner. On Saturday, April 8, the inaugural Ponderosa 50 will pay \$5,000 for first place. Each night will feature a complete program for the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series with Racing Optics Time Trials, Heats, B-Mains, and an A-

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file photo

Allen driver Chuckie May is a regular competitor in the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series.

NARA BoB Modified Series releases '06 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series has released its tentative schedule for 2006. Each NARA BoB Open Wheel Modified scheduled event during the upcoming season will pay \$1500 to win.

The schedule includes a pair of Eastern Kentucky stops at 201 Speedway.

The NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series will begin its third season at Lake Cumberland Speedway on Saturday, April 22. Races two and three will find the series at

Junction City's Ponderosa Speedway on Friday, May 19 and Richmond Raceway on Saturday, May 20. The series will close out the month of May with the 6th Annual Mod Squad Bash at Bluegrass Speedway on Saturday.

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Bentley

Outta town.
Rajon Rondo. Another poor-shooting sophomore, Rondo was inconsistent and unhappy this season as he muddled his way to decent numbers (11.2 point, 6.1 rebounds, 4.9 assists, 2.0 steals). Tubby said Tuesday night Rondo would "probably" enter June's NBA draft and if he does, the player shouldn't expect his coach to hold a scholarship for him after last year's fiasco with Randolph Morris. **Future:** Draft bound.
Lukasz Obrzut and Shagari Alleyne. We'll tackle these guys together because they're essentially the same player (too bad together they can't make a good one).
 Normally I hold that players who have one year left don't transfer, and that Smith is basically stuck with them. But by keeping "Big Woo" on the sideline for all 80 minutes of the NCAA tournament, Smith let the whole world know how badly he wanted him back.
 As for Shag, he'll probably return, but nobody's going to

be overly excited about a guy who puts up ok numbers against mid-majors and is confined to the bench on most conference nights. **Future:** Even though both have only a year remaining, I'd be surprised if both return. At least one needs to go.
Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas. Again, basically the same player, who play the same position equally poorly. The best thing for both of these guys would be for Rock Oliver to make his triumphant return as strength coach. These are the weakest two power forwards in the country and we're stuck with both of them.
 Thomas is miserable and Perry is only mildly better (before you "Yeah but" me and start throwing out his 22.5 ppg in the NCAA, remember that in three SEC games he totaled 24.) Mediocrity, thy name is Perry Thomas. **Future:** Better hope for a miracle in the weight room, because we're stuck with both of these guys for next year.
Adam Williams. I know

what you're thinking (Who?), but yes, there was a Kentucky Wildcat with that name this season. He played in 20 minutes in seven games *all season long*. You guys know I love Tubby Smith, but the coach did him a tremendous disservice by not redshirting him. **Future:** If I was him, I'd find an NAIA school and hit the road.
Joe Crawford. The hardest nut to crack in this whole bag, I really like Crawford and think he's got the biggest upside on the roster, but something tells me he and Tubby aren't exactly on the same page. Another in a long list of inconsistent players, Crawford had reached double figures in five straight games before totaling only three points in the NCAA.
 I could be wrong, but I have a feeling he'll leave for good this time. **Future:** How ironic that Michigan State's Tom Izzo made nearly the exact same speech as Tubby after the Spartans were bounced in the first round.
Randolph Morris. Even he ain't that dumb ... is he? **Future:** Comfortable in Wildcat Lodge, for at least one more year.
Rekalin Sims. Look, everybody can't leave. The best thing Sims could do is schedule a meeting with his coach and say, "Seriously, whatever I did, I'm sorry and it'll never happen again." Game after miserable game I watched Perry and Thomas struggle and wondered why Sims stayed glued to the bench. After the Kansas game on Jan. 7 he logged 10 or more minutes only three times. Why? I can only assume he was lethargic in practice. **Future:** Here ... grudgingly.
Jared Carter. See Adam Williams, but with a different ending. **Future:** Says here he gives it one more year.

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Student

people who died on Kentucky roadways last year, 101 were teen-agers. Sixty-three of these teens were not wearing seat belts. In order to reduce these needless deaths, we must educate our young people that the use of seat belts is one of the best defenses in a motor vehicle collision."
 In October of 2005, Patrick joined 22 other high school students from 18 high schools throughout the state for the five-day "Drive To Stay Alive" training program in Frankfort. Certified driving instructors from the Kentucky State Police Academy provided the training. The course included topics such as vehicle dynamics and skid control, safety belts and airbags, impaired driving, off-road recovery, evasive maneuvering, controlled braking, multiple turns and lane interchange. The students also received three days of hands-on driving instruction at the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta.
 After completing the course, the students were provided with educational materials and programs for use in presentations to their fellow students in their home school districts. They were also partnered with a

trooper from one of KSP's 16 posts throughout the state to assist them.
 The students were evaluated on the number of programs presented, seat belt pledges signed, media interviews and stories generated, increased use of seat belts observed on school grounds and other activities emphasizing highway safety.
 Patrick's winning effort included 61 highway safety presentations to students and more than 1,100 seat belt pledges signed.
 According to Lt. Eric Walker, commander of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, the KSP branch that coordinates the Drive To Stay Alive Program, fifty-four of the state's 120 counties recorded teen driving fatalities in 2005.
 "Jefferson County accounted for the most teen deaths with eight, followed by Laurel County with six and Taylor County with five. Warren, Bath and Bullitt counties had four each with Fayette, Hardin, Jessamine, Pike and Trigg reporting three each," he said. "Ballard, Butler, Campbell, Casey, Garrard, Grant, Hart, Kenton, Logan, Madison, Perry and Russell counties had two teen highway

fatalities each with 31 other counties reporting one each."
 "A closer look at the numbers is even more revealing," he adds. "Sixty-eight of the fatalities were male and 33 were female. Nineteen were 16 years old, 28 were 17 years old, 28 were 18 years old and 26 were 19 years old. Sixty of the fatalities were drivers of the vehicle, 38 were passengers and two were pedestrians."
 "These statistics point out the need to make our roadways safer through graduated licensing programs, primary seat belt laws and training such as the Drive To Stay Alive course," notes Miller.
 "Nationally, teenage driving fatalities are reaching epidemic levels," he adds. "According to the National Safety Council, nearly one out of every five fatalities involves a driver between 16 and 20 years of age. To reduce this loss of human potential, we must provide teens with practical guidance and driver training that will help them save their own lives as well as the lives of others on the road."
 Patrick is the son of Patricia Short and stepson of Randall Slone, of Emmalena.

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Hornets

County 42-29.
 The Lady Hornets struggled offensively, shooting just 30 percent ((18-for-60) from the floor. Magoffin County was a dismal 1-of-17 from three-point land. The 15th Region champ managed to make the game interesting. Magoffin County

and Elizabethtown were deadlocked at 23-all in the third quarter before Elizabethtown mounted a game-deciding run.
 Calloray Howard led Magoffin County (26-6) with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Britany Manns pushed in 14 points for the Lady Hornets, giving

Magoffin County two players in double figures. Magoffin County was making its first Sweet 16 appearance following a 15th Region title game victory over Pike County Central.
 The Lady Panthers led by as many as 15 points in the final quarter.

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Series

Main.
 After Ponderosa, the series travels north on I-75 to the King Family's Florence Speedway, April 14-15. Once again, two complete shows for the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will find the winner cashing a \$3000 paycheck for Friday, April 14 during the Spring 50 Tune-Up and then a \$5000 top prize for Saturday, April 15 during the Spring 50.
 The third weekend of April, the series makes its first stop of the season to the Tim Keithley promoted Brownstown Speedway in Brownstown, Ind., for the highly-anticipated 23rd Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic

paying \$3,000 to win on April 22.
 The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series will close out the month of April with a doubleheader weekend. On April 28, the Modified series will stop at the Richmond Raceway. On April 29, the series will take to the Bluegrass Speedway racing surface. Richmond's Friday night special will pay \$3,000 to win. The 9th Annual Spring Sizzler at Bluegrass Speedway will also pay \$3000 to win.
 2006 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series April Schedule
 April 7 - Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$3,000 to win

(3rd Annual Spring 40)
 April 8 - Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$5,000 to win (1st Annual Ponderosa 50)
 April 14 - Florence Speedway, Union, \$3,000 to win (Spring 50 Tune-Up)
 April 15 - Florence Speedway, Union, \$5,000 to win (Spring 50)
 April 22 - Brownstown Speedway, Brownstown, Ind., \$3,000 to win (23rd Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic)
 April 28 - Richmond Raceway, Richmond, \$3,000 to win (Spring Shootout)
 April 29 - Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$3,000 to win (9th Annual Spring Sizzler)

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Modified

May 27.
 On Saturday, June 3, the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modifieds will head to Eastern Kentucky for the first trip of the year to the 201 Speedway. The series will then venture back to Lake Cumberland Speedway on Saturday, July 1.
 The BoB "Mod Squad" will start the month of August back at Johnson County's 201 Speedway on Saturday, Aug. 5. A doubleheader weekend will then follow with visits to Larry Yantz's Ponderosa Speedway on Friday, Aug. 11 and Bluegrass Speedway on Saturday, Aug. 12 for the 6th Annual Bluegrass Rumble. The series ends the balmy month of August with its second trip of the season to the Richmond Raceway on Saturday, Aug. 19.
 The 2006 season for the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series is scheduled to come to a close in September. The series is slated to make its third visit of the sea-

son to Richmond Raceway on Saturday, Sept. 16. The final race of the season is set for Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Lake Cumberland Speedway.
 Joey Kramer, a native of Hanover, Ind., is the defending NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series

Champion. Columbia native Kelly Warren won the inaugural series title in 2004.
 For more information on the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series, go online to www.battleofthebluegrass.com or call the series office at 859/271-4501.

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 May 27 - Bluegrass Speedway, Sixth Annual Mod Squad Bash Bardstown, \$1500
 June 3 - 201 Speedway, Sitka, \$1500
 July 1 - Lake Cumberland Speedway, Burnside, \$1500
 Aug. 5 - 201 Speedway, Sitka, \$1500
 Aug. 11 - Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$1500
 Aug. 12 - Bluegrass Speedway, 6th Annual Bluegrass Rumble Bardstown, \$1500
 Aug. 19 - Richmond Raceway Richmond, \$1500
 Sept. 16 - Richmond Raceway Richmond, \$1500
 Sept. 23 - Lake Cumberland Speedway Burnside, \$1500

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Kahne wins rain-postponed Atlanta race; Lester finishes 38th

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Bill Lester would like to be known as just another race car driver.

"I'm looking forward to when it's about racing instead of race," Lester said Monday after becoming the first black driver to race in NASCAR's top stock car series in 2006.

It was a historic day for the sport but a mixture of pride and embarrassment for the 45-year-old Lester, who finished 38th, six laps behind 25-year-old winner Kasey Kahne in the race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"I don't really deserve all the attention I've gotten," Lester said. Still, he was thrilled by the experience of racing against the Cup drivers in the Golden Corral 500, postponed from Sunday because of rain.

"It was a very significant learning experience for me," said Lester, the first black driver to make races more exciting for fans and more competitive for drivers.

But reactions from the guys on the track have been mixed, to say the least. Jeff Burton calls it a travesty. Dale Earnhardt Jr. is looking forward to it. Jeremy Mayfield is OK with whatever is done.

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earn some respect from the other Cup drivers Monday.

"I was able to bring it home in one piece and able to build up my database of knowledge," he said. "There were some opportunities for me to take some chances and I could have gotten in the way. But I'm not trying to do that."

Lester, who also plans to drive Cup races at Michigan International Speedway in June and California Speedway in September, said, "I'm eager. I can't hardly wait until June."

Asked who he was representing on the racetrack, the smile Lester had been wearing since the end of the race disappeared.

"I represented myself," he said. "I'm doing this for myself and for my family."

"I'm glad so many people, especially from the minority community, have taken note of what it is I'm doing, but I drive for Bill Lester. At the end of the day, if it wasn't for my self belief, I wouldn't be here."

Kahne, the top Cup rookie in 2004, slumped last year. But he's started this season with four strong performances, including an 11th-place run at Daytona and two fourth-place finishes before earning the second victory of his career.

His first win came last May in

Richmond and was the highlight of a difficult sophomore season.

"We had momentum," said Kahne, who also finished second to Jeff Burton in Saturday's Busch Series race here. "We've had momentum all weekend long."

It was the first victory at Atlanta for a Dodge in 29 years, since Richard Petty won here in 1977. It was also only the fourth win by a Charger since the model was introduced at the start of the 2005 season.

Struggling with a balance problem, only Kahne, his Evernham Motorsports teammate Jeremy Mayfield and Penske Racing South driver Ryan Newman won with Chargers last year. The car has been such a handful that two Dodge teams, Penske and Petty Enterprises, have gone back to the 2004 Intrepids for some races.

Kahne said Monday's victory was significant because he was able to overcome early handling problems with adjustments by his crew during the race.

"Everything that's gone on has been a plus for us," Kahne said. "The Chargers they've built for us at Evernham Motorsports and the engines, everything is running really well. It just took us a little time today to

get it right."

Mark Martin made a late run at Kahne, driving his Ford alongside and nosing ahead of Kahne's No. 9 Charger 12 laps from the end of the 325-lap event. But Martin had to back off when his car began to slide and he wasn't able to challenge the leader again.

Kahne, who led 85 laps including the final 80, finished 1.929 seconds — about 20 car lengths — ahead of Martin.

"Once he got back out front, he stepped it up a notch," Martin said. "If I could have got in front of him, I might have been able to take his line away and get it done. When we got there, my tires were gone and his were, too. But he was in front."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was third, his best finish of the year. He was followed by Jeff Gordon, reigning series champion Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson and Paul Menard, making only his third Cup start.

Johnson, who won two races and finished second in the other heading into Monday's event, will go to Bristol, Tenn., next weekend holding a 50-point lead over new runner-up Kahne in the standings.

Matt Kenseth, who came into the race in second, was one of

PRN broadcasting live from Bristol Motor Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The Performance Racing Network continues its hectic pace as this weekend's action at Bristol Motor Speedway will be its third NEXTEL Cup and Busch Series doubleheader in a row.

The Performance Racing Network's broadcast of the Food City 500 will be heard on more than 470 radio stations, XM Satellite Radio channel 144 and NASCAR.com. Listeners can find a complete station list at gopr.com. Fast Talk Live, with Doug Rice and Mark Garrow, a driver interview show, will be broadcast live at Food City Family Race Night Thursday at MeadowView Convention Center in Kingsport from 6-7 p.m.

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Turns: Rob Albright
Pits: Pat Patterson, Steve Richards, Brett McMillan

several drivers who had tire problems Monday and, after running near the front several times, finished 13th and trails Johnson by 78 points.

Monday, with fewer than 20,000 of the estimated 80,000

spectators returning after sitting in the rain hoping in vain for the race to start Sunday, the race was run under a blanket of gray clouds with temperatures in the low 50s. But the predicted rain held off.

Las Vegas Speedway gambling on a new high-speed oval

by TOM GARDNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas Motor Speedway is upping the ante on a proven winner by redesigning its tri-oval, hoping to make races more exciting for fans and more competitive for drivers.

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The \$27 million speedway reconfiguration will include

trackside condominiums. Track work began this month and will be finished in time for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck race Sept. 23, according to speedway spokesman Jeff Motley.

It will elevate the banking in the turns from the current 12 degrees to 20 degrees, while slimming down the track from 70 feet to 55 feet. Pit road will be moved closer to the grandstands, and the garages and infield will be rebuilt.

"We certainly don't have boring racing here now, but we will have more exciting racing in the future," said speedway general manager Chris Powell. "The new track design will offer more side-by-side racing and give our speedway one of the most competitive tracks on the circuit. It's all about the fans."

Kurt Busch said his uncertainty about the modifications changed after he talked with some people.

"They came and did such a good job the first time around

with it. I'm like, 'Man, there's nothing wrong with it at all.' Then hearing about some of the ideas and hearing the fans' remarks about this track ... the place will be fast and you'll get that side-by-side action."

His brother, who finished third in the March 12 UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 while Jimmie Johnson was edging past Matt Kenseth at the finish line, said the track already is good.

"It's a really great race track the way it is now," Kyle Busch said.

He outraced his brother here last year, when they finished second and third behind Johnson.

Kyle Busch sidestepped a question at the post-race news conference when he was asked if he thought flat track racing was boring for fans to watch.

"I don't know. I wasn't outside the car," he said. "Whether it's a boring race, I don't know."

A virtual sellout of more than 150,000 fans turned out for this

month's race, bundled up in temperatures hovering in the low 50s. The Las Vegas race track draws capacity crowds even if most races have lacked the drama of this year's finish. The wide, flat track is prone to long periods of green flag racing and little passing.

The reconfiguration of the track is part of a \$300 million makeover of Las Vegas Motor Speedway that will include a two-level, four-building garage area with a 52,000-square-foot roof deck that will let fans look down on the garage stalls. Windows on the lower level also will allow close-up views of the teams at work.

Kurt Busch gives the project high marks on that score.

"What I saw down at Daytona when they built the new garage section with the big glass windows and the fan deck where they can enjoy it and check it out from the infield perspective — that's what this place needs," he said. "The infield

perspective."

More than a third of the cost of the renovation is earmarked for Trophy Towers, a 127-unit condominium project proposed to overlook the first turn of the 1.5-mile speedway.

"Las Vegas is all about glitz and glamor. This speedway will be as spectacular as anything on the Las Vegas Strip when we are finished," Speedway Motorsports Inc. chairman Bruton Smith said as he announced the venture during the Las Vegas race weekend.

The condominium project will join those at three other Speedway Motorsports tracks — Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Atlanta Motor Speedway and Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

Smith has made no secret of his desire to add a second Nextel Cup race in Las Vegas — as long as it doesn't come from one of his tracks, which also include Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee and Infineon Race-

way in Sonoma, Calif.

With the season seemingly maxed out at 36 races, a purchase by Smith of Darlington Raceway in South Carolina for its remaining Cup race has been rumored for more than a year — and denied about as often.

In Las Vegas, debate continues about the new track configuration. Burton, who finished seventh this year after winning here in 1999 and 2000, was most outspoken.

"It's an awesome track. It's a shame they're going to tear this place up. It's ridiculous," Burton said.

Casey Mears, who ended up two spots behind Burton this year, said, "I've always enjoyed it the way it is, but I'm sure it's going to be a racier racetrack."

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SEASON PREVIEW

Danica Patrick center of IRL attention again

by MIKE HARRIS
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HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Danica Patrick never could have imagined the whirlwind of excitement she was about to stir up when she made her Indy Racing League debut last year at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Patrick, then a virtually unknown 23-year-old, was under orders from Rahal-Letterman Racing boss Bobby Rahal to drive conservatively, learn her trade and get plenty of seat time by finishing races, no matter where she wound up in the standings.

Now, heading into the season-opening Toyota Indy 300 on Sunday, last year's top rookie is a veteran racer — but she's still the center of attention in the IRL.

Patrick ignited a sensation last year that became known as "Danica Mania" when she qualified fourth for the Indianapolis 500, became the first woman to lead the race and wound up fourth — by far the best finish for a woman driver at Indy.

She became a regular on the TV talk shows and a magazine cover girl. She also picked up three poles and got plenty of the seat time that Rahal was so adamant about, although her much-anticipated first victory never came.

Now, Patrick, teaming with 2004 Indy winner Buddy Rice and rookie Paul Dana at Rahal-Letterman, knows it's time for

her to win.

"When I look back on last season, it is hard not to get excited for this year," said Patrick, who got married during the offseason. "We had a great season, winning poles and leading several races. I asked myself what is the next step and, logically, I know it is winning races."

"That said, Homestead will only be my 18th IndyCar Series start. The stat came out last season that it took on the average 33 starts for a driver to win their first IndyCar race. I won't make my 33rd start until next season. All I can say is that nobody wants me to win more than I do."

Although Patrick likely will be in the spotlight again this weekend, there are plenty of other story lines in the IRL for 2006.

Dan Wheldon became the first driver in the league's history to win both the Indy 500 and the series championship in the same season, setting a record with six race wins. He then, surprisingly, said goodbye to the powerful Andretti Green Racing team, moving to Target Chip Ganassi Racing, which has struggled since Wheldon's new teammate, Scott Dixon, won the series title in 2003.

"Throughout my career, I've always looked favorably on Chip's team and the things they've been able to accomplish in motor racing," Wheldon said. "Looking forward to 2006, a few of my goals include

sustaining the momentum I have coming off last season, and returning the Target team to where they're accustomed to running — up front."

With both Chevrolet and Toyota withdrawing their engines from the series, all the teams will be using Honda engines in 2006. Dixon figures that should help the Ganassi team, since Wheldon is coming from a team that ran with Honda power to a team that had Toyota engines.

"Dan Wheldon is a good addition to the team and I look forward to working with him," Dixon said. "His knowledge of both the Honda engine and Dallara chassis package will also be a good contribution. There certainly is a lot to look forward to this season."

Already, the pairing seems to paying dividends. Dixon and Wheldon joined Ganassi NASCAR driver Casey Mears in winning the prestigious Rolex 24 sports car endurance race in January at Daytona. And both IndyCar stars were among the leading drivers during pre-season testing.

Wheldon's departure from Andretti Green did not appear to hurt that team much.

Tony Kanaan, the 2004 series champion, Dario Franchitti and Bryan Herta all return, with Kanaan and Franchitti, last year's second- and fourth-place finishers, expected to battle Wheldon and Marlboro Team Penske drivers Helio Castroneves and two-

time IRL champion Sam Hornish Jr. for the 2006 title.

Because Wheldon's 2005 season was so impressive, Kanaan's runner-up effort, with nine top threes and 14 top 10s, generally was overlooked. Now, the Brazilian driver is just hoping to keep that consistency going, beginning with the race on the 1.5-mile Homestead oval.

"You don't want to overemphasize the first race of the season, but the IndyCar Series is so competitive that you have to do well from the very start," Kanaan said.

Replacing Wheldon as the fourth full-time driver at AGR will be 18-year-old Marco Andretti, grandson of longtime racing star Mario Andretti and son of Michael Andretti, the first name in Andretti Green Racing and yet another long-time open-wheel star.

"I'm pretty confident entering my first IndyCar Series race," said Marco Andretti, who won three of six races last year in the IRL's developmental Indy Pro Series and is working with veteran engineer Eddie Jones. "It's all about a comfort level right now. That's what Eddie and I have been focusing on to this point; a race setup and getting our car as solid underneath me as possible."

"The race is all about what your car is going to let you do, and if the car's going to let me do it then we have as good a

(See IRL, page five)

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule and Standings

- Feb. 19 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)
- Feb. 26 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 12 — UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 19 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kasey Kahne)
- March 26 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- April 2 — DIRECTV 500, Martinsville, Va.
- April 9 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas
- 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 — Neighborhood Excellence 400, Dover, Del.
- June 11 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 18 — 3M Performance 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, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 26 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 3 — Sony HD 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 9 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 17 — Sylva 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 24 — Dover (Del.) 400
- Oct. 1 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 8 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 14 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 22 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 29 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 5 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas
- Nov. 12 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 19 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

- 1. Jimmie Johnson, 690
- 2. Kasey Kahne, 640
- 3. Matt Kenseth, 612
- 4. Mark Martin, 600
- 5. Casey Mears, 554
- 6. Jeff Gordon, 539
- 7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 534
- 8. Kyle Busch, 530
- 9. Dan Barrett, 490
- 10. Clint Bowyer, 471
- 11. Jeff Burton, 466
- 12. Tony Stewart, 464
- 13. Elliott Sadler, 461
- 14. Brian Vickers, 456
- 15. Martin Truex Jr., 442
- 16. Jamie McMurray, 422
- 17. Ryan Newman, 421
- 18. J.J. Yeley, 417
- 19. Robby Gordon, 415
- 20. Denny Hamlin, 409

Louisville 74, Missouri St. 56

by WILL GRAVES
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LOUISVILLE — Juan Palacios won't lie. There's nothing that can replace the memories of helping the Louisville Cardinals to the Final Four a year ago.

"Making it to the Final Four last year was amazing," Palacios said. "It was special."

Then again, Palacios is smart enough to know the opportunity to win a championship — any championship — doesn't come around too often.

So he'll take the chance to head to Madison Square Garden for the National Invitation Tournament Final Four next week in

New York City, an unexpected season-ending road trip the Cardinals earned after beating Missouri State 74-56 in the NIT quarterfinals on Wednesday night at Freedom Hall.



Juan Palacios

"I'm just happy to be able to experience two Final Fours, it doesn't matter what tournament it is," said Palacios, who pulled down a season-high 13 boards to go with eight points against Missouri State (22-9).

It's back to Madison Square Garden for the Cardinals (21-12), who will play either South Carolina or Cincinnati in the semifinals next Tuesday. Old

Dominion takes on Michigan in the other semifinal, with the winners meeting in the championship next Thursday.

It's a trip Louisville coach Rick Pitino promised his players they would make if they committed to playing hard. After surviving a tough first season in the Big East, the players admitted the thought of playing another handful of games in a tournament other than the NCAAs was less than enticing.

"Honestly, I was so mentally and emotionally drained," said senior guard Taquan Dean, who led all scorers with 26 points. "I had mixed emotions about (the NIT) but at the same time it's my last year. I never want to stop playing college basketball."

Sometime in the next week,

Dean will finally walk off the floor for good, but he'll do it in the world's most famous basketball arena, a place that the kid from Red Bank, N.J., considers a shrine.

It will be a chance at redemption for the Cardinals, who played perhaps their two worst halves of the season at the Garden. They were crushed in the second half of a loss to St. John's on Jan. 17, then fell behind by 28 points in the first half against Pittsburgh in the first round of the Big East Tournament on March 8.

"The first two times we played at the Garden this year, we stunk it up," Dean said. "We definitely have to come in focused and not be in awe about the arena."

Dean said he can probably get 85 friends and family members to make the half-hour drive from Red Bank to Manhattan. That's about 15,000 fewer than the number of people who chanted his name after he made his way to the bench with a minute to go and the Cardinals firmly in control.

It was a special moment for a player who has provided plenty of them during his four years in Louisville. He received a hug from Pitino then waved to the largest crowd to see an NIT game this season.

"Taquan Dean is stealing Freedom Hall," Pitino said.

It'll be up to Dean and the rest of the Cardinals to steal the team's second NIT championship in school history. Louisville honored the 50th anniversary of the 1956 team that won the NIT earlier this season. The tournament may have been passed in stature by the NCAA Championship since then, but Pitino said it won't make what the Cardinals can accomplish in New York any less special.

"If you go to the NIT and win a championship, that is special," Pitino said. "That's the way

we're looking at this."

Added Dean: "A lot of teams aren't playing basketball right now. It's not the four-letter (NCAA) championship, it's the three-letter one. We'll take it."

Pitino: Delaware reneged on offer to Cards' assistant

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The University of Delaware reneged on a job offer to Louisville associate basketball coach Kevin Willard on Tuesday, Cardinals head coach Rick Pitino said.

According to Pitino, Delaware President David Roselle offered the 30-year-old Willard the Blue Hens head coaching job on Monday. Pitino said the university then pulled the offer on Tuesday morning after members of the board of trustees had misgivings about Willard's conviction for driving under the influence two years ago.

"The president told the board who he was hiring and had a few e-mails and complaints about the DUI, and they pulled the contract and everything from Kevin," Pitino said.

Andy Turgill, a member of

the sports information staff at Delaware, said the university had no comment.

Willard was pulled over while driving Jan. 18, 2004, in Louisville and pleaded guilty to DUI after failing two field sobriety tests and having a blood-alcohol level of 0.146. The Kentucky limit is .08. He paid a \$200 fine, plus court costs, lost his driver's license for 30 days and underwent alcohol counseling as part of his sentence.

Willard interviewed with the Blue Hens recently after the university fired head coach Dave Henderson on March 13.

Pitino said during the interview Willard was forthcoming about the incident and it didn't faze the selection committee.

"They were all impressed with his honesty," Pitino said. "He had a great interview. They called me up and said he blew them away, and I said, 'I told you,' and then he was offered the job."

Willard is the son of Holy Cross head coach Ralph Willard and has been an assistant to Pitino with both the Cardinals and the NBA's Boston Celtics.

"What happened was a mistake, and he owned up to it," Pitino said. "And for this to be pulled from him is very disappointing."

Michigan State 67, Kentucky 63

by ANDREW SELIGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEMONT, Ill. — After all the missed shots, Michigan State hung on. Experience and defense prevailed.

The Spartans withstood a late-game scoring drought by holding Kentucky scoreless for more than five minutes and beat the Wildcats 67-63 on Monday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Fourth-seeded Michigan State, last season's national runner-up, plays the winner of Tuesday's Duke-Southern California game in the round of 16 in Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday.

"All the experience that we did have last year and in the Big Ten this year is really paying off," senior Liz Shimek said.

Aisha Jefferson led Michigan State (24-9) with 16 points — 14 in the first half — and Shimek scored 12 points on 4-for-13 shooting — after scoring 27 in the opening round against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Her basket with 4:20 left gave the Spartans the lead for good, 62-60. Michigan State missed its final three shots and committed three turnovers the rest of the way, but Kentucky could not capitalize.

The fifth-seeded Wildcats (22-9) committed two turnovers and missed six consecutive shots before Carly Ormerod ended the scoring drought with a 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left to cut Michigan State's lead to 66-63. She finished with a team-high 15 points.

Victoria Lucas-Perry scored 13 for Michigan State, hitting the tying 3-pointer with just over five minutes left and converting 3-of-4 free throws in the final 16 seconds to wrap up the win.

Jenny Pfeiffer scored 12 for Kentucky.

"I thought (we) played a marvelous finish to a very, very good game," Michigan State coach Joanne McCallie said. "The effort was exceptional. And the plays made down the stretch were also exceptional. It was really fun to watch."

One that stood out was when Kentucky's Sarah Elliott got the ball in the post and lowered her shoulder into Shimek for a charge with 37 seconds left.

Eighteen seconds later, Michigan State's Rene Haynes blocked a short jumper by Samantha Mahoney.

"A lot of times I felt like I got fouled, especially on the last one, but there's nothing I can really do about that," Mahoney said after scoring seven points.

But McCallie said, "The credit there goes to Rene Haynes — a lot — and Victoria and the guards. They did an exceptional job of trying to play her correctly."

Elliott finished with eight after scoring a season-high 22 in the Wildcats' first-round win over Chattanooga.

"I'm very, very proud of our effort and very disappointed we couldn't close the game," Kentucky coach Mickie DeMoss said. "We just couldn't get a lot of good looks at the basket at the end of the game and could-

n't get to the free throw line, either. We really struggled to score the last five minutes of the game."

Unlike Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which hung in for about 30 minutes before losing by 19 in the first round to Michigan State, Kentucky stayed with the Spartans the whole way.

The Wildcats weathered a 12-2 run that gave the Spartans a three-point lead midway through the second half, and were ahead 60-57 after Eleia Roddy's putback with 5:25 left.

But Lucas-Perry tied it. Shimek gave Michigan State the lead and the score held at 62-60 until Lucas-Perry hit two free throws with 16 seconds left.

After Ormerod missed a wild runner, Shimek hit two foul shots to make it 66-60 with 7.7 seconds left. But the Wildcats weren't quite out of it.

Ormerod raced upcourt and hit a 3-pointer to make it a three-point game. But Lucas-Perry hit 1-of-2 foul shots for the final score.

Michigan State was 14-of-19 from the line, while Kentucky was 4-for-4.

Ormerod's 3-pointer capped a 9-1 spurt to start the second half that increased Kentucky's lead to 43-34.

And it was 48-41 before Michigan State got going.

The Spartans got four points each from Shimek and Lucas-Perry during a 12-2 run that put them ahead 53-50. Lucas-Perry capped the run with a block on Mahoney's short pull-up jumper and two free throws with 10:36 left.

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shot as anyone."

His father will be a very interested observer at Homestead, but plans to race against his son in May, coming out of a two-year retirement to run at Indianapolis.

The Penske team also is switching from Toyota to Honda engines, and Castroneves and Hornish ranked near the top of the time charts in pre-season testing, with Castroneves the most consistent performer each day.

Team owner Roger Penske, winner of a record 13 Indy 500s and eight championships in the rival Champ Car (formerly CART) World Series, has yet to win an IRL title. Both of his dri-

vers would love to change that.

"I'm definitely optimistic about our competitiveness in 2006," said Castroneves, who has given Penske two of those Indy wins. "I think if this team works hard all year, we'll be in good shape for the championship. There are so many good drivers in this series, it won't be easy, but that is what makes winning all the better."

Hornish, third in last season's points, won both of his series titles with Panther Racing.

"With the addition of Honda horsepower, I feel very confident that we'll be competing for wins and the championship right off the bat," Hornish said. "I know the cars will be reli-

able, the pit stops will be great, and hopefully, with a little bit of luck, we'll end the season with a championship."

Former Indy winner and team owner Eddie Cheever, who retired in 2002, plans to return to the cockpit for at least the first four races of the season, while two-time Indy winner Al Unser Jr. also plans to return to racing, but not until Indianapolis.

The rest of the field at Homestead will include former series champion Scott Sharp, former Indy winner Buddy Lazier, Tomas Scheckter, Ed Carpenter, Filipe Giaffone, Kosuke Matsuura, Vitor Meira and rookie P.J. Chesson.

added two more in the sixth inning for the final 4-1 margin.

For the Eagles, who recorded four hits, Jones notched her third career double, while Krystle Coleman, Ashley Hubbell and Chrissy Timberlake each recorded hits as well. For ECU, Amy Mayrhofer had a perfect game at the plate, going 4-for-4.

Lauren Cook absorbed the loss for the Eagles to move to 2-3, while ECU's Kaly Fox got the victory to improve to 6-4.

The Eagles continue OVC play this weekend as they host Eastern Illinois in a three-game series, beginning Saturday at 1 p.m.

Paintsville native Pelphrey among finalists for Ole Miss job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi has named four finalists in its search for a men's basketball coach, athletic director Pete Boone said Monday.

Boone told The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson that the finalists are South Alabama coach John Pelphrey, Murray State coach Mick Cronin, Cincinnati interim coach Andy Kennedy and current Rebels assistant

Tracy Dildy, the newspaper reported on its Web site.

Boone said he has received permission from the athletics departments at South Alabama, Murray State and Cincinnati to interview the coaches, and will begin interviewing candidates Wednesday. He said he would speak to Dildy, who was a member of Rod Barnes' staff at Ole Miss for two seasons, later in the week.

Pelphrey, a native of Paintsville, played four years at

the University of Kentucky. He has been an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, Marshall and Florida.

School officials announced last month that Barnes would not return next season, after four consecutive losing seasons followed a four-year period that included three NCAA tournament appearances.

Kennedy is a Louisville, Miss., native and former state high school player of the year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Colonels set to host spring practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky football program returns to the gridiron this week when spring practice begins today. The annual Maroon-White scrimmage at Roy Kidd Stadium is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, with a starting time of 6 p.m.

Admission to the Maroon-White scrimmage is free to all fans with the first 500 Colonel supporters receiving a complimentary t-shirt. There will also be free popcorn available as well as plenty of children's activities. In addition, the 2006

EKU football schedule and ticket information will be available at the spring game.

EKU's practice schedule will be as follows and with all practices open to the public: Monday/Wednesday/Friday — 2:50-5:20 p.m. at Presnell; Saturdays — 9:20 a.m.-noon at either Presnell or Begley. The 15 official practice dates conclude on Monday, April 17.

Before the spring football game on April 8, join head coach Danny Hope and his staff for the 2006 ECU Worn Cleat Club Golf Scramble at Battlefield Golf & Country Club in Richmond. Registration begins

at 7:30 a.m. and players will tee off at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$90 and includes a barbecue lunch. For more information, please contact Denise Estes at 859-622-2146.

Eastern Kentucky finished the 2005 season 7-4 overall and 7-1 in the OVC, its third consecutive second-place finish in the conference. The Colonels return five first team All-OVC players for 2006, including All-American tight end Patrick Bugg and OVC Offensive Player of the Year Josh Greco. ECU will be in search of its 29th consecutive winning season and its first league title since 1997.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

E. Kentucky gets past MSU in softball doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Eastern Kentucky pitcher Kelsey Anderson tossed a seven-inning no-hitter, struck out 13 and hit a grand slam to lead the visiting Eastern Kentucky Colonels past Morehead State 7-0 in game one Wednesday. The Eagles were able to find some offense in game two, but ECU completed the doubleheader sweep with a 4-1 win in the nightcap in frigid conditions at University Field.

Morehead State fell to 0-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 7-18 overall, while ECU moved to 4-0 in the league and

16-10 overall.

Anderson moved her record to 9-4 with the no-hitter in the first game. She walked one and hit a fifth inning grand slam that broke open a close 2-0 game. Morehead starting pitcher Kari Quinn allowed just five hits and just three earned runs but was tagged with the loss to fall to 1-7.

For ECU in game one, Chanz Patterson went 2-for-4 with two RBI and hit a leadoff home run.

In game two, MSU spotted the Colonels a 2-0 lead before grabbing a run back in the fourth inning as Bri Jones came across the plate. She had advanced on a passed ball, and the run was unearned. ECU

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Eagles beat Western Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — The Morehead State Baseball Eagles handed home-standing Western Kentucky a 10-3 loss Wednesday afternoon and now turn their attention to their Ohio Valley Conference opener this weekend against Eastern Kentucky.

The MSU-WKU game featured 20 walks and four hit batters. The Eagles drew 11 of the walks, had three batters hit and

also pounded out 10 hits. Nick Bobrowski and Nick Nail had two hits each. Chris McCaslin knocked in three runs, and Nail had two RBI. Ryan Kinder, Paul Rhodes and Mark Ford each scored two runs.

Freshman lefthander Tyler Lee got the start for MSU and pitched two scoreless innings as a tune-up for an appearance in the ECU series. Freshman righthander Mark Rhodes (1-1) got the win, pitching three hitless, scoreless innings. The only

base runner he allowed reached on an error. Five MSU pitchers allowed only three hits, all singles.

With the win, MSU is now 8-12 on the season. Western Kentucky had an eight-game winning streak snapped and fell to 10-5.

The MSU-Eastern Kentucky three-game series is scheduled to begin with a 1 p.m. EST doubleheader on Saturday and wrap up with a 1 p.m. EST single game on Sunday.

Gilbert's free throws lift Henderson County

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Sierra Gilbert's two free throws with 6.2 seconds to play in overtime lifted Henderson County to a 54-47 victory over Marshall County in the first round of the state basketball tournament. Gilbert's two foul shots Tuesday night came after Henderson County (18-10) recovered the loose ball after a missed free throw by Alyse Poindexter with 10 seconds to play. Poindexter made the first of her two free throws to give the Lady Colonels

a 56-54 edge.

Henderson County advances to Friday's quarterfinal round against Elizabethtown, which had to get past a scrappy Magoffin County squad, 49-43, to advance. Letcher County Central, a 49-44 winner over Rockcastle County, will play Lexington Catholic in quarterfinal action Friday. Lexington Catholic beat Louisville Mercy 65-47.

The tournament continues Thursday with opening-round games involving Franklin-Simpson playing Muhlenberg North, Shelby County against

Rose Hill Christian, Montgomery County taking on Boone County, and Clay County challenging Louisville Iroquois.

Henderson County, the Region 2 champion, thought briefly that the team had won in regulation. Poindexter rebounded her own miss under the basket as time was running out.

She made the follow-up shot just after the horn sounded, but one game official called the basket good, setting off a brief Henderson County celebration and Marshall County protest. The other two officials then waved

off the shot, sending the game into overtime.

Region 1 champion Marshall County (25-4) trailed 29-19 in the third quarter, before rallying and taking a 44-40 lead with 4:20 left in regulation.

Henderson County came back and grabbed a 49-47 lead on Gilbert's basket with 26 seconds to play in regulation before a basket by Kayci Beasley with 16 seconds left tied the game at 49.

Rinesha Soaper paced Henderson County with 25 points, while Gilbert finished with 11. Pressley Doom led the Lady

Marshals with 17 points, while Jessica Holder added 15 and Leah Creason 10.

Letcher Co. Central-Rockcastle Co.: Heather Martin scored 17 points and Stephanie Whitaker added 13 to lead Letcher County Central.

The 14th Region champion Lady Cougars (26-6) rolled out to a 17-6 lead at the end of the first quarter to take control of the game against the Lady Rockets (23-10), champions of the 12th Region.

Letcher County Central led throughout the game, though Rock-

castle County closed to within two points twice in the fourth quarter.

Lex. Catholic-Lou. Mercy: Lexington Catholic, representing Region 11, improved to 32-1 with the first-round win.

The Lady Knights doubled up Mercy 30-15 in the first half and never looked back.

Keyla Snowden scored 22 points to lead Catholic, while Natalie Novosel added 12, and Shaneque McGhee and Anaris Sickles scored 10 points apiece.

Mercy (26-6), champions of Region 7, got 14 points and 10 rebounds from Jennie Petrie.

Lexington Catholic takes two first team all-state players to Sweet 16

by MALCOLM C. KNOX ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Three of the state's five best players and one of the best coaches will miss the Sweet 16 in Bowling Green this year.

One of those is forward Arnie Brown of Christian County, who was named Tuesday as player of the year by a panel of voters and broadcasters for The Associated Press.

Brown's season ended when Lady Colonels lost to Henderson County, 56-54, in the second round of the 2nd Region tournament.

Brown, a 6-foot-1 forward, led 33 points and grabbed 15 rebounds that night, ending her school career as Christian County's all-time leading scorer. She has made the AP's all-time first team three consecutive years.

Joining Brown on the first team are guards Chelsia Lymon and Rebecca Gray of Scott

County, another team that won't be in this week's Sweet 16 tournament. The Cardinals' season ended when they lost by two points to reigning state champion Lexington Catholic in the semifinal round of the 11th Region tournament. Lexington Catholic provided the other two players on the first team, guard Nikki Davis and center Anaris Sickles. Sickles was named most valuable player of the Sweet 16 last year.

Christian County coach Don Dillard said opponents often use three players to defend Brown.

"She's definitely the best player in Kentucky," he said. "Over her career she has shown she has the ability to take over games, and she's probably one of the highest recruited players in Kentucky history."

Usually Brown stays modest, she said, but this time she agrees with her coach.

"I'm always the humble one," Brown said. "I think I am one of the best players or the

best player in the state. ... I felt like I went out like a senior should."

Brown passed on higher profile schools like Tennessee to attend Kentucky. There, she'll join 2005's player of the year, Carly Ormerod. Brown scored 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds per game, and shot 65 percent from the floor during her senior year.

Coach of the year was a tie between Scott County's Steve Helton and Clay County's Donnie Gray, who is retiring.

Gray's Lady Tigers, 31-2, will represent the 13th Region in Bowling Green, playing Louisville Iroquois on Thursday night in the first round.

One of Clay County's two losses was to Lexington Catholic. The two teams are at opposite ends of the bracket and could meet for the championship.

One of the Lady Tigers, guard Jayme Gilbert, was named to the AP second team.

Gray is in his 21st year of basketball coaching, and led the Lady Tigers to the state championship in 1989. Gray has more than 500 wins on his record. This year will be the last, whatever happens, he said.

"When I leave, I don't want to leave because there's nothing left there in the tank for the next coach that comes along," Gray said. "We've got a great nucleus of basketball players that are going to return next year and the years after."

As good as the players and coach may be, Gray knows that those aren't necessarily enough to win it all.

"You also gotta have a lot of luck to win that thing," he said. "It's just fun to go. That's what you coach for."

Helton, of Scott County, of course would rather be in the tournament. His Cardinals were 31-2 this season.

"We had an opportunity at the end there against a very good Lexington Catholic team,"

Helton said. "That one game did not symbolize our entire season."

Besides Gilbert of Clay County, also named to the second team were forward Brittany Edelen of Washington County, guard Merideth Marsh of Louisville Christian Academy, forward Natalie Novosel of Lexington Catholic and Monroe County guard Kenzie Rich.

2006 AP Kentucky high school girls' all-state team

The 2006 Kentucky high school girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by 19 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position):

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Amika Brown, Christian Co.

FIRST TEAM

Amika Brown, Christian Co., 6-1, F
Nikki Davis, Lex. Catholic, 5-8, G
Rebecca Gray, Scott Co., 5-9, G
Chelsia Lymon, Scott Co., 5-6, G
Anaris Sickles, Lex. Catholic, 6-0, C

SECOND TEAM

Brittany Edelen, Washington Co., 6-0, F
Jayme Gilbert, Clay Co., 5-11, G
Merideth Marsh, Lou. Christian Academy, 5-7, G
Natalie Novosel, Lex. Cath., 5-10, F
Kenzie Rich, Monroe Co., 5-7, G

HONORABLE MENTION:

Ashley Baldwin, East Carter; Pam Bell, Paducah Tilghman; Hope Brown, North Hardin; Alicia Bunton, Warren Central; Colette Cole, Breathitt Co.; Brooke Faulkner, Harrison Co.; Kala Faulkner, Rose Hill; Tia Gibbs, Lou. Butler; Sierra Gilbert, Henderson Co.; Thia Gholson, Lou. Assumption; Latoshia Lawrence, Apollo; Amber Neace, South Laurel; Amber Norton, Lou. Assumption; Suzie Owens, Scott Co.; Ashley Rainey, Warren East; Angela Roof, St. Mary; Brooke Smith, Bell Co.; LaQuisha Wharton, Lou. Iroquois.

COACH OF THE YEAR (tie):
Donnie Gray, Clay Co.; Steve Helton, Scott Co.

South Laurel's Allen is player of the year

by MALCOLM C. KNOX ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — South Laurel's Walt Allen was able to pick up on opponents last year.

As a junior, he didn't even make honorable mention on The Associated Press' all-state team, but led his team to the state championship and was named most valuable player of the Sweet 16. Graves County's Eagles were in for Allen and his team this year, bouncing the 13th Region champion Cardinals (28-5) out of the tournament in the quarterfinals, 46-45.

Allen, a 6-foot-4 forward, did enough this season to be named AP's player of the year Tuesday by a panel of 19 sports voters and broadcasters.

"It's a great honor to be able to say you were one of the best players in your senior class," Allen said. "His team's tournament loss that night, I probably didn't

show it."

Allen averaged 15.6 points and eight rebounds per game, but Graves County held him to six and five.

Besides Allen, also named to the AP first team were 6-8 center Vincent Crutcher of Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park; 6-3 guard Aaron Dunaway of Lexington Henry Clay; 5-11 guard Joshua Mack of Hopkinsville's University Heights Academy; 6-5 forward Steffon Pettigrew of Elizabethtown; and 6-3 guard A.J. Slaughter of Shelby County.

Six players were named to the first team because of a tie in voting.

Cardinals coach Steve Wright has known Allen since Allen was 3 years old, and their influence on each other is bigger than basketball.

"I don't know if I've ever been around anybody that's had a more positive impact on my

life," Wright said of Allen after their season-ending loss. "He'll be one of my best friends in life."

Allen has signed to play for Division II Presbyterian College in South Carolina next season.

Slaughter led Shelby County with 18 points per game, shooting 50 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line. Slaughter, whose Rockets lost to eventual champion Jeffersontown in the quarterfinals of the Sweet 16, has signed to play for Western Kentucky next season.

Crutcher, of PRP, is the only other first-team player whose team made it to the Sweet 16. He averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game for the 6th Region champs.

The coach of the year comes from traditional football power Boyle County. Ronnie Bottoms and the Rebels (22-10) took a while to get on track, losing nine

of their first 13 games.

"There were a lot of things that started out tough," Bottoms said. "Even when we were playing that tough schedule, the kids were playing hard and doing some good things, and we knew that when we got all the pieces together, we were going to be a nice team."

After losing to Lexington Catholic on Jan. 14, the Rebels won 17 in a row, including the 12th Region championship, beating Pulaski Southwestern, 67-51.

Two years ago, nobody even wanted the job of coaching basketball at a football school, Bottoms said.

"We're a football and a basketball school now," he said. "The foundation's there. We're gonna be pretty good for a while."

Boyle was eliminated in the first round of the Sweet 16 by PRP, 67-43.

Allen teammate Ty Proffit, a 6-4 guard, was named to the second team. Scott County, which did not make the Sweet 16 tournament, placed two guards on the second team: 6-3 Rodney Haddix and 6-4 Matt Walls. Also named to the second team were 6-6 forward Daniel Ard of Marshall County and 6-0 guard Stuart Miller of Middlesboro.

2006 AP Kentucky high school boys' all-state team

The 2006 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 19 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position):

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Walt Allen, South Laurel

FIRST TEAM

Walt Allen, South Laurel, 6-7, F
Aaron Dunaway, Lex. Henry Clay, 6-3, G
Vincent Crutcher, Lou. PRP 6-8, C
Joshua Mack, Univ. Heights, 5-11, G

Steffon Pettigrew, Elizabethtown, 6-5, F

A.J. Slaughter, Shelby Co., 6-3, G

SECOND TEAM

Daniel Ard, Marshall Co., 6-6, F
Rodney Haddix, Scott Co., 6-3, G
Stuart Miller, Middlesboro, 6-0, G
Ty Proffit, South Laurel, 6-4, G
Matt Walls, Scott Co., 6-4, G

HONORABLE MENTION:

Jeremy Anderson, Warren Central; Brandon Bland, John Hardin; Robert Buckner, Lou. Eastern; Brian Calhoun, Bardonia; Matthew Cox, Barbourville; Josh Crawford, Corbin; Antonio Davis, Union Co.; Pat Elliott, Pendleton Co.; Dustin Fothergill, Pulaski Southwestern; Jordan Hammonds, South Laurel; Jay Ivey, Owensboro Catholic; Brad Lowe, Pike Co. Central; Antonio Owens, Boyd Co.; Brian Staed, Boyle Co.; Maze Stallworth, John Hardin.

COACH OF THE YEAR:
Ronnie Bottoms, Boyle Co.

Stout to be inducted in National High School Hall of Fame

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Bob Stout was among 12 people selected Wednesday for the National High School Hall of Fame.

Also to be inducted this year are NFL Hall of Famer Tom Groza, former Heisman Trophy winner Terry Baker and former NBA player Jon Sundvold.

They will be inducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations during a June 29 ceremony in Orlando, Fla.

Stout was the KHSAA's first executive and the first African American person in the nation to hold a state athletics association office. He was assistant commissioner or executive assistant commissioner from 1971 until 1994, when he became commissioner. He retired in 2002.

Stout worked to establish a state IX evaluation plan for other schools; helped organize and develop the first KHSAA statewide radio net-

work for boys' and girls' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournaments; and launched a KHSAA Web site.

Groza, who died in 2000, was a high school football and basketball star at Martins Ferry (Ohio). He played briefly at Ohio State, then served three years in the military during World War II before a 20-year career with the Cleveland Browns.

Nicknamed "The Toe," Groza was a nine-time Pro Bowl selection who played until age 43. He scored a then-record 1,608 career points, and his 640 extra points and 233 field goals are still the most in Browns history. Groza was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1974.

Baker, a three-sport star at Jefferson High School in Portland, Ore., won the 1962 Heisman Trophy at Oregon State and was the first player selected in the 1963 NFL draft, by the Los Angeles Rams. He played quarterback and running back for the Rams for three years and then in the Canadian Football League for the Edmonton Eskimos.

Sundvold scored 2,175 points in a three-year career at Blue Springs (Mo.) High School and 1,597 points in helping Missouri to four straight Big Eight titles in 1980-83. He then played nine years in the NBA with Seattle, San Antonio and Miami and still works as a TV basketball analyst.

The others selected to the High School Hall of Fame are Blaine Lindgren, a high hurdler at Magna (Utah) Cyprus High School who later won a silver medal at the 1964 Olympics; Nancy Cole, field hockey coach at Ward Melville High School in East Setauket, N.Y.; Duane Twait, former football coach at Emmetsburg (Iowa) High School; Irving Black, track coach for 35 years at New Britain (Conn.) High School; official Peter Webb of Houlton, Maine; longtime official and former University of Idaho athletic director Paul Ostyn; Wayne Taylor, an athletic director and coach in Florida for more than 30 years; and Rich Edwards, editor of the Forensic Quarterly published by the NFHS since 1980.

Kentucky Volleyball set to host Coaches Clinic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky volleyball program will host its annual Coaches' Clinic this weekend, March 24-25, at Memorial Coliseum on the UK campus. Spots still remain for the two-day event, which features UK's Craig Skinner, the 2005 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, and Ron Kordes, the 2005 American Volleyball Coaches Association High School Coach of the Year.

The clinic begins today with registration at 5 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum. Coaches will attend two sessions the first evening before returning on Saturday for numerous morning teaching sessions with Skinner, Kordes, UK assistants Robert Pulliza and Jenae Dowling, UK strength coach Stephanie Tracey and former college coach and Nebraska administrator Diane Mendenhall.

After a break for lunch, coaches will get to the chance to watch the UK staff implement the coaching strategies during a practice session with the Kentucky squad. Pre-registration is available at UKathletics.com at

walk-up participants are accepted. Please contact Sara Sjuts at (859) 257-2532 or email her at

sara.sjuts@uky.edu with any questions about this year's Volleyball Coaches Clinic.

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2006 Great Easter Egg Hunt

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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, 6:30 p.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 Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. 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.
Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham'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, Bevinsville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truisty.
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 School, 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, 1st 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.
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. Shane Powers, Pastor.
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.
Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428: Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

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.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Starville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
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.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
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.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville: Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
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.
Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Vogel Day United Methodist Church, Harold: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
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Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton: Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David: Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.
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.

PRESBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift: Worship Service, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Mike Chamberlin, interim pastor.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-9024

In accordance with 405 KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Prater Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a permit for a coal refuse disposal operation, affecting 11.20 acres, located 1 mile south of level, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1 mile south from Ivy Creek Road's junction with US 23, and located .75 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°35'21". The longitude is 82°40'14".

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Appalachian Land Company and Wendell Stratton et al.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's 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, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5427 AMENDMENT NO. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grathel, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 695.66 acres of underground area, for a total area, of 1876.06 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located

0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Ella Martin, Emmitt Lawson, Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Bess Martin Helton, Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Doroty Huff Hamilton, John M. and Leslie K. Caudill, Lula Bradley, May Beverly Estate, Willa Faye Dennison, Nellie F. Hall, Alex and Averta Samons, Clinis Hall, Eugene Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Lizzie Hayes Estate, Troy Jr. and Alden Nettie Hall, Mary Francis Stone, Arthur Mitchell, Roland Moore, Dorothy Martin, Madge & Cecilia Denney, Edith Cook Skeens, Roland Caudill, Sallie Hall Hutchinson, Ted and Helen Stumbo, William E. and Helen Hall, Bobbie & Audrey Hall, Vernon & Anna R. Hall, Billie Joe and Janie M. Gayheart, Penny Sizemore Heirs, Denzil Ray Hall, and Ray Turner.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40801.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-8043 RENEWAL #4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal to a coal processing facility, affecting 12.20 acres located 1 mile east of Lancer, in Floyd County.

The facility is approximately 0.5 mile southeast from State Route 1428's junction with State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°40'08" and the longitude is 82°43'23".

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by N.F.C. Mining, Inc., and CSX Transportation, Inc. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Teen trauma

Just the other evening, I told my children, "You know, as busy as I was when the three of you were small and hanging around my ankles, in looking back, I can honestly say that I think life was easier back then than it is now." At least back then, my children listened to me. Today, I ask them to clean their rooms or help with housework and I get a "Hold on," in response. Hold on? To what? Your omery little necks?

And, in the same vein, when I attempt to dole out a little motherly advice, what do I get in return? Rolled eyes and a backward glance that reads, loud and clear, "You're so old."

So, what's a mother to do? This one has just about decided that she's done all she knows how and now, they either sit up straight and pay attention to all that I've taught or, they do it the hard way and enroll in the famed "School



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

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POSTSCRIPT

AAADD: Do you have it?

I hate to run email messages two weeks in a row, but a friend sent me the following story the other day and I have to share it. It could have been written by me, but with less wisdom.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Enjoy.
Recently, I was diagnosed with AAADD — Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:
I decide to water my garden.
As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage

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Taking care of business - Big Sandy Singers release first CD during community event

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Amid a backdrop of snowfall and gusty winds, reminding those gathered that Ol' Man Winter hadn't quite given up control just yet, The Big Sandy Singers created an atmosphere of comforting warmth as they entertained during a Business After Hours event co-hosted by Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The event, held in the atrium of the Prestonsburg campus student center, was a joint celebration highlighting the just released CD "Down to the River to Pray," by the auditioned student singing group, The Big Sandy Singers.

The Big Sandy Singers are an elite group of multi-talented BSCTC students who train and perform under the direction of Kentucky Opry member Laura Ford Hall. Auditions for the group are held yearly and are open to all BSCTC and MSU-Prestonsburg students. Students chosen to participate in the group each receive a \$1,200 scholarship to be used toward their educational expenses, as well as the opportunity to participate in an in-studio recording experience. Timothy Cooley serves as technical director for the group. Cooley is also album producer of Down to the River to Pray.

"We are all just so very excited about releasing our first album," said Hall, "and we're really excited about being here this evening and having this opportunity to perform for you all."

Hall credited BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards for having the "vision and providing the support" to make the Down to the River to Pray CD a reality for the group. Hall presented Edwards with a framed copy of the first Down to the River to Pray CD, the first album ever produced by the BSCTC production studio. Dr. Joyce Cross, BSCTC, along with Cooley, assisted Hall in the presentation.

Following, the Big Sandy Singers thrilled their audience with a live performance showcasing the talents of this remarkable group of singers. Members of the Big Sandy Singers are: Beth Adkins, Clayton Case, Louanna Calhoun, Troy Burchett, Susan Scott, Jessica Keathley, Frances Branham, Amanda Stepp, Brandon Maynard, and Director Laura Ford Hall.

The Big Sandy Singers are available to sing for community and civic events. For information on booking, contact Laura Ford Hall at (606) 886-3863, ext. 67227. Also, students wishing to audition for the group for the 2006-2007 school year, thereby becoming eligible for the \$1,200 scholarship and recording experience, may attend the first round of auditions, to be held Saturday, April 29. 2006 graduating high school seniors are also eligible to audition. Those interested may contact Hall at the above number for more information about the group, auditions, or how to obtain a copy of the Down to the River to Pray CD.

The Big Sandy Singers are looking forward to their "big concert in the Gearheart Auditorium (on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus) on April 28," said Hall. "Come join us," she said.

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mandy Stumbo may be contacted at (606) 886-0364 for information regarding upcoming Business After Hours events.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Big Sandy Community and Technical College hosted a Business After Hours/CD release event this past Tuesday in celebration of The Big Sandy Singers' first CD release. Those in attendance were treated to refreshments and a concert performance.

THE FLYLADY

Put on your Dancing Shoes

by Maria Cilley

Have you ever tried to learn a new dance step or an aerobic workout? This is hard for me; I have two left feet. I once won an award for being the most improved "Aerobically Challenged" person in my class. Same goes for learning a golf swing or how to cast a fly rod. The first time you do it, things just don't feel right. The muscles in your arms and legs just don't go where you think they should. The problem isn't with the muscles in your arms and legs; it is with the muscle that is between your ears.

Your brain is what works those muscles, if you have not got the movement choreographed in your head, your limbs will not follow, because you have not given them the directions.

One time I learned a distance casting technique in the rain, riding in a car. Once I put every movement into place in my mind, my arms and legs were happy to follow through. I got out of the car and performed it without a flaw. I had practiced it over and over in the car. I had developed a rhythm and the rest of it flowed into place.

This is why I don't want you to try to do a full blown routine to start with. Baby steps and small routines will reinforce your routine rhythm and your dance will glide you through your daily rounds.

Do you see how adding new steps as the first items become automatic will help your rhythm? You will have confidence in the part you know and adding a new portion does not seem so difficult.

This is exactly how I established my routines: One habit

at a time. You can do this, too. I don't want you to stumble and fall because you don't have the dance steps down pat. Practice and having your steps written out on paper will help you more than anything. Decide which steps are your lead steps. You all know what they are by now.

1. Keep your sink clean and shiny
2. Get dressed to SHOES, hair and face first thing in the morning.
3. Lay out your clothes before you go to bed.

Then as these become automatic, add swishing and swiping the bathroom and other items, one at a time. Baby steps are the key.

You have tried the "all or nothing" system and it does not work for sidetracked people. We do too much too fast, in order to see immediate results and then we crash and burn - before you know it, you have failed again. I don't want you to fail. I want for you what I have - Peace. And this Peace came by practicing the



(See THE FLYLADY, page two)



Family Medicine



Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

Avoiding 'wet to dry' exposure helps prevent brittle nails

Question: I have very dry skin. The tips of my fingers crack in winter even though I use a very good hand cream. I also have brittle nails. I was wondering what causes this? Are there some supplements I could use? Is there anything else that might help? I am 67 years young.

Answer: The good news is that brittle nails and dry skin are not usually caused by any underlying medical condition or vitamin deficiency. Brittle nails do get more common with age, however. Also, if the fingers and fingernails are

dry, cracked and brittle but the toes and toenails are fine, then there is usually a factor external to your body that is the cause of the problem. These environmental factors can range from the weather to the kind of work you do, whether in the home or on the job.

This time of year the weather is often a major culprit. This is primarily because winter is usually associated with low humidity. This external dryness causes many people to have dry red, cracked hands and brittle nails. Frequent handwashing, where the nails first become wet then are dried is a major cause of brittle nails. Washing

dishes and doing housework where hands are in contact with water and chemicals also weakens nails.

There are several things that you can do to moisten your fingertips and strengthen your nails, even in the winter. First is to keep your nails short and free from snags and rough edges. Filing your nails daily can help prevent splitting and breaking. Moisturize your nails and hands frequently, up to 20 times a day. In fact, every time you wash your hands or they are exposed to water, you should follow up by using a moisturizer. Work the hand cream in around your nails and cuticles. Also moisturize your nails after you have filed them. Many people use a nail hardening nail polish in the winter and have found this to be helpful for brittle nails.

Avoid frequent exposure to water and chemicals. Try to decrease your hand washing and dish washing. Many people wash every dish as soon as it is dirty.

Try doing one load of dishes a day. While this is a longer exposure to water, it is only one episode of "wet to dry." Wear gloves when doing housework that involves contact with chemicals.

During your daily bath, however, it's a good idea to thoroughly soak your nails and immediately afterwards apply a moisturizing cream to the skin around them. This helps keep the nails and the area around them from drying out. You needn't choose one of the expensive moisturizers. Plain old hand cream or petroleum jelly will work just as well.

Calcium, in any form, is good for your nails. Whether it be low-fat milk, calcium supplements or calcium-enriched foods, be sure your calcium intake is adequate. Many people have found the supplement Biotin to be helpful for nails, but it can take a while to see results. Other supplements such as gelatin may help — a fellow physician friend of mine says that he recom-

mends daily gelatin to all his patients who have arthritis, so you may get some additional benefit from trying gelatin.

Finally, things usually get better in the spring, but you should have good nail habits year round.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicineneeds.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at: www.familymedicineneeds.org.

Postscript

can under the table and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye — they need water.

I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it

spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- the car isn't washed
- the bills aren't paid
- there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter
- the flowers don't have enough water,
- there is still only one check in my checkbook,

- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

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The FlyLady

steps to my routine. Now, I glide through my day and the rhythm of my routines keeps me dancing to my "FLYing Music."

Put on your "Dancing Shoes" and come FLY with me.

For more help getting rid of

your CHAOS; check out Maria's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net

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Eyes

of Hard Knocks" (hate to actually admit it, but I do believe their most venerable mother is an alumna of said school herself).

Oh well, every parent on earth, I suppose, wishes they could lay out a foolproof blueprint entitled, "How to Live Life Successfully," hand it to their children, and watch in delight as they follow each and every step with marked determination.

As I say, "We wish."

That said, I've been busy this week and so for the rest of this space I am sharing some friendly email. Can't remember now who sent it, but to whomever it was, thanks for helping out in a pinch.

Teenagers Are Like Cats
Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.

No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all humane efforts are barely

adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.

You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager in his or her right mind wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.

Even if you tell jokes as well as Jay Leno, neither your cat nor your teen will ever crack a smile.

No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.

Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.

Cats have nine lives. Teenagers carry on as if they did.

Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy — a sense of complete

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and utter boredom.

Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.

Cats that are free to roam outside sometimes have been known to return in the middle of the night to deposit a dead animal in your bedroom.

Teenagers are not above that sort of behavior.

Thus, if you must raise teenagers, the best sources of advice are not other parents, but veterinarians. It is also a good idea to keep a guidebook on cats at hand at all times.

And remember, above all else, put out the food and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and when they do, it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

(Bicycle! See ya next week!)

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

*Character words for the month of March: "Caring" and "Citizenship"

■ March 27-31 - Spring Break for students. AMS wishes all students a safe holiday!

■ 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

■ Mar. 24 - "Spring Fling" Dance, 6 p.m.

■ 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 Marilyn Bailey, assistant 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

■ April 11 - Kindergarten Registration, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items to bring with you: Child's birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card, Ky. eye exam (completed), and medical exam (completed). Registration will be held in the Adams Middle School gym.

■ 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. Call 886-2487 for questions.

Duff Elementary

■ April 4, 5 - Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ May 2, 3, 4 - Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Note: For those wishing to register children for kindergarten, please see Brenda Conley or Kim Slone in front office upon entering building. Children wishing to enter kindergarten must be 5 years of age by October 1, 2006. Please bring the following items when registering: Social security card (child's); birth certificate (or proof that you have applied for one) - must be full size; valid immunization certificate; completed medical exam form; completed KY eye exam form - form must be completed by an optometrist.

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

■ 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

■ Mar. 24 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requirements for entry: Initial entry physical; updated immunization certificate; eye exam; birth certificate; social security card (for child).

■ April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS testing window.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Kindergarten applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Open registration begins April 1. MCA is selling raffle tickets for a Pontiac G6 which will be given away on April 21, at the 12th Annual Spring Fling Gospel Sing. Tickets are \$50 each. Please call 606-285-5141 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.

ly 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.

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.

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

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

■ Apr. 10 - Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Meeting open to public.

■ Apr. 13 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center. (This is your day, parents!)

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weebury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

■ Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

■ April 11 - Easter Cantata, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

■ May 15 - Graduation, 6 p.m.

■ May 16 - Last day of school.

■ Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Learning Ladder Academy

■ After-school students welcome (after-school will be closed on March 21).

■ For more information, contact MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771.

■ Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

Partner in 5th annual East Kentucky Regional Science Fair

Citizens National Bank and Morehead State University's East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP project are again teaming up with the East Kentucky Science Center to provide the funding for the Science Fair awards. Student winners at the Science Fair will receive savings bonds and trophies. Schools of first place winners also will receive a monetary award to be used toward purchase of equipment and supplies for the science departments.

The East Kentucky Regional Science Fair will be held Saturday, March 25, on the Prestonsburg campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The science fair is open to public, private and home school students in Breathitt, Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe counties. Students in grades 4-12 who are first place winners in their school science fair are eligible to participate. Cut off date for schools to enroll their first place winners is March 17th.

Savings bonds awards range from \$25 to \$500 and the savings bonds will increase in value if the students will wait until the bonds have matured before cashing them. A total of \$2,800 will be distributed among first place winners, \$1,150 among second place winners, \$575 among third

place, and \$3,300 among schools of first place winners. First place students in 4th - 6th grade each will receive a \$100 savings bond; 7th-8th, \$250 each; and 9th-12th, \$500 each.

Second place earns students in 4th- 6th grade a \$50 savings bond each; 7th-8th, \$100 each; and 9th-12th, \$200 each. Each third place winner in grades 4th-6th will receive a \$25 savings bond, grades 7-8, \$50; and grades 9-12 \$100.

Schools with 4th-6th grade students winning first place in the Regional Science Fair will receive \$100 for each first place winner. Schools with 7th-12th grade students who have won first place in the Regional Science Fair will receive \$500 for each first place winner.

Citizens National Bank along with Morehead State University's East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP project funded the prize money for the fifth consecutive year. Citizens National Bank contributed \$5,000 and GEAR-UP contributed \$3,500 to reward students for their achievement in the field of science.

The East Kentucky Science Center is a non-profit educational organization, for more information please visit www.wedoscience.org or contact 606-889-0303. For more information about Citizens National Bank, visit www.cnbonline.com, and for details about GEAR-UP, contact Kevin Hall at 606-874-2669.

AMS student recognized by USAA

Brandi Michelle Frasure, a student from Adams Middle School, was recently named a United States National Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA). Brandi has recognized for her achievements in the subject of science.



Brandi Michelle

the standards set forth by the Academy. Criteria include: academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude, and dependability.

Brandi was nominated for this award by her teacher, Carole

Bentley. This prestigious honor is awarded to fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

The USAA selects winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon

She is the daughter of David and Susie Webb, of Prestonsburg, and Mike Whitt, of Watergap. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Linda Frasure, of Abbott, and the late Frank Whitt and Emogene Whitt, formerly of Watergap.

George named USAA Award Winner

Savannah N. George, a student from Lawrence County High School, has been named a United States National Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA) for her outstanding achievements in the subject areas of English and Speech and Drama.

Savannah was nominated for this award by Mr. Scott Osborn, her English teacher at LCHS.

Savannah will appear in the USAA official yearbook, a national publication.

USAA award winners are selected upon the exclusive

recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards set forth by the Academy.

Selection criteria include: academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership, responsibility, motivation, attitude, and dependability.

Savannah is the daughter of David and Donna George, of Louisa. She is the granddaughter of the late Eddie and Nora George, formerly of East Point, and the late John and Opal Robertson, formerly of Fort Gay, West Virginia.

Floyd County students named to HCTC Dean's List

The following Hazard Community and Technical College Floyd County students have been named to the Dean's List during the fall 2005 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have attained a grade average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Those named are: Matthew Lee Adkins, of Martin; Crystal L. Bailey, of Hueysville; Allison N. Curry, of Melvin; Amanda Sadie Johnson, of Wheelwright; Ashley Ellisa Sexton, of Estill; Nancy P. Slone, of Minnie; and Amber Dawn Wireman, of Hueysville.

Births



New Arrival

Ally Grace Cook was born December 20, 2005, to proud parents Timothy and Stacy Cook. She weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 18-3/4 inches long. Ally is the maternal granddaughter of Jo and Diane Howard, of Salyersville. Her paternal grandparents are Tom and Brenda Cook, of East Point. Ally was welcomed home by her very excited big sister, Abby.



New Arrival

Dylan Isaac Gould was born on February 3, 2006, at 8:21 a.m., to Tequila Kay Anderson and Aaron Rodney Gould, of Berea. He weighed 5 lbs., 10-1/2 oz., and was 18-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Felicia and Richard Burgess, of Prestonsburg, Kaye Gould, of Berea, Rodney Gould, of Erlanger, and Turner and Deona Anderson, of Kimper.



New Arrival

William John Runyon was born March 2, 2006, at 11:34 a.m., at the Spalding Medical Center, in Griffin, Georgia, to proud parents John and Sherry Runyon. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20-1/2 inches long. William is the paternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Runyon, of Banner. His maternal grandparents are Reba Spencer, of Melvin, and the late William Branham. William's family send their thanks to God for this blessed event.

Birthdays



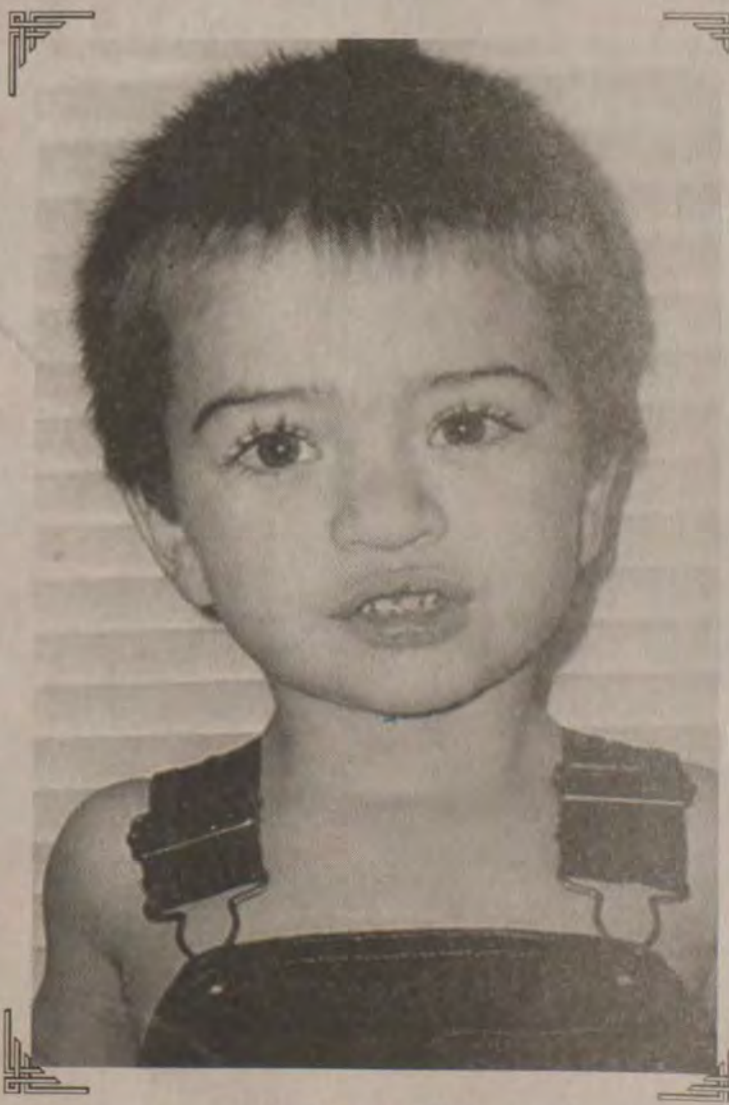
Happy Birthday!

Madison Cheyenne Jarrell celebrated her fifth birthday on February 21, 2006. She is the daughter of Carl Jarrell, Jr. ("CJ the DJ" of WSIP Radio), and Virginia Griffith. She is the granddaughter of Rosie Boyd Goble, Joe Goble, Avious Griffith, the late Carl Jarrell, and the late Russell Griffith.



Look who's 5!

Christian Alexander Sparkman turned five years old on March 9, 2006. He celebrated with family and friends at the Pin Zone Bowling Alley where he was treated to a "Fire Truck" theme party. Christian is the son of Jessica Sparkman, of Hueysville. He is the grandson of Marvin and Priscilla Sparkman, also of Hueysville, and the great-grandson of Faye Shepherd, of Hueysville, and the late Ishmal Shepherd.



Look who's 3!

Kyle Steven Sturgill turned three years old on March 18, 2006. He celebrated his special day with family and friends. His Mom and Dad wish him a very happy year ahead!

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