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No paper Sunday

The Floyd County Times will not publish on Sunday, Dec. 30. We will resume our normal schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Jobless rate falls

FRANKFORT -Unemployment rates fell in 106 Kentucky counties between November 2006 and November 2007, rose in 12 counties and remained the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the **Education Cabinet**

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.4 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette and Warren counties, 3.5 percent each; Jessamine County, 3.7 percent; Boone County, 3.8 percent; Madison, Mason, Oldham and Scott counties, 3.9 percent each; and Bourbon, Franklin and Kenton counties, 4 percent

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 9.2 percent. It was followed by Wolfe County, 8.8 percent; Clay County, 8.7 percent; Harlan and Magoffin counties, 8.5 percent each; Owsley County, 7.5 percent; Morgan County, 7.3 percent; and Bell, McCreary and Menifee, 7.1 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.



Tomorrow



High: 56 • Low: 39

High: 44 • Low: 32

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Family sues KSP over fatal 2006 shooting

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The family of an Elkhorn City man who was shot and killed last year by law enforcement officers following a short pursuit filed a lawsuit this week in U.S. District

John and Sharon Keene, of Pike

County, filed a complaint with jury demand against Kentucky State Police, and unknown officer of Kentucky State Police, or unknown officer of Pike County Sheriff's Department or other unknown officer.

As times staff reported last year, KSP at Post 9 in Pikeville responded to a call from the sheriff's department asking for assistance in the pursuit of a possible armed robbery suspect traveling on Town Mountain Road.

According to reports, the pursuit came to a halt on northbound U.S. 23 after officers successfully deployed a tire deflation device.

Misty Damron, 32, of Elkhorn City, who was driving the vehicle, surrendered to authorities without further incident.

The passenger in the vehicle, John Michael Keene, 26, reportedly moved to the driver's seat in an attempt to escape when officers tried to take him in to custody. According to KSP, Keene reached for a weapon on the passenger side of the vehicle, at which time KSP Trooper Chris Philips and

(See LAWSUIT, page eight)



Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo and Gov. Steve Beshear celebrated their election night victory on Nov. 6. Their election was named the top story on 2007 by the Associated Press.

Beshear's election picked as Kentucky's top news story

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Steve Beshear won a lopsided victory in November over a scandalplagued incumbent to become governor of Kentucky in a remarkable political comeback more than 20 years after he last held an elective office.

His defeat of Ernie Fletcher was voted the top Kentucky story of 2007 by The Associated Press member editors and broadcasters.

Beshear had climbed the political ladder in the 1970s and 1980s as a state lawmaker, attorney general and lieutenant governor, but had lost two subsequent elections, after which

he steered clear of politics. The office edged out a number of Dawson Springs native defeated an incumbent governor who had been accused of violating state hiring laws to reward political supporters in a saga that dominated headlines for more than two years.

"Politics is certainly always a major topic of discussion and it generates a lot of interest in Kentucky," said Joe Gershtenson, head of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University. "In an gubernatorial election year, especially, it would probably take something pretty notable to bump that out of the top

Beshear's return to public

other high-profile events that made news over the past 12 months. That includes the continuing legal battle over whether administering lethal injections to put condemned inmates to death constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

The issue was debated throughout the year in courtrooms and took the No. 2 spot. on the list of top stories. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear oral arguments from the attorneys of two Kentucky death row inmates at the center of the issue. They argue that lethal injection causes pain and that its protocol is unconstitu-

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Appalachian coal production declines in '07

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. -The latest federal figures show U.S. coal production dipped slightly this year.

The 1.4 percent decline hit Appalachian states such as Virginia and Kentucky the hardest, while production in the West is essentially flat, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

EIA data shows year-todate production in Virginia was down 10.2 percent compared with the same period of 2006, to 25.8 million tons as of the week ending Dec. 15. In Kentucky, production was down 5.2 percent to 110.8 million tons.

Across Appalachia, production dipped 3.6 percent to 364.6 million tons.

West Virginia, the nation's second-largest coal producer, showed a slight increase of 0.9 percent to 148.2 million Northern West Virginia mines increased output during the period 4.1 percent to 42.6 million tons. Output from southern Virginia's coalfields dipped 0.4 percent to 105.5 mil-

In Wyoming, nation's biggest producer, production is up 1.6 percent to 433.1 million tons.

U.S. coal producers faced weak demand from

(See COAL, page eight)

Manslaughter charge filed after fatal wreck

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A Louisa resident was arrested without incident Wednesday when he voluntarily turned himself in at the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.

Richard S. Gussler III, 30, was charged with second-degree

According to Kentucky State Police reports, Kirk, along with Mark Scaggs, 46, of Pikeville,

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Governor: Budget shortfall reaches \$434 million

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A budget shortfall of \$434 million has left the state in financial peril, Gov. Steve Beshear said Thursday.

At current spending levels, the state will run out of money before the end of June, Beshear said at a Capitol press confer-

"Although the construction and evolution of this problem occurred before I was elected,

it is my job to solve it," he said. "We're setting about to do exactly that.'

Beshear said he plans to announce specific spending cuts next week. He said his "utmost priority" is to sustain essential government services, especially for the state's most

Last week, Beshear rescinded pay raises that had been given by his predecessor to members of the Kentucky Parole Board. Beshear said the shortfall made it unwise to give

Fletcher had issued an executive order on Dec. 10, the day he left office, to raise the pay for the seven parole board members by 20 to 27 percent. Under that order, annual income rose to \$81,000 a year for members and to \$82,000 for the chairman.

Meanwhile, financial problems have been popping up in a variety of state agencies, which have requested \$166 million in

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manslaughter after an extensive investigation into a car accident Richard S. that took the life of Joey L. Kirk, Gussler III 42, of Louisa.

Nine die on state roads over Christmas

by JACK LATTA

STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT According to Kentucky State Police statistics, nine people died on Kentucky roadways during the Christmas holiday in eight separate accidents.

One of the fatalities was the result of a crash involving alcohol, while four of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

As of Dec. 25, 842 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during

2007. According to KSP records that is 59 fewer than was reported last year.

More than half of the 681 fatalities involving motor vehicles were not wearing their seat belts, and of the 92 motorcycle fatalities, 53 were not wearing helmets. Of the 24 ATV accidents, 20 were not wearing helmets, and 43 pedestrians and five bicyclists have been killed. A total of 197 fatalities have resulted from from crashes

(See DEATHS, page eight)





Obituaries

Edd Bentley

Edd Bentley of Garrett, passed away December 26, 2007, at the St. Claire Hospital in Morehead.

He was born August 10, 1910, the son of the late Sally Hughes Bentley and Brack W. Bentley.

He was the husband of Thelma Blanton Bentley, before her passing. He was predeceased by one daughter, Guina Sue, and two sons: Benny and Dennis.

His survivors include one daughter, Drusilla Jean and her husband. Bobby Mayo, of Chesapeake, Virginia; three sons, Jack Bentley and his wife, Victoria, of Laurelville, Ohio; Ronnie Bentley and his wife, Grace, of Chesapeake, Virginia; and Larry Bentley of Morehead.

He also leaves many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

He was a retired coal miner with more than 30 years of service, along with being selfemployed for many years.

Our father, Edd Bentley, was a loving father and grandfather. He was also an ingenious man with many qualities, such as painting, carpentry, farmer, avid gardener; he owned and ran his own store on Stonecoal Road.

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Card of Thanks

opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors

who helped to comfort, and were there for our family, during

this difficult time. We are especially grateful to Clergyman J. B.

Hall for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for

their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home

for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. All

the love and compassion shown to our family will never be for-

THE FAMILY OF MONA CONN BOYD

Card of Thanks

The family of Lee Roy Ross wishes to thank all of those

friends, relatives, and neighbors for all the love and support

upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flow-

ers, food, prayers or words of comfort expressed. We are espe-

cially grateful to Clergman Tommy Bush for his comforting

words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic

control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted

services. Words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude we

THE FAMILY OF LEE ROY ROSS

Card of Thanks

The family of Ralph "Bud" Hagans would like to extend their appre-

ciation all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way

upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food,

flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful

to Clergyman Roy Harlow or his comforting words; the Riverview Health Care for the special care they provided to our dad; the Sheriff's

Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts

Card of Thanks

The family of Rebecca "Becky" Justice Dye wishes to gratefully

acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives.

and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who

sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort to our fam-

ily. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their

comforting words; the Pillgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church

for all the kindness shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department

for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home

THE FAMILY OF REBECCA 'BECKY" JUSTICE DYE

for their professional and compassionate service.

of kindness during this time will always be a comfort to our family. THE FAMILY OF RALPH "BUD" HAGANS

will always feel for each of you.

The family of Mona Conn Boyd would like to take this

held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 29, at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with Pastor Bill Campbell officiat-

Burial will follow in the Bentley Cemetery Stonecoal Road, Garrett.

Friends may call at the Hall Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obitoary)

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Georgia Faye Hall Conn

Georgia Faye Hall Conn, 54, passed into eternal life on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, after a long illness.

Born September 18, 1953, she was the daughter of Sarah Katherine Osborne Hall of Martin and the late Wiley Martin Hall. She was a home maker; a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt; an active member of the Independent Christian Women's Fellowship; and a member of Faith Bible Church since 1978, where she often helped with Sunday School and Bible School programs.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, R. B. Conn; one son, Harry Lee Conn (Robbin) of Martin; one daughter, Kathy Marie Conn (Paul) of Collinsworth Salyersville; five grandchil-The funeral services will be dren: Elizabeth Danielle

and Caitlin Danielle Slone, of Martin; and Blake Jarvis and Landon Lester of Salyersville; one sister, Patsy Jean Hall

Dingus, John William Dingus

Rose (Roger) of Garrett; six brothers: Cainer Lee Hall (Gwen) of Prestonsburg, Larry Hall (Rhonda) of Wellington, Gary Hall (Suc) of Paintsville, Tommy Hall (Debbie) of Martin, David Hall (Diana) of Prestonsburg and Billy Hall of Martin; nine nieces, seven nephews, seven grandnieces,

ten grandnephews and one great-grandnephew, She was preceded in death by her father, Wiley Martin Hall; two brothers: Donald Ray Hall and Martin Edward Hall; one sister, Anita Marie

Dennis Gabriel Conn. Visitation is at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home after 3

Hall and a great-grandnephew,

p.m., Thursday, December 27. The funeral will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, December 29, at 11 a.m., with her pastor, Bob Wireman, pre-

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

Pallbearers are: Paul Collinsworth, Harry Lee Conn, Joey Conn, John Dingus, Cainer Hall, Martin Hall, Robert Hall, Tommy Hall and Rick Smith.

(Paid obituary)

Ada Mills Hunter Ada Mills Hunter, age 77 of

East Point, passed from this life on Tuesday, December 25, 2007, in the Community Hospice Care in Ashland.

She was born April 27,1930, in Lincoln County West Virginia, the daughter of the late Farmer and Idona Clark Mills. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by, her parents, and husband, David Eugene Hunter; daughters, Marsha Saxton and Brenda Gail Hunter; nine brothers and four sisters.

Surviving are: Two sons, Willie Martin and Sherman Martin both of Barboursville, W.Va.; two daughters: Patricia Ann "Patty Campbell of Prestonsburg, and Teresa Lynn "Terry" Akers of Dana; one brother, General Watts of Barboursville, W.Va.; 13

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grandchildren, several greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 29, at 1:00 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with William Jarrell officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Arrangements by Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Belford Reitz

Belford Reitz, age 91, of McDowell, husband of the late Irene Judd Reitz, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2007, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born September 25, Redcross, 1916, in Pennsylvania, the son of the late Sylvan Reitz and Maude Fenedemacher Reitz. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by a son, Belford W. Reitz Jr., of Blaine, Minnesota; two daughters: Joy Tignor of Snellville, Georgia. and Peggy Ann Lattery of Princeton, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Irene, and parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Maxine Reitz; a daughter, Judy McNamce; and sisters: Margaret two DeShaies and Eva Kichl..

Funeral services for Belford Reitz will be conducted Friday, December 28, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Josephine Stephens

Josephine Stephens, age 85, of Albion, Michigan, a native of Dwale, passed away, Friday, December 21, 2007, at Tendercare in Marshall.

She was born May 15, 1922, in Dwale, the daughter of Ballard and Mary (Vaughn)

In 1939, she married Marcy Stephens, who preceded her in death in 1976.

Josephine worked at Albion College for 17 years. She

"Hear the melodies of life again.

enjoyed music, singing, game shows, and crossword puzzles. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is survived by four daughters: Rita Stephens and Diane and George Cornell of Albion; Faye and George Peckham of Concord; and Donna Dobson of Florida; two sons: Ted and Tammy Stephens; of Jackson; and Joey and Angie Stephens of Springport; a sister, Garnett Caferty of Kentucky: four brothers: Charles and Linda Webb of Albion; Glen and Phyllis Webb of West Virginia; Doug and Ida Faye Webb of Kentucky; and David and Eva Webb of Concord; 19 grandchildren, and several greatand great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son; four brothers and sisters; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 28, at 1 p.m., at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, with Reverend Bob Donor officiating.

Burial will be in Albion Memory Gardens.

Visitation was at the funeral

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

(Paid obituary) 000

Eunice Stratton

Eunice Stratton, age 90, of Ivel, wife of the late Alonzo passed Stratton, away Monday, December 24, 2007

Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born April 3, 1917. in Pike County, the daughter of the late Ballard Scalf and Judy Roop Scalf. She was a member of the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in

Ivel, and a homemaker. Survivors include a brother, John Scall of Betsy Layne; two sisters: Maggie Johnson of Michigan, and Detroit, Elizabeth Layne of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services for Eunice Stratton will be conducted Friday, December 28, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Chuck Ferguson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens. in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



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The family of Dina Newsome Hamilton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Samaria Regular Baptist Church for all the love and compassion that was shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your thoughtful-

ness and kindness will never be forgotten. THE FAMILY OF DINA NEWSOME HAMILTON

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Minerva Branham, 70, to Lawrence Handshoe, 76, both of Prestonsburg.

Mary Michaels, 56, to Earl McGuire, 51, both of Prestonsburg

Crystal Patton, 25, to Jonathan Price, 26, both of Auxier

Pamela Ison, 47, of Pikeville, to Ronald Man, 62, of Prestonsburg

Christine Stumbo, 28, to Billy Joe Miller, 40, both of Hi Hat.

Civil Suits Filed

Enola Miller vs. Larry Pente Clayton Ramey, et al vs. Mary Conley and Greg Dawson

Unifund CCR Partners vs. Helene L. Branham

Betty Wright vs. Christopher Shepherd

Jimmy D. Hall vs. Andrew Prater

Rosie McCoy vs. Highlands Hospital, et al

Kennith Newman vs. Conagra Foods, Inc. John Cruse vs. Empire Fire &

Marine Insurance, et al
Discover Bank vs. Edward B.

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Michael Gibson

City National Bank vs. James L. Murphy

Amarr Garage Doors, Inc. vs. Rodney Hamilton

William D. Boyd vs. Douglas B. Tibbs Lendmark Financial vs. James

Hamilton, et al Elray Cline, et al vs. Shirley

Napier Rita V. Conley vs. Linda

Bowling

Billy Toe Caudill et al. vs.

Billy Joe Caudill, et al vs. Ricky G. Rogers, et al .

Small Claims Filings NCO Portfolio Mgt. vs. Alma

Akers aka Alma Allen

NCO Portfolio Mgt. vs. Porty Blevins

NCO Portfolio Mgt. vs. Tonda Conn

Pioneer Credit Co. vs. James C. Smith, et al

Billy Joe Miller vs. Violet Buchanan

Charges Filed

Joshua J. Tyler, 25, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.

Steven D. Hall, 24, of Minnie, terroristic threatening; menacing; wanton endangerment.

Mark L. Kidd, 34, of Honaker, assault/domestic violence; alcohol intoxication, public place.

intoxication, public place.

Heather Halcomb, 32, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Glema J. Spradlin, 33, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Brittany N. Robinson, 20, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Justin Allen Mullins, 20, of Betsy Layne, public intoxication, controlled substance.

Donald Ray Chandler, 27, of Meally, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Bobby Dean Damron, 44, of Tram, alcohol intoxication, public place. Stephen Michael Ford, 25, of

Dana, possession controlled substance, drug unspecified; controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Sandra G. Koontz, 21, of Royalton, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Rachel Lena Cooley, 28, of Stanville, possession controlled substance, drug unspecified; controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Paul D. Shepherd, 43, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Sherry Ayala, 36, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place.
Willard Joseph, 41, of Prestonsburg, stalking; harassment.

Jonathan L. Hall, 23, of Dana, assault/domestic violence.

Curtis T. Newsome, 18, of Prestonsburg, public intoxication, controlled substance.

Larry Anderson, 36, of Langley, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct. Johnny Ray Crisp, 44, of Allen, alcohol intoxication, public

Eric Paul Copeland, 30, of Lovely, alcohol intoxication, pub-

place.

lie place.

Marsha J. Adkins, 35, of Grethel, theft by deception/cold

Rono Hamilton, 28, of Teaberry, trafficking in controlled substance/drug unspecified.

Bobby Hamilton Jr., 57, of Teaberry, trafficking in controlled substance/drug unspecified.

Gary Hamilton, 33, of Teaberry, trafficking in controlled substance/drug unspecified.

Inspections

Osborne Elementary Cafeteria, Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Nonfood contact surfaces not properly constructed. Nonfood contact surfaces not maintained. Improper storage of single-service articles. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Floors not in good repair. Score: 95.

Osborne Elementary School, Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Third grade building boys restroom lavatory faucet in disrepair. 5th and 6th grade building boys restroom wall in moderate disrepair. Floor tile cracked, in disrepair, throughout almost all classroom buildings. Score: 92.

Cardinal Mart Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Food not protected during storage. Lack of effective hair restraints. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 92 Retail Comments: Hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, Score! 97

Wells Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all mobile home lots are systematically, not all mobile home lot sizes appear to have required 4,000 square space available. Score: 96.

Betsy Layne Elementary School, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Old building restroom floor tile in disrepair, girls restroom floor in disrepair. Several leaks noted in old building, new building, and gym. Glass room 504 wall in bad repair. Score: 96.

Betsy Layne High School, Stanville, regular. Violations noted: Floor tile in gym between restrooms in disrepair. Student desks in disrepair in most class rooms. Risers in band room are in disrepair and in need of cleaning. Score: 96.

McDowell Elementary School, McDowell, regular inspection, Violations noted: Commode not flushing properly in girls restroom in primary building. Restroom in need of cleaning. Intermediate building men's restroom floor tile in disrepair. Room 8 of primary building walls in disrepair, also floors in moderate disrepair of intermediate building. Score: 92.

Halls Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: mobile home lots not numbered systematically, individual garbage containers not provided. Moderate amount of unnecessary articles in mobile home yards. Score: 94.

S&V Mobile Home Park, Drift, regular inspection. Violations noted: mobile home lots not systematically numbered, not all mobile home lot sizes of compliance standards. Score: 96

Blackburn's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots are not properly numbered. Mobile home parking not of compliance standards, several lots have debris build up. Score: 94.

Lone Oak Mobile Home Park, Tram, regular inspection. Violations noted: mobile home lots not numbered properly, driveways and parking areas in bad repair, some mobile home lot sizes not in compliance standards, park lacks sufficient number of individual garbage containers. Score: 92.

Newman Country Store, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing unites storing potentially hazardous foods. Food not protected during storage, improper storage of single-service articles, toilet room doors not self-closing. Score: 94.

McDowell Elementary cafeteria, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of effective hair restraints. Food contact surfaces not properly constructed, food contact surfaces not properly maintained, all plumbing not maintained according to law, toilet room doors not self closing. Score: 94.

Champ S Country, McDowell, regular inspection. Violation noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Lack of effective hair restraints, light fixtures not shielded as required. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 96.

Food City #471, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food area: food not protected during storage. Food not protected during display, Lack of effective hair restraints. Improper storage of single-service articles. Score: 96. Retail area: Employees personal items not stored properly. Cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 98.

Betsy Layne High school Cafeteria, Stanville, regular. Violations noted: single-service articles being reused. Walls, ceilings, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 97.

Pin-Zone Bowling, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Improper storage of single-service articles. Score: 98.

Foodland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food area: lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Floors not in good repair. Floors not clean. Walls, Ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 91. Retail area: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration tially hazardous foods. Food not protected during storage. Nonfood contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Floors not in good repair. Floors not clean. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 90

Betsy Layne Elementary Cafeteria, Betsy Layne, regular. Violations noted: Nonfood contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean. Improper storage of single-service articles. Lighting not provided as required. Score: 97

First Stop Grocery, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food area; Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods.

Lack of effective hair restraints
Dishwashing facility not properly
constructed. Dishwashing facility
not properly designed. Score: 96.
Retail Area: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and
freezing units storing potentially
hazardous foods. Food not protected during storage. Score: 97.

Down To Earth, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Score: 99

Dinosaur Playland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Score: 100

Cardinal Mart # 3, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Area; Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 96. Retail Area: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 97.

Learning Ladder.
Prestonsburg, regular inspection.
Score: 100.

Peking's Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chlorine sanitizer for mechanical chemical sanitizing of utensils and equipment less than 50 ppm. Cloths used for wiping nonfood surfaces being used for other purposes. Improper storage of clean equipment and utensils. Floors not in good repair, Walls, ceilings, attached equipment not in good repair, Score: 92.

Dingus Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted Mobile home lots not properly numbered. Park lacking in sufficient number of single garbage containers. Some lots have moderate amount of debris in yard areas. Score: 94.

Alpike Mobile Home Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: mobile home lots not properly numbered. Some mobile home lot sizes not of compliance standards, some mobile home lots have moderate amount of debris. Score: 94.

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Guest View-

Editorial roundup

The Record, Bergen County, N.J., on global warming:

The fight against global warming took one step forward last week and one step back. On the same day President Bush signed a promising energy bill into law, the Environmental Protection Agency ruled against states, including New Jersey, that want even tougher standards.

The new federal law is cause for some celebration. It requires a welcome 40 percent increase in fuel efficiency standards for cars, trucks and SUVs. They must get an average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

The federal law also requires a huge increase in the use of ethanol as fuel and more energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

But while Democrats and Republicans, environmentalists and business were celebrating the new law, the EPA was moving to squelch states' efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions even more.

New Jersey and at least a dozen other states want to follow California's lead and require cleaner cars before 2020. They are serious about fighting global warming as well as improving public health. They have been waging this battle while Congress was dragging its feet.

Now that there is a stronger federal policy in place, the EPA says this "national solution" should preclude what individual states are doing.

But the environmental clock is ticking. Federal policy has moved at a glacial pace, particularly during the Bush administration, which made no secret of its disdain for conservation and its favor for the oil and automotive industries.

States that recognize the urgency of the situation should continue to lay the groundwork for a stepped-up battle against global warming, which the next president must lead.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on the alternative minimum tax:

Congress has approved a tax plan that will spare millions of middle-class Americans from owing the government much more than they reasonably should. That's a welcome achievement for a collection of lawmakers whose end of the year list of accomplishments is otherwise quite scant.

But it leads to this more critical point, too. Why has the expansion of what's known as the alternative minimum tax, the mugging of people in the \$75,000 to \$200,000 salary range, been stopped for just one year?

Will the country be subjected to another version of the coarse and shrill debate last week that overshadowed an act of congressional common sense? Will the 20 million people saved from an additional tax payment of \$2,000 each get hit next year?

This is a tax, it must be understood, that was enacted to keep a relative handful of high rollers from claiming enough deductions to get away with not paying the government anything at all. That much, surely, was a good idea. But Congress neglected to tie the tax to inflation. More and more people, making considerably less money than the people the AMT was originally aimed at, were getting hit. Some 4 million people had to pay the AMT last year. This year it would have been 25 million, had Congress not intervened, albeit temporarily.

A more permanent solution could be in place, of course, but only if more members of Congress — Republicans, mostly — would show some fiscal responsibility.

El Paso (Texas) Times on the trade deficit between China and the U.S.:

Month in and month out, the U.S. gets hammered with a ballooning trade deficit, and the country that's pounding on us most is China — which shows little sign of wanting to help.

If there's any good trade news to be gleaned, it's that U.S. exports of goods and services hit an all-time high of \$141.7 billion in October. But that gain was submerged by an increase in imports to \$199.5 billion.

And according to Commerce Department figures; the deficit with China vaulted to \$25.9 billion, an increase of 9.1 percent and a single-month record.

Simplified, a deficit occurs when a country imports more than it exports. And that's where China has us over the trade barrel — Americans just can't seem to get enough of Chinese goods, despite tainting and other safety scares.

The grumbling index in Congress is increasing right along with the trade deficit. Literally dozens of bills have been introduced that would punish China for what are being called unfair trade practices. Critics point to 3 million manufacturing jobs lost since 2000.

But American manufacturers have about had their fill of the Chinese and what they consider unfair trade practices such as the Chinese government letting its currency remain undervalued, which in turn makes U.S. goods more expensive in China and Chinese products less expensive in America — an obvious contributor to the deficit.

Auggic Tantillo, executive director of the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, said, "As long as China keeps cheating, both the U.S. trade deficit with that country will keep rising and U.S. manufacturing jobs will keep disappearing."



Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Friendly competition is good, whether it is between classmates, coworkers or state governments. No one knows this better than Kentucky, where an increase in teachers' pay and better economic development incentives among other improvements are helping us compete with surrounding states that have long outranked us in tallies of regional educational and economic success.

Now at least one of those states-Indiana--is showing us up again with improvements in their dropout rates.

Since it increased its dropout age from 16 to 18 and put requirements in place for potential dropouts in 2006, the Hoosier State has increased the likelihood that its students will graduate and possibly go on to college. It has also cleared up inaccuracies in the state's reported graduation rate, which factored in only those dropouts who left school during the school year-not between school years--until 2005. By not factoring in the summer dropouts, the state enjoyed a reported graduation rate of nearly 90 percent. That percentage dropped to around 70 percent, which is around the national average.

Indiana also has a tough mandatory core curriculum called "Core 40" which requires all students take what the National Conference of State Legislatures calls "academically rigorous" classes in math, English, science and social studies to prepare them for college and the work world.

But without the tougher dropout age, it is hard to say how many students would stick around for graduation.

Kentucky, like Indiana, enacted stronger college- and work-ready graduation requirements for its high school students in 2006--the same year that Indiana ramped up its mandatory curriculum--but has yet to increase its dropout age from 16 to 17 or 18. Sure, many bills have been introduced over-the years that would increase the dropout age, including two in 2007, but few if any have even made it out of committee for varied reasons.

Some opponents to proposals that increase the dropout age in Kentucky consider hiking the compulsory school age "putting a Band-Aid on the problem", as one Kentucky law-maker put it, and are more interested in programs that help failing students rather than preventing them from dropping out. Fostering better partnerships between vocational colleges and businesses to hold students' interest has also been recommended.

But what will really work? Improved business-school partnerships could indeed make a difference in the dropout rate, judging from a 2006 national poll by the Gates Foundation in which 81 percent of dropouts polled said more opportunities for real-world learning would keep more kids in school. But focusing only on students with failing grades might not be very effective based on the same poll, which showed that 88 percent of dropouts polled had passing grades.

Those who favor raising the dropout age have some ideas of their own of why states should raise the age of compulsory school attendance

to 17 or 18. The biggest reason is the economic benefits that graduation provides, both to students and the states. High school students who graduate earn more than if they dropped out--at least \$9,200 more per year on average, according to the American Youth Policy Forum. And states benefit by paying less in public assistance, which today's dropouts are more likely to need since low-skilled labor has become more

Another benefit is to the state economy as a whole. With a better skilled labor force, states can attract more industry, which means more jobs and a better quality of life for their citizens.

Then there is the issue of graduation rates. Kentucky's State Auditor found in a 2006 performance audit of Kentucky's dropout rate that Kentucky's summer dropout rate is not being accurately reported, which is overstating Kentucky's graduation rate. This is the same problem that Indiana experienced and later addressed. Kentucky might consider doing the same thing so that we can better formulate policy related to both secondary and higher education.

A problem can only be fixed if we admit we have one. By properly adjusting our graduation rates to include summer dropouts, we would have a better idea where are shortcomings are so we can take steps to fix them. We have already made major strides in what we require of our students. Keeping more students around to complete those requirements might be a good next step.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's, and I'll write to you again in 2008.



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Rental F Central

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

Video distributors didn't trot out as much product on this holiday week, but quality was high with at least one Oscar contender in the mix and two films that deserved a wider theatrical release.

"Eastern Promises" — Director David Cronenberg reteams with his "History of Violence Star" Viggo Mortenson for this tightly wound mob thriller that explores themes of redemption and humanity amidst some brutal set pieces. Mortenson is reined in here as an enforcer for the Russian mob in England who takes an interest in a

young nurse who is trying to determine the lineage of a baby that was rescued. This one delivers and offers high caliber performances from the east, which includes Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel (as an Eastern European version of Joe Pesci's character from "Good Fellas") and a particularly nasty turn by Armin Mueller-Stahl as an old school gangster.

■ "Rush Hour 3" — Any film that features action sequences choreographed by Jackie Chan can't be all bad, but this dud comes close. The problem here is that Chan is once again paired with shrill comedian Chris Tucker. The two are out of water in France, but great locations and well timed fight sequences only offer temporary respite from a tedious script.

"Shattered" — This thriller should keep you on the edge of your seat and deserved a wide release. Pierce Brosnan hits this one out of the park as a mysterious figure who springs up in the middle of a couple's life and threatens to kill their teenage daughter unless they do what he wants. To give away more would earn me a visit from Brosnan's character so I'll leave it at that, except to note that Maria Bello and Gerard Butler ("300") are also quite good as the par-

"The Brothers Solomon" — Every week it seems that there's a new lowbrow comedy among the releases and

this one fills that bill. You might get a few yuks here as socially challenged brothers try to make their dad happy by giving him a grandchild. These dopes are not cut out for dating and must eventually hire out a surrogate to try and bear their child. Sophomoric fun from Steve Odenkirk ("Kung Pao: Enter the Fist"). Look for Lee Majors as the dad and affable turns from Will Arnett and Will Forte as the brothers.

Next week brings a new year and a double whammy of intense action films as Jet Li and Jason Statham ("The Transporter") square off in "War," while Clive Owen takes aim at Paul Giamatti in "Shoot 'Em Up."

decent dose of droll humor,

out, I'm living with my dad,

Lincoln," Cage's Ben laments

more inner conflict and nobili-

ty than most bad guys, and he

brings a nice air of melancholy

to the character. It seems like a

waste to have Mirren in a role

that almost any 60-something

actress could play, but she and

Voight do manage some

"Book of Secrets" leaps

around like a choppy travel

documentary, Ben going over-

seas this time to find clues in

Paris and London and again

solving seemingly incompre-

hensible riddles with ridicu-

tease of a third chapter in the

The film closes with the

lous flashes of insight.

As with the first movie,

moments of humor.

Harris' role is crafted with

early on.

which perfectly suits Cage.

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Cage's second 'Treasure' finds more fool's gold

"National Treasure:

Book of Secrets," a Disney

release, is rated PG for some

violence and action.

Running time: 124 minutes.

One and a half stars

out of four.

by DAVID GERMAIN AP MOVIE WRITER

The founding fathers of the "National Treasure" franchise wisely know not to tinker with a formula that inexplicably works.

Nicolas Cage, Jon and Turteltaub Jerry Bruckheimer discovered the secret of alchemy with the first movie three years ago, turning mediocre action spiced with American lore into box-office gold, and the same is likely to hold for the second chapter in their history text.

'National Treasure: Book of Secrets" is another romp through the past that flits from one disjointed action sequence to another, gussying it all up with crowd-pleasing morsels of fact and rivers of crazy legends that turn out to be true.

Knuckle-headed as the movies are in historical context, they sure know how to reel in great casts. Joining Academy Award winners Cage and Jon Voight and fellow



"Treasure" veteran Harvey Keitel is Helen Mirren, fresh

Queen," along with Ed Harris. The last time, Cage's history buff and puzzle solver Ben Gates swiped the Declaration of Independence and used a treasure map hidden on its parchment to uncover a vast hidden fortune.

off her Oscar win for "The

This time, he and dad Patrick (Voight) are stung by an accusation that an ancestor was a conspirator with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The claim is backed by a longmissing page from Booth's diary produced by Mitch

Wilkinson (Harris), a man with an ax to grind about his own family legacy.

True to action formula, producer Bruckheimer, director Turteltaub and screenwriters Cormac and Marianne Wibberly feel compelled to start Ben out as estranged from the girlfriend with whom he ended the first movie, archivist Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger). That's so they can have those cute love-hate moments of blossoming romance all over again as they inevitably reteam to fetch clues and piece together the mystery.

Voight is given his own estrangement to deal with in

Ben's mom, Emily (Mirren), an authority in American Indian languages who has not spoken to her hubby in 32 years. But it turns out the Gates boys need her expertise as the trail eventually leads them to myths of a lost city of gold the Indians left behind.

Also back is Justin Bartha as Ben and Abigail's tech-geck partner, Riley, and Keitel as the FBI guy again forced to try to bring Ben in. Even the president of the United States (Bruce Greenwood) is drawn into the quest, Ben's mission forcing him to sneak a peek at a fabled book of secrets to which only Oval Office occupants are privy.

Quiet and unassuming as it is amid the big stunts and car chases, a little adventure Cage and Greenwood share is one of the movie's most-satisfying

Greenwood, who played John F. Kennedy in "Thirteen Days," has the aura of a president - or at least, the aura we'd like our presidents to project. You almost wish the movie would take its cue from "Air Force One" and let the commander in chief lead the action, rather than Cage.

The movie does have a

franchise, some mystery in the president's book that could send Ben and his pals on another treasure hunt. They've only worked their way through four score and seven years of American intrigue with the

first two flicks, so there's plenty of U.S. history left in which

to muck about.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Ancient Warriors'

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

We say goodbye to 2007 and

Dollar DVD month with this low-budget entry into the action sweepstakes. I realized early on

that we would be doing movie fans a favor by taking the hit at the dollar racks, and that was proven true with this entry which was released four years ago but has yet to find itself in Leonard Maltin's video guide. Any

movie that scares Maltin is good enough for the Lagoon, however, so we are pleased to bring you this last selection of 2007.

Tom Boty

We will bring in the new year next week with a high quality thriller that ought to be at the top of everyone's must-see list, but if you're planning to celebrate the new year in style tomorrow night then there is no better reason to pick up a bottle of spirits than having sat through this dreck without ever having hit the fast forward button. A dollar may be too much for this testosterone festival but there's at least 80 cents worth of quality stuff

It begins as a typical action entry with a fight scene already in progress. Hooded bad guys have kidnapped the American envoy to Sardinia (as if there even is one). They run into trouble as they try to exit their fortress with the loot, as they are ambushed by Sgt. Aldo and his mercenary band. This actually turns out to be good for the bad guys, who manage to get away with the loot.

Aldo manages to let them escape and blows up the car that was carrying the ambassador. He also finds time to lose one of his guys, which turns out to be his dad.

We cut to a year later and Aldo is still morose over how the mission went and even refuses a heaping plate of fresh baked cookies from his adoring

Meanwhile we meet the guy who killed Aldo's dad. His name is Prescott, and he has

stayed busy. He's got a plan in scenes in which they recruit the works to torpedo the president's submarine (and here I thought he traveled by plane)

with a torpedo equipped with a chemical weapon and he's excavating a where believes he will find a sacred cup, the Holy Grail, that will stop his terminal illness. He also commands a private army, a hotheaded son and a mystical female **Times Columnist**

> About this time the mayor of Sardinia gets an earful from Aldo when he hears that the mayor is allowing a school for special needs children to be closed so that the mine can reopen. The mine is one of Aldo's favorite places and he is shown boring the neighborhood kids with stories of the ancient warriors who died in a cave-in there (actually they were crushed by what are obviously plastic boulders) while protect-

assassin.

ing a sacred cup. Aldo agrees to tour the facility and spots an arm with the same tattoo as the one which reached out of a car and shot his dad a year earlier. Aldo decides that the guys at the mine are up to something and warns the

Turns out the mayor is a true politician and is willing to ignore everything for more hush money. Prescott, however, has other plans and allows his son to take out the mayor, which he does while the mayor is conducting a parade. Aldo is on hand and chases the gunman for 10 minutes before losing him. Prescott gives his son grief over the whole affair, despite the fact that it turned out fine.

Aldo does some recon work at the mine and decides that the bad guys must be stopped. The evildoers get the same idea and try to take out Aldo, though they miss and shoot his wife before deciding to just blow up his house. Aldo's not home, but the bombing convinces him that he needs more help, so he gets the gang back together.

After a pointless montage of

their squad, the team is back together. They set out to attack the mine but get caught sneaking in. Eventually they escape and Aldo finally decides that they need even more help, but then announces that they don't have time to waste and so a final assault is played out during which there is a lot of gunplay and many people die before the ghosts of the title show up and get down to the business of taking out the trash. These guys are hardcore and don't let being dead keep them from their mission objective. Unfortunately, most of Aldo's team survives and could be back to haunt the

Dollar DVD bin again. This one was an effort to watch, but most of it was so hokey that it was mostly fun. The chief problem here is that producer Franco Columbu cast himself as Aldo. Columbu exhibits zero charisma due to a combination of factors which

He's very short and this is constantly obvious as he is surrounded by tall actors.

He's balding.

He has a squeaky voice. And he mumbles his dialogue in an unintelligible man-

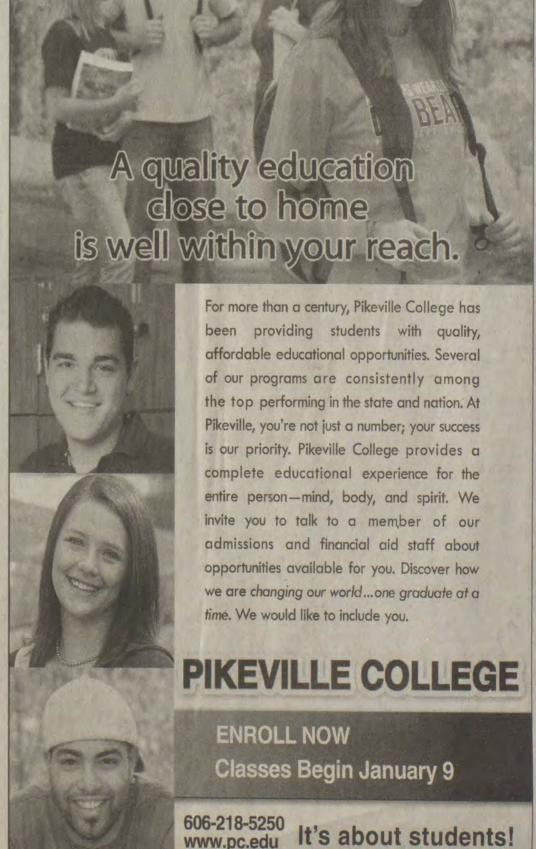
That said there is some nice work here by Richard Lynch as the Curtis. Lynch often plays over-the-top villains, but here he gives a measured performance and steals the Unfortunately he also works against the film by giving you a three-dimensional criminal whose actions, though evil, are at least understandable.

Aldo, on the other hand, often waits too long to spring into action and gets so much assistance taking out the bad guys that even the "Ancient Warriors" look more impressive by comparison. However, the filmmakers

blow up a lot of stuff and evil gets vanquished in the end. Just don't expect a lot of substance, though there are trace elements

Best line: "I've got a good job. I don't get blown up. I am

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The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate effectively, and have excelled planning and organization skills. Successful performance in the position requires a prior knowledge of income tax preparation and knowledge of preparation software or a strong computer background with appropriate education relating to same. This position will require paid travel in Magoffin, Johnson, Martin, Pike and Floyd Counties, service area.

Qualified applicants may submit a résumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Friday, January 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. An equal opportunity employer.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5508 Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, is hereby notice given that FCDC Coal. Inc., North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres, underlies 1.113.81 acres and the total area within

the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres. (2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to and 0.50 mile north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes, 28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 33 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by The Elk Coal Horn The Corporation. operation underlies land owned by The Coal Horn LLC, Company, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy

Spurlock,

Mullins.

Meade, Ella Martin, Clayborne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, et al., Sola Williams, Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter. Willie Hunter, Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Patricia Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade. The lots, Allen Dwale operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Morgan Fork Road. The operation will not involve

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public road. (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake of Drive, Suite No. 6,

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The Wheelwright Utility Commission will be taking applications for a part-time utility clerk on a temporary basis, approx. 20 to 30 hours per week. Some general office experience is required, and a knowledge of bookkeeping practices, and some basic computer skills. Applications will be taken from December 20th, until December 28th, 2007, anyone interested can pick up an application at the Utility Office in Wheelwright, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. The phone number to call with any questions is (606) 452-4273.

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 Written comments, objections,

requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, No. Hudson Hollow Complex, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky

or

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5507 Amendment

In accordancce with 350.07,0, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal Inc. North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd, County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance, and underlie an 105 additional acres, making a total of 2204.90 acres within the amended permit

boundary. proposed amendment area is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from Morgan Fork's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile south of Simpson Branch. The amendment Will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Company, LLC, Jamie Ray & Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott. Charles & Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Everett Stumbo, Gayheart, and Russell Shelton. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell

U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map. amendment The application has been filed for public John inspection at the Newsome, Prestonsburg operation will affect Regional Office, 3140 South Lake feet of public road, Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written com- no closer than 0' of ments, objections, or requests for a County Road. The permit conference operation will not must be filed with involve relocation or

Permits, No. Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-

0349

In accordance with the provisions of 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen. Kentucky 41601 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and Will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest Grethel, in Floyd

The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979 and located in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek.

County

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Coal Horn Company LLC Stelton & Eugenia Revnolds, Parson Heirs, Bobby Lawson, Thomas Palmer Kidd. Hamilton Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore. Miller Bros. Coal LLC, Greeley Newsome. and Miller Bros. Coal, LLC et al. The operation will underlie surface area owned The Elk Horn Coal Company, Stelton & LLC. Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs. Thomas Kidd. Hamilton, Palmer Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore. Miller Bros. Coal Department for Miller Bros. Coal Natural Resources, LLC, et al. The

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NOTICE

Division of Mine of the public road.

The City of Prestonsburg has mailed the 2008 business license renewals for all businesses and persons who conduct business within the Prestonsburg City limits. If you are a new company, or an individual who recently started conducting business within City Limits, and have not registered your business at City Hall, please do so. Renewals are due no later than January 30, 2008.

For questions, please contact the Prestonsburg, City Clerk at (606) 886-

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for Lots C-22 through C-31, located at StoneCrest Golf Course, along Clubhouse Drive. Minimum bid accepted will be appraised value of \$26,000 per lot. These lots are zoned R-2 (Single, Double and Multiple Family Dwellings). Sealed bids must be submitted by January 4, 2008. For additional information, you may contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

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The application has underlie been filed for public acres, and the total inspection at the area within the per-Department Natural Resources, Division of Mine ed approximately Reclamation and 2.0 miles southeast Enforcement's

Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments. objections, requests for a per-

mit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hollow. U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that John Perry, P.O. Box 522, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a commercial building in the floodplain. The site is approximately 0.1 mile southwest of the intersection of Kentucky

Route 80 Kentucky Route 122, near Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky. encroachment upon the floodway channel of Beaver Creek will occur. Comments or objections concerning application this should be directed Kentucky Division of Water. Water Resources Branch. 14 Reilly Road. Frankfort Office Park.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0350

(502) 564-3410.

Phone:

Frankfort.

40601

In accordance , with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coa, Inc., 587 North Drive. Prestonsburg, Ky. Greeley for a permit for a and surface coal mining reclamation ence and 202.01 surface and will

71.17 for mit boundary will be 273.18 acres, locatof Printer in Floyd

County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.45 mile east of Junction KY Route No. 2030 with County Route No. 1142. The latitude is 37º30'58". The longitude is 82º42'44"

The proposed operation is located on the Harold/Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area, contour. and auger/hi-wall mining methods of mining. The surface to be disturbed is owned Appalachian Land Company, Locust Grove Inc., John H. and Janet L. Kidd, Jeffrey & Judith Gayheart, Joe and Ruth Roberts, Sonny and Linda Gayheart, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, All under-LLC. and ground areas to be disturbed owned by the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of County Road No. 1108. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine

Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Suite 6, Drive. Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director. Division of Mine Permits, No. Hollow. Hudson U.S. 127 South,

40601 This is the final advertisement this application; all 41653, has applied comments, objections, or requests for a permit confermust be operation, affecting received within 30 days of this date.

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tional. Arguments are scheduled Jan. 7.

Third on the list was the release of a final report in August by federal investigators of the crash of Comair Flight 5191 in Lexington that killed 49 of 50 people aboard. Investigators concluded that the pilots were primarily responsible for the crash on Aug. 27, 2006. The report reiterated that the primary cause was a failure by pilots Jeffrey Clay and James Polehinke to notice clues they were going down the wrong runway one that was too short for a commercial jet to take off

In sports, University of Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith called it quits, and was replaced by Texas

That high-profile change in However, Gillispie and the personnel made the editors' list of top state stories at No. 4.

Gillispie hammered out a seven-year agreement that pays him \$2.3 million a year in base salary, broadcasting fees and endorsements, with raises of \$75,000 each year, annual performance incentives up to \$750,000 and academic incen-

A&M coach Billy Gillispie. tives of up to \$100,000. university haven't yet signed a contract.

> Problems on Cumberland took the No. 5 spot on the list. Federal officials reduced the water level on the massive lake beginning in January because of fears that the nearly mile-long Wolf Creek Dam might fail, flooding cities along the Cumberland River in southern Kentucky and northern Tennessee. They also began a \$309 million project to repair the dam weakened by erosion of limestone beneath the structure. Besides frightening downstream residents, the situation had a dramatic effect on the state's tourism economy. The lower water levels forced some businesses to relocate docks and the state had to extend boat ramps.

> The U.S. Supreme Court made the list a second time with its ruling involving Louisville school assignments.

A half-century after outlawing segregated schools, a sharply divided Supreme Court imposed new limits on school districts attempting to make sure children of different races share classrooms. The court voted 5-4 to strike down school integration plans in Louisville and Seattle, a decision that imperiled similar plans that hundreds of cities and counties use voluntarily to integrate their schools. The ruling made No. 6 on the AP

The war in Iraq made the list at No. 7. It has been a top story in the state since it began, and Kentucky casualties continued mounting through 2007. Eleven service members with Kentucky hometowns of record died in the war in 2007, out of 61 since the start of the war. The 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell has lost 172 soldiers since the Iraq war began in 2003.

A tragic house fire in

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Bardstown that killed 10 people in February made the list at No. 8. Investigators determined that a cigarette left burning near a chair likely caused the fire. The victims. four adults and six children in an extended family, all died from smoke inhalation.

The death of a horse, 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, made the list at No. 9. Barbaro was euthanized in January after complications from a gruesome breakdown at the Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that had been followed closely by racing fans around the world.

A gruesome accident on an amusement ride rounded out the list of Kentucky's top 10 stories. A teenage girl's feet were severed by a broken cable on the Superman Tower of Power ride at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom in June. Doctors were able to reattach Kaitlyn Lasitter's right foot, and in December, she took her first steps using a prosthesis.

Top 10 stories of 2006

The Associated Press

These are Kentucky's top 10 news stories of 2007, as voted by the member newspapers and broadcast stations of The Associated Press:

1. Democrat Steve Beshear defeated Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

2. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear Kentucky inmates' challenge to lethal injection.

3. Investigators determined that pilot error was the main cause of the 2006 Comair

Keene was pronounced

The complaint, filed

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Wednesday by Lawrence R.

Webster, attorney for the plain-

tiffs, claims that the KSP used

"excessive, deadly force which

was unreasonable and uncon-

scionable and without proba-

ble cause," resulting in the

death of John Michael Keene.

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Webster said Thursday, adding

that the Keene's have an inter-

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nal investigations, and that the

police agencies in question

have been less than forthcom-

electric utilities and stagnant

national demand for coal used

to generate electricity and to

make coke for steel manufac-

turers has spurred exports, par-

ticularly to Europe and South

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Paul Justice, 64, of Pikeville. The vehicle was stopped at

(KSP) have

KVE Officer Keith Justice ing with that information.

Lawsuit

fired their weapons.

County coroner.

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Coal

America.

crash in Lexington.

4. Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith left for Minnesota, succeeded by Billy Gillispie.

5. Repairs to leaking Wolf Creek Dam affected thousands of residents, tourists and busi-

6. In a case from Louisville, the U.S. Supreme Court said race cannot be used to assign students to schools.

7. Kentuckians died serving with the armed forces in Iraq. 8. A house fire in

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"Mr. Keene has a strong

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belief that the officers acted in

County Circuit Clerk's Office,

Damron was convicted of two

counts of first-degree robbery,

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stance. She is currently serv-

Trooper Phillips were placed

on leave while their respective

agencies made an internal

investigation into the shooting.

ongoing in the shooting death

of a Johnson County man by a

KSP trooper on Dec. 11 of this

EIA data shows coal

Major U.S. producers such as

Richmond, Va.-based Massey

Energy Co. have responded

with plans to boost production, particularly of metallurgical

Center for multiple injuries. Kirk was pronounced dead at

Gussler, who was treated and released from the hospital.

is being lodged in the Big

Sandy Regional Detention

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through the fiscal year, which ends on June 30. Beshear said the financial

picture looks little better for the upcoming two-year budget

"We are facing nothing short of a budgetary crisis," he said.

Beshear said several factors have added to the state's finan-

additional funding to get cial difficulties, including a national economic downtown that has led to the slowest growth in employment in several years.

The state's \$18 billion budget had included assumed revenue growth of 4.5 percent over the past year. Beshear said the actual revenue growth was less than 1 percent.

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continue their increased highway presence throughout the New Year's holiday period, which begins at 6 p.m. today and lasts through 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Day.

According to KSP, traffic safety checkpoints and saturation patrols will continue

involving suspected use of through this period, with emphasis on seat belts, speeding and impaired driving.

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Elk tours set to resume in January at Jenny Wiley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Three state parks located in Eastern Kentucky, including Jenny Wiley in Prestonsburg, will offer elk tours this winter.

The return of elk to the region is considered to be one of Kentucky's biggest wildlife management success stories, The animals, after being gone from the state for 150 years, were returned in 1997. They now number more than 6,300.

Participants in the elk tour another geographic region." should bring their cameras there will be great photography opportunities. The largest elk

owned lands that are normally closed to the public. This is one of the few opportunities available for the public to see the greatest number of elk.

"Elk tours are still rising in popularity as a wildlife viewing experience," said state park naturalist Carey Tichenor. "The tours from the Pine Mountain State Resort Park location will offer a different viewing opportunity from the other parks because they will take place in

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park offers a half-day tour that includes a continental breakfast

for children under age 12.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has a lodge, cottages, campground, M. Highway Grill, hiking tra disc golf, fishing, a summer theater and recreational activities.

The other elk tour dates at Jenny Wiley are Jan. 12, 19, 26, 27; Feb. 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8,

For information and reservations, call Jenny Wiley State Resort Park at 1-800-325-0142.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park and Buckhorn Lake State Park are also offering tours.

The dates of the Pine

herds are located on privately- and costs \$20 for adults and \$10 Mountain elk tours in 2008 are Jan. 12 and Jan. 19.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park in Perry County will also offer elk tour packages during January and February. The park's weekend packages include a night's lodging, two meals, and the elk tour. The package price is \$145 per couple. Morning tours leave at 5:45 a.m. Stay an extra night Saturday for \$45. The elk tour alone is \$30.

The dates for the elk tour weekends at Buckhorn Lake are Jan. 12-13, Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 1-2 in 2008.



ALLEN DRIVER BRANDON KINZER is preparing for the 2008 dirt track season.

And now to the Top 10...

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Most publications spend this time of year issuing lists of the best and maybe the worst in news, sports or just in general. So without stepping on any toes, I thought I'd join in and give you my opinion of the top 10 sports stories in our area for 2007.

You may agree and you may not; that's part of the fun of it. I just hope you enjoy the memories of a great year that is inching closer and closer to the brink.

So if you'd like to offer your



opinion or simply remind me of the huge story I forgot, please do so at rbent-

Rick Bentley

ley@pc.edu. Now, let's jump in

to the Top 10:

Pike County Central Lady Hawks: Regardless of how you feel about the rest of this list, I can see no logical debate as to the top sports story in our region this year. It happened in March, it sprang from Buckleys Creek and it lasted until the final day of the high school basketball season. I was thrilled for the stars of

the Lady Hawks, Haley Ratliff and Kayla Lowe. They deserved to be there and certainly didn't

But along the way I was terribly impressed with two others: Coach Steven Butcher handled himself like he had the Sweet 16 experience of Bobby Keith and came out shining like a superstar. And the so-called supporting cast of the Lady Hawks, who proved they were nobody's also-rans.

It was a great time to be a Lady Hawk, or a sports writer covering them.

Belfry football: So it didn't end in another state title and the dream of perfection fell one game shy. It was still an amazing run for Philip Haywood and the Belfry Pirates.

In the first season of this awful six-class playoff system, Belfry just steamrolled through opponent after opponent, mowing down everyone in its way until reaching Louisville and a lightning-quick stud of a football player named Darrell Taylor, who had 165 yards rushing and two touchdowns and returned an

(See TOP, page two)

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



photo by Jamie Howell

ALLEN CENTRAL SENIOR AARON CRUM (21) defended during a recent game. Crum ranks as one of the 15th Region's top players. Phone: (606) 886-8506

East Bay Winternationals take shape; tire rule announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TAMPA, Fla. -The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will return for the fourth consecutive year to the East Bay Winternationals at East Bay Raceway Park. The 32nd annual event will be contested February 4-9, 2008. There will be six straight nights of Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series racing concluding on Saturday Night, Feb. 9 with a \$12,000 to win event. Dan Schlieper of Sullivan, Wis., is the reigning East Bay Winternationals Points

"It's a great relationship we have between East Bay Raceway Park and the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and we look forward to seeing all the fans and competitors again in 2008," said East Bay Raceway Park Vice-President Todd Hutto. Hutto also said that discount pricing is available for general admission and pit gate admission during the week-long Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series racing action at East Bay.

Officials of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and East Bay Raceway Park have announced that hot laps will begin at 5 p.m. each day followed by time trials.

Also new for 2008 at East Bay for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will be the use of transponders for the first time during the Winternationals. The tire rule for the East Bay Winternationals will be as follows in 2008; Hoosier 1100, 1300, 1600, LM20 and LM40 and the American Racer 23, 44 and 56.

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2008 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series/ East Bay Winternationals Schedule East Bay Raceway Park - Tampa, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 3: Open Practice Session, 6-9 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 4: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Tuesday, Feb. 5: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Wednesday, Feb. 6: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Thursday, Feb. 7: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$10,000-to-win; Friday, Feb. 8: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$10,000-to-win; Saturday, Feb. 9: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$12,000-to-win.

Blackburn goes penalty-free at Daytona

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn finished 21st fastest among 69 drivers during ARCA/REMAX Series testing held earlier in the month at Daytona International Speedway. Blackburn, who competed in two of three testing sessions held over a trio of days, finished 13thand 16th-fastest. The

his raceteam also sur- issued to two teams. The Series season-opener is vived postrace inspec- Rick Markle Racing

gents, however. weren't lucky.

Based on violation of the established restrictor plate size and dimension rule during the ARCA sanctioned RE/MAX Series open test

at Daytona International Sunday, Feb. 9 for the Speedway December 14- 45th annual Arca 200. Prestonsburg driver and 16, penalties have been Start time for the ARCA

tion. Other race contin- team has been fined

\$1,000 and Mike Harmon Racing team been fined \$2,000, due to a second violation. Blackburn

Steve Blackburn will return

to Daytona

set for 4 p.m. The race is scheduled to air live on SPEED.

Blackburn, a former NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion, ranks as one of Kentucky's top drivers. Prestonsburg

native could run in NASCAR Busch Series events as part of his 2008 racing program. He has raced at some of the nation's top tracks during previous seasons.

CBA: Miners on the road in Atlanta

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - East Kentucky renewed its rivalry with fellow CBA expansion team Atlanta Thursday in an away game. The Miners are on their first road trip to Atlanta for a two-game American Conference series against the Krunk. Thursday's game ended too late to make this edition.

East Kentucky owned a 2-0 alltime record in games played versus Atlanta heading into the road series. The Miners claimed a pair of wins over Atlanta in early-December. East Kentucky defeated the Kenny Anderson-coached Atlanta team 117-114 and 109-103, respectively.

Anderson, who was picked second overall in the 1991 NBA Draft by the New Jersey Nets, spent 14 seasons in the NBA. The Queens, NY native played with nine different NBA franchises. He starred at Georgia Tech before playing pro-

Butte swept Atlanta in a twogame series prior to Christmas. The Krunk rode a three-game win streak into Butte for the two-game series versus the Daredevils.

East Kentucky has won three of its last five games. The Miners defeated Pittsburgh 103-82 Sunday in a home conference game at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

"Right now, we're looking to go out on the road and post some wins," said East Kentucky Coach Keathley. "We're excited about returning to play after the holiday. The home win over Pittsburgh

allowed us to regain some momentum heading into the break."

Four different American Conference teams took nine wins into the Christmas break.

Minot (9-5) leads the American Conference standings. Albany (9-4) is ranked second and Pittsburgh (9-8) third.

East Kentucky (9-10) is ranked fourth ahead of Atlanta (6-10).

The Miners will travel to Butte for a two-game series versus the Daredevils Jan. 3-4 before returning to the Expo Center for their next home game. East Kentucky will host defending CBA champion Yakama Jan. 6-7 in a pair of home non-conference games.

Tickets for all of East Kentucky's remaining home games are still available.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Pi East Kentucky Miners guard Jason McLeish (Eastern Kentucky University) went up for a shot during Sunday's game versus Pittsburgh.

Wildcats report to Nashville TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. University of Kentucky football players and coaches traveled to Nashville Wednesday in order to begin on-site preparations to play Florida State in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

The team will practice Friday, Thursday, Saturday. There will be a walkthrough on Sunday and the game will be played on Monday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. EST (3 p.m. CST in Nashville). The game site is LP Field, home of the Tennessee Titans.

Numbers down for Cats, too: Much has been made of the number of scholarship players available for Florida State for the Music City Bowl, but Kentucky's numbers won't be much higher. When red-shirts and injured players are subtracted, UK will have just 56 scholarship players available for action in the game.

Alumni office has welcome reception set for Sunday: All UK alumni and fans are invited to stop in for a welcome reception at the official UK Alumni Association hotel - Homewood

(See WILDCATS, page two)

KGA releases tourney schedule TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE Kentucky Golf Association provides members an opportunity to compete in golf tournaments across the commonwealth. The 2008 tournament schedule is a highlight of that commitment as we travel from one end of the state to the other.

The flagship tournament of the KGA is the AT&T Kentucky State Amateur Championship. After the ten qualifying events have been completed, the championship will be hosted by one of the premiere venues in Kentucky, the Country Club of Paducah. From Tuesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 12, the states' top amateurs will vie for the 94th State Amateur crown.

Later that month, the KGA Father-Child Championship will visit the Lexington area as Kearney Hill GL and Georgetown's Cherry Blossom G&CC will host this fun and exciting family event. All participants will enjoy playing each of the courses during the tournament and have a chance to take home prizes, team photos, and lasting memories from the annual event.

Longtime supporter Fred Allen will be remembered for his leadership of the KGA and was honored by the association in naming this next event the Fred Allen Team Championship. The 2008 edition is scheduled for Bardstown Country Club at Maywood on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22. There are separate divisions for men and women in gross and net flights. Player of the year points are also awarded for the top places.

Lexington Country Club is the site for the final KGA event, the 2008 5/3 Bank KGA Mid-Amateur Championship. Monday and Tuesday, August 25 & 26 are the dates for this important tournament. There are two competition divisions available for choosing; the Mid-Amateur Championship and the Super Mid-Amateur Division for 40 years of age or

Improved Colts have uphill battle to repeat

by MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) The Indianapolis Colts embrace their new role as the NFL's forgotten team.

With everybody else debating whether New England is the greatest team in league history, the Colts have remained virtually silent. When the "experts" discuss perfection and records and seemingly hand New England this year's Super Bowl crown, the Colts simply smile.

They prefer it this way.

Instead of thriving on controversy and pressure, as the Patriots do, the record shows Indy performs better when branded a second-class con-

Its record-chasing quest in 2004 and pursuit of perfection in 2005 ended the same way: with mid-January trips home. Last year, when the glare shifted away from the Colts, they finally won their elusive Super Bowl title.

So from the moment Indianapolis (13-2) officially became overshadowed, on that April day New England traded for Randy Moss, the Colts accepted their position as underdog.

This season's resume shows Indy might be the only team standing in the way of

-The Colts (13-2) have won six straight games despite being decimated by injuries and may be on the verge of getting most of their starters

-Indianapolis is seven points from being undefeated itself, inexplicably blowing a 10-point lead in the final 10 minutes to New England that cost it home-field advantage in the AFC, and then missing a potential winning field goal in the final 90 seconds at San

-Indy is the first team in league history to win 12 games in five consecutive years, and is a perfect 5-0 in the NFL's best division, one that could produce three playoff teams and no team under .500.

-The Colts have also avermore points in December, 32.8, than the Patriots, 27.3, indicating it's Indianapolis and Joseph Addai who may be better suited to the inevitably poor conditions in the Northeast in January.

With a win Sunday against Tennessee, Indy would become just the third Super Bowl champion since 1991 to win 14 games in defense of its title. The other two, the 1998 Denver Broncos and 2004 Patriots, happen to be the last

Dairy Queen

of Prestonsburg

two back-to-back champions. *

"Human nature doesn't usually allow you to come back with those types of years," Dungy said Monday. "It becomes harder."

Toss aside the record books, and the intangibles look good for Indy, too.

Long criticized for being a finesse team, the Colts have demonstrated their tenacity against a string of opponents intent on dethroning the champs. Indy still won eight times by at least 18 points, rallied when it didn't play well enough to win, and survived a rigorous schedule of six night games, two short weeks and three back-to-back road trips.

Comparably, the playoff schedule should be a breeze.

The offense has overcome Marvin Harrison's 10-game absence, a late-season swoon in the ground game and a fluctuating offensive line. Now that Peyton Manning is getting comfortable with his new colleagues, he's playing like his old self. Since Thanksgiving, he's thrown 15 touchdowns, three interceptions and had ratings over 110 in four of the last five games.

Plus, Dungy now expects Harrison, right tackle Ryan Diem and others to be healthy for the playoffs. The ominous message to every team west of Boston is this: The Colts are ready to defend their crown.

But the biggest impressions have been on defense.

A year ago, the Colts' weak link was supposed to be a small, soft run defense that couldn't stop anyone. In the playoffs, the Colts shut down everyone and used the playoff performance to emerge as the league's No. 3 overall defense this year. That's after losing three starters - defensive tackle Anthony McFarland (knee) in training camp, linebacker Rob Morris (knee tendon) in late September and three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney (foot) in mid-November — to seasonending injuries.

The revamped secondary ranks No. 1 against the pass, a significant number considering it will take a statement game and perhaps a little help from Mother Nature to contain the Patriots' vaunted passing

By all measures, these Colts are better than last year's champions.

"At this point last year, we weren't clicking on all our cylinders and we were definitely playing a lot more up and down," Dungy said. "Our depth is better and we're doing some things really well."

Are they good enough to win a second straight title?

Wildcats

Suites at 706 Church Street in downtown Nashville. The reception will be Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

Association members will receive a commemorative gift by showing their membership card or keytag. A cash bar and snacks will be available. Following the reception, alumni and friends will walk down to 2nd Avenue to watch the Battle of the Bands, which begins at 6 p.m. CST. Visit www.musiccitybowl.com for more details on Battle of the Bands.

Fans invited to official pregame party: Put your game face on and join UK alumni and fans for the official pre-game party on Monday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at BB King's Blues Club, located in downtown Nashville at the corner of Commerce Street and 2nd

Located just minutes from L.P. Field, BB King's Blues Club offers a unique atmosphere and experience in the Music City. Tickets are \$35 each and will be available for pick up at "will call" at BB King's at 10 a.m. on the day Backyard BBQ buffet, live entertainment, and unlimited soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available. Total Sports Travel is handling reservations for this by calling 1-888-367-8781. (Note: men's basketball game will be aired Preseason Thunder beginning Jan. 7. at BB King's).

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Cat Walk set for Music City Bowl: The Cat Walk has been set for 12:30 p.m. CST at LP Field before the Music City Bowl.

Fans are encouraged to line up (same side of the stadium as parkthat Kentucky is the visiting team will be on the opposite side of the stadium from a year ago.

OVC to mandate courtside replay systems for basketball games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner, announced on Friday a mandate to place courtside replay equipment in all OVC basketball venues beginning Jan. 5, 2008.

Typically in college basketball, courtside monitors would be available only during televised games; this mandate would make some type of technology available to the officiating crew for every contest regardless of the presence of television crews.

"OVC games are too competitive and we have too much invested to not utilize every means available to insure our officials have every tool necessary," Steinbrecher said. "We

coaches and fans."

Exact specifics have not been involve a monitor close to the official table within close proximity to the court. The monitors would then be NCAA.

Guidelines on how the system will Board of Directors of Athletics, which is scheduled for Jan. 3 in Nashville.

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BOO JACKSON went up with a shot during Kentucky's 103-82 win over Pittsburgh Sunday evening at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Jackson is one of the CBA's top scorers and rebounders.

SPEED announces 2008 Preseason Thunder lineup

Fans can follow favorite of the event. Admission includes a drivers, teams during testing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Before all of the holiday decorations have been put event. Reservations can be made away and the last fruit cake has been re-gifted, SPEED at www.totalsportstravel.com or will be setting up shop in Daytona Beach, Fla., Charlotte, N.C., Las Vegas and Fontana, Calif., to bring The Kentucky-Florida International NASCAR fans 22 days of testing coverage as part of

"This season opens with quite a few questions to be answered," said SPEED president Hunter Nickell. "There will be a lot of interest in seeing NASCAR back on the track for the first time in '08. Dale Jr. in a Hendrick car, Kyle Busch in a Gibbs car, the COT at every track, new title sponsors ... there is no shortage of on the east side of the stadium storylines for 2008 and SPEED will be there from the very beginning. We'll be there all season, and we'll be ing lot C) in order to greet the there at the end. NASCAR fans have come to expect Wildcats when they arrive. Note that from SPEED and our team will deliver."

Testing coverage will be comprehensive as SPEED this year, therefore the Cat Walk will cover sessions for the Sprint Cup Series, the Nationwide Series and the Craftsman Truck Series. In addition, for the first time, SPEED will offer multiple shows from the 2008 NASCAR Sprint Media Tour, hosted by Lowe's Motor Speedway.

John Roberts will anchor SPEED's Sprint Cup coverage on-site, with assistance from Larry McReynolds, Jeff Hammond and Bob Dillner. Roberts also will host owe this to our student-athletes, the Craftsman Truck Series session, with analysis from Ray Dunlap and Phil Parsons; and Nationwide Series testing, with Dunlap providing analysis. The full finalized for the systems but it would NASCAR on SPEED on-air team will participate in the 30-minute shows throughout the month, both on-site timer or on a designated courtside and from the Charlotte-based SPEED studios.

Following coverage of Preseason Thunder, SPEED will make the much-anticipated move to HD for 100 used to review plays that fall under hours of coverage from Daytona Speedweeks beginspecific guidelines outlined by the ning Feb. 7. In addition, SPEEDtv.comexternal link will re-launch in widescreen format Feb. 6.

SPEED Preseason Thunder coverage (All times ET, be used in the OVC will be discussed subject to change): Jan. 7-Sprint Cup Testing from and finalized during a meeting of the Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 8-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 9-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 10-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 11-Craftsman Truck Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 15-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 16-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 17-Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 21-Nationwide Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 22-Nationwide Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 23-2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 24-2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 25-2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 28-Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 29-Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 30-Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 31-Testing from Fontana, 7 p.m.; Feb. 1-Testing from Fontana, 7 p.m.; Feb. 4-2008 Team Préviews, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5-2008 Team Previews, 7 p.m.; Feb. 6-2008 Team Previews, 7 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Aaron Crum, Allen Central Boys' Basketball

Julianne Frye, Prestonsburg Girls' Basketball

SPORTS FAN

OF THE WEEK

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So they didn't win the title. They still took us all on a magical ride from Pike County Bowl to the state finals.

Pikeville v. UK: From the moment Kelly Wells made the announcement that our very own Pikeville College Bears would play a preseason game against the legendary University of Kentucky, our region of the mountains was flipped on its head.

In the end, Jodie Meeks had a career night and the Cats roughed up the Bears a little, but the combination of exposure for the school itself and experience for the players will continue to pay off well down the road.

The Bears ended 2007 with nine straight wins and a 12-2 worksheet, proving experience like they got on Halloween night is worth its weight in gold.

Orlando Smith: On the afternoon Shelby Valley made its return to Rupp Arena for the Sweet 16, the commonwealth was rocked by word that Tubby Smith had had enough of the naysayers and was bolting for Minnesota.

Despite a national title and averaging more than 26 wins a year, Tubby never seemed to please a vocal faction of Big Blue Nation and as a result, moved someplace he'll be much more

In his place came Billy Gillispie, a smoothtalking Texan who hasn't quite lived up to his short-lived reputation. We'll have to wait and see if he can overcome his pathetic early showing and prove to be the coach we hoped he was.

interception for a killer score at the end of the end of 2007, you'd have to call this move questionable at best at this early stage.

> Mark Reynolds: When spring training broke, Mark Reynolds headed to Double-A to continue his dream of someday making it to the big leagues. Arizona manager Bob Melvin said he felt sure Reynolds would be in his everyday lineup at some point down the road, perhaps as soon as 2008.

On May 16, some six weeks after beginning the season at Mobile, Reynolds was in the big leagues to stay. His blistering bat was above .400 for the first two weeks, and in the end the Pikeville-born son of Feds Creek graduates hit .279 with 17 homers and 62 runs scored and batted in for the National League West champions, starting at third base as the D-Backs made the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

Six-through-10: In no particular order ... if you thought Prestonsburg football had taken a dip, think again. The Blackcats won nine games and made it to the third round of the Double-A playoffs this season ... For the first time since 1977, a Pike County school other than Belfry and Pikeville won a football playoff game when Shelby Valley turned the trick in the opening round of the post-season ... A youthful basketball team from Shelby Valley proved talent is more important than experience when it claimed the 15th Region title and moved on to the Sweet 16 in March ... Keeping the title in Pike County again and largely in the 59th District, East Ridge softball knocked off Shelby Valley in Greg Napier's final game to advance to the state tournament ... It was business as usual for Belfry But with a 5-5 record and showing no ability to volleyball in 2007, winning another regional find a common ground with his players, at the title and advancing to another state tournament.

Theriault turns focus to 2008 season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE NC - Following a successful completion of the ARCA RE/MAX Series open test session at Daytona International Speedway on December 14-16, Michelle Theriault is focusing all of her attention on competing full-time in 2008. The 21-year-old's plans for the 2008 season have yet to be finalized, but an ARCA RE/MAX Series ride remains on the top of Theriault's Christmas wish list.

"I'd like to once again thank Rick Markle Racing for providing me a car at the test," said Theriault, who piloted the No. 68 Rick Markle Racing Chevrolet during the three day test. "Without their support, I probably would not have been able to participate. From my stand point, the test went very well. I learned a lot about restrictor plate racing and hope to have the chance to put it to use in the ARCA 200 in

February." The three day test session marked Theriault's first opportunity to draft. "For me, drafting was definitely the highlight of the test," said Theriault. "Any driver can draft, but it takes lots of experience to learn how to use it to your advantage. The ARCA officials watch drafting practice closely to determine if a driver is ready to compete on a superspeedway. I'm happy to say they approved me. My goal is to compete full-time in ARCA in 2008. If that doesn't happen due to a lack of proper funding, then I will focus on competing in select races throughout

the season. One way or another I will race in 08." In 2007, Theriault completed her rookie season in the NASCAR Busch East Series scoring two top 10 finishes in her first two starts and ended the season 13th in the championship. She also competed in six ARCA RE/MAX Series

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Blue Christmas: Gillispie era off to sluggish start at Kentucky

by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Three pictures on the cover of the Kentucky basketball media guide seem to capture the first 10 games of Billy Gillispie's tenure at one of college basketball's most demanding

In one, Gillispie is clapping his hands, staring intently into the distance. The two above it are of senior guards Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley. Crawford has the ball in his hand, searching for an opening. Bradley crouches, mouth agape, eyes focused straight ahead.

Perhaps it's telling that the coach and players are looking in different directions. The giddiness that surrounded Gillispie's arrival, when he took over for Tubby Smith in April, has been replaced with anxiety as the Wildcats and their hard-spun coach struggle to get to know

Kentucky (5-5) is off to its worst start since 2000-01 as injuries and off the court problems have frustrated the coach and left his team's confidence shaken.

While many fans are quick to place the blame on his predecessor, nicknamed "Ten-Loss Tubby" during his

decade leading the Wildcats, they didn't expect Gillispic to be halfway to the 10loss mark just 10 games into the season.

Though the Wildcats managed to snap a four-game losing streak - the school's longest in 17 years -, with a relatively easy win over Tennessee Tech last Saturday, Kentucky has hardly played with the crispness or intensity Gillispie promised.

"I think we just haven't competed as hard as we can," Gillispie said.

The evidence came early in a stunning 84-68 loss to Gardner-Webb on Nov. 7. Though some dismissed the performance as an anomaly, the last six weeks have seen more of the same.

Outside of freshman forward Patrick Patterson, Kentucky has been largely unimpressive in victory and looked overmatched against quality teams. The Wildcats never threatened No. 1 North Carolina and were blown out by then-No. 15 Indiana even though the Hoosiers played without star guard Eric

While Gillispie has been quick to dismiss injuries as part of the problem, he never imagined he'd spend most of the first six weeks of the season without guards Derrick Jasper and Jodie Meeks.

offscason microfracture surgery on his knee, while Meeks missed six games with a stress fracture in his pelvis. Though Meeks returned in a loss to Houston, he had to sit out against Tennessee Tech due to a hip flexor.

The injuries have forced Gillispie to juggle his rotation, but they're not the only reason he's used nine different starting lineups in 10 games.

A stickler for good practice habits, Gillispie has emphasized that those who practice hard will get the first chance at playing, regardless of how they perform during the actual games.

It's a lesson Crawford, a starter each of the last two seasons, has learned the hard way. Crawford has spent most of the early season in Gillispie's doghouse, and both he and Bradley watched from the bench in the first half against Tennessee Tech after being late for a team function.

Gillispic's substitution patterns have also been erratic, as he mixes and matches lineups looking for a group that works well together.

Highly touted freshman guard Alex Legion played well in bursts during the first four games, then abruptly transhandful of minutes in the loss to North Carolina.

Gillispie has been tightlipped through much of it, rarely talking about the inner workings of the team. His players, however, have risen to his defense even as they face his wrath.

"It doesn't matter if you're the best player on the team to the last guy on the team, if you know he's going to treat each and every player on the team fairly, it makes you feel better," Bradley said. "You have to be consistent because he's going to stay consistent. He's going to be tough."

Never one to sugarcoat things, Gillispic rarely dishes out platitudes even when the Wildcats play well. When asked about his team's defense after it held Tennessee Tech to 26 percent shooting, Gillispie just shrugged his shoulders.

"Zero would be better," he said, then pointed out a series of uncontested lay-ups the Wildcats allowed.

"What I want us to do is play the best basketball we can. If we make one mistake in a game, I'm going to try and correct that mistake," he said. "We have to understand there's not

Jasper has been slow to recover from ferred to Illinois after playing just a going to be a perfect game, but you have to strive for that. We're definitely a long ways from being per-

Right now, being competitive would be enough.

The Wildcats have just three nonconference games remaining, and their only real chance to get a quality win before Southeastern Conference play will be Jan. 5 against fellow underachiever Louisville. If they can't beat the Cardinals and put together a solid season in the SEC. the school's streak of 16 consecutive NCAA tournament bids could end.

It's a doomsday scenario that isn't lost on Gillispie. For all the lessons he's trying to teach, Gillispic knows the Wildcats can't get by in the SEC starting a patchwork lineup featuring walk-on Mark Coury at forward and struggling Michael Porter at guard as he used against Tennessee Tech.

"They play very well together, but that's not the personnel you need," Gillispie said. "We need our personnel back. If we do I think we're going to improve very, very

orehead State, 73-49

by WILL GRAVES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE Frustrated by a shooting slump that's shaken his confidence, Jerry Smith found solace on Christmas night in the quiet confines of Louisville's practice gym.

In the quiet, hoisting 200 jumpers in search of the stroke that made him one of the best freshman 3-point shooters in the country a year ago, Smith found the stroke that's abandoned him much of this sea-

"I don't think many people spent Christmas like that," he said. "Just a typical Louisville

Just a typical Louisville victory - eventually - for the Cardinals.

Smith poured in a seasonhigh 17 points, all but two on

3-pointers, as the Cardinals (8-3) used some hot shooting and a suffocating press to race by 73-49 Morehead State Wednesday night.

"I had a better feeling tonight, I don't know why,' Smith said. "Sometimes it goes like that and sometimes it doesn't. It was going tonight."

The Cardinals needed Smith to get it going after a lethargic first half that saw them up by just three over the Eagles (4-7). Terrence Williams added 17 points and seven assists and Derrick Caracter had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Cardinals, who held the Eagles to 35 percent shooting in the second half and forced 22 turnovers.

"I thought our kids played extremely hard for about 20 minutes," Morehead State coach Donnie Tyndall said.

"They took us out of things in the second half. ... When they got easy baskets from their press, they got in flow a little

Morehead State, located about 140 miles east of Louisville, made the Cardinals work for their third straight victory. Kenneth Faried led the Eagles with 11 points and held his own for the most part against the bigger, stronger Caracter.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino has criticized his team for its lack of intensity on defense, saying his players shouldn't let their shooting determine the effort on the other end of the court.

But it wasn't until the Cardinals got going from behind the arc that Louisville's press began to wear the Eagles

Andre McGee started the

second half with a 3-pointer from the corner, and Smith sandwiched 3-pointers around a hook by Caracter to give the Cardinals a 41-30 lead. Smith hit another 3-pointer on Louisville's next trip and capped the run with an alleyoop layup on a pass from Edgar Sosa that put the Cardinals up 51-31.

"We tried to step up our defensive pressure, and when we did that, we got steals, got running and got the crowd into it," McGee said.

Still, the Cardinals were hardly crisp. Louisville turned it over 15 times - many simple mental miscues rather than the result of any defensive pressure - and managed just a 32-26 rebounding edge despite a massive size advantage over the Eagles, who play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"I'm pleased with our

progress, but I'm not pleased with the fundamentals," Pitino said. "We're doing things you don't see. Guys are not doing the little fundamental things. When you don't do that, it becomes gigantic.'

Former heavyweight champion and Louisville native Muhammad Ali received a two-minute standing ovation when he was introduced during a timeout in the first half.

"He is my all-time favorite athlete," Williams said. "Everyone always brought their best against him, and everyone always brings their best against us.

For a while, it looked like Morehead's best might be good enough to shock the Cardinals.

The Eagles hung around in the first half despite having trouble with Louisville's press. Faried, who didn't turn 18 until

after the season began, gave Morchead a spark off the bench, scoring eight points on a couple of athletic dunks, a nifty jumper and a layup on an inbounds play when he quietly cut behind Caracter to the rim.

Louisville, meanwhile, hardly played like a team trying to move on after a slow start to the season. The Cardinals shot poorly and struggled to hold on to the ball. Williams scored the team's first nine points but also committed an embarrassing turnover after collecting a steal at halfcourt. Williams checked behind him and raced to the rim as the crowd rose to its feet. The ball never got there, slipping out of Williams' right hand as he tried to cradle it.

Williams made amends after halftime, dunking on consecutive possessions during Louisville's early run.

Thundering Herd Princeton, 66-60

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. Junior Markel Humphrey (Atlanta, Ga.) went 6-for-7 from the floor for a game-high 19 points to lead Marshall to a 66-60 win over visiting Princeton in men's basketball action at the Cam Henderson Center on

It was a tale of two halves as Marshall (6-3) came out firing in the opening stanza to the tune of a 59.1 percent shooting clip from the floor to take a 32-22 halftime lead. After the break, Princeton (2-9) seized the hot-hand, sinking 68.2 percent of their second-half shots to make much of the remaining five minutes of action a one or two possession game.

Both teams shot 50 percent for

After Marshall ended a tight

point halftime lead, the famed shot-clock eating, back-door passing of the Princeton offense came alive in the second half, Princeton guard Lincoln Gunn accepted a back-door feed and layup from Zach Finley on the Tigers' first possession after halftime, starting a run that would get PU to within four points, 34-30.

Marshall, however, answered Princeton's push with a 10-4 run, capped by a Taurean Marshall (Fort Washington, Md.) 3-pointer from the corner that gave MU a 44-34 edge with 11:10 remaining. The momentum jumped back to the Tigers as a Kevin Steuerer layup was followed by a Marcus Schroeder 3-pointer to trim their deficit to five points.

Humphrey and freshman Tirrell Baines (Laurens, S.C.) took it upon themselves to carry the Herd offense, scoring 15 of first half on a 10-2 run for a 10- the Herd's final 22 points of the

game, sparked by a Baines threepoint play. Princeton did not waiver in the game's final nine minutes, closing to within three points with 5:29 left. Humphrey, however, went 7-for-9 from the free-throw line in the second half to keep the Tigers at bay.

Gunn hit a 3-pointer seconds left to make it a 61-58 affair, but a 5-for-6 effort from the charity stripe to close the game sealed MU's seventh straight home win. Marshall went 19-for-25 from the free-throw line (76 percent). The Herd has hit 40 of its last 48 free throw attempts (83.3 percent) over the last two

"We showed mental toughness down the stretch to win this game," Marshall first-year head coach Donnie Jones said. "We are really competing hard, which is very important at this stage."

Humphrey added seven

rebounds and a block to his 19 points, which extended his games with double-digit points streak to 18 games. Baines netted 10 points with three rebounds - all offensive - while guard Darryl Merthie (Lake Mary, Fla.) seored nine points with two assists and a steal. Starting point guard Pierre-Cespedes Altidor (Montreal, Quebec) scored a season-high seven points with a game-high five assists.

Princeton was led by 12 points by forward Kyle Konez, all of which came before halftime. The senior was held scoreless in the second half thanks to blanketing defense by Altidor Cespedes. Schroeder, Steuerer and Mike Strittmatter scored 10 points apiece for first-year Princeton coach Sydney Johnson.

outrebounded Marshall Princeton, 28-20.



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Flesch inducted into Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - PGA Tour player and Kentucky Section PGA Member Steve Flesch was officially inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame on Saturday, December 8 at a ceremony at Triple Crown Country Club in Union, Kentucky. Many of Flesch's friends were in attendance, and the induction remarks were given by his father Jerry and by close friend Tim LeRoy.

Flesch, 40, resides in Union. He turned professional in 1990. and has notched four wins on the PGA Tour, including this year's Reno-Tahoe Open and Turning Stone Resort Championship. He also won the 1997 Nike Tour Championship, was the 1998 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, and currently ranks 37th in career earnings on the PGA Tour.

Flesch compiled an impressive record in Kentucky golf, capturing the Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship in 1985, the Kentucky Amateur Championship in 1986 and 1988, and the Kentucky Open Championship in 1991 and 1993. He was also a member of the University of Kentucky men's golf team, where he compiled an impressive record.

As part of the ceremony, several other individuals were also honored. Tom Cooksey of Ashland was presented with the Kentucky Golf Association's J.W. Janes Award for outstanding service to amateur golf in Kentucky; Phil Hendrickson of Danville was presented with the 2007 Kentucky Golf Association Player of the Year Award; Ron Acree of Louisville was presented with the 2007 Kentucky Senior Golf Association Player of the Year Award; Karisa Akin of Elizabethtown was presented with the KGA-PGA, Inc. Girls' Junior Player of the Year Award (for the third consecutive year); and Joseph Barr of Versailles was presented with the KGA-PGA, Inc. Boys: Junior Player of the Year Award (for the second consecutive year).

The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame was established in 1984 as a joint effort by the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA to honor individuals in Kentucky with significant achievements and accomplishments in various areas of golf. The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame's membership includes individuals with remarkable records as players, golf professionals, golf course superintendents, educators, and golf administrators. It is located at Golf House Kentucky.

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Sutton to come out of retirement at San Francisco

by JANIE McCAULEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO - Eddie Sutton acknowledges he's selfish: He really wants 800 wins.

He also would prefer to end his career on a positive note rather than amid controversy as he did at Oklahoma State.

Sutton is coming out of retirement to replace Jessie Evans as San Francisco's basketball coach and will have his shot at 800 victorics after all. USF announced Wednesday night that Evans was taking "a leave of absence" for the rest of the season and that the 71-year-old Sutton would lead the Dons (4-8) on an interim

Sutton's first chance for win No. 799 will be Friday night at Weber State.

"It's very important," Sutton said of winning 800 games. "T had a chance earlier this year to take a Division I job and didn't think I wanted to do it. From a selfish standpoint, it is something I'm excited about.

It was a goal I had for myself. I don't think nationally anybody's going to look at it and say, 'Now you won 800 versus 798.' There's just not that much difference.

Evans will be away from the team at least until March, second-year USF athletic director Debra Gore-Mann said, declining to offer further details. She wouldn't say whether he had a health concern, an issue with the

NCAA or whether he would even be considered to coach the team again next season.

"Those are private matters and I won't be addressing personnel matters today," Gore-Mann said. "We'll be in discussions. ... The men's basketball program, in particular, has been a work in progress."

Gore-Mann said she or someone from her staff would be traveling with the team regularly in the near future to "lend my support to the student-athletes and to assist interim coach Sutton in any way I can."

Sutton retired as Oklahoma State's coach after the 2005-06 season. He has 798 victories in 36 seasons as a Division I coach Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State.

When his victories at Tulsa Central High School and the College of Southern Idaho are included, Sutton won exactly 1,000 games before retiring from coaching in May 2006.

His retirement came about three months after a drunken driving accident caused him to miss the Cowboys' final 10 games of the 2005-06 season. Sutton pleaded no contest to misdemeanor aggravated drunken driving and two other charges following the February 2006 car accident.

"I've thought about that and I would say it probably does (enter into this decision). I certainly didn't want to end my coaching career the way it ended here,'

Sutton said, speaking from an athletic office at Oklahoma State. He called his drinking prob-

lems a "thing of the past." "As a recovering alcoholic you have to work on that every day," he said. "I still attend meetings.

Gore-Mann said she "took Coach Sutton at his word."

Sutton said he spoke to Gore-Mann a couple of days ago about the possibility of coming to USF if the job opened. Yet Gore-Mann said she didn't know what Evans would do until Wednesday, before adding that she would consider Sutton beyond this season if he were interested in staying.

"When I was talking to Coach Sutton before, it was more a long-term basis," she said of their previous talks. "I would always consider him. I think it would be what he would be ready to commit to. I think it's an audition for USF athletics."

So, in a bizarre turn of events for both sides, Sutton committed to coach the Dons without even a campus visit - and negotiated his contract over the phone.

He was scheduled to meet his team in Salt Lake City on Thursday, and said he would lean heavily on his assistant coaches at first. He hoped to get one practice in with his team before

Friday's game. "I would say it's the toughest challenge that I've ever had,"

Sutton said. "I've had challenges

before, but I'm looking forward

to meeting the young men and trying to turn the season around." Sutton has two sons who are

Division I coaches: Sean, who succeeded him at Oklahoma State, and Scott, who is at Oral Roberts.

"He's thought long about it over the last four or live days," Sean Sutton said. "He's excited about it. He misses the interaction on a daily basis with the players. He still has a lot of competitive fire in him. ... And obviously, he's two wins shy of winning 800 games. There's only been three or four other coaches that have ever accomplished that goal. It would put him in an clite group of coaches. I'm excited for him because I think he's happy."

Scott Sutton, whose team beat Sean's 74-59 on Dec. 20, said he was "happy for my father that he has decided to return to coaching. Hopefully he'll be able to gain his 800th victory and cap a great career."

Sutton reached the Final Four with Arkansas in 1978 and with Oklahoma State in 1995 and 2004. He ranks fifth on the alltime list for victories among Division I coaches, trailing Texas Tech's Bob Knight (896), Dean Smith (North Carolina, 879), Adolph Rupp (Kentucky, 876) and Jim Phelan (Mount St. Mary's, Md., 830).

AP Sports Writer Jeff Latzke in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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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.



church, pastor, or youth leaders.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, 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,

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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 moming 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;

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Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill,

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.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey.

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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...; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

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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.; Phillip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profitt. First United Methodist, 256 South Amold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contempory 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.

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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,

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Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Vogle 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, Safurday/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 .m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt.. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

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.;

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; ; Worship Service, 6:30 ptm.; 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.; Elllis J. Stevens, Minister. Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; 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. Vicki Poole, pastor. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg,

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Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460. Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky, Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m., Carl & Missy Woods,

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister. **Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m.** and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard. Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.,

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

Jim Stephens, Minister, 886-1003.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Ministe The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Moming, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.;

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry. Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6 p.m. Pastor Glenn Hayes. West Prestonsburg.



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THROUGH MY EYES

The 'day after' holiday

It's the day after all the fuss and muss and here at the office, things are "business as usual." Not so, however, at our local courthouse. Thought I'd spend the afternoon compiling "For the Record," but found out from the girls in the clerk's offices

Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor

that they were preparing for carly departure. No judges in the house, anyway, they informed. So, back to

two which means I'm penning this column a bit carlier than

I normally do. "Normally," I wait until about an hour before deadline to share my thoughts for the week. Something about "pressure" that kicks my gray matter into gear.

I'm sure, however, that my esteemed editor will be happy to find that I've done it early this time, for once.

Okay, so what can one say about the day after Christmas? I suppose the lucky ones are

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DINNER DIVA

Hoppin' into the New Year

by LEANNE ELY

The New Year seems to be the pinnacle point for fresh starts. This is the year I'm going to: lose weight, get organized, eat healthier...name that tune. January 1st is the Promised Land of all Dates. It's the beginning of the beginning. The alpha point of the year. The clean slate promise of what's to



goals-enjoy!

This is why in the South, we start the New Year off black eyed peas (which symbolize good luck) and greens (which symbolize

Leanne Ely prosperity). And while most down home southern cooks may wince at my suggestions for New Year's, I promise you it is fast

and easy and takes care of your luck and prosperity in a flash! Hoppin' John Soup is the delicious way to accomplish those

Hoppin' John Soup 1 large onion - chopped

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Elizabeth Price, center, flanked by daughter, Elizabeth, left, and her caseworker Dewana Winfree, was thrilled to accept a check from the Floyd County Housing Authority that will help her to become a new homeowner.

A place to call home

FCHA program helps make home ownership a reality

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

The Christmas season is a time for the granting of dreams and the restoration of hope and faith. For one local woman, all this and more came true for she and her family when a longheld wish for a better life was granted through the Floyd County Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

"As a single mother of three children. I have had my fair share of mountains to climb," said Elizabeth Price, of Allen. Arriving in Floyd County with no family, friends, or immediate contacts, Price said that she really didn't know how she was going to meet the needs of her family but that she was determined to try.

"A group of wonderful ladies at the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center gave us a start," she continued. "They gave us a place to feel safe...then the ladies at Warco gave us our first place to live. These ladies have meant the world to us, I really don't know what I would have done without them, I really don't."

Working closely with the Warco

Authority, Price learned about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, a program designed to help families move away from dependency pro-

grams into independent living. Interested families must enter into a five-year contract with the Housing Authority, during which time they agree to strive to become self-sufficent through enrollment in job training programs, educational programs of study, or employment. If, at any time during this five-year period, the assisted families share of rent should increase, the Housing Authority will establish an escrow account in which they will match the exact amount of money that the family's rent increased by. For instance, if an assisted family is paying \$200 for rent while unemployed and that amount increases by another \$200 for a total monthly rent payment of \$400; the Housing Authority will place \$200 in a special escrow account to be made available to the family upon full completion of their contract.

Though the initial contract is signed for a five-year term, families may become free of reliance on welperiod is up, at which time the escrow funds may be released to

"At anytime during the contract, if the family becomes free of welfare programs and have reached their final goal, the family may collect the money in their escrow account, plus any accumulated interest," said Diane Pennington, Floyd County

Housing Authority, Warco office. Overcome with emotion upon receiving her check from the escrow account set up for her, Price said, through tears, that the family selfsufficiency program had given her hope for a better future. Completing her contract terms well before the five-year period, Price said that her enrollment in the program had given her an added incentive to become self-sufficient.

"I remember how wonderful it felt when I found our first house. Our own home! It felt wonderful," she

Finding employment at the Harold Double Kwik, Price said that her confidence grew as she discovered enjoyment through her work in the

staff at the Floyd County Housing fare programs before the five-year store's deli. "I love working with food and I have gotten to know so many of our customers. I have friends now and I love being a store manager with such a great company," she said.

Price plans to use the funds she received from her escrow account to purchase the home she and her daughter, Elizabeth, a student at Prestonsburg High School now reside in. She also is confident that her completion of the family self-sufficiency program will enable her two younger sons to live full-time with

her once again. "I've had so many people's help and support over the past year and a half, and I've been rewarded with a wonderful gift for my hard work and determination. I thank all who have been there with their support and coaching and I highly recommend this program to other families. I encourage them to join - it's a great thing," she said.

Those interested in learning more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program may contact any of the Floyd County Housing Authority offices.

FLY LADY

New Year's choices

by MARLA CILLEY

The holiday season will soon be coming to an end. We have either spent many weeks dreading it or enjoying the process. We always have a choice in how we look at things. If we think something will be hard then we make our own wishes come true. What we think about, we bring about! We don't have to live in the shadow of negativi-

Every single day of our lives we have choices. Our first choice is

whether to get out of bed or lay and wallow in our self pity. Every hour contains a new set of choices that need to be made. We may not even know that we are making choices. Sometimes our choices are made by not making a choice and just allowing "whatever" to happen. Does that sound like procrastination to you?

We are the queens of procrastination; even when it comes to being in control. We had rather blame circumstances instead of making a decision and accepting the consequences of that

decision process. Then when things don't go our way, we make a conscious choice to pout, whine and be in a bad mood. Funny behaviour, isn't it (if you can call this type of behaviour

If we can make a choice, whether consciously or unconsciously, to be in a bad mood, then why in the world can't we make a choice to be in a good mood? Sounds simple, doesn't it? WELL, IT IS! It is all about making up our minds to be happy! Once we make the decision to be happy; our focus is on goodness! Release the negativity and walk with a positive attitude!

That positive attitude becomes a force field of joy that protects you from

the circumstances that used to cause us to take to our beds and be pitiful. We have a choice to be happy or a choice to be sad and make everyone's life around us miserable. YOU GET TO CHOOSE! Imagine that! It is in your control and we just thought that our bad moods were produced by the people we live with. We have a choice and when we choose happiness; we create an atmosphere of peace in our homes. The weird result in choosing to be happy is that your tormentors don't get to see you respond to your buttons being pushed. They are no longer in control! YOU ARE!

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

I'm not a regular drinker, but on New Year's Eve we always host a party, and I often have several drinks of champagne. How many drinks does it take to make a person drunk, and is it any different for those who drink alcohol regularly? I'm concerned about letting our guests drive home.

It's almost time to ring in the new year - an occasion that many people will celebrate by raising a few toasts. While moderate drinking is acceptable in our society, drinking to the point of getting drunk is not. And, when a person is drunk, there's absolutely no excuse for trying to drive a car.

According to a recently released

study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 16,885 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in calendar year 2005. This accounted for 39 percent of all traffic-related deaths in that year. A study a few years earlier found that one person is killed every 31 minutes in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash. And, statistics also tell us that about 1,700 Americans lose their lives by "walking drunk" each year.

Your concern for your guests is, therefore, admirable and appropriate. Every accident involving a drunk driver or pedestrian is a needless

It takes the average person one to

Party host should insure that no one drives or walks home drunk

two hours to eliminate the standard alcoholic drink, such as an ounce of distilled liquor, a bottle of beer or a glass of wine. Given this fact, a good, conservative rule of thumb is that you should not drive if you have had more than one drink for each two hours at a party.

Regular consumption of alcohol doesn't change the effect of this drug; however, the frequent drinker does develop a false sense that he or she is less impaired by it. The time required to see a problem and then react to it goes up with each drink, regardless of how accustomed the person is to

Since you are hosting a party at which alcohol is going to be served, you have a responsibility to your guests. Suggest that they come in groups and that each group select a "designated driver." Make non-alcoholic beverages available, preferably served in the same type of glasses as the alcohol, for the designated driver and for anyone else who chooses not not be persuaded to drink, nor ridiculed if they choose not to. Serve plenty of snacks and encourage snacking. As the party starts to wind down, put the alcohol away and serve coffee or other non-alcoholic beverages. Coffee does not counteract the effects of alcohol, but a long period of socializing without alcohol can be

Most importantly, make sure that absolutely nobody who's had too much to drink gets behind the wheel. Alcohol inhibits our ability to make good decisions, so don't expect your guests to decide for themselves whether or not they can drive safely. Instead, keep an eye on all your guests, and if anybody shows the least sign of having too much to drink, do not let that person drive or even walk home alone. Insist he or she stay overnight, go home with somebody else, or take a taxi. Not only does that protect the intoxicated person, but it also protects you.

to consume alcohol. Guests should That's because in many states you can now be held legally liable for the actions of somebody, who leaves your party drunk.

> On behalf of all of us at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine I'd like to wish all my readers and their families a very Happy New Year in 2008. Here's to your

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

·Lending Library available student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, wellchild exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

*Please have your Food City, Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

•Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center 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

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. 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.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

*The center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.

*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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

*May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•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 •Center hours: 8 a.m. to Head Start physicals, kinder-3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. garten 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

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month 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.

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school build-

ing, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited nondenominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

· The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

·After-School Child Care:

· Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the commu-

South Floyd Youth Services

Center •Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

·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.

·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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

*Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January I, in school office.

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource

•The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the Apartments.

center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School •Jan. 3 - Classes resume.

•WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC;

Martin Comm. Ctr. 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright

Baptist Church. Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. David Craft Center. 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC. 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC. Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12

p.m. - BSCTC. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs -Adult Education teachers.

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Fly Lady

You have a choice! Put on a to be happy! happy face and practice smiling! You are going to be so surprised at how your body responds to that smile! Those turned up ends of your mouth tell your head that you are smiling and that releases chemicals that actually make you feel better. So you see, "Fake it till you Make it" is not such a silly cliché after all! It works! But you have to choose

The choice has always been yours! As a good friend of mine told me once, "We get to change the channel, Marla!" We can choose to feel bad because we can't do anything to fix the situation or we can turn the channel and find something that we can do and do it! Then he quoted the first verse of the Serenity Prayer to me. When I got home I looked

up the Screnity Prayer and read that first verse and then I saw that there was a second verse, I was so surprised. The line Reinhold Niebuhr wrote jumped out at me, "Accepting hardships as the pathway to

I believe that the key word here is accepting! That IS making a choice! We all have choices. With the new year, we have a choice to be happy or

whine and feel bad. Over the years we have all suffered through bad things. I am thankful for each one of them because they have made me who I am today. I would not change any of them. I made a choice to see what good could come out of those trials, accept the consequences of my and smile! My smile has brought me many wonderful memorable

moments. My Sweet Darling told me that he fell in love with me at first smile! I fall asleep every night with a smile on my face! Your smile tells everyone that you are happy! Pass that smile on and watch it light up your world from the inside out!

My gift to you is this - if you choose to open it, it is a sense of peace that comes from making a choice to be

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MAC treats volunteers

The Mountain Arts Center held its annual Volunteer/Security Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 11, to honor the many community volunteers who assist during MAC activities and events throughout the year. All in attendance were treated to a delicious dinner catered by Made From Scratch Restaurant. Door prizes and gift certificates were awarded to the volunteers and security team members who worked the most hours this past year. A special award was given to Holly Blanton who was awarded 'Most Popular'

among the volunteers by

their own vote.



Diva

I tablespoon olive oil 1/2 pound kielbasa chopped

2 cans black-eyed peas drained 1. can navy beans

I teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pep-

drained I cup brown rice, cooked

per - optional 1/2 teaspoon thyme salt and pepper - to taste 2 cans chicken broth

In a soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat. Add onion and cook till translucent. Add kielbasa, peas and beans, rice, broth and seasoning. Stir well to blend and heat. Mash beans slightly to help thicken soup (use the back of your spoon or a potato masher). Serve when

Per Serving: 499 Calories; 14g Fat (25.7% calories from ■ Continued from p5

fat); 29g Protein; 65g Carbohydrate; 15g Dietary Fiber; 25mg Cholesterol; 676mg Sodium. Exchanges: 4 Grain(Starch); 2 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 2 Fat.

SERVING SUGGES-TIONS: Serve with corn muffins (make or buy), and a big spinach salad.

Don't forget—that spinach salad is the prosperity part! Нарру New Year! For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website. www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

stretched out on the sofa, enjoying leftovers and tv; the unlucky ones, like me, are back at work. And then there are those stalwart souls who spend the day taking down the tree and stuffing all the Christmas glitter and glitz back into drab boxes and into

the closet for yet another year. In my house, the tree and decorations stay up until at least past New Year's Eve. And last year, one particularly beautiful wreath, handcrafted by my elder brother's wife, Charlene, stayed up all year long. It was just too pretty to stick in a box so I left it hanging on the back of the front door for a full year. (Don't tell Flylady, please!)

But, believe it or not, the day after Christmas brings only one thought to my mind each year: Boxing Day.

I had never heard of Boxing Day until making the acquaintance of the late Mr. Marshall Davidson back in about 1981 when I began working at the old Bank Josephine as a teller. Marshall was a frequent visitor to the old main office lobby, which now houses offices of the Floyd County School System. Full of wisdom, along with a little mischief, Marshall wasted little time informing the new kid on the block of this particular holiday, little known to folks in this country.

When quizzed about what I thought Boxing Day might be, I offered up the suggestion that perhaps it had something to do with the sport of pugilism. No, I was quickly informed.

Boxing Day, according to Marshall, was a holiday traditionally celebrated in the United Kingdom. "Now, find out what it is and I'll check back with you tomorrow," he

Not daring to even entertain the notion of having to say, "I don't know" to this man I had so grown to respect in the months I had known him, I dutifully set out that evening to find out just exactly what Boxing Day was.

Boxing Day, it seems, is celebrated traditionally in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and a few others on December 26. It dates back to the Medieval Ages, when the practice of giving out gifts to employees, the poor, or to people in the lower social classes first began as a means of offering appreciation for hard work and service to others done throughout the prior year.

In feudal times, manor lords would hand out practical goods such as cloth, grains, and tools to the serfs who lived on their lands. Each family would receive a box of such goods the day after Christmas. Hence, the name Boxing Day. Wikipedia offers a few other explanations, one such the holiday feasts was "boxed" other being that household staff and servants were obliged to work hard for their masters on Christmas Day and so were given the following day off.

up and sent away with the servants to feed to their families.

Today, many retailers in the countries which traditionally observe Boxing Day hold Often, the leftover food from Boxing Day Sales for several

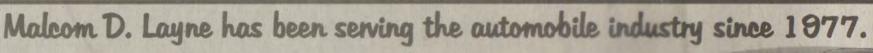
days following December 26 up to New Year's Eve. So, in. that vein, I think Americans, too, must celebrate Boxing Day but are just not aware of

Except for me, of course, may have touched a life.

who, thanks to Marshall, will always remember both my old acquaintance and the holiday that follows Christmas Day.

Funny - you never quite know in just what way you ■ Continued from p5

Marshall is gone now, but I'll always remember Boxing Day. And, in his honor, I'll try each year to quiz at least one person I come in contact with about this particular long time tradi-







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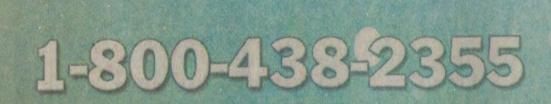
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