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briefs

12 deaths on roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 12 people died in eight separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Jan. 26, through Sunday, Feb. 1.

All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and five of the victims were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of three victims is unknown at this time. Single-vehicle crashes occurred in Anderson, Carter (2), Jefferson, Ohio and Wayne counties.

Two triple-fatality crashes occurred in Lincoln and Warren counties. The suspected use of alcohol was a factor in the Lincoln County crash.

Through Feb. 1, preliminary statistics indicate that 55 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is eight fewer than reported for this time period in 2008. Of the 52 motor vehicle fatalities, 25 victims were not wearing seat belts. Three pedestrians have been killed. A total of 13 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

STORM DEBRIS



These piles of cut down trees and debris at the industrial site at the base of Abbott Mountain have built up over the past week. The site has been marked as the area to take the thousands of trees cut away from roadways in the county following the ice storm last week.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Cleanup continues in wake of storm

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

As the county went about the task of assessing and cleaning up the path cut by last week's ice storm, more snow dropped in Eastern Kentucky Tuesday leaving little time to assess and more time spent preparing.

Salt trucks weaved through county roads Monday evening, followed by scrapers Tuesday, while Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall spent a large portion of the day in meetings concerning what could be done now that officials are faced with the job of straightening out problems ranging from damage to homes to some residents who were still without basic utilities as of Tuesday.

According to AEP Kentucky Power reports as of Tuesday, which

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In the past week Floyd County District 1 Magistrate John Goble and crew members, along with crews from Districts 3 and 4, have worked 12 to 15 hours a day to clear fallen trees from roadways. Goble is pictured here with workers along Abbott Creek.

Mock to be arraigned on manslaughter

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man indicted in late January on one count of second-degree manslaughter will be arraigned Friday in Floyd County Circuit Court.

Joshua Alexander Mock, 27, of Langley, was arrested on Nov. 27, 2008 following what police described as a domestic altercation with his wife, 28-year-old Linda Isabel Mock.



Joshua Mock

The couple had been married nine days.

The altercation took place early Thanksgiving Day. Police were called to the home at approximately 3 a.m. by Mock himself, who had called the dispatcher at the Kentucky State Police Post

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Police seize child porn in Hazard

by TONYA AMBURGEY
HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD - A Perry County man was arrested last week for allegedly possessing and distributing child pornography.

Authorities with the Hazard City Police said they received a call from a "concerned mother" about an older man who was taking pictures of her 14-year-old son at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital last Thursday.

HPD Patrolman Paul Campbell said that the mother told them that the man, who was later identified as 61-year-old, Jimmy Darrell Gay, of Hazard, had asked her son about possibly taking pictures of him at a later date for a modeling job and told him that they would share the profits.



Jimmy Gay

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 25 • Low: 7

Tomorrow



High: 34 • Low: 18

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Plans for water trail take shape

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The plans for the Big Sandy Water Trail are moving forward, according to information presented at a meeting held Monday at the Big Sandy Area Development District.

According to the project update, a group interested in the water trail floated the section and reported that it was a beautiful and exciting trip.

"We realized that we really needed to float it and see what it was like," said Regina Hall, with Big Sandy ADD.

The access ramps for the

water trail are currently available in Prestonsburg and Paintsville, with the distance being around 16 miles apart.

Representatives from Prestonsburg and Paintsville decided to work together to develop an additional ramp, parking and overnight camping facilities at a new site. After discussion and research, it was discovered that Prestonsburg and Paintsville both own land near Combs Airport in Johnson County that is right on the river.

The goals for the water trail project include providing access to the river for small boats.

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Dewey Bocook, with Bocook Engineering, explained the plans for an access ramp at Combs Airport in Johnson County to be constructed as part of the proposed Big Sandy Water Trail. Bocook discussed the possible construction plan with those in attendance during a meeting at the Big Sandy Area Development District on Monday.

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Obituaries

Cora Branham

Cora Branham, 82, of Jacks Creek, died Sunday, February 1, 2009, at the McDowell ARH.

Born July 19, 1926, in Weeksbury, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Margaret Copeland Clement. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton Branham.

Survivors include five sons: Ira Manuel Branham of Stanton, Clifton Branham Jr. of Okeechobee, Florida, Darrell Branham of Bevinville, Laryl and Ronnie Branham, both of Bypro; two daughters: Arkie Williams and Alka Joyce McNutt, both of Battle Creek, Michigan; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Wayne Branham; a brother, Emmuel Clement; and a sister, Catherine Clement.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Jacks Creek, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Will Hall Cemetery, in Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Joe W. "Buddy" Harris

Joe W. "Buddy" Harris, age 78, of Dwale, passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at his residence.

He was born October 25, 1930, in Emma, the son of the late Joe Wheeler and Madge Burchett Harris.

He was a retired machinist and carpenter; a member of the Masonic Lodge; a board member for Big Sandy R.E.C.C.; and a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

He is survived by a daugh-

ter, Madge E. Sbonek of Dwale; and a son, Lyle E. (RoseMarie) Harris of Fairfax, Virginia; a sister, Betty (Tex) Keathley of Prestonsburg; two grandsons: Cory (Courtney) Davis, and Dylan (Kristy) Davis; and three great-grandchildren: Bradley Davis, Jacob Davis, and Ryan Davis.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rick Kelly officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Bruce Davis, Delano May, John Burkett, Greg Davis, Bobby Sexton and Bill Harry Howard.

(Paid obituary)

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Tishie Johnson

Tishie Johnson, age 93, of Garrett, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital-Martin.

She was born October 27, 1915, at Hollybush, the daughter of the late Jeff and Lena Triplett Hall.

She was a retired store clerk for Johnson Grocery at Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Johnson; a son, Charles Johnson; and a daughter, Helen Watts.

Survivors include three sons: Curtis L. Johnson of West Alexandria, Ohio, Afton Johnson of Owensville, Ohio, and Edward L. "Rooney" Johnson of Wayland; a sister, Jeanette Slone of Hollybush; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 4, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Jimmy Hall and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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Minis Newsome

Minis Newsome, age 77, of Alma, Michigan, died Saturday, January 31, 2009.

He was the beloved husband of Marlene; loving father of Judy (Jerry) D'Avonzo, Brenda Sammons, Deanie (Tim) Sturgill, Gary Newsom, Denise (Michael) Thompson, Dennis Newsom, Steven (Chris) Newsom, and Roxanne Newsom. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Golden Arc Lodge 595; the American Legion Unit 200; and the Moose Lodge 887.

Visitation is Thursday, January 5, 2-9 p.m., at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd. (734) 291-1800.

Funeral services will be held Thursday evening, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Obituary/guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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Dorothy Hamilton Schmidt

Dorothy Hamilton Schmidt,

70, of Teaberry, died Friday, January 30, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born June 10, 1938, in Teaberry, she was the daughter of the late Emmitt and Alice Hamilton. She was a retired secretary and clerk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond C. Schmidt.

Survivors include her brothers and sisters: John L. Hamilton, Jan Martin, and Justine Hamilton, Eva P. and Gary Brown, all of Teaberry.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Alonzo Hamilton; a sister, Virble Brown; two infant brothers and two infant sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 2, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home with 6 p.m., services nightly.

(Paid obituary)

In Loving Memory



Bryan David Tackett

Bryan David Tackett was born on May 8, 1978 and passed away on December 24, 2008. He leaves behind a wife, Talina Kendrick Tackett, and two children, Zachary and Rebecca Tackett, all of Hi Hat. He was the son of Gary and Loretta Tackett, of Hi Hat, and Arte and Rebecca Dalton, of Pikeville.

Bryan will be sadly missed by two brothers, Sheldon Compton and Kenneth Tackett, both of Virgie, two sisters, Christy (Delmas) Johnson and Brandi Damron, both of Hi Hat. One nephew, Tyler Compton, of Paintsville, three nieces, Brice and Emily Johnson, of Hi Hat, and Natalie Compton, of Hazard.

Bryan leaves behind two grandparents, Irene Moore, of Hi Hat, and Mary Cisco, of Pikeville. Bryan was preceded in death by two nephews, Eric and Derek Johnson, and three grandparents, William Rogers, Ernest Tackett, and Wanda Johnson.

There will always be a void in our lives. You will never be forgotten. Your memory will live on every time we look at Becca we will always see you. Every time we shoot fireworks, we will see you. Every time we get together on Christmas Eve we will see you. And hopefully, one day in heaven, we will see you.

Your loving family

State seeks input on water resources conservation plan

RICHMOND — The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) is seeking public input in the development of a conservation plan to better manage the commonwealth's stream and wetland resources.

"Public participation is an essential part of the planning process," said Eastern Kentucky University faculty member Dr. Stephanie McSpirit, with whom DOW has contracted to conduct the survey.

"State stream and wetland conservation planning is designed to promote partnerships and collaboration between regulators, other experts and stakeholders, said

McSpirit.

McSpirit has developed an online survey to obtain input from stakeholders that will be distributed soon. Survey responses, according to McSpirit, will help frame the direction and priorities of the planning process ahead and subsequently, those who receive the survey are encouraged to take 10 minutes to com-

(See WATER, page three)

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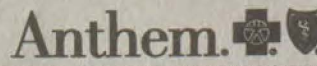
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Floyd County School District Will Host a Public Forum on Wellness, Health, and Nutrition Plans

Parents and citizens are invited to attend a hearing to discuss Floyd County Schools Wellness, Health, and Nutrition plans and programs during the current school year, as well as plans for the 2009-2010 school year. This forum will be hosted by the Floyd County Board of Education's Wellness Committee as part of SB172, which has been the law for all Kentucky school districts these past several years. The public forum will take place on February 23, 2009, at Betsy Layne Elementary School, at 5:00 p.m.

Card of Thanks

The family of Solomon Caudill Jr., would like to express our appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergymen Tommy Reed and Bob Varney for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF SOLOMON CAUDILL JR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Opal Salisbury Spurlock would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. Thanks to those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to speaker Heiko Geise for his kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF OPAL SALISBURY SPURLOCK

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Sarah Ophelia Helmantoler, would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss; thanks to Clergyman Russ Taylor for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Dept. for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we say, thank you. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF SARAH OPHELIA HELMANTOLER

Card of Thanks

The family of Daniel Ray Jarrell would like to thank each and everyone for their prayers, visits, food, flowers, and thoughtfulness, during our time of loss.

A special thank-you to Phelps & Son Funeral Home for their kind and professional services; Pastors Bill Collins and Tommy Reed for their comforting words; Charlotte Powers and family for their beautiful singing; and the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control.

THE FAMILY OF DANIEL RAY JARRELL

Funeral, January 17, 2009

In Loving Memory of Pauline Johnson

March 1, 1935 - February 4, 2008

Gone, but not forgotten. Mother, it's been a year and we miss you so much. We miss seeing that big smile on your face each day.

Even though the last few years you were so sick that we find comfort knowing that you are in Heaven now, with no pain or sickness.

Precious memories will remain so dear, through all the years of laughter and tears.

I find an old photograph and see your smile. I read an old card that you sent so many years ago.

I miss your being here, but I feel your presence, those precious times together that we spent, are forever cherished in our hearts and memories.

My mother was the most precious of all!

Sadly missed and loved,
Your daughter and all the family



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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence is offering free sessions on Self Management of Diabetes. Class No. 1, February 11, 1-3 p.m. What is Diabetes???

How to manage high and low blood sugar and sick days. Class No. 2 February 18th 1-3 p.m. Foot and Skin Care, Eye and Dental Exams.

Class No. 3 February 25th, 1-3 p.m.

Carbohydrate counting, how to read food labels, portion size, eating out.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, at Auxier Learning Center, 21 South River Street, Auxier, KY 41602.

Let us teach you how to count your carbs.

For more information call FCHD at 606-886-2788, ext. 233, 231, 214.

HRMC

"Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

"Have a Healthy Heart." Learn about heart habits to reduce your risk of Heart Disease.

Thursday, February 26. Meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building rooms A & B, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. All classes are free of charge. For further information contact: Food & Nutrition Services, at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353. We look forward to seeing you!

HRMC

Community Calendar

February 2009
Bariatric Program
February 4th
Meeting Place B
Highlands Medical Office Building
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Sr. Advantage
February 10th
Meeting Room A & B
Highlands Medical Office Building
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Living Well With Diabetes

February 26th
Meeting Place A & B
Highlands Medical Office Building
5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. April 22, 2009

* Ask the experts; a general Q & A for your issues!

* Our expert panel includes expertise in neurology, psychiatry, social work and the experts at the Alzheimer's Association. July 23, 2009

* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches

Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers to hold volunteer training

Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers will hold new volunteer training at the Pikeville office, located at 101 Hibbard Street in Pikeville on Tuesday, February 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer is encouraged to attend. The training is free to the public, and lunch will be provided. For more information, or to register for training, call Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers, by noon Friday, February 20, at (606) 437-3700, or toll free at (877) 807-3011, or email: pspradlin@hospicebg.org.

Auxier Community Center

Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Autistic Children Support

Group plans monthly meeting Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40

guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

Need help with addiction? Lifeline of Floyd County

"Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

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

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

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

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

*Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

*Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family

Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

*PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own

children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

*East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

*Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com

Water

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plete it.

Those who want to provide more input into this planning process are encouraged to contact McSpirit for a telephone interview. The interviews will be conducted by a team of ECU students. During the interview, persons will be asked to reflect on the top two or three potential opportunities as well as challenges facing stream and wetland conservation in Kentucky.

A steering committee composed of interagency officials and university consultants will review summaries of the survey responses and interview to help chart possible directions and priorities of the long-term strategic plan.

The survey will soon be made available via email to various stakeholder groups. Those persons wanting to add further input through a telephone interview are encouraged to contact McSpirit at Stephanie.mcspirit@eku.edu or 859-622-3070.

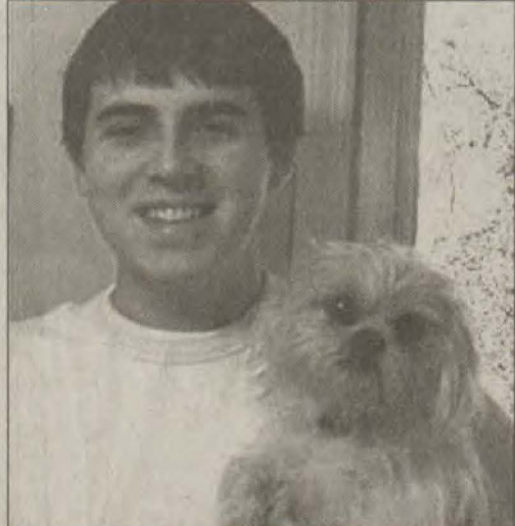
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Viewpoint

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Guest View

Expanding Medicaid to cover unemployed

The House of Representatives on Wednesday approved an \$819 billion economic stimulus plan that contains the most sweeping expansion of Medicaid in more than a decade.

For the first time, millions of unemployed Americans and their families would become eligible -- at least temporarily -- for Medicaid coverage at federal expense.

There would be no income or assets test. But federal funding for the expansion would run only until late 2011. What happens after that, when the 2012 presidential and congressional elections are reaching the boiling point, remains to be seen.

Either way, help couldn't come at a better time. More than 2.6 million American jobs have disappeared since the recession began in December of 2007. Nearly 100,000 disappeared last week alone.

Experts say that about 1 million people become uninsured for every 1 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate. As of last month, it was 2.3 percentage points higher than it was before the recession.

Extending coverage to people who qualify for unemployment insurance is the most significant expansion of Medicaid since creation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, SCHIP, in 1997.

SCHIP offers Medicaid benefits to millions of children in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy health insurance on their own. It's been an enormous success.

The number of uninsured Americans grew after SCHIP was created, but the number of uninsured children fell each year from 1998 to 2005.

Temporary coverage of the unemployed can have the same effect, blunting the number of uninsured. It's a crucial part of the bill, which also extends unemployment benefits that were due to expire.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates it will cost \$11 billion over three years to extend Medicaid to the unemployed. The White House expects to cover nearly 8.5 million newly unemployed workers.

But Republicans in the House opposed the bill. Some contend it moves the United States closer to a national health system -- as if there's something wrong with ensuring that all Americans have access to care.

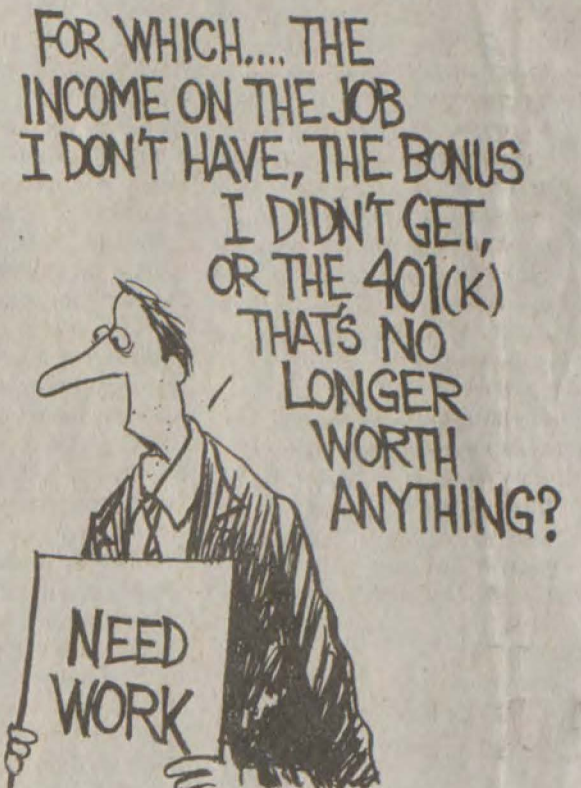
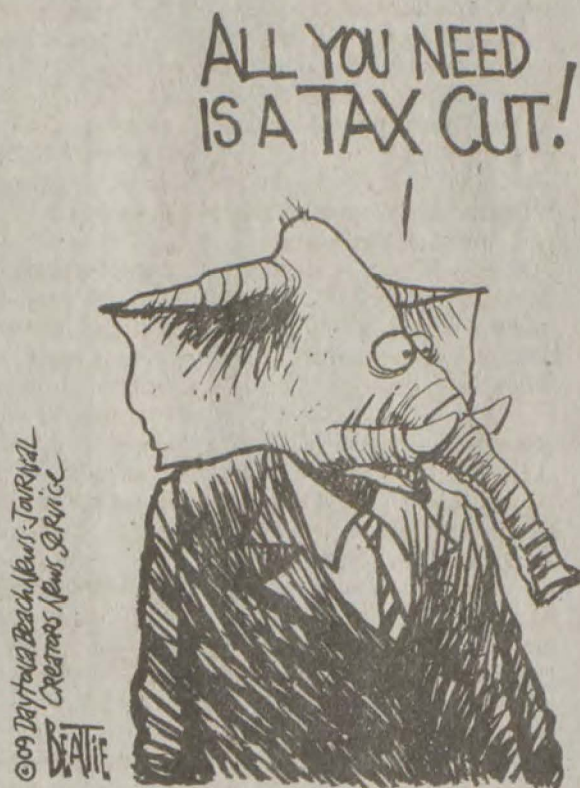
The truth, though, is that more than 200 million people were covered by private health insurance last year. Even with Medicaid expansion, most people will continue to get private health insurance through their jobs for the foreseeable future.

The stimulus bill contains \$29 billion to subsidize private health insurance for newly unemployed workers. They've long been able to remain insured under a federal law known as COBRA -- but only if they pay 102 percent of their former employers' cost of insuring them. That's not realistic for most people. The bill allows the federal government to subsidize 65 percent of the cost for continued COBRA coverage.

It also contains \$87 billion in additional federal funding to help states with growing Medicaid costs. Those costs increase when the economy weakens.

The Senate should approve the stimulus bill quickly. Health care and economic recovery can't wait.

— San Diego Union-Tribune



Guest Column

A gamble Kentucky cannot afford

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

When times are tough, the last thing a family would ever do is jeopardize the money it knows it can count on.

I believe the same should hold true for Kentucky as well.

That is why I have filed legislation during the current legislative session that would allow video lottery terminals (VLTs) at our horse tracks. If we don't protect and promote an industry that has a \$4 billion economic impact on our state, we will lose far more in the years ahead than our reputation as the horse capital of the world.

My legislation would accomplish several things if enacted. First, it would provide a strong foundation for an industry that employs tens of thousands of Kentuckians. Second, it would keep within our borders the hundreds of millions of dollars already being spent by Kentuckians in nearby states that have expanded gaming. And, third, it would inject a

substantial portion of that money into our schools, our health and human service programs and our own pockets at a time when we need it most.

Other states have already seen the value of this approach. Indiana and Pennsylvania, for example, are just two of the most recent states whose tracks are now using larger purses to lure more of our acclaimed horses and the wide array of services that follow them. The longer we wait, the more likely there will be nothing left for other states to take.

If the revenue from expanded gaming just preserved this key component of our economy, I think it would be worth it. But projections show that much more can be done for Kentucky with the revenue it would raise.

Under my House Bill 158, I propose removing the state's portion of the vehicle property tax, which could in five years save taxpayers more than \$186 million annually. Our elementary and secondary schools would get \$110 million, while \$45 million would be used to treat drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction; to help our counties with their spiraling jail costs; and to clean up our communities.

As Attorney General, I issued an opinion stating that our constitution allowed the legislature to approve the

addition of video lottery terminals. I came to that conclusion because our founding fathers were clear in their opposition to lotteries - which had a poor reputation in the 1800s - but they were silent on other forms of gaming; otherwise, our horse tracks would have never been allowed in the first place.

Although VLTs would be owned and operated by the tracks, the state would have strict oversight through our lottery board. VLTs could be located only where gaming is already taking place, and only in locations where access is restricted for those under 21. In other words, it would be highly controlled and wholly contained at the tracks, easing the concerns many communities may have.

There will likely be considerable debate about this bill in the weeks ahead, but there can be no doubting that our signature industry is facing unprecedented competition, that the state's budget and our pocketbooks are being battered by the economy and that Kentuckians are already spending hundreds of millions of dollars on gaming in other states.

House Bill 158 may not be the final solution to these problems, but it certainly deserves to be part of the equation.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

State officials said on Jan. 15 that it would take a little over two weeks to deplete the state's remaining Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund reserves of about \$50 million. That was three weeks ago.

Now, with state reserves wiped out, Kentucky is drawing down dollars from a federal line of credit requested last month by Gov. Beshear to keep state unemployment benefits flowing. The line of credit has prevented any disruptions in unemployment benefits, but it is not a long-term solution, just like the trust fund mess is not a short-term problem. The governor said as much last month when he called the line of credit "merely a short-term solution to a long-term complex issue."

Keeping the trust fund solvent has actually been a constant battle since 2002 after the 9/11 terrorist attacks threw the U.S. economy into its last recession. From 2002 on, state officials say the trust fund has been losing money faster than it takes it in through employer contributions.

The state was able to handle the downturn in contributions for many years by using up trust fund reserves that had built up in earlier years, but the latest recession dealt the final blow. Now all Kentucky and several

other states relying on federal help to make their unemployment payments can do is wait for the economy to rebound and have a plan for strengthening their funds when that happens.

Recessions are bad news for unemployment trust funds. Just four months ago when the current recession had begun to worsen the state's trust fund had a balance of over \$175 million. But that was before preliminary unemployment rates reported by the state exceeded 142,000 in both Nov. and Dec. - a heavy load for a much larger trust fund to bear. It was no time before the \$175 million was down to single digit dollars.

Back at the State Capitol, lawmakers would like nothing better than to shore up the trust fund through our own innovation without depending on federal help. But we also have to be realistic: Kentucky, as you know, faces a budget shortfall in the current fiscal year of over \$450 million and more fiscal challenges to come. Finding money to meet the shortfall alone would be a miracle at this point, it seems, let alone finding hundreds of millions more for unemployment. The federal line of credit for the UI trust fund is a life line in times like these.

Just as realistic, however, is the fact that the life line is-as are most-a temporary save. It will not sustain us anymore than a life preserver can keep a person safe at sea for years on end. Solutions to rebuilding state reserves will have to be found and implemented sooner rather than later. Luckily, work on finding those

solutions is about to begin. Starting this month, a new bipartisan governor's task force will study the UI system and recommend changes by summer that could keep the trust fund solvent in the long term. Membership of the group will be comprised of employers, employees and state lawmakers who, many agree, must all be involved in the process.

The task force will focus on creating a stable system that can generate enough funding to help the unemployed, maintain a "cushion" in cases of future fiscal downturns and not overburdening employers but helping them be competitive with other states. The work will not be easy, as the governor said, but it will be inclusive and should pay off well if it succeeds.

If the task force recommendations are ready by summer, lawmakers will likely have proposals based on those recommendations to consider during the next regular session in 2010. That seems too far into the future, but it will take that long to come up with a workable plan, I assure you. A problem of this magnitude will take careful thought.

For now, displaced workers will receive their checks without interruption just as the governor promised, with employer contributions continuing to go into the fund. It is my hope and that of most state officials that by this time next year, the UI trust fund will be positioned for better health-no life lines required.

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Kentucky's jobless rate increases in December

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate for December 2008 rose to 7.8 percent from 7.7 percent in November 2008, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The December 2008 unemployment rate is 2.5 percentage points higher than the 5.3 percent rate recorded in December 2007.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased from 6.8 percent in November 2008 to 7.2 percent in December 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

"The Kentucky economy, weighed down by the housing crisis, tighter credit, manufacturing cutbacks, and anemic

consumer spending, suffered its highest unemployment rate since May 1988. Non-farm employment plummeted by 15,800 positions amid weakness in the construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and administrative and support industries," said Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

Three of the 11 major non-farm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors reported employment increases in December 2008, while eight decreased, according to OET. A decline of 15,800 jobs in December 2008 brought Kentucky's nonfarm employment to a seasonally adjusted total of 1,843,200. Since December 2007, Kentucky's nonfarm employment has dropped by 36,800.

"This marks the fourth month in a row of year-over-year employment decreases and the largest year-over-year drop in the number of jobs since December 2001," said

Detzel. According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, gained 1,200 positions in December 2008. The sector has added 10,000 jobs since December 2007.

"A portion of the job gains from November 2008 to December 2008 is attributed to hiring in the federal government subsector and a base realignment," Detzel said.

The state's educational and health services sector grew by 800 jobs in December 2008. Since last December, the number of jobs in this sector has risen by 500 jobs. This sector includes private and nonprofit establishments that provide either education and training or health care and social assistance to their clients.

"These employment gains are concentrated in health care and social assistance businesses, reflecting multiple home

health agency openings," Detzel said.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector reported an employment gain of 500 jobs in December 2008. Since December 2007, employment in the sector has declined by 3,300 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodations and food services and drinking places industries.

"The year-over-year employment losses in accommodation and food services businesses are indicative of a hotel closing, four beverage services companies closing and numerous restaurants going out of business," Detzel said.

The construction sector recorded 5,500 fewer positions in December 2008. Since December 2007, employment in the construction sector has plummeted by 10,600 positions.

"This is the sixth consecutive month of employment declines in construction, reflecting weakness in heavy and civil engineering, and specialty trade contractors. Debility in the housing market, financial difficulties halting construction projects and the closing of a residential construction firm contributed to the contraction in this sector," Detzel said.

The manufacturing sector lost 4,400 jobs in December 2008. Compared to December 2007, jobs in the sector were down by 15,900 in December 2008.

"The durable goods subsector accounted for the majority of the job decline in December 2008 particularly industries associated with automobiles. The woes of the automobile industry are reverberating through Kentucky's economy with shock waves felt by employers, automobile parts suppliers and non-manufactur-

ing enterprises such as railroads and trucking companies faced with a reduction of cargo," said Detzel.

"While most of the over-the-year job decreases were seen in the durable goods subsector, the losses are being felt across the board from the automobile-related industries to nondurable goods such as clothing. Nearly all manufacturers are being hit by a contracting economy."

The number of jobs in the professional and business services sector plunged by 4,200 in December 2008. This area had 9,600 fewer employees in December 2008 than in December 2007. The profes-

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HRMC welcomes new vice president for patient care

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center announced that Teresa (Terry) Booher, RN, MSN has accepted the position of vice president of patient care.

Booher received her diploma in nursing from the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Denver, Colo.; a bachelor's of nursing from the University of Maine; and a master's of science in nursing from the University of Tennessee. She is currently working towards her doctorate in health care administration.

"I am very glad to be at Highlands Regional Medical Center and have already fallen



Teresa Booher

in love with the family-feel of the organization. It's a real privilege to work with these

dedicated people as we serve our community," stated Terry Booher.

Booher has over 30 years of nursing and administrative experience including a tenure in the military. Commander Booher retired after 24 years service with the US Navy Nurse Corps.

Included in Terry's Chief Nursing Officer duties was participation in the planning and building of a Naval hospital facility in Cherry Point, N.C., and served as a key member of a senior leader strategic planning team for military healthcare of the future.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Smith, Lovel join Pikeville College Athletics Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Two long-time Pikeville College employees were surprised earlier this afternoon with their induction into the athletics Hall of Fame. Outgoing President Hal Smith and professor of economics Gene Lovel were inducted into the hall in this afternoon's ceremony in Booth Auditorium. They joined previously announced inductees Amanda Collins, Tecco Gallion and Jesse Rudd. In addition, former band director Brad Daniels, clock operator Jeremy Davis and longtime supporter Howard

Lockhart were inducted into the honorary wing of the hall of fame.

Hal Smith: Hal Smith came to Pikeville College in 1997, bringing with him the knowledge that athletics could play a vital role in the well-being of a college, and during his 12 years as president, he has certainly made that evident. During his time as president, Smith has been as visible at sporting events as any coach or

player at Pikeville College. A member of the Centre College athletics hall of fame for his exploits as a basketball player, Smith grew the athletics department from seven sports to 19 during his tenure. Among the sports he oversaw beginning was football, something the people of

Eastern Kentucky had long desired to see. He also added bowling to the college's roster of sports and saw the women's bowling program win two national championships. Under his leadership, Pikeville College placed its student-athletes in national tournaments in nine different sports.

Gene Lovel: It is very doubtful that when he came to

Pikeville College to teach economics in 1982, Gene Lovel had any idea how big a role he could come to play in the department of athletics. But it could easily be argued that both inside the department at Pikeville College and the conferences it has played in, he is as respected as anyone has ever been. Gene became Faculty

Athletics Representative (FAR) at Pikeville in 1993 and has served in that capacity since. When Pikeville College joined the Mid-South Conference in 2000, he was immediately named its eligibility chair, a title the native Oklahoman still holds at the time of his induction.

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HAL SMITH



GENE LOVEL

Bobcats, Blackcats post district wins

Tackett leads P'burg past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg each posted boys' 58th District wins Friday night. At Betsy Layne, the Bobcats outscored Allen Central 35-14 in the third quarter and pulled away for a convincing 67-45 win.

Sophomore Nathan Martin led 13 different Betsy Layne scorers with a game-high 22 points. Josh Head tossed in 12 points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne remained out in front of Allen Central at the end of each quarter. The Bobcats outscored Allen Central 9-5 in the first quarter and led 21-15 at intermission.

Junior guard Chris Stumbo led Allen Central with 15 points. Seth Jarrell added six points for the Rebels.

At Hi Hat, visiting Prestonsburg rolled to an 89-43 win. Prestonsburg turned in one of its best efforts of the season. The Blackcats were on pace to score 100 at the half. Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 27-6 in the first quarter and entered halftime ahead 52-14. The Blackcats were strong with any lineup in the game, outscoring South Floyd in each quarter.

Senior Jody Tackett led a balanced Prestonsburg offensive effort with a game-high 22 points. Four different Prestonsburg players scored 15 or more points. Michael Burchett netted 18 points. Alex Stumbo scored 16 and Steven Patrick pushed in 15 for the Blackcats.

Shannon Turner led South Floyd with a team-high 13 points.

Betsy Layne 67,
Allen Central 45
Allen Central — Woods 1,
Jarrell 9, Stumbo 15, Salisbury 6, Jackson 5, Dingus 3, Meade 4, Harlow 2.

Betsy Layne — B. Adkins 6, Maldonado 5, Martin 22, Tibbs 6, Head 12, Tackett 2, Newman 2, Johnson 1, Howell 2, Stumbo 3, Newsome 2, Slope 3, Roberts 1.

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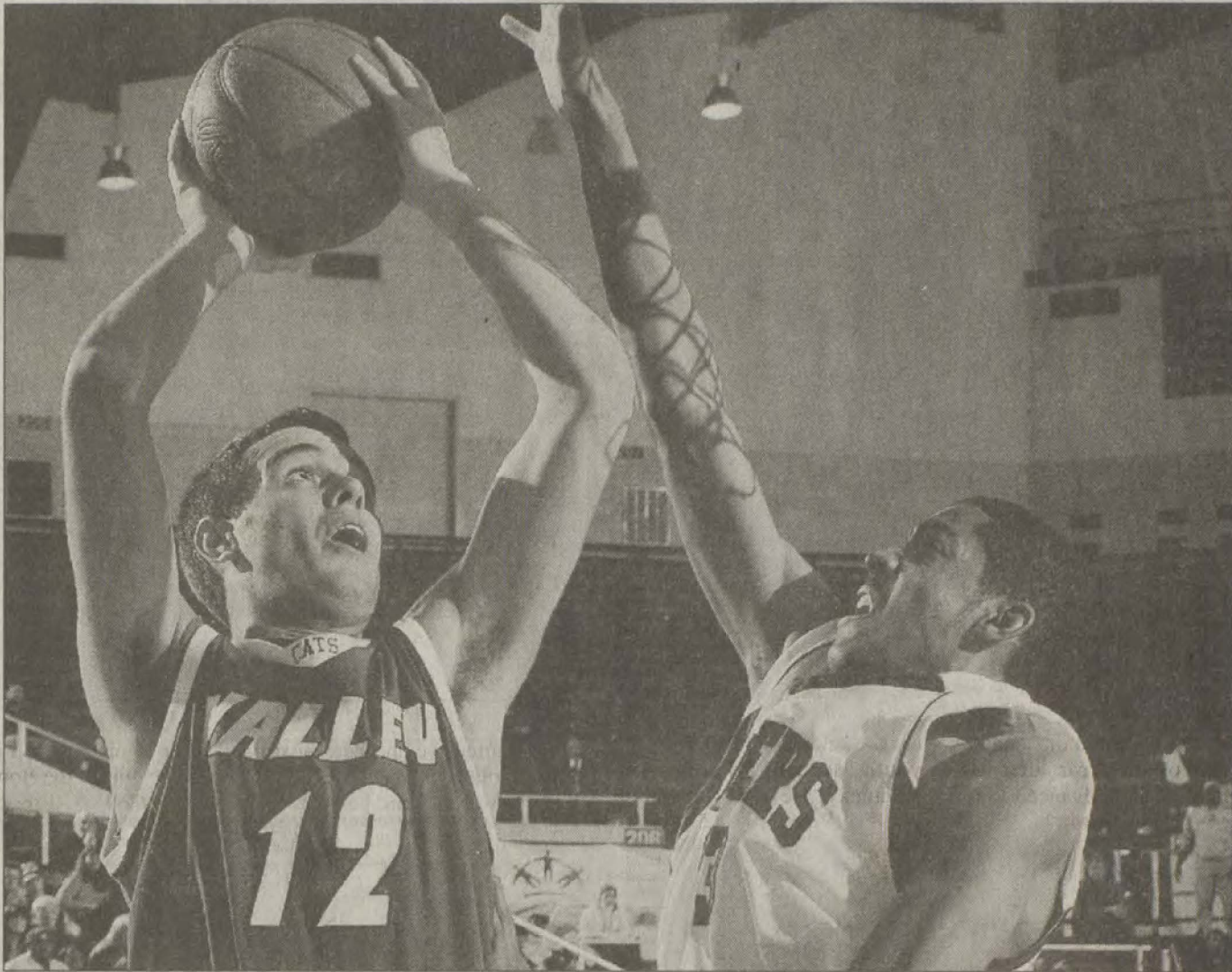
Prestonsburg 89,
South Floyd 43

Prestonsburg — Stumbo 16, Patrick 15, Burchett 18, Tackett 22, Setser 5, Blackburn 2, Jamerson 2, Tincher 6, Key 2.

South Floyd — T. Hall 4, D. Hall 2, Mitchell 7, Marson 6, Langdon 2, Turner 13, Paige 7, Jones 2.

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ALL 'A' CLASSIC STATE CHAMPS



photos by Tim Webb

SHELBY VALLEY captured the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic championship Sunday afternoon, defeating Bardstown 58-55 in the championship game. Above: Ashley Hatfield (12) went up with a shot for the Wildcats during the championship game. Below: Valley Coach Jason Booher took his turn cutting on one of the nets.

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Defense, FTs lift Bears past No. 12 WV Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College put the defensive pressure on 12th-ranked WVU Tech and survived a poor shooting day to upset the Golden Bears 75-66 Saturday afternoon.

The Bears have won three straight now to improve to 15-7 overall, 3-2 in the Mid-South Conference. Tech, 15-7, lost both league games this week after going from unranked to No. 12 in the country. The Golden Bears are 2-3 against MSC competition.

Tech shot only 40 percent from the floor, hitting only 32.3 percent (10-of-31) in the

first half. Pikeville, however, hit only 30.5 percent for the game but won thanks to shooting 33-of-38 (86.8 percent) from the line.

Tech got three-point bucket from junior Darryl Slack to cut Pikeville's lead to 48-45 with 12:31 left. But the Bears went on a 12-4 run, getting seven points from junior Josh Samarco during the stretch. When it ended, the Bears had their biggest lead of the game at 60-49 with 6:31 left.

Tech wasn't finished, and scored nine straight to get back within two. The run started with a three by freshman Ben Shannon and when he hit a layup with 4:07 left, the lead was down to 60-58.

But the Bears maintained their poise, and combined to hit 7-of-8 from the free throw line in the last 43 seconds to hold on for the win.

Samarco was brilliant, finishing with 34 points thanks to sinking all 12 of his free throws. The 6-1 guard also had seven rebounds and a pair of assists and steals.

Sophomore Justin Hicks, a Hazard High School graduate, joined him in double digits with 12 to go with five rebounds, three steals and two steals. Senior guard J.B. Smiley had 10 points, nine rebounds and three assists.

Senior Ewan Linton added eight points and 10 rebounds for the Bears, who won the

rebounding battle 49-37. Freshman Kane Belcher came off the bench to pull down seven.

WVU Tech's balanced attack was led by freshman Ricky Young, who tossed in 14 to go with nine rebounds. He was followed by Slack and junior Zack Thomsen, who had 12 apiece. Thomsen added a game-best seven assists.

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night when it visits University of the Cumberlands. The Patriots are ranked 17th this week in NAIA Div. I. WVU Tech will entertain Campbellsville on Thursday night.

Valley claims first state hoops title for Pike County

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

RICHMOND — I sat there in McBrayer Arena on what turned out to be a glorious Sunday afternoon thinking about old times.

I thought about Todd May and the Virgie Eagles, the 1982 team and the season's Mr. Basketball. They made it to the state semifinals in Rupp Arena. They were there. They were on the cusp. They gave it all they had.

But in the end, they came up short.

The year before, they filled that still relatively new palace in Lexington. On the Friday night when they played in the quarterfinals, they set a world record for attendance. People across the Commonwealth, from Paducah to Pikeville, as the saying goes, came to see May and his Eagles.

But a championship eluded them.

I thought about Ervin Stepp, 1980's Mr. Basketball. Ervin was the most prolific scorer in mountain basketball history. He put on show after show. People from everywhere came and saw. Seriously, you had to see it to believe it.

But a state title was not his destiny.

There were others I thought of. Jody Thompson at Feds Creek, of Todd Conley at Elkhorn City. There was J.J. Hylton of Belfry and his merry band of Pirates. Three straight years they played in the Sweet 16. Three straight years they came up short. A generation or two ago, there was Mark Myers and Jimmy Kent Kerr.

All great players. All legends. All sensational basketball players.

The girls have had their chances too. In 1984, a loaded Belfry team fell in the finals. In 1990, it was Billy Jack Eswick and the Lady Cougars of Elkhorn City. Two years ago, Stephen Butcher led Pike Central to Saturday's final morning of the season.

But a state championship never came.

It happened in football. First for Elkhorn City in 1964. Then Pikeville's three straight, in 1987, then '88, then '89, coached by one James Hillard Howard. Jason Booher's father-in-law. Three seasons. One loss. Three championships.

Then there was Belfry's run. On Dec. 5, 2003, an overtime touchdown by David Jones gave Philip Haywood the championship he thought would never come. One day less than a year later, it happened again.

Six state football titles for Pike County. None in basketball.

None ... until Sunday this glorious Sunday afternoon in Richmond. It snowed all week, to the point that officials considered sending everyone home and not playing the tournament. Ice knocked out power all across the Commonwealth, and Richmond was no different. Most hotels had no power. Restaurants were closed. The arena, for a while, operated solely on generators.

But they decided to play on. The show, as they say, must go on. And in Kentucky, there is no show quite like a state basketball tournament.

And on Super Bowl Sunday, a wonderful gentleman named

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Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Winter storms hard on wildlife

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Ice coats Kentucky's landscape like a tight, frozen blanket. Trees sag and branches snap under the weight, falling on roads, power lines and even houses. Tens of thousands of Kentuckians are still without power as frigid temperatures continue. But people aren't the only ones having a hard time after the recent winter storms. Wildlife also struggle when ice covers their food and habitat.

"There's no question there can be higher rates of mortality when we have this kind of cover for a long period of time," said John Morgan, small game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "A lot of animals, like rabbits, quail and squirrels, will just hole up for days and not feed."

Since rabbits can eat the bark off of trees, they are better able to deal with the ice than many animals. Birds, however, don't have such an advantage. A bird needs grit, or small pebbles, to digest the food in its crop.

"In the absence of grit, with everything covered in ice, they have a hard time. There have been cases where turkeys have a full crop of food, but become emaciated because they can't get the grit to digest it," explained Morgan. "You'll see bird feeders used a lot right now. Certainly in conditions like this, feeders are probably pretty important."

Also important are native grasses and other vegetation. Animals that have access to quality habitat go into bad weather in much better condition than animals in marginal habitat, increasing their chance of survival. Native plants also provide much-needed shelter for wildlife.

"A well-managed native grass field — meaning it has things in there such as legumes — provides a lot of cover in these dire times," said Morgan. "Especially when compared to fescue, which will just get smashed down."

Icy conditions affect deer

and elk to a similar degree. The most vulnerable animals are the youngest and oldest.

"If you have a young fawn who hasn't put on enough weight yet, or an older deer whose teeth are worn down — even prime bucks who have lost weight during the rut — this can be enough to push them over the edge," said Tina Brunjes, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's big game program coordinator. "That said, I don't anticipate high mortality. We had a pretty good mast year and a good harvest. These animals are adapted to dealing with this type of thing."

Many landowners are tempted to feed wildlife to try and help them through the storms' aftermath. Other than setting out backyard birdfeeders, however, people should not introduce new food sources to

assist with storm-related damage," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gassett. "They are equipped with 4-wheel drive vehicles, ATVs, chain saws, extra gasoline and diesel fuel. They are well-equipped to work outdoors and assist where needed."

Western Kentucky conservation officers are already on site helping to clear roads and take residents to shelters. "One of the most important things we do is support the Commonwealth," said Hank Patton, deputy commissioner of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We'll provide relief by removing trees from roads and helping people get food and water."

Colonel Robert Milligan, director of law enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, said officers will assemble this afternoon at the National Guard Armory in Benton before moving into their assigned areas. He expects the officers to remain in western Kentucky for three days as relief efforts continue.

Hunter Ed Instructor Course to be offered

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife will sponsor a hunter education instructor course on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. until completion. The course will be conducted at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club in Floyd County and is open to anyone 18 years or older who has completed the hunter education student course.

After completing the course, an instructor may conduct hunter education courses, which are required by hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975.

For more information about assisting the next generation of hunters, contact Will Connelly, phone: 606/633-5012, cell: 606/335-9437, email: willconn@tvsable.com.

wildlife. "If you haven't been feeding them, don't start putting feed

Kentucky are en route to western Kentucky at this time to support the National Guard and

Lipka named MSU women's soccer coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Warren Lipka, who started the University of Kentucky women's soccer program in 1992 and led the Wildcats to seven NCAA tournament appearances and who was a three-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, has accepted the head women's soccer coaching position at Morehead State. MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson finalized Lipka's appointment this week.

"We are very pleased that Coach Lipka has agreed to take on this new challenge. His experience as a successful head coach in the SEC will aid him in his efforts at Morehead State. He is uniquely qualified to lead our program well into the future," said Hutchinson. "Coming off an NCAA Tournament run in soccer, our future is bright and with Warren leading the program, we expect to continue our success."

Lipka is excited about the opportunity to remain in the Bluegrass State.

"First of all I want to thank (Morehead State President) Dr.

(Wayne) Andrews and Brian Hutchinson for believing in me and giving me a chance to continue to build Morehead State soccer," he said. "I consider myself a Kentuckian now, and I am very excited to continue my career in such a great state. An old friend once said, 'It's nice to be wanted' and I feel wanted here."

Lipka began his tenure at University of Kentucky as an assistant with the Wildcat men's program from 1990-92, and then helped to start the women's program in 1991. His first women's team was fielded in 1992 and since that time he was the only coach in the history of the program. He totaled 182 career wins at UK and was 71-56-10 in SEC matches.

In just his second season, Lipka guided the Wildcats to 13 wins, and then in 1995, UK won the SEC championship and he was named the league's Coach of the Year after UK went 17-7 and advanced to the NCAA tournament. Lipka repeated the SEC Coach of the Year honor in 1999 when his team was 16-3-2 — the best record in school history. That team advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, and he was also named Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year.

He also guided Kentucky to the NCAA tournament in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002 and most recently in 2006 when the Wildcats won the SEC

tournament championship with a 14-7-3 record. He won his third SEC Coach of the Year accolade after the 2006 campaign. Twelve of his 17 teams had records of .500 or better and 12 won nine or more matches, which is the Morehead State single season school mark for victories.

During Lipka's tenure, the 'Cats had 30 total selections for All-Great Lakes Region, 33 All-SEC awards, 170 honors for the SEC Academic Honor Roll, three Soccer Buzz All-Americans, two National Soccer Coach's Association of America (NSCAA) All-Americans, and the 1995 SEC Player of the Year.

He also has a bevy of professional experience, as a player, coach and in administration.

In addition to his collegiate coaching resume, Lipka has been heavily involved in youth soccer programs in Kentucky. He was a member of the Region II Olympic Development program staff, serving as head coach from 1992-94, and was also director of the Kentucky Kickers Soccer Club during that period.

He holds a USSF "A" license — the highest a coach can hold for that federation — and an NSCAA premiere badge. Lipka has two sons, Warren Christopher and Joshua Michael.

Hall

Jason Booher and the Shelby Valley Wildcats finally gave Pike County the thing that had long eluded it.

Pike County, you have yourself a State Basketball Champion.

When the dust settles, May, the fabulous Todd May, will have to step aside. So will Ervin, the kid they called Hef and the sharp-shooting Hylton and Thompson.

They will yield the floor. They will clear the way.

And into the center circle will step Elisha Justice. Make no mistake about it, when the story is told of this generation of Wildcat, the story will begin and end with the wonderful Elisha Justice.

There were great players in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Bardstown, Sunday's championship-game foe, had them. Consider Jordan Hickman, among others.

But none were the best.

There was only one best player in this tournament. He stands alone. He wears No. 3.

And his name is Elisha Justice.

But he won't be alone on center stage. Alongside him will be Ashley Hatfield and Devan Adams, Taylor Newsome and Logan Bryan. He'll be joined by Cody Varney and Curby Tackett and Tyler Newsome and the list goes on and on and on.

This Shelby Valley team is special. And now, we will forever remember why.

We will remember them above all.

We will remember them for a Super Bowl Sunday when the ice melted, the snow cleared and football took a backseat.

For today, Pike County, we have a champion. A state basketball champion.

The Shelby Valley Wildcats.

Long may they reign.

15th Region Boys' Basketball	Team	Record
Shelby Valley	18-4	
Johnson Central	14-5	
Pikeville	13-7	
Lawrence County	12-6	
East Ridge	12-7	
Prestonsburg	11-8	
Phelps	10-4	
Betsy Layne	10-6	
Magoffin County	9-11	
Sheldon Clark	7-10	
Belfry	5-10	
Paintsville	4-13	
South Floyd	4-16	
Pike Central	3-16	
Allen Central	1-11	

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Lawrence County	10-10	
Betsy Layne	9-7	
Pike Central	8-9	
East Ridge	8-11	
South Floyd	6-10	
Allen Central	4-9	
Belfry	4-12	
Piarist School	2-14	
Prestonsburg	2-15	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mac Bryan steps away from Pikeville College football program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College has accepted the resignation of football coach Mac Bryan. Bryan, the offensive coordinator of the Bears during their 2000 season as a club team, was named head coach three years ago. He compiled a record of 10-22 in three seasons as head coach.

In his letter of resignation, Bryan cited family concerns as his reason for leaving. "I have been fortunate to work at Pikeville College two times," he wrote. "I will always have a love for the college and the city of Pikeville. I want to thank Hal Smith and the administration for the opportunity to be part of the Pikeville College family. I have truly enjoyed the friendships developed over the years."

"We appreciate Mac and all the things he did for us during his time as our football coach," said Robert Staggs, interim athletics director. "Mac is a good man who worked hard for us, but we understand his reason for leaving and wish him well. Mac Bryan will always be a Pikeville College Bear."

Bryan has experienced tremendous success in his career as a football coach. A native of Traphill, N.C., Bryan came to Pikeville after spending one season as head coach and director of athletics at Emerald High School in Greenwood, S.C. He was the Lakelands Coach of the Year and the Co-Region III Coach of the Year en route to the 2005 Region III championship and a spot in the 2005 Upper State Finals.

Bryan spent three years at Tennessee-Chattanooga where he was assistant head coach and coached both the offensive and defensive lines. Prior to his stint at Pikeville, he was the head coach at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C., where he guided the Bobcats to a 44-10-1 mark in five seasons.

Bryan was the third head coach in Pikeville College history. Zak Willis finished 9-11 in two seasons on the varsity level before Jerry Mynatt posted a 19-12 worksheet in his three years at the helm.

MSU women fall to Austin Peay in last five seconds

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Austin Peay guard Ashley Herring scored six points in the final 1:27 of the game Saturday night, including what proved to be the game-winning jumper with three seconds left, as the Morehead State women's basketball fell to the Lady Gobs 61-59 at Johnson Arena. The APSU win snapped MSU's 14-game home winning streak as the Eagles are now 13-10 and 7-4 in the OVC. Austin Peay moved to 12-10 and 8-3 in the league.

The Eagles came into the game with an 11-game home winning streak this year and a 14-game overall streak — the eighth longest in the nation — but APSU held on to sweep MSU in the season series and tie the overall series at 32 games each.

Herring led the Lady Gobs with 14 points and also had eight rebounds. After MSU's Brittany Pittman hit two free throws to give her team a 56-55 lead with 1:43 left, Herring hit a layup at the 1:27 mark for a 57-56 APSU lead. Courtney Lumpkin drove to the basket and put the Eagles back on top 58-57 with 1:02 left, but Herring struck again with 33 ticks remaining with a jumper in the lane. Chynna Bozeman

was fouled attempting a reverse layup for MSU at the 10-second mark and hit one of two free throws for a 59-59 contest. With 3.2 seconds left, Herring again drove to the free throw line, got free of her defender, and hit a jumper that proved to be the game-winner.

The Eagles only led four times in the game, early in the first half and in the final two minutes. In between, APSU led by eight at the half (27-19) and by as much as 13 (34-21) in the second half. The Lady Gobs led 50-39 with 8:23 left, but the Eagles outscored APSU 17-5 over the next seven minutes to finally take the 56-55 lead at the 1:43 mark.

Bozeman scored 17 points to lead the Eagles in scoring. Pittman posted her 10th double-double of the year with 14 points and 14 rebounds to go along with seven blocks. She now has 128 rejections on the season, needing just 29 more to set an NCAA Division I single season record. Deja Watson, coming off a career high 18-rebound effort Thursday, pulled down 11 boards tonight. Hamilton added 13 points, but once again it was APSU's frontcourt that hurt the Eagles.

In the Jan. 3 meeting (a 73-52 APSU win), the Lady Gobs outscored MSU 34-16 in the paint. Tonight, it was a 34-18

advantage in the paint for APSU. Nicole Jamen had 13 points, while Whitney Hanley added 12. April Thomas scored nine and picked up a team-high nine rebounds.

For the game, MSU shot 33 percent, while APSU hit 37 percent. The Eagles hit only 25 percent in the first half though before shooting 42 percent in the final half. The Lady Gobs also grabbed 46 rebounds to MSU's 41.

Brittany Pittman named OVC Player of the Week: Morehead State University junior center Brittany Pittman was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week Monday. It was the ninth weekly award the MSU women's team has earned this season.

Pittman recorded 16.0 points and 12.5 rebounds per game over Morehead State's two contests last week. She also shot 47 percent from the field and averaged 5.0 blocked shots. Pittman scored a game-high 18 points to go along with 11 rebounds and three blocks in the win over Tennessee State. She followed that up with 14 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks versus Austin Peay.

Morehead State will travel to Jacksonville State on Thursday, Feb. 5 to face the Gamecocks at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Powell turns back Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

STANTON — Powell County turned up its defensive intensity in each of the first three quarters Saturday when the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats visited. Two Lady Pirates remained in front throughout the second half.

Sophomore guard Alexis DeRossett paced Prestonsburg with 16 points. Eighth-grade guard Tiffany Wertz joined DeRossett in double figures for Prestonsburg, finishing with 12 points. Junior guard

ishing with 15 points. In all, nine different Powell County players broke into the scoring column.

Powell County — which featured nine different scorers — led 16-7 at the end of the first quarter and 35-15 when the first half ended. The Lady Pirates remained in front throughout the second half.

Sophomore guard Alexis DeRossett paced Prestonsburg with 16 points. Eighth-grade guard Tiffany Wertz joined DeRossett in double figures for Prestonsburg, finishing with 12 points. Junior guard

Devann Poe scored six points for Prestonsburg, which dropped to 2-15.

Powell Co. 61,	Prestonsburg 48
Prestonsburg — Fields 4,	DeRossett 16, Waugh 5, Poe 6,
Burchett 5, Wertz 12.	
Powell Co. — Barnett 4,	McFarland 25, Mays 4, Rogers
15, Atkinson 4, Banks 3,	Poe 2, Reed 2, Nolan 2,
P'burg.....7 8 9 24-48	
Powell.....16 19 10 16-61	

CBA shortens 2008-09 regular-season due to difficult economic landscape

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners announced Monday that the CBA's board of directors voted Sunday to shorten the 2008-2009 regular-season due to a very difficult and recessionary economy. The regular-season ended Tuesday, Feb. 3, and the CBA Championship series will begin in Albany, NY on Thursday, Feb. 5. It will be a best-of-three series between the Lawton-Fl. Sill Cavalry and the Albany Patrons, who will finish the regular season with the CBA's top two records. The Miners will finish this season in third-place, with a record of 10-7, having lost only once on their home court.

"Coming into this season, the other team owners and I knew this year was going to be a difficult one due to the economy," stated Miners co-owner and President Demetrius Ford. "But we didn't expect things to be this difficult. Professional sports franchises are heavily dependent on corporate sponsorships and season ticket sales in order to operate efficiently. When you combine a recessionary economy, record home foreclosures and corporate layoffs, you have the perfect storm of fear. And this kind of fear quickly drops sponsorships and nonessential investments to the bottom of a potential sponsors list of priorities. At the close of our first season here in Pikeville, we secured enough corporate sponsorship commitments to easily cover our 2008-2009 operating budget. But as this season drew near, and the economy continued to weaken, those commitments all but disappeared. Not just in our home market, but in every CBA city. I believe every team in this league made a valiant effort to make it through such tough times, but from a business point of view, I think the decision to shorten the season was the right

one. This way, teams can preserve capital for next season, the league can strengthen itself by bringing in more teams for 2009-2010, and the CBA can come back much stronger in its 63rd year of operation in a friendlier economy."

The Miners co-owner expressed his gratitude to fans, sponsors, staff and others.

"Words cannot express how terrible I feel for our fans, season ticket holders, sponsors, players and staff," said Ford. "Our players went to war for us on the court, and they were great ambassadors in the community. Coach K and I will do all we can to help place these players in other leagues around the world so they can continue to pursue their dreams. To our fans and sponsors, God willing, I promise to do everything in my power to bring the Miners back to you next season. I know what the Miners and professional basketball mean to Pike and the surrounding counties, and I know what this franchise can do to help boost the local economy and how important our success is to the success of the Expo Center."

Finally, Ford concluded, "I want to thank everyone who bought a ticket to a Miners game, especially our season ticket holders. I want to thank the Board and management of the Expo Center for all they've done for us. I want to thank my staff and those who volunteered their time to help produce the best form of entertainment these mountains have ever had. I want to thank the Diamond Girls for all their hard work and dedication both when entertaining our fans in the arena and out in the community. And I want to extend a very special and heartfelt thank you to every one of our sponsors, who not only supported us this season, but were willing to step up when others were too afraid to."

"The CBA Commissioner and the owners of the league made the right choice in short-

ening the length of the season," said East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley. "In these tough financial times, it has affected all of us. This will provide all teams a chance to adjust to the economic climate. I would have loved to have played the remaining 11 games of our schedule, but this made the most sense and I will begin preparing for next season."

The Miners coach reflected on the abbreviated season in which his team showed much promise.

"This season was one of the more competitive seasons I've experienced as a basketball coach," Keathley commented. "The franchises in the CBA did a good job of putting an excellent product on the floor and I hope our fans feel the same as I do. We came very close to reaching the CBA finals, and our players should be commended for such a valiant effort. Two first class organizations will square off for the championship and I wish both teams the best of luck."

"For us, we aren't going anywhere. We will begin getting ready for the 2009-2010 season tomorrow. I will begin looking at potential draft picks from this year's college senior class."

"We will continue to go out in the community this offseason and be active in several important causes. I want to thank the fans and the sponsors who helped make this season a success in my view. And I promise you, we will bring the most exciting brand of basketball in the state of Kentucky next season, just like we have the past two years."

Representatives from the Miners organization will be in contact shortly with season ticket holders and sponsors with further information. Direct all immediate questions to dford@triseq.com.

Daniel's hot hand leads Lady Bears past Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Alice Daniel broke out of her slump in fine fashion on Saturday, leading her the Lady Bears of Pikeville College to an 82-32 win over WVU Tech.

Daniel, a sharp-shooting all-conference player, sank 7-of-12 from the arc to finish with 21 points. Heading into today's game, she had made only four in her previous seven games.

Thanks to Daniel's efforts, Pikeville hit 11-of-22 three-point shots in the game. The Lady Bears shot 50.8 percent from the field overall, holding WVU Tech to only 38 shots in the game.

WVU Tech fell to 2-18 overall, winless in its five Mid-South Conference games. The Lady Golden Bears have now lost eight straight.

Pikeville improved to 15-7 overall, 2-3 in league play.

Sophomore Natiera Hinton tossed in 14 while pulling down five rebounds and picking up three steals. Sophomore Lauren Potts followed with 13 points and a game-high eight rebounds for the Lady Bears, who dominated the glass as well as the scoreboard, 44-18.

WVU Tech was led by sophomore Ashley Blaney, who had 22 of her team's 32 points. She also had five rebounds and five steals.

Pikeville will return to action on Thursday when it visits the University of the Cumberland; Tech steps out of league play Tuesday to host Central State.

Eagles defeat Austin Peay, 81-63

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Five Morehead State University Eagles scored in double figures led by Maze Stallworth with 22 points as MSU defeated Austin Peay, 81-63, Saturday evening, and in doing so, took sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

Morehead State (13-10, 9-2 OVC) also got 16 points from Kenneth Faried, 13 points from Robert Murry and 12 points each from Demonte Harper and Leon Buchanan. Faried also pulled down 10 rebounds and picked up his 13th double-double of the season.

MSU has now won four in a row and seven of its last eight.

Austin Peay (12-9, 8-3 OVC) was led by Drake Reed who scored 20 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

The Eagles went on an 18-to-five run to end the half and led by 13 points, 42-29. They extended their lead to as many as 24 points after intermission. MSU shot a red-hot 55.8 percent (24-of-43) from the field compared to only 34.4 percent (21-of-61) for the Governors.

MSU won the rebound battle, 39-27, but did commit 21 turnovers to only eight for APSU.

"It's fun and exciting to be in first place, and what is really exciting is to have had the support we've gotten from our community, our students, all of our fans the last few games," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "That's what good college basketball is all about. But, we know we have a lot of basketball left to be played."

"Maze was a big part of the run that ended the first half, hitting a couple of his three-pointers. Kenneth had a big dunk that got the crowd into it. And, Leon had a big basket. Our kids played in limiting a team that is as good offensively as Austin Peay to only 34 percent shooting and only two-of-18 from behind the arc."

The Eagles will now go on the road for two league games. They will take on Jacksonville State on Thursday (Feb. 5) and Tennessee Tech on Saturday (Feb. 7). Both games tip off at 8:30 p.m. EST.

Murry named OVC Newcomer of the Week for fourth time: Morehead State junior guard Robert Murry has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week for the fourth time this season. He averaged 15.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists in MSU's wins over Tennessee State and Austin

Peay.

Murry scored 17 points and had four rebounds in the Eagles' nationally televised win over Tennessee State and followed that with 13 points and four rebounds as MSU topped Austin Peay to claim first-place in the OVC standings.

"A couple of weeks ago, Robert had a bad couple of days of practice that took him a while to recover from," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Since then, he has been a great teammate and has had good practices, and that has carried over to his play in our last few games."

Morehead State to visit Kent State for BracketBuster game

The Morehead State University men's basketball team will travel to Kent, Ohio, on Feb. 21 to take on the Kent State Golden Flashes in an ESPNU BracketBuster game. The game time will be announced later.

Kent State, a member of the Mid-American Conference, is 10-11 overall. The Golden Flashes will make a return visit to Johnson Arena in November or December.

Logano to be youngest driver to start storied Daytona 500

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — When Joey Logano climbs into the No. 20 Toyota for the 51st running of the Great American Race on Feb. 15, he will make history as the youngest driver to start a Daytona 500 — NASCAR's biggest, richest and most prestigious race.

If Logano, who will be 18 years, 8 months and 22 days old on the date of this year's Daytona 500, can get the No. 20 and his Joe Gibbs Racing team into Victory Lane in his first Daytona 500 start, he will surpass Jeff Gordon as the youngest driver to win the event. Gordon won his first Daytona 500 in 1997 at the age of 25.

"I went down there the last five or six years and I've had to watch from the sidelines and to be involved in it [this] year is

really exciting," Logano said. "There's just so much history there and to be able to be on the same track that so many legends have won at is really an honor. It's Daytona and that's the Daytona 500. Even though I've never run in the race, I know how much of a big deal it is."

Logano began racing at age 6 and signed on with the Joe Gibbs Racing driver development program in 2005. In three short years, Logano already posts an impressive resume of racing accomplishments including a 2007 Camping World East championship and a 2008 win at his ARCA Series debut at Rockingham.

Before Logano suits up for the 51st annual Daytona 500, he will first compete in a rare "Daytona double" on Feb. 7 when he races in the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 ARCA Series

season opener and the Budweiser Shootout.

In addition, Logano will participate in Daytona 500 qualifying on Feb. 8, the Gatorade Duel on Feb. 12 and the Camping World 300 Nationwide Series season opener on Feb. 14.

"I'm doing it," Logano said of his busy Speedweeks 2009 schedule. "I'm running both races [ARCA and Budweiser Shootout] and then I've got the Nationwide race with the GameStop Toyota and then running the Cup race with the Home Depot Toyota. Between all that, I've got my hands full."

Editor's note: Trophies from some past Daytona 500 races remain on display at the Ranier Racing Museum in Prestonsburg.

PC junior guard named MSC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Scoring 15 points against Temple Baptist last Thursday was a nice performance for guard Josh Samarco. Pouring in 34 in an upset of 12th-ranked WVU Tech earned him Mid-South Conference Player of the Week.

Samarco, a 6-1 junior from Ypsilanti, Mich., was named player of the week on Monday for the second time this season. Samarco earned the honor on Nov. 17, the first week the league handed out basketball honors. Samarco had four steals and three assists in addition to his 15 markers against Temple Baptist. He was 6-of-12 from the floor and hit 3-of-6 on three-point tries in the 102-52 win. On Saturday, Samarco had an outstanding performance. His 34 points came on 9-of-20 shooting, including 4-of-8 from downtown. The University of Detroit transfer was a perfect 12-of-12 from the free throw line. In addition, he pulled down seven rebounds, handed out two assists and recorded two steals.

With his week, Samarco raised his scoring average to 20.7 points per game which ranks second in the Mid-South. He leads the conference in three-point percentage (52.3 percent), three pointers made per game (3.9) and free throw percentage (88.5). His scoring is ninth in the country in scoring, fourth in three-point percentage and fifth in both three-point shots made and free throw shooting. Pikeville (15-7, 3-2 in the MSC) has won three straight games to move into a tie for third place in the MSC one game behind co-leaders Georgetown College and Lindsey Wilson College. The Bears return to action this week at the University of the Cumberland on Thursday and at home against Lindsey Wilson on Saturday.

Umpires needed for upcoming season

The Big Sandy Umpires Association is currently seeking umpires for the 2009 high school baseball and softball seasons. If interested in umpiring area baseball and softball games during the upcoming season, call Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807 or 606/218-5357.

P'burg Little League signups continue

Prestonsburg Little League continues to host a series of signups for the 2009 season. Signups will be held Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 and 14 signups will be held at Prestonsburg Elementary School. The Feb. 21 and 28 signups will be held at Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg. Each set of signups will be conducted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information on the signups, call 886-2232.



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Former Knott judge gets 40-month sentence

by CRIS RITCHIE
HAZARD HERALD

PIKEVILLE — Knott County Judge Executive Randy Thompson and three other county officials were sentenced in a voter fraud case Monday in federal court.

Thompson, who in 2006 became the first Republican to be elected to the county judge's office in Knott County, along with John Mac Combs, Phillip Champion, and Ronnie

Adams, were convicted on charges of conspiring to pave private driveways and build private bridges in exchange for votes.

The allegations first came to light in newspaper articles published in the now defunct East Kentucky Freedom Press and on televised stories first airing on WTVQ out of Lexington. An audit produced by the state auditor's office found several items of concern, noting at the time that between Sept. 26, 2006 and Jan. 23, 2007, \$780,814

of road expenditures did not contain enough detailed information to determine the validity of the expenditures, and over \$14,000 of county funds were used to pave one private roadway.

The four men maintained their innocence throughout court proceedings, but following a jury trial in July of 2008 at the federal courthouse in Pikeville, the men were found guilty.

Thompson got the most jail time of any of the men during sentencing

Monday, receiving a 40-month sentence. Combs, who served as deputy judge in Knott County for a time, was sentenced to 36 months. Ronnie Adams, a former magistrate, received 32 months, while Phillip Champion was sentenced to 18 months in prison. In addition, each man was given three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$200 in court costs and joint and several restitution of \$238,793, which will be paid to the Knott County Fiscal Court.

Thompson and the three other men are to report to prison to begin their sentences on March 23. Thompson is the second judge executive out of Knott County to be convicted or voter fraud charges. His predecessor Donnie Newsome, spent several months in prison earlier this decade.

According to news outlets, attorneys for the defendants say they plan to appeal the convictions.

Cleanup

only included statistics for the Paintsville area, there were still some 790 customers without service in neighboring Johnson and Magoffin counties. Johnson County was perhaps the hardest hit of Eastern Kentucky counties.

Floyd County District 1 Magistrate John Goble said Tuesday he and crews of men have spent 12 to 18 hours a day working to clear roads and deal with cleanup efforts in his district with the help of crews from Magistrates Donnie Daniels and Ronnie Akers districts.

"We've got about 95 percent of the power back on," Goble said Tuesday. "The areas we had that were the worst were places where we touched Johnson and Magoffin [count-

ties]. As of now, we've cleared thousands of trees and we're taking them to the industrial site."

The site, at the base of Abbott Mountain, was home to a growing pile of downed trees and debris. Goble said county workers would continue to take debris to the site throughout the rest of the week, taking loads by coal truck to the site.

Nearly half a dozen homes were left in disrepair following last week's storm, Goble said, while some of the hardest hit areas were Myrtle Branch and Jack Rowe of Abbott, Hopson Street, Little Paint, Auxier, Lakeview Village Road, Armory Road and State Road.

Monday, Gov. Steve Beshear asked the federal government to declare a major dis-

aster for the state, asking also that the additional costs for the use of an unprecedented number of National Guardsmen and storm costs be considered. The costs, at this point, according to Beshear's office, are estimated at \$45 million.

Beshear's letter to President Barack Obama estimates that state and local government storm-related expenditures already have exceeded \$45,380,343 and are expected to go higher, as state and local governments tally their costs. So far, 93 counties and 71 cities have declared emergencies, including Floyd.

"We are beginning to make substantial progress in getting communities and people back on their feet," Beshear said Monday. "But the scope and

severity of this crisis means we still have a lot of work to do and substantial federal assistance will be necessary to help us move forward."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) started moving food, water and industrial-size emergency generators into the state late last week. As of Tuesday, 12 truckloads of water, six truckloads of ready-to-eat meals and 50 generators to provide power for critical facilities have moved in into the national logistics staging area at Fort Campbell.

In addition, FEMA is fulfilling requests for fuel and communications equipment.

Those still without power in Floyd, Johnson or Magoffin counties are encouraged to contact Bill Mills at the Christian

Appalachian Project offices. According to Marshall, there are opportunities for shelter, showering and other needs at

CAP's warehouse location at Hager Hill. Numbers to call are (606) 788-1445 or (606) 792-6925.

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Manslaughter

9 in Pikeville after the alleged shooting.

Mock has reportedly insisted the shooting death of his wife was in self-defense, contending she had attacked him with a knife during the fight at their home.

Reports from Kentucky State Police Det. Ben Coomer indicated that Mock shot his wife in the throat. She died a

short time later, and Mock was charged at the time with murder.

According to the police report filed shortly after Mock's arrest, the Langley man was under the influence of either alcohol or drugs at the time of the shooting.

Following a meeting with defense lawyers on Dec. 8, a motion was sustained to waive

Mock's case to the grand jury on an amended charge of second-degree manslaughter. The indictment on this charge was filed on Jan. 23 with arraignment set for Friday.

Bond has been set for Mock at \$250,000 cash and he is being held at the Floyd County Detention Center until he is due to appear in court.

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Trail

improving water quality by prioritizing and addressing environmental issues, stimulating economic development through tourism, improving the image of the Big Sandy River, preserving the history of the area, providing recreational opportunities, and preserving the aesthetic beauty of the river.

The major update for the Big Sandy Water Trail at Monday's meeting was a proposed ramp design and construction cost for the project at

Combs Airport. Dewey Bocook, with Bocook Engineering, was at the meeting to explain what kind of work needed to be done on the area.

Bocook explained the design of the ramp area and how parking and traffic flow would work for the entrance to the water trail.

"With the canoe and kayak slide, you can make one less trip in getting to the water," Bocook said. "Most of the landscaping work at the area

would be easy." The estimated cost for the work at the site was listed as \$194,929.

The Big Sandy Area Development District has received a grant from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program for technical assistance as the project develops. The organization plans to seek out other means of funding as plans progress.

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Porn

Campbell said that when Patrolman Minor Allen responded to the call, he questioned Gay about the complaint and Gay showed him his cell phone, which contained pictures of the boy and other children that had been taken at different locations.

After willingly coming to the police department, Campbell noted that Gay made some statements which led police to believe there was child pornography at his home and more specifically on his computer.

With the help of Kentucky State Police Trooper Jackie Pickrell, several officers with the HPD executed the warrant at Gay's home, where they found hundreds and possibly thousands of photos, several thousand floppy discs, hundreds of compact discs, two computers, his cell phone, and other items of interest. Campbell said the photos were of boys engaging in sexual acts or in provocative poses.

Police say they aren't sure if Gay took all the photos himself, but they do believe he took some of them because he was in them. Campbell also noted that some of the photos

where older and some of the juveniles in the pictures are probably adults now.

"At this time we are not able to determine if it was him who took all the photos or what percentage of the photos he had taken, but we do have reason to believe that he did take some photos because he was in some. This does not include some that were considered to be child pornography," Campbell stated.

Police say the children ranged in age from 17-years-old to being in diapers.

Campbell described the evidence as disturbing. "This is the most disturbing case I have ever worked in my career. I was completely and utterly disgusted with what we found there," he said.

Gay was arrested and

charged with possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor and distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, both are class D felonies.

Federal authorities were at the HPD Tuesday morning to exam evidence and determine if federal charges will be brought against Gay.

Campbell credited the investigation to the mother of the child who called in the complaint.

"Had it not been for the mother, a lot of the credit goes to her for bringing this to our attention so we could go on and investigate it from there," he said.

Gay pleaded not guilty to the charges in Perry District Court on Monday.

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Whitesburg resident receives Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award

ABINGDON, Va. — Food City's retail supermarket chain annually recognizes outstanding volunteerism among their associates via their Claude P. Varney Volunteer Recognition Program. The creation of the program came in response to President Bush's call to boost volunteer efforts through corporate support.

During a June 2002 White House meeting, President Bush met with corporate leaders from organizations across the nation and key White House staff members to discuss objectives for his Businesses Strengthening America volunteerism campaign. Steve Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer was among the select group.

"As a company, we strive to maintain a high level of dedication to service, quality, value and community involvement, while providing a work environment that enables our associates to grow both personally and professionally as successful members of the team," says Smith. "Many of our associates volunteer their time and talents to numerous organizations in support of their communities and we felt it needful to formally recognize their selfless contributions."

The program was entitled in memory of Food City's beloved former president and board vice-chairman of 47 years, Claude P. Varney. Varney was well-known for his tremendous compassion and humanitarian services.

Each year, committees are established to review associate volunteer activities and select individual award recipients based on outstanding achievement in the areas of health, education, environment, cultural arts, recreational, heritage/history and pub-

lic service. One winner is selected from each Food City location and corporate level. The field is then narrowed to 10 district level winners, followed by two divisional winners and finally the recipient of the highly esteemed Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award.

After reviewing her long-time commitment to serving others, it's not hard to see why Whitesburg resident Shannon Banks was selected as this year's Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award recipient.

Banks, who is a 12-year associate with the company, is currently employed in the Bakery/Deli at Food City's Whitesburg location. She serves a number of different organizations, including her local Shriner's Club, assisting with their annual festival; Eastern Star, helping with charity auctions and various fundraising projects; Whitesburg Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, working in the hospital gift shop and delivering books to patients; Letcher Manor Veteran's Nursing Home, visiting with residents and providing them with Christmas gifts and Help a Veteran Every Day, raising awareness of veterans' needs, participating in fundraisers, soliciting donations and selling raffle tickets.

She is a 12-year volunteer with the Cram Creek Pentecostal Church, assisting with fundraising efforts and delivering food to the needy; a 37-year volunteer with LCCHS/Whitesburg High School Athletic Boosters, assisting with fundraising and working concessions and a 23-year volunteer with American Cancer Society, serving as a Committee Member, participating in their Radio-thon fundraiser, working the annual road block, attending



Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award winner Shannon Banks, with Food City President and CEO Steven C. Smith.

monthly and biweekly fundraising planning sessions, helping with the Survivor's Ceremony and Caretakers' Banquet and serving as a Relay For Life team member.

"I am very excited and honored to have been chosen as this year's winner. I was shocked when they announced my name and I'm still on 'cloud nine,'" said Banks. "The reason I like helping with Relay for Life is because my Dad had cancer and maybe I can help someone else that

has cancer. I would like to thank my Mom for being with me when I received the award and everyone who helped make this special honor possible."

Banks recently attended a corporate luncheon, where she was publicly recognized for her outstanding service achievements and presented the prestigious Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award. A \$1,000 contribution will also be made by Food City to her charity of choice.

"We're extremely proud of the difference our associates make by devoting their time and talents to the service of others. Our company is committed to providing our associates the support they need to become the best corporate citizens possible," summarized Smith.

Headquartered in Abingdon, Va., K-VA-T operates 102 retail food outlets throughout the tri-state regions of Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

IRS offers tips to avoid recovery rebate credit confusion

INDIANAPOLIS — In response to errors showing up on early tax filings, the Internal Revenue Service urges taxpayers and tax preparers to make sure they properly determine eligibility for the recovery rebate credit before they file their 2008 federal tax returns.

Some individuals who did not get the economic stimulus payment, and a smaller number of those who did, may be eligible for the recovery rebate credit. However, most taxpayers who received the economic stimulus payment last year will not qualify for the recovery rebate credit on their 2008 federal income tax return.

An early sampling of tax returns shows about 15 percent have errors involving the recovery rebate credit. Some tax returns erroneously claim the credit, do not claim the proper amount of recovery rebate credit or mistakenly enter the amount of the stimulus payment they received on the recovery rebate credit line.

To avoid delays in tax refunds, it is critical that taxpayers know the correct amount of the stimulus payment they received last year, if any, to help determine whether they qualify for the recovery rebate credit now.

The amount of the stimulus payment will not be entered directly on the tax return. For people using a paper tax return, the stimulus payment amount will be required when completing a related worksheet. For people using tax software, the stimulus payment amount will be needed as part of the return preparation process.

How to Get the Recovery Rebate Credit Right

The IRS sent taxpayers nearly 119 million stimulus payments last year. There are three ways individuals can find out how much they received:

- Check the amount listed on Notice 1378, which the IRS mailed last year to individuals who received the economic stimulus payment.

- Go to the How Much Was My Stimulus Payment? tool that is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. This can provide the correct amount in a matter of a few seconds.

- Individuals can call the IRS at 1-866-234-2942. After a brief recorded announcement they can select option one to find out the amount of their economic stimulus payment. They will need to provide their filing status, Social Security Number and number of exemptions.

With the amount of last year's economic stimulus payment in hand, the taxpayer can then enter the figure on the recovery rebate credit worksheet or in the appropriate location when tax preparation software requests it.

If the taxpayer or preparer is using tax software, the amount of the rebate recovery credit will automatically be calculated and reported properly. If the taxpayer is using the paper method, the rebate recovery credit, as determined through the worksheet, should be reported on Line 70 of Form 1040, Line 42 of Form 1040A or Line 9 of Form 1040EZ.

For most taxpayers, the correct entry for the recovery rebate credit will either be blank or zero.

If there is any question at all as to the amount that should be reported for the recovery

rebate credit, the taxpayer or preparer should enter a zero on the appropriate line above, and the IRS will determine whether a recovery rebate credit is due, and, if so, how much.

Some of the major factors that could qualify you for the recovery rebate credit include:

- Your financial situation changed dramatically from 2007 to 2008.

- You did not file a 2007 tax return.

- Your family gained an additional qualifying child in 2008.

- You were claimed as a dependent on someone else's return in 2007 but cannot be claimed as dependent by someone else in 2008.

Stimulus Payments Not Taxable; Reports of Extensive Refund Delays False

The IRS has received a number of recurring questions involving stimulus payments and the recovery rebate credit. Here are some important tips to keep in mind:

- Taxability. The economic stimulus payment is not taxable and it should not be reported as income on the 2008 Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ.

- Refund delays. IRS personnel are aware of reports that errors in claiming the recovery rebate credit could delay tax refunds for as much as eight to 12 weeks. These reports are false. As the IRS detects and corrects return errors concerning the recovery rebate credit, refund delays are currently no longer than about one week.

- One payment. In addition, the IRS notes taxpayers will receive a single refund

that includes any recovery rebate credit to which they are entitled. The IRS will not be issuing separate recovery rebate credit payments.

- Refund amounts. The IRS reminds taxpayers they should not use their regular refund from last year in calcu-

Jobless

sional and business services sector includes professional, scientific and technical services, management of companies and administrative and support management, including temporary help agencies.

"The lion's share of these job losses occurred in administrative and support management businesses, signaling weakness in the employment services industry. Movement in the temporary help industry is a good indicator of what is occurring across the labor market. Since the beginning of 2008, there has been a dramatic drop in demand for temporary help services, indicating pessimism in the business community," Detzel said.

Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector fell by 3,000 jobs in December 2008. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing businesses and utilities. It is the largest sector in Kentucky with 385,900 employees. Since December 2007, the number of jobs in this sector has plummeted by 4,000.

"Retail trade businesses accounted for the majority of the decline in jobs in December 2008, a sign of multiple store closings and layoffs at other merchants. Consumers are curtailing non-essential purchases in an effort to make ends meet," Detzel said.

The number of jobs in the financial activities sector dropped by 500 positions in December 2008. This segment, which includes businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has lost 2,300 positions over the past 12 months.

"These employment losses are concentrated in the real estate and rental and leasing industry reflecting layoffs at a real estate company and the housing market slump," Detzel said.

The state's other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance businesses, personal and laundry services, religious organizations and civic and professional organi-

zing the recovery rebate credit. Some taxpayers may be confusing their regular tax refunds with the economic stimulus payment they received when completing their 2008 tax return.

- Direct Deposit Requests. Taxpayers who request a direct

deposit will receive the refund in the form of a direct deposit even if errors are detected.

For more information, visit the Recovery Rebate Credit Information Center as well as the rebate questions and answers on IRS.gov.

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zations, fell by 300 jobs in December 2008. This sector had 1,600 fewer jobs in December 2008 than in December 2007.

The information sector dropped by 200 jobs in December 2008. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities, data processing, broadcasting and news syndication, has lost 1,200 positions since December 2007.

"This is the third consecutive month of job losses and the eighth time this year there has been a decline in the number of information positions. These job losses reflect layoffs at a major newspaper and another newspaper ceasing publication," Detzel said.

The number of positions in the natural resources and mining sector fell by 200 in December 2008. The sector has added 1,200 jobs since December 2007 because of hiring in the coal mining industry.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for December 2008 was 1,889,534 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is down 6,584 from the 1,896,118 employed in November 2008, and down 46,442 from the 1,935,976 employed in December 2007.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for December 2008 was 159,844, up 17,652 from the 142,192 Kentuckians unemployed in November 2008, and up 52,128 from the 107,716 unemployed in December 2007.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for December 2008 was 2,049,378. This figure is up 11,068 from the 2,038,310 recorded in November 2008, and up 5,686 from the 2,043,692 recorded for December 2007.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Learn more about the Office of Employment and Training at www.workforce.ky.gov.

A complementary experimental hours and earnings series is available at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saeacp.p.htm>.

Inmates at the United States Penitentiary Big Sandy, in Martin County, recently donated handmade scarves and toboggans for patients at the Highlands Cancer Center. Chris Hoffman, Chief Operating Officer, and Stephanie Damron, Director of Marketing, of Highlands Regional Medical Center and Tammi Puckett, Marketing Director for the Highlands Cancer Center, were on hand to accept the donations. Representatives from HRMC were taken on a tour of the facility by Associate Warden Rickey Pierce, Supervisor of Recreation Paul Patterson, and Recreation Assistant Jamie Brown. The group was afforded the opportunity to meet and thank the inmates who made the special items. Wal-Mart also donated the yarn for the project.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), pursuant to Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 1231 et seq., proposes to undertake the necessary work to protect the public health and safety from the adverse effects of abandoned coal mining activities in Hi Hat, Floyd County, Kentucky. All purported heirs of that certain property, where entry must be made, cannot be located and Section 410, 30 U.S.C. 1240, provides for entry by the United States of America, its agents, employees and contractors, notice is hereby given to those persons having a surface or mineral interest in the following described property:

The subject property is depicted on Tax Map 085-00-00, Parcel 003.00 in the Floyd County records.

Such entry will begin immediately. The OSM's written findings and supporting reasons regarding its determination to enter the above-described property may be inspected or obtained by contacting the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Three Parkway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220, Attention: Sue Steiner, Realty Specialist, Telephone: (412) 937-2850.

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LEGALS

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 07-CI-01276 Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Randall Carroll, et al Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of October, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$36,246.02, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 094-20-01-004.00
Legal Description:

The following described property located in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Situated in the Big Mud Creek in the town of Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, further described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake, corner to the Clarence Kidd line; thence a south-westerly course with the Kidd line 200 feet to an iron stake; corner to Opal Slone; thence north-westerly course with the Slone line to the creek; thence with the creek to an iron stake in the Clarence Kidd line; thence with the Kidd line a southerly course 232 feet to an iron stake, to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Randall Carroll, an individual, by virtue of a deed from Marsha Goodman, an unmarried individual, dated September 25, 2000, filed September 26, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 451, Page 529, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky. Property Address: 382 Evergreen Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30)

days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real

estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT Division I C.A. No. 08-CI-00878 First Guaranty Bank Plaintiff vs. April Gayheart and Jackie Gayheart, husband and wife; Capital One Bank (USA), NA; Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc.; City of Martin; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$21,957.32, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to

offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots 5 and 6 in Block 1 Osborn Addition to Martin, Ky., Map of Same is filed with clerk of the Floyd County Court Clerk. Being the same property conveyed to Ada Wilson from D.K. Perry and W.E. Perry by deed dated November 1, 1943, and recorded in Deed Book 121, Page 320, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Further reference is also made to Will of Ada Wilson, recorded in Will Book N, Page 23, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to parties of the first part Valerie Ousley, a single person and Johnene Newsome, a single person by Deed bearing date 15th day of July, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 396, Page 642, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other

than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT Division No. 1 Case No. 07-CI-182

Freda Sue Gayheart, single; Judy Gayheart Varney, single; Danny Gayheart and Ann Gayheart, his wife; Debra Gayheart, single; Vicki Gayheart Rose and John Rose, her husband; Fayus Gayheart, Jr., single; Sarah Gayheart Caudill and Chris Caudill, her husband; Ricky Gayheart, single; Phyllis Ann McKinney and James McKinney, her husband; Billy Gayheart and Marie Gayheart, his wife; Thena Faye Gayheart Jones and Fred Jones, her husband; Ronald Gayheart and Linda Gayheart, his wife; Sandra Gayheart Samons, single; Trisha Marlene Gayheart, single; Tony Gayheart, single; Jackie Gayheart and Tammy Gayheart, his wife; Randall Gayheart, single; and Randy

Gayheart, single Petitioners vs. Roger Gayheart and Kathy Gayheart, his wife; and Randall Gayheart and Susan Gayheart, his wife; Randall Gayheart and Unknown Spouse of Randall Gayheart Respondents

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Amended Findings of Fact,

Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on Left Beaver Creek of Frasures Creek, containing 20 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

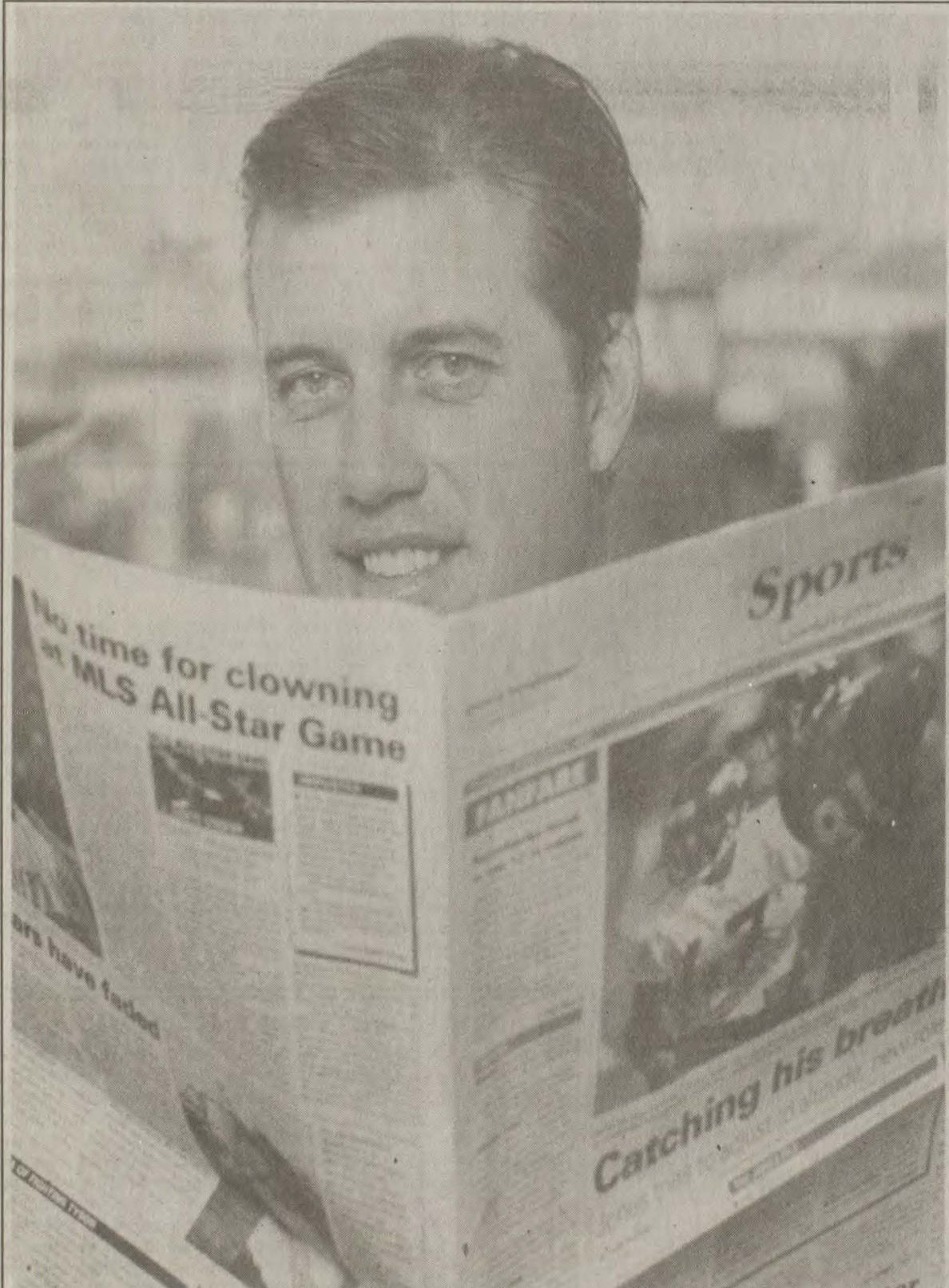
Beginning on top of cliff at a marked rock with an "X" on the left side of Frasures Creek just below Susan Johnson's house, thence a straight line to top of point to Frank Lambert's line, thence running with said Frank Lambert line to Jim Reynolds line; thence running with said Reynolds line to the creek; thence down the said Frasures Creek and running with the creek to a marked post thence running straight across the bottom to a post at the foot of the hill, thence down the creek running along the foot of the hill a straight line to an oak on top of a cliff, thence around the hill to a marked rock to the beginning.

Parcel II: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Frasures Creek, containing 2 acres more or less.

Beginning at a point where present county road is located as of October 3, 1968, thence running east with Jack Gayheart line to fence, thence running north with Jack Gayheart line to Pay Hamilton line, thence running west with Pay Hamilton line to present county road, thence running south with county road present to the beginning.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Petitioners, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said



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property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satis-

fy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick,
Floyd Master
Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 08-CI-1250 Kentucky National Bank of Pikeville, now known as Citizens National Bank Plaintiff

vs. Jerry Marvin Kidd; Leatha Kidd; Branch Banking & Trust Company; Capital One Bank; K.E.C. Land Assets Inc.; Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Child Support; Bayview Franchise Mtg. Acceptance Co.; JP Morgan

Chase Bank; Long Lane Master Trust 4 as assignees of Coleman Oil Co.;

Kentucky Petroleum Supply, LLC; United States of America, Department of Revenue; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$21,410.20, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:15

a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly de-scribed as follows:

Tract No. 1 This parcel of land will begin (95) ninety five feet south of Ethel Branhams line and following the road south (150) one hundred and fifty feet, Thence running east (150) one hundred and fifty feet to a stake, Thence running north (150) one hundred and fifty feet to a stake (95) ninety five feet from Ethel Brahams line, Thence (150) one hundred and fifty feet west to the highway the beginning point.

Tract No. 2 Beginning at a marker at Highway 979 with Brennan Newsome's line, running 150 feet East; thence running 150' feet South to a marker; Thence running East to Big Mud Creek Waters; thus running North with Mud Creek water 245' feet to Ethel Hamilton's line, thus running West with Ethel Hamilton's line to Highway 979; thus running South 95' feet to the beginning at Brennan

Newsome's line.

Being the same property conveyed to Jerry Marvin Kidd and Leatha Kidd, his wife, by deed from Brennan Newsome, et ux dated September 17, 1996, lodged for record in Deed Book 399, Page 225, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of

redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take

precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick,
Floyd Master
Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-9028

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landfall Mining, Incorporated, P.O. Box 376, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a permit for a surface refuse recovery operation and reclamation operation, affecting 31.1 acres, located 0.1 mile northeast of Wayland, in Floyd County.

The proposed application is approximately 0.4 mile northeast from KY 7's junction with KY 1086, and located 0.2 mile north of Steele Creek. The latitude is 37°26'44". The longitude is 82°48'01".

The proposed application is located

on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the refuse recovery method of mining. The surface area to be affected by the operation is owned by Town of Wayland. The operation will not underlie any land.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 27, 2009, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy Area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2009.



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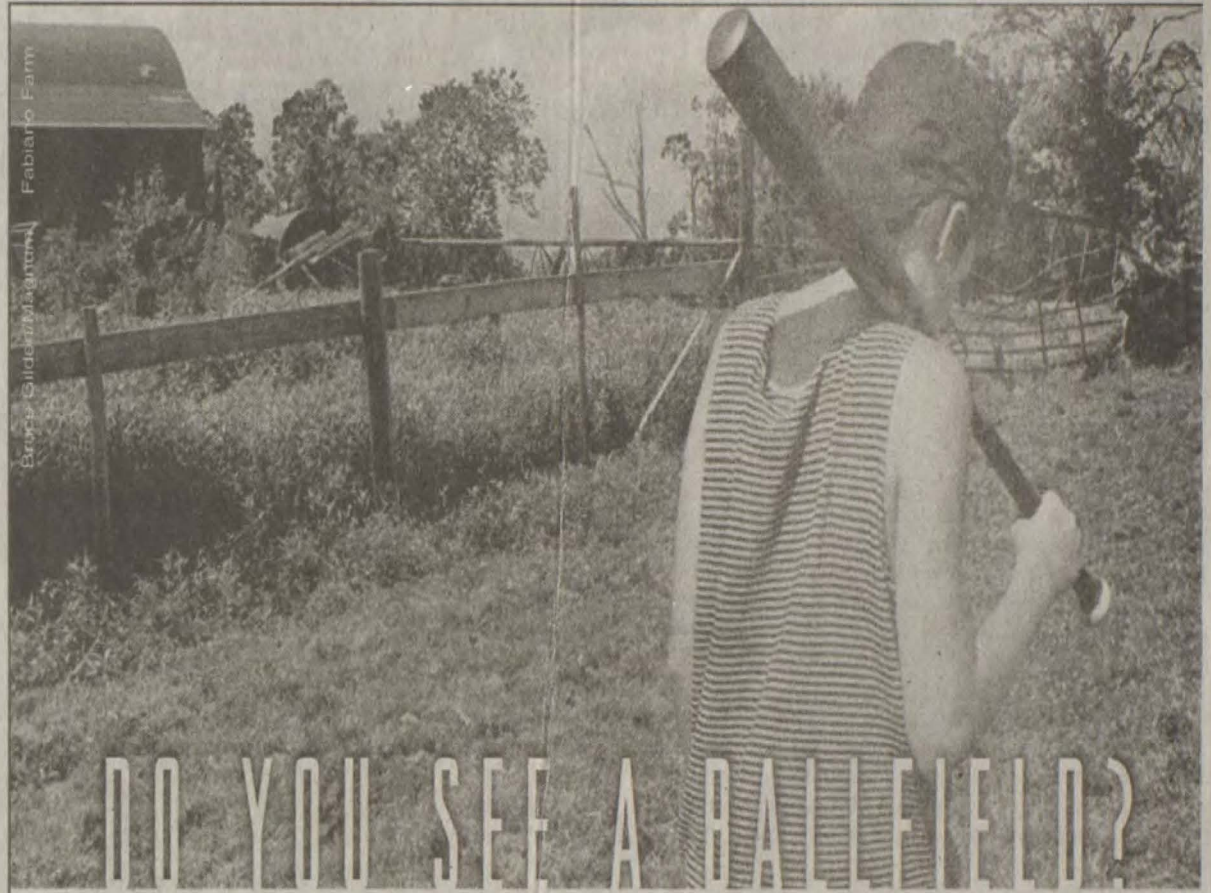
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AG provides consumer information for storm victims

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway provided information Monday to consumers who are victims of the recent ice storm. Twenty-four people in Kentucky have lost their lives as a result of the storm. Governor Steve Beshear declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth and Kentucky is under a federal emergency declaration. More than 92 counties and 73 cities are affected by the disaster declarations.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians who have been without power since

last week," General Conway said. "Not only have our neighbors been struggling to stay warm, they are also dealing with downed trees, damage to their homes from falling limbs, and flooding as a result of the melting ice."

Conway warns that consumers needing repair work done quickly to fix storm-damaged homes and property are at risk of falling victim to unscrupulous fly-by-night contractors, also known as "storm chasers." Common natural disaster scams include outright fraud, shoddy construction, price gouging, charity scams, scam artists imper-

sonating officials, and loan scams. Conway is urging consumers to call the Consumer Hotline at 1-888-432-9257 to report any incidents of possible fraud, price gouging or shoddy construction work and repair.

"Those who've suffered because of this catastrophic storm should not be victimized again by criminals who are preying on their plight," General Conway said.

Attorney General Conway provides the following tips to consumers needing storm repair or clean up services:

- Never pay in advance for labor. Scam artists often take advance payments from consumers and never return to complete the work. If an advance is needed to purchase materials, offer to purchase the materials yourself;
- Use local, reputable contractors for repairs, if possible and ask for references. Contact references to see if they were satisfied with the contractor. If local contractors bring in out-of-town workers, ask who will be responsible for their work if it is not satis-

factory;

- Ask if the contractor is licensed, bonded (if required by the city or county), and insured;
- Check unknown companies out with the Better Business Bureau (Louisville/Western KY 1-800-388-2222; Lexington/Eastern KY 1-800-866-6668) or call the Consumer Protection Division 1-888-432-9257 to see if information is available about the company;
- Demand a written contract. If possible, get estimates from several contractors;
- Be suspicious of unfamiliar, out-of-state vehicles

and those who offer repair work at unreasonably low prices. Contact local law enforcement about your suspicions.

Price Gouging

Attorney General Conway and Gov. Steve Beshear worked together to trigger Kentucky's price-gouging protections after the state of emergency was declared last week.

Since that time, the Office of the Attorney General has received 241 complaints by phone or email. The complaints range from gasoline and kerosene to hotels and generators.

To report price gouging, you may contact the Office of the Attorney General at 1-888-432-9257 or email icestorm-complaints@ag.ky.gov.

If you believe you've witnessed or been the victim of price gouging, please email digital photos and any receipts you may have. This will assist investigators who are looking into each complaint.

"I understand many folks may be without power or Internet access, but hang onto those receipts and email them in when the power comes back on or when you're able to use a computer at your local library," General Conway said.

BBB offers tips for storm damage repairs

If you are on the hunt for a reputable contractor after the recent winter storm, be aware of those who may try to take advantage of your situation: The home repair rip-off artist, who may overcharge, perform shoddy work, or skip town without finishing your job.

BBB urges you to use extreme caution when dealing with "door-to-door" or "out of state" solicitors who offer "quality work at great prices." The BBB offers the following tips for consumers who may be facing major repairs after a disaster hits home:

- Contact your insurance company immediately.
- Deal only with licensed and insured contractors. Verify the track record of any roofer, builder or contractor you're thinking of hiring. Ask for a list of recent customers and call them.
- Get recommendations from friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, insurance agents or claims adjusters. Also check with the local Better Business Bureau and Home Builders Association to see if complaints have been lodged against any contractor you're considering.
- Get 2 or 3 estimates before you decide who to hire for the job.
- Take your time signing a contract. Get a written estimate that includes any oral promises the contractor made. But remember to ask if there's a charge for an estimate

before allowing anyone into your home. Ask for explanations for price variations, and don't automatically choose the lowest bidder. Get a copy of the final, signed contract before the job begins.

- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job up-front. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card - and pay the final amount only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.
- Be skeptical of contractors who encourage you to spend a lot of money on temporary repairs. Make sure there's enough money for permanent repairs.
- Ask a knowledgeable friend, relative or attorney to review a home repair contract before you sign. If you get a loan to pay for the work, be cautious about using your home as security: If you don't repay the loan as agreed, you could lose your home. Consider asking an attorney to review the loan documents, as well.

For more tips, go to the Better Business Bureau website at www.bbb.org or call 1-800-388-2222.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Once more around the park — with recycled water

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

If you're conscientious about being kind to Mother Earth, chances are that you recycle paper, metal cans, plastic and glass at your house. But how do you feel about the notion of recycling water?

That's not as far-fetched as it might seem, especially in arid regions such as the Southwest. Consider Arizona, for example: The burgeoning population there is putting increasing pressure on the state's limited water resources, so the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are looking for potential solutions.

The ARS scientists are investigating the use of "reclaimed water," which is water drawn from residential and industrial sewage systems and treated to remove contaminants. The scientists' idea is that this water could be used for purposes such as irrigating city parks.

Since September 2006, the ARS scientists have collected soil and water samples from an Arizona municipal park irrigated with reclaimed water. They test those samples for the presence of harmful *Escherichia coli* bacteria.

Ready for the good news? The scientists haven't found a single disease-causing strain of *E. coli* in that recycled water. They did notice a small increase in soil salinity, which could be a downside to using reclaimed water, but the level was so low that it

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POISON OAK

She rules the day

by CLYDE PACK

I guess we've all been reminded once again that Mother Nature is a fickle lover. Not more than three months ago, she showed her affection by donning her familiar fall wardrobe and treating us to the oranges, reds and yellows we look forward to as we begin to prepare for the also-familiar bleakness



Clyde Pack

of our usually drab, monochromatic eastern Kentucky winter. Her autumnal decor is always very appreciated.

Then, last week, like a woman scorned, she apparently lost her temper

over something and went on a tantrum, the likes of which we haven't seen in this area in many years—if ever. Those same forests, upon which she spent so much time painting the warm hues, are now strewn hither and yon, ripped and torn from the earth and scattered like ole Humpty Dumpty, never to be put back together again.

If there's a lesson to be learned, it's likely a reminder of who's in charge. From where I'm sitting, she certainly made her point, with a couple of extra exclamation points in the form to loss of power and heat over much of this area.

If I heard it once, I bet I heard the term "war zone" a dozen times as, like a group of matronly, Aunt Bea types discussing their gall bladder surgeries, folks can't seem to wait to tell their side of the scenario that has just taken piece. Many accounts of the week's activities contain the same eerie feelings experienced as folks about, outside their homes in the darkness, last Tuesday night, listening as the hills around them snapped, crackled and popped like a big bowl of breakfast cereal—except magnified at least a thousand times—as the weight of the ice brought down large

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Romance, roadkill on menu at Jenny Wiley

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has two very different events scheduled for this month, with both events revolving around food.

The first event, a Valentine's Day Getaway, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14, from 4 until 8 p.m. Along

with romantic music provided by local musicians, including Jody Conley, a founding member of the Kentucky Opry who ended his professional career as a member of Exile.

The Valentine's Day dinner will include prime rib, herb roasted breast, deep fried catfish, and assorted side items. The Getaway Package includes dinner and music for two

and a stay for one night at the lodge for \$100. The dinner is \$19.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children 12 and under.

The second event is the Appalachian "Road Kill" Supper, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21. The food is the basis of the entire event, with backed quail, fried catfish, frog legs, wild boar bbq, buffalo chili, and elk chili on the menu.

Appalachian desserts and a variety of fruit cobblers will also be served. The serving time is 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., with adults eating for \$17.95 and children 12 and under for \$8.95. Live music will be provided at 6 p.m., and folk and country line dancing will take place at 8 p.m.

For more information on both events, contact Jenny Wiley State Park at (606) 889-1790.



Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver

LIFELONG LOVE OF MUSIC

Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver to play at MAC Feb. 7

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Doyle Lawson's earliest memories center around music and listening to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights, so it's no surprise that he landed his first full-time music gig in his late teens playing banjo for Jimmy Martin. Lawson is now a multi-award winning bluegrass and gospel recording artist, and his musical talent will be on display at the Mountain Arts Center on Feb. 7.

"As far back as I can remember, I loved the sound of music," Lawson said. "Just about everyone listened to The Grand Ole Opry, and our family was no exception. Though I listened to all the

stars on the Opry, the group that impressed me most was Bill Monroe and His Blue Grass Boys. His music was different, more intense. I could hardly wait for Saturday nights to arrive so I could listen. I decided early on that I wanted to play that kind of music."

After playing in different bands, Lawson decided to found one of his own.

"I had played in bands that had their own sound before I joined them," Lawson said. "I wanted to put together a group that would have my sound."

The group Lawson put together, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, has received a long list of honors in the field of bluegrass music. The band

was awarded the Vocal Group of the Year award by the International Bluegrass Music Association for seven consecutive years. The group was also named the IBMA's Gospel Performance of the Year three years in a row.

"The gospel music that we record and perform on stage has always been important to me," Lawson said. "Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver have made many more gospel recordings than secular ones."

The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center.

For more information, call the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-622-2787, or visit <http://www.goodtyme.com>.

Arches hiking weekend at Natural Bridge Feb. 6-7

SLADE — Winter presents a great opportunity to get a close look at the amazing geologic features of Natural Bridge State Resort Park and the Red River Gorge, particularly the many natural arches.

Arches Hiking Weekend begins Friday Feb. 6, 2009 with an evening presentation about the natural history of Natural Bridge and the Red River Gorge area. This presentation will be presented by Park Naturalist, Brian Gasdorf.

On Saturday, a variety of naturalist-led hikes and caravan trips will go to some of the most interesting rock formations in the area. Hiking trips will vary from easy to difficult, short to long.

The Saturday evening keynote speaker is Greg Whitis, McCreary County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Whitis will speak about his adventures and experience in finding arches in McCreary County.

Registration is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under, which includes all evening presentations and field trips and can be paid on site. Saturday field trips depart from the Hemlock Lodge lobby between 9 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. The Friday evening presentation will be in the Hemlock Lodge Lobby and the Saturday evening presentation will be in the Hemlock Lodge Private Dining Room. Both presentations start at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Park Naturalist Brian Gasdorf at 1-800-325-1710 as the schedule is subject to change. Natural Bridge State Resort Park has a lodge, cottages, the Sandstone Arches Restaurant, gift shop and hiking trails. For more information or for room reservations, phone 1-800-325-1710. The resort near Slade is 52 miles southeast of Lexington off the Mountain Parkway on KY 11.



Natural Bridge, seen in the distance on a snow-covered day, is only the most famous of many arches in the Red River Gorge area.

YESTERDAYS

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70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (Jan. 29 and Feb. 3, 1999)

Mystery lover alert: Our Lady of the Mountains School, in Paintsville, has scheduled its 7th annual Mystery Mansion for Saturday, February 13

A community blood drive is planned at Opportunities Unlimited, in Martin, on Tuesday. The Central Kentucky Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be at the Alternative School, located at the former Martin Elementary School, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The City of Prestonsburg was the recipient, last month, of untold acres of land for the Prestonsburg Economic and Recreation Project, often called the Mountaintop Project. The six parcels of land were deeded to the city by the David May family on Dec. 21 and Dec. 23. The value of four of the parcels total \$740,000, according to deeds recorded at the Floyd County courthouse. Two of the parcels were offered in exchange for lots in the planned residential section of the project

A Prestonsburg attorney yesterday filed suit in federal court on behalf of former county employees in Knott and Pike counties who were allegedly fired by new county administrations. The defendants in the suit are the newly-related Judge-executive and the fiscal courts of each county

At a special-called meeting yesterday afternoon, the Floyd County Fiscal Court reappointed two members and appointed three additional members to the Floyd County Extension Service District Board

Several Floyd and Magoffin County teachers took time off from the regular schedule, Wednesday, to learn more about the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky, and what it can do for their students

Jack Barnes, a Paintsville man, who was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center, facing 300 years in prison, died of a heart attack, Thursday. He was awaiting sentence for sexual abuse, sodomy, and rape charges committed in Johnson County, and was pronounced dead at 12:36 yesterday morning

Linda Salisbury, 38, of Printer, was charged with perjury in Floyd District Court, Tuesday, for swearing under oath that she had never asked for a protective order against her hus-

band. She was arrested following her testimony in a pretrial hearing in which her husband, Randy Salisbury, was accused of assaulting her sister

The Floyd County Grand Jury will be in session February 17, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Floyd County Health Department is facing a potential loss of some vital health care programs, but local residents may be able to help it retain those services through a survey being distributed by health department staff

On Friday a representative of Municipal Equipment from Louisville, demonstrated the Model TL-3 Lightning Loader System for members of Floyd County government. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Lon May, and Solid Waste Coordinator Mike Vance watched a demonstration in Prestonsburg of the machine, which would help with trash cleanup on hillsides and over embankments

A stabbing at Allen Central High School, Monday morning, has been determined to be accidental by school and law enforcement officials. The incident occurred shortly after 11 a.m., in the hallway during a class change, according to ACHS Principal Patricia Maynard. It involved two ninth grade students, one of whom punctured the other with a knife

Former Deputy Superintendent Gary Frazier signed the agreement that settles a suit with the Floyd County Board of Education and gives 16 schools about \$1,700 for academics and related field trips

Congressman Hal Rogers said, Monday, that the recently released federal budget for the year 2000 contains no funding for ongoing flood control programs in eastern Kentucky

The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking sponsors to operate the 1999 Summer Food Services Program in Kentucky

There died: William G. "Bill" Spradlin, 62, Sunday, January 17, in Biloxi, Mississippi; Maudie Vance Hall, 95, of Grethel, Wednesday, January 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elmer Gene Morrison, 47, of Auxier, Tuesday, January 26, at Williamson, West Virginia; Lonnie Dallas Lawson, 60, of Michigan, formerly of Drift, Friday, January 22, in Michigan; Leila Maye (Howell) Akers, 91, of Harold, Thursday, January 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Troy Brown, 92, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, January 28, at his residence; Shirley Burke, 61, of Martin, Sunday, January 31, at Our Lady of the Way

Hospital, Martin; Flim Minnix, 71, of Warsaw, Indiana, Sunday, January 31, at his residence; Rev. Glen Hall, 75, of Titusville, Florida, Sunday, January 24; Effie Hopson Hopkins, 91, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 30, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Ossie Hale Hicks, 87, of Blue River, a native of West Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Charles R. Whitten, 58, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Mount Carmel, Illinois, Monday, February 1, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gladys Sparkman Hansford, 79, of Hueysville, Monday, February 1, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Imogene Webb Radden, 89, of Lexington, Monday, February 1, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Nelse Little, 92, of Virgie, Sunday, January 21, at his residence; Dina Jones Nickles, 93, of Dema, Monday, January 22, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Walter E. Snavelly, 70, of East Point, Sunday, January 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Virgie Ramey, 73, of Lackey, Monday, January 18, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago (February 1, 1989)

Rick Birchfield, 31, operator of Southern Truck Parts, was indicted on three counterfeit charges, along with John P. McCoy, 42, of Slater's Branch (Pike County), and Debbie Farley, 35, of Fort Gay, West Virginia

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. John Brock, was scheduled to attend the Floyd County Board of Education meeting, bringing with him eight state department officials

John Jarrell, 21, of Banner, was indicted on two charges of murder; stemming from a traffic collision on December 10, that took the lives of a Grethel couple. Melanie Kinglesmith, 32, of Rice Branch, Prestonsburg, was charged with

possession and distribution of obscene materials, illegal possession of fireworks and receiving stolen property

Floyd County Superintendent Ronald Hager dismissed school in the county until further notice, after 18 percent of the district's students were absent, due to a widespread flu epidemic

The Floyd County Grand Jury returned a murder indictment against Gary Ratliff of Pikeville, for the shooting death of William Lloyd Hall at a Toler's Creek nightclub

There died: Gladys Brewer, 81, of Prestonsburg, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Glenn Brickley, 83, of Newport, Tennessee, January 30, in Tennessee; Mary Francis Hall, 70, of Grethel, January 31, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lacy Layne, 77, of Middletown, Ohio, January 27, at his residence; Elder Vernon Hall, 78, of Wheelwright, January 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lillian Massey, 85, of McDowell, January 27, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Riley Newsome Sr., 81, of Ligon, January 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Jesse C. "Hoopie" Patrick, 57, of Canyon City, Colorado, December 12, at St. Thomas More Hospital in Colorado; Charles Edward "Buster" Smith, 69, of Banner, January 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Odia Gene Wallen, 52, of Prestonsburg, January 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (February 7, 1979)

When the Floyd Fiscal Court meets, next Tuesday, the franchising of solid waste collection and disposal is scheduled for a hard look, and some pointed questions may call for answers

Ten days after his store was burglarized of an

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It's not hard to reduce your risk for heart disease. Start today with small, simple actions like these:

- Celebrate with a checkup.** Let each birthday remind you that it's time for your yearly checkup and a talk with your doctor about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease.
- Get off the couch.** Step, march or jog in place for at least 30 minutes most days of the week — you can even do it while watching TV.
- Quit smoking in four steps.** Can't go "cold turkey"? Cut the number of cigarettes you smoke each day in half; then cut that number in half; cut it in half again; finally, cut down to zero!
- Drop a pound or two.** Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day — about one candy bar's worth — can help you lose up to two pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight.
- Become a salt detective.** Check out the Nutrition Facts panel on packaged foods to see how much sodium (salt) they contain. Aim for a total intake of no more than 2,300 milligrams (about a teaspoon of salt) per day.

Learn more at: www.goredforwomen.com

Wear red on February 6th and raise awareness of heart disease!

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Yesterdays

estimated \$400 worth of merchandise. Graydon Howard, former Pyramid postmaster, was attacked, Saturday night, in his home by a man who gained entrance on the pretext of wanting to supply information about the store incident.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Chaffins of Prestonsburg, a son, Joel Anderson, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

There died: Joe Henry Burckett, 32, of Banner, at his home; Lilly Crisp Banks, 68, of Goble-Roberts Addition, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rosa Howell, 57, of Craynor, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Posey Scott Jr., 55, of Bypro, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Claude Bevins, 68, of Shelbiana, native of Floyd County, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Violet Alma Young, 66, of Hindman, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Carrie Perkins, 70, of Tram, at Oak Hill Hospital in Oak Hill, Ohio; Wendell Justin Cramer, five months, at U.K. Medical Center; Pearl Meade Lathrop, 67, of Bronson, Mich., formerly of Knott County, at the home of a daughter; Minnie Elizabeth Henson, 86, of Wayland, at the Hindman Clinic; Jeremiah R. Costillo-Soto; infant son of Guadalupe and Cynthia Bentley Costillo-Soto, in Martinsville, Ind.; Delbert "Red" Ison, 64, of Martin, at his home; Ronnie Dale Newsome, infant son of Palmer and Violet Allen Newsome, at his home in Teaberry; Mrs. Oshie Collins Bryant, 78, of Mt. Clemons, Mich., formerly of Floyd County.

Forty Years Ago
(February 6, 1969)

Congressman Carl D. Perkins announced, Tuesday, that application of the Highland Hospital Corporation for Economic Development Administration to help finance the construction of a 150-bed regional hospital, near here, had won EDA approval. Tuesday's EDA action provided a grant of \$2,818,400, and a loan \$1,126,600 for construction of the five-story medical center. A Hill-Burton grant totaling \$1.3 million was made. The only remaining financing is the \$150,000 to be raised locally, which will make a total of \$5,395,000.

It was announced at May Lodge, Friday, by

the Chamber of Commerce, that the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation has purchased a 125-acre tract of land at Cliff as a potential industrial site. The purchase price was \$25,000.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Murphy, of Warsaw, Ind., a daughter, Cinnamon Lee. Mrs. Murphy is the former Janis Spriggs, of West Prestonsburg; to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Collinsworth, of Lancaster, Ohio, twin daughters, Jean Ann and Jane Ann. There died: Mrs. Roseanne Isaac, formerly of Halo, at the home of a son in Detroit; Joe Blackburn, 69, East Point, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Maude Nunnery, 81, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Salyers; Mrs. Lovine Hamilton, 72, at the home of a daughter at Teaberry; Mrs. Emmaline Hicks Moore, 73, at her home at Pyramid; Mrs. Ocie A. Adams, Floyd native, in Celina, Ohio, at Otis Hospital; Willie D. Hall, 70, brother of Dr. Russell Hall, at his home at Kite. He was a son of the late Stumbo and Nannie Bowers Hall; Mrs. Sarah Prater, 83, at her home in Hueysville; Mrs. Julia Ann Hunter, 86, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ann Wicker, at Garrett; Levi Hoover, formerly of this county, at Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Fifty Years Ago
(February 5, 1959)

A 550-mile regional highway system for eastern Kentucky was outlined by Highway Commissioner Ward J. Oates in Frankfort. He said the priority portion of the big job could be completed in three years, and that the state is ready with its share.

Army reservists in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, were affected by a reorganization of the United States Army Reserve. The Prestonsburg unit, commanded by Capt. Chas. J. McNally, with four officers and 61 men, will not be affected by the redesignation.

Seven Prestonsburg Taxicab drivers have been refused license renewals by the City Taxicab Commission, and Monday night the City Council told those protesting the commission action that they had ten days in which to file a written appeal.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tackett, their third child, third daughter, Gina Dee. Mrs. Tackett is the former Emmaline Hall, of Prestonsburg.

There died: L.C. McCloud, 59, Martin; Mrs. Grace Allen McKinney, 72, of Amba. She was the daughter of Add and Martha Patton Allen; W. Henry Gunnell, 70, native of Mare Creek, this county, at King's Daughters Hospital. He was a son of Christopher and Allie Ross Gunnell; Dick Burchett, 75, Floyd native, at Pikeville Hospital. He was a son of James and Mary Goble Burchett; Lewis G. Harmon, 84, formerly of Little Paint, at his home in Hillsboro, Ohio. He was a son of James and Elvira Wilson Harmon; Mrs. Effie F. Roberts of Cliff, at home. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fannin; Green Bailey, 75, of Hippo, at home. He was a son of George and Levisa Hale Bailey; Darcus Moore, 64, of East McDowell, at home. She was a daughter of Richard and Emma Moore Gearheart; Evelyn Music Delong, 38, at home. She was a daughter of Russell and Alice Hall Music.

Sixty Years Ago
(February 10, 1949)

U.S. District Attorney Claude P. Stephens, filed suit Saturday, in Floyd Circuit Court, seeking to recover \$50,000 from Cassius M. Clay, of Bourbon County, for alleged libel. The federal official, a resident of Prestonsburg, termed as "maliciously libellous and slanderous" certain statements Clay caused to be published on Feb. 4, in the Courier-Journal and the Lexington Leader.

Warren Auxier Jr., Johnson County highway engineer, this week, quoted a federal highway engineer as saying a new route from Prestonsburg to Paintsville is definitely in the federal government's plans.

Wide newspaper publicity and mounting concern over the ringworm epidemic in Prestonsburg, resulted, Monday night, in one of the communities few Town Hall meetings, with a gathering of 250 worried parents exchanging views with health and school authorities. One mother estimated the cost of curing her young son as \$400.

Preliminary plans for the March fund-raising campaign of the Red Cross in Floyd County were laid at a recent meeting of the fund-planning committee at Red Cross headquarters here. Their quota is set for \$6,350.

A four-man board of tax supervisors met here, Monday morning, for a two-week session, during which a review of assessments will be made. The supervisors are L.C. Leslie, Walter Martin, R.D. Spurlock and Basil Hamilton.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens, formerly of Ivel, a daughter, at Prestonsburg General Hospital. She has been named Shirley.

There died: Jay Mullins, 69, at his home at Hunter; Ray L. Burchwell, killed in the inva-

sion of France. His body was returned to Drift for burial; James T. Hyden, killed in Holland at the age of 31. He was a son of the late Rae and Amma Burchett Hyden; Mrs. Isabella Justice Allen, 88, at her home near Martin. She was the last of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Justice; Fanny Newsome, 56, at Beaver Valley Hospital. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kinney; Mrs. Rhoda Leake, 86, East Point. She was a daughter of John W. and Cynthia Benson Shell, of Housonville, Virginia.

Seventy Years Ago
(February 9, 1939)

Floodwaters from almost every stream in Floyd County, Friday and Saturday, piled up a damage estimated at \$100,000, and this week, the cost continued to mount as homeowners, the American Red Cross, county, state and federal agencies, undertook the work of rehabilitation. Available reports indicate that the Right Beaver section, which included nine towns and villages, is hardest hit.

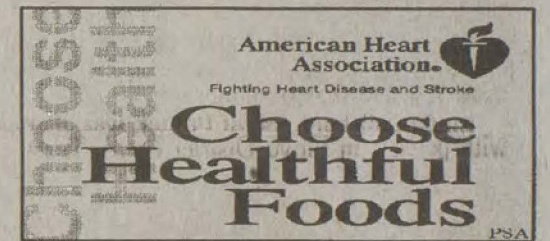
Most of Floyd County's 160 rural teachers did commendable work, but the work of 10 or 12 was considered "less than satisfactory." The Board of Education was urged to assist in making the following improvements: A teachers desk and chair for every school room, a set of maps for each school, at least 10 additional books for each rural library, a globe for each school, and inside painting of school rooms.

Assisted by the American Red Cross, the National government, county and local agencies, Floyd County, this week, was digging out of the muck and debris left by last week's flood.

To aid in the drive for Floyd County flood relief, the Abigail Theatre is donating the proceeds of its Saturday film offering.

Floyd County's five teachers who did the best work in the rural schools during the term which recently ended, were named, last week, by Superintendent Town Hall, Palmer Hall rural school supervisor and attendance officers Leonard Martin and Stanley Combs. They are: Jack Cooley, Dwale; Docia Baldrige, Bonanza; Walker Jones, Harold; Frances A. Turner, Ligon; and Maude Stumbo Hall Salisbury.

There died: Carlie Hurd, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milan Hurd of Banner; Jonathan Osborne, 83, of Cliff. He was a son of the late Calvin and Mrs. May Ward Osborne; Mrs. Mabel Collins Case, 17, at Gearheart Hospital. She resided at Honaker.



Oak

unseen pine, poplar and oak trees, at the rate of two or three a minute...all night long.

Unfortunately, the morning light revealed that all fallen timber had not come to rest back in the hills, but instead, much of it had landed on roof tops drive-ways and power lines in our neighborhoods.

It seems that the term 'war zone' is indeed appropriate as Mother Nature—at least for a day or two—had declared war

on us.

But just as in the case of most conflicts, help began to arrive as power companies and medics with chain saws who drive the big trucks with the difficult-to-pronounce name on the sides, went to work on the wounded.

By the time this sees print, power and heat will have hopefully been restored, and memories of the last week of January 2009, will begin to fade within a few short weeks, the scars and

debris from the ice storm will be covered by bright, new spring foliage, and about all that will remain of our experience will be memories—and perhaps thousands of digital images snapped by amateur photographers to keep to show their grandchildren.

Hopefully, as they are displayed in the years to come, we'll remember to mention that Mother Nature does indeed rule the day.

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Science

couldn't hurt plant growth.

The scientists have also tested the water for the presence of carbamazepine, which is a drug used to treat epilepsy. This particular drug has been detected previously in low doses in drinking water. But the ARS researchers' tests have shown that the drug gets caught up in the soil organic matter, which in turn suggests that any carbamazepine in the reclaimed water isn't likely to leach beyond the plant root zone.

The scientists have definitely had some surprises in these studies. For example, they monitored levels of fecal Bacteroides, which is a genus of anaerobic bacteria, in a pond fed with treated wastewater.

Because these bacteria are prevalent in the feces of warm-blooded animals—a category that includes us humans—Bacteroides are commonly found in the environment and in contaminated water. But the levels that the scientists found in the pond were a little higher than they'd expected.

The first tests they ran suggested that almost all of the Bacteroides in the pond were of human origin, which set off alarm bells about just how well the wastewater treatment process was really working. Then the scientists ran tests on the feces of dogs, humans, birds and tilapia, which happened to be the kind of fish living in that pond.

When they analyzed the fish samples, they got a shock: The tilapia results were so similar to the human results that the scientists initially thought they might have contaminated their samples!

The scientists pursued this genetic mystery a bit further, and made an interesting discovery. Even though tilapia and humans carry different strains of Bacteroides, it turned out that the specific

snippets of Bacteroides DNA used in the testing happened to be identical for both the strain in humans and the strain in tilapia. Now the scientists are busy investigating whether those genetic similarities are specific to tilapia or also occur in other species of fish.

Even armed with this new information, would you as a homeowner be happy about irrigating with reclaimed wastewater? Perhaps not—so ARS is teaming up with Global Water, a private water utility in Phoenix, Ariz., on a project to help ease public concerns about the safety of this water.

They're establishing a new research and education location slated to open later this year in Maricopa, Ariz., where the scientists will irrigate vegetation with either recycled or potable water and monitor the soil for chemical and biological changes. Stainless steel instruments about three feet below the soil surface will gather water samples from which the scientists can derive information about soil moisture, temperature and salinity.

The goal is to discover the long-term environmental effects of irrigation with recycled water. The scientists say it also will provide the information water utilities need to develop guidelines and make informed decisions for safe recycling of water for irrigation.

You'll want to stay tuned on this one!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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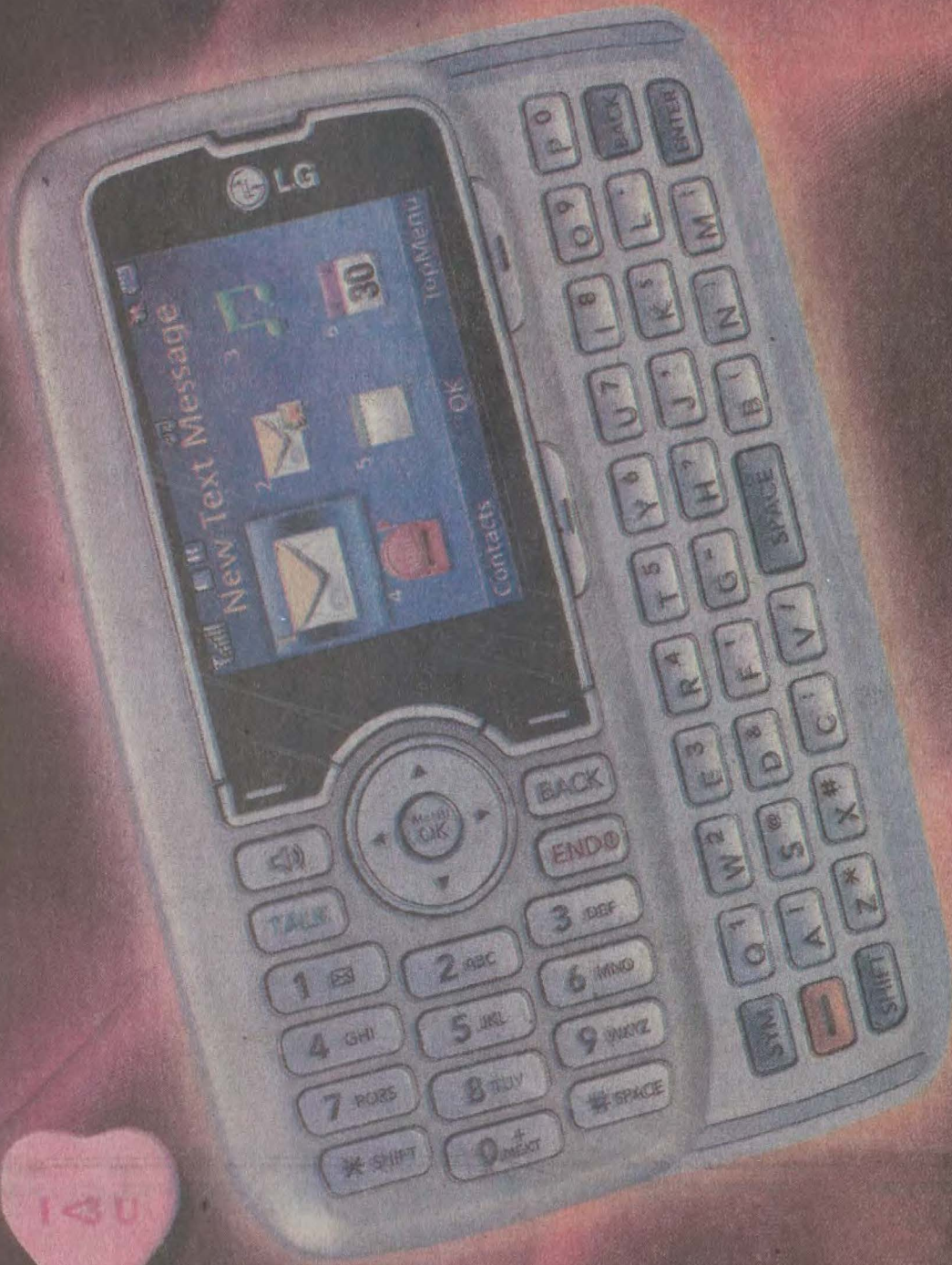
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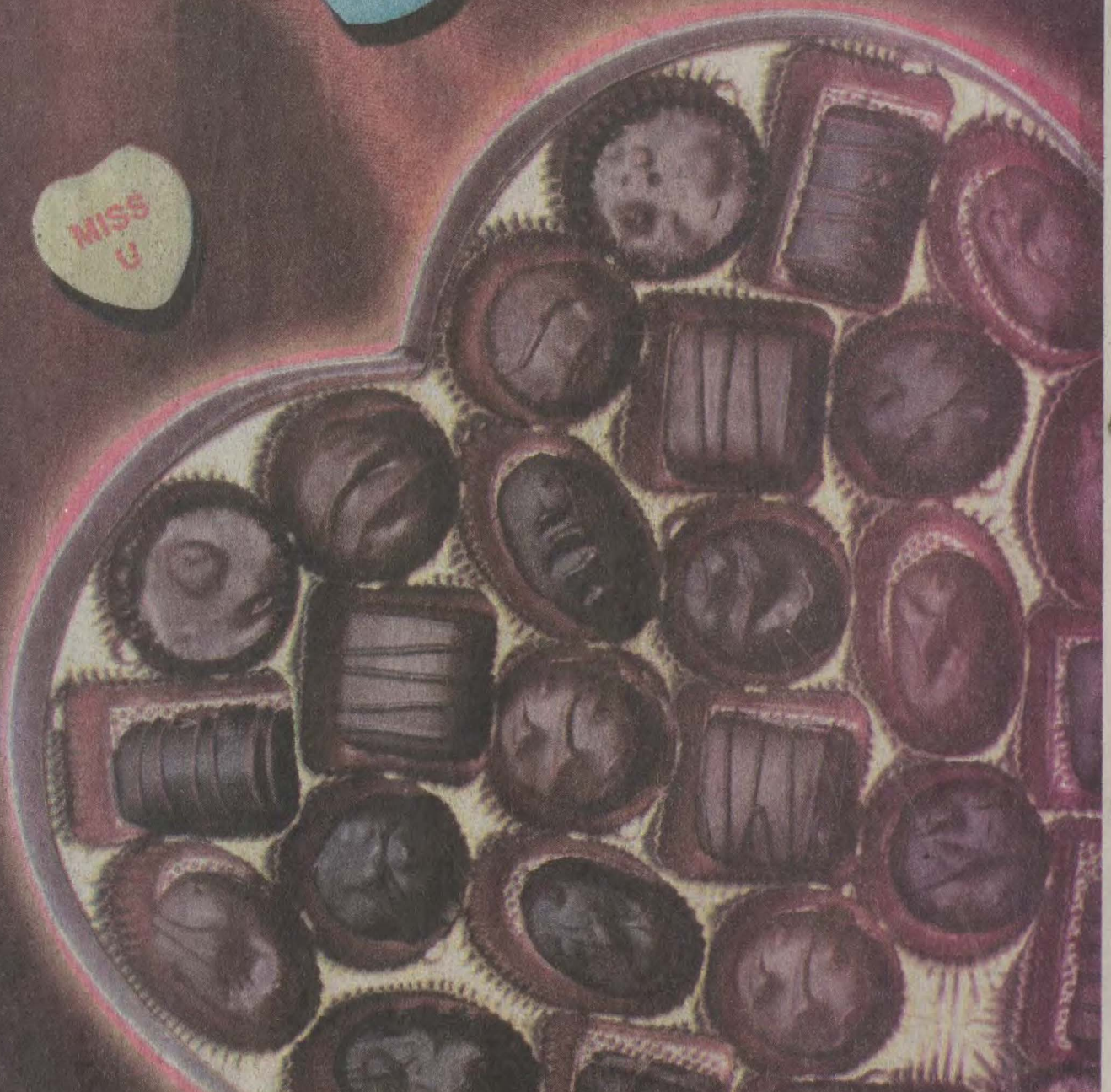


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