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Major county sewer project gets boost

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A project that has been talked about in Floyd County for nearly a decade can now officially move forward, county officials announced Friday.

An informal agreement was made concerning the Harold Sewer Plant Project, also known as the Pride on the River Project, between county officials and Prestonsburg city leaders late Thursday evening.

The agreement is for Prestonsburg Utilities to provide sewer service to residents along the Mud Creek watershed after the construction of a plant at Harold.

"After much discussion I am overjoyed to announce that we have put our heads together to move forward," Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall told those in attendance for a meeting of the fiscal court. "There will be other details to work out as this only happened yesterday, but I feel good that we're now moving, it's not a stalemate."

Over the past nine years, there have been numerous false starts in seeing a plant built at Harold that would provide city sewer service to residents across the coun-

ty. The general idea, according to Marshall, will be to run a trunk along U.S. 23 to the Pike/Floyd county line and then later expand lines from the main trunk into places such as Mud Creek and Little Mud and along the river.

The tentative agreement, according to the county, has city officials agreeing not only to expand services into the other areas of the county, but to do so without charging a higher rate than those living within city limits.

But, as with any major project of this kind, a verbal agreement will not be enough, said Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley.

"We're going to enter into an agreement, but there needs to be something in writing," Bartley said Friday. "One, we need it in writing that Mud Creek and Little Mud will be taken care of, and also I think it should be in writing that these people receive the same rate as those in the city. If you put this in writing, it's something that can be enforced."

Marshall said a written agreement that would be "binding in every aspect" would be drafted by early next week and then presented during a meeting with city and other

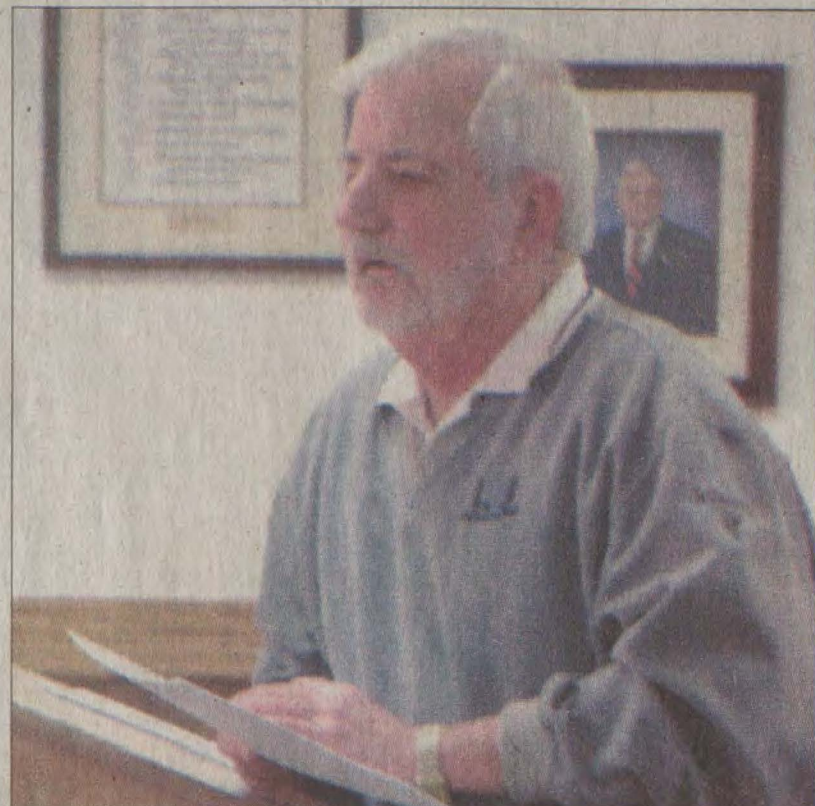


photo by Sheldon Compton
Morris Hylton spoke on behalf of citizens Friday, saying those who could be helped by city sewer service throughout the county was "not going to let anyone drop the ball" on seeing the project started.

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CUTS COMING



The Mountain Arts Center is one local arts and entertainment venue that will receive less funding from the state this year.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Local venues brace for belt-tightening

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — The arts and entertainment industry in Prestonsburg will be feeling a pinch this year after legislators informed officials with the Mountain Arts Center and

Jenny Wiley Theatre that they will probably receive less funding from the state.

Keith Caudill, executive director of the Mountain Arts Center, wasn't taken by surprise at all when he heard about the reduction in funding.

"As far as the MAC, we've

been informing the board and the city council for the last three years about how our funding works," Caudill said. "These reductions have been developing over the past few years. It wasn't just this year

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Pike men charged with distributing ton of pot

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two men are now facing federal charges for allegedly distributing and transporting more than a metric ton of marijuana out of state from Pike County.

Jeremy Stewart and John H. Bentley were indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute marijuana, federally recognized as a Schedule I controlled substance, transporting funds to affect interstate commerce and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and aiding and abetting.

The charges stem from events prosecutors say took place from January of 2007 to Dec. 21, 2008. It was during this time, the indictment says that Stewart and Bentley combined to distributed 1,100 kilograms of marijuana leading to transactions from Kentucky to Texas and Oklahoma.

In the indictment, it is set out that Stewart moved \$283,210 by vehicle from Pike County to Texas in August in order to carry on the alleged distribution racket.

Federal officials offered a money judgment of \$1 million representing the amount made during the year-long activities against Stewart and seized a variety of items they say were purchased by him with money gained in the transactions including a 2006 Mustang, a 2007 Chevy Silverado, a 2007 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle and a Honda Aquatrax jet ski.

Also taken by the government were a series of

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Drug court gets \$50,000 in funding

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With drug-related crimes reaching all-time highs in Floyd County, with some 95 percent of those jailed in the past year either directly or indirectly linked to drug or alcohol abuse, the Floyd County Drug Court received a much needed boost

Thursday evening.

During a gathering Thursday, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall presented District Judge Eric Hall with a check on behalf of the Floyd County fiscal court.

The check was made out for \$50,000, and will ensure that the drug court can continue operation.

"This is an important program and

we wanted to make sure we helped in seeing it continue," Marshall said, a sentiment shared by many on the fiscal court.

In the past several months, Marshall, along with officials such as District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, have lobbied to see the funding come through as part of HB 410, or the coal severance tax fund.

The drug court program lasts no less than 14 months, and those enrolled in the program must attend three Narcotics Anonymous meetings per week, meet with Judge Hall three times per week and have three drug screenings per week, among other requirements.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Shawn David Allen, 30, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Kings Daughter Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Jan. 12, under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Everet Edward Blanton, 55, of Grethel, died Friday, January 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carol Tackett Blanton. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Harvey Caudill Jr., 66, of Mt. Sterling, a Floyd County native, died Monday, January 12, at UK Chandler Medical Center. Memorial services will be held Sunday, January 18, at the Little Ella United Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, under the direct care of Coffman Mortuary Parlor, Mt. Sterling.

■ Solomon Caudill Jr., 60, of Martin, died Tuesday, January 13, in the Cabell Huntington Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Noris Ann George Caudill. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Jack Childress, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Verna Woodard Childress. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ollie Mae Clay Collins, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Astor Clay Collins, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 9, at Norton Suburban Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Judge Hollie Conley, 87, of Gibson City, Ill., formerly of Eastern, died Sunday, January 11. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ David Carl Conn, 68, of Banner, died Sunday, January 11, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Carr Conn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under

the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Goble, 62, of Dwale, died Sunday, January 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Hall Hatfield, 88, of Lexington, formerly of Weeksbury, died January 4, at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nolene McGuire Hatfield, 83, of Jackson, Ohio, a Prestonsburg native, died Monday, January 12, 2008, at Holzer Medical Center of Jackson. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Eisnaugle-Lewis Funeral Home.

■ Ralph Hill, 57, of Deane, a Wheelwright native, died Sunday, January 11, at the UK Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Bryant Hill. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maggie T. Howell, 81, of Teaberry, died Saturday, December 27, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Seth Addison Lafferty, 8, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 6, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Marie Coburn Mullins, 85, of Garrett, died Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Maxine Dutton Mullins, 86, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, January 1, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jayne Frances Howland Pitts, 72, of Georgetown, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, January 10, at Georgetown Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband, John K. Pitts. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Stella O. Smith, 98, of Martin, died Saturday, December 16, 2008, at St. Joseph Martin. Funeral services were held Friday, December 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Corbett (Carbide) Taylor, 83, of Hueysville, died Sunday, December 28, 2008, at Hueysville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Shirley Vanderpool, 86, of McDowell, died Monday, December 22, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Barbara Ellen Music Williams, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 5, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Paul Williams. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Henry J. Wright, 76, of Minnie, died Saturday, December 27, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ John Harvey Adkins, 81, of Riverview, Mich., formerly of Pikeville, died December 27, 2008, at the Belle Fountain Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Cora Adkins. Obituary information, courtesy of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Verlie Tackett Akers, 86, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Glen Coleman Jr., 81, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 13, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Bartley Coleman. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Eleanor Joyce "Momma Moon" Moon Doan, 67, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Stone, died Monday, January 12, in Mercy St. John's. Funeral services were held

Friday, January 16, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Jimmy R. Frazier, 71, of Phelps, died Tuesday, January 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Ray Gannon, 45, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 13, at Sidney, the result of injuries suffered in a truck accident. He is survived by his wife, Diane Worrix Gannon. Funeral services were held Friday, January 16, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Florence Moore Jackson, a Shelby Gap native, died peacefully at home Friday, December 19, 2008. Arrangements, under the direction of Ridout's Valley Chapel, Homewood, Ala.

■ Emogene "Jean" Justice, 81, of Kimper, died Sunday, January 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Orville "Bob" Justice. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Danny Wayne (Melvin) May, 48, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Jennifer Chapman Moore, 47, of Hardy, died Monday, January 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Robert Moore. Funeral services were held Friday, January 16, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

■ Anemone Ann "Tabby" Newsome, 40, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Friday, January 9, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Baby Boy Price, one-day-old son of Samantha Price

and David Price of Greasy Creek, died Saturday, January 10. Graveside services were held in the family cemetery. Arrangements were under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Rebecca Ann Roberts, 43, of McVeigh, died Friday, January 9, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Anita Joyce Sincell, 44, of Pikeville, Tenn., died Saturday, January 10, in the Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, George Sincell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, Bellry.

■ Mildred Spears, 74, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, January 8, at the Mountain View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Vicie Thacker, 84, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, January 13, at the Mountain View Care Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 16, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Paul Raymond Thompson Jr., 78, of Radcliff, died Friday, January 9, at Hardin Memorial Hospital, Elizabethtown. He is survived by his wife, Melsa C. Thompson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home, Pikeville.

■ Fannie Lee Webb, 69, of Phyllis, died Sunday, January 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Mack Webb. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ John Thomas Williamson, 71, of Sidney, died Tuesday, January 13, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, under the direction of the R.E.

Rogers Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Vivian Sparkman Adams, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, December 13, 2008. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 18, at Ypsilanti Regular Baptist Church.

■ David Darrell Campbell, 38, of Mousie, died Thursday, January 1, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Brandon Russell Moberly, 25, of Carrie, a Pikeville native, died Thursday, January 1. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Billy Barlon Moore, 77, of Leburn, a native of Mousie, died Sunday, January 4, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Lauza J. Ritchie, 72, of Fisty, died Tuesday, December 30, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Friday, January 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Fred Robinson, 78, of Larkslane, died Sunday, December 28, 2008, in the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 1, 2009, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ James E. (Jim) Booth, 79, of Nicholasville, formerly of Warfield, died Saturday, December 27, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Bréwer) Booth. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 3, 2009, under the direction of Betts and West Funeral Home, Nicholasville.

■ Forrest Fletcher, 43, of Incz, died Friday, January 9. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Shadrick "Buddy" Akers

Shadrick "Buddy" Akers, age 63, of Rochester Township, Ohio, died Monday, January 12, 2009, at Elyria Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 22, 1945, in Grethel, and had lived in Rochester Twp., for 10 years, having previously lived in Lorain.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

He was a construction worker for Akers Construction, retiring in 2007. He was a member of the Laborers Local No. 758 in Lorain. He was an avid gardener, and was a member of the Southshore Wildlife Association in Vermilion.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Akers (Foulkes), who was his wife, best friend and companion for 37 years.

Other survivors include his sons: Scott Akers of Lorain, Christopher Akers of Sheffield Lake, and Chad Akers of Lorain; his daughters: Angela Owens of Lorain, and Jennifer (John) Payne of Laguna Niguel, California; his sisters: Jurlene Hall of Collins, Shirley (John Millard) Hamilton of Banner, Janice (Bill) Connor of Vermilion; his brothers: Hershel (Ann) Akers of Lorain, Charles (Vernice) Akers of Vermilion; five

grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Berry and Lexie (Hall) Akers; and a brother, Donald Ray Akers.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 15, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Morman Funeral Home, 16 Cooper Street, Wakeman, where services will be held on Friday, at 11 a.m. Elder Larry Newsome will be officiating. Burial will follow at Hartland Ridge Cemetery on Derussey Road.

Online condolences may be made at www.mormanfh.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119-1330. (Paid obituary)

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Shawn David Allen

Shawn David Allen, 30, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, January 8, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland.

Born August 3, 1978, in Pike County, he was the son of Gary Allen and Brenda Roberts Allen.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include a brother, Chad Allen of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Alican Allen of Phelps, Kayla Allen and Anna Allen, both of Prestonsburg; and his nephews: Ethan

Thomas and Dylan Rylee Fields.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, at 1 p.m., with Tommy DeHart officiating.

Burial was in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Curtis Winfred Tufts

Curtis Winfred Tufts, 82, of Wayland, died Friday, January 9, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Estill, on August 29, 1926, the son of J. David Tufts Sr., and Bessie Mae Bates Tufts. He was a retired barber; former owner of Wayland Fountain Restaurant, a taxi cab driver; a bus driver; and member of the Wayland City Council.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Tufts.

Other survivors include three stepchildren: Bud Ratliff, Sis Manns, and David Reed; a sister, Lillian Burgess; two brothers: John D. Tufts Jr., and Charles H. Tufts; and several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Wayland Methodist Church, with Jack Howard officiating.

Burial followed in the Martin Cemetery, in Wayland, under the direction of

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Drug court

According to Hall, drug court is the most successful method of dealing with drug offenders that he has been a part of.

"There's nothing that comes close to drug court as far as success," Hall said. "We've have zero felony con-

victions from the people that have graduated drug court. The recidivism rate is very, very low."

The drug court program, started earlier in the decade through the focused efforts of Judge Hall, has been praised statewide, most recently dur-

ing a graduation attended by Deputy Chief Justice Will T. Scott.

"This is a fabulous program," Scott said then. "The basis for most of the crimes going on right now is addiction, and Judge Hall volunteers his time because he real-

ly believes in drug court, and that these men and women are the future."

As of today, there have been seven classes graduate from the program since it started up in 2004.

Thursday's graduation marked the seventh class to

complete drug court since its inception in Floyd County in 2004.

Hall has said the \$50,000 in funding will be used for operational purposes to continue drug court proceedings.

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Marijuana

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firearms belonging to Stewart. These included eight rifles, a pistol and a shotgun.

According to the penalty guidelines of the six-count indictment, both men could potentially face life in prison, with a minimum possibility of 10 years, while facing fines in excess of \$5 million.

Stewart was in federal custody as of Friday with a scheduled arraignment on Jan. 30 in U.S. District Court in Pikeville. An arrest warrant was issued for Bentley on Jan. 15, the same day the indictment was filed in Pikeville.

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Funds

that they cut back. Since 2003, we've seen our budget income drop by 40 percent. That's the cutbacks from budget reductions, grants that have been cut back or cut out, and the earmarks that we no longer receive."

While those numbers may seem grim at first glance, Caudill views the situation as a way to make changes and reevaluate the way the Mountain Arts Center seeks and manages its funds and the events that are booked at the facili-

ty.

"This is a good time for evaluating the programming," Caudill said. "We're going to have to be a whole lot more conservative with the risks that we take and find our niche in the market. Not many organizations can take a 40 percent hit, but we actually did more events last year than we have ever done. We are constantly looking for new funding and applying for grants. We may have to cut back on the major

acts until things turn around. It's going to be tough, but I think we are going to manage our way through it and weather the storm."

For more information about the Mountain Arts Center and the upcoming events, visit <http://macarts.com>.

According to reports, corporate sponsors for Jenny Wiley Theatre will continue to provide funding and support for the organization.

"We were aware there will be some

cuts, so we made some adjustments in our budget for this season," said Marty Childers, director of Jenny Wiley Theatre. "We're very diversified in how we receive funding. We are working like crazy to get some groups in here for shows. Hopefully we will have a good summer."

To find out more about Jenny Wiley Theatre and its upcoming schedule, visit <http://www.jwtheatre.com>.

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Sewer

officials involved.

Though county officials were unable to give a timeline or an overall cost for the project, some estimates dating back to 2007 revealed that at that time that the total cost could carry a price tag of just over \$16 million. Those same statistics, compiled with a target construction then of August, 2007, estimated that the new plant would service approximately 1,675 citizens in 670 households in the areas of Pike Floyd Hollow, Betsy Layne, Penhook, Coldwater Branch, Boldman, Fox Bottom and Mare Creek, along with residents along U.S. 23.

The expansion plans into Mud Creek would add an additional 6,400 citizens, according to those past estimates.

According to already agreed to plans, while the sewer service would be provided by Prestonsburg Utilities, Southern Water and Sewer District would still provide water service, Marshall said.

The idea is one characterized as "regional" by sitting magistrates, all of whom agree the plan would be beneficial to the entire county.

"Over a period of time, I'd like to see these people have rates and be treated the same as everyone else," said District 3 Magistrate Donnie Daniels.

District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers, whose district makes up the entire area covered in the sewer plan, said many of his neighbors have been waiting on city sewer ser-

vice for future plans.

"This is my end of the county and I can tell you that we've got some businesses ready to build when that sewer is in place," Akers said Friday. "So we need to get started on this."

Akers also expressed a strong urge to be included in future talks about anything relating to the project, pointing out that he would like to have been present for Thursday's talks when agreements were informally reached.

"I need to be in on these meetings," he told Marshall. "I'll be available if there are any more meetings."

Members of the community were on hand to speak to members of the fiscal court Friday, with Morris Hylton

acting, for the most part, as a spokesperson for the group.

"We have to get it done," Hylton said. "We're not going to let anyone drop the ball on this. We have to put a timeframe on it. We need to hold their feet to the fire on the plant and the lines and all of it."

Marshall said that from the

time a funding package is in place and construction actually starts on the plant, the timeframe would be approximately 18 months to finishing this and the main trunk. However, this timeframe does not take into account the expansion of lines into outbranching hollows, which would take longer.

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Why Some People Think Duke Ellington Is a Member of the Royal Family.

KIDS DON'T GET ENOUGH ART THESE DAYS. So you can see why some of them might accidentally confuse a jazz legend named Duke with royalty named duke. But it's finally time to set the record straight.

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington didn't rule over a small English estate. Instead he reigned supreme over jazz institutions like The Cotton Club. He rified

powerfully on the piano, but it was the full orchestra that he considered his most compelling instrument. He introduced improvisation to his compositions — a process unheard of using a 15-piece orchestra. The result was a different approach to jazz that sparked a revolution and an evolution.

His music spread across the world with songs like "Sophisticated Lady," "In a

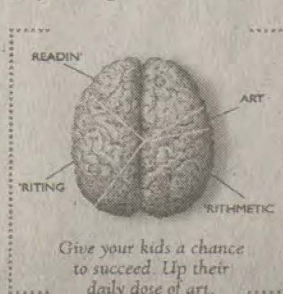


A piano player. A composer. An orchestra leader. Duke Ellington reigned over a land called jazz.

Sentimental Mood," and "Take the 'A' Train." His historical concert in 1953 at the Newport Jazz Festival has entered the lexicon of legendary live performances. There is no doubt about it, Ellington's brand of jazz has contributed significantly to the American songbook and to the lives of anyone who has ever tapped their foot to a beat.

Jazz is art, you dig? Art can

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Expand SCHIP to cover children

The House of Representatives voted Wednesday to expand a key health insurance program for children that President George W. Bush vetoed twice last year. With less than a week left in Bush's term, it is a fitting repudiation of the president's misguided health policies.

No American child should grow up without health insurance and the regular medical care it provides. Just as we provide coverage for every elderly American, we also should ensure that every child is protected.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program, sometimes called SCHIP, covers about 6 million kids in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy health insurance on their own.

The bill approved by the House on Wednesday would renew their coverage. It also would extend benefits to another 3.5 million children in families earning up to three times the federal poverty limit, about \$51,500 for a family of three. That's been the eligibility level in Missouri since SCHIP was created in 1998.

Expansion of the program was approved twice by overwhelming majorities in the House and Senate. It attracted support from many leading Republicans. But President Bush vetoed it both times, arguing that it was unneeded.

That wasn't true before last year's economic meltdown. It's even less true now, with unemployment reaching levels not seen in decades.

Some 2.5 million U.S. jobs were lost during 2008, about 2 million of them in the last four months. For most Americans, the loss of a job also means the loss of health insurance coverage — both for the laid-off worker and his family.

Laid-off workers can choose to continue paying for health insurance from their employer, but most can't afford to do so. A study released this week found that the cost of that continued coverage is equal to more than three-quarters of the average unemployment benefit paid to a worker in Missouri.

But covering kids is relatively inexpensive. Each child enrolled in Missouri's SCHIP program costs about \$131 a month. Most of that money comes from the federal government and so-called provider taxes paid by hospitals and managed care companies.

That investment pays off in healthier children who miss fewer days of school and are better able to learn.

The Senate should quickly follow the House lead and ensure that the bill is ready for President-elect Barack Obama's signature when he takes office next week.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Chuck Norris

Obama's first act as president

Barack Obama emphatically promised more than a year ago, "The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act." Will he keep his word?

The Freedom of Choice Act is a sweeping bill that would abolish all pro-life regulations across the nation, from parental notification laws to bans on federal funding of abortions. The Office of the General Counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops identified 13 categories of pro-life laws that would be stamped and nullified by FOCA. As far-reaching as the decision of *Roe v. Wade* is into the states' jurisdictions and our lives, even it, for example, showed certain respect for state laws and limits on infringing regulations in the medical field. FOCA shows no such restraints; it nails shut the coffin on pro-life choices and safeguards.

And why has Obama pledged his allegiance to pass FOCA? Not only because he has the most passionately liberal pro-choice record of nearly any politician but also because, as he told a meeting of Planned Parenthood during his campaign, "it is time to turn the page" to a new day, when pro-life views and laws and debate on abortion are passed. And if he and the Democratic majority have their way, America will have that new day, one in which hundreds of thousands more abortions will be performed annually.

(I still think it is utterly hypocritical that a president and a political party who pride themselves on providing and protecting minorities don't include the unborn among those minorities.)

The fight to pass FOCA is being waged despite a new nationwide survey revealing that about 4 in 5 U.S. adults would limit abortion's legality. About 1 in 3 would limit abortion to rape, incest or saving a mother's life. One-third also would limit abortion to either the first three months of pregnancy or the first six months. Only 9 percent said abortion should be legal for any reason at any time during pregnancy. These statistics are in stark contrast to the goals and objectives of FOCA, which would close the culture debate on abortion in an unprecedented way for any piece of legislation.

America doesn't need to "turn the page" on culture battles, such as abortion; it needs to reopen the pages of its history to our Founders' heightened views about the rights of all human beings in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. And we need to revive and re-install that value of humanity back into society, our children and our children's children.

Under our Constitution, the federal government should protect that right to life. But besides affirming

that foundational human right, the details and debates of the laws governing abortion should be left to the states. Despite the Supreme Court's unconstitutional striking down of abortion laws nationwide in 1973 and instituting a completely unconstitutional federal right to abortion, there is still much we can do at the state level to protect human life by promoting pro-life legislation and education. That is, unless FOCA is enacted into law.

After 35 years of ceaseless controversy since the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, some people think that abortion is an "old" issue better dropped. But as my friend and prolific author Randy Alcorn wrote in his small book "Why Pro-Life? Caring for the Unborn and Their Mothers": "Abortion has set us on a dangerous course. We may come to our senses and back away from the slippery slope. Or we may follow it to its inescapable conclusion — a society in which the powerful, for their self-interest, determine which human beings will live and which will die."

Abortion is not about a woman's "right to choose"; it is about a more fundamental "right to life," which is one of three specifically identified unalienable rights in the Declaration of Independence (and the

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Chuck Norris

beyond the beltway

Yes, fight back against the rich

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I hate to say I told you so but I told you so. You could look it up.

For years, decades even, I have been railing against the lifestyles of the rich and famous, questioning the utility of their outrageous salaries and bonuses.

I mocked them for their multiple mansions, their submarine-included yachts, their private jetliners, their jewel-drenched parties.

They were not worth the money they were making, I said. While some of them were accomplished corporate executives, too many were greedy clowns who got lucky.

I argued that justice demanded at the very least that they pay considerably higher income taxes and perhaps a significant estate tax too. (Give me the choice between being taxed when I'm alive or when I'm dead and I'll take dead every time.) What I was asking for was merely a few crumbs off the tables of the rich so that poor people could afford operations for their crippled children. (Eat your heart out, Charles Dickens.)

And what did I get for my troubles? Scorn. Vilification. Vicious personal attacks.

I was called a socialist, a communist even. I was accused of engaging in class warfare and told I was merely jealous of my betters, people smarter, more accomplished and more industrious than I.

Let me say this about that:

I am not jealous of the rich and their three or four or five mansions. That's way too many roofs to worry about. I figure if you're lucky, you have one nice home and when you go on vacation, you rent a room. That's what hotels are for.

As for being jealous of their intellect, it is to snicker. Many of them owe their success to being born rich. When a truly original idea crosses their path, they recoil from it like a vampire before a cross. Many of the others are accomplished chiefly in their ability to fleece the public, bribe politicians, and plead for mercy when the bills come due. What's to be jealous of?

As for class war, well, it's a dirty job but someone's got to do it. The rich of this country have been waging class war against the unrich for the past 25 years without meaningful opposition, having sold the American public on the fantasy that we're all going to be rich someday. It's time we fought back.

(This just in: You're not going to be rich any time soon. Get used to it.)

Another argument against encouraging people to make mountains of money while the multitudes make do with thimblefuls (and this is one that should appeal to the religious dogooders among you) is that it is bad for their souls. Great wealth is a temptation to criminality.

Most people are honest. Neither you nor I would think of going into a department store and shoplifting. If the

clerk gives us too much change, we give it back.

But suppose you walked into a store in which there were bags of \$100 bills on the shelves. And there were no clerks, no security guards.

And everyone else seemed to be taking bags off the shelves and walking out with them.

How honest would you be then? Wouldn't you convince yourself that you deserved a bag of cash or two, that no one would miss it and that if you didn't take it someone else would? More than likely.

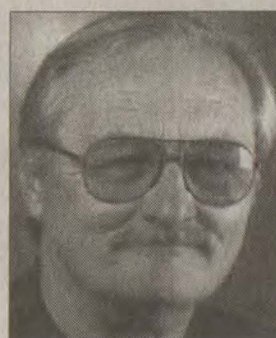
Well, that's pretty much the position of our corporate executives, poor things. We've given them a license to steal and they have used it, rationalizing all the while that they deserve the loot.

In reality, they know they don't. Some few of have given up their bonuses in response to the abysmal performance of their companies but for the most part, they've taken their bonuses, their golden parachutes, their golden handshakes and run like bandits.

Because they can. There are no security guards at the door. Ronald Reagan's welfare queen was a Salvation Army worker compared to this bunch.

To the barricades!

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

With a dark cloud apparently parked in the top of a tree on the only hilltop in view from this window, I do not propose anything sprightly. Fact is, I do not propose much of anything.

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Next day after I had reported a dearth of birds around our diggings, Mrs. Eva Hopson called from Little Paint to report that 18 cardinals had been perched in a tree on her lawn, that morning. So that's where they are!

DECLINED, WITH REGRET

Received, the other day, another invitation to make an appearance before a college class which, I suspected, involved a bit of public palaver on my part, I neglected to tell those nice people the whole truth, I admit, but managed to skirt the issue and get out of the situation.

Since that tragic occasion some years back, when I was in grade school and forgot even the title of the poem I had committed myself to recite as a part of the last day-of-school program, and, with no prompter in miles, slunk in disgrace back to my seat over a floor that seemed to be a bit wind-tossed, I've kept out of the public eye, so to speak. In fact, I have such a horror of such a chore that back in the days when I was the despair of every preacher hereabouts, at least one of them would add to his invitation to me to come to church. "We guarantee, we'll not ask you to make a speech."

Oh, well! I suppose every screwball has his phobia.

Having made this confession, I would like to quote Mark Twain's sage remark that it usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.

INTERESTING THEORY

I was bemused by the opinion expressed recently by an Israeli authority who commented on the fact that the Essenes of Dead Sea Scrolls fame are not mentioned in the New Testament. He has the interesting theory that the gospel writers used the nickname, "Herodians," for this sect, since the Essenes were favorites of Herod.

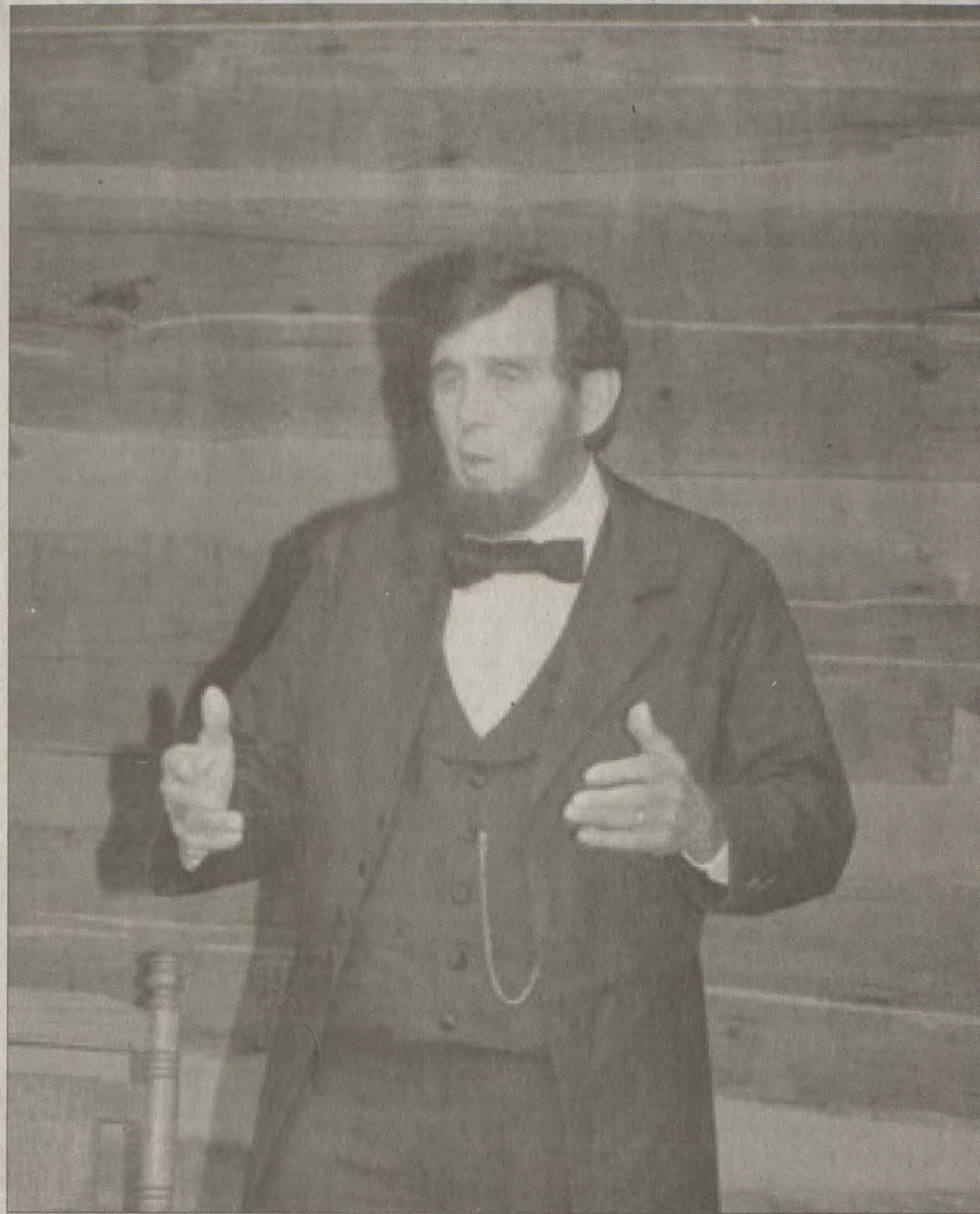
LOCATING THE TARGET

To turn from the slightly sublime to the utterly ridiculous, I recount this story that reached me only this week.

This blind man had a new seeing eye dog which, on their first venture abroad, led him into a street where vehicles of every type were zipping by. An onlooker watched, terrified, as dog and man somehow got across the street and reached the safety of the sidewalk.

Then he was more puzzled yet when he saw the blind man pull

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Jim Sayre will be portraying Abraham Lincoln at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Jan. 26. photo courtesy of The Adair Progress

A VISIT FROM ABE

Lincoln impersonator to speak at BCTCS

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The familiar bearded visage of Abraham Lincoln will grace the stage on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College this month in the form of Jim Sayre, who has been portraying the famous president and Kentucky native for several decades.

According to the Kentucky Humanities Council, Abraham Lincoln was born on a farm in Kentucky in what is now Larue County, where he spent his early years. When Lincoln was 7-years-old, he moved with his family to Indiana. Lincoln always maintained his connections to Kentucky through friends and family. In his

law office in Springfield, Ill., he had a law partner from Green County, Kentucky named William Herndon, who later wrote a biography of Lincoln. His best friend in Springfield was Joshua Speed, a son of Louisville's prominent Speed family, and in Springfield he found a wife from Kentucky, Mary Todd, the daughter of a well-known Lexington family. Lincoln visited Kentucky to see the Speeds and his in-laws, and considered Kentucky statesman Henry Clay as his political hero. Although he became very unpopular in the state during the Civil War, he insisted, "I too am a Kentuckian."

Sayre will perform "I, too, am a Kentuckian" at Big Sandy Community and Technical College as part of the Kentucky

Chautauqua, an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council with statewide support from various organizations.

The Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. The Council is supported by the National Endowment and by private contributions.

The performance is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, in the Gearheart Auditorium located in the Pike Building on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The event is free to the public.

For more information, contact Judy Bowen at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64750.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Stuck'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A real-life tragedy inspired this black comedy that focuses on a young woman who accidentally runs over a homeless man, but then compounds her problem by failing to report the incident.

The film opens by introducing us to two characters, Brandi and Tom. We meet Brandi during a routine day at her nurse's assistant job, where she is seen administering to the needs of elderly patients. She's a natural whose talent has been spotted by her boss, who promises her some consideration on promotion.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Next we drop in on Tom, but his life isn't going as well. He's in the midst of being evicted from a cheap hotel whose owner refuses to let him take any of his things. Tom takes advantage of a distraction to grab a suit and a cherished photo before taking off.

We learn that Tom had been employed for his whole adult life, but was recently downsized and is down to his last thin dime. Still, his life appears to be headed for better things with a hint at future employment and some kind words from a homeless veteran who steers him towards a safe place to sleep.

Next we see Brandi out on the town with her thuggish boyfriend, Rashid. They happily ingest drugs and plan to meet again later in the evening, but Brandi's carefree agenda takes a downturn when she runs over Tom in a crosswalk (while talking on her cell phone, of course, so maybe we should all take those "Hang up and drive" bumper stickers more seriously).

She doesn't help her situation by fleeing the scene, which turns out to be bad news for Tom, who's planted in her windshield. She actually makes it home and parks in her garage where she leaves Tom while trying to work out how to deal with the problem. She informs Rashid that she hit a pedestrian and he panics until he hears that the guy was homeless. He then informs her that she'll be fine and that no one will care, though he doesn't know that Tom is still embedded in said car.

Brandi almost calls for help but is too consumed by fear to make a decision and eventually enlists the aid of Rashid in getting rid of her problem. Meanwhile, Tom manages to extricate himself from the car, but is too injured to escape and must soon face down the hulking Rashid if he's ever going to get medical aid.

What follows is a bit of cat-and-mouse games, as Tom refuses to go quietly and several people will die graphically before this tight thriller rolls to its conclusion. There is some rough going ahead but rest assured that the film manages to be somewhat uplifting and patient viewers will be

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Letter to a younger self

by A.C. GAUGHEN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: TEENS TALK MIDDLE SCHOOL"

Ten years after I was 13, one of my old teachers mailed me a letter I had written to my 23-year-old self in middle school. The letter was full of silly things like who I had a crush on (much too big of a secret to reveal here) and how much I totally hated my brothers. After I read the letter, I wished I could write back to myself at 13. If I could, I would have these 13 things to say:

1. Your Beanie Babies will end up in a box in your closet. (Except for the elephant. You seem to really like the elephant.) They are not a financial investment; I'm sorry.
2. Similarly, don't get too attached to your electronic toys. They will be confiscated by a teacher who doesn't understand that you can't go a day without technology.
3. I know this whole changing schools thing is tough and you're leaving your friends behind, but life has some amazing surprises in store for you when it comes to friendship.

One of your friends from your old school will be your best friend 10 years from now, and it's definitely not the one you expect.

4. When everyone's giving you grief because you're holed up in your room writing stories, don't pay attention. It will work out pretty well for you. I know you're only doing it because sometimes your characters are the only ones you can count on to always be there when you need them. But that's perfectly OK.

5. Both your brothers will cease to be so annoying after you all make it through puberty alive.

6. You aren't going to marry your crush (or even date him), but that doesn't mean you have to stop crushing.

7. This divorce thing isn't going to get easier for a really long time, and I'm sorry about that. I wish I could be there

with you, but unfortunately it doesn't work like that. You're going to go through a lot of this stuff feeling completely alone. You have to keep believing that it will get better. It's going to get a little worse, and then, little by little, it's going to get a lot better. You'll all figure out how to be a family again.

8. It's OK that you're hurting. It

doesn't mean that you aren't strong enough. It doesn't mean that you aren't there for your family.

It just means that you're hurt, and that's OK. You deserve to feel hurt. Your family just broke and splintered — it's when you pretend that you're fine that it will hurt the worst and you will feel the most alone.

9. You know how you're 99 percent positive that you know everything there is to know about the world? You're wrong. (Now you only know 97 percent.)



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UK fans earn recognition

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky fans have always been known for their support of UK Athletics and in 2008 they proved why they are one of the elite fan bases in the entire country. Kentucky is one of only two schools in the 2008 calendar year to rank in the top 25 nationally in attendance for football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball, according to attendance figures recently finalized by the NCAA. Texas was the only other school to accomplish the feat.

"We have great fans who are passionate about the Wildcats," said

Mitch Barnhart, UK Director of Athletics. "This is a tribute to their tremendous support of the program."

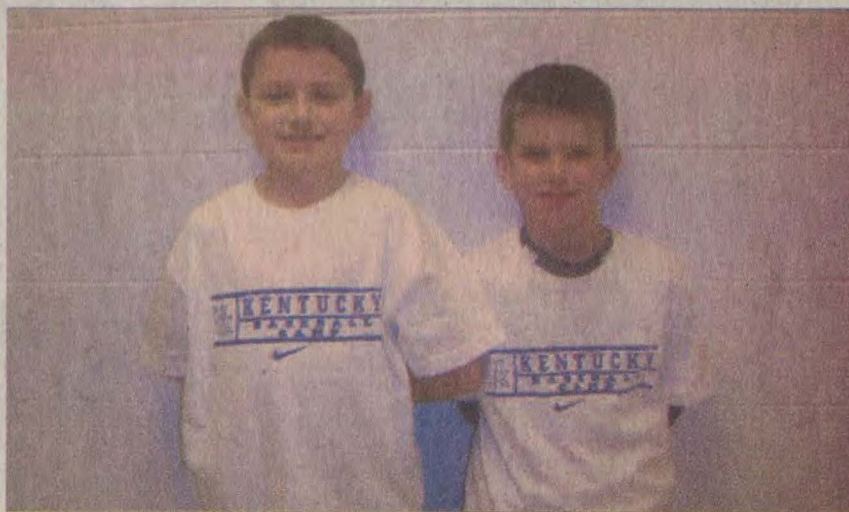
More than a million fans clad in blue and white filled the arenas and stadiums for those sports during 2008, helping the Wildcats to yet another banner athletic year. For the third straight season, men's basketball led the nation in attendance with an average of 22,554 fans per game. Football ranked 23rd with a 69,434 average, women's basketball ranked 23rd with 4,764 fans per game and baseball ranked 25th with an average of 2,134.

Record-setting crowds filled the seats several times in 2008. In foot-

ball, UK's average of 69,434 per game is the highest in school history, the second-straight year that mark was broken. In baseball, UK set Cliff Hagan Stadium attendance records for single-game attendance (4,009 vs. Louisville), three-game series attendance (8,238 vs. Florida) and single-game Southeastern Conference attendance (3,036 vs. Florida).

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In December, Prestonsburg Elementary students Chandler Nelson (third grade) and Jaxon Watts (second grade) attended the University of Kentucky baseball camp. Both campers received awards while in attendance. Nelson received the Camper of the Day Award and Jaxon Watts received the Wildcat Award.

Bears survive MSC opener, beat C'ville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College got a total team effort and survived a sensational performance from senior Zach Allender to knock off Campbellsville University 71-62 Thursday night in the Mid-South Conference opener for both teams.

Junior Josh Samarco poured in 23 points to lead three players in double figures, and senior Ewan Linton pulled down 14 rebounds to lead the Bears to a 36-29 edge on the glass.

Allender, the senior from Bardstown, was dominant. He finished with a game-high 24 points and 15 rebounds. He took four charges and had two assists in 37 minutes of playing time.

Pikeville (12-5, 1-0 in the MSC) led most of the way, but an Allender layup with 3:02 left cut it to 59-58. The Bears scored four straight, and a three-point play by sophomore Justin Hicks with 2:10 left made it 63-58.

Campbellsville (7-8, 0-1) cut it to three, 65-62, on a free throw by freshman Justin Vitaoe before the Bears scored the final six, hitting all four free throws in the last 20 seconds to seal the win.

Samarco was joined in double figures by Hicks, who nailed 4-of-6 from the arc to finish with 19 to go with three assists, and senior J.B. Smiley's 17.

Pikeville, which entered hitting 52.2 percent from the floor, managed 46.3 percent on the night, but held the Tigers to 40.4 percent (21-of-52) for the game.

Allender was joined in double figures by senior Aaron Wyatt's 20, hitting 5-of-10 from the arc.

Pikeville was back on the court Saturday in Columbia versus Lindsey Wilson. The Pikeville-Lindsey Wilson game ended too late to make this edition

Three ALC players on Watch List

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Alice Lloyd College baseball players Adam Adkins (Jr., OF, Huntington, W.Va.), Lamar Williams (Sr., OF, Hazard), and Trevor Corns (FR., RHP, Man, W.Va.) have been named to the NAIA Players to Watch List.

Adkins helped lead the Eagle offense last year, hitting .366 while adding 10 stolen bases en route to being named second team All-KIAC. Lamar Williams, also an outfielder, has now made the list two consecutive years. Williams hit .309 last season, including four triples. He also added 12 stolen bases. Corns, a graduate of Mann High School in West Virginia, is the first freshman in Alice Lloyd's history to achieve the honor and only the second pitcher in the school's history.

The Eagles will open up the 2009 season on February 28 at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

DOC ADAMS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



Host Adams Middle (pictured above) finished runner-up in the first annual James "Doc" Adams Memorial Tournament.

Right: Family members of the late James "Doc" Adams pictured are April (Adams) Steele, Joe Steele, Dougie Adams, JD Adams, Gracie Adams, Hunter Brown and Boots Adams.



Lady Tigers roll past Pikeville in MSC opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Fifteenth-ranked Campbellsville University opened Mid-South Conference play with a 79-56 win over Pikeville College on Thursday night.

Campbellsville (15-3, 1-0 in the MSC) blistered the nets to the tune of 51.8 percent shooting against the Lady Bears, who entered the game atop the league in defensive field goal percentage.

Pikeville (13-5, 0-1) hit only 42 percent from the field and turned the ball over 25 times.

Campbellsville's balanced attack put seven players between six and 13 points, led by junior Kristi Ensminger's 13. She was followed by sophomore Whitney Ballinger and freshman Megan Isaacs with 12 apiece.

Pikeville, meanwhile, got 17 points from sophomore Natiera Hinton. The reigning MSC player of the week also had nine rebounds, three assists and two blocks, leading her team in all four categories. Sophomore Whitney Compton followed with 16.

The Lady Tigers edged Pikeville on the glass 32-29, with Isaacs and freshman Jarobia Hill leading the way with seven each.

Pikeville was playing its first league road game on Saturday in Columbia versus Lindsey Wilson College. Campbellsville was at home hosting Georgetown. Both games ended too late to make this edition.

Clevenger leads Pikeville past Wolfpack

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. – The Pikeville Panthers prevailed Thursday night in a final tune-up before the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Matt Clevenger scored a game-high 21 points, recorded six steals and pulled down four rebounds to lead Pikeville to a 63-48 win over the host Williamson (W.Va.) Wolf Pack.

Clevenger, one of the 15th Region's top players, moved to seventh on Pikeville's all-time scoring list. The Pikeville senior now has 1,449 points in his career.

Pikeville nearly doubled up Williamson in the opening quarter, outscoring the Wolf Pack 13-7. The Panthers did double up Williamson in the second period, outscoring the host team 18-9. Pikeville led at the end of each quarter en route to the convincing victory.

The Panthers owned a 45-27 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Pikeville won its fourth straight game, gaining momentum heading into the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

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EK Miners offer new, even more affordable ticket prices

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization this past week announced new ticket pricing. Prices are being reduced in an effort to make the "Miners Experience" more affordable for everyone in the region. As part of the new Miners' ticket pricing, all general admission upper-level seats will be reduced to \$5 from \$8, and all lower-level reserved seats will be reduced to a flat \$10, down from \$20 as part of the new ticket pricing initiative. In addition to the new ticket pricing, Miners fans will also be able to take advantage of a new ticket promotion called "\$5 Fridays" where all seats

for every Friday home game, including floor seats, are \$5 (first come first serve). Those tickets can be purchased in advance. On \$5 Fridays, hot dogs are only \$1.

The Miners play their home games in the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center. Fans who attend an East Kentucky Miners game are guaranteed the best for their entertainment dollar.



Sheldon Clark eliminates Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – South Floyd will have to wait another year in its quest for another 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. Sheldon Clark prevented the Raiders from playing for another title Thursday night, defeating South Floyd 62-51 in the opening round of the 2009 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The loss was South Floyd's third straight setback.

Sheldon Clark led South Floyd 18-14 when the first quarter closed. After just a couple of baskets separated the two teams in the second quarter, Sheldon Clark distanced itself from South Floyd in the third quarter, outscoring the Raiders 15-5.

Sheldon Clark, which had to battle for a hard-fought win over Floyd County foe Allen Central earlier in the week, carried a 35-31 lead into halftime.

B.J. Moore led a balanced Sheldon Clark offensive effort. Moore tossed in a game-high 23 points for the

Cardinals. Justin Porter, Justin Cline and Tyler Lafferty each had 10 points for Sheldon Clark. Bill Chapman netted seven points and Richard Sturgill pushed in two for the Cardinals.

South Floyd could never recover from the dismal third quarter effort. The Raiders, however, managed to outscore Sheldon Clark 15-12 in the final quarter.

Sheldon Clark, one of the 15th Region's hottest teams, claimed its fourth straight win.

Shannon Turner led South

Lady Cards clip Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Sophomore Carla Booth poured in a game-high 21 points as Sheldon Clark defeated Pikeville 53-45 Thursday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center. In a stout defensive effort, Sheldon Clark limited Pikeville to 10 or fewer points in each of the first three quarters.

The two teams went back and forth early on, resulting in a 10-10 tie at the conclusion of the opening quarter.

Sheldon Clark, which broke a two-game losing streak thanks to the win, took a 22-19 lead into halftime. The Lady Cards, under the watchful eye of second-year head coach Darrin Rice, outscored Pikeville 19-9 in the third quarter. Pikeville was limited offensively throughout the second half.

Booth was the lone Sheldon Clark player to reach double figures in the scoring column. But the standout had some help offensively. Sara Sumpter scored eight points for the Lady Cardinals. In all, six players provided scoring in the Sheldon Clark triumph.

The Lady Cardinals climbed to one game above the .500 mark following the win, improving to 7-6.

For Pikeville, junior guard Madison Shull led the way with 13 points. Pikeville also featured six different scorers. Senior guard/forward Christina Johnson and freshman Lindsey Isner each had 11 points for the Lady Panthers.

Pikeville, remaining above the .500 mark, dropped to 9-8 following the loss.

West Virginia outlasts Herd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia jumped out to an 11-point first half lead and the Marshall men's basketball team was never able to recover as the Thundering Herd fell 87-76 to the Mountaineers in Capital Classic Wednesday in the Charleston Civic Center.

Freshman Shaquille Johnson led Marshall offensively with 15 points. Fellow rookie Demier Pitts scored 11 points and recorded four assists. Senior forward Markel Humphrey was named the Herd's Most Valuable Player,

finishing with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Darryl Bryant paced the Mountaineers, leading all scorers with 22 points and dishing four assists. The freshman was also 3-of-3 from three-point range. Forward Da'Sean Butler chimed in with 17 points and seven assists and Alex Ruoff scored 15 points, including two three-pointers.

As a team, West Virginia went to the free-throw line 42 times and scored on 30 of those attempts, including 11-of-15 shooting from Bryant. Marshall, conversely, converted on just 14 of 26 attempts

Phillips, Sanders earn title changes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky football coaches Joker Phillips and Randy Sanders have received upgrades in their working titles, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Brooks said that Phillips, UK's offensive coordinator, has been named head coach of the offense while Sanders will now have the title of offensive coordinator. Phillips continues as UK's head coach in waiting when Brooks chooses to retire.

"We want to continue to recognize Joker for what he has accomplished here and reward Randy for his job well done during his three years on the staff," Brooks said.

Phillips first took over the duties as offensive coordinator in 2005 and the Wildcats increased their total offense and scoring offense numbers in each of his first three years in that position. The 2007 offense set a school record for most points scored in a season (475) while piling up the second-most offensive yards in UK history.

Following the 2007 season, UK graduated arguably the most accomplished group of offensive players in school history — quarterback André Woodson, tailback Rafael Little, tight end Jacob Tamme and wide receivers Keenan Burton and Steve Johnson, among others. In 2008, on top of the massive graduation losses, the offense sustained season-ending injuries to the

team's top pass receiver, Dicky Lyons, the leading rusher, Derrick Locke, and the starting right guard, Jess Beets. Yet, the Wildcats still managed to generate more than 22 points per game, ranking sixth in the Southeastern Conference in scoring offense.

Sanders has played a key role in the offense as quarterbacks coach while assisting in the development in the offensive game plan. Under Sanders' guidance, Woodson developed into one of the top QBs in Southeastern Conference history, throwing for 7,224 yards and 71 touchdowns during their two seasons together. Woodson often praised Sanders for the coach's help in his progress as a passer, game manager and team leader.

Sanders had quite the different assignment in 2008. After his most experienced returning quarterback was dismissed from the team on the first day of preseason practice, Sanders had the task of taking two inexperienced signal-callers, sophomore Mike Hartline and true freshman Randall Cobb, and molding them into a working tandem.

Hartline led the Wildcats to six victories, earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week

honors for the win over Middle Tennessee, and was named Kentucky's Most Outstanding Offensive Player in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl win over East Carolina.

Cobb was the starting quarterback in UK's crucial road win over Mississippi State that clinched bowl eligibility for the Wildcats. He also contributed as a wide receiver and punt returner and was named to the SEC All-Freshman team.

Sanders, who had been offensive coordinator at Tennessee in the seven years prior to his arrival at Kentucky, retains his assignment as the Wildcat recruiting coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Phillips' and Sanders' coaching have helped lead the Wildcats to three consecutive winning seasons, culminating in wins over Clemson and Florida State in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl and the Liberty Bowl triumph over East Carolina.

The title changes will not have an impact on the day-to-day operation of the Kentucky offense. Phillips remains responsible for overseeing the game plan and making the play calls on game days.

"I thank Coach Brooks for his continued confidence in



Phillips



Sanders

me," Phillips said. "I'm excited to keep working closely with Randy in practice and in preparation of our game plan."

"I'm grateful to Rich Brooks and Joker Phillips for giving me the opportunity to come to Kentucky three years ago and appreciate them giving me this title," Sanders said. "I look forward to continue working together toward our goals of winning bowl games and SEC championships."

Warford returns: Paul Warford, a former starter cornerback at Kentucky, has returned to the Wildcat football team for the spring semester. Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Warford, a junior from Richmond, will participate in spring practice and has two years of eligibility remaining.

Warford played in all 13 games, including three starts, as a true freshman in the 2006 season. He was a full-time starter during the '07 season, totaling 41 tackles, interceptions against Arkansas and Tennessee, and was second on the team in pass breakups with nine. He was not enrolled at UK during the 2008 season, which he used as a redshirt year.

Kentucky Football Calendar
Wed. Feb. 4:
Signing Day

Colonels finish short versus Eastern Illinois

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Senior Mike Rose scored a game-high 27 points and tied a program record with seven three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team fell to host Eastern Illinois Thursday night in Lantz Arena, 58-48. The Panthers improve to 7-9 overall and 4-2 in the OVC while the Colonels fall to 9-8 and 3-4.

Rose was the only EKU player in double figures as the rest of the team combined for 21 points. The guard netted 7-of-15 (46.7 percent) three-pointers and equaled the program record for the second time in his career. Former Colonels Ben Rushing (twice), Matt Witt (twice), Junior Curtis and Adam Leonard have also recorded seven three-pointers in a game.

With his seven trifectas, Rose also moved into the

OVC career top-10 three pointers made list. The native of Naperville, Ill., currently sits in ninth place with 229 career three-pointers.

Eastern Kentucky trailed at the half, 26-25, before back-to-back three-pointers from Rose and freshman Joshua Jones put the Colonels ahead, 31-28. Over the next 10 minutes, lead switched hands four times before Rose's final three-pointer at 7:52 gave EKU a 48-44 lead.

From there, the Colonels missed their final nine shots of the game as Eastern Illinois picked up its first win over Eastern Kentucky since 2003.

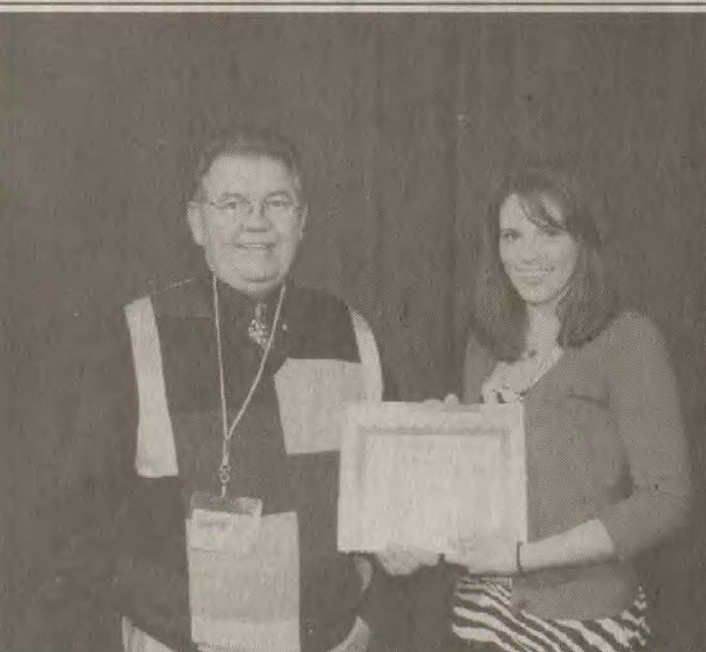
Eastern Kentucky shot a season-low 30.8 percent from the floor (16-of-52) and was outrebounded, 44-24.

Romain Martin and Billy Martin each tallied 15 points for Eastern Illinois. Ousmane Cisse recorded a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds.



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ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL is one of the teams poised to vie for a Floyd County championship.



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JUNE BUCHANAN SCHOOL students Kayla Huff (above) and Steven Reynolds (below) earned WYMT Mountain Classic scholarships. Students from the 13th, 14th and 15th regions were awarded scholarships.



Lady Colonels fall at EIU

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Eastern Kentucky shot 29 percent from the field in the first half and lost to Ohio Valley Conference co-leader Eastern Illinois, 78-44, tonight in Charleston, Ill. Freshman Kayla Drake led the Lady Colonels (6-9, 3-4 OVC) with 12 points.

Dominique Sims and Maggie Kloak each finished with 18 points for the Panthers (11-6, 5-1 OVC).

Eastern Kentucky shot 32 percent (16-for-50) for the

game while Eastern Illinois shot 49.2 percent (31-for-63).

The Lady Colonels jumped out in front 5-2 after a three by Drake and a bucket by Nadia Mossong. The Panthers answered with a 7-0 run. Ellen Canale began the run with a lay-up and capped it off with a three-pointer to put EIU on top 9-5 with 15 minutes to play in the first half.

A lay-up by Drake cut the Eastern Illinois lead to one, 9-8, but EIU answered with another run, this time scoring 11 unanswered points. Kloak and Rachel Galligan each

knocked down a pair of baskets during the run. Galligan's lay-up with 8:46 remaining in the opening half put the Panthers on top 20-8.

The Lady Colonels drew to within seven on a three-pointer by Ilona Muszak with 7:38 showing on the clock, but EIU went cold from the field and did not score again for almost six minutes. By the time Muszak ended the drought with another three, the Panthers had scored 15 unanswered and led 37-18, with 1:47 before halftime. EIU went to the locker room in

front by 23, 43-20.

Eastern Kentucky went 7-for-24 from the field in the first half. Eastern Illinois shot 51.6 percent (16-for-31).

The Lady Colonels scored eight of the first 10 points of the second half, but the damage was already done.

Cole's basket at the 8:11 mark cut the deficit to 16, but EIU would get no closer. Another Lady Colonel scoring drought, that covered over four minutes late in the second half, allowed the Panthers to build a 30-point lead.

Eagles beat SEMO, claim OVC lead

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Morehead State University's front line of Leon Buchanan, Kenneth Faried and Demonte Harper combined for 52 points and 30 rebounds to lead the Eagles to a 73-67 win at Southeast Missouri on Thursday (Jan. 15). With Austin Peay idle, MSU is now alone atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings by half a game.

MSU (9-9, 6-1 OVC), which won for the fifth time in its last six games, got 20 points and eight rebounds from Buchanan, 18 points and eight rebounds from Harper and 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds from Faried.

"We didn't seem to play with a lot of energy, but this was one of those games in the conference play when you just have to grind it out," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall.

"I thought that Leon Buchanan was an absolute warrior. Kenneth Faried had 14 points and 14 rebounds. Those two guys had 10 offensive rebounds between them and did things to help us find a way to win."

Southeast Missouri (3-15, 0-7 OVC) got a game-high 31 points from Kenard Moore and 18 points from Jaycen Herring.

The Eagles hit 46.2 percent (24-of-52) from the field

compared to 43.9 percent (25-of-57) for the Redhawks. MSU made 23-of-31 from the free throw line, SEMO 13-of-18, and the Eagles won the rebound battle, 37-to-28.

MSU led by as many as nine points in the first half and by six points, 35-29, at halftime. In the second half, the Eagles pushed the lead to as many as 12 points on two occasions. The Redhawks could never get closer than four points.

MSU women upend Southeast Missouri

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — The Morehead State University women's basketball team led from wire-to-wire Thursday night at Southeast Missouri and won for only the second time in school history at the Show Me Center as junior Brittany Pittman led the way with a career high 22 points, 17 rebounds and five blocked shots. Morehead State won its first road game of the 2008-09 season, its third straight overall victory, and improved to 11-8 and 5-2 in the OVC.

"It got a little dicey at the end, but that's as good of a first half as we have played.

We came out in the second half and got it to 16 and pretty much kept it that way for most of the half until right at the end. We didn't take too many three's, and we were working it well inside and outside," said Coach Mike Bradbury.

"The great thing with Brittany (Pittman) was that she had only one turnover and was 9-of-11 from the field. That was also her best defensive game in a month. They got 68 points, but we held them to 32 percent shooting."

The Eagles built as much as a 15-point lead in the first half and led by 16 at the 10:20 mark of the final half. MSU settled for a 38-32 halftime lead and then hung to win by

six also as SEMO scratched to within four (69-65) with less than a minute left in the contest. MSU came into the game with a 1-15 mark all-time in the Cape Girardeau facility, and the Eagles broke a four-game losing skid to SEMO in general.

Pittman, whose previous career high came earlier this season, played 37 minutes. Her five blocks gave her 236 for her career. In updating previous reports, she had actually already broken the OVC career blocked shot record (which turned out to be 223, not 233) last week against Tennessee Tech. She is now just 44 blocks away from breaking the NCAA Division I

single season mark of 156 blocks.

The Eagles also got a 20-point performance from junior Tiffany Hamilton, while junior Deja Watson added nine rebounds. SEMO was led by 20 points from Sonya Daugherty, 19 from Crysta Glenn, and 16 from Tarina Nixon.

MSU held the host Redhawks to only 25.6 percent shooting in the second half while hitting 52 percent of their attempts in the last 20 minutes. Overall, the Eagles shot 47.5 percent and grabbed 41 rebounds. SEMO had 44 boards, led by 14 from Glenn. MSU was 7-of-25 from three-point range.

Jurich named National Girls and Women in Sports Day honoree

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville Vice President of Athletics, Tom Jurich, was named the 2009 National Girls and Women in Sports Honoree for the University of Louisville last night at the women's basketball game against Rutgers in Freedom Hall.

On hand to award the honor, Julie Hermann, U of L's Senior Associate Athletic

Director, said, "This year, in his eleventh year as AD, we would like to honor our first gentleman for National Girls and Women in Sports Day. When Tom Jurich hired me in 1998, he said we are going to grow women's sports like crazy, we're not going to just add, we're going to do it right and we're going to do it better than everyone else."

In Jurich's 11 years as U of L Athletic Director, Cardinal women's teams have won 21

conference championships, made 37 NCAA tournament appearances, including 5 sweet sixteens and had 30 women named. ALL-American. Field Hockey, volleyball, rowing, basketball, soccer, softball, golf, track and field and swimming and diving have all broken into the Top 25 national rankings.

"He has grown the women's sports program to 12 sports with more than 300 women competing, adding

four women's sports programs in less than a decade, faster than anyone else in the NCAA," said Hermann. "Tom has tripled the scholarship dollars spent on women, and tripled the number of women working in the department. He has built \$50 million dollars worth of facilities for them to practice and play in and he has ensured that every single service we provide would be equal men to women."



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KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL students Elizabeth Howard (above) and Tiffany Marden (below) earned WYMT Mountain Classic scholarships.

Bentley scores 12, Centre men's team claims third straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE — The Centre College men's basketball team jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in defeating Birmingham Southern College 69-59 in a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) game Sunday.

The Colonels, which have now won three-straight games, improve to 10-3 overall, while Birmingham Southern falls to 7-6 this season. The game will not count toward the conference standings because Birmingham Southern is in the second year of its four-year provisional transition from Division I to Division III.

Centre scored nine of the

first 11 points and 17 of the first 22 points in jumping out to a 12-point lead with just under 13 minutes remaining in the first half. The lead grew to 14 points (27-13), but an 11-2 run by the Panthers to close the half cut the lead to only five points (29-24) at the break.

Birmingham Southern scored the first two points of the second half to pull within three points (29-26), but that's as close as the score would be in the sec-

ond half as the Colonels used a 14-2 run to go ahead by 15 points (43-28).

FLOYD COUNTY TIES

Floyd County native Kris Bentley is a senior guard for the Centre College men's basketball team.

The lead was cut to nine points (45-36) with 10:25 left to play, but Centre quickly pushed the lead back to double figures and finished the game with a 10-point win.

The Colonels shot 45.5 percent (25-55) on the day, while limiting the Panthers to only 38.3 percent

(23-60). Centre also posted a 38-24 rebounding advantage in the win.

Four players scored in double figures for the Colonels, led by junior forward Danny Noll's (Ft. Mitchell) 16 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard T.C. Thomason (Russellville) scored 15 points and senior guards Kris Bentley (Pikeville) and Ryan Crowdis (Louisville) added 12 and 10 points, respectively. Crowdis also added nine assists and four rebounds.

Aaron Parr led all scorers with 21 points for the Panthers. Roger Williams added nine points and five rebounds and Michael Rebarchak chipped in eight points.



Toyota All-Star Showdown to air live on SIRIUS XM Radio

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — As the engines fire up at the Toyota Speedway at Irwindale, race fans from coast to coast will be able to tune in to all the action of the NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown. For the first time, NASCAR's premier short-track racing event will air live on SIRIUS XM Radio.

SIRIUS NASCAR Radio, available nationwide on SIRIUS channel 128 and on XM channel 128 with the "Best of SIRIUS" programming package, will broadcast the action of the NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown beginning at 10 p.m. ET on Saturday, Jan. 24. Calling the action live from Irwindale will be SIRIUS NASCAR Radio host and

short-track aficionado Pat Patterson.

"This year's event has drawn unprecedented interest and we're thrilled to be able to partner with SIRIUS XM to bring the great racing of the NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown to fans everywhere," said George Silbermann, NASCAR's managing director of racing operations. "With a who's who of short-track drivers from across North America, multiple series champions and stars from NASCAR's top series all converging on southern California, live coverage on SIRIUS NASCAR Radio adds significantly to the impact of this prestigious event."

The NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown will feature the sixth running of the show-

case postseason event, which has quickly grown into what fans and drivers have come to call the "Daytona 500 of short-track racing."

The list of drivers entered in Saturday's 250-lap Camping World Series race is a star-studded roster of NASCAR short-track standouts. Joey Logano will look to defend his race title one month before he gets behind the wheel of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series No. 20 Home Depot Toyota at Daytona International Speedway.

Leading the list of challengers is three-time NASCAR Camping World Truck Series champion Ron Hornaday Jr., 2008 NASCAR Camping World Series West champion Eric Holmes, 2008

NASCAR Camping World Series East champion and 2006 NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown winner Matt Kobyluck and two-time NASCAR Whelen All-American Series champion Philip Morris.

Also headed to Irwindale are former NASCAR Whelen All-American Series national champions Peyton Sellers and Greg Pursley, 2008 NASCAR Canadian Tire Series champion Scott Steckly and 2008 NASCAR Mexico Series champion Antonio Perez.

Patterson, also known as "The Racing Guy," has been broadcasting racing for more than 25 years and brings a wealth of short-track knowledge to the radio booth. In addition to calling the live race, Patterson will host his regular SIRIUS NASCAR Radio show, The Front Stretch, live from the track on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon ET. On Friday, January 23, SIRIUS NASCAR Radio host Claire B. Lang will preview the Toyota All-Star Showdown

on her show, Dialed In, airing live from 7-10 p.m. ET.

In addition to competition for the NASCAR Camping World Series, which is NASCAR's top developmental series, action in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series will feature a Late Model race and a Super Late Model race.

To purchase tickets for the NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown, fans can go to www.toyotaspeedwayairwindale.com or call the track at 626-358-1100.

RE/MAX to end ARCA Series title sponsorship after 2009

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO, Ohio — Officials from the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) and RE/MAX International announced this past week in a joint statement that the real estate industry leader would end its series title sponsorship of ARCA following the 2009 season.

"Economic conditions continue to present challenges to all segments of the business community, and especially those in the real estate industry," said Ron Drager, ARCA President. "The challenge RE/MAX faces led them to inform us of their need to address a change in our relationship."

The announcement signals the end of a nine-year run by RE/MAX as ARCA Series title sponsor, among the longest-running motorsports marketing programs of its type. ARCA has crowned a national stock car champion since 1953, and RE/MAX has been

the title sponsor of the tour since 2001. The company will reduce its ARCA sponsorship role in 2010 to that of series presenting sponsor.

"The leadership RE/MAX has provided to our flagship property and their immense contribution to the ARCA organization will be sincerely missed," Drager continued. "We at ARCA look forward to a great 2009 as the final year of the ARCA RE/MAX Series, and we have begun the search for a new series title sponsor for 2010 and beyond."

The construction and housing industry has been hard hit by the current recession, and even worldwide real estate leader RE/MAX has been forced to react to the economy.

"In business, we are all called upon to make difficult decisions, and the decision to reduce our role from series title sponsor to presenting sponsor has been very, very difficult to say the least," said Randy Morse, RE/MAX International Vice President.

Morse and Drager crafted the series title sponsor marketing plan in 2000 to specifically fit RE/MAX corporate goals within the company's National Ad Fund objectives. With more agents and more sales than any other real estate entity over the last decade, RE/MAX became the worldwide leader, with ARCA as its lead sports marketing property.

"The ARCA RE/MAX Series has consistently exceeded expectations in its deliverables as a part of our national advertising mix," Morse stated. "Without hesitation, I highly recommend those interested in placing marketing dollars into motorsports to strongly consider the opportunity to work with ARCA."

The 2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series kicks off with the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona International Speedway Saturday Feb. 7, with live television coverage on the SPEED network at 4 p.m.

MLB owners approve two major rules amendments

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PARADISE VALLEY, Ari. — The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced today that the Major League owners have formally approved amendments to two notable Major League Rules.

The Major League Rules will now provide that all postseason games and games added to the regular season to determine qualifiers for

the postseason become suspended games if they are called, regardless of how many innings have been played or the score at the time the game is called. (The Major League Rules affected include 25(a), 33(c), 35(b), 37(b) and 39.) A suspended game is resumed and played to completion at the same site.

In addition, Major League Rule 33(c) has been amended to reflect the recommen-

dations made by the Major League General Managers during their November 2008 meeting. Coin tosses no longer will determine home-field advantage in tiebreaker games that determine a Division Championship or the Wild Card. Instead, sites for such games will be determined by a set of performance-based criteria that will begin with the head-to-head record between the tied clubs.

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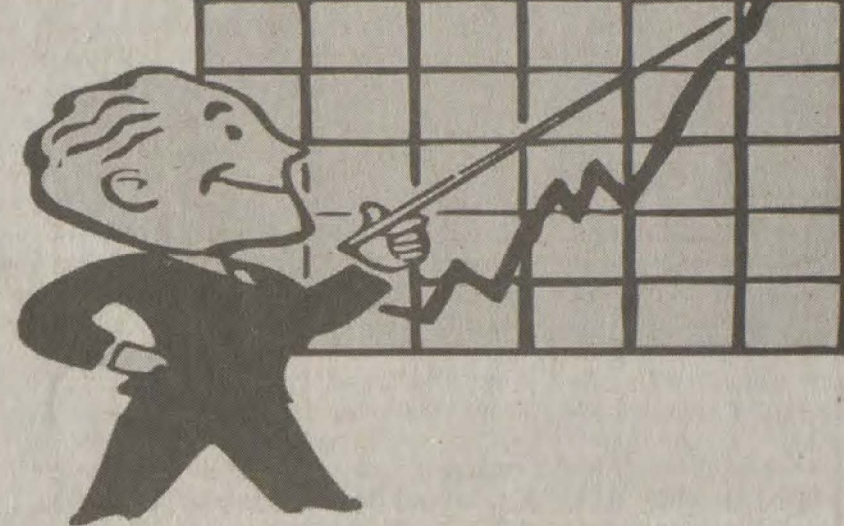
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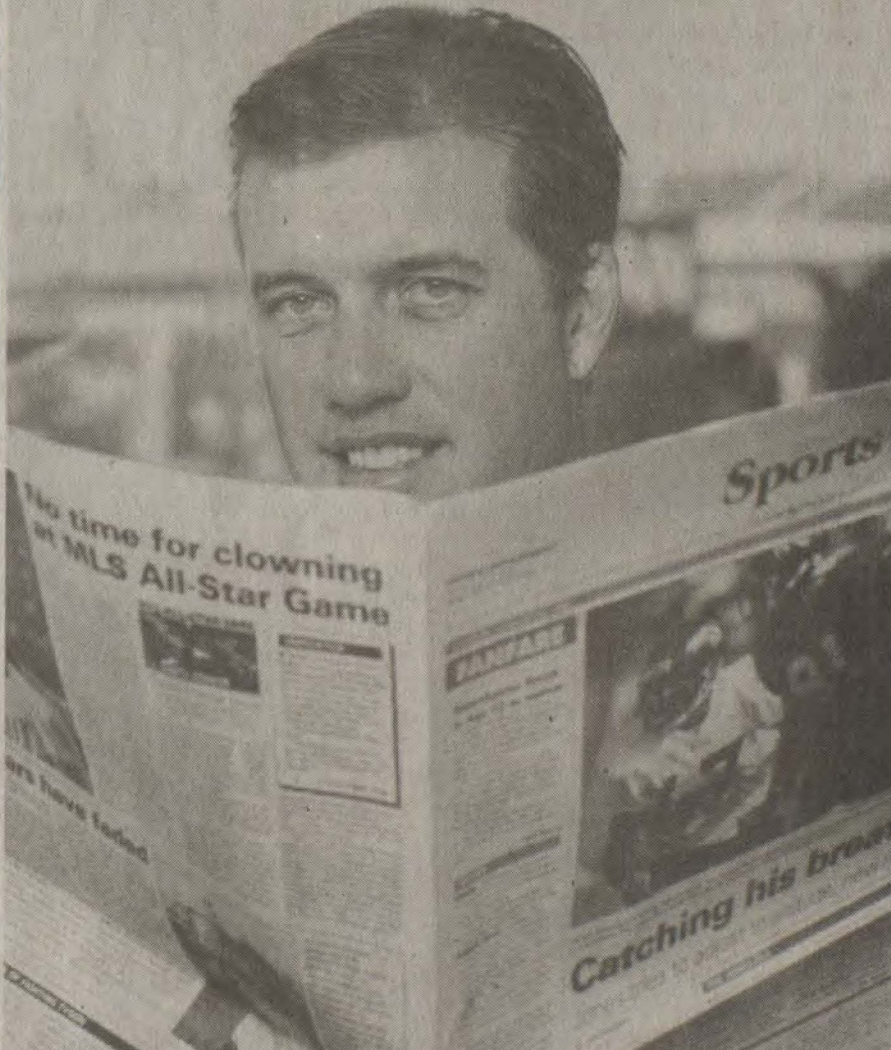
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Post-crash car checkup is a good idea, even if nothing seems wrong

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I live in India, and have a question about my father's car (he lives in Dubai). He bought a new Peugeot 307 in May. It's a lovely car, but about a month ago we had an accident. A car came up from behind and hit our car in the left rear corner. We were going around 60 mph at the time. The impact was quite hard, and our car spun around. In the spin, the right rear wheel hit the curb. Apart from a small dent and some scratching on the rim, there does not appear to be any damage. There is no noise coming from the wheel that hit the curb, no vibration, and the alignment looks fine. It's as if nothing had happened. So we decided not to take the car to the shop for repairs. My question is, Could there be any damage that has no symptoms? Should we go to the repair shop even if nothing seems wrong? — Aniket

TOM: It's a good question, Aniket. In a sense, you're right. If you're experiencing no symptoms at all, it's unlikely that anything major is going to fall off. But the answer to your general question is: Yes, there COULD be damage that you can't detect.

RAY: Right. I mean, look at my brother. He looks perfectly normal. Well, not really. OK, I withdraw that analogy, Aniket.

TOM: You say that the alignment looks fine. But if the alignment were off by a little bit, there's no way you'd be able to tell that with the naked eye. You wouldn't know the alignment was off until you noticed that your right rear tire was all chewed up or was wearing out irregularly in a couple thousand miles.

RAY: Right. It's possible that a control arm or trailing arm, or some other rear suspension component, got bent a little bit in the impact, and that's something you'd want to know before you ruined your tires or needed to make another emergency maneuver.

TOM: So I would take it to a mechanic, tell him what happened and ask him to have a look. You'll want him to inspect the tire itself to make sure it wasn't damaged, check the alignment on the machine and have a look under the car in the area of impact, just to be sure nothing looks out of place. And if he says everything looks fine, then you can forget all about it. Good luck, Aniket.

My brother's third wife was a cute, little European hatchback.

TOM: And she was impractical, too.

RAY: I think there are two possible solutions. One is to keep the Mini, if you love it, and get a winter car. Or a winter truck. Get something with all-wheel, or four-wheel, drive that you can use during the months when there's snow on the ground in Vermont. (That would be September through June.)

TOM: Alternatively, you

could trade in the Mini for a cute, little European hatchback that has all-wheel drive. The first one that comes to mind is the Audi A3.

RAY: The A3 is a four-door, small wagon that looks like a hatchback. It's a little bigger than the Mini and the Volvo, but it's not a big car by any means. It's got all of the state-of-the-art safety equipment. It's got a high-class interior, with all the creature comforts, including the all-important turbo-charged seat heaters for Vermont winter

mornings. It's fun to drive, decent on gas (with the four-cylinder engine option) and you can get it with all-wheel drive.

TOM: There are only two downsides. In really deep snow, no small car is going to be great, because it won't have the ground clearance that a truck has. So when you've got 20 inches of fresh, unplowed snow out there, you'll still have to stay home, cuddle with the sheep and watch "Jeopardy!"

RAY: And there probably

are only about two Audi dealers in all of Vermont. So you'll need to either be lucky enough to live close to one of them, or marry an Audi mechanic. Good luck either way, Ellen.

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