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briefs

16 deaths on state roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that sixteen people died in fifteen separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan. 18.

Fifteen of the fatal crashes involved motor vehicles and eight of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-vehicle crashes occurred in Bell, Carroll, Jefferson, Logan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Shelby, Warren (2) and Webster counties. Four of the crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol.

There were two double-fatality crashes during this time period. They occurred in Garrard and Washington counties.

One pedestrian fatality occurred in Bell county.

Through January 18th, preliminary statistics indicate that 33 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 5 fewer than reported for this time period in 2008. Of the 30 motor vehicle fatalities, 17 victims were not wearing seat belts. Three pedestrians have been killed. A total of 9 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.

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'Ready to lead once more'

Obama takes oath to become nation's 44th president

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In his first words to the nation after taking the oath of office as the county's 44th president

of the United States, President Barack Obama was met with cheers from the hundreds of thousands who packed the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

But the crowd soon became

quiet as Obama eased into his inaugural speech just after noon Tuesday, his voice a confident baritone cutting through the bitter cold.

"I stand here today humbled by the task before us,

grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

And so were President

(See **OBAMA**, page seven)



President Barack Obama

THE QUIET OF WINTER



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College was covered in snow on Monday, but classes were not in session due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Bank declines participation in program

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Community Trust Bank, Inc. announced Monday it will not participate in the capital purchase program offered through the U.S. Department of Treasury, a program for which it was approved in mid-December.

"Community Trust is honored that the Treasury had chosen CTBI as an institution in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program," said Jean R.

Hale, president and CEO. "Considering our current capital position and the requirements the program would impose on our business, we believe that our participation in the program would not be in the best interest of our shareholders."

The bank received preliminary approval to be part of the program, which is designed to help healthy institutions build capital to support the national economy, on Dec. 17. Participation would have seen the bank receive \$68 million offered in

preferred shares and warrants to purchase common stock.

Hale said in December the bank, which has 71 locations across Kentucky, had discussed the possibility of taking part early on to help give the economy a boost, adding that the decision to have done so would have been entirely voluntary, as the program stipulates for those who take part.

Community Trust is currently

(See **BANK**, page seven)

Police say man threatened family with ax

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

HI HAT — A Hi Hat man has been arrested after allegedly threatening his family members with an ax.

David D. Sexton, 42, was arrested by an officer with the Kentucky State Police after the officer responded to a complaint of a fight at the residence.

According to the police report, Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville advised the officer that the subject was intoxicated and had an ax in his possession, threatening family members.

When the officer arrived on the scene, Sexton was allegedly in the bedroom of the residence. The officer noted that children were also in the home. Sexton allegedly clenched his fist in a threatening

(See **AX**, page seven)

Man charged with impersonating police officer

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man has been arrested on charges that he impersonated a peace officer nearly four months ago in an alleged attempt to remove a vehicle from an impound lot.

According to the police report, on Oct. 14, 2008, Walter Lee Setser, 34, called

(See **CHARGES**, page seven)

Arts houses receive much-needed donations

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A short time after an announcement that the Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley Theatre in Prestonsburg had lost additional funding, a corporation known for making contributions around the region went into its wallet once again.

Representatives with Equitable Resources visited the MAC and Jenny Wiley Monday morning to hand out a combined \$50,000 to the two arts and entertainment venues.

At the MAC, a check for \$25,000 was given to Keith Caudill, executive director of the facility, who said it was hard

for anyone to imagine how helpful the gesture would be for future plans.

"I can't tell you how much this is appreciated," Caudill told Equitable representatives Monday. "With help from good people like these folks at Equitable, we see there's a bright future ahead."

Caudill explained that with only \$10,000 in funding the facility was capable of organizing four showcases, just as many education seminars and help pay for subsidized music instructors.

"Just imagine what we'll be able to do with \$25,000," Caudill said.

Among members of

(See **DONATIONS**, page seven)



photo by Sheldon Compton

MAC Executive Director Keith Caudill, center, accepted a check for \$25,000 from Equitable Resources representatives Monday morning. Also pictured from left to right are Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Equitable Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Kevin West, Supervisor of Pipelines Gary Combs and Vice President of Operations Lloyd Hall.

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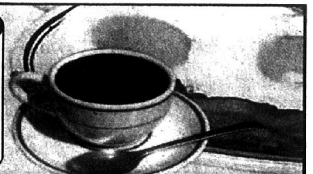
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Community Calendar

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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: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

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 Tele-Health 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.
January 22, 2009
* (S)He's driving me nuts. Managing behaviors in Alzheimer's and dementia
* Medications that work and what you can do that may be even better?
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 expert 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) 437-3011, or email: pspradlin@hospicebg.org.

HRMC to host weight loss surgery seminar sessions
Highlands Regional Medical Center and Kentucky Laparoscopic will be hosting several weight loss surgery seminar sessions throughout the area in January. The seminars will be held at the following locations and times:
East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville, KY
January 21st, at 6 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express Hazard, KY
January 27th at 6 p.m.
Magoffin County Extension Center Salsyville, KY
January 28th, at 6 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided and a FREE one month membership to the Highlands Wellness Center will be offered to those attending. For more information, please call: 606-886-8240.

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 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 474-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country, Coal 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 (SCSEP) program can help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community 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 Homemakers 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.
Clare: 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.
Newbies Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbies 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 Thursdays' 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' named by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
'Disabled?' You may be eligible for grants to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

'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 Dreda Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email desdne@castky.net.

'PARENTS!' - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for

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'East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homechoilers' 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.

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GRAND TORNO (R), Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
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Cinema 5—Hold Over
THE UNBORN (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:10-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:10-9:30.
Cinema 6—Hold Over
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG), Mon-Sun. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.
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— Socrates

Guest View

Obama's big challenges

Not since at least Ronald Reagan entered the White House in 1981 has a new president inherited such dire circumstances as those Barack Obama will confront upon taking office.

The nation's already anemic economy appears to be weakening further. The federal budget deficit is expected to soar past \$1 trillion this year and likely will remain above that extraordinary mark for years to come. The national debt may reach \$14 trillion by next year, standing at 95 percent of gross domestic product. Other financial crises are looming in the Medicare and Social Security programs as well as with private pension funds.

Much of Obama's attention since Election Day has been appropriately focused on the deepening recession. He's already asked Congress to send him a \$775 billion economic stimulus plan within the next month. That plan, which may wind up as the single most expensive piece of legislation in the nation's history, includes a proven tool for bolstering the economy -- \$300 billion in individual and corporate tax cuts.

But the bulk of the bill centers on a massive public works program designed to create millions of jobs. The history of such federal initiatives, however, has been less than impressive.

John Cochrane, a professor at the University of Chicago's School of Business, told The Chicago Tribune last week that the concept of a federal economic stimulus is "taught only for its fallacies." Other skeptics, including Harvard University Professor Greg Mankiw and Nobel Laureate Gary Becker, note that stimulus plans often arrive too late, accomplish too little and pile on too much debt.

How should the new president and Congress respond then in the face of dire economic news?

A key step is to ensure that the stimulus package isn't loaded with pork. A review of recent funding requests, all supposedly tied to job creation, from the nation's mayors reveals a long list of questionable projects, including plans to equip police in at least one community with Tasers.

Such a scattershot approach to job creation would likely not only waste time and money as the economy continues to sputter but also would drive up the deficit without a sufficient payoff.

One of Obama's early tasks must be to use a portion of his considerable political capital to confront the soaring national debt. Failure to do so -- one aspect of George W. Bush's legacy -- likely would inflict lasting damage on the nation's long-term economic prospects.

Obama also is succeeding a string of presidents who failed to confront growing problems in funding for Medicare and Social Security. Unless addressed soon, those time bombs will explode as more baby boomers retire.

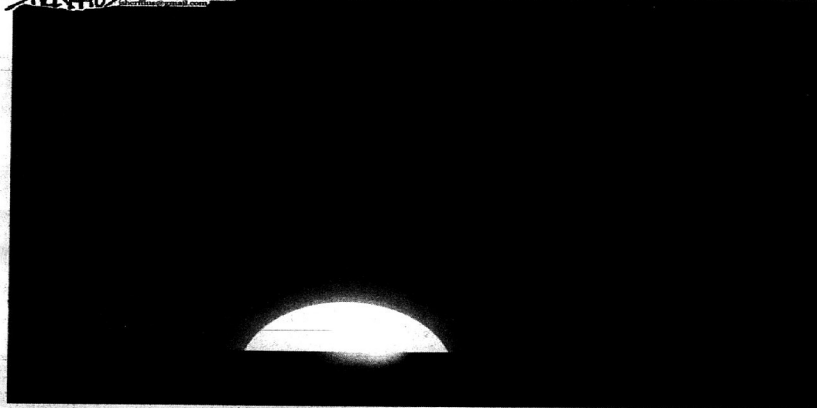
The fiscal and economic tasks awaiting the new president are unquestionably daunting. He has, however, two things in his favor: the good will of millions of voters who have demanded change in Washington, and a Congress unlikely to risk strong opposition to a popular new leader during his first months in office.

The Obama administration's biggest challenge? Striking the difficult balance of addressing the current economic problems without ignoring the long-term implications of the soaring debt. Toward that end, the president must reach out to fiscal conservatives in both parties to counter the free-spenders and the kings of pork who pack both houses of Congress.

Barack Obama will be tested on the economy in the months ahead like few presidents before him. The financial fate of millions of Americans will rest on how well he succeeds.

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Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Children with mental illness, health departments, reimbursement for foster care providers and other services are suffering from over \$48 million in cuts the state has ordered in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services "to help solve the state's budget crisis," officials told lawmakers last week.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee heard from Health and Family Services Cabinet Secretary Janie Miller about the impact of the reductions, including nearly \$30 million in cuts required by the current state budget as of last July and \$18.6 million in cuts the Cabinet plans to make to comply with \$147 in total state spending cuts the governor has proposed. The second round of cuts would address a current \$456 million state budget shortfall.

While Medicaid and funding for front-line social workers who often work in high risk environments are now protected from cuts, Miller said many programs are hurting. One of those is community based services, which Miller said has already had its state funding reduced by about \$12 million to meet the first round of budget cuts made last summer. Funding for community action, private child care providers and other services was also cut.

Public health, aging services and services for mental health and mental retardation also lost millions in the first round. Miller said effects of the cuts are already apparent at the state's 14 mental health centers, which lost nearly \$2.7 million in the first round of cuts. The centers have addressed the reductions in different ways: closing offices, cutting services, etc.,

which has lengthened waiting lists for mentally ill children.

The latest round of cuts calls for more changes in services, she said, including lowering reimbursement for those caring for foster children who are in the state's care. She admitted doing so would turn back strides made by the General Assembly in caring for these children who she said "require intensive community therapeutic services to help them recover" from neglect and abuse.

Public health faces \$3.6 million in state funding cuts which Miller said includes an estimated 5 percent additional reduction for local health departments. The departments lost about \$900,000 in cuts last July -- cuts that, unfortunately, are coming at a time when the number of people asking for health department services is rising along with joblessness.

One lawmaker on the committee said the state needs to look at what would happen if there were no new revenue, specifically federal dollars, to help with the current state budget crisis in health and family services. Miller said her agency is already quantifying how much federal matching dollars the state is losing as a result of state budget reductions.

Health and Family Services is just one of several areas of state government that Acting Budget Director John Hicks says face 4-percent cuts under a budget reduction plan proposed by Governor Steve Beshear for the remainder of this fiscal year ending June 30. These cuts are on top of cuts agencies made last year, as Miller described. Only a few services, including Medicaid, corrections and state per pupil school funding along with a few others -- are expected to be spared.

Spending cuts under the governor's plan would be combined with fund transfers, a proposed 3-day furlough for state employees, a portion of the state's "rainy day" budget reserve

increase to lower the \$456 million shortfall, with the proposed tax increase receiving the most scrutiny in recent days. The proposal would increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes to \$1 (or a 70 cent increase) and increase taxes on other tobacco products like snuff. The combined revenue from the tax increase is expected to put an \$81 million dent in the shortfall, according to Hicks.

Since the tax revenue is needed to fill a hole in the current fiscal year's budget, the governor wants lawmakers to pass the tax proposal during the 2009 session which reconvenes next month. But, as of yet, there is no agreement among lawmakers to do so. On the other hand, Hicks said the governor's office has no "concrete plan" to make cuts beyond the 4-percent reductions that are part of Governor Beshear's current budget proposal.

What Kentuckians need to know is that we must either have new revenue or make deeper cuts to get the recession-battered budget back in balance. Citizens should also know that these cuts could be devastating to many state programs and, lawmakers have been told, could lead to closing of child care agencies, elimination of health department services and possibly even state employee layoffs, among other severe cuts.

Some of you favor the tobacco tax proposal while I know others do not. But something must be done by legislative action within the next few months to keep the budget crisis from worsening. I encourage you to call the Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181 as soon as possible to share your ideas about the governor's proposal along with any shortfall-reduction suggestions you have if you do not agree with the governor's proposal. This information will be very helpful to lawmakers as we decide the best way to get through what is one of the toughest budget cycles in state history.

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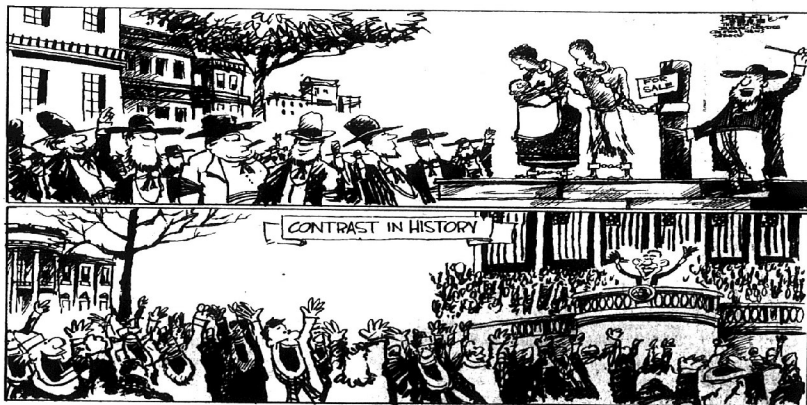
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Low-income families can get home energy assistance

FRANKFORT — Kentuckians reeling from near-record low temperatures this week are reminded that assistance is available to families in need of help paying their heating bills.

The state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a short-term aid program that is now in its "crisis" phase. Assistance during this component helps families facing home heating emergencies.

Community Action Kentucky (CAK) administers LIHEAP benefits through its network of 23 community action agencies (CAAs) under a contract with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). Every county has at least one CAA office.

"LIHEAP funds save lives and energize Kentucky during the colder months," Gov. Steve Beshear said. "Along with local

charities and advocacy centers, this program helps significantly to keep families warm every winter."

The crisis component runs through March 31 or until funds are depleted.

In the crisis assistance phase, maximum benefits vary depending on families' fuel source.

More than 49,500 applications have been approved for crisis assistance so far.

Assistance may take the form of utility payment, service reconnection, blankets, space heaters on loan or deliveries of fuel like firewood, coal or propane. Relief is provided within 48 hours, or 18 hours in an emergency.

CAAs are accepting applications for LIHEAP assistance. Log on to <http://kaca.org/> for a listing of local offices.

Eligible clients must be within four days of exhausting

fuel or have received a disconnect/past due notice from their utility company. Applicants should bring the following items:

- Most recent heating bill or verification that heating expenses are included in the rent;
- Social Security Numbers or Permanent Residence Card Number for each member for the household; and
- Proof of all household income from the preceding month.

Applicants whose rent includes heat must bring an eviction notice from the landlord.

Kentucky received more than \$68 million in federal funds this fiscal year, more than double the anticipated \$30 million Kentucky was to receive.

Many families avoided a heating crisis by seeking help during LIHEAP's "subsidy" phase at the end of 2008. During the two-month subsidy period, 119,326 applications for subsidy were approved.

Learn more about LIHEAP online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/debs/dfs/LIH>

Heat Homes Safely

Families should also be mindful of safety when heating their homes. Preparation and maintenance can save lives by preventing or providing early warning of a house fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), December, January and February are the leading months for home fires. Home heating fires are preventable with proper maintenance and preventive measures.

No matter the home heating system, families should always make sure they have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Low-income Kentuckians can get help heating their homes safely and more efficiently from the state Weatherization Program, which aims to reduce utility costs and consumption through energy-saving repairs.

For more information about and eligibility requirements for the Weatherization Program, log on to <http://chfs.ky.gov/debs/dfs/Weatherization.htm>.

Home Heating Tips

The National Fire Protection Association suggests these tips for home heating safety:

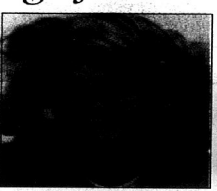
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable heater.
- Only use heating equipment that is labeled by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Never use your oven for heating.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- For fuel-burning space heaters, always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from the home.
- For wood-burning stoves, install chimney connectors and chimneys following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not attempt to light the appliance. Turn off all the controls and open doors and windows. Call a gas service person immediately.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly.

MLK remembrance at Pikeville College Jan. 26

PIKEVILLE — Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

For civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., his dream of freedom continues to shape the future. The community is invited to join Pikeville College as we honor the life and works of Dr. King on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium.



Dr. Betty Griffin is a professor and chairperson of Education and Human Services at Kentucky State University, as an associate (tenured) professor at Oregon State University, as a visiting scholar at Stanford University and as special assistant to the vice chancellor of minority affairs at the University of Kentucky.

Griffin is a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and earned her master's degree and doctorate of education at Oregon State University. Her post-doctoral work was completed at Wharton University at the University of Pennsylvania, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin and at Harvard University.

For more information on the Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance service at Pikeville College, contact the Public Affairs office at 218-5270. Booth Auditorium is located on the fifth floor of Record Memorial Building. Parking is available in the parking facility on Hambley Boulevard.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Betty Griffin, a longtime civic and human rights leader and CEO of The Griffin Group, a national professional development and public speaking consulting agency. Griffin will reflect on the significance of Dr. King's life and work and the contributions of his wife, Coretta Scott King, the First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement. In addition to sharing personal stories, Griffin will also talk about her experiences at the inaugural festivities of President-elect Barack Obama. Special music during the remembrance will be provided by the Pikeville College Choir.

Griffin serves as a board member and former chairperson of the Kentucky Governor's Long Term Policy Research Board, and serves on the boards of the Lexington Urban League and Health Kentucky. She was appointed by the U.S. Office on Civil Rights to Kentucky's Civil Rights Advisory Commission.

A native of Danville and residing in Frankfort, Griffin is an accomplished scholar and educator. She served as profes-

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Center for Rural Development to celebrate Lincoln Bicentennial with school programs in 42 counties

Ten thousand students. Fifty performances. Forty-two counties. Nine partners. One legendary Kentucky native and beloved American president. The Center for Rural Development will pull these elements together this February in celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial—the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth—throughout more than one third of the 120 counties in his "Old Kentucky Home."

The effort will be punctuated by an amazing two-week run starting Feb. 2 during which The Center's Arts and Culture Outreach Program will take a variety of Lincoln-related performances into one public school in each of 42 counties in The Center's primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

"It is a very extensive effort, but one that The Center is proud to help coordinate with our participating partners in honor of a Kentucky native and political figure whose impact on our nation is everlasting," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center.

The on-site school performances organized by The Center will give students living history lessons on Lincoln—America's 16th president—through special plays, historically accurate impersonations, and

zling multimedia presentations. Lawson said, noting that all events will be staged at no cost to the schools.

Performances and programs will be brought to the schools by the Lexington Children's Theatre, the Kentucky Humanities Council's Kentucky Chautauqua, the Kentucky Repertory Theatre, and the National Park Service, and will include:

- The Lexington Children's Theatre's "Keeping Mr. Lincoln," a newly commissioned play by child playwright Sandra Fenichel Asher that tells the story of how Lincoln—the son of poor, uneducated parents—transformed himself into an eloquent orator, skillful leader, and ultimately, president of the United States.
- Presentations by the Kentucky Humanities Council's Kentucky Chautauqua—which will take four historically accurate impersonations into area schools to illustrate the impact of Lincoln on Kentucky and the nation. Jim Sayre will portray Lincoln; Erma Bush will portray Miss Dinny Thompson, a slave of the prominent Speed family of Louisville; Betsy B. Smith will portray Emilie Todd Helm, the sister of Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln; and Barbara Flair will portray Mary Owens, a romantic interest of Lincoln's prior to his political ascent and marriage to

Mary Todd.

- The Kentucky Repertory Theatre's "One Man's Lincoln," a one-man, two-act touring production written by author Wade Hall and presented from the viewpoint of William Herndon, Lincoln's law partner in Springfield, Ill. Herndon presents a monologue of the "evidence" on Lincoln as if he were in court, speaking from the law offices the two men shared before Lincoln was elected president.
- A multimedia presentation by the National Park Service that will show students the effects of slavery on Abraham Lincoln during his formative years in Kentucky. Hosted by Stephen Brown, an education specialist with the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville, Ky., the presentation will show students examples of Underground Railroad activity in Kentucky and learn how these experiences may have influenced Lincoln's views of slavery.
- One of the Lincoln performances will be hosted for at least one school in each of the 42 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky participating in The Center's celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial. Additionally, The Center will present each school study guides for students that highlight the performances and programs' context within state educational arts

and humanities requirements.

Throughout February, a series of events, performances, and exhibits honoring Lincoln will also be staged at The Center in Somerset, Ky. The Center is located at 2992 South Highway 27 at traffic light No. 15.

All performances and events at The Center are free and open to the public.

All month long, The Center will house an exclusive new exhibit from the Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) in Harrogate, Tenn., which will allow students and visitors to examine Lincoln's status in light of his remaining a cultural icon.

Designed by museum staff and students under the guidance of Assistant Director and Curator Steven Wilson, LMU's "Abraham Lincoln: Icon and Enigma" exhibit will offer viewers a glimpse at traditional and contemporary views of Lincoln, combining the eclectic works of famed artist Harry Wood with more recognizable steel engravings, woodcuts, and paintings from the 19th century.

From Feb. 3-5, visitors to The Center can climb aboard the Kentucky Historical Society's HistoryMobile, a state-of-the-art mobile museum housed in a 45-foot tractor-trailer featuring artifacts, images, and interactive audio and

video elements on Kentucky history. The HistoryMobile's 300-square-foot traveling exhibit was specially redesigned for the Lincoln Bicentennial.

The Center will also host an evening of public events on Thursday, Feb. 12 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-show presentation detailing LMU's "Abraham Lincoln: Icon and Enigma" exhibit. Sonny's Bar-B-Q will serve a catered meal during the pre-show event at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. A free performance of the Kentucky Repertory Theatre's "One Man's Lincoln" follows at 7 p.m. in The Center's theatre.

Free copies of the "Kentucky Humanities: The Lincoln Issue" special edition magazine and the chapbook "Abraham Lincoln of Kentucky—An Interview with the President" will be available at performances in area schools and The Center courtesy of the Kentucky Humanities Council.

For additional information on The Center's Lincoln Bicentennial events and schedules, contact The Center at 606-677-6000, visit www.centertech.com, or e-mail Pat Bradley, associate vice president of arts, culture and entertainment, at pbradley@centertech.com

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4-H Youth Development

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Floyd County Extension Office



Kentucky 4-H celebrates its 100th anniversary

Since its inception in 1909, the 4-H program in Kentucky has helped shape the state's youth into productive, contributing members of society. Over the years, the organization has transformed to meet the needs of generations of young people. As the 4-H program in Kentucky celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2009, now is a good time to reflect on organization's past accomplishments and plan for the future.

In Kentucky, 4-H began with the organization of the Fayette County corn club in 1909. 4-H had an immediate impact on the state's youth. In just eight years, the organization spread to 42 counties and included 3,887 young people. The participation in 4-H has steadily increased over the years. In 2007, 229,126 Kentucky youths were involved with 4-H. This is nearly 27 percent of all the state's young people.

4-H prides itself on being a very inclusive organization. While 4-H's beginnings are in

agriculture, as early as the 1930s the organization offered programs to young people who had no agricultural background or experience. Today, many of 4-H's programs have strong ties to the organization's agricultural beginnings, but there are just as many programs that do not. 4-H offers youth opportunities in communications, leadership, career development, livestock, home improvement, and computer technology.

Despite which program 4-Hers are involved with, the purpose of 4-H is to help its members with personal growth. Life skills are built into most 4-H projects, activities and events. These skills help participants become contributing, productive, self-directed members of a forward-moving society.

In addition to the traditional 4-H community club model, youth may participate through urban groups, community resource development, special interest groups, EFNEP nutrition programs, school enrichment,

camping and interagency learning experiences.

In honor of Kentucky 4-H 100th Anniversary, Floyd County 4-H is planning to have an Alumni Banquet in April 2009. If you are past 4-H'er interested in participating or attending, please contact Heather J. Nelson, Floyd County 4-H Youth Development Agent at 606.886.2668 or hnelson@uky.edu or stop by for a visit at the Floyd County Extension Office located at 921 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY.

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Kentuckians encouraged to get involved in programs that aid youth

FRANKFORT — Youth and teens can have higher self-esteem, better communications skills and a higher success rate in school when they are mentored by caring adults.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) is encouraging Kentuckians to invest the time

to mentor youth.

Gov. Steve Beshear has proclaimed January Mentoring Month in Kentucky. KCCVS Executive Director Eileen Cackowski said the

need for mentors is great, and the beginning of a new year is a good time to start a new volunteer commitment.

"Today's youth are tomorrow's parents, decision makers

and leaders," she said. "Adults who mentor offer guidance, support and encouragement that develop the competence and character young people need as they grow to reach their potential."

Studies show several benefits of mentoring. Youth are more likely to stay in school, avoid abusing drugs and alcohol and seek and retain employment. They are also less likely to resort to violence.

Cackowski said that at its most basic level, mentoring helps because it shows young people that there is someone who cares about them.

"Children of any age and background would be happy to know they are not alone in what they are going through and they have another adult they can trust," she said. "Taking part in mentoring promotes positive social attitudes and relationships. That is the foundation of so much of what we accomplish as adults."

KCCVS partners have thousands of mentoring opportunities, Cackowski said. There are needs for working with groups and individuals. Log on to www.volunteerKY.gov or call (800) 239-7404 to learn more.

MSU Study Abroad Fair slated for Jan. 28

MOREHEAD — Students interested in traveling the world and experiencing new cultures are invited to attend an informational session on the study abroad opportunities at Morehead State University.

The Study Abroad Fair will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus. Information tables will be set up outside the entrance to the food court

area. Interested students, faculty and staff can find information on the educational enrichment opportunities available globally through MSU's Office of International Education.

Representatives will be available to discuss international studies options for fall, spring, summer or year long terms, as well as exchange programs and internships. Attendees can learn about specific

academic programs, courses and financial aid.

Study abroad programs are offered at more than 30 locations, including France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Spain, Australia, Italy and Hong Kong.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of International Education at (606) 783-2096, or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/oie.

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meeting the needs of its customers, and sees no reason to change the general climate of their business functions, Hale added. "Our company currently maintains a capital level significantly exceeding regulatory guidelines for a well-capitalized institution and is meeting the lending needs of

our customers," she said in a statement Monday.

In mid-October, the treasury department announced the program, which saw officials approve the purchase of up to \$250 billion to be made available for U.S. controlled banks, savings associations and cer-

tain bank and savings and loan holding companies engaged only in financial activities.

In addition to its 71 locations in Kentucky, Community Trust also has five trust offices and another six banking location in West Virginia.

Obama

Barack Obama's first words to a hopeful nation, one that has clung to his every word for several months leading up to Tuesday's ceremonies.

The words that followed covered a variety of concerns weighing heavily on the minds of Americans, including the economy, the war in Iraq and, most prominently, the role of Americans as innovative and courageous leaders and the task of finding the way to refit

ourselves for this role.

"Know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace of dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more."

Also touched on frequently during the course of Obama's first speech was an idea the newly elected president has always held out front — that of unity amid rich diversity within Washington.

"On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn-out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics."

In what could perhaps prove to be one of the more memorable points made during Obama's speech Tuesday could be comments made in regard to those "who cling to power."

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Equitable Resources on hand for the check presentation were Vice President of Operations Lloyd Hall and Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Kevin West.

"We try to support programs that may not get funded by other means," West said. "We also try to focus on and supplement educational opportunities, so we're proud to fund the arts and humanities in this region."

West and others handed Caudill \$25,000 early Monday morning and then left for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, where another \$25,000 was handed out for funding to the Jenny Wiley Theatre, another venue that has been forced to face cutbacks.

Marty Childers, director of

the theatre, said in interviews last week that corporate sponsors for the venue would continue to support them with funding, but that a host of adjustments had been made of late.

For Caudill, the outlook was slightly more bleak before the help received Monday. Since 2003, the MAC has seen its budget income drop by 40 percent, a result of cutbacks and the loss of grants and earmarks.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who has been updating Equitable administrators

on the various funding issues in the city in the past several months, offered high praise for the corporate citizens Monday.

"Every dollar makes a difference," Fannin said. "We're proud of what you've done. I hope God blesses you and your company. It's people like you that makes things happen."

Equitable representatives said Monday their hope is that other companies in the region will join them in offering donations to worthy programs and the support of others.



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Setser was arrested on and charged with impersonating a peace officer, tampering with physical evidence, and first-degree forgery. Setser was transported to the Floyd County Detention Center where he is held on a \$25,000 cash bond.

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manner and advanced toward the officer after the officer attempted to engage him in conversation.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Valley eliminates Bobcats

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — It's safe to say Elisha Justice is back at full strength for the Shelby Valley Wildcats. The Shelby Valley junior guard, who battled back from an injury earlier in the month, scored a game-high 25 points Friday night as the Wildcats cruised past Betsy Layne 71-36 in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Shelby Valley took Betsy Layne out of the game in the first quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 17-2. Betsy Layne ventured into

halftime ahead 36-14. Shelby Valley dominated, outscoring Betsy Layne in each quarter.

The Bobcats were held to 20 points in the second and third quarters combined.

Jacob Bryant added 12 points for Shelby Valley. Taylor Newsome scored eight and Curby Tackett tossed in seven for the Wildcats.

Shelby Valley improved to 12-4 after recording the win.

Sophomore Nathan Martin led Betsy Layne, scoring 11 points. Bryant Tibbs tossed in eight points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne (9-5) was back

in action Tuesday night on the road at Lawrence County. The Betsy Layne-Lawrence County game was being played when this edition went to press.

Shelby Valley 71.
Betsy Layne 36
Betsy Layne (9-5) — Adkins 2, Martin 11, Tibbs 8, Head 4, Tackett 2, Newman 1, Howell 3, Newsom 2, Roberts 1, Stumbo 2.
Shelby Valley (12-4) — Justice 25, Hatfield 5, Newsome 8, Bryant 12, Varney 3, Adams 4, Tackett 7, Robinson 2, Roberts 3, Bartley 2.
BL.....12 8 14-36
SV.....17 19 14-21



Veteran Betsy Layne boys' basketball coach Junior Newsome (far left) looked on during Betsy Layne's 15th Region All "A" Classic game versus Shelby Valley.

photo by Janice Howell

Hornets too much for Rebs

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Phelps has quietly put together one of the 15th Region's best records. The Hornets added another win to their record on Saturday thanks to a victory over Allen Central in the 15th Region All "A" Classic quarterfinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Phelps broke free from a close game, pulling away for a 72-53 win over the Rebels.

Dillon Stiltner led Phelps with a game-high 29 points.

A team that continues to improve, Allen Central played even with Phelps through the first quarter. Allen Central and Phelps were deadlocked 15-15 at the conclusion of the opening period. Phelps led 33-28 at the half, proceeding to put some distance between themselves and the Rebels in the second half. The Hornets outscored Allen Central 21-13 in the third quarter.

Junior guard Chris Stumbo led Allen Central with 13 points. Justin Jackson followed with 11 points for the Rebels. In all, nine different Allen Central players provided scoring in the 15th Region All "A" Classic matchup.

The Rebels dropped to 1-9 after absorbing the loss.

Phelps 72, Allen Central 53
Phelps (11-3) — Hobbs 4, Lester 2, Stiltner 29, Hager 8, Smith 5, Maynard 7, Campbell 15, Hopson 2.
Allen Central (1-9) — Jarrell 2, Jackson 11, Salisbury 8, Stumbo 13, Nelson 5, Woods 4, Horton 5, Dingsus 3, Francis 2.

P.....15 18 21 18-72
AC.....15 13 13 12-53

Meeks named SEC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Junior Jodie Meeks was named the SEC Player of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

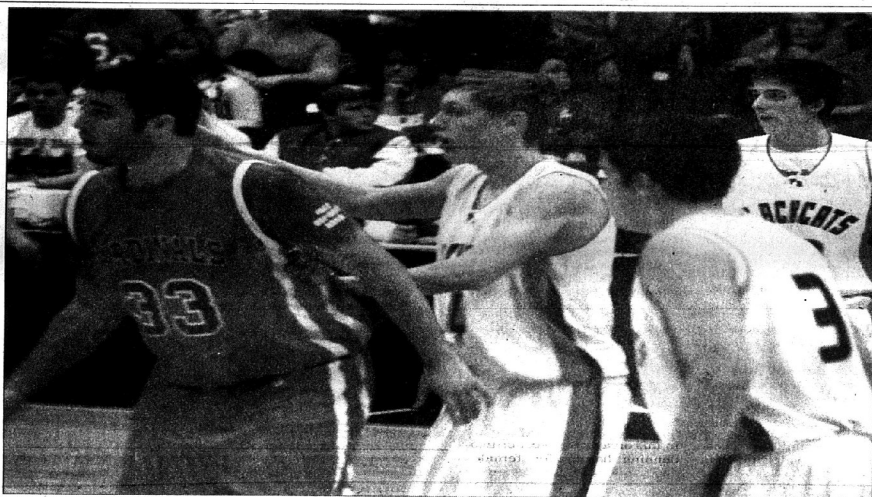
The 6-4 Norecross, Ga. native helped lead Kentucky to a 2-0 record on the week with wins at Tennessee (90-72) and Georgia (68-45). Meeks set the school single-game scoring record with 54 points at Tennessee, while breaking the school mark for three-pointers with 10 in the same game.

He followed that game with a 22-point effort at Georgia, shooting 8-for-16 from the field and 3-for-8 from the three-point line.

Meeks currently ranks fourth nationally in scoring, averaging 25.7 ppg. and fifth in the nation in three-point field goals made (70). Meeks is also doing it from the line, shooting an SEC best 90.8 percent (109-120) from the charity stripe. He had a string of 36 consecutive made free throws snapped at Georgia.

The award is his third of the season and the sixth weekly league honor of his career.

Including this week, the Wildcats have received six weekly honors this season with Meeks being a recipient three times. Sophomore Patrick Patterson has been honored once and DeAndre Liggins was named the SEC Freshman of the Week earlier this year.



Prestonsburg held off Sheldon Clark in a 15th Region All "A" Classic game Saturday. Prestonsburg senior Jody Tackett scorched the nets for a game-high 32 points. More

photo by Janice Howell

Floyd girls' teams fall in All 'A' opening round

Phelps edges Betsy Layne, 65-64

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Phelps managed to slip past Betsy Layne 65-64 Saturday in the Girls' 15th Region All "A" Classic quarterfinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Merissa Pruitt led a balanced Phelps scoring effort with 20 points. Kayla Rathiff scored 17 points and Jasmine Hall had 10 for the Lady Hornets.

Phelps moved to 9-3 following the tournament win.

Betsy Layne and Phelps battled back and forth, particularly in the second half. Phelps carried a 39-32 lead into halftime. Betsy Layne played its best basketball in the third quarter, outscoring Phelps 24-14.

Junior guard Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 30 points. Taylor Holt tossed in 26 points for the

Lady Cats.

Betsy Layne dropped to 6-7 following the loss.

Shelby Valley 73, Prestonsburg 54. Four players reached double figures in the scoring column as Shelby Valley defeated Prestonsburg in the 15th Region All "A" Classic quarterfinals. Junior center Brittany Swindell scored 18 points and senior guard Laura Perkins added 17 for Shelby Valley. Sophomore forward Brooke Coleman contributed 12 and junior forward/guard Savyers scored 11 for the veteran Shelby Valley team.

Shelby Valley built a double-digit lead in the first half. Coach Rodney Rowe's Shelby Valley team carried a 48-28 lead into halftime.

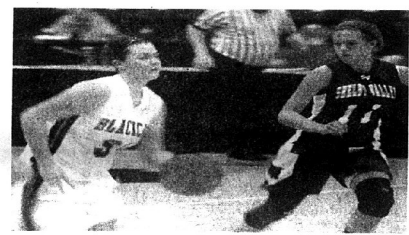
Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg 14-8 in the fourth quarter.

Senior Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 29 points. Kristian Waugh added 14 points and Alexis Dekossett scored nine for the Lady Blackcats.

Pikeville (13-6, 0-2), meanwhile, managed only 39.66 percent from the field and was 1-of-11 from the arc in losing its second consecutive game.

Lindsey Wilson held a 42-30 lead at the half and then scored the first 11 points of the second half and 14 of the first 16 to blow the game open and roll to the win.

Junior guard Sierra Rambert led all scorers with 18 points for Lindsey



The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats fell to Shelby Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Linsey Fields (33) and Cassie Gurchett (24) are pictured for the Lady Blackcats.

photo by Debra Hackworth



Lindsey drops Lady Bears to 0-2 in MSC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — The Lady Raiders of Lindsey Wilson College opened league play with an 80-64 win over Pikeville College on Saturday afternoon.

Lindsey Wilson (15-4, 1-0 in the Mid-South Conference) shot 50 percent from the field and sank 11-2 (7-of-17) from the arc. Coach John B. Wethington's club really made hay at the free throw line, hitting 27-of-

33 (81.82 percent).

Pikeville (13-6, 0-2), meanwhile, managed only 39.66 percent from the field and was 1-of-11 from the arc in losing its second consecutive game.

Lindsey Wilson held a 42-30 lead at the half and then scored the first 11 points of the second half and 14 of the first 16 to blow the game open and roll to the win.

Wilson, and added five rebounds and five assists as well. Sophomore Victoria Krell followed with 45 points, and a team best six rebounds.

Sophomore Diondra Anthony added 12. Pikeville also had three players in double figures, paced by sophomore Lakin Bailey's 15 points.

The Abbeville, S.C., product also had seven rebounds for the Lady Bears, who won that battle 35-31.

Natiera Hinton, a sophomore from Rock Hill, S.C., followed with 14 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Megan Mosley tossed in 11.

Senior Kristal Daniels, a Betsy Layne High School graduate, led the Lady Bears with eight rebounds.

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night when it travels to Georgetown.

Lindsey Wilson will visit regional rival Campbellsville on Thursday night.

Vories, No. 18 Lindsey Wilson hold off Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — Lindsey Wilson shot 53 percent from the floor and made half its three-point tries to knock off Pikeville College 71-67 Saturday afternoon.

Junior Jeff Vories was the difference for the Blue Raiders, finishing with 18 thanks to 4-of-4 shooting from the arc. On the season, the 6-2 junior from Fort Thomas was averaging only 6.7 points when the game began.

Lindsey Wilson (14-2, 1-0 in the Mid-South Conference) led by 13 in the first half before the Bears got back within two, 39-37, at the half.

In the second half, the Blue Raiders led by nine midway through. The Bears got as close as three (70-67) on a putback by senior Ewan Linton with 33 seconds left, and then forced a turnover to get the ball back with 17 seconds left. But junior Josh Samarco missed a three-point shot to tie the game, allowing the Raiders to win their Mid-South Conference opener.

Samarco, second in the league in scoring, led both teams with 20 points. He hit 4-of-8 from the arc and was 3-of-5 in the second half. Three teammates scored in double figures as four of the seven Bears to see playing time had at least 11 points.

Senior J.B. Smiley followed with 14 points, sophomore Justin Hicks had 13 and senior Ewan Linton 11.

Hicks, a Hazard product, also had seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Linton led the Bears with 10 rebounds, as the guests edged ahead on the glass 34-33.

Vories was followed by junior Eric McPherson's 15 points, while junior Andrija Tintor finished with 10.

Senior Sam Walton led the Raiders on the glass with 10.

Pikeville (12-6, 1-1) will be back in action on Thursday when it visits second-ranked Georgetown College for an 8 p.m. tip. Lindsey Wilson travels 30 minutes up the road to play Campbellsville on Thursday night.

State tourney tickets available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tickets to the 2009 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 27. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

KHSAA CALENDAR: Jan. 30 Sweet 16 Draw Show, WKYTV and Insight outlets live at 1 p.m. (ET); Feb. 2-7 Regional Swimming & Diving Meets; Feb. 13-14-Panell. (Swim Shop/KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet; Feb. 13-14-Regional Wrestling Tournament; Feb. 19-21-State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort; Feb. 23-28-District Basketball Tournaments.

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Satisfy fishing itch with season catch-and-release trout streams

by LEE MCCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — We are now in that long, hard slog of winter; the bleak period between New Year's and the coming of warm weather in March. Hunting seasons are winding down and those without a boat can't fish Lake Cumberland for striped bass or Laurel River Lake for smallmouth bass. It is the time of doldrums.

But, a spinning or fly rod and a few lures will get a trout wiggling in your landing net and lift your spirits during this time of cold weather and short days. Kentucky has 13 seasonal catch-and-release trout streams scattered throughout the state that offer outstanding fishing throughout the winter months.

"I caught 19 trout standing in the same place recently on Big Bone Creek," said John Guthrie, an expert trout angler and member of the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. "The

fish are in the deeper holes and bigger pools. I didn't catch any in pocket water or runs."

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources implemented the seasonal catch-and-release trout streams program in 1999. Under seasonal catch-and-release regulations, all trout caught from October 1 through March 31 in specially designated streams must be released immediately.

Only artificial baits may be used for trout in these streams during the catch and release season. Anglers may not use organic baits such as PowerBait, corn, cheese or salmon eggs, or live baits such as worms or minnows.

"The goal of the program is to delay the harvest so the trout stay in the stream longer," said Dave Dreves, fishery research biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "In a lot of these streams, a lot of the freshly stocked hatchery fish are caught out quickly during spring and summer.

Most are gone in a few days. They haven't gotten stream wise yet and bite about anything. The catch-and-release season gives them time to acclimate and grow."

Anglers can carry all the lures needed to catch winter trout in a plastic sandwich bag. "I've had good luck with inline spinners," Dreves said. "They also hit Trout Magnets and small crankbaits."

Fly anglers should carry some nymph patterns in their fly box. "I caught them on a bead head pheasant tail nymph in sizes 12 and 14," said Guthrie. "I started with Clouser minnows and wooly buggers with no luck, but started hammering them when I switched to nymphs."

Dreves also prefers nymphs. Those that imitate mayflies, such as the hare's ear nymph, are his favorites for winter fishing, but he also casts a more generalist pattern, such as the Prince nymph.

Stonely imitations also produce in winter. "A lot of

winter stonelys are small," Dreves said. "You'll want to cast smaller stonely imitations."

A shorter, 3- to 4-weight fly rod is the best choice to cast nymphs and stonelys. "For creeks as small as Big Bone, I like a shorter fly rod, between 6'7" to 8 feet," Guthrie said. "Longer rods are harder to cast with the limited space. Plus, casts don't need to be very long."

The best of the 13 seasonal catch-and-release streams is Rock Creek in McCreary County. "East Fork of Indian Creek in the Red River Gorge Geologic Area is probably second and then Swift Camp Creek," Dreves said. "Swift Camp Creek is in the City Wilderness Area of Red River Gorge. It is a unique fishing experience."

Unlike the other 12 specially designated streams, the catch-and-release trout season on Swift Camp Creek runs until May 31.

Shake off the winter blues

with a jumping trout. Get out and take advantage of a unique fishing opportunity. Spring will be here before you know it.

Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Streams: Bark Camp Creek — Whitley County; Beaver Creek — Wayne County; Big Bone Creek — Boone County; Cane Creek — Laurel County; Casey Creek — Trigg County; Clear Creek — Bell County; East Fork, Indian Creek — Menifee County; Elk Spring Creek — Wayne County; Left Fork, Beaver Creek — Floyd County; Middle Fork, Red River — Powell, Wolfe counties; Otter Creek — Meade County (Otter Creek Park is temporarily closed to public access); Rock Creek — McCreary County; Swift Camp Creek — Wolfe County (season closes May 31).

Author Lee McClellan is an award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of

Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

15th Region Boys' Basketball (Records through Jan. 19)

Team	Overall Record
Shelby Valley	13-4
Johnson Central	11-5
Pikeville	11-7
Phelps	10-3
Lawrence County	10-5
Betsy Layne	9-5
East Ridge	9-7
Prestonsburg	8-7
Shelton Clark	7-8
Magdon County	6-11
Bolivar	5-8
South Floyd	4-14
Pike County Central	3-12
Paintsville	3-13
Allen Central	1-9

COMING FRIDAY: More 15th Region high school basketball coverage.

Kentucky black bear hunt approved for 2009 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — In half a century, Kentucky's white-tailed deer herd grew from 1,000 animals to a million today. Wild turkeys increased from about 800 birds to a quarter-million, and we are now home to 10,000 free-ranging elk, the largest elk population east of the Rocky Mountains. All are now hunted in Kentucky.

A new big game species came closer to joining that list this week when legislators approved a pending regulatory amendment that will create Kentucky's first black bear season in more than 100 years.

"Sportsmen and sports-women of Kentucky should be very excited," said Steven Dobey, black bear biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Bears are now well established in eastern Kentucky and research shows that population growth has risen steadily over the last 20 years."

Historically, the range of black bears throughout much of the eastern U.S. was diminished significantly by habitat loss due to wholesale logging and unregulated harvest. Today, however, black bears are more abundant than at any point since the mid-1900s, and Kentucky is no exception. Once logged forests have naturally matured and now offer

excellent bear habitat throughout much of the southern Appalachian region of the Commonwealth.

"The 2009 hunt quota is a conservative one of 10 bears, or 5 females, whichever limit is reached first," said Dobey.

The 2-day season will occur on the third weekend in December and bears may only be hunted within a 3-county bear zone of Harlan, Letcher, and Pike counties. Research clearly shows that Kentucky's bear population can sustain a hunt.

The League of Kentucky Sportsmen and others have pushed for a Kentucky black bear hunt for several years. League President Rick Allen recently testified before a legislative committee in support of creating the state's first bear season. A decade-long University of Kentucky black bear population study is supportive as well.

The timing of this hunt is critical, as ongoing tracking of radio-collared bears shows that most females enter dens during the first week in December. As such, the hunt will concentrate efforts on male bears. The bear zone was identified based on a decade of population monitoring and research that indicates this area of the Pine, Cumberland and Black Mountain region has the highest bear densities.

The 6,000-acre Hensley-

Pine Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Letcher County will be closed to all bear hunting and serve as a sanctuary for denning females. On an additional 12,421 acres surrounding this wildlife management area, bear hunting will be limited to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property.

Collectively, the bear sanctuary will stretch from the town of Cumberland to the northern end of the wildlife management area, bounded by KY 160 and U.S. 119 along either side of Pine Mountain.

"Since 2006, 77 percent of all radiocollared female bears have denned on Pine Mountain," Dobey continued. "Minimizing hunting pressure in this area will protect critical denning habitat for females and greatly assist in our ongoing management efforts."

The purchase of a \$30 black bear permit will be available only to Kentucky residents. All bears harvested must be telechecked and taken to a department-operated check station. All bear hunters will be required to call an automated telephone number by 9 p.m. after the first day of the hunt to learn whether the quota has been reached. If the quota is met on day one, then the season will be closed. Baiting for bears and the use of hounds will be prohibited.

Colonels keep win streak alive, defeat Austin College, 77-69

Bentley scores six points for Colonels

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE — The Centre College men's basketball team used a strong second half performance to win its fourth straight SCAAC conference game against visiting Austin College, 77-69, on Saturday, Jan. 17. The Colonels are now 12-3 on the year and 5-1 in the SCAAC.

In the first half the Colonels

seized the lead at the five-minute mark to go into halftime up four, 33-29. Despite the Austin College size advantage the Colonels dominated the paint where they scored 22 of their 33 points. At the half junior forward Danny Noll (Fl. Mitchell) led all Colonels with nine points and six rebounds.

The Colonels opened the second half with a 19-5 run to pull away from Austin College in route to securing their 12th win of the season. For the game the Colonels shot an impressive 29-50 (58.0%) from the field and were 8-16 (50.0%) from beyond the three-point line. The Colonels held Austin College to an opponent shooting percentage of 39.7% (23-58) and an even

lower opponent three-point shooting percentage of 22.2% (4-18).

The Colonels were led on the night by Noll, who finished with 15 points and 7 rebounds, and senior point guard Ryan Crowdis (Louisville) who posted 15 points, five rebounds and four assists. Senior forward T.C. Thomason (Russellville) also scored in double figures for the Colonels finishing with 11 points.

Floyd County native Kris Bentley added six points for host Centre.

The Colonels will return to action Friday, Jan. 23 on the road against SCAAC opponent Hendrix. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

photo by Debra Hackworth

PRESTONSBURG SOPHOMORE ALEXIS DEFOSSSETT looked on during the 15th Region All "A" Classic game versus Shelby Valley. DeFosssett ranks as one of the 15th Region's top girls' basketball players.



BORDER BOWL: Prestonsburg High School seniors Allen Crayton (12) and Seth Setser (52) played for Kentucky in the 2009 National Guard Border Bowl held in Williamsburg. Kentucky defeated Tennessee 26-22. Crayton and Setser each received an all-star plaque, jersey and championship ring.

15TH REGION ALL 'A' CLASSIC



photos by Jamie Howell

ALLEN CENTRAL couldn't get past Paintsville in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. First-year Allen Central head coach Tiffany Turner (right) and her team continue to make strides.



SENIOR CENTER DEVAN ADAMS (23), a Floyd County native, gives Shelby Valley an even better inside game. The Wildcats defeated Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.



MSU co-ed cheerleading squad wins 19th national title

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University co-ed cheerleading squad won its 19th national championship and the all-girl cheerleading squad finished second in the National Collegiate Cheerleading Championships being held at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando. The co-ed group won its eighth consecutive national crown, and it is the second consecutive year that the all-girl squad has placed second in the very competitive Division I competition. The all-girl squad has won six national championships.

Members of the coed squad are: Joseph Arkansas, Charlotte, N.C., senior; Pat Ballaw, Callahan, Fla., junior; Alexia Chapparon, Escondido, Calif., junior; Stephenie Crites, Ashland freshman; Tony Crump, San Mateo, Calif., junior; Emily Eversole, Morehead junior; Brandon Garvey, Independence sophomore; Mike Hay, Isonville freshman; Meghan Huffman, Ludlow sophomore; Brittany Kaczetow, Centereach, N.Y., junior; Shawn Meyer, Eaton, Ohio,

sophomore; Miranda Noel, Waverly, Ohio, senior; O'Shea Parker, Bowling Green senior; Justin Pope, Lexington freshman; Sarah Jayne Ramsey, Whitesburg freshman; Dave Ranck, Morehead senior; Guillermo Rodriguez, Escondido, Calif., senior; Brittany Rogers, Richmond sophomore; David Schuch, Traverse City, Mich., graduate student; Rachel Scriver, Union Grove, Wis., freshman; Kelsey Simpson, Lexington senior; Greg Terlau, Sharonville, Ohio, sophomore; Jeff Van Horn, Fort Collins, Colo., graduate student.

Members of the all-girl squad are: Keri Adami, Snellville, Ga., sophomore; Michelle Barton, Florence, sophomore; Ashley Bekken, Muskego, Wis., freshman; Ashley Benjamin, Folsom, Calif., freshman; Crystal Courtney, Orlando, Fla., senior; Kelsey Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Gabrielle Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Katelyn Ellis, Verona sophomore; Stephanie Faulkner, London, freshman; Sara Folwell, Atlanta, junior; Danielle Garone, North Massapequa, N.Y., senior;

Isabella Glinski, Franklin, Tenn., freshman; Brianna Gordon, Madison, Ala., freshman; Joneshea Hall, Lexington freshman; Anesha Hersey, Lexington freshman; Amanda Lewis, Olive Hill senior; Mallory Mings, Brentwood, Tenn., sophomore; Erica New, Bloomington, Ind., freshman; Jerica Patrick, Ashland freshman; Hayley Pettapiece-Phillips, Pickering, Canada, freshman; Tracie Prickett, Newnan, Ga., sophomore; Leslie Pulley, Post Falls, Idaho, senior; Kristi Randel, Orangevale, Calif., senior; Tory Roberts, Richmond freshman; Billie Sue Rowe, Appleton, Wis., senior; Krista Sanders, Millbury, Ohio, sophomore; Holly Stromgren, Sarnamish, Wash., sophomore; Alison Tinsley, Fenton, Mich., sophomore.

Blackcats beat Sheldon Clark in All 'A' opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Prestonsburg advanced in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Saturday at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Blackcats survived a first round matchup with Sheldon Clark defeating the Cardinals 74-74.

Sheldon Clark, which faced a double-digit deficit at the end of each of the first three quarters fell a couple of buckets short in the end after outscoring Prestonsburg 35-22 in an offensive-heavy fourth quarter.

Junior guard Jody Tackett led the Blackcats, scoring a game-high 32 points. Alex Stumbo scored 16 points, Steven Patrick pushed in 12 and Cameron Tinchler added 10 for the Blackcats. Michae Burchett and Joseph Jamerson rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with five and two points respectively.

Prestonsburg outscored Sheldon Clark 23-13 in the first quarter. The Blackcats entered halftime ahead 42-30 and outscored Sheldon Clark 13-9 in the third quarter.

Justin Porter paced Sheldon Clark with a team-high 21 points. Porter was one of four Sheldon Clark players to reach double figures in the scoring column. B.J. Moore scored 19 points and Tyle Lafferty added 18 for the Cardinals.

Sheldon Clark dropped to 7-8 following the loss.

Prestonsburg 77, Sheldon Clark 74
Sheldon Clark (7-8) — Moore 19, Porter 21, Meade 10, Lafferty 18, Damron 2, Chapman 2, Harris 2.

Prestonsburg (8-7) — Stumbo 16, Patrick 12, Burchett 5, Tackett 32, Jamerson 2, Tinchler 10.

Sheldon Clark.....13 17 9 35-74
Prestonsburg.....23 19 13 22-77

Faried leads Eagles past Concord, 81-57

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Kenneth Faried notched his 11th double-double of the season with 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead Morehead State to an 81-57 non-conference win over Concord University Monday (Jan. 19) evening in Johnson Arena.

"You always worry about playing non-conference games when you're in the middle of conference season," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "We came out a little slow early, it was a one-point game, then Kenneth got a couple of slams that got us going and got the crowd into it."

"We defended pretty well. Our goal was to out-rebound this team by 10, and we out-rebounded them by 15. A lot of guys got to play, and no one played as many as 30 minutes. It was nice to see Terrance Hill and John Lamb step up and make some noise from three-point range. We'll need that down the stretch of the conference season." State (10-10) also got 13 points each from Leon Buchanan and Terrance Hill and 12 points from Maze Stallworth.

Morehead State (10-10) also got 13 points each from Leon Buchanan and Terrance Hill and 12 points from Maze Stallworth.

Faried hit six-of-seven field goals and seven-of-11 free throws, and had three assists and two blocked shots.

Concord (2-11) was led by Thomas Brown and Rafee Smith who scored 18 points and 10 points, respectively, both in reserve roles.

The Eagle led by 17 points, 40-23, at halftime and gradually extended the margin after intermission.

MSU hit 51 percent (26-of-51) from the field, including nine-of-17 from three-point range. Concord managed only 39.3 percent (22-of-56). The Eagles won the rebound battle, 41-to-26. The winners turned the ball over 15 times compared to 14 miscues for the Mountain Lions.

The Eagles will play host to OVC rival Eastern Kentucky on Saturday (Jan. 24) for a conference doubleheader. The women's game will tip off at 5:15 p.m. EST, the men's game at 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton earns fourth OVC Player of the Week honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — For the fourth time this season, Morehead State University junior guard Tiffany Hamilton has been named Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week.

Hamilton averaged 13.5 points in the final games at Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois last week.

She scored 20 points, hitting four three-pointers, to help defeat Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau for only the second time in school history. She added seven points and a career-high five steals in 35 minutes against Eastern Illinois.

Morehead State's next game is at home on Saturday, Jan. 24, when Eastern Kentucky visits for a 5:15 p.m.

Former MSU coach Ryan tabbed to guide New York Jets

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Rex Ryan, who spent four seasons as defensive coordinator (1989-1993) at Morehead State University, has been named head coach of the New York Jets. Ryan, the son of former NFL head coach Buddy Ryan, has most recently served as defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens.

The Jets announced this evening Monday evening that the Baltimore Ravens' valued defensive coordinator, is their new head coach. Ryan is the franchise's 17th overall head coach and 15th full-time skipper. He will be introduced at a Wednesday news conference at the Atlantic Health Training Center.

Umpires needed for upcoming season

PIKEVILLE — 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.

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LEGALS

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 07-CI-01276

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 County Court, entered on the 14th day of October, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, 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 the Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly as 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 southerly 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 Dr. J. M. E. vs. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Subject to all recorded 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 precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

Commonwealth of Kentucky Floyd County Court Division No. II Case No. 07-CI-00923

Wanda Caudill and Cecil Caudill vs. Barbara P. Martin Defendants 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 26th of November, 2008, 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 5th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in the Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly as described as follows:

There is now excepted from the deed the following out conveyances. Deed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right of way and drainage easement, dated October 27, 1977, and recorded in Deed Book 233, Page 303.

Being lots 73, 74, 75 & 76 in the K. Moore Addition to Eastern, Ky., a plat of said addition being recorded in deed book number 76 on page 143, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, to which reference is hereby made for a full description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to T.H. Acree and Ida Acree from Lawton Waddle and Lora Waddle by deed dated September 1943, and recorded in Deed Book 121, Page 213, of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

There is now excepted from the following out conveyances. Deed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right of way and drainage easement, dated October 27, 1977, and recorded in Deed Book 233, Page 303.

Being Lots 77, 78, 79 & 80 in the K. Moore Addition to Eastern, Ky., if any, of said addition being recorded in deed book 76 on page 143 with this reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to T.H. Acree and Ida Acree from J. Moore and Jay Moore by deed dated October 3, 1927, and recorded in Deed Book 98, Page 423, of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

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NOTICE TO JOHN G. STEPP, UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE

WARRANTY ORDER. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, John G. Stepp, Unknown Heirs, Legatees, and Unknown Spouse, that a civil action has been filed against him in Floyd Circuit Court, Division I, as C.A. No. 08-CI-00831. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in this matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately. Anthony Craig Davis, Davis Law Office, 104 Hays Complex, P.O. Box 220, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605. Office: (606) 478-1002

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Bid Proposals are requested for Water Line, Waste Drain and Boiler/Water Heater replacement at our Town Center location. The proposal needs to include all materials, all water lines, drain lines and boilers/water heaters serving 28 apartments. The proposal needs to include the price for material and installation, references for the past 10 years, and a Bid Bond.

The successful bidder must furnish insurance certificates, plus Payment and Performance bonds. Wages must be paid in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local wage requirements, plus other documents as required for working in public housing.

For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606-285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2:15 p.m., Local time, January 29, 2009. The housing authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids on refinancing for existing loans. Institutions interested may submit bids for any or all loans. For a list of outstanding loans, please contact Yvette Stephens at (606) 886-2335. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4 p.m., on February 9, 2009.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Sandy Area Development District is receiving bid proposals for providing Title III B, C1, and C2 Services to the elderly, sixty years old and older, in the Floyd County Area for fiscal year 2010, covering the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. Title III B is Supportive Services; Title III C1 is Senior Citizens' Center; Congregate Meal Services; and Title III C2 is Home Delivered Meal Services.

Proposals are being solicited and accepted for FY10 contracts. Contracts will be awarded for one-year duration. The awarding of contracts for FY10 will be based upon the merit of the proposals submitted, previous program performance and/or experience, and the availability of funds. Submission of proposals ends February 23, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. For further information, and bid packets, please contact Liz Hamilton, Big Sandy ADD, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, 1-800-737-2723, or email: Elizabeth.hamilton@bigsandy.org

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9028 in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landfill Mining, Inc., incorporated, P.O. Box 376, Shelbyville, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a permit for a surface mine and reclamation operation, consisting of 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 Steel Creek. The latitude is 37°26'44". The longitude is 82°48'01". The proposed application is located on the Wayland U.S.C.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 approximately 31.1 acres of Wayland. The operation will not underlie any land.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County: Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-7014 12/01/2008. FDCO Coal, Inc. 836-8064 12/24/2008. Czar Coal Corporation 858-0155 12/18/2008.

Permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 04-CI-0004

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Plaintiff vs. Lennix "Cola Ray" Akers, et al.

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 19th day of June, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$28,047.02, plus interest at the rate of 12% per annum from June 11, 2007, 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 29th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

(a) Being the same property conveyed to Lennix Akers, his wife, by deed dated December 22, 1980, recorded in deed book 252, page 871, and also by quitclaim deed dated August 22, 1995, from Patricia

Ann Akers to Lennix Cola Ray Akers, which is duly recorded in deed book 388, page 795, all of which are recorded in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and is more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and situated in the Hatcher-Hinchman Subdivision of Harold, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Being all of lot No. 15, Block 4, as shown on a map entitled, Hatcher Hinchman Subdivision, located at Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, scale 1"=40', by Everett Johnson, dated September 6, 1971, of record in file folder No. 972, Floyd County Clerk's office, Kentucky.

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

COMMON-WEALTH 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. and 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,

Tract No. 1 This parcel of land will begin (98) ninety five feet south of Ethel Bramhams 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 unright north (150) one hundred and fifty feet to a stake (95) ninety five feet from Ethel Bramhams line, Thence (150) one hundred and fifty feet west to the highway the beginning point.

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; thence running North with Mud Creek water 245' feet to Ethel Hamilton's line, thence running West with Ethel Hamilton's line to

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 described as follows:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if 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 val-

Highway 979; thus running South 95' feet to the beginning of Brennan Newsome's line.

Being the same property conveyed to Jerry Marvin Kidd and Leatha Kidd, his wife, by deed from Brennan Newsome, et al. dated September 17, 1996, lodged for record in Deed Book 393, 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.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 06-CI-00936

Bank of New York, as Trustee for Encore Credit Receivables Trust 2005-2 Plaintiff vs. Joe D. Weddington, Jr. Staci A. Weddington, County of Floyd, Baldridge Engineering, P.S.C., Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Rosemary Weddington, on

Being Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the City of Prestonsburg in the Marguerite F. Harkins & Son Subdivision, and further interest, and being located in what is known as the Garfield Addition of the City of Prestonsburg, Ky. Each of said lots fronts on Central Avenue and has a front footage of 25 feet and extends back to the old county road as shown on

(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 val-

May 22, 1995 Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 19th day of November, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$133,067.27, plus 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 22nd day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

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orem 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.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

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Full text of President Obama's inaugural address

Text of President Barack Obama's inaugural address, as prepared for delivery and released by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

OBAMA: My fellow citizens:

I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors. I thank President Bush for his service to our nation, as well as the generosity and cooperation he has shown throughout this transition.

Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet, every so often the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because the people have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebears, and true to our founding documents.

So it has been. So it must be with this generation of Americans.

That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.

These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land - a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable and that the next generation must lower its sights.

Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America - they will be met.

On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.

On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn-out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.

We remain a young nation, but in the words of scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history to carry forward; to accept as a nation the great gift of a noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted - for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasure of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things - some celebrated but more often forgotten men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life.

For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth.

For us, they fought and died, in places like Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sanh.

Time and again these men

and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction.

This is the journey we continue today. We remain the most prosperous, powerful nation on Earth. Our workers are no less productive than when this crisis began. Our minds are no less inventive, our goods and services no less needed than they were last week or last month or last year. Our capacity for endurance is undiminished. But our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions - that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America.

For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act - not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise the quality of our life and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform the old and broken colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. And all this we will do.

Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions - who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage.

What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them - that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works - whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end. And those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account - to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day - because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.

Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill. Its power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control - and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favors only the prosperous. The success of our economy has always depended not just on the size of our gross domestic product,

but on the reach of our prosperity; on our ability to extend opportunity to every willing and able member of the body politic; because it is the surest route to our common good.

As for our common defense, we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals. Our founding fathers, faced with perils we can scarcely imagine, drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations. Those ideals still light the world, and we will not give them up for expedience's sake. And so to all other peoples and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born: know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman, and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more.

Recall that earlier generations faced down fascism and communism not just with missiles and tanks, but with sturdy alliances and enduring convictions. They understood that our power alone cannot protect us; our power is only as good as our justice, and our justice only as good as our compassion. It is the tempering qualities of humility and restraint.

We are the keepers of this legacy. Guided by these principles once more, we can meet the new threats that demand even greater effort - even greater cooperation and understanding between nations. We will begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its people, and forge a hard and lasting peace in Afghanistan. With old friends and former foes, we will work tirelessly to lessen the nuclear threat, and roll back the specter of a warming planet. We will not apologize for our way of life, nor will we waver in its defense, and for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.

For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus - and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace.

To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect. To those leaders around the globe who seek to sow conflict, or blame their society's ills on the West - know that your people will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy. To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit

and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist.

To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow; to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds. And to those nations like ours that enjoy relative plenty, we say we can no longer afford indifference to suffering outside our borders; nor can we consume the world's resources without regard to effect. For the very hour, patrol far-off deserts and distant mountains. They have something to tell us today, just as the fallen heroes who lie in Arlington whisper through the ages. We honor them not only because they are guardians of our liberty, but because they embody the spirit of service; a willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves. And yet, at this moment - a moment that will define a generation - it is precisely this spirit that must inhabit us all.

For as much as government can do and must do, it is ultimately the faith and determination of the American people upon which this nation relies. It is the kindness to take in a stranger when the levees break, the selflessness of workers who would rather cut their hours than see a friend lose their job which sees us through our darkest hours. It is the firefighter's courage to storm a stairway filled with smoke, but also a parent's willingness to nurture a child, that finally decides our fate.

Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But

those values upon which our success depends - hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism - these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility - a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

This is the price and the promise of citizenship. This is the source of our confidence - the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny. This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed - why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than sixty years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

So let us mark this day with

remembrance, of who we are and how far we have traveled. In the year of America's birth, in the coldest of months, a small band of patriots huddled by dying campfires on the shores of an icy river. The capital was abandoned. The enemy was advancing. The snow was stained with blood. At a moment when the outcome of our revolution was most in doubt, the father of our nation ordered these words be read to the people:

"Let it be told to the future world that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive...that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet it."

America, in the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations.

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THROUGH THE LENS

Under pressure to keep cool

by ERIC THOMAS

Last week's cold spell really made me thankful I do not live in any of the upper plains states. I do not know if I could handle extended periods of cold like that. It also had me thinking about how we heat our homes to keep us warm and comfortable during the winter months.



Eric Thomas

Growing up near the Weddington Plaza in Pike County, we had a gas floor furnace at home. It kept the house fairly warm a cozy for the most part, but since it was on the second

floor, the first floor stayed cool during the winter. After the 1977 flood, my parents had central heat and air conditioning installed. With it in place, temperatures throughout the house were better, but the thermostat was on the second floor. This resulted in the first floor still being a little cooler in the summer and much cooler in the winter.

A few years ago, my wife and I built our first home. Instead of one unit for the whole house we have a

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POISON OAK

The best athletes in school

by CLYDE PACK

While flipping channels the other night—something I find myself doing a lot these days—I came across a basketball game on ESPN between two college women's teams. I watched for about 10 minutes, and this one girl never missed a shot.



Clyde Pack

Two of her efforts were three-pointers, too. Don't know where she grew up, but I was reminded that as a kid living in an eastern Kentucky coal camp. I remember quite clearly that girls were

nearly always the best athletes in grade school.

I mean, there were certain things, back then, that were just taken for granted. For example, just as all the boys knew that you didn't walk barefooted on a T-rail in the summertime, they also knew better than to arm restle this certain girl. She could take you down with either arm, and throw a baseball farther than the strongest boy in the room. She was smart, too, and won most of the Friday afternoon spelling bees.

She was the fastest runner in the room, and nearly always represented our grade at the county fair. Most of the time, we didn't even bother to have a run-off, and the teacher just wrote down her name and sent it to the fair board. She always won a ribbon or two.

I had my first male teacher, Foster Frazier, when I was in the fifth grade, and the only student in the room taller than he, was a girl. This one was also the

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Hannah Ratliff performs at the 2008 Big Sandy Idol at the Mountain Arts Center

OPENING UP

Big Sandy Idol expands to include private, home-school students

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The popular Big Sandy Idol competition is now opening auditions for home school and private school students who are not enrolled in one of the Big Sandy area's 14 high schools.

"Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) is now opening the doors of Big Sandy Idol to our are homeschooled and private schooled high school students," said Laura Ford Hall, music director. "We really want to get the word out for these students."

Big Sandy Idol is a talent and scholarship competition organized by the music department at BSCTC that offers two winners from each high school in the five-county area the chance to compete at the Mountain Arts Center for a demo CD recording, a full-album recording produced by Timothy Cooley, a \$1,200 vocal scholarship at BSCTC, and a spot with the Big Sandy Singers.

The auditions for homeschooled and private school students will be held in the Gearheart Auditorium located in the Pike Building on the BSCTC campus on Jan. 29. The auditions will run from 3 until 5 p.m. The students must reside in either Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, or Magoffin Counties. Each student must plan to sing one song

with a karaoke track as part of the audition.

The Big Sandy Idol competition is directed by Clayton Case, assistant director of music and drama, with Hall serving as co-director, and is part of a partnership with the Mountain Arts Center. The event is sponsored by Jennifer Reynolds' State Farm Insurance Agency.

The actual Big Sandy Idol competition is scheduled for March 13-14 at the Mountain Arts Center.

For more information and to schedule an appointment for an audition, contact Laura Ford Hall at (606) 424-2498. The appointments will be made between 3 and 5 p.m. on Jan. 29.

Appalachian Wireless announces 2009 scholarship program

IVEL — Appalachian Wireless, a division of East Kentucky Network and the leading provider of high quality wireless telecommunications products and services in Eastern Kentucky, has announced they will increase their Scholarship Program to assist students with higher education expenses.

Gerald Robinette, general manager and CEO, announced Appalachian Wireless will continue its Scholarship Program that provided a total of \$16,000 in the past three years to graduating seniors.

"This Scholarship Program is just another way that we at Appalachian

Wireless are investing in the future of our region," said Robinette. "We are committed to serving our customers and supporting the communities in our service area. By assisting students with attaining their goal of higher education, we touch lives at a personal level, and I am pleased to announce that this year, we will be again presenting eight scholarships. Eight students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship this year."

Designed to enable Appalachian Wireless customers to ease the burden often associated with costs of higher education for their children, the Scholarship money received by

the student can be used for tuition, books, housing, or meal charges. High school guidance counselors will be receiving the application packets over the next few days. A downloadable application also can be found at the Appalachian Wireless website at www.appalachianwireless.com.

Only students who are customers or whose parent or guardian is a customer of Appalachian Wireless will be eligible and the Scholarship will be awarded based on financial need, academic performance, school, and community involvement, personal essays and letters of recommenda-

tion. An independent panel will review the application materials. The guidance counselor will be notified of a student's award and students will receive notification of being Scholarship recipient at their year-end awards ceremony.

Interested students are asked to visit the Appalachian Wireless website at www.appalachianwireless.com or contact Crystal Hamilton at 606/477-2355 or 800/438-2355 if any further information is needed or to answer any questions regarding this new program.

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
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10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 15 and 20, 1999)

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill's office has notified The Times that the time for the arraignment of Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd has been moved up to 11 a.m. today...The Central Kentucky Blood Center has scheduled two more blood drives in Floyd County during this National Volunteer Blood Donor Month...For a good look at some wildlife, take in the art show that starts Tuesday, at the Mountain Arts Center. The traveling portion of the Kentucky National Art and Wildlife show features 20 pieces of wildlife art chosen from the third biennial competition, hosted by the Henderson Fine Arts Center last fall...Monday is a federal and state holiday in honor of slain people-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who tried to remind us that we are all kin, and in this thing called life, together...Fourteen people were injured in a two-vehicle accident at the US 23 overpass on KY 80, Wednesday evening. Twelve of those injured were students at the Carl D. Perkins Jobs Corps Center who were traveling to Hazard in the Job Corps van...Addressing the Kentucky Appalachian Commission yesterday, Gov. Paul Patton said he was wearing a tie given to him by State Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg. The two, who have had public disagreement on some issues, are now committed to working together for the benefit of the region, Patton said...Much has been said lately about teachers not doing enough professional development. However, during the past two years, the Mountain Writing Project at Hazard Community College has been helping teachers with the writing demands called for in education reform...Officials of the Otter Creek Correctional Center at Wheelwright will cut the ceremonial ribbon on the prison's 256-bed expansion unit at 1 p.m....The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure has issued orders involving two area physicians. As of January 7, the medical license of Dr. Kenneth L. Jones of Johnson County has been revoked. Dr. Saquid B. Sayed of Perry County, was ordered to participate in the Impaired Physicians Program...Bond was set at \$1 million yesterday for a Prestonsburg man accused of criminal conspiracy to commit murder. Bill J. "Bainey"

Little, 57, was arrested Friday at his residence on Town Branch by Sheriff John K Blackburn and his deputies, and jailed on the conspiracy charge, as well as two counts of trafficking in drugs...Larry Adams, Prestonsburg Fire Marshal, looked over plans to build a two-story 30-bed addition to Riverview Manor Nursing Home. The expansion requires a zoning change in a residential area of the city...Kenneth D. Lowther, 41, of Volga, West Virginia, who apparently endangered the lives of eight people, including a state trooper, last month, was among those indicted yesterday by the Floyd County Grand Jury...After two postponements, Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd appeared in Floyd Circuit Court, Friday, with her attorney, Phil Damron, to be arraigned for a 1992 charge of "theft by failure to make required disposition of property of over \$300." Boyd pleaded innocent to the charge...Sheriff John K Blackburn, advises that on the first of next month, those who haven't paid their tax bill will have an extra 10 percent penalty on the total...With two special meetings already on the record, the Floyd County Fiscal Court came to its first regular meeting of the year with some experience under its collective belt last Friday. Many of the items were in the administrative realm, as Judge-Executive Paul Thompson continues the reorganization of his office. The commissioners agreed to moving the Floyd County Solid Waste operation under the aegis of the judge-executive...There died: Eyvind (Ivan) Brown, 73, of Van Lear, Monday, January 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Cordelia Thompson, 68, of Melvin, Thursday, January 14, at her residence; Helen Bars Colley, 73, of Robinson Creek, Monday, January 11, at her residence; Jack Dye, 83, of Shiloh, Ohio, January 12, at the Med-Central Hospital, in Shelby, Ohio; Albert "Red" Harmon, 90, Tuesday, January 12, at the Lost Creek Care Center of Lima, Ohio; Jewel Marie Clark Allen, 89, of Allen, Friday, January 15, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jessie Collins, 84, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Melvin, Monday, January 18, at Bristol House in Springfield, Ohio; Tamayra Jeanne Hensley, 51, of Langley, Saturday, January 16, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Essie Hurley, 90, of Robinson Creek, Friday, January 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Joyce S. Stewart, 71, of South Portsmouth, a Martin native, Saturday, January 16, in Our Lady of Bellefonte

Hospital; Joe Howell Jr., 74, of Galveston, Thursday, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lula Hall Johnson, 89, of London, Friday, January 15; Buena Gail Little, 40, of Kite, Monday, January 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Bert A. (Beaver) McCown, 91, of Pikeville, Saturday, January 16, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Marvin L. Musick, 69, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Betty Ruth Waddle, 87, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 16, at the Mountain View Health Care Center, in Elkhorn City; Ellis Marshall, 71, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Martin, Saturday, January 16, in the Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw; Hazel Gladys Hall, 74, of Boise, Idaho, Saturday, November 28, 1988, at home.

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ivan Carroll, 38, of Printer, January 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maggie Dye, 75, of Price, January 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Margaret Compton, 85, of Harold, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Leonard Compton, 78, of Bypro, January 13, at his residence; Mahala Chappel, 60, of Louisville, December 4; Frank Fouts, 87, of Kite, January 14, at his residence; Raymond Goble, 74, of Dwale, January 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sylvia Hayden, 82, of Auxier, January 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Earl Layne, 71, of Manton, January 11; Virgie Short Layne, 74, of Abbott Creek Road; Thursday, January 12, at her residence; Sheila Sue Music, 26, of Westland, Michigan, January 12, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Walker Newsome, 60, of Teabary, January 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 18, 1989)

A state management team was expected to arrive in Floyd County to begin correcting the local school system's problems...President Ronald Reagan's swan-song budget proposal for 1990, called for the closing of one or more Corps of Engineers recreation areas on Dewey Lake...Long-time Prestonsburg business owner, Hubbard C. "Huck" Francis, died January 16...Floyd County Attorney David Allen Barber was appointed to the Task Force to Develop a Code of Legal Ethics for the Prosecution and Defense of Criminal Cases...A house fire, in Dwale, at the residence of Otis Page, resulted in approximately \$15,000 in damages to the home and an oxygen machine. There died: Gracie Adkins, 57, of Galveston, Jan. 11, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Mrs. Adkins, 87, formerly of Team, January 11, at Wurland Health Care; Harold E. Allen, 60, formerly of Floyd County, January 10, at his residence in Indiana; Edgel Blackburn, 76, of Weeksburg, January 13, at

Thirty Years Ago

(January 17, 1979)

Bobby Workman, who has been under a life sentence since November 1977, for the slaying of James Chaffins, was declared a free man, Tuesday, by the Kentucky Supreme Court...Opening of the present U.S. Shoe Company building, near Lancer, as a Job Corps Center, is expected around May 1, it was said here last week...The coal boom that was the business sensation of the decade, as of this week, isn't...District court began, Monday morning, the task of wading through a heavy docket, which has accumulated since late December while District Judge Harold Stumbo was absent because of illness in his family...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William Joel Phillips, a daughter, Jennifer Marie Phillips; to Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker, a daughter, Ashley

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

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Yesterdays

Nicole; to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cooley, a daughter, at Highlands Regional Hospital. There, died, Virgil "Cowboy" Griffith, 63, of Lancer, at his residence; Domain E. Griffith, 44, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Prestonsburg, while attending Masonic funeral rites for his brother, Virgil "Cowboy" Griffith; Eugene Wolfe, 65, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Laura Belle Lafferty Ellis, 94, of Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lawrence Hall, 72, of Melvin, at McDowell Hospital; Madeline Gail Akers, 38, of Grethel, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; John B. "J.B." Ford, 63, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Landell Thornsbury, 62, of Byroy, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago
(January 16, 1969)

The Floyd Circuit Court's grand jury adjourned, last Friday, after voting perhaps the lowest number of indictments to be returned by a Floyd jury in modern times. Eighteen indictments were reported, and few of these involved major crimes. Contractors' bids on construction of the proposed Right Beaver High School in Eastern, were opened, Friday, and a low bidder determined by this Floyd County Board of Education and the Floyd Fiscal Court, despite a legal move filed earlier, in an attempt to halt the proceeding. The \$893,330 bid of Akers &

Akers, Dana contractors, was lowest of three offered. Beneath the deceptive smoothness of roads now in this seasonal deep freeze, lies trouble that will erupt when a general thaw comes. Present troubles are as nothing compared to what they will be later. The first meeting of the State Advisory Committee for Title I, ESEA, State Department of Education, was held Wednesday in the Department of Education Board Room, State Office Building, Frankfort. Born: to Dr. and Mrs. Lucian Burke, of San Antonio, Texas, a son, Brian Lucian, Dec. 21; to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Chaffins Jr., their second son, Stephen Douglas, Dec. 20; to Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Conn, of Pyramid, a daughter, Jennifer Jean, January 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Johnson, of Buckingham, a son, Jan. 8; to Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, of Wheelwright, a son, Jan. 9; to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie V. Martin, of East McDowell, a son, Jan. 12. There died: Mrs. Gertrude Osborne Patton, 81, Prestonsburg, Jan. 9, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Hershell Hunt, 49, Cow Creek. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Hunt; Clyde Goble, 69, Prestonsburg resident, at Pikeville Hospital; Mrs. Katherine Allen, 54, wife of Dr. Claude L. Allen, of Langley, Monday, at Pikeville Hospital; Lee Graham Ring, 42, of Wayland. He was a son of the late James and Helen Kennedy Ring; Mrs. Julia Ann Wyskinner, 65, of Kite, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, daughter of the late W.R. and Mrs. George Wright; Mrs. Marie Bingham Christian, formerly of Prestonsburg, at home in Kenova, W.Va.; William J. Newman, formerly of Floyd County, Jan. 7, at Halopaw,

Oak

class bully, and easily possessed the most colorful vocabulary. She could, as they say, "cuss like a sailor," and often used words and phrases that some of us had never heard before. If there was a fight at recess, nine times out of ten she started it. This particular girl was also the marble champion. It wasn't as if we had a real championship or anything, but whenever she played she usually broke everybody. She also had rusty knuckles and crusty knees, and I can still hear her shrill voice in the far recesses of my school-yard memories yelling, "to lays, no spins, no drops."

And as would be expected, I suppose it was also a girl who was the best crawdad catcher. Not that crawdad catching was a sport, but almost every day at recess she would go down to the creek that ran behind the backstop of our little baseball field, in the school house bottom, catch the biggest crawdad she could find, and chase the younger boys with it. "Get away from me with that thing," the little fellows would yell, as they ran right between the batter and the pitcher in an attempt to get away from her;

it's a thousand wonders that she—or one of her intended victims—hadn't gotten beamed by a line drive. But as far as I know, no one ever did. Of course, we didn't have ESPN in those days, since we didn't even have TV. And even if we had, it's not likely they'd have had competitions for baseball throwing, school yard marbles, nor crawdad catching. But if they had, there's little doubt in my mind that the three about-mentioned coal-camp girls would surely have been superstars.

Lens

"separate system" for the upstairs and downstairs. This has made accurate temperature control a reality. With individual thermostats for each floor, each unit works to heat or cool a smaller area and the temperature control located in that area you are trying control. But the cold snap also made me think about how our home heating system works. We have a heat pump system in our home, two independent systems actually, one for the upstairs and one for the downstairs. Believe it or not it works much like a refrigerator. But before we look at that system, let's try a little experiment. Hold your hand directly in front of your face, looking at your palm, about three or four inches from your mouth. Next, breathe on the palm of your hand with your mouth open like you are going to say "HAAAAA/LAAA". What was the temperature of your breath? Warm? Remember normal body temperature is 98.6°F. Now with your hand in the same position, breathe out again. This time however, purse your lips like you are going to whistle, making a tiny opening for the air to escape through. What was the temperature of your breath? What? Cold? That's not right. Did your body temperature drop? No, your body temperature is still the same as before, something else must have happened. What could it be? I know, PHY SICS. As your breath escaped through the smaller opening, the 98.6°F air rapidly expanded. When gases expand rapidly their pressure drops rapidly and they cool rapidly. This is how your refrigerator, home heat pump works. Your refrigerator cools your food by compressing a refrigerant gas,

cooling it by passing it through a radiator on the back of the refrigerator where it releases heat into the room. The now cooler refrigerant then passing it through a small orifice (like your lips when you whistle) where it expands rapidly and gets very cold. This now cold refrigerant gas circulates through tubing in the refrigerator absorbing heat from your food. Warmer, the gas then goes back to the compressor to start the cycle again. So your refrigerator extracts heat from its interior and releases it into the surrounding environment, your home. A home heating heat pump works much in the same way. In the summer it acts just like a refrigerator by extracting heat from inside your home and releasing it into the air outside. In winter it reverses the process and extracts heat from outside air and releases it into your home. But, it is so cold out you say, how can you get heat from cold air? Just remember that the refrigerant gas when it passes through the orifice gets very, very cold. Much colder than the outside air. When it is brought in contact with the outside air in the radiator coil of the compressor, it is warmed up, gaining heat, or if you will, extracting the heat from the outside environment. This heat is then brought into our home and used to warm it up. Heat pumps like ours though are not perfect. They do lose efficiency as the outside gets really cold. Like last week for example. Once temperatures get into the 20°F range, Air exchange heat pumps have a hard time extracting heat. Our heat pumps are very difficult time keeping up. Even with it being put in emergency mode which turns on electrical heat-

ing coils in the units to provide extra heat, we woke up to a very cool house on Thursday and Friday morning. One solution to this is a Ground Coupled or Geothermal heat pump system. These systems use either buried tubing or wells to extract heat from the ground in winter or to deposit heat in the summer. If you get down about 8' below the surface, the temperature stays fairly constant. This makes an ideal location for locating the tubing necessary for a ground coupled heat pump. Ground coupled heat pumps tend to be more efficient also because of the constant temperature of the soil. While you do get better efficiency, the trade off is that these systems tend to be more expensive to install. The need to dig trenches or wells, the installation of piping and pumps all lead to more up front installation costs. Because of this cost factor, the air exchange heat pumps tend to be installed more on homes as most of us cannot afford these added up front costs. I hope you tried the experiment I described earlier in the article. Share it with your children, but don't give them the answer right away. Ask them questions like "what did we do differently between the two tests?" Make them think. Let them come up with an explanation and guide them to the answer. As one of my mentors used to say, "a good teacher is not the sage on the stage, but rather a guide from the side". Eric Thomas is the Director of East Kentucky Science Center, a part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and is located on BSCTC's Prestonsburg Campus.

Florida.

Fifty Years Ago
(January 15, 1959)

Coal Bit Company of Prestonsburg, that has engaged in the manufacture and service of Hillbilly Mining machine cutting tools here since 1939, has been granted a patent by the United States Patent Office. The patent covers the carbide-tipping of tools developed by the Prestonsburg concern, founded by W.R. Joy...Joe Wheeler Lewis of Mare Creek, the Floyd officer whose speciality is staging one-man moonshine raids, Monday, became chief deputy for Sheriff Hershell Warrens. Lewis has been a deputy sheriff since a few months after Warren took office in Jan. 1958, and has been the sheriff's most active deputy...Congressman Carl D. Perkins announced, Thursday, that the Housing and Home Finance Agency has approved an advance allocation of \$15,180 for the town of Martin's Urban Renewal project...Dewey Lake continued, last year, to lose its attraction to visitors, figures released last week by Howard Osborne, manager at the dam, show...The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad has recently gotten new equipment. Newest acquisitions are a water pump, a Jeep, and a large air compressor...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Porter Jr., a daughter, at Prestonsburg Hospital...There died: Arthur Miller, 26, native of Floyd county, in Whitley County Hospital, Sunday, of injuries received in a car wreck; Mrs. Sophia Wells, 44, at Van Lear, daughter of David and Jenilee Powers; James Monroe Hall, 77, Dena, at home. He was a son of the late Billy and Wreter Bolen Hall; Jack Howard, 49, of Hucyville, the son of Brack and Lanie Shepherd Howard; Mrs. Ada Louis, 75, of Garrett, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Jackson; Susie Pack, 36, at home in Jesse Pack; Mrs. Cindy Johnson, 78, at home in Halo, Dec. 23.

Sixty Years Ago
(January 20, 1949)

A delegation of some 20 Kentuckians told Senators Barkley and Chapman, Friday, in Washington, that the Big Sandy area is rapidly skidding into a depression that can be halted only by Congressional approval of an \$82,300,000 project, providing for the canalization of the Big Sandy River. The Senators and two Kentucky Congressmen, Carl Perkins, Hindman, and Tom Underwood, Lexington, listened and agreed the project is vital to the state's economic health...For injuries suffered when a water tank burst and poured a current of water on Sam Rector, and his 14-year-old son, Adrian, both of Garrett, damages totaling

\$12,500 from the Diamond Elkhorn Coal Company, at Bosco, were asked in a suit filed with circuit court here...County Clerks of the state will meet in Louisville, Jan. 26, to plan a fight on a proposed move to take licenses, and to turn that business over to Frankfort...The Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, at David, led the Big Sandy Elkhorn field, last year, in operating time with 236 days work, David L. Francis, president, said recently...The Kentucky Mountain Broadcasting Company has been issued a permit to construct a radio station in Prestonsburg, D.C. Stephens is owner of the Company...There died: Mrs. Emma Johns Archer, wife of George P. Archer, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, at the age of 78. She was a daughter of John G. and Elizabeth Harkins Johns; Mrs. Phoebe Elliott May, 71, Tuesday, at her home on Mud Creek; Mrs. Mary Terry, 83, of Dena. She was a daughter of Henderson and Liza Moore; Sig, Herbert W. Layne, 24, of Tram, killed in action, in France.

Seventy Years Ago
(January 19, 1939)

Sheriff Dial Salisbury and Constable Marvin Marshall, listened, Thursday evening, to criticism from Prestonsburg businessmen of action of certain of their deputies in the operation of an alleged "drunk trap" here, then promised collection of any existing, abuses...Four murder indictments, and a new set of true bills against five officers accused of operating a "drunk trap" constituted the major work of the grand jury's final three-day session...You, Prestonsburg policemen were told by the City Council, Friday night, "have two weeks in which to prove you can take care of law enforcement in this town. If you fail, somebody else will take your places"...Floyd County last week, contributed 10 boys to the "Army" of several thousands, sent from all parts of the nation, to the Citizens' Conservation Corps...After listening to the reading of a portion of the circuit court docket, listing approximately 40 men for trial on child desertion charges, and upon being told they could not be found, Commonwealth Attorney O.C. Hall, last week, announced he would personally pay rewards ranging from \$25 to \$50 for their apprehension...Jane Hatcher Smith, of Harold, born into slavery almost a century ago, died at her home near Pikeville. During her entire life she had been in but two counties, Floyd and Pike. Her parents were the property of the Hatcher family at the time of her birth...There died Jake Turner Jr., of Northern, 21 years old, at Beaver Valley Hospital. He was a son of Amanda Turner and the late Jake Turner; Mrs. Lousa Goble Burchett, of Cow Creek, at Beaver Valley Hospital.

Go Red for Women

February is American Heart Month

February 6th marks the 6th annual American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day! Join the millions of women who will wear red to help raise awareness of heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women. Show your support of the Go Red For Women movement by wearing red and becoming a part of reducing heart disease in America's women.

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- 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.

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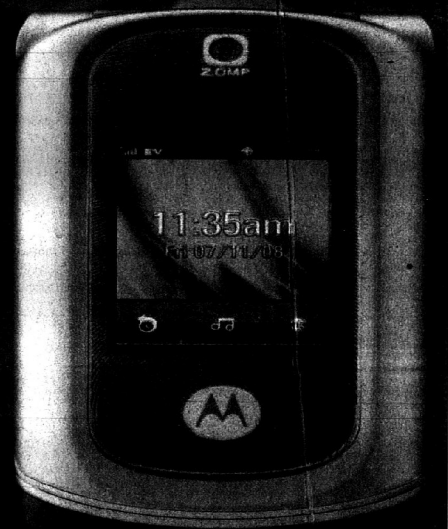
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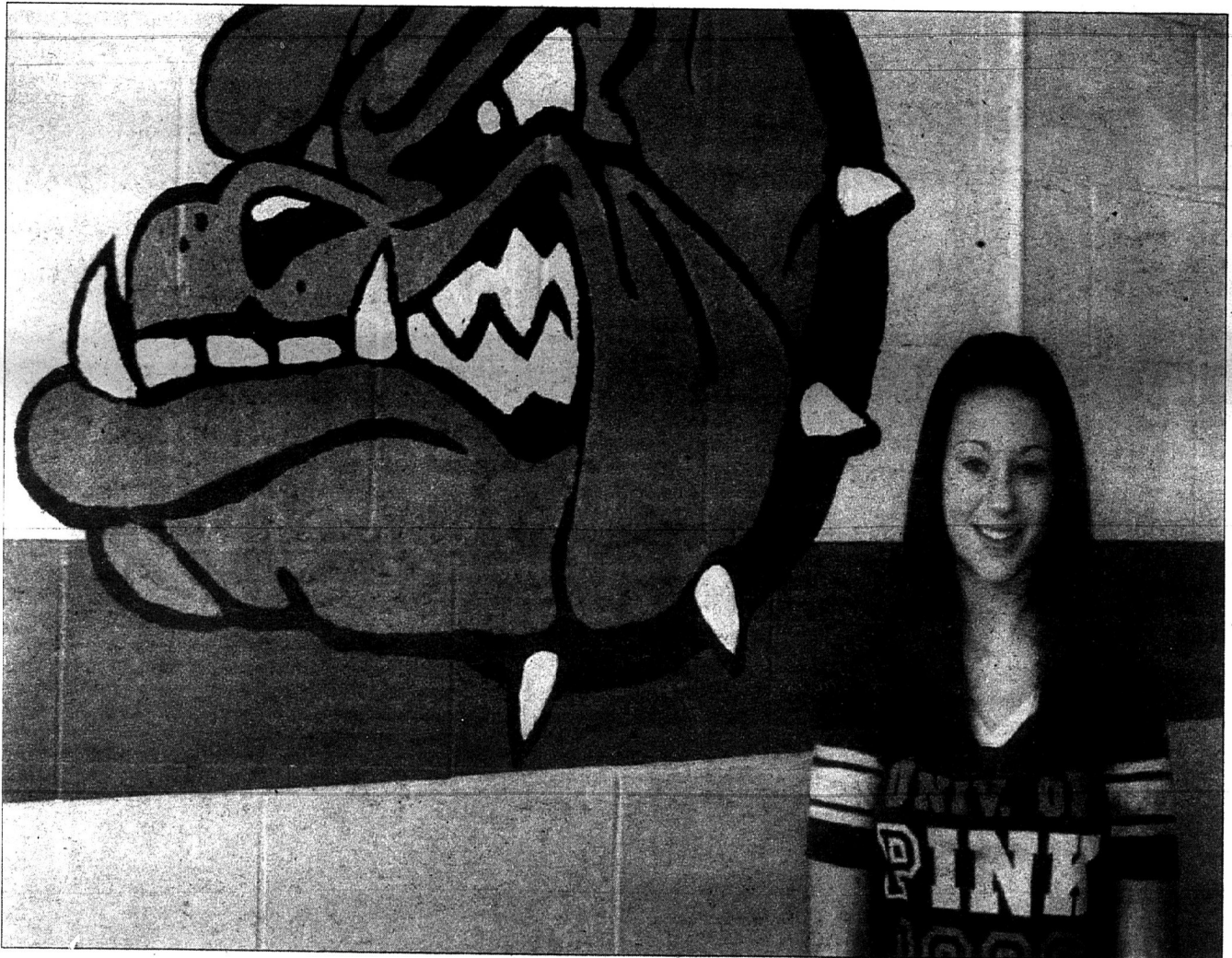
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Josi Stidham, a 7th grader at Roy G. Eversole Middle School in Hazard, was selected to attend the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. this week.

Hazard student witnesses history at inauguration

by **TONYA AMBURGEY**
STAFF REPORTER

HAZARD - Barack Obama's presidential inauguration made history on Tuesday and one Hazard student was there to witness it.

Josi Stidham, a seventh grader at Roy G. Eversole, was one of millions in the nation's capital watching as president-elect Barack Obama became President Obama and the first African American to take the oath of office as President of the United States of America and it was an opportunity she says she was excited to have.

"I'm extremely excited to be able to go and see someone who has led their entire life and is going to be not only leading for these four years or these next eight years, but for the future of America and the world," the

13-year-old said last week before attending the event. "I actually feel proud of myself for getting invited to it. I'm thankful for the people who got me there, Mrs. Collett, my mom, my dad, everybody who has supported me."

Stidham got the opportunity to attend the inauguration through a conference she has been participating in since she was in fifth grade. She was nominated for the conference, which is called the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference by her teacher, Kristie Collett, who says she nominated Stidham because of her leadership abilities, intelligence, and outgoing personality in the classroom.

And attending the conference each year has really taught her a lot about herself, Stidham said.

"The entire conference as a whole really taught me so much about how I work with others. They work with you on what you struggle with as a leader to make you better," she noted.

Stidham knew she would be attending the inauguration, no matter who was elected president, since just before school began in August and says she is glad to be able to witness such an historic event.

"I have idolized Martin Luther King since I understood what he did, which was really in the fourth grade. Now that I am actually getting to go to something that he looked forward to while he was leading it really makes me feel important that I am going to be there to witness this," she said while Collett added, "Since John F. Kennedy's and Abraham Lincoln's inaugurations, I would say this is the

biggest, most historic one, especially with the economy like it is."

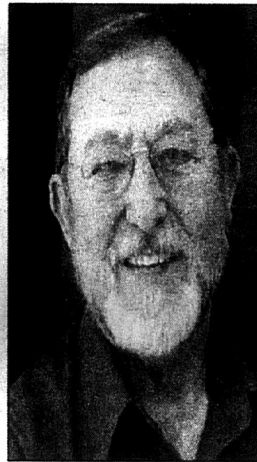
Stidham will be attending the inauguration with other sixth through eighth graders in her conference group. They will be in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 17 through Jan. 21 and while there they will do some sight seeing and take part in other activities pertaining to the inauguration such as taking in the parade, listening to Al Gore and Lance Armstrong and other speakers who will be there along with going to the inaugural ball.

"I don't expect greatness from it. I expect not to be able to explain it, how amazing it will be, what everybody is like. I expect there to be millions of people there and I expect many of them to be in tears and I'm not a crying person but I expect to be one of them," she said.

POLL: What are your thoughts as Barack Obama becomes the nation's 44th president?



Keith Caudill, Prestonsburg.
Although he is facing a lot of obstacles, there will be opportunities for him to really turn this nation around.



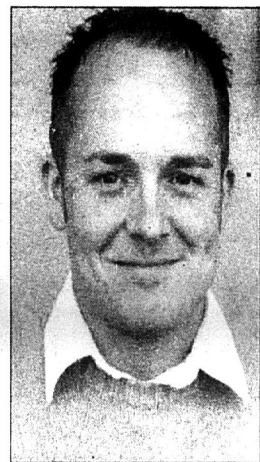
Freddie Goble, Prestonsburg.
The United States has come through some very, very hard times. It seems to me that Obama is in line to really achieve greatness.



Shelly Crisp, Auxier.
I hope he focuses on getting more jobs and fixing the economy.



Joyce Hinkle, Martin County.
At Sandy Valley Transportation, we are concerned about health care. We hope it is made cost effective for businesses and individuals.



Brad Perry, Prestonsburg.
I hope he works on getting the country in better shape to benefit future generations.

Local residents' expectations share common theme with campaign — hope

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

The ceremony was loaded with historic significance, a very real sense of hope for a better future and more people than have ever attended an inauguration in the history of this nation.

More than 2 million visitors flocked to Washington D.C. Tuesday to see President Barack Obama take the oath of office, the most since Lyndon B. Johnson made his own promises to Americans. Comparatively, 300,000 turned out for George W. Bush's inauguration and 800,000 for Bill Clinton's first swearing in ceremony.

Many would say there is certainly reason for such a high level of interest. The election of the first African-American president is at the top of those reasons, but there is also a collective holding of breath across the country as Americans continue to endure economic upheaval and strain. President Obama, many think, could have the answers.

"I think it's an important time for our country not only for the economic climate, but also for the progress we're making as well," said Brent Graden, Prestonsburg's director of economic development and a

native of Chicago, Ill., President Obama's hometown. "Our next president will be the one who can put America back to work again. We were the leader in many areas for many years and our American know-how needs to be put back to work again."

Graden said he watched the inauguration on television with his family, saying he felt it was important "to see government in action."

However, for many Americans, Inauguration Day was spent elbow to elbow in Washington, D.C. where the days leading up to the historic event were marked with concerts and speeches and numerous other activities.

The most highly publicized of these events was likely then President-elect Obama's speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. During that speech, President Obama returned to what many have called a "post-partisan" approach, calling on Americans as a whole, rather than by party, to come together for the common good.

"As I stand here tonight, what gives me the greatest hope of all is not the stone and marble that surrounds us today, but what fills the spaces in between," President Obama said. "It is you — Americans of every race and religion and station who came here because you believe in what this country can

be and because you want to help us get there."

In Floyd County, which was carried in the election by Republican Sen. John McCain, Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall says he hopes for the best in the coming years under President Obama.

"From a county standpoint, I'm looking forward to the change as such because I've got my fingers crossed that the stimulus package and monies we'll receive could make a difference for projects in our county," Marshall said. "Without this financial help, we are sort of caught with our backs against the wall because we're truly dependent on federal and state funding."

Considering this, Marshall is optimistic that although Floyd County went narrowly for McCain and, during the primary, almost unanimously for Sen. Hillary Clinton, there will still be progress.

"I think he'll look at the things that were part of the big picture at the time," Marshall said. "We did have a couple areas that went for Obama and, of course, our leaders did, such as Gov. Beshear and Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo. I feel we're going to benefit from Barack Obama being elected our 44th president."

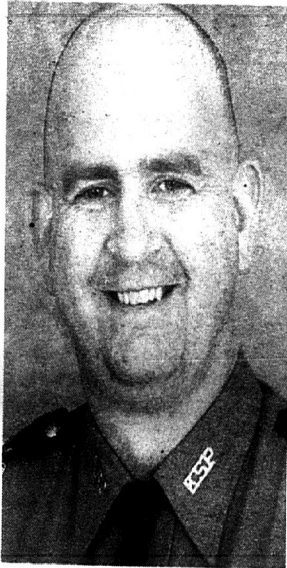
Marshall recalled Obama's keynote

address at John Kerry's nomination convention in 2004 as being the first time he saw the potential for a great leader in the junior senator.

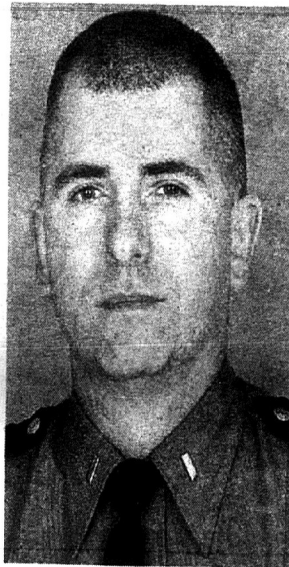
"I made a statement after watching Obama give the keynote at Kerry's nomination that this man could very well be our first black president," Marshall said. "I think it's proved out, and I was impressed by his speech then. He came across as confident and optimistic, all the virtues that exemplify a great leader."

Much like Clinton before him, Obama leaned to hope as a theme in the days leading up to his oath of office, saying that it was his belief that "we could recognize ourselves in one another" which spurred his campaign along in the early days and throughout.

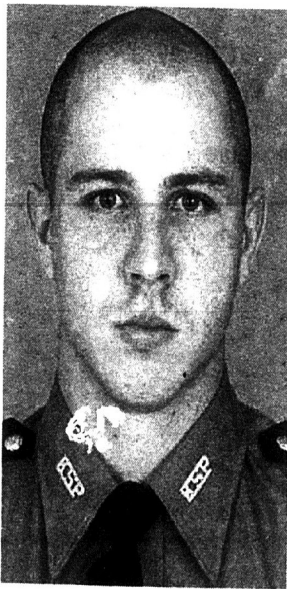
"It is the same thing that gave me hope from the day we began this campaign for presidency nearly two years ago," Obama said, "a belief that if we could just recognize ourselves in one another and bring together — Democrats, Republicans and independents; Latino, Asian and Native American; black and white, gay and straight, disabled and not — then not only would we restore hope and opportunity in places that yearned for both, but maybe, just maybe, we might perfect our union in the process."



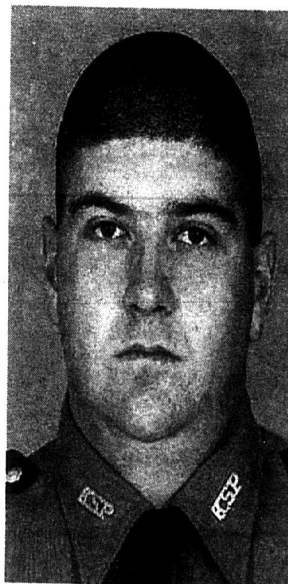
Sgt. Barry Engle



Lt. John McMahan



Trooper Jonathan Hollon



Trooper Chris Frazier

Troopers with Hazard post provide security for inauguration events

by CRIS FITCHIE
HAZARD HERALD

As Barack Obama officially became the nation's first African American president this week, Kentucky was well represented not only in the crowd, but also in the security details working during the inauguration and parade.

Four members of the Kentucky State Police Post 13 in Hazard, two supervisors and two troopers, were among those helping to provide security during the inaugural events, and the historic importance of the day was certainly not lost upon those going.

"It's an historic moment that you'll remember always," said Lt. John McMahan, who along with Sgt. Barry Engle, Tpr. Jonathan Hollon and Tpr. Chris Frazier left Hazard Sunday morning to attend the event. They were four of approximately 40 members of the KSP who traveled to the nation's capital to help provide security.

Lt. McMahan said this would be his first

trip to Washington D.C., and called it an "honor" to be selected to go.

Sgt. Barry Engle said last week that he wasn't sure what to expect, but he was looking forward to the trip.

"I don't know what to expect, but it's a pleasure to be picked to go," he said. "I'm really looking forward to getting to see the nation's capital and anxious to get up there and experience probably one of the most grand things in our nation's political spectrum."

Members of the Kentucky State Police are called upon every four years to help provide security during the presidential inaugurations, and Engle noted that he has been getting advice from his fellow troopers and supervisors that attended previous inaugurations on what to expect.

Engle and McMahan were chosen by the KSP command in Frankfort to help provide security, while Troopers Hollon and Frazier were selected by Post 13 Captain Scott Miller.

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Rise to power came quickly for Obama

By RYAN SCOTT OTTNEY
HEARTLAND PUBLICATIONS

In just a few short weeks, the nation will welcome its 44th President of the United States. But who is Barack Obama, and how did he rise so quickly from relative anonymity to the most powerful political seat in the world?

According to his biography published on Obama's official Web site (www.barackobama.com), Barack Hussein Obama was born in Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961. He was named for his father, Barack Obama Sr., and his paternal grandfather Hussein Onyango Obama.

The Web site tells that Obama's father was born and raised in a small village in Kenya, where he grew up herding goats with his own father, who was a domestic servant to the British. Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, grew up in Kansas, until she moved with her family to Hawaii. It was there, at the University of Hawaii, where Dunham and Obama Sr. met. Obama's father eventually returned to Kenya, leaving Barack to grow up with his mother in Hawaii, and also for a few years in Indonesia.

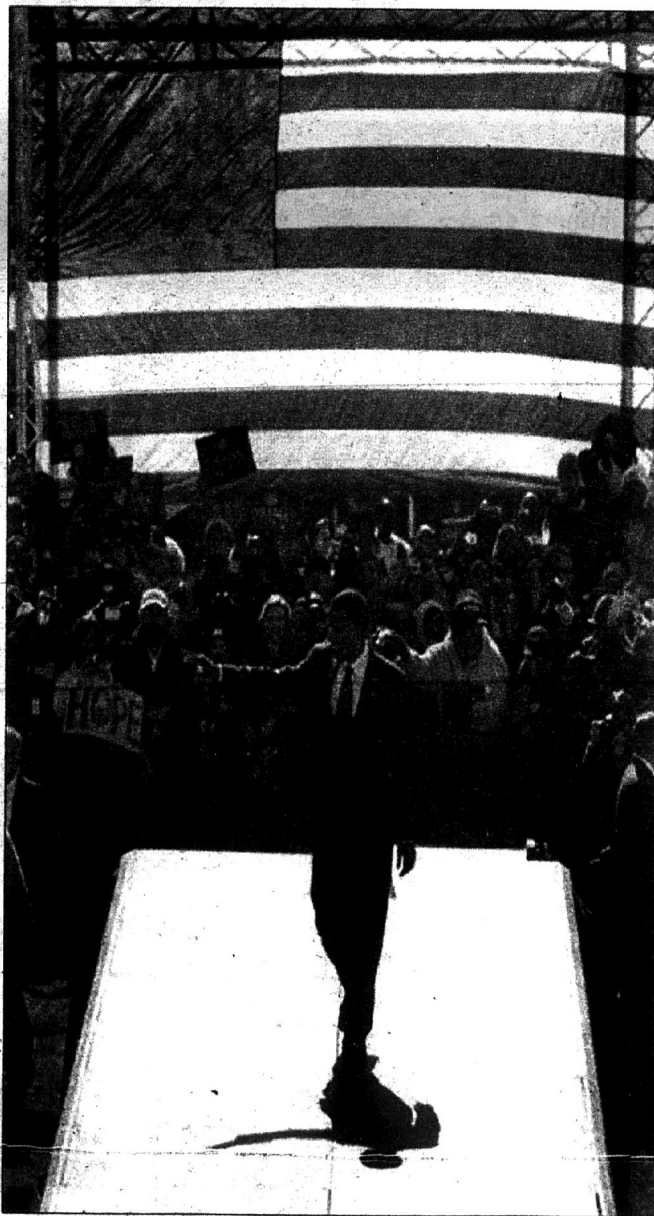
Remembering the values of empathy and service that his mother taught him, Obama put law school and corporate life on hold after college and moved to Chicago in 1985, where he became a community organizer with a church-based group seeking to improve living conditions in poor neighborhoods plagued with crime and high unemployment. He later earned his law degree from Harvard in 1991, where he became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. Soon after, he returned to Chicago to practice as a civil rights lawyer and teach constitutional law.

His advocacy work led him to run for the Illinois State Senate, where he served for eight years. He burst into national attention after delivering his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston.

"In no other country on Earth is my story even possible ... A skinny kid with a funny name who believes that America has a place for him too," Obama said in his 2004 speech, telling of one "United" States of America, not divided by red states or blue states.

Almost immediately, the public began speculating about the political possibilities of the young senator from Illinois.

In February 2007, Obama officially announced his candidacy for the 2008 presidential election, from the same location in Springfield, Ill., where Abraham Lincoln delivered his House Divided speech in 1858,



A hard-fought primary ended in June when Obama's opponent, Hillary Rodham Clinton, suspended her campaign and endorsed him. Obama's extraordinary rise in popularity was heightened and, ultimately, he defeated Republican John McCain in November to become the first African-American elected to the highest office in the U.S.

famously proclaiming "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

The 2008 Democratic Party Primary also included notable candidates such as Sen. Joe Biden (Delaware), Sen. John Edwards (North Carolina), and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (New York). Ultimately, the primary election was reduced to only Clinton and Obama, in a nearly neck-and-neck race for delegates. In June 2008, Clinton suspended

her campaign with only 1,896 total delegates to Obama's 2,201 and announced her endorsement of Obama as the Democratic candidate for President of the United States.

Obama returned to the Democratic National Convention in 2008, this time to accept the party's nomination as candidate for President of the United States. Two months later, he announced Biden as his vice presidential running mate.

"These are extraordinary times. This is an extraordinary election. The American people are ready. I'm ready. Barack is ready. This is his time. This is our time. This is America's time," Biden said, in accepting the role of Obama's vice president.

Only five months until the national election, Clinton's departure from the primary cleared the way for Obama and Biden to face-off with Republican candidate Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, and his running mate Gov. Sarah Palin, of Alaska.

Early on in the campaign, homeland security and the war in Iraq was thought to be a pivotal issue for voters. While it no doubt played its role, the campaign took a major turn when the stock market fell hard in September. Suddenly voters were more interested in the economy, and looking for someone to blame for its downturn. Coupled with a sitting republican president whose approval ratings were falling, and an equally unpopular war, Obama's platform of "change" resonated with voters.

According to results published by Politico.com — on Nov. 4, 2008, voters overwhelmingly endorsed Obama for president with 365 electoral votes and 67,112,833 popular votes, against McCain's 173 electoral votes and 58,451,426.

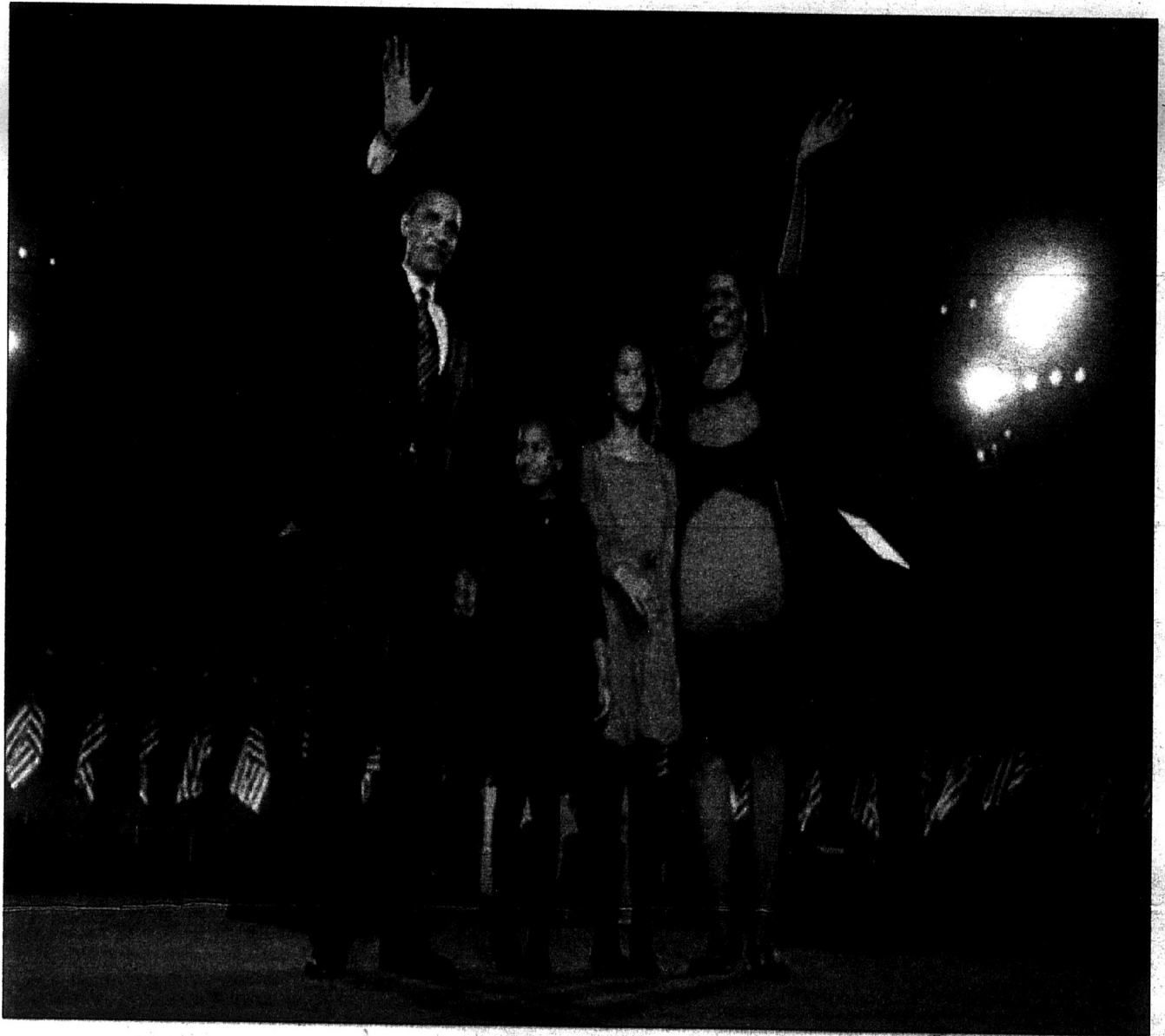
With only 270 electoral votes needed to win, the 192 vote gap between Obama and McCain was wider than the mere 34 vote gap between George Bush and John Kerry in 2004. Additionally, Obama in 2008 won 5,072,227 more popular votes than Bush in 2004, while McCain actually won 576,683 fewer popular votes in 2008 than Kerry in 2004.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," Obama said in his victory speech from Grant Park, in Chicago, on Nov. 4. "And to those Americans who -- whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your President, too."

Following his successful campaign, Obama will be elected the 44th President of the United States — and the nation's first black president — in Washington D.C. on Jan. 20.

On his Web site, it says that above all his many accomplishments and experiences, Obama is most proud and grateful for his family: wife, Michelle, and his two daughters, 10-year old Malia, and 7-year old Sasha.

INAUGURATI



“A New Birth of Freedom” is the 2009 inauguration theme, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth.

As of Jan. 4, only a preliminary schedule of events for the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States had been announced.

Saturday, January 17

President-Elect Barack Obama will board a train in Philadelphia en route to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. He will then stop in Wilmington, Del., to pick up Vice President-Elect Joe Biden for a celebration in Balti-

Sunday, January 18

The official inaugural activities begin with a welcome event on Sunday afternoon. It will be open to the public.

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day — From the Presidential Inauguration Commit-

ON TIMELINE

tee: "In 1994, to further commemorate a man who lived his life in service to others, Congress transformed the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday into a national day of community service. To honor Dr. King's legacy, the President-elect and Vice President-elect and their families, like Americans in communities all across the country, will participate in activities dedicated to serving others in communities across the Washington, D.C. area."

There will also be a free youth concert in the evening at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington. You'll need a ticket to get in.

Tuesday, January 20

The Obamas and the Bidens and their families will participate in the inaugural ceremonies and the traditional events, including the swearing-in ceremony on the West Front of the United States Capitol, a luncheon in the Capitol's Statuary Hall, the 56th Inaugural Parade, and official Inaugural Balls. Details about the Inaugural Balls will be released at a later date.

They've also announced that, for the first time in history, the entire length of



the National Mall will be open to the public to allow as many people as possible to participate in this historic day.

The official inaugural program begins at 10 a.m. on Jan. 20 and features Aretha Franklin, Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, the San Francisco Boys & Girls Chorus and a poem from Elizabeth Alexander.

About 11 a.m., there will be opening remarks. There is an invocation, a poem, and then Vice President-elect Joe Biden and Obama will be sworn in separately. Obama will be sworn with the same Bible used by Abraham Lin-

coln. After Obama is sworn in, he will deliver a speech, and the ceremony wraps up with a benediction.

Wednesday, January 21

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will participate in a prayer service.

INAUGURAL BALLS

- Inauguration-goers can celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama at the very location where Lincoln celebrated his own. The Lincoln 2.0 Ball takes place Jan. 18 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

- The Presidential Inaugural Committee announced that there will be 10 official inaugural balls on Jan. 20.

Six balls will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and the others will take place at Union Station, the D.C. Armory, the National Building Museum and the Hilton Washington.

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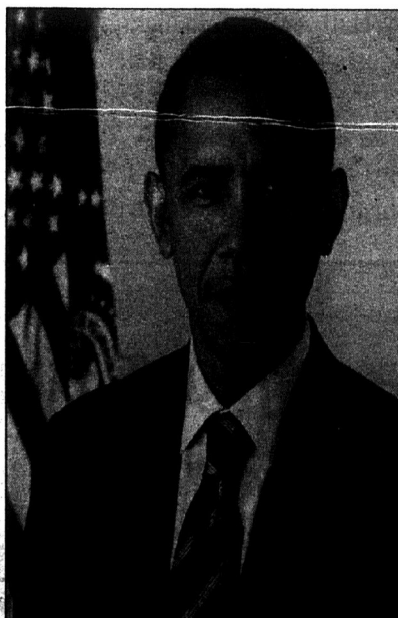
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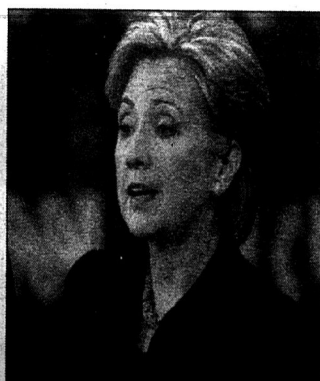
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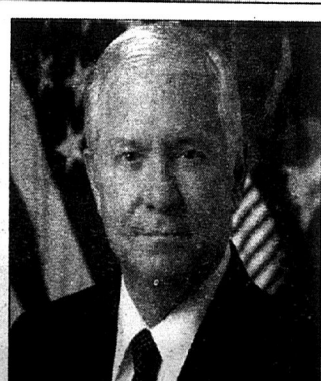
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Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense

Obama names experienced Cabinet

By FRANK LEWIS
HEARTLAND PUBLICATIONS

Just before going on an Hawaiian vacation on Dec. 20, President-elect Barack Obama filled out his cabinet, naming as his selection for Labor secretary — Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif; Rep. Ray LaHood — Transportation secretary; and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk as U.S. trade representative.

Solis as President-elect Obama's Secretary of Labor appears, at least on the surface to be good news for America's workers. Solis comes from a union family and has never forgotten her roots in her public service career. Her appointment is a win for the prospects of the Employee Free Choice Act as well.

LaHood represents the 18th Congressional District of Illinois where he was re-elected on November 7, 2006 (67.3 percent of the vote in the 18th District) and is currently serving his 7th term in Congress.

First elected on November 8, 1994 to the historic 104th Congress.

His U.S. House Committee Assignments include the Congressional Appropriations Committee, Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, the Subcommittee on Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. He also served on the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch.

Obama's naming of former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk to the post of U.S. trade representative thrusts the pro-trade former Dallas mayor into a sensitive balancing act between unions and business interests.

"He's an incredibly impressive guy with a wonderful background, particularly for this job," said Mickey Kantor, who held the post under President Bill Clinton. "You've got to understand both substance and politics to be successful,

and he certainly understands trade being from Texas."

After eight years with Texans filling Cabinet seats and top White House posts, the Kirk appointment ends a near-drought as Obama and his Illinois-heavy team prepares to take over. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, a holdover from the Bush administration, was president of Texas A&M but isn't from Texas.

Gates accepted the nomination as Secretary of Defense position on November 8, 2006, replacing Donald Rumsfeld. He was confirmed with bipartisan support. In a 2007 profile written by former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Time* named Gates one of the year's most influential people. In 2008, Gates was named one of America's Best Leaders by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Hillary Clinton has told those around her she doesn't think she will ever reach the Oval Office, so she sees her upcoming tenure as Secretary of State as the high point of her political career and a way to complete her legacy, friends say. To that end, she is surrounding herself with experienced, aggressive, Washington insiders such as James Steinberg, former deputy national security advisor under President Bill Clinton. She also indicates a desire to expand the budget of the State Department.

Obama's pick for Treasury secretary is Timothy Geithner, a relatively young, largely unknown president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Geithner has had a seat at the table since the credit crisis erupted in August of 2007, and as the Fed's man on Wall Street, he was a key architect of the \$30 billion bailout to prevent the bankruptcy of Bear Stearns Companies.

Obama has selected Washington lawyer Eric Holder to be the nation's first black Attorney General, a historic

appointment, but it may come with some potential problems — a 2001 pardon.

Holder's involvement in the pardon of Marc Rich by then-president Bill Clinton looks to be a blemish on his resume, but some political talking heads believe he had only a peripheral role in the process.

U.S. Senator Ken Salazar of Colorado has been tapped to become Secretary of the Interior.

"I am humbled and honored to be nominated by President-elect Barack Obama to serve," Salazar said.

Salazar is a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, which has jurisdiction over tax policy (including the IRS), Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, Customs, trade agreements, general revenue sharing, and tariffs and import quotas.

Salazar is also a member of the Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure — Health Care, Taxation, IRS Oversight and Long-term Growth — subcommittees.

On Dec. 17, Obama announced his choice of former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack as the nominee to be the next U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Vilsack has governed a farm state as did the previous two Secretaries of Agriculture, Senator-elect Mike Johanns and Ed Schafer.

The Washington Post called Vilsack a "shoo-in" for the job.

Obama has picked the widely respected housing commissioner for New York City, Shaun Donovan, to be secretary of housing in his cabinet.

If Donovan, 42, is confirmed by the Senate to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, he would be returning to the agency where he worked in the Clinton administration as acting federal housing commissioner and, earlier, as deputy assistant secre-

tary for multifamily housing, overseeing subsidies and properties for about two million families.

Steven Chu is Obama's selection to be Secretary of Energy. An American experimental physicist, he is known for his research in laser cooling and trapping of atoms, which won him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1997. His current research is concerned primarily with the study of biological systems at the single molecule level. He is currently Professor of Physics and Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and the director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Tom Daschle, a former U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader from South Dakota. He is Obama's nominee to serve as the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Watchdog groups such as Public Citizen accused Obama of "back-pedaling" on his promise to keep special interests out of the White House. While Daschle technically complies with the transition rules against lobbyists, said Ellen Miller, executive director of the Sunlight Foundation watchdog group, "many power brokers never register as lobbyists, but they are every bit as powerful."

Daschle's work "does not represent a bar to his service in the transition," Obama transition spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said in a statement. "He was not a lobbyist, and he will recuse himself from any work that presents a conflict of interest."

Daschle was considered for White House Chief of Staff in the new administration but the post ultimately went to Rahm Emanuel. Overall Obama has picked five women, four blacks, three Hispanics and two Asians as cabinet-level appointments.

New president to balance work with family

By RYAN SCOTT OTTNEY

HEARTLAND PUBLICATIONS

With all eyes on Barack Obama's move to Pennsylvania Avenue, three others are also about to embark into history. Obama's wife, Michelle, and their two children, Malia and Sasha join the president to form the next First Family.

According to Obama's official Web site (www.barackobama.com), Michelle ("Robinson") Obama grew up with her parents and older brother on the South Side of Chicago, where her father Fraser was a pump operator for the Chicago water department. Fraser's wife Marian stayed home to raise their children, Michelle and Craig.

Michelle attended Chicago public schools, and then attended Princeton studying sociology and African American studies. She graduated in 1985 and earned admission to Harvard Law School. Upon her return to Chicago in 1988, she joined the law firm Sidley & Austin. Years later she made the switch to assistant commissioner of planning and development for the City of Chicago, but it was while she worked in corporate-law that she first met Barack Obama.

Barack and Michelle were married in 1992, and today they have two girls: Malia, 10, and 7-year-old Sasha. According to the Web site, both girls — like their mother — were born on the South Side of Chicago.

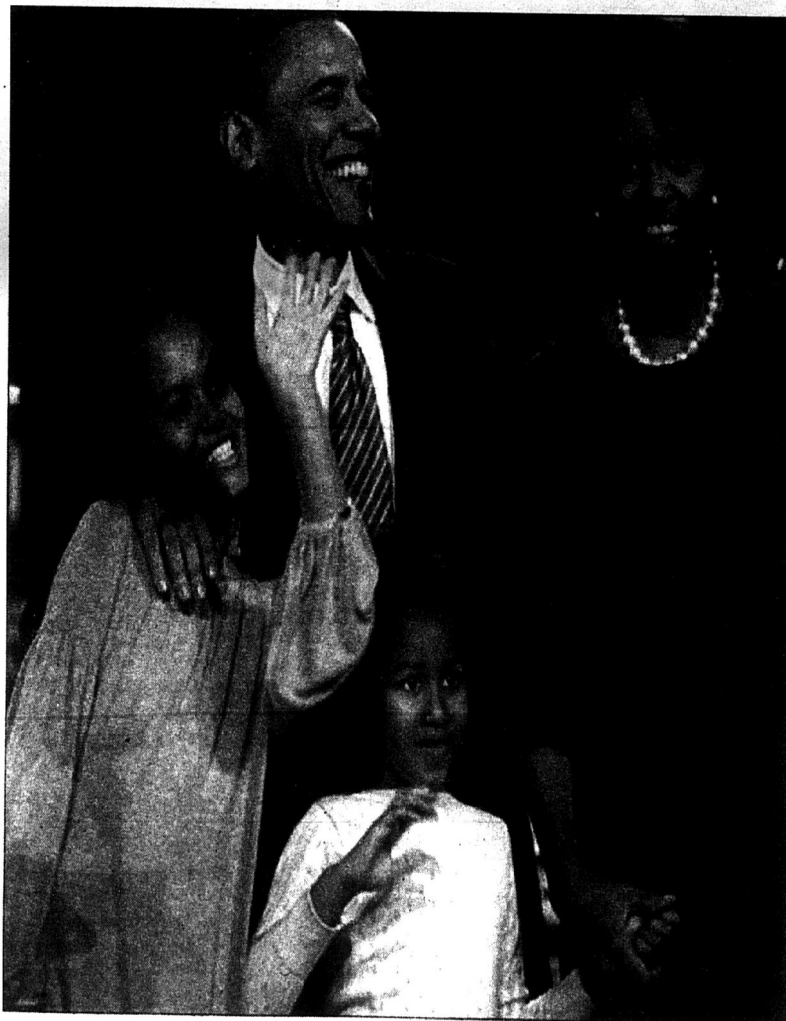
When Barack began his presidential campaign in February 2007, Michelle set out to meet with thousands of Americans, and has hosted round tables with working women. In these discussions, the Web site reports Michelle heard stories of military spouses, who work hard to keep their families together while their loved ones are away.

"We held a round table for military spouses at Fort Bragg," Michelle writes on the Web site. "It felt like the first time that many of these women had even been asked how they were doing. The tears and the stories went on and on. So we had another round table, and then another one."

Michelle went on to say she looks forward to continuing her work on the issues close to her heart, supporting military families, helping working women balance work and family, and encouraging national service.

"Policies that support families aren't political issues. They're personal. They're the causes I carry with me every single day," Michelle wrote.

In December, after Obama had won the presidential election, he and his family moved from their Chicago home into a



In this Jan. 3, 2008, file photo Barack Obama waves to supporters at an after-caucus rally in Des Moines, Iowa, after winning the Iowa Democratic presidential caucus. When asked how she deals with the crowds, Malia, now 10, said according to her mother: "Those people aren't there to see me. They just think I'm cute. So I just wave and smile, and then I'm out of there."

Washington D.C. hotel. The family decided to take up temporary residence at the Hay-Adams Hotel, in Washington D.C., to help facilitate Malia and Sasha's new school schedule. The girls began classes at the private Sidwell Friends School on Jan. 5.

The Hay-Adams has 145 rooms and suites, featuring marble bathrooms, intricately carved plaster ceilings and ornamental fireplaces and balconies. After throwing open its doors, the hotel quickly attracted prominent Washingtonians and other elites, including aviators Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart, author Sinclair Lewis and actress Ethyl Barrymore. Its restaurant is a top destination for "power dining" and is a regular meeting place for White House officials.

Even before the Obama daughters step foot into the White House, they've already become celebrities in their own right. A look at history suggests that the media, at least, will keep their distance. Chelsea Clinton, 13,

when she entered the White House, was largely left alone at the request of her parents. Amy Carter, who came at age nine, was allowed to live a fairly normal life. And the much younger Kennedy kids were kept from the public glare by their mother, Jackie, who even set up a school for Caroline at the White House.

But this is a different world, one where photos and video can be snapped not just by mainstream photographers but by anyone with a mobile phone, and uploaded to the web within minutes. It's also a world where kids, now a powerful consumer force, eagerly devour news about celebrities closer to their own age: Miley Cyrus, for example, or the High School Musical bunch.

Figuring out just how public the Obama girls can and should be, Larry Hackett (managing editor of *People*, which has featured the Obama family on its cover three times) says, will be a tricky process not just for the media but for the Obama family, and

"I think the Obamas are clearly aware there's a fascination with the girls and how they're going to lead their lives," Hackett says. "They're going to try to chart a course."

One author on presidential children has a somewhat more pessimistic view. In "All the President's Children," Doug Wead, a former aide to President George H.W. Bush, details the various difficulties he says White House children have experienced later in their lives. Not least of them, he says, is an identity crisis.

"Most White House children live in the shadow of the White House for the rest of their lives," says Wead. "For all their accomplishments, they are forever defined by something they said or did there."

If that's true, it could be one reason why so many White House children decline now to speak to the media, Carter and Clinton among them.

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'Change has come to America'

An election for the history books

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There should be little doubt in anyone's mind the 2008 presidential election was historic and in a sense changed the way this country looks at presidential politics.

The November election turned out to be a well-fought battle by many contenders for two years. A junior senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, first announced his intentions to run for president on February 10, 2007. He made the announcement from the former state capitol building in Springfield. Obama's announcement was made in the same place President Abraham Lincoln delivered his 'house divided' speech in 1859.

His announcement started a hard fight from coast to coast. The campaign brought with it many historic markers. The top three contenders for the office of the president would change

history.

Barack Obama is the first African-American to be nominated by a major political party for the office of the president. He is also the first African-American to be elected president.

Obama was followed closely for the Democratic nomination by former first lady Hillary Clinton. It also was the first time a woman had been so close to the nomination of a major political party.

Obama fought a hard battle with the senior senator from Arizona, John McCain. The McCain ticket also made history when he chose Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. When Palin was chosen it was the first time a woman was nominated to be next in line to the president.

The 2008 election was the first time since 1928 a presidential election did not have an incumbent president or vice president was not running. The election marked the country's 56th consecutive general election.

According to a 2008 election overview, results and policy implications prepared by Kelley Drye's Government Relations & Public Policy Practice Group, Obama is the first sitting member of congress elected president since Senator John F. Kennedy. They also say Obama won 53 percent of the popular vote which is the highest for a Democrat since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

According to Turnto23.com the 2008 election is the first time which both major party candidates were born outside the continental United States.

With the election it will mark the first time a Catholic senator, Joe Biden, will be vice president.

Throughout his Obama's campaign he emphasized the issues of ending the Iraq War and increasing the country's independence and the implementation of universal health care.

In Obama's victory speech in Chicago, Ill. he told those in attendance "change has come to America."

MICHELLE OBAMA'S INAUGURAL GOWN CONTINUES LONG TRADITION FOR FIRST LADIES

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Many are speculating about the choice future first lady Michelle Obama will make for her inaugural ball gown.

After many criticized her choice of Narciso Rodriguez's red/black dress she wore at President-Elect Barack Obama's acceptance speech, many contemporary designers are submitting designs for the new first lady.

Many say she may go with her favorite color — turquoise — but some speculate she may go with a new twist on texture in deep red. Another speculation has her trying metallic colors in a gown made by a White House favorite, Oscar de la Renta, or maybe she will opt for a symbolic black and white gown.

Latest reports are indicating Diane von Furstenberg is hoping to provide a design for Obama, at least the TV program Access Hollywood has confirmed that von Furstenberg is among several designers asked to submit a sketch for the country's future first

lady.

Whichever style she picks, it will become part of history.

Current First Lady Laura Bush formally presented the gown she wore to the 2001 Inaugural balls to the Smithsonian Institution's First Ladies Collection shortly after the balls. The gown is displayed in the museum's "The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden" exhibition. In addition, the matching coat, shoes, and bag are on view.

Made of red Chantilly lace and silk satin with crystal beading, the gown has long sleeves, a scoop neck and a full skirt. It was created by Dallas designer Michael Faircloth.

Mrs. Bush's gown is shown with one worn to George Washington's Inauguration in 1789. The brocade, lavender silk gown and matching petticoat are believed to have been worn by Mary Livingston Duane, wife of the mayor of New York, to a ball in that city.

According to the museum's Web site, The First Ladies' exhibition helps muse-

um visitors better understand the lives and experiences of the women themselves, as it offers insight to the first ladies' complex and multifaceted roles, as well as informs visitors about the changing role of women in American society.

The museum's "First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image" exhibition opened in 1992, but first ladies' clothing has been exhibited at the Smithsonian since 1914, when it was displayed in the Arts and Industries Building. The current first ladies exhibition looks at the expanded political role and public image of presidential wives and partners within the context of women's and presidential history.

Visitors can see the inaugural gowns of 13 first ladies, from Lucretia Garfield's gown worn in 1881 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's 1993 gown, as well as other clothes and objects worn and used by first ladies, such as the wedding dress Frances Cleveland wore when she married President Grover Cleveland in 1886 at the White

House, Jacqueline Kennedy's silver brocade A-line mini-dress and jacket, and Abigail Adams' silk-embroidered leather shoes.

"The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden" exhibition brings together more than 900 objects that represent the lives and times of the country's 43 presidents. The exhibition's highlights include Thomas Jefferson's wooden lap desk on which he wrote the Declaration of Independence; the carriage Ulysses S. Grant rode to his second Inauguration; and the top hat Abraham Lincoln wore on the night of his assassination.

The section "Celebrating Inaugurations" examines the complex nature of American Inaugurations as part carnival, part coronation and part celebration that the torch of democracy once again has been passed in peace. It includes a reproduction of the oldest known photograph of an Inauguration (James Buchanan, 1857).

For more information, visit the museum's Web site at <http://americanhistory.si.edu> or call (202) 633-1000.

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