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INSIDE
brief
Four deaths on state roads during Thanksgiving

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that four people died in four separate crashes on Kentucky roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period, Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 29. Last year there were 14 highway fatalities during the same time period.

All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and two victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Carter, Perry, Warren and Webster counties. The crash in Webster County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Nov. 29, preliminary statistics indicate that 702 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 40 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There were 568 motor vehicle fatalities and 314 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Thirty-five pedestrians and five bicyclists have been killed. Seventy-eight fatalities involved a motorcycle and 15 fatalities involved an

Christmas parade gets earlier start

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Blackcats football team will be spreading Christmas cheer during the parade on Saturday, and the time

for the event has been moved up to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate their participation. "The entire Blackcat team will be in the parade to honor their accomplishments this season," said Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg. "It's going to be like a

ticker-tape parade." The Christmas events will start with an open house in downtown Prestonsburg today, with participating stores staying open until 7 p.m. The stores will feature special pricing, holiday decor and refreshments.

For those looking for even more entertainment in Prestonsburg for the holidays, the Kentucky Opry will be performing Christmas shows on Dec. 5 and 6, and the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir will be performing on Dec. 10.

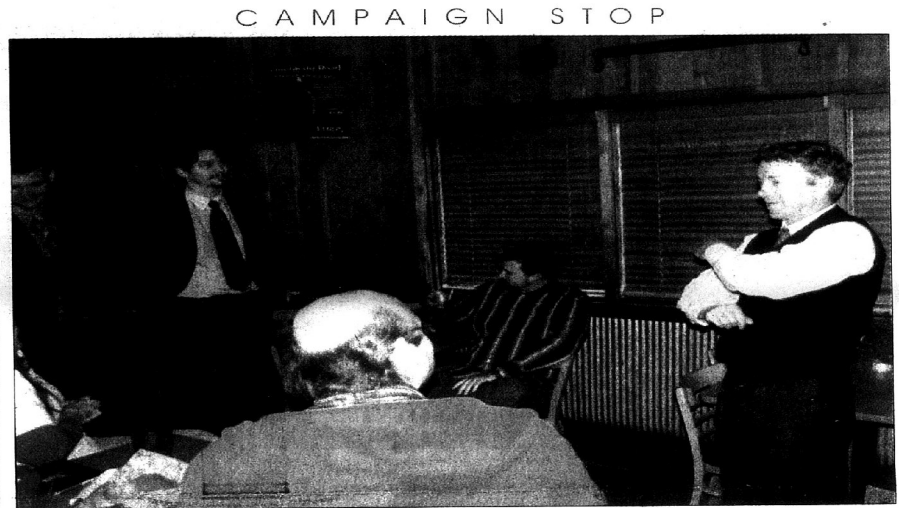


photo by Sheldon Compton
Rand Paul, who is running in the upcoming May primary for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in Kentucky, stopped in at Reno's in Prestonsburg Tuesday. Paul was en route to Pikeville for a town hall meeting to discuss the so-called "cap-and-trade" bill currently being debated in Washington.

Senate candidate talks with voters in Prestonsburg

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Senatorial candidate Rand Paul made a stop in Prestonsburg Tuesday to meet with supporters on his way to a town hall meeting in neighboring Pike County.

In the past several weeks, Paul, whose father Ron Paul made a bid for president in this last election, has been talking about health reform. However, in Prestonsburg and later in Pikeville during a town hall meeting, Paul focused more on the so-called "cap-and-trade" issue.

out loud about mountaintop removal. "So far I haven't met anyone who has a problem against mountaintop removal," Paul said, adding that he had stopped during his travels in Knott County, particularly at the Knott County Sport Complex, a facility built on

(See FATALS, page seven)

Workers sought for 2010 census

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Gary Wollenhaupt, manager of the local United States Census Bureau office in Ashland, came to Prestonsburg this week to help promote the need for census workers in Floyd County.

"We are currently looking for people interested in being census workers in the county," Wollenhaupt said.

The census workers travel throughout their communities and locate households, explain the purpose of the census, conduct personal interviews with respondents who failed to return their 2010 census questionnaire and record their responses on paper forms.

Each applicant for the job must take a 30-minute basic skills test consisting of 28 multiple-choice questions measuring knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs. The test includes clerical skills, reading skills, number skills, interpreting information and evaluating alternatives and organizational skills.

Workers will receive paid training, work flexible hours, get paid weekly and receive reimbursement for authorized mileage and other work-related expenses.

Across the nation, the Census Bureau is expected to hire 1.4 million temporary employees to conduct the cen-

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Today
Partly cloudy
High: 40 • Low: 25

Tomorrow
Chance of snow
High: 31 • Low: 22

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Program to give shoes to distressed children

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalReD) was recently selected as a partner in the Payless Shoes 4 Kids program.

The program is a grassroots effort to deliver \$1.2 million worth of free shoes to children of families in need over the course of the holiday season.

AppalReD Executive Director Cynthia Elliott was in Prestonsburg this week at the city's offices outlining plans for the partnership.

"We are thrilled to be a partner in this significant effort," Elliott said, while Payless representatives echoed the sentiment, saying

that "A great pair of shoes can lift spirits, bolster self-confidence and bring a huge smile to a child's face."

Now AppalReD is putting out a call to those who might be interested in helping in this effort, asking that individuals add \$5 to each coupon to ensure it will cover the full cost of a pair shoes, along with seeking additional donations to help buy clothing to go along with the shoes.

To be eligible, individuals or families must meet certain criteria including having suffered a catastrophe such as a house fire, be homeless, reside in a domestic violence shelter or be at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

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AppalReD Executive Director Cynthia Elliott was in Prestonsburg this week to help coordinate a partnership between the organization and Payless Shoes to see that more than \$1 million in shoes are given out to the needy this holiday season.

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Obituaries

Ocie King Hall

Ocie King Hall, age 84, of Kite, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at her residence.

She was born February 26, 1925, in Hall, the daughter of the late Lee and Angeline Hall King. She was a homemaker and was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Hall; a brother, Everage King; and a sister, Cleo Anderson.

Survivors include a son, James Hall Jr., of Plymouth, Ohio, and a daughter, Anna Faye Hall of Kite; her sisters, Viola Moore of Hope Sound, Florida, Beulah Anderson of Kite, and Dilo Click of Leburn; her grandchildren: Jamie Aichholz and Craig Anderson; great-grandchildren: Cody Aichholz, Kaitlyn Aichholz, and James Jacob Aichholz.

Funeral services for Ocie King Hall will be conducted, Friday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m., in the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Kite, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Shelby Mullins Cemetery at Kite.

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. Visitation is at the Church.

(Paid obituary)

Birdie Hicks

Birdie Hicks, 90, of Ivel, died Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Born December 9, 1918, in Pyramid, he was the son of the late Douglas Hicks and Rebecca Moore Hicks. He was a farmer and self-employed produce retailer, and served in the ministry for 30 years. He was a member of the Holiness Unto the Lord Church, which he built himself; and an Army veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Myrle Bradley Hicks. Other survivors include a son, Doug (Douglas) Hicks; two daughters: Shirley Hicks of Springfield, Tennessee, and Susie Gotwald of Franklin, Tennessee; one sister, Susie Wright of Lima, Ohio; four grandchildren: Lauren Gotwald, Adam Gotwald, Braden Gotwald, and Bradley Hicks.

In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

Private funeral services will be held Friday, December 4, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with family and friends officiating.

Interment will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Military graveside services will be conducted by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, D.A.V. The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Columbus "Dickie" Johnson

Columbus "Dickie" Johnson, age 54, of Martin, husband of Frances Shepherd Johnson, passed away Monday, November 30, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

He was born February 17, 1955, in McDowell, the son of the late Bee Johnson and Eunice Ousley Johnson. He was a maintenance supervisor of KCTCS (Pikeville Campus), and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; two sons: Dicky Lee

Johnson, and Ricky Johnson, both of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Leslie Robinson and her husband, Kevin of Martin, and Sara Brooke Johnson of Martin; four brothers: Micky Johnson and Teddy Johnson both of Martin, Wallace Johnson of McDowell, and Jeffery Johnson of Winchester; four sisters: Zola Rose and Abigail Johnson, both of Prestonsburg, and Jan Crum and Pauline Adams, both of Martin; four grandchildren: Kendal and Lindsey Robinson, Treybor Johnson and Emily Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Johnson; and a sister, Alpha Jean Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 3, at noon at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Phyllis Binion Pickard

Phyllis Binion Pickard, age 78, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Friday, November 27, 2009, at her residence.

She was born October 4, 1931, in Clifton Forge, Virginia, the daughter of the late Filmore and Maxine Deal Binion. She was a retired music teacher, having taught in the Huntington East High School. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association; and a lifetime member of the Alpha Chi Omega Society; and attended the Russell Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dalls Pickard Jr.

Survivors include two sons: Neal Polin of Ashland, and William Polin of San Francisco, California; a daughter, Diane Pickard and son-in-law, Ted Hall of Prestonsburg; a niece, Thea Sommers; nephews: Mark and Wade Thompson; and a grandchild, Zachary Mitchell.

(Paid obituary)

Margaret Jean Porter

Margaret Jean Porter 77, of Allen, died Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born August 15, 1932, in Floyd County, she was the

daughter of the late Kelly and Alice Mosley Kendrick. She was a retired custodian for the Floyd County Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon "Buster" Porter.

Survivors include two sons: Vernon E. Porter (Shirley) of Kite, and Randal Porter (Denise) of Allen; one brother, Gene T. Kendrick of Roanoke, Virginia; three sisters: Martha Jane Porter of Allen, Bernice Marshall of Huntington, West Virginia, and Hersie Cole of Cannonsburg; seven grandchildren: Jessica, Ryan Eugene, Vernon Matthew, Ryan Estill, Jonathan, Andrew, and Lonzie; and eight great-grandchildren: Brandon, Zachery, Gabrielle, Rhanna, Jonah, Bailee, Caleb and Britany.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Russell and Bill Kendrick. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Ruby Akers, 91, of Drift, died Sunday, November 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Melinda K. Chambers, 34, of Gethel, died Tuesday, November 24, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Cynthia Mae Music Frasure, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 25, at Riverview Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Frasure. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Joyce Ann Case Gore, 68, of Garrett, died Tuesday, November 24, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Otis Lee Hicks, 72, of McDowell, died November 27, in the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Shanda Bethelreen Jarrell, 23, of Homaker, died Thursday, November 26, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Patrick (Todd) Jarrell. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carol Lee Majors Judd, 74, of Martin, died Monday, November 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Donald Eugene Laferty 65, of Gethel, died November 22, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sandra Kay Tackett McKenzie, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, November 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Aaron (Pee Jib) Prater, 72, of Hueysville, died Sunday, November 22, in Floyd County. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Shelby Jean Reynolds, 71, of McDowell, died Saturday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Emitt Williams, 67, of

Gethel, died Friday, November 27, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Hattie Bentley of Dorton, died Wednesday, November 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Blanch Elaine Blevins, 48, of Belfry, died Tuesday, November 24, at South Williamson A.R.H. She is survived by her husband, Fred Blevins. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Sue Ann Hanner 83, of Cambridge, formerly of McAndrews, died Tuesday, November 24, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Crystal L. Huffman, 28, of Kendrick Fork, died Monday, November 23, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on US 460 at Mouthard. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 26, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Ratliff Keene, 95, of Burnside Fork, died Monday, November 23, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Edith Branhram Spears, 88, of Dry Fork of Shelby, died Tuesday, November 24, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Stacy, 72, of Brushy, in Pike County, died Monday, November 23, at the home of his daughter. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Lawrence COUNTY
■ Gary Fitch, 56, of Louisa, died Sunday, November 15. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Fitch. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Pauley Friley, 82, of Port Orange, Florida, formerly of Louisa, died Sunday, November 22, in Port Orange. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Home.
■ Beverly Colene Marcum Pope, 35, of Louisa, died Wednesday, November 25. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Warren G. Cassady, 89, of Inez, died Sunday, November 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bessie (Hom) Cassady. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Janet Carol Stepp Centers, 65, of Irvine, formerly of Martin County, died Monday, November 23. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Woodrow Dials, 68, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Inez, died Friday, November 27, in Columbus. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, under the direc-

tion of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Paul Avery Fields, 70, of Pilgrim, died Sunday, November 22, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Mandy Fields. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Richard Fletcher, 88, of

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Jarrell has filed intent to seek election



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Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you,
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same,
Since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday."

Sadly missed by Your Buddies:

Carolyn Likens, Chalupa, Nakita

For the Record

Marriage Licenses
 Brandy Jane Justice, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Phillip Mabry Holbrook, 30, of Printer.
 Tina Katherine Greene, 27, of Prestonsburg, to James Franklin Howard II, 34, of Prestonsburg.
 Lasha Nicole Martin, 18, of Prestonsburg, to William David Morrison, 20, of Prestonsburg.
 Rhonda Jean Stone, 40, of Wayland, to Delmas Gene Stone Jr., 40, of Hueysville.
 Lesley Carol Ward, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Ray Miller, 25, of Prestonsburg.
 Stephanie Lynn Bertram, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Adron H. Raffill Jr., 58, of Prestonsburg.
 Ashley Renee Wardper, 29, of Lovely, to Darrell Crider Jr., 29, of Prestonsburg.
 Brittany R. Hamilton, 19, of Galveston, to Scottie E. Little, 20, of Printer.

Civil Suits Filed
 Community Trust Bank vs. Katie Jo Gray, complaint.
 Patricia Frasure vs. Walter Moore, complaint.

Richard Ray vs. John West; complaint.
 Amy Cunningham vs. Timothy Cunningham; divorce.
 Jackie Hall vs. Erica Howell; complaint.
 Maggie Williams vs. Melanie Hamilton; complaint.
 Melissa Hamilton vs. Doug Keathley; petition for annulment.
 Tim Cunningham vs. Amy N. Cunningham; divorce.
 Charlie Howell vs. Paul Little; complaint.
 Citibank vs. Amy Deskins; complaint.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Shawn Pennington; complaint.
 Cathy M. Elliott vs. City of Prestonsburg; complaint.

Charges Filed
 Rhonda L. Marsillett, 38, Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, third-degree trafficking in 4 controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container.
 Shane Hall, 18, Lackey; theft by unlawful taking.
 Timothy W. Austin, 48,

David; terroristic threatening, second-degree burglary.
 Donald E. Bentley, 35, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Alisha R. Hall, 30, Martin; possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, criminal trespassing, public intoxication.
 Brandon D. Sargent, 24, McDowell; alcohol intoxication, fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.
 Christopher M. Osborne, 41, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor, controlled substance prescription not in original container, third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
 Melissa L. Jude, 33, Tomahawk; public intoxication, resisting arrest.
 Alex Hall, 18, McDowell; terroristic threatening.
 Edmund Briant Kidd, 31, Harold; illegal taking or pursuing of a deer or wild turkey.

Inspections
 Giovanni's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, lack of effective hair restraints, non-food contact surfaces not properly maintained, cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, improper handling of clean equipment and utensils, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink. Score: 92.
 Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, floors not clean, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 94.
 Dairy Cheer, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food contact surfaces not properly constructed, food contact surfaces not properly maintained, non-food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution,

floors not properly covered. Score: 93.
Property Transfers
 Mark Edward Blackburn to James Matthew Crum and Rita Crum, property not listed.
 Melba Blackburn to James Matthew Crum and Rita Crum, property not listed.
 Fred Nelson Bowser Jr. to Vivian Bowser, property not listed.
 Ann W. Coleman to Cynthia J. Bohon and Steven T. Bohon, property located at Mays Branch.
 Community Trust Bank Inc. to Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, property located at Shaun Howell Subdivision.
 Antoinette Devore to Sandra L. Randall and William H. Randall, property not listed.
 Estate of William H. Jarvis to Donna Jarvis, property not listed.
 Estate of William H. Jarvis to Larry D. Jarvis, property not listed.
 Darcus Faine to Sheryl Johnson, property not listed.
 Gary R. Faine to Sheryl Johnson, property not listed.
 Kathy Faine to Sheryl Johnson, property not listed.
 Ronnie Faine to Sheryl Johnson, property not listed.
 Brenda G. Fish to Phillman Paige, property not listed.

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NINJA ASSASSIN (R) Mon-Sun 7:15-9:30 Fr (4:30) 7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30
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Cinema 6—Hold Over
NEW MOON (PG-13) Mon-Sun 6:45-9:15 Fr (4:05) 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun (1:30-4:05) 6:45-9:15
Cinema 7—Hold Over
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) Mon-Sun 6:50-9:25 Fr (4:20) 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun (1:45-4:20) 6:50-9:25
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, December 4
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG-13) Mon-Sun 7:05-9:25 Fr (4:25) 7:05-9:25 Sat-Sun (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25
Cinema 9—Hold Over
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Obituaries

Debord, died Thursday, November 19. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Geraldine Horn, 43, of Tomahawk, died Monday, November 30. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Lucy B. Howell Jr., 32, of Inez, died Friday, November 27, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, November 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.
 ■ Gary Russell James, 58, of Lovely, died Sunday, November 29, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Victoria Sparks, 66, of Inez, died Friday, November 20. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Sparks. Funeral services were held Monday,

November 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.
 ■ Haskel Webb, 59, of Grayson, formerly of Lovely, died November 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 11, under the direction of McCoy-Moore Funeral Home.
MARTIN COUNTY
 ■ Warren G. Cassidy, 89, of Inez, died Sunday, November 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bessie (Horn) Cassidy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Paul Fields, 70, of Pilgrim, died Sunday, November 22, at King's Daughters in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Mandy Roger Fields. Funeral services were held Friday, November 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Gary Fitch, 56, of Louisa, died Sunday, November 15. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Fitch. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Richard Fletcher, 88, of Debord, died Thursday, November 19. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Victoria Sparks, 66, of Inez, died Friday, November 20. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Sparks. Funeral services were held Monday,

November 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.
 ■ Adam Jacoby, 58, of Hazard, formerly of Pippa Passes, died Friday, November 13, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Alpha Carol Everidge McDermott, 84, of Beech Grove, Indiana, formerly of Hindman, died October 16, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, October 23, under the direction of Little & Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Nora Moore, 86, of Hi Hat, died November 21, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.
 ■ G.B. Newman Jr., 72, of Hi Hat, died November 23, at East Ky. Veteran's Center in Hazard. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.
 ■ Anna M. Ritchie, 53, of Emmalena, died Thursday, November 19, at the Markey Cancer Center. She is survived by her husband, Elijah Ritchie. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Danny Stone, 58, of Lypnost, died November 20, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, November 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.
 ■ Ronald Sparkman, 40, of Raven, died Thursday, November 12, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 15, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Betty Sue Wallace, 74, of Larkslane, a native of Lackey, died November 17, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Friday, November 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

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Jerry L. Hicks Jr.

Hicks enlists in Marines

Jerry L. Hicks Jr., son of Milton F. Harvey of Prestonsburg, recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program. This program allows prospective recruits the opportunity to get personal affairs in order and become better physically and mentally prepared before departing for Recruit Training. During recruit training, Jerry will learn military customs and courtesies, first aid and a variety of military related subjects. Marine Corps "boot camp" is a rigorous training period, both physically and mentally, designed to enhance raw talent and create the moral discipline required of all Marines. After graduation, new Marines learn their occupation specialties at formal schools and gain further knowledge from on-the-job training. Hicks was enlisted by Gunnery Sergeant James H. Kirk from Recruiting Sub Station Paintsville, located at 435 N. Mayo Trail. For more information on becoming a Marine contact Gunnery Sergeant Kirk at (606) 788-9361.

November 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.
 ■ Haskel Webb, 59, of Grayson, formerly of Lovely, died November 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 11, under the direction of McCoy-Moore Funeral Home.
KNOTT COUNTY
 ■ Georgia Bates, 81, of Pinetop, died November 10, at home. Funeral services were

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

— Chinese proverb

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Guest View

When you see it with your own eyes

A two-day trip through Eastern Kentucky including Hazard taken by a group of 65 Central Kentucky business leaders and organized by Commerce Lexington has opened their eyes to the impact coal has on the state's economy. As a direct result, the group has changed its official policy statement to now be much more pro-coal.

Good for them, and better for our state as a whole, but what really surprised us was that until this trip, the group didn't understand the economic engine which is coal.

The coal industry in Kentucky is nothing new. It's our heritage.

To those of us who reside in the eastern coalfields and who for as long as we can remember have understood the impact it had on our local economies, we're thankful that the Lexington group now 'gets it.' We hope this will lead to better understanding and more resources will come our way, but we're not holding our breath.

We've long opined that the rest of the state is oblivious to the needs of our communities and the importance that coal plays in the state's economy. We continue to be perplexed by the inordinate amounts of state and federal funds that somehow always seem to flood Central Kentucky, leaving projects in our neck of the woods forgotten or ignored.

The group's statement for 2010 calls pending legislation "the most immediate threat to Kentucky's business climate." Included in their concerns is the cap-and-trade energy bill approved by the House last summer. Once again that bill rears its ugly head.

Maybe, just maybe, if politicians from other parts of our state would follow the lead of those Central Kentucky business leaders and take a trip through the coalfields and communities of Eastern Kentucky, then they too would not only support coal but try and heighten awareness to the tremendous importance it plays in our state's economy.

— The Hazard Herald



Beyond the Beltway

Dark forces conspire against health care reform

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a health care bill, inspiring shouts of Hallelujah and "enlightened elite," as the Righteous Right like to call them. (Boy, they really know how to hurt an elite.)

It was trumpeted as a major step toward realizing the 60-year-old dream of health care for all, first proposed by President Harry Truman.

It passed by two votes, one of them cast by a Republican. Every other Republican in the House voted against the measure, apparently on the theory that health care for the poor would make them less willing to work for low wages, which would in turn lead to socialism, gay marriage and abortion on demand.

Thirty-nine Democrats, generally from the South, joined the Republicans in opposition.

So my question for the health care reform advocates is this: Why are you so happy that a badly compromised bill squeaked through the House? The House is easy, comparatively. It's the Senate that is the real bulwark against

all progressive legislation.

There are reasons for this:

One: States in which hardly anyone lives (Alaska, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, etc.) have the same number of votes as giant states like New York, California, Texas and Florida. You can buy off the senators of six little states for less than one big one costs, giving you six times the bang for your buck. In other words, the Forces of Darkness have more influence in the Senate than they do in the House.

Two: It's not enough to get a majority of the Senate to go along on a bill. In the face of a filibuster threat, you need 60 of the 100 senators to agree to even vote on the bill. Since there are 40 Republicans in the Senate who, with one or two exceptions, refuse to support anything the Democrats suggest, you need all 58 Democrats plus the two independents to get a controversial bill passed. Democrats being what they are, it's hard to get all of them to agree on anything.

Three: The American people don't pay much attention. Take the issue of "the public option" for health insurance. This could serve sort of as an insurance of last resort for people who can't get it any other way. With 37 million now uninsured and tens of millions of others worried about losing their jobs (and their insurance), this should be a slam dunk. People should be out on the streets at night, waving torches and rioting for a public option. Republicans who fail to vote for it should be out on their ears

come the next election.

That's not going to happen. Insurance companies and their best friends, the drug companies, have managed to convince a good share of the public that a government-run insurance program will result in rationing of health care, long waiting lines, even "death panels."

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, a big insurance state, has said that the government would be "unfair competition" for insurance companies. To insurance and drug companies, pretty much any competition is unfair. They have a sweet deal going and don't want anyone or anything getting in the way of their business, which consists of gouging the public and laughing all the way to the bank.

We don't have a health care industry; we have a giant conspiracy whose goal is to deliver as little health care as possible for the most amount of money. Anything that interferes with that is socialism.

We still may get a decent health care bill out of this. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rolled out a new bill that would insure 31 million Americans who now have no insurance and save some money to boot. It's even got a public option.

You'd think that would be winner. But I wouldn't bet on it. The Forces of Darkness haven't yet had their last innings.

Minuteman Media columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Letters

Cannot find help

This letter is intended to inform anyone in Floyd County who has any concern for the welfare of helpless animals of an atrocious situation in my neighborhood. My neighbors have chained a large dog in their yard and had starved it to the point of near death before my husband and I became involved in throwing food across our fence to feed it and notifying county authorities. This animal is covered in sores and is extremely sick (see photo).

I have provided County Judge Marshall's office with a full report of the dog's condition, along with photos. I've gone to the courthouse and spoken to a representative in the county attorney's office and have spoken to the sheriff's office by phone. To the best of my knowledge, the county animal control officer has visited the address in question three times, but has failed to take any action, as the dog's owners have either refused to answer their door or have reportedly not been at home. The dog continues to suffer. Winter is here and this poor animal has lost a great deal of its hair. Imagine how horrible it would be, chained outdoors and naked in



December!

There are underage children in this home. Think of the lessons they are learning. They are the ones who bury the dogs that die. This isn't the first time this has happened. Within the past month, one of the children informed my husband that their bull-dog had died and he had buried it. My husband had seen this animal and noted its condition to be the same as the dog now in question. I've tried to "look the other way and mind my own business" in regards to my neighbor's actions, since we've had words over

their treatment of their animals in the past. I can no longer remain quiet. I believe there is a special corner of hell reserved for child and animal abusers. What worries me is that the apathetic among us may be carrying a front-row seat by our lack of action. I hope not to be there.

If there is anyone who can assist me in obtaining help for this animal, please contact me at (606) 358-9548. I failed to mention that I have also notified PETA per email.

Donna Thomas Garrett

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Bobcats bash Magoffin County, 76-40

P'burg falls to Clay
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - A dozen different players provided scoring Tuesday night as host Betsy Layne closed out Magoffin County 76-40 in a season-opener at the Dome.

Betsy Layne outscored Magoffin County in each quarter en route to the convincing victory.

Senior guard Bryce Adkins led a balanced Betsy Layne offensive effort, scoring 12 points in limited action. Senior

forward Jordan Newman added nine points for the Bobcats. Junior guard/forward Nathan Martin and senior guard Stephen Johnson added eight points apiece for Betsy Layne in the season-opening home game.

The Bobcats ultimately doubled up Magoffin County in the first half.

Betsy Layne started to pull away in the second half after establishing a 15-11 lead as the first quarter drew to an end. The Bobcats restrained Magoffin County in the second quarter, outscoring the Hornets 17-5 to take a commanding 32-

16 lead into the half-time. Betsy Layne was able to stretch its lead in the second half. The Bobcats outscored Magoffin County by 12 points in each of the final two quarters.

Junior guard Derek Tackett and junior forward/center Casey Adkins added seven points each for the Bobcats. Junior guard Dylan Maldonado added six points for Betsy Layne, while freshman guard/forward Michael Henson and senior forward/center Stumbo tossed in four apiece. Sophomore guard Andrew Roberts scored two and fresh-

man guard Garon Newsome knocked down one free throw attempt for the Bobcats.

Magoffin County struggled at times offensively in its 2009-10 debut. Senior center Casey Adams scored a team-high 14 points for the Hornets. Freshman guard Nathan Howard netted six points and senior center Channing Harvey added five for the Hornets.

Betsy Layne was hosting Shelton Clark Thursday night in a home game at the Dome. The Betsy Layne-Shelton Clark game ended too late to make this edition.

In another season-opener,

Clay County doubled up Prestonsburg 58-29 at the Fieldhouse. Clay County, under the tutelage for Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock, gradually pulled away for the win.

Prestonsburg will visit Pikeville Friday night. Shelton Clark edged the Panthers 67-65 Tuesday night in another season-opener. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Pikeville game is set for 7:30 p.m. at the TW Oliver Gymnasium. Several players just returned to the Blackcat basketball program following a lengthy stint with the Prestonsburg football team.

BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS UPCOMING GAMES

- Dec. 3 Shelton Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Allen Central, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 8 at Knott Co. Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.

College hoops blockbuster: UK-UNC

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

As someone who can follow NCAA college basketball only from afar at this time of year, I may have been a little late coming to the party on North Carolina.

As most of you well know, the Tar Heels will visit Rupp Arena on Saturday afternoon to play our vaunted Cats. After losing nearly everyone who saw playing time and something like 142 percent of their scoring from last year, I was among those expecting Roy Williams and Co. to take a step back this year.

What was I thinking?

Roy Williams doesn't rebuild. As the saying goes, he reloads. That certainly seems to be the case this year.

Tomorrow the court at Rupp Arena could hold the most dazzling collection of first-year college players to ever share the same court. Seriously, we know about the Kentucky kids, Bledsoe, Cousins, Orton, Dodson. And some other kid, Wall, I think.

We know of them. It is because of them the Cats will take a 7-0 record into tomorrow's game. Different from the schools with the most wins in college basketball history. The schedule has helped. Tell people you've played Morehead, Rider, Sam Houston State and UNC-Asheville and they probably won't be terribly impressed.

But without those freshmen, some of those games could have been losses. Miami, for example, was a game that probably would have gone the way of Gardner-Whitlock during the previous administration. The same could be said for Stanford in the Cancun Challenge, if the Cats could have even gotten that far.

(See HOOPS, page SIX)

Priarist outlasts Riverside Christian

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOST CREEK - The Priarist School defeated host Riverside Christian 50-42 Monday night in a girls' high school basketball season-opener. Priarist, under the direction of head coach Kevin Tackett, received scoring from five different players. Haley Dyer dumped in a game-high 20 points for the Lady Knights. Dyer, who connects on 8-of-13 free throws, was one of two Priarist School players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Chelsea Newsome followed with 10 points for the Lady Knights. Newsome contributed eight points for the winning team. Shonda Bailey and Whitley Hall added six points apiece for the Lady Knights.

Priarist grabbed 24 rebounds in the Three Rivers Conference game. The Lady Knights enjoyed some success from beyond the arc, draining 4-of-17 three-point field goal attempts.

In a return trip, Priarist will visit Riverside Christian on Dec. 19 for a Three Rivers Conference Tournament game versus the Lady Rams.

Priarist was hosting Kentucky School for the Deaf Thursday evening. Reservations for the Priarist-KSD matchup were unavailable at press time.



Betsy Layne will host 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Allen Central tonight in a season-opener at the Dome. Allen Central will also be playing for the first time in the 2009-10 season.

Lady Cats headed into opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Second-year head coach Devon Reynolds will guide the Betsy Layne Lady Cats into a season-opener tonight when Allen Central visits the storied Dome for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup.

Seniors Megan Hamilton (G/F), Lindsey Martin (G), Faith Reynolds (F/C) and Amy Tackett (F) and Junior Hoyt (G) will return for region title contender Betsy Layne, which finished last season 16-9 after reaching the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. Hoyt (17 ppg, 3.5 spg) and Hamilton (16.9 ppg, 3.9 spg) led the Lady Cats throughout last season. Hoyt also ranks as one of the region's top defensive players.

Martin averaged 4.1 assists for the Lady Cats during the 2008-09 season. Juniors Kaleigh Wagner

(G/F) and Taylor Watkins (C) and freshman Tanna "TJ" Tackett (G/F) are also back in the mix for the Lady Cats.

Depth shouldn't be an issue for Betsy Layne as the Lady Cats played nine players on a consistent basis over the summer.

Tiffany Turner, another young head coach, is back to guide the Allen Central Lady Rebels. Allen Central concluded the 2008-09 season 9-16 after finishing runner-up to Betsy Layne in the 58th District.

Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Allen Central game is set for 7:30 p.m.

In other area games involving Floyd County teams tonight, Prestonsburg will visit Belfry while South Floyd plays on the road at the Priarist School. The Lady Raiders opened the season Thursday night at Shelby Valley. The South Floyd-Shelby Valley game ended too late to make this edition.



Betsy Layne is the defending 58th District Champion.

BETSY LAYNE LADYCATS EARLY-SEASON GAMES

- Dec. 4 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 14 at Leitcher County Central, 7:30 p.m.

WYMT Mountain Classic schedule released

15th Region teams Shelby Valley, Johnson Central in field

round pairings have been finalized for the 2010 WYMT Whynnie Supply Mountain Classic. Reigning region champions Shelby Valley (15th Region) and Hazard (14th Region) are among the teams set to vie for this year's tournament title. All games will be broadcast on the internet. The games on Friday and Saturday will be shown live on WYMT.

The Mountain Classic will be held Jan. 5-9. Here's a look at the opening round pairings: Buckhorn vs. Shelby Valley, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.; Perry Central vs. Clay County, Tuesday, 8:15 p.m.; Knott Central vs. Knott Central, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.; Hazard vs. Johnson Central, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 8:15 p.m.

Raiders hold off Cordia, 70-58

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd opened the 2009-10 season on a winning note Tuesday night, defeating visiting Cordia 70-58 at Rader Arena. The Raiders gradually pulled away from Cordia, outscoring the 14th Region squad in each quarter.

Four players reached double figures in the scoring column as part of a balanced South Floyd offensive effort. Dakota Hall was the offensive leader for the Raiders, scoring 17 points in the season-opener. Dakota Newsome followed with 16 points for the Raiders. Shannon Turner added 15 points and Tommy Joe Hall tossed in 11 for the Raiders. In all seven different South Floyd players broke into the scoring column.

The Raiders edged Cordia 11-10 in the opening quarter. South Floyd added some distance between itself and the Lions in the second quarter. The Raiders managed to remain out in front of Cordia in the second quarter en route to a 27-19 lead at the intermission.

South Floyd carried a 45-35 lead out of the third quarter.

Brandon Marson (5 points), Wes Light (4 points) and Corey Paige (2 points) also provided scoring for the Raiders.

South Floyd finished 12-of-23 from the free throw line.

Two Cordia players combined for 39 points in the early-season setback. Adam Spencer scored a game-high 20 points for the Lions. Matt Stacy posted 19 points for the Cordia boys' basketball team.

South Floyd will host Johnson Central - the 15th Region runner up from last season - Friday night in another early-season boys' high school basketball game. The Golden Eagles are set to make their 2009-10 debut following a trip to Rader Arena. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Johnson Central game is set for 7:30 p.m.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- Dec. 5 Alice Lloyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 OSU-Manfield, Noon
- Jan. 2 U.Va.-Wise, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 4 Va-Inter, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 Temple Baptist, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 14 at Campbellville, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Lindsey Wilson, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 21 Georgetown, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 23 St. Catherine, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 26 Temple Baptist, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 28 at Big Grange, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 30 at WVU Tech, 4 p.m.

Pike Central handles Rebs in coach's return

Stumbo scores 24 for AC in setback
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Johnny Martin spent hundreds of games on the sidelines at J.E. Campbell Arena as Allen Central head coach. Martin made a return to J.E. Campbell Arena Tuesday night for his first game at the helm of an opposing program. The coach who guided the Allen Central boys' basketball program to hundreds of wins and numerous district and regional titles

prevailed again Tuesday night as Johnny Martin's Pike Central Hawks defeated Mark Martin's Allen Central Rebels 73-57.

In a game that was never short of turnovers, as is the case in many early-season matchups, Pike County Central doubled up Allen Central in the opening quarter and remained at least four or five shots ahead of the Rebels throughout most of the contest.

Hobo McCoy netted a game-high 29 points for the Hawks. McCoy led a trio of scorers in double figures for visiting Pike County Central. Corey Tackett tossed in 16 points and Aaron McGuire added 13 for the Hawks.

Pike County Central separated

itself from Allen Central in the opening quarter, outscoring the Rebels 24-12. Allen Central closed the gap down to 10 before the half, outscoring Pike County Central 18-13 in the second quarter.

After carrying a 37-27 lead into the intermission, Pike County Central pushed further out in front in the third quarter, outscoring the Rebels 23-14.

Allen Central, which showed some signs of improvement in the opener, featured seven different scorers. Senior forward Chris Stumbo led Allen Central as he scored 24 points in the opener. Sophomore guard Braxton Tackett added 11 points for the Rebels. Senior guard Justin Jackson,

fresh off of an exceptional senior football season, added nine points for the Rebels. Sophomore center Micah Harlow scored six points, sophomore guard Seth Jarrell netted three and junior guard John Dingus and sophomore forward Tyler Cole contributed two apiece for the Allen Central boys' basketball team.

Following the season-opening victory, Pike County Central slipped into the loss column one night later. Hurley (Va.) defeated the Hawks 54-49 Wednesday night.

Allen Central will visit Betsy Layne tonight for a key 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup at the Dome.

King hands Bears first loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PIKEVILLE — King College used a 15-3 run over a 6:48 stretch of the second half to hand Pikeville College its first loss of the season, a 76-67 decision Wednesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center.
 King (2-2) trailed 59-55 after senior Josh Samarco nailed a three with 8:06 remaining. But the Tornado scored seven straight, getting four from senior J.T. Blair. After Samarco nailed another three, the guests tossed in eight straight, getting six from senior Elisha Murray, including a layup with 1:18 left to make it 72-64.
 Pikeville (7-1) struggled

from the field, hitting only 39.7 percent overall and 31.8 percent from the arc. For a team that entered hitting 53.3 percent overall and 42 percent from the arc, it equaled a bad night.
 King, on the other hand, hit 52.7 percent from the field including a 60 percent first half. The Tornado finished 42.9 percent from the arc to power their way to a win.
 Junior Mark Dockery led King with 19 points. Murray followed with 18 to go with a team-high five assists, while junior Stephen Kite came off the bench for 15.
 Sophomore Jason Seymore led the team with 10 rebounds, as the Tornado enjoyed a 37-31 edge on the glass.

Pikeville had four players in double figures, led by seniors Jonathan Clark and Samarco with 19 each. Samarco was 5-of-9 from the arc, while Clark had a solid night across the board, with a game-high 11 rebounds, five assists and four steals.
 Senior Anthony Smith and junior Justin Hicks followed with 10 apiece.
 Pikeville lost in part because it got only three points off its bench; King got 23 from its reserves.
 The Bears will return to action on Saturday night, hosting Alice Lloyd at 7:30 in the East Kentucky Expo Center.

COLLEGE BOWLING: Lady Bears win Striking Knights Invite

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College bowling teams have had a successful couple of weeks, with the women winning the Striking Knights Invitational in Louisville and both teams posting respectable showings in the National Collegiate Match Games last weekend.
 Pikeville's women finished first, fourth and eighth in the 25-team field at the Striking Knights tournament the weekend of Nov. 21-22, while the men came in 14th, 16th and 34th in their 39-team event.
 Senior Becky Sullivan and sophomore Chelsea Gilliam made the all-tournament team. Sullivan averaged 215.2 while Gilliam posted a 213 average.
 Several other Pikeville bowlers were among the Top 50 in the event. Senior Nicole Burke was ninth at 205.4; senior Jennifer Wright was tied for 12th at 204; sophomores Kim Yioulos was 15th at 201.8; junior Britanni Scroggs-

Barber finished 20th with an average of 195; sophomore Megan Kyle finished 27th with a 189.2 average; senior Sarah Germano was 29th at 187.8; senior Ashley Stahurski, 30th, 187.4; freshman Christene McInerney, 31st, 186.6; senior Emily Whitt, 44th, 181.4; sophomore Erica Anderson, 45th, 181.2; and sophomore Natasha Martin, 48th, 180.4.
 Junior Jeremy King was the top Pikeville bowler in the Striking Knights event, averaging 206 to come in 24th. Junior James Cheff followed in a tie for 32nd with an average of 203.8, while freshman Mark Allen was 35th averaging 202.6. Senior Chris Hollis finished 57th with his 196.2 average; junior Matt Palinkas was 62nd at 194.8; and freshman Ross Crider was 80th with an average of 188.4.
 In the National Collegiate Team Match Games in St. Louis over Thanksgiving weekend, Pikeville's men posted 12th- and 15th-place finishes in a 40-team field.

Junior Jesse Hawkins was Pikeville's top individual bowler, finishing 23rd with an average of 192.17. Junior Nick Atkinson finished 38th, averaging 186.5, while freshman Jonathan Crews was 46th at 184.33.
 On the women's side, Pikeville finished third and fourth out of 28 teams in St. Louis.
 Senior Jennifer Wright and Sarah Germano made the all-tournament team, while four Lady Bears finished in the Top 11 and three more made the Top 26.
 Wright averaged 205 to secure a fourth-place finish, while Germano averaged 202.833 and came in sixth.
 Whitt was ninth overall with an average of 198.17; Yioulos finished 11th, averaging 197.33; Sullivan, 20th, 189.67; Gilliam, 23rd, 188.33; and Martin, 26th, 187.33.
 Pikeville bowlers are off until Dec. 19 when they begin play in the Collegiate Shootout in Las Vegas.

Kickoff set for state football finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT
BOWLING GREEN — The KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl will begin its second half-century of championship play at a new venue Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5. For the 2009 and 2010 seasons, Houchens Industries/A.T. Smith Stadium on the campus of Western Kentucky University is home to six class championship games that will be contested each year.
 Three returning champions (Fort Campbell, Highlands and Trinity (Louisville) are making a return trip to the

Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl this year while a total of six undefeated teams at 14-0 will be trying to take home a championship. Lone Oak, Boyle County, Fort Campbell, Highlands, John Hardin and Somerset all own perfect records.
 Single session general admission tickets will be available at the gate on each game day for \$10 each.
 Admission gates will open one hour before game time for each contest.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE
Friday, Dec. 4
 Class 4A Championship
 Lone Oak (14-0) vs. Boyle County (14-0), 11 a.m.
 Class 2A Championship
 Fort Campbell (14-0) vs. Drexler (11-3), 3 p.m.
 Class 5A Championship
 John Hardin (14-0) vs. Highlands (14-0), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 5
 Class 3A Championship
 Paducah Tighman (8-6) vs. Somerset (14-0), 11 a.m.
 Class 1A Championship
 Mayfield (13-1) vs. Lexington Christian (13-1), 3 p.m.
 Class 6A Championship
 St. Xavier (13-1) vs. Trinity (Louisville) (10-4), 7 p.m.

Application sales start for 2010 Kentucky Elk Hunt Lottery

TIMES STAFF REPORT
FRANKFORT — Applications for Kentucky's 2010 elk hunt lottery went on sale Wednesday. Applications cost \$10, and give the purchaser a chance to win a bull or cow elk tag. Applications are available online only.
 You may apply by logging onto the homepage of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at fwy.gov and clicking on the yellow "Buy Licenses Here" box on the right side of the page. If you wish to purchase a chance for someone on your Christmas shopping list, you will need that person's social security number.
 Kentucky Fish and Wildlife issued 750 cow elk tags and 250 bull elk tags for the regular 2009 lottery quota hunts. More than 46,000 people applied for the 2009 hunts.
 Youth hunters 15 years old and younger may apply for the 2010 youth-only elk hunt at Paul Van Booven Wildlife Management Area. Youth may apply for the regular quota elk hunts and the youth-only hunt, but each application costs \$10.
 You can only apply one time (except those youth applying for the youth-only and regular elk quota hunts). The lottery is open to Kentucky residents and non-residents. The deadline to apply is April 30. The drawing will be conducted in May.
 Eighty-seven percent of those drawn for the 2009 bull elk hunt successfully harvested a bull elk during the current season.

UK Athletics provides funding for Appalachian student scholarships

TIMES STAFF REPORT
LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky Athletics Department will provide funding for scholarships to aid students from the Appalachian counties of Kentucky.
 UK Athletics Director Rob Mullens made the announcement today along with UK President Lee T. Todd Jr., Provost Kumble Subbaswamy, Kentucky Sen. Robert Stivers, and Kentucky Rep. Rocky Adkins.
 Mullens said the recent media contract between ESPN and the Southeastern Conference schools is allowing UK Athletics to commit \$500,000 a year for these scholarships through the term of the 15 year contract. This brings Athletics' annual support for non-athletic scholarships to \$1.7 million. Part of the funding will support the current Robinson Scholars Program (RSP), which serves first generation college-bound and college students from 29 Eastern Kentucky counties. The remainder of the funding will establish a new scholarship program that will also serve Kentucky students from the Appalachian area.

"I'm pleased UK Athletics is in a position to make this commitment," Mullens said. "Athletics programs must be competitive and generate fan support and loyalty. We can capitalize on that loyalty for student recruitment, and there are no more loyal student fans than those in the Appalachian area of our state."
 Todd expressed his pleasure with the designation of athletic dollars to be used for academic scholarships, stating, "I am proud to say that under the leadership of our athletic director, Mitch Barnhart, UK Athletics has become a national leader in leveraging our athletic excellence to support our academic side of campus."
 Todd also said he was happy the money could be used to recruit and support outstanding students from Eastern Kentucky as the RSP has done since 1997.
 "When you talk about winning programs, you're talking about Robinson Scholars," Todd said. "They add value in so many ways to our state, their region and this university."
 Stivers, who represents District 25, echoed his gratitude for this increased support

for students from the Appalachian region. Adkins, and other legislators led the effort last year to provide \$1 million each year in state funding to the Robinson Scholars Program.
 Adkins, who represents the 9th House District, stated, "The people of Eastern Kentucky certainly bleed blue and this type of commitment from the athletics department just solidifies the partnership. It is so important to create new opportunities for the students in our area to attend college, this helps that effort."
 In addition to the scholarship announcement, Jeff Spradling was introduced as the new director of the Robinson Scholars Program. Spradling comes to the RSP after serving the last four years as research administrative coordinator for the UK Center for Poverty Research, and prior to that, he was assistant director of the Appalachian Center at UK. Spradling's career has also included work in journalism and marketing as well as being an English instructor. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State University.

Hoops

I don't think I'm speaking out of school here to say that, considering the playing time guys like Josh Harrelson and Perry Stephenson are getting right now, the level of talent has been increased exponentially.
 So what in the world would cause John Chipari to say, when compared to a North Carolina team that lost something like its top eight players from last year, "We're not near those guys right now?"
 For starters, the returning guys ain't too bad. Consider that in their impressive win over a very good Michigan State team many people have projected for a final four run that sophomore Ed Davis led the team with 22 points and with six rebounds. Or that sophomore Larry Drew tossed in 18 while handing out six assists. Or that senior Deon Thompson offset five turnovers with 14 points. Or that senior Marcus Ginyard had nine points and seven assists.
 When has Kentucky gotten 63 points out of returning players?
 After letting that register, take a look at the newbies.

Dexter Strickland came off the bench with nine points and four rebounds, and three assists. And while twins David and Travis Wear — who bear a striking resemblance to Tyler Hansbrough — only totaled four points and five rebounds, they played crucial roles when the team pulled away from the Spartans in the first half.
 Then there's 6-foot-10 freshman John Henson, who had only two points and three rebounds but blocked four shots on Tuesday night.
 These guys are good. And considering I've named eight players already, they're fairly deep also.
 So for those of us who thought the combination of Carolina losing a boatload of talent off last year's national championship team and the game being in Rupp meant the Cats should have a decided edge over the Heels, we'd better start thinking again.
 While I'm not one of those guys home enough to catch a game on television every night, I was as impressed with Carolina on Tuesday as I've been with anybody to this

point.
 Kentucky's schedule is about to get brutal, the kind of schedule we expect from our Cats. After Carolina comes UConn, followed by a better-than-expected Indiana team.
 The easy games, for the foreseeable future, are behind us.
 Tomorrow a pair of programs will share the floor with nearly 4,000 wins between them. No teams anywhere can approach that. Not UCLA, not Duke, not Kansas nor Louisville. It is, as Hal Smith was fond of saying, the high cotton of college basketball.
 But in all sincerity, none of that matters. All that matters tomorrow is a group of talented newcomers led by Patrick Patterson will play a nice mix of experience and youth in perhaps college basketball's most hallowed hall.
 There's a lot to be said for Kentucky and Carolina.
 In fact, when you get right down to it, that's all that needs to be said.
 Kentucky. Carolina.
 Let's do this.

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SPORTS FAN

OF THE WEEK



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Cats going back to Music City Bowl for third time in four years

Kentucky to face an ACC opponent
TIMES STAFF REPORT
LEXINGTON — The Kentucky football program will compete in the Music City Bowl for the third time in four years. Kentucky (7-5) will face an opponent from the ACC in the 2009 Music City Bowl, most likely Georgia Tech.

Clemson, North Carolina or Miami.
 Nashville's LP Field will host the Music City Bowl on Dec. 27 in an 8 p.m. kickoff.
 Resurgent Kentucky has earned at least seven wins in four consecutive seasons for the first time in nearly a century, since 1909-12. Kentucky extended its school-record non-conference winning streak to 18 games. It's the nation's second-longest one-venue streak.
 The Wildcats went 3-5 in the

Southeastern Conference, tying for fourth place in the Eastern Division. Kentucky notched three SEC road wins — at Auburn, Vanderbilt and Georgia — for the first time in 32 years, since 1977. The Wildcats defeated Auburn for the first time in 43 years, since 1966. Kentucky won at Georgia for the first time in 32 years, since 1977.
 The Wildcats will play in a bowl game for a school-record fourth consecutive year.

Court rules on lethal injection procedures

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — On the same day an opinion upheld the death sentence of James Hunt in the murder of his estranged wife Bettina Hunt, the Kentucky Supreme Court also returned an opinion on protocol for the lethal injection method for executions.

Hunt is currently scheduled to die by lethal injection, though that date has not been set, but the state's highest court is still debating the protocol for

such a procedure.

In 1998, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted Kentucky Revised Statute 431.220, which recognized lethal injection as "the only method of execution in this Commonwealth."

Six years later, in 2005, the Kentucky Department of Corrections issued a two-page policy outlining three procedures to be followed during an execution.

The debate now, and the issue on which the Supreme Court partly decided this past week, was whether or not

those three steps should be shared by the DOC to state officials or otherwise before an execution can be performed.

According to the opinion, the three procedures the DOC put in place four years ago, about the time James Hunt was being sentenced to death in Floyd County, concern the place of the inmate's confinement, the pre-execution procedures and the responsibilities of the warden during "death watch" and execution.

To date, the DOC has not revealed the specific details of the procedures

and, as of the Nov. 25 opinion, Justice Abramson and two others justices went against the majority in saying the department should do so.

The opinion, issued on Nov. 25, was written by Abramson, and is connected to the cases against Thomas Bowling, Ralph Baze and Brian Keith Moore. All three men were sentenced to death after being convicted of murder in 1991, 1994 and 1979, respectively, and all three have also filed actions challenging Kentucky's lethal injection method as "cruel and unusu-

al punishment."

The ongoing dispute and debate over the issue may continue, says Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, but, for now, Hunt and others sentenced to death in the state will face lethal injection as the law allows.

"There's a lot being said about this now, but the law still stands that in Kentucky the form of execution is lethal injection," Turner said during interviews earlier this week concerning Hunt's case.

Shoes

"A pair of shoes might not mean much, but it can mean a lot to a family who has lost everything in a fire or a mother who has left everything behind in order to escape an abusive relationship," Elliott said.

AppalReD officials ask that donations be sent by Wednesday, Dec. 16, to AppalReD/Shoes 4 Kids, 120 North Front Ave., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Census

According to information provided by the United States Census Bureau, the census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. The census also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade.

The census date will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.

For more information on how to become a census worker, and to locate the sites where the test will be administered, visit <http://www.2010censusjobs.gov>.

Fatals

Seventy-one crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. A total of 149 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

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

location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas. Crash data for this report is generated from the Kentucky Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Paul

In Prestonsburg, Paul met with local supporters, those who feel that in the upcoming primary election, he is the best candidate.

"On the same day he (Paul) was with the people here in Kentucky talking about issues, Trey Grayson was in Washington, D.C.," said Sidney Cline, a supporter in Prestonsburg Tuesday. "We should vote for him if for no other reason than because he is the fact that he is supported and put in place by Kentuckians. Who better than that?"

Paul says if the cap-and-trade bill is passed, it would spell disaster for Kentucky, referencing the decision recently to put a hold on nearly 80 mountaintop removal permits.

"I think there's a silent war by Obama, against coal. It's on the front pages, but you can see it and you can feel it when you're in Eastern Kentucky," Paul said in Pikeville. "You talk to anyone who either works in the coalfields or is a supplier for the coal industry, you feel this tension."

Public can now vote on 2010 election slogan

FRANKFORT — The public now has the chance to select their favorite voting slogan to be used in the upcoming 2010 election cycle. Students across the Commonwealth have submitted potential voting slogans as part of the Office of the Secretary of State Voter Slogan and Essay Contest sponsored by the Kentucky Education Association (KEA), KEA Retired, and the University of Kentucky Scripps Howard First Amendment Center. To vote for your favorite, visit: www.sos.ky.gov/sloganpoll, by January 29, 2010.

"Our sponsors and teachers across the Commonwealth have allowed thousands of Kentucky students to become further engaged in important civic discussions via this outstanding contest," said Secretary of State Trey Grayson. "I encourage all Kentuckians to support these young people by voting for your favorite slogan. We look forward to using the 2010 slogan to help market the 2010 elections!"

Although this is the 20th

year of the contest, this is the first time that citizens will be able to vote for the winners online. In previous years, various civics groups were judges for the contest. The slogans were narrowed down to the top twenty choices and are displayed without the name of the submitting student in order to have votes cast on the merit of the slogan.

The decision is an important one not only because the slogan will be seen on election materials across the Commonwealth but because it carries prizes of up to a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond for winning slogans. The contest was open to Kentucky 6th - 8th graders.

"In order for students to become more engaged in our society and eventually become active citizens, we must take civic education directly into the classroom. Activities such as the Voter Slogan and Essay Contests allow teachers to bring civics education to life while allowing them to focus on the current Core Content required by the Kentucky Department of Education," said Secretary Grayson.



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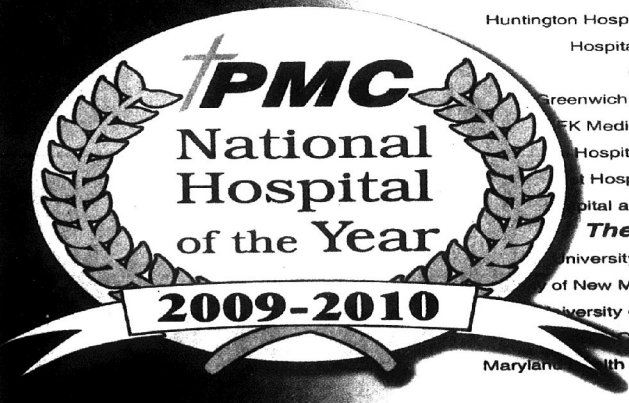
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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON 'Hydra'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

All kinds of genre staples get blended together here as a quartet of humans find themselves being hunted by rich weirdoes on a remote island while a creature from Greek mythology chows down on everyone.

It all begins with a group of archaeologists exploring an island that may have once been home to the Greek god Zeus. They encounter problems when a hurricane strikes, but that's nothing compared to the titular creature. It may look like your average CGI snake monster, but it has a special talent (beyond sloppily eating its way through actors from the Sci-Fi Channel) that enables it to grow two heads for everyone that is blasted off. Pretty soon it's a multi-headed CGI snake-like creature and that's a lot more fun to watch, as it can now rip victims into several pieces simultaneously.

The creature annihilates the archaeologists (Indiana Jones aside, it's not a profession where you find many cast-offs from the MMA). The comely Dr. Cannon (who comes off more as the presi-



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

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This Town, That World

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

SOURCES OF HEAT

We have at hand a sizeable collection of suggestions on how to beat the energy crisis. Most of these run to the why-don't they or why-didn't they line of thinking, but a few get down to cases. One of the latter is the idea that Jerry Watson has, suggesting that this great country of ones might now well get to use the hot air produced by politicians and the hot water in which some find themselves. Maybe we could use a few hot arguments, too.

MEET A NEW VISITOR

Koboutek—now isn't it just like this crazy age to come up with a name like that for a comet? Back, in the good, old days they named the visitor which swam into our ken from outer space, dragging across the firmament its tail behind it, for a man named Halley, a name most of us could remember and a few of us could spell. But now they have to go and name this newcomer that will be decorating the pre-Christmas skies this year for a foreigner. Wonder what Archie Bunker would say about that!

I have no desire to admit my age, but I clearly recall the days when Halley's comet and some wild astronomers had the pants scared off a lot of people. The papers were full of wild guesses at what might happen. One savant

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Rosenberg to speak for Berea graduation, receive honorary degree

BEREA — John M. Rosenberg, retired director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalReD), will be the speaker at Berea College's Recognition Ceremony for mid-year graduates Sunday, Dec. 13. The event in Phelps Stokes Auditorium is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Students participating in the service are expected to complete degree requirement at the end of December 2009 or January 2010. In addition, to making remarks to

the 80 seniors, Rosenberg will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Berea College.

Rosenberg was associated with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalReD Legal Aid) from its beginning in 1970 with funding from the Office of Economic Opportunity. After a brief term as a deputy director, Rosenberg became the organization's director, holding that position for more than 28 years until his retirement in 2002.

The private non-profit law firm is the largest legal aid organization in Kentucky, providing free legal services to low-income residents in a 37 county region in Eastern and South Central Kentucky. AppalReD helps approximately 6000 clients annually in obtaining the basic necessities of life, i.e., income, adequate food and health care; decent, safe, and sanitary housing; and the protection of assets;

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John Rosenberg



Students with Prestonsburg High School's FBLA program recently collected donations of food and cleaning supplies for the Floyd County Animal Shelter.

GENEREROUS LESSON

PHS FBLA makes donation to animal shelter

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Animal Shelter recently received much-needed supplies from students in Prestonsburg High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) group.

As part of a community service activity, the students collected food and cleaning products to donate to the shelter.

"Through community service, the

students further their experience in leadership and business. These skills reflect upon their potential to become future leaders," said Terri McCoy, business teacher at Prestonsburg High School and FBLA sponsor. "This was a wonderful experience for all of the members who participated."

By participating in an activity that included collecting donations for an organization, McCoy believes the students now have knowledge that will benefit them in the professional

world and the communities they will call home.

"The students now know what is expected of them to grow professionally within their community," McCoy said.

Some staff and faculty members also participated in the collection of the donated items, including Anita Smith, English teacher, and Shanon Watkins, secretary.

FBLA is a state and national organization with over 215,000 high school members. The organization

continues into college under the name Phi Beta Lambda. FBLA is funded through membership fees, fundraising, business partnerships and grants.

For others interested in donating items to the Floyd County Animal Shelter, contact the shelter by calling (606) 886-3189. Located in Prestonsburg, the shelter is always in need of supplies, including food, blankets and towels, toys, pet beds, leashes, harnesses, collars and more.

DINNER DIVA

Children's nutrition



This morning I was reading an article about unhealthy kids. The author of the article had interviewed a doctor named Fuhrman who said a couple of very provocative things. In the past 10 years, diabetes in children has doubled and in his practice and those of his colleagues, they are seeing the beginnings of heart disease occurring in children!

Researchers have further declared this generation of children is the first generation that will not outlive their parents. The article goes further to list some ways to step up nutrition for your kids because it's the lack of nutrition and the eating of

harmful substances that's ruining our children's health, big time.

One of the biggest issues is eating fast food. You know I'm down on fast food for anyone, but it's especially harmful for children's growing bodies. Think about it; you're giving the lowest quality food to a growing body. This isn't exactly quality material for the body to develop and build from! You wouldn't put known poor quality gasoline in your car, yet we rationalize throwing absolute garbage food down our children's throats! Dr. Fuhrman says, "Fast food is for parents who don't care about their kids." WOW!!

Now, before anyone gets all crazy on me and starts sending me email bombs, I didn't say that; Dr. Fuhrman did. But if you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you cannot ignore the FACTS. Fast food is full of cancer-causing substances and will do nothing to build health. It's a quick fix, nothing more.

So let's fix this mess before our children are really in trouble! There are some simple things you can do to step up their nutrition and the quality of their eating. This is all commonsense stuff and stuff

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Family Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
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Q Can you give me an update on strep throat? Is it getting worse? Will my kids outgrow strep throat so I eventually won't have to worry about it anymore? Finally, I heard recently that strep throat can cause behavioral changes in children — is this true?

A Based on incidence rates and reported symptoms, Streptococcal pharyngitis, known as strep throat, is probably

unchanged from when you were a child.

This infection is most common in children between the ages of five and 15, but it can occur at any age. In other words, children do not outgrow strep throat, but they do seem to grow more resistant to this infection as older teenagers and adults.

Many people think that having tonsils removed can prevent strep throat, but people can get strep throat with or without tonsils. The best pre-

Strep throat 101

ventive strategy is good hygiene, particularly hand-washing, and avoiding direct contact with people infected with strep throat. The hearty bacteria that cause strep throat are spread through direct person-to-person contact. Coughing, sneezing and talking can all spread droplets of saliva, where the bacteria live.

Cases of strep throat usually begin showing up in the late fall, and they peak in the winter. Although most sore throats result from viruses, strep throat is the most common bacterial infection of the throat. Because its incubation period is only a few days after exposure, strep throat can spread rapidly.

The onset of the infection is usually sudden, involving fever, sore throat, trouble swallowing and swollen glands in the front of the neck. This is the "classic" presenta-

tion, but symptoms can also be mild. It is important for a child to get tested for strep if a sore throat persists for a couple of days. A throat culture is the only way to definitively diagnose strep throat.

Once diagnosed, the infection is easily treated with antibiotics. Typically, either penicillin or amoxicillin is prescribed. Warm tea with honey and lemon can help relieve the pain, as can gargling with warm salt water.

As for behavioral changes, there has been a recent finding that, following a strep infection, some children develop behaviors similar to those seen in children with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This syndrome, called Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Strep (PANDAS), develops very abruptly, even though

it comes on weeks — sometimes even months — after the strep throat infection. In OCD not associated with strep, the behaviors come on more gradually over months or years.

A child's abrupt change in behavior should always be investigated by a pediatrician or family physician. Even if you do not recall your child having been ill, you should ask for a strep throat culture as part of the evaluation following an abrupt behavioral change.

Family Medicine is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org.

Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some con-

fusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

Your headaches fit the description of tension headaches, the most common kind of headache. People who have them say they feel like a tight band encircles their head or that a weight is on their head, or that their head is squeezed or, as you say, that they are wearing a tight cap. Pain is felt on both sides of the head, and rarely is it throbbing pain, as it is with many other headaches. The pain lasts for half an

GOOD HEALTH Tension headaches are most common kind

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I went to the doctor because of headaches. On examining my eyes, she discovered that my pupils don't constrict and dilate. She sent me to an eye doctor. He said I have an Adie's pupil. Is this a disease or a syndrome? Can this be causing my headaches? He told me it was nothing.

My headaches feel like there's a tight cap on my head. Please enlighten me on these things. — G.S.

ANSWER: An Adie's (AID-ase) pupil is one that is slightly larger than the other pupil and it narrows very slowly when a bright light is shined on it. It's not an indication of illness and has nothing to do with your headaches. If other signs are present, like a loss of the knee-jerk reflex when the knee tendon is struck with a rubber hammer, then you call the mix Adie's syndrome.

Your headaches fit the description of tension headaches, the most common kind of headache. People who have them say they feel like a tight band encircles their head or that a weight is on their head, or that their head is squeezed or, as you say, that they are wearing a tight cap. Pain is felt on both sides of the head, and rarely is it throbbing pain, as it is with many other headaches. The pain lasts for half an

hour to seven days. These headaches are called tension headaches because at one time they were believed to result from contraction of the scalp muscle. Now the explanation is that innocent brain signals are misinterpreted by the brain as pain signals. If that explanation helps you, it doesn't do much for me.

Start treatment of your headache without drugs. Heat packs to the neck or head might ease them. If heat doesn't do the trick, try ice. Massage sometimes work, especially neck massage. Get enough sleep, but not too much. Too much is as bad as too little.

Popular tension headache medicines are aspirin and Tylenol (acetaminophen). If they aren't effective, tablets that combine them with caffeine can be. Caffeine enhances their painkilling properties. Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Naprosyn) and Ketoprofen (a prescription drug) have a good batting average against these headaches. Don't overuse medicine. Constant use promotes constant headaches.

The headache booklet deals with the common headaches and their treatment. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son is almost 3. He reaches for everything with his left hand. I want to train him to use his right hand. Being left-handed is such a drag. What are your thoughts? — G.S.

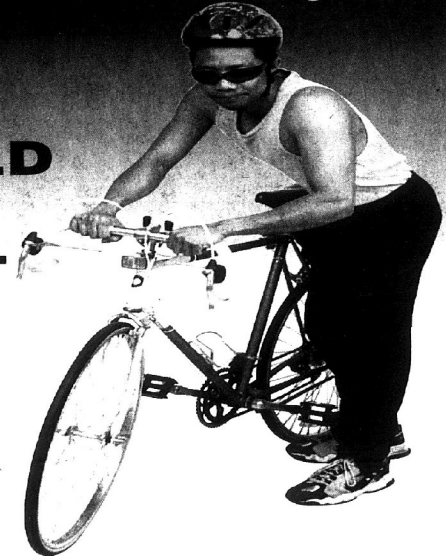
ANSWER: Who says being left-handed is a drag? The 10 percent to 15 percent of the population who happen to be left-handed adjust to it without any great physical or psychological trauma. Leonardo da Vinci, Pablo Picasso, J.S. Bach and Sandy Koufax were lefties. They did all right for themselves.

I'd let your son accept what nature has dealt him.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Health newsletters also may be ordered from www.drmail.com.

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Save a life. Share the road.

Allen

parted his beard long enough to ensure one and all that on the day when the tail of the comet came nearest Earth, oxygen might be at a premium and we might have difficulty breathing in the hot, airless atmosphere.

Well, that one went the way of other doomsday pre-

dictions I recall the Day. My mother needed a little help in the garden, and I had an idea motion of the comet might stall her off, what with the threatened heat and all, but I was dragged into service. And Halley's didn't cooperate a bit. That was the coolest day we'd had in a month. Never

Diva

I've told you before, but let's list 5 things you can begin working on starting today.

1) Nix Sodas. Or at least save them for special occasions, only. There is 13-15 teaspoons of sugar in ONE can of soda! By not drinking soda and drinking water instead, you'll save their teeth, save their waistlines and save their health.

2) White Out. White flour is nutritionally void and is a less-healthy food. Whole grain (make sure the label says 100%) is what you want and is what will

give the necessary nutrients plus the fiber necessary for proper elimination.

3) Processed Meats. Nitrates are known carcinogens (an agent directly involved in the promotion of cancer or the increase of its propagation) and live in processed meats. A diet heavy in hot dogs, baloney, cold cuts and bacon is a serious health threat.

4) Fruit Bowl. A good rule of thumb is to have a child eat a piece of fruit as a snack if he or she is hungry. Children do

not get enough and are reaching for processed snack foods instead of something as easily identifiable as an apple or banana.

5) More Veggies. This one is hard. Most kids balk at eating veggies. But you cannot give up, you must persevere! It is imperative to eat vegetables!

You can implement all five of these important points, but if you're not doing these things yourself, you're wasting your time. YOU are the most important role model in your children's lives. Be the person you are striving to mold your child into being! The power of a good example can never be emphasized enough. You are the key to all of this...do not underestimate the powerful statement you make by eating healthfully yourself. I promise you this: if you do this and you gently lead by your example, you will turn your own health around as well.

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Tom and Ray can't make sense of this crazy claim

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I once knew a local minister who completely deflated all his tires twice annually, then reinflated them with fresh air. He claimed the procedure prevents bumpiness and makes the car ride smoother. I think he's crazy, but his claim was just persuasive enough to leave a slight shred of doubt in my mind. So I thought I'd end my sleepless nights spent pondering this scenario by asking the experts. Thanks! — Cliff

RAY: Well, we hadn't known about this before, Cliff. But starting this afternoon, you can get the air changed in all four of your tires for the bargain price of \$99.95.

TOM: I'm dying to know the argument he used to persuade you, Cliff. I mean, I can't even make up a plausible argument for doing this, and yet he managed to leave you sleepless over a period of years, thinking about it.

RAY: Knowing the argument wouldn't help us sell this service to our customers, though.

TOM: It wouldn't?
RAY: No. Remember, the guy was a minister. If a minister tells you the sky is green, you'd seriously consider

the possibility.
TOM: Right. But if we try to tell a customer that the Earth is round, he stabs his finger in our chest and says, "I know you guys are hosing me!"
RAY: Exactly.

TOM: Well, here's the only plausible explanation, Cliff. Once upon a time, there was a black hole in the universe. And over many billions of years, an atmosphere formed in that black hole. Planets developed, too.

RAY: So if you drove the car with that same air in those tires for billions of years, you might eventually form planets in there, which would, indeed, lead to a bumper ride.

Snafu changes reader's opinion about car

Dear Tom and Ray:
Last week I bought a used 2007 Mazda 3 with 43,000 miles for \$10,800 at a dealership. I went through the financing process, signed the final purchase papers and called my insurance company to transfer my plates. As I hung up the phone with my insurance company, the sales manager came over to me and said the guy cleaning my car caught the front bumper on a post, and pulled it almost all the way off the front of the car. This caused a lot of damage,

including the front lights coming out of their housing, the insignia dangling off the front and a scratch down to the metal on the body. My mother was with me, and she took pictures. We all were shocked, even the car folks. They did offer a loaner car until this one could be fixed, which took a week. They also took \$800 off the price of the car, at our request. The car is now ready to be picked up. I have an opportunity to take the car or turn it down. Should I take the car? I am not sure I want it anymore. I feel this is a bad omen. Please advise. — Rachel

TOM: Well, we have two answers for you, Rachel. One is our professional mechanical opinion. The other is our amateur psychological advice. And of course, they contradict each other.

RAY: From a professional point of view, there's nothing wrong with this car. The guy who washed the car caught the edge of the plastic bumper cover on something, and yanked it off. As ugly as it looked, it was only cosmetic damage.

TOM: That's what they said when my brother was born and the doctor ran over him with the gurney. Twice.

RAY: Here's why it's not a big concern, Rachel. When a car is in a

real accident, you worry about the frame being bent. You worry about the wheels never aligning properly and your tires always wearing unevenly. You worry about unseen wiring that gets pinched and causes electrical gremlins later on. None of that stuff is a concern here, because the incident happened at parking speed, and all they have to do is replace a bunch of pieces, most of which are plastic.

TOM: Plus, you got a free rental while they fixed it, and \$800 off the price. When my brother knocks off a customer's bumper, he tries to convince them it was like that when it came in! So I think the dealer did absolutely the right thing here, and treated you very well. It was, after all, an accident.

RAY: So if you liked the car a week ago, you should like it even more now that it's \$800 cheaper.

TOM: But I don't think you should buy it.

RAY: Me neither.

TOM: You think the accident was some kind of "bad omen." And if you think that, then every time anything goes wrong with this car, you're going second-guess yourself.

RAY: Right. Five years from now, you'll get a nail in your tire, and you're going to say, "See, I never should have bought this hunk of junk."

TOM: So if you feel that this incident will forever loom over your ownership experience, then just tell the dealership experience, then just tell the dealership

that you'd like to buy something else instead. Ask them to show you something that had its previous accident OFF the dealer lot.

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Talk Cars

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A good week for renters looking for nothing more than a few hours of mindless entertainment saw the release of two blockbusters, and a pair of under the radar releases.

■ **"Terminator: Salvation"** — The third sequel in this franchise focused on an adult John Connor. Despite all of the prep time he's had, he still must contend with a machine-ran future. This one got more attention for star Christian Bale's rant at the cinematographer, but it's actually an okay entry in the series, and miles better than part three.

■ **"Night at the Museum: Battle at the Smithsonian"** — Ben Stiller and company return for this follow-up to

their 2005 hit about a bizarre happenstance that allows museum exhibits to live and breathe after closing time. This fast-paced entry finds Stiller (now an entrepreneur) winging it to the titular museum to stop a Pharaoh exhibit from using his newfound life to make war on the world. Once again there are good roles for actors cast as historical figures (here that's General Custer and Amelia Earhart), but the best bit belongs to Jonah Hill ("Superbad") as a Smithsonian security guard who challenges Stiller's authority.

■ **"Paper Heart"** — A young woman journeys cross-country making a documentary about love in this indie dramedy that will put you to sleep faster than a "Perry

Como Christmas Special." A supporting role for Michael Cera (also of "Superbad") reaffirms that he needs a new agent before he blows the career path that opened with "Juno."

■ **"Deadline"** — This thriller is enjoyable in a 1970s TV-movie-of-the-week way. Britanny Murphy stars as a screenwriter who is coming back after a breakdown and must finish her latest opus. To that end, she travels to a remote Victorian mansion, but she's soon distracted by a pile of videotapes depicting the plight of a young couple. Preposterous but fun.

Next week look for more blockbusters, which include "Public Enemies" and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

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being a Sci-Fi Channel movie that features a CGI monster but is still pretty good.

Best line: "Guys like Nolan are trained to kill people with leaves and acorns." — 2009, unrated.

Lagoon

dent of the Hercules fan club than a noted scientist) appears to survive the initial onslaught, but the movie abandons her on the island and jumps ahead six months.

Now we meet the four rich guys and they are a snotty bunch indeed. We meet them on the deck of a large vessel that they have rented to take them to a remote island so they can hunt humans. Their motivation is that each has lost a loved one to crime. They have even more in common, though: In each case the culprit has escaped justice on a technicality. This coincidence has brought them to the attention of Mr. Camden. Camden is like Julie on "The Love Boat": His job appears to be making these guys comfortable on the boat while also arranging a group of people for them to hunt. It's a tough job as he must also make sure that the victims are themselves people who have escaped justice. You would think that a guy like this advertises in "Soldier of Fortune" magazine, but I'm thinking he just posts an ad on "Craig's List."

It's easy to see where this is going and the movie does not linger on the set up. The bulk of the film focuses on the hunt and what happens when it becomes apparent that the game has a new player and he will kill without discrimination. It all works thanks to breakneck pacing that doesn't give you time to question the gaping plot holes.

What matters is that this film contains several intense scenes of people getting ripped to pieces by a CGI snake creature with a ton of heads. It sure delivers on that score, so you can forgive them for having villains so stupid that they lose four crew members to the island before deciding to send a search party.

You can also forgive them



Anita Castle was born on Oct. 24 in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the daughter of Kristen Elliott Castle and Dan Castle, of Cleveland. Her maternal grandmother is the late Kirsta Elliott, of Price. Her paternal grandparents and Yvone and Gary Castle, of Drift. Her big sister is Tara Castle, and her big brother is Nick Castle, both of Price.



Cody Kenny, a senior at Betsy Layne High School, won the "Voice of Democracy" award from the VFW on Monday. VFW Post 5839 Commander Paul Edwards and Joel Stumbo, a Marine and Vietnam veteran, presented Kenny with a check for \$300. According to Edwards, Kenny, a member of the ROTC at the high school, plans to join the Marine Corps after graduation.

Strange ... but true

by SAMANTHA WEAVER

It was American comedian Joey Adams who made the following sage observation: "If it weren't for the fact that the TV set and the refrigerator are so far apart, some of us wouldn't get any exercise at all."

A butterfly's sense of taste is located on its feet.

You know that smoking is hazardous to your health, but you might not realize all the different types of damage it can do. For instance, a shop in Great Britain repaired more than \$400,000 in repairs to its roof due to a fire from a cigarette. A fire from an inadequately extinguished butt isn't

at all unusual, but in this case it wasn't because the owner -- or any other person -- was careless. It seems a sparrow that had been building its nest in the store's eaves liked to use cigarette butts. The bird evidently picked one up that was still burning, eventually setting the building alight.

Someone with too much time on his hands once determined that there are 293 different combinations of coins that will make change for a U.S. dollar.

Every year, doughnut-maker Krispy Kreme uses a whopping 1 million pounds of sprinkles on its pastries.

Coffee is one of the most-

traded commodities on earth, second only to oil.

If you, like many others, are trying to figure out how to meet that special someone, you might want to reconsider the use of personal ads. Those who study such things claim that approximately 35 percent of people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

The shortest complete sentence in the English language is "Go."

Thought for the Day: "My way of joking is to tell the truth. It is the funniest joke in the world." — George Bernard Shaw



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 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST
 Allen First Baptist, Allen, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
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 Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousley Park, Worship Service, 5:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Assst. Pastor. Contact Karmit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
 Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J. 102, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joener, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
 Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Gobie Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
 Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
 Endicot Freewill Baptist, Buffalo, Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:00 a.m. Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist, Main St., Maytown, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
 McDowell First Baptist, McDowell, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracker, Minister.
 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; William L. Hunt, Minister.
 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 Ky Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister, home phone 285-3385.

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lanesburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendall Gragel, Minister.
 Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.
 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huesville, Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Philip Ramsey, Pastor.
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Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
 Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huesville, Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
 Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

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 Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wierman.
 Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt., on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Elder Donnie Patrick, Minister.
 First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
 First Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howland, Minister.
 First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

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Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.
 Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
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Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
 Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.
 Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church across from Garth School, 4th Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m., Odd Saturday 6:00 p.m.; Gary Compton, Pastor.

Liberty Baptist, Denver, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Little Rose Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, (Indian Bottom Association) Services: 1st Saturday & Sunday every month 9:30 a.m., 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m., Odd Sunday 9:30 a.m.
 Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

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 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherrin, Minister.
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 Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kiddler, Ministers.
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 Huesville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
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Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.
 Maytown Church of Christ, 68 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley, Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Weeksburg Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; John Burke, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m.; Bill B. Tussley, Jr. Pastor.

Landmark Church of God, Gobie Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
 Little Point Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
 The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Service, 7:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL
 St. James Episcopal; Coffee Hour 10:00 AM; Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Rector, 886-8046.
LUTHERAN
 Our Savior Lutheran, Spj Baynes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville, Sunday Service, 11 a.m., WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Benter, Minister.

METHODIST
 Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Meart Music, Minister.
 Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
 Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lenaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 147 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neely St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Cindy Sandy-Douglass, Pastor.
 Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
 Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proff.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Service 6 p.m.; Rev Jim Adams, Pastor.
 Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Med week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Judy Carr-Back, Minister.
 Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby S. Lawson, Minister.
 Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.
 Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.
 Drift Pentecostal, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John Jay Patton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Hampton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Corder, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m., Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santar, Minister, David Pike, Associate Minister.
 Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David, Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
 Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Maguffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister, 297-6262.
 Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St. Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd

Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church, Dvale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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

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OTHER
 Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.
 Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m. (Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)
 Grace Fellowship Presbyterian (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
 Faith Revelation, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister, 886-9460.
 Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m.; Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
 Full Gospel Church, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
 Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 8:00 p.m.; Pastor: Curt Howard.
 Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 10 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.
 Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
 Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister 886-1003.

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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Line: 358-2464; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor.
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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
 Rising Sun Ministries, 114 Rising Sun Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.
 Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6 p.m., West Prestonsburg.
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KIM'S KORNER

Twenty years of columns ... We've come a long way, baby!

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

This week marks the 20th anniversary of this column. Amazing how it seems as though it was just yesterday and then as the mind reflects back to the beginning, one begins to realize 20 years is a very long time!



Kim Little Frasure

Our first baby girl Tiffany was but just six when their lives became many topics of these columns. Oh they have been such troupers over the years, never once have they ever gotten upset with their momma for publishing the "days of their lives" for all to read.

So many of you over the years have been so gracious and kind to send notes and cards or a telephone call over one column or another, and each and every one of them are truly treasured. I am very grateful.

We've laughed, cried, and even on occasion pulled a strand or two of hair out over some of them, and some even remember columns I don't. One in particular that comes to mind was mentioned by Trena Holbrook (a friend and former co-worker) about Fuchsia doughnuts. I cannot wait to hear the rest of that story, please Trena fill me in as soon as possible!

Many of you have also been mentioned in a column or two maybe even three over the years as well. I will never forget one of the dearest people God has blessed into my life, Benita Riley telling me on many occasions during our conversations, "Kim that is off the record, I do not want to see that in your column." Yet leaving out one of her milestone birthdays could not go without mention nor could remembering all the awesome uniforms of her feature twirling days at good of "What's Right High."

There was the time when Tiff while visiting new neighbors parked her bicycle too close to their dogs house which was a monster Rotweiler and when she got off her bike the dog jumped her, knocked her down and began to bite her hands, neck and face. She at only eight years old, socks him one with her fist, he let go enough for her to run in their house bleeding all over their newly installed off white carpet. She had not shed one tear, me, well I was a basket case and ready to play Annie Oakley and shoot the one Rotweiler. However, the neighbors gave him to a good home with no children far, far away.

Oh, and Ashleigh's fifth grade pajama parties, where seven little giggling girls thought it would be so cool to learn how to drive a Geo Prism. There was the pig incident too. That one got many comments back in the day. Ah the family gathering at Uncle Clinton's and Aunt Sue's in Mt. Sterling. The volleyball net was set up and the teams chosen. In-laws vs. the Out-laws. Clinton and Sue lived on a farm and at the time their kids had a pet pig that wanted to get in on the game as well. However his timing wasn't so good. Just as the brother-in-law Alan went jumping up into the air to slam-dunk the volleyball in my face this pig comes out of nowhere and as Alan is coming back down from his jump he straddled the poor little pig and well, he (the pig that is) didn't survive the game.

I will never forget Earl Castle coming to my defense over a controversial column either. That meant the world to me Earl. And KJ (Kathi Jo Caudill Robinson), who has been my lifelong friend, sister and sidekick and always ready to jump aboard a soapbox and come to my defense when she felt it necessary. K.J.'s daughter Kaitlin even supplied content for a column once when they were getting ready to move from Boston to Miami. Katy was but a wee little thing when she asked her momma one

night how to spell YOUR-AMI. When K.J. explained she didn't know what she meant, Katy replied, you know Mommy where we are moving too. YOUR-AMI! Oh there have been a few out of the mouths of babes' columns for sure.

We have definitely shared both smiles and tears over the years. The passing of my grandparents Curt and Virginia Colwell, step-father-in-law, Alvin Fields, and so many others that was near and dear to not only me but many of you. You cried with me and consoled me when my nephew was flown to Cabell Huntington at 18

months old diagnosed with juvenile diabetes and my 2-month-old niece when she had to endure surgery for biliary artesia. Now they are both striving pictures of health and 9 and 6 years old themselves. Thank You, Jesus!

You congratulated me and shared in my joy when my very first grandchild Cash arrived and what a joy and blessing he is! God is so good!

Yes we have experienced many changes together over these twenty years, from the White House to the Court House. We've made it through Regan, two Bush Presidents, Clinton, and witnessed History

with Obama. On the home front there was Ben Hale, Paul Hunt Thompson and "Doc" Marshall seated at the realm of our country.

We've seen pink and green hair, mini skirts, maxi skirts, Members Only jackets, Bomber jackets, shaved heads, Farrah Fawcett hair, pants that drop off the hips to knee-knockers and Lee Slim jeans, bless their hearts for making those.

Frog skin purses, really, frog skin! The Vera Bradley craze and knock off designer bags. Oh so many changes over the years. We've gone through bag phones and pagers to

Blackberries and iPods. We've seen computers that took up more than half our desks to laptops. Dial-up internet to DSL. TVs that sat on our floors with huge wooden cabinets to sleek flat screens with surround sound and HDTV we can mount on our walls.

We've gone from the Pacer to the Hummer and even gone GREEN. From sending Thank You notes and invitations by mail to email and Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

We've gone from Benifer to Bradjelma and I for one am still Team Jennifer. TV shows have blown me away, from the Cosby's to the Osbornes,

Dallas to Jon and Kate Plus 8 yep drama in an entire different aspect.

But, when March of 1998 came and I gave my life to Christ the content of these columns begin to change. What a blessing it has been to be able to share the love of Christ and His teachings throughout this space. I am so appreciative and grateful to be able to do so.

I am so thankful for each of you who read each week. Please continue as we set out for another journey. God providing it!

It has truly been amazing! 'Til next week, may God bless each of you!

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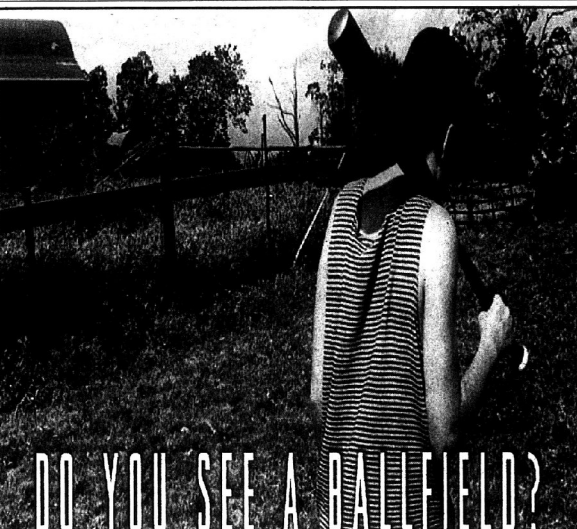
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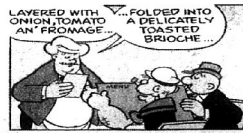
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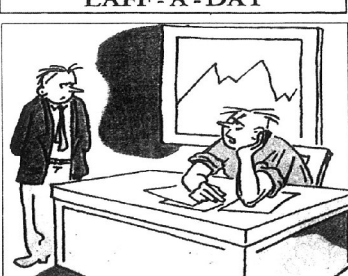


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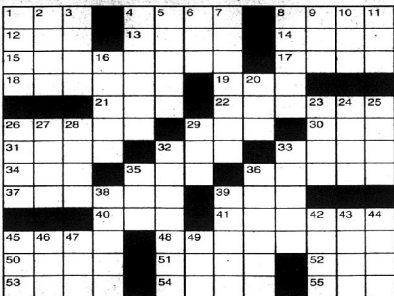
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- 1 Vacationing
- 4 Told a tale
- 8 React in pain
- 12 Romanian money
- 13 Between jobs
- 14 Competent
- 15 Stevenson's personification of good
- 17 Leave at the altar
- 18 Whine
- 19 E.T.'s carrier?
- 21 Under the weather
- 22 "Sex for Dummies" writer
- 26 Eccentric
- 29 Attention getter
- 30 Vast expanse
- 31 Libertine's feeling
- 32 Foundation
- 33 Minus
- 34 Mound stat
- 35 Monkey suit
- 36 Circumference
- 37 Oprah adviser
- 39 Wambaugh or Wapner (Abbr.)
- 40 Mccray, for one
- 41 Dermatologist's case
- 45 Sail support



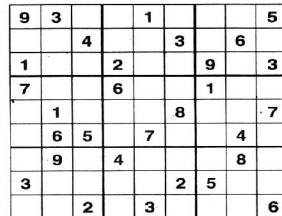
- 48 "A Study in Scarlet" narrator
- 50 Head light?
- 51 — and terminator
- 52 Expert
- 53 Unimprovable place
- 54 Money
- 55 Longing

- 6 opus
- 7 Whimpy addition
- 8 Tricked
- 9 Collegian's choice
- 10 Sapporo composer
- 11 The whole enchilada
- 12 Bottom line
- 13 "Oust Me" singer
- 14 Saute
- 15 Addict
- 16 Criterion
- 17 Scrambled eggs side dish
- 18 Coaster
- 19 Kitten's sound
- 20 Now, on a memo
- 21 Edition sold the night before
- 22 "Hungaria" composer
- 23 Dead heat
- 24 Kid's racer
- 25 Egret's cousin
- 26 "You Were Meant for Me" singer
- 27 Catch sight of
- 28 Additional
- 29 Any time now
- 30 That girl
- 31 Cushion
- 32 Ginger — Reuben holder

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada's Northwest Territories?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby bat called?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What type of furniture is referred to as a "highboy"?
4. MUSIC: How many holes does a recorder (wind instrument) have?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a lazaretto?
6. ARCHITECTURE: What is adobe made of?
7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek god of medicine?
8. DISCOVERIES: Who is credited with inventing the air brake?
9. BIRTHSTONES: What is November's traditional birthstone?
10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral MCMXC?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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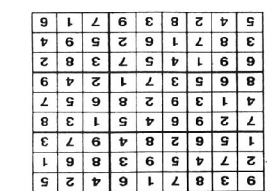
Change 1. Showman's hat is different 2. Boy has a sword 3. Snowflake has been added 4. Tree is missing 5. Teacher's nose is different 6. Boy is holding an apple



Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

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Answer

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Answer
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