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Preliminary statistics indicate that 13 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Jan. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 30.

Ten of the crashes involved motor vehicles and six of the victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Barren, Estill, Knott, Magoffin, McLean, Metcalfe, Pulaski (2), Todd and Warren counties. The crashes in Knott, McLean and Metcalfe counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Three pedestrian-involved crashes occurred in Clark, Jefferson and Lyon counties.

Through Jan. 30, preliminary statistics indicate that thirty-seven people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2011. This is 23 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2010.

There were 32 motor vehicle fatalities and twenty of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Five of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Five crashes involved pedestrians. A total of seven 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.

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HS student indicted on drug charge

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg High School student pleaded innocent to charges of trafficking marijuana in an alley across from his school last month.

Warren Blackburn, 18, of Prestonsburg, was in Floyd District Court Wednesday morning to both enter his plea and also to hear a motion from Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley to see the

teen's bond adjused.

Blackburn had been jailed on a \$500 cash bond after his arrest on Jan. 19, which Bartley said the Prestonsburg student quickly made.

In his motion Wednesday, Bartley said the amount was "woefully insufficient based upon not only the defendant's admitted criminal acts, but also based upon the fact that the defendant is a potential flight risk."



Warren Blackburn, the 18-year-old Prestonsburg High School student, arrested and charged in January with selling marijuana to fellow students, spoke with his attorney, Doug Adams, Wednesday morning.

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GASTRONOMICAL CHALLENGE



Chris Schoolcraft was one of three challengers to put their mouths and stomachs to the test with the "Big Billy Burger Challenge" at Billy Ray's Restaurant on Thursday.

Burgers burst bellies in 'Big Billy' battle



Walter Owens and Mason Haywood attacked the 4-pound burger during the "Big Billy Burger Challenge" at Billy Ray's Restaurant on Thursday.

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — If you think you have an appetite to match Adam Richman, of Man vs. Food fame, then Billy Ray's Restaurant has the burger for you.

The "Big Billy Burger Challenge" is making its way to the menu at the popular Prestonsburg eatery, and the 4-pound behemoth burger is

sure to test the jaws and stomachs of even the most seasoned carnivore.

In order to complete the challenge, competitors must finish the burger and two half-pound side items in under 60 minutes, and cannot use the bathroom or leave the dining room area during the challenge.

"If you win, you will get your name on the Wall of Fame," said Brent Graden, director of economic develop-

ment for Prestonsburg. "You will also win an autographed poster from Billy Ray's. If you fail, then you will get a button that says, 'I failed miserably at the Big Billy Burger Challenge.'"

On Thursday, Chris Schoolcraft, Mason Haywood and Walter Owens participated in what Graden called a "dry run" of the challenge.

"I'll eat it or it will eat me," Owens said. "I won't turn down a good challenge."

The three challengers drew a large crowd to watch them chow down on the massive meat and bread creation, and each man used a different method to try to eat their way to victory. The burger and side items turned out to be too much for all three when the 60-minute time limit came to a close.

"I have to say they all failed miserably," Graden said. "After it was over, they stumbled down Court Street like they were lost."

The Big Billy Burger Challenge will go live next week, and the price of the burger and side items is \$24.99.

Wheelwright annexes Bypro area

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Wheelwright City Commission passed an ordinance during its last meeting on Jan. 18 to annex sections of land just outside the city limits, known commonly as Bypro.

A first reading of the ordinance took place in November and the city had no meetings during the month of December, resulting in the second reading and passage in January.

Specifically, the areas now existing as part of the city following the unanimous vote, include land and property along Route 306 leading out of the city that include the bowling alley, a clinic and a pharmacy.

In addition to incorporating this property into the city, the commission also voted to annex areas existing beyond the bridge leading out of the city at the junction of Route 306 and Route 122.

Turning left at the bridge and onto Route 122, the city has now expanded its boundaries to include all businesses on the left side of the road, which include long-standing establishments such as the Bypro Dairy Bar and the grocery store Hall's Market, as well as the more recently opened Dollar General Store.

Newly elected Mayor Andy Akers, who had served as a commissioner for the city for several years before unseating former mayor Marlee Sammons, said the decision had been a long while in the making.

"We'd been talking about it awhile, and that's not the only places we're talking about annexing," Akers said. "We're going to do it in steps."

Akers said he and the commission "got on

(See WHEELWRIGHT, page 6)

Gunman opens fire at Magoffin general store

Times Staff Report

GUNLOCK — Three people are in stable condition and one man is charged with attempted murder, after police say he opened fire at a Magoffin County business.

Kentucky State Police received a call at 4:03 p.m. Wednesday reporting a shooting at the J&J General Store, near the Floyd County line. KSP and officers from the Magoffin County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, and found and arrested Colonel L. Bolen, 44, of Trace Fork.

Witnesses told police that Bolen showed up

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Obituaries

Corbit Adkins
Corbit Adkins, 58, of Prestonsburg, died February 2 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.
Born February 15, 1952, in Wyandotte, Michigan, he was the son of the late Corbit Lee and Velva Spradlin Adkins. He was a retired cab driver and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Billy Adkins and one brother: Roger Adkins.
He is survived by one son: Charlie Adkins of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Ron Adkins, George Adkins and Johnny Adkins, all of Michigan; five sisters: Margaret Adkins, Sharon Adkins, Doris Adkins, Cindy Wilman and Dorothy Adkins, all of Michigan; and two grandchildren: Gilly Charlie Adkins and Velva Jean Adkins.
Funeral services will be held February 4 at 1 p.m. at

Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with David Damron officiating.
Burial will follow at Marsilet Cemetery in Prestonsburg with Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Dorothy Marie Allen Marshall
Dorothy Marie Allen Marshall, 84, formerly of Allen, passed away Sunday, January 30, 2011, at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in

Clinton Township, Michigan.
Born October 20, 1926, at Haysville, she was the later of the late David Murph Allen and Josephine Bentley Allen. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Dock Marshall on January 2, 1996, and also by three sisters and two brothers.
Survivors include two daughters: Barbara Appel (Darryl), of Fraser, Michigan, Judy Rigney (Monte) of Clinton Township, Michigan; four sons: Glenn Marshall (Linda) of Washington Township, Michigan, Don Marshall of Prestonsburg, Larry Marshall of Clinton Township, Michigan, Grover Marshall (Laurie) of Louisville, Texas; one sister: Beryl A. Shrum of Lookout Mountain, Georgia; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a loving homemaker.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, February 4, 2011, at Carter Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Adams and Rev. Cecil Gravitt officiating. Burial will be in the John Allen Cemetery at Sugar Loaf. Active pallbearers are Christopher Rigney, Tim Jaquays, Bryan Rigney, William Isaac Ward, Marshall, Craig Marshall and Steven Marshall. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert R. Allen, David D. Allen, Tim Allen, James J. Carter II, John A. Spurlock, Glenn Allen, Sammy Allen and Charles Pinson II.
The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.
Survivors include four sons: Sonny EJ Ward, William Isaac Ward, Tony Ward and Troy Ward, all of Prestonsburg, three daughters: Ruby Ward, Barbara Harrison and Emma Craft, all of Prestonsburg, three brothers: Richard Scotty Goble, Argie Goble and Howard Goble; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by one daughter: Geniva Ward, four brothers: EJ Goble, Leon Goble, Estill Goble, Joe Goble, and Elsie Burchett and Cladie Spears.
Funeral services were held on Feb. 3, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Collins and John Kenneth Burchett officiating. Burial followed at the Willile Goble Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.
Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Webb
Ruby Webb, 99, of Georgetown, formerly of Daniels Creek, Van Lear, passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at the Signature Health Care Facility in Georgetown. Born November 18, 1911, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Everett Kendrick and Jennie Clark Kendrick. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dow Webb (1980). She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Gail Isbell, of Georgetown; and two grandchildren.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville. Clifford Austin will officiate.
Arrangements are by the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, in Paintsville.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses
Phyllis Louise Marshall, 18, of Prestonsburg, to Jonathan Andrew Smith, 19, of Prestonsburg.
Candace Renee Osborne, 17, of Bevensville, to Steven A. Meade, 20, of Bevensville.
Melissa Gail Schaeffer, 30, of Martin, to Roy Charlie Stump, 30, of Martin.
Ashley Nicole Knott, 21, of McDowell, to James Anthony Burchett, 27, of Martin.
Civil Suits Filed
Sabrina Scott Rose vs. Ryan Scott Rose; divorce.
Melinda D. McGhee vs. Hershel E. Yates Jr.; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Shirley L. Mullins vs. Marcus Wallen; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
DH Capital Management vs. Tylna Mullins; complaint.
Randy Allen vs. Laurel Mountain Resources LLC; complaint.
Johna Lawson vs. Gloria C. Blankenship; complaint.
Paul Hannah vs. Emily Charles; petition for child support.
Kentucky Foster Care vs. Gary Hensley; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Kentucky Foster Care vs. Rachel Ousley; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Heather Miller vs. Judy Whitaker; complaint.

conduct, alcohol intoxication.
Beverly J. Delauder, 36, Pikeville; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, disorderly conduct, no proof of insurance.
Casey E. Webb, 24, Inez; theft by unlawful taking, alcohol intoxication.
Stephen T. Jude, 20, Inez; theft by unlawful taking, alcohol intoxication.
Homer Alan Meeks, 41, Betsy Layne; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
Inspections
La Fiesta Mexicana, Prestonsburg. Regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, handwashing sink not provided, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system, and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or hand sink. Score: 90.
Pig in a Poke, Prestonsburg. Regular inspection. Violations

noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous food, food not protected during storage, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, handwashing sink is being used for other purposes other than handwashing. Score: 93.
Prestonsburg Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg. Regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution. Score: 97.
Property Transfers
Frank Adams to Donald R. Compton and Kimberly C. Compton, property not listed.
Judith A. Madison Adams to Donald R. Compton and Kimberly C. Compton, property not listed.
Donna M. Bentley to Virginia Mead, property not listed.
Erica Bradford to Patricia Music, property not listed.
Jay Calhoun to Jean Dotson Lemaster and property not listed.

Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
Paula Dotson Calhoun to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
Arinda Collins to City of Wheelwright, property located at Wheelwright.
Mary Beth Madison Compton to Donald R. Compton and Kimberly C. Compton, property not listed.
Sandra Dotson to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
James E. Dotson to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
Erika Elkins to Patricia Music, property not listed.
James Elkins to Patricia Music, property not listed.
Larry Flanery to Brandy Little and Lee Little, property located at Wheelwright.
Trena Flanery to Brandy Little and Lee Little, property located at Wheelwright.
Doris Dotson Francis to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
Randall Q. Francis to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.

located at Wheelwright.
Trena Flanery to Brandy Little and Lee Little, property located at Wheelwright.
Doris Dotson Francis to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.
Randall Q. Francis to Jean Dotson Lemaster and Ronald Lemaster, property not listed.

Charges Filed
Whitney Slone, 20, Langley; possession of a controlled substance, buying or possession drug paraphernalia.
Ryan Stephens, 22, Hueysville; criminal mischief, theft of a legend drug, third-degree burglary.
Aaron Smith, 28, Augusta, Ga.; trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, trafficking in marijuana.
Joshua Kyle Clay, 20, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.
Anaya A. Arcadio, 20, Prestonsburg; disorderly

Card of Thanks
The family of Polly Lou Allen Bentley would like to sincerely say, "Thank you", to all of our friends and family who helped to comfort us during this very difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food, or just came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Jerry Mann for his comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your love and support will always be remembered.
THE FAMILY OF POLLY LOU ALLEN BENTLEY

Card of Thanks
The family of Mavis Gearheart would like to extend their appreciation to those who helped comfort them during the time of sorrow. Thank you to all those who sent flowers as well as the kind words, all your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to James Sherman and Dolvin Ratliff for their comforting message, the Floyd Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services, kindness and understanding.
THE FAMILY OF MAVIS GEARHEART

Card of Thanks
The family of Thelma O'Bryan Osborne would like to sincerely say Thank You to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during this difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Dale McKinney and Larry Adams for their comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always remember all the love and kindness that was shown to our family.
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South Floyd seeing success with college program

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

HI HAT—A new program at South Floyd High School designed to help students prepare for college by using a "College Coach" has been deemed a success so far,

according to Susan Damron, guidance counselor at the school.

"We select 50 students, split across all grade levels, and the College Coach works with them in individual and group settings to increase our post-secondary

rates," Damron said. "We expressed our interest in the program to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and we were selected to be a site. The program started back in November. It really gives those students the extra attention that they need." The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance

Authority (KHEAA) recruited recent college graduates to be "near-peer" coaches for high school students in 24 schools across Kentucky. "We call them 'near-peer' mentors because, ideally, they are recent college graduates who can share their educational experiences with students who plan to further their educa-

tion upon completion of high school," said Chris Dressler, the Kentucky College Coach program adviser for KHEAA. "We hope the recent experiences of our members will enable high school students to easily identify with their coach and become more receptive to the message about the need to consider college or

technical training." The 24 high schools were selected based on college-going rates and income levels. The program is under the direction of Berea College, Northern Kentucky University, AmeriCorps and the Kentucky Campus Compact.

Job Corps student arrested for drugs



Aaron Smith
by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

police said Smith's dorm room was searched. They said during that search "several" more red plastic bags were found, along with more than \$1,100 in cash.

In their report, police said they considered Smith a flight risk considering his residence is in Georgia and his bond was set then at \$25,000 cash.

During his arraignment Wednesday, the 28-year-old Smith entered a plea of not guilty to both charges.

Smith is next scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 8.

PRESTONSBURG — A 28-year-old student at Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center pleaded not guilty to charges that he had been selling drugs at the school.

Aaron Smith, of Augusta, Ga., was arrested Tuesday at the school and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school and trafficking in marijuana.

Arresting officers said Smith was approached by school staff Tuesday and asked if he had marijuana in his possession, at which time he fled on foot, reports said.

"Staff found an amount of marijuana in red baggies in a trash can (Smith) had run-by," the police report stated.

Following this discovery,

Mother charged with possession, endangerment

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

IVEL — A Cloverport woman was arrested late last month at the Alpique Motel in Ivel and charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree endangering the welfare of a minor.

Talisha Connetta Bentley, 27, was arrested by officers with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, after the officers responded to a public intoxication complaint at the Ivel BP, located next to the Alpique Motel. The officers reportedly discovered that it was actually a domestic complaint upon arriving at the scene.

According to the police report, "Deputy Brad Martin performed a field sobriety test on the male subject, and upon contacting the female at the Alpique Motel, we discovered that she had been intoxicated. Upon a consent to search the room, Deputy Martin found plastic bags under the bed with several types of pills and what the female described to be crystal meth. Inside the room, Bentley had her two small children with her."

Bentley was arrested and transported to the Floyd County Detention Center and placed under a \$5,000 cash bond.

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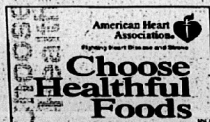
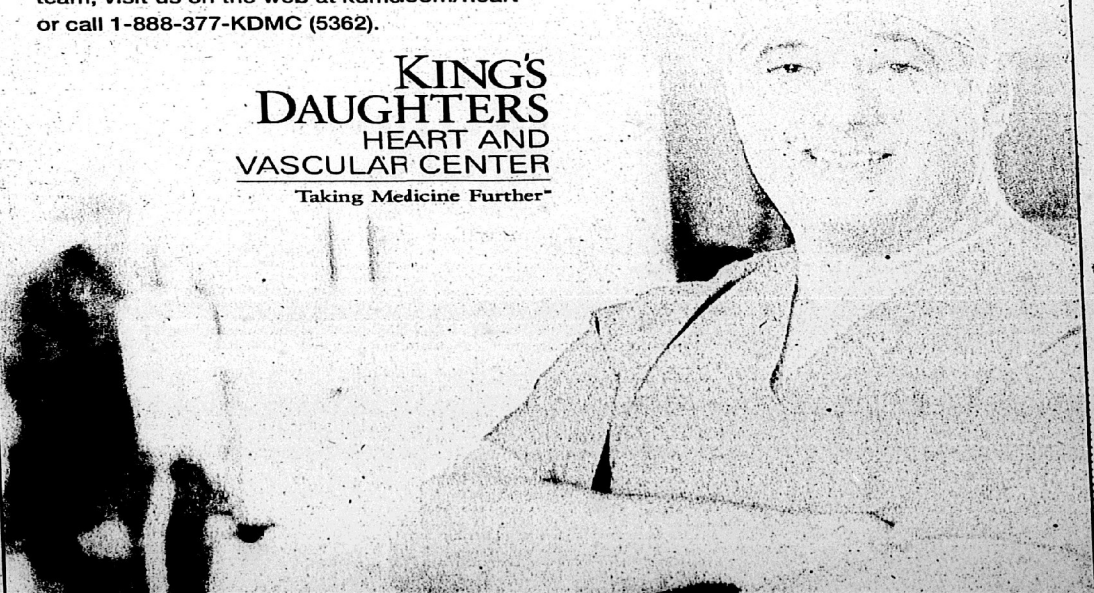
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Viewpoint

Amendment 1
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...
Cruel leaders are replaced only to have new leaders turn cruel.
— Ernesto "Che" Guevara

Our View

Keep public matters in the public eye

We will chalk it up to an oversight or a mistake this time, but the Floyd County Fiscal Court may have very well stuck a toe across the line of the state's Open Meetings Law during its most recent meeting.

When it came time for the court to consider setting salaries for workers in Judge-Executive Doc Marshall's office — including Marshall's wife, Sylvia L. Marshall — District 2 Magistrate Hattie Owens asked for the body to meet in closed session.

As far as we can tell, there is nothing wrong with that. One of the few instances in which a state or local government body can meet behind closed doors is when discussing personnel actions, such as the hiring, firing or discipline of an employee.

When the court returned to open session, no mention of any decisions or changes was made. Instead, the court appeared to vote on and pass the original resolution.

But that is not quite what happened, as we learned later, when a copy of the modified resolution was sent to our office. Apparently, Sylvia Marshall's name was removed from consideration, but no one bothered to announce that fact.

That is important. According to the Open Meetings Law, no action can be taken in a closed session. Magistrates can discuss what they plan to do, but all final decisions and votes must take place in the open, for the public to see.

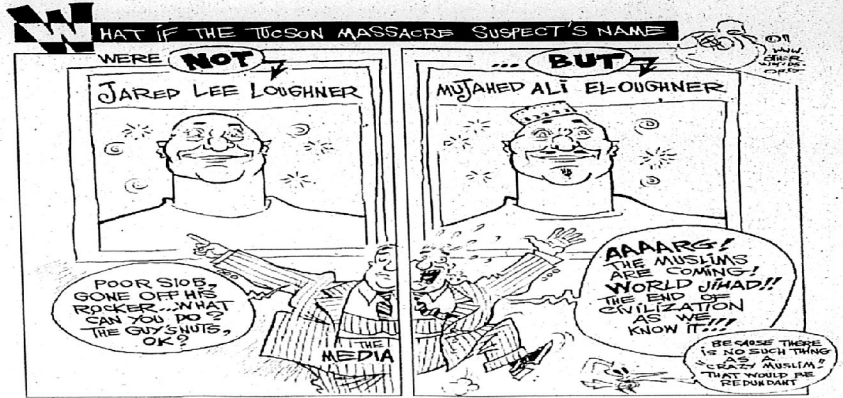
By not announcing the change openly, it could be argued that the fiscal court did indeed take final action during its closed session, by removing Sylvia Marshall's name from the resolution and then not announcing that change when they returned to open meeting.

We don't believe there was any insidious plot to hide this action from the public; after all, a copy of the modified resolution was sent to the office after the fact, we assume so that the public could be informed.

We figure this is nothing more than a slight bit of carelessness on the part of the fiscal court, a simple mistake.

However, we cannot let it pass without comment, because it strikes at the heart of one of the most important protections afforded to citizens of our state — the right to an open government — and we ask all public officials to take note of their duty to keep the public informed of every decision they make.

— The Floyd County Times



Beyond the Beltway

Roadmap to disaster

by DONALD KAUL
OTHERWORDS

The Republicans told us what they wanted to do in their "Pledge to America" last year: cut government, slash taxes, and shrink the national debt. But they didn't tell us how they were going to do it. Now hey have. Basically, it involves tipping the heart out of the future and burying it at the intersection of crumbling highways and a falling-down bridge to nowhere.

It's caviar and champagne for the lucky few, macaroni and cheese for the rest of us.

The plan — unveiled in the Republican Study Committee's proposed Spending Reduction Act of 2011 — calls for rolling back federal agency budgets to 2006 levels, reducing the federal workforce by 15 percent, and freezing federal workers' pay for five years.

Seeing other people's salaries cut, when we're the ones paying them, has some appeal I suppose.

But when you dig deeper into the implications of the GOP's numbers, you begin to get queasy. Democrats have pointed out that to achieve the cuts Republicans are pushing, 4,000 FBI agents, 1,500 DEA agents, and 5,700 correctional officers in the federal prison system would have to be fired. The government would also have to cut 3,000 food safety inspectors at the already understaffed FDA and sweep 389,000 children from the Head Start early-education program.

Amtrak? Gone. Department of Education? No more. Corporation for Public Broadcasting? Goodbye.

U.S. Agency for International Development? Don't be silly. They'd eliminate virtually all federal subsidies to our capital city, including funds to maintain its increasingly shabby subway system.

They would, in short, throw us back to a time when the "malefactors of great wealth" (they don't mean phrases like that anymore) claimed the lion's share of the nation's resources as a matter of right. It would take us back to the Hoover administration.

There's nothing radical about the Republican plan. It's the way things have been trending for the past 30 years. To see it laid out so baldly, however, is chilling.

Some Republican leaders would exclude the Pentagon, along with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, from the budget cuts. Others want to cut everything. They would slash aid to state governments already in dire financial circumstances, which would lead to additional draconian cuts in education, health care, research, and transportation.

They say the deficit is the greatest threat to our future. It isn't. The greatest threat is that we shall forsake the future in favor of a rancid, ideologically driven plan informed by greed and mean-spiritedness. The Republican plan is a virtual roadmap to disaster.

As President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union address:

"To borrow an analogy, cutting the deficit by cutting investments in areas like education, areas like innovation — that's like trying to reduce the weight of an overloaded aircraft by removing its engine."

That is so self-evident it hurts. The reason Republicans can't see it is because they are blinded, either by ideology or by their reliance on corporate sponsors whose eyes are on the next quarter rather than the next decade.

And they lie. They lie a lot. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the Republican point man on budget matters, delivered the biggest whopper of all following Obama's State of the Union address, when he said:

"Depending on bureaucracy to foster innovation, competitiveness, and wise consumer choices has never worked — and it won't work now."

That's only true if you don't count railroads, the Interstate highway system, the Internet, commercial air travel, the work of the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, the electrification of rural America, our postal system, and public universities that know no rival. Did I mention the polio vaccine and space exploration?

All those things are, to a greater or lesser degree, creatures of government action. They're products of "the bureaucracy." Republicans loathe so much.

Our precious country is in danger of falling into the hands of fools, charlatans, and mountebanks.

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The Usual Eccentric

Don't make him tell you thrice!

by WILL E. SANDERS

Recently, talk show host Conan O'Brien issued a challenge to his audience by encouraging them to use the word "thrice" more often. You know, thrice — as in something transpiring three times in succession. So, for instance, the Lionel Richie classic would be renamed "Once, twice, thrice times a lady." And I think that sounds like a better song title anyway, don't you?

Coco championed the Thrice Campaign because he argued great words that nobody uses are already in the dictionary. And just let me say, I acquiesce capaciously (whatever that means) with Conan not once, nor twice, but thrice.

See, every couple of years a bunch of word geeks sit in what I imagine are clandestine gatherings and decide what words will be added to the dictionary in a perverse mutiny of the English language. A small sampling of just some of these new so-called words include frenemy, bromance,

conversation and chillax. I'm sorry, forgive me for not knowing, but when did junior high kids start dictating what words belong in the dictionary?

remember Conan, right? He has a show over on TBS now, and it's his thrice time hosting a late night talk show in the aftermath of the whole Jay Leno debacle. That's right, despite Conan's once-perceived bromance with Jay Leno, they both became frenemies with one another.

I must admit, however, there was one word I felt lugubrious (that means sad) about for not making the dictionary cut. That word is lenoed, a verb that means to give something to someone only to take it back undeservingly at a later date (once your prime time show receives poor ratings). Here, I'll use it in a sentence in case you're stupid: *It was only after awakening in the recovery room when Tim learned his best friend Joe had lenoed him out of a kidney for a transplant.*

Another word that made the list is a personal favorite of mine: stycation. It's not often a single word will rouse an aggressive (or pugnacious) response from me. One time I butted into a "nonversation" between two strangers just to object to their usage

of the word! I made a few frenemies that day, let me tell you, and if not for the statute of limitations that murder carries, I'd even tell you where I buried one of the bodies.

"Stay-cation, va-cation, get it," I always overhear some self-amused morose say.

"Yes, we get it." I feel like screaming. "Just like bromance, it's clever wordplay, but so is the word 'defriend' — do you want that in the dictionary, too?"

Oh wait, it already is. Yup, defriend is coming to a dictionary near you, crammed between the words defray and defrost like a metaphor I'm too lazy to come up with. Thank you, Facebook, for helping to pollute a refined language that dates back to the fifth century.

That's why we should heed the perspicacious words of Conan the Grammararian, which is a word I made up just now. Who knows, at this rate that word might end up in the dictionary someday, too.

But to be perfectly honest, these new words don't bother me nearly as much as the people who actually say them. It takes a really special person

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Indicted

Bartley asked presiding Judge Danny P. Caudill to raise Blackburn's bond to \$25,000 cash. However, Caudill did not set the bond at that amount, electing instead to adjust it to \$15,000 or 10 percent of that amount at \$1,500.

Wednesday afternoon a meeting was held at Prestonsburg High School after which Blackburn was placed on notice and given a 10-day suspension with the intent to expel him following additional hearings at the school, Bartley said.

If Blackburn, who is accused of selling marijuana to fellow students at the school at young as 13, is ultimately expelled, Caudill said a condition of his release if bond is posted would be that he not be allowed within 500 feet of Prestonsburg High School or any other school. If not, he would be allowed to continue attending his current high school but would be required to stay at least 500 feet away from any other school.

"I'm reporting this to the judge today," Bartley said Thursday. "It was my impression that he wanted to know the results of that meeting in order to make a decision that he not be within 500 feet of a school anywhere at all. My hope is he can get a GED. I don't know."

Bartley called the idea of allowing Blackburn to stay at the school "ridiculous" and said he did not expect that would be the case.

"He's given a confession to police," Bartley said. "He outlined an entire history of drug dealing in that school. Why they would ever allow him to go to school there ever is beyond me. That's where his customers are."

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Blackburn gave several points as to why Blackburn should be considered a flight risk, or capable of leaving the county while out of jail on bond. Among those was the fact that the chances were high that he would be expelled from school, the teen had already been served on eviction notice at the apartment where he and his mother live and, at 18, he owns no property in Floyd County.

Even while Blackburn was in district court Wednesday, a Floyd County grand jury was deliberating his case in session one floor above him in the Floyd County Justice Center.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he received an indictment handed down by that grand jury Wednesday afternoon on one count of trafficking marijuana in or around a school, a felony charge.

Bartley said his efforts in district court Wednesday were both a pursuit of justice and, admittedly a message to citizens and parents in Floyd County.

"I want parents to know that we're doing our best to protect their children in this county," said Bartley. "I asked only for a bond that would fit this crime. We've got a kid who gave a confession, who has a high likelihood of being convicted and who has been given an eviction notice and will most likely be expelled from his school. Whether 18 or 100 it makes no difference in the eyes of the law."

Now that Blackburn had been indicted on the felony charge, Turner said the 18-year-old could, if convicted, serve as much as five years in prison.

Fugate named COO, exec VP of Center for Rural Development

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

SOMERSET — Prestonsburg native Les Fugate has been named as the executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Center President and CEO Lonnie Lawson announced Wednesday. Fugate's appointment on Feb. 1. "The Center is pleased to bring Les Fugate onboard as our executive vice president and chief operating officer," Lawson said. "I'm confident that Les is capable of increasing efficiency at our great organization. He is a highly accomplished indi-

vidual, and I'm certain his work will positively affect the growth of all of the Center's programs and services that are changing the lives of the citizens we serve."

Fugate recently spent seven years as deputy assistant to former Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson. Grayson recently resigned to accept a position with the Institute of Politics at Harvard University.

According to information provided by the Center for Rural Development, Fugate is a graduate of Focus Louisville, Ignite Louisville, and the Leadership East Kentucky program. He also participated in Leadership



Les Fugate

Louisville's Bingham Fellows Program, and is a former member of the Election Assistance Commission's Working Group on Media and Public Relations for the EAC's Election Management Guideli

"I am extremely honored by the opportunity to join the already accomplished team at The Center," Fugate said. "It has always been a goal of mine to give back to my native region of Eastern Kentucky, and I can think of no better way of doing that than through the excellent programs that The Center provides. This is really a dream opportunity to work with the talented people of Southern and Eastern Kentucky to move our local communities forward."

Fugate will be working with communities in Floyd County and other communities in the 42-county area served by the Center for Rural Development.

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Wheelwright

the same page" after the first of the year and passed the ordinance, thinking primarily about areas that were already using the city's services, including police and fire protection.

"They're using our police protection and our fire protection already," said Akers. "Now Randy (Johnson) will be able to actually patrol those areas. Before, he had to first be asked by the county or state to go into those places."

The city interviewed six applicants Thursday, one of which will be hired as a second police officer to assist Johnson, Akers said.

As is custom at commission meetings in Wheelwright, the agenda which lists items to be discussed for meetings is posted outside city hall. However, city officials said Thursday that no one, including business owners, voiced opposition to the annexation during the meetings.

City officials say that many of the businesses are already using the city's utilities and that the key change would be that in addition to paying county property taxes, the owners would now also be required to pay city taxes.

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Shooting

outside the business and began firing his weapon. No motive for the attack has been given.

Bolen has been charged with three counts of attempted murder, and more charges could be added following a grand jury investigation. He was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, in Paintsville.

This incident remains under investigation by KSP Det. Jason Dials. Dials was assisted on scene by Sgt.

Randy McCarty, Sgt. Ronald Peppi, Sgt. Anthony Taulbee, Sgt. Randy Woods, detectives Jimmy Anderson and Kevin Newsome, Tpr. Bryan Layne, Tpr. Brad Hamilton, Tpr. Chris Hicks, Tpr. Mike Goble and Tpr. Jake Stimmitt. KSP division of CVE Sgt. Keith Justice and Officer Dennis Hutchinson, Magoffin County Sheriff's Office, Magoffin County Rescue Squad and DHP Ambulance Service.

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Eccentric

to use "ginormous" correctly in a sentence. And I just want everyone who uses these types of words to know one thing: It makes you sound nescent, benighted and imbecilic, all of which are really great dictionary words that mean ignorant.

So, the dictionary is already filled with great words that nobody uses anymore, just like Conan said. And I don't think it's asking too much to start using some of them more often, especially the word thrice. Or

else. You've been warned once, and I've told you twice. Just don't make me tell you thrice!

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Business startup seminar to be held in Pikeville

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A seminar about starting a business in Kentucky is scheduled to be held at the Pikeville campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The seminar is presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. According to information provided by Linda Casebolt, with Morehead State, "This seminar will prepare you for the intensive business-planning process."

The topics to be discussed during the seminar include crucial steps to starting a business, key issues that affect the success of a business, start-up requirements and common pitfalls faced by entrepreneurs. There is no charge to attend, and the seminar is scheduled to begin at

5:30 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. The East Kentucky Small Business Development Center is part of a nationwide network that includes 17 centers across the state. The East Kentucky SBDC consists of six centers located in Ashland, Maysville, Morehead, Paintsville, Pikeville and West Liberty. These

centers serve hundreds of potential and existing small business owners throughout the 25 counties that comprise the Morehead State University service region. To pre-register for the seminar, contact Mike or Linda by calling (606) 432-5848 or go visit <http://www.KSBDC.org>.

Beshear: Aggressive job creation efforts, stand against taxes paying off

FRANKFORT — In his fourth State of the Commonwealth address, Governor Steve Beshear told lawmakers that responsible fiscal management, including holding the line against broad-based taxes and slashing more than \$1 billion from the state budget, has enabled Kentucky to preserve core priorities and begin to recover from the global recession. At the same time, tireless and inno-

vative job creation efforts have led to the creation and retention of thousands of jobs in every corner of the state. "I have opposed broad-based tax increases in Kentucky, and I will continue to oppose them during this legislative session," said Gov. Beshear. "I will not threaten the survival and growth of our businesses at this perilous moment. I will not burden our families as

they struggle to survive. And I will not jeopardize our fragile recovery." Gov. Beshear told Kentuckians that he runs Frankfort like they run their family budgets — by working harder and spending less. "My message to the people of the state is this: We are in this together — we will share your sacrifice because we work for you," said Gov. Beshear.

Since taking office, Gov. Beshear has:
 ■ Balanced Kentucky's budget eight times in three years, slashing over a billion dollars in spending.
 ■ Reduced the executive branch to its smallest size in decades.
 ■ Cut the so-called non-merit work force by an additional \$5 million.
 ■ Ended take-home cars for his office.
 ■ Furloughed most state workers for six days, to save \$24 million, and is taking six unpaid days himself.
 ■ Voluntarily cut his salary by 10 percent — as have top staff and cabinet secretaries.
 ■ Created a website that allows Kentuckians to find out exactly how their money is being spent, which was named the best website of its kind in the nation.
 ■ Put Kentucky's public pension funds on sound footing, reducing benefits for new employees, eliminating pension double-dip-

ping and mandating appropriate expertise for those making investment decisions. "We have acted in a calm, strategic and measured way to rein in government with an eye not just on short-term survival, but also on long-term progress," said Gov. Beshear. "And that strategy is working." He offered the following evidence that the economy is beginning to improve:
 ■ Nearly 250 companies have used Kentucky's new incentives programs to announce planned investments of almost \$2.2 billion.
 ■ More than half of Kentucky's manufacturers plan to hire in 2011.
 ■ Unemployment rates are down in 34 counties from a year ago.
 ■ State receipts are up 5.4 percent through the first half of the fiscal year.
 ■ Kentucky's highways are the safest they've been in 25 years.
 ■ Kentucky's prison population and recidivism rates are dropping.
 ■ The state is attracting visitors from around the world to the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and the upcoming NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, which alone is estimated to have a \$150 million economic impact.

In addition to Kentucky's revamped business incentives programs, Gov. Beshear noted other efforts to create and retain Kentucky jobs, including:
 ■ Two new initiatives that help smaller businesses export goods overseas and recoup investments in staff and equipment.
 ■ A unique program that matches federal high-tech grants to attract and groom smaller companies with innovative ideas in fields like biosciences and energy.
 ■ The realignment of Fort Knox, which will create 7,000 to 8,000 jobs.
 ■ Efforts to keep healthy a \$4 billion equine industry that employs 100,000 Kentuckians.
 ■ The construction of a national research laboratory that will develop and market advanced battery technologies.
 ■ Fighting the federal government for the survival of Kentucky's coal industry, which provides 90 percent of our electricity and has helped build a robust manufacturing industry.

"Our coal industry is in jeopardy because Washington bureaucrats continue to try to impose arbitrary and unreasonable regulations on the mining of coal," said Gov. Beshear. "To them I say 'Get off our backs!' I will fight you for the right to cleanly and safely mine coal. I will fight you on behalf of 18,000 Kentucky coal miners who

are working to feed their families. And I will fight you to keep this nation strong by supplying it with the energy it needs to remain the beacon of democracy in a troubled world." Gov. Beshear discussed the following important legislative items for the 2011 legislative session:
 ■ Increasing high school graduation by raising the drop-out age; House Bill 225, which would raise the mandatory school attendance age to 18, overwhelmingly passed the House last year. HB 225 gradually phases in the change, giving schools adequate time to implement it, and creates alternative programs to address concerns about unmotivated students.
 ■ Addressing short-term and long-term Medicaid issues: A plan to balance a shortfall in the Medicaid budget would move \$166.5 million from the 2012 Fiscal Year Medicaid budget to the current 2011 Fiscal Year. It would also utilize the expertise of the private sector by incorporating more managed-care principles in the state's Medicaid program to run it in a more cost-effective manner. The only alternatives to this plan are to cut \$600 million in services or cut reimbursement rates to health care providers by 30 percent, jeopardizing jobs throughout the state.

Jump-starting home gardening in the mountains

DAVID — St. Vincent Mission in David has received a grant through Berea College for "Grow Appalachia," a community gardening project geared to reducing hunger in Appalachia. Beginning now and continuing through the summer and fall, the project will support people as they grow their own food. This is the first year St. Vincent Mission has received the grant, so they are limiting the participants

to those in the David/Blue River area. The project will test soils and may be able to help, if necessary, with seeds, plants, hand tools and a tiller. Participants are invited to attend basic gardening and food preservation information workshops at the Floyd County Extension Office as well as a couple of gatherings at the Mission. For more information or to apply, call Joanne at St. Vincent Mission at 886-2513 by Feb. 15.

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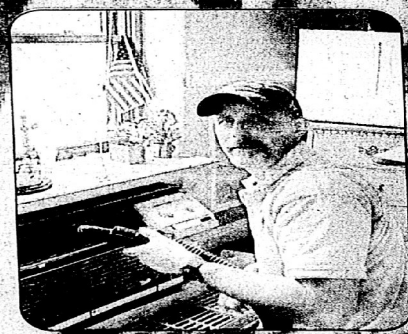
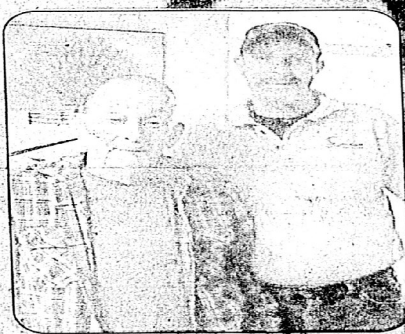
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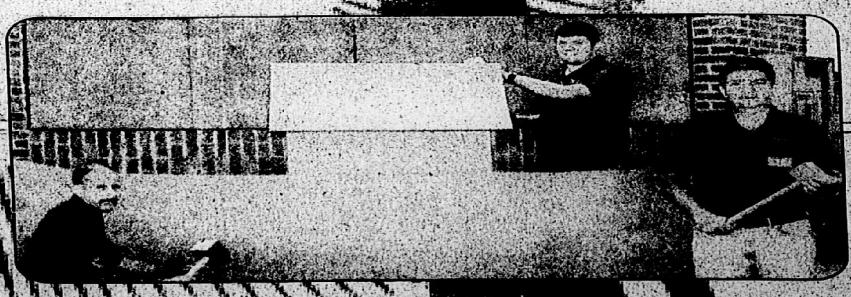
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Senator Turner named to JC Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, is being named to the Johnson Central Hall of Fame Saturday, February 12 in a ceremony at the school. "This is quite an honor," said Senator Turner. "I am very humbled to be named to the Johnson Central Hall of

Fame along with such deserving candidates, especially two of my former players, Tommy McKenzie and Heath Castle. I have had a love of basketball and coaching all of my life and enjoyed a wonderful career that allowed me to work with young people. I hope that I was able to positively impact some of my students and

players. I am extremely proud of the successes of many of them. "I am grateful to the Alumni Association for recognizing my work, but, even more, I am grateful to all the young people that I coached over the years. I gained much from my experience in education and as a coach," he said.

Senator Turner is one of 12 former students, teachers and coaches to be named to the sixth Hall of Fame Class for "significant contributions" to the school. A letter from Noel Crum and Aimee Cantrell-Webb, Johnson Central High School (JCHS) Alumni Association president and vice president, to Senator Turner said that this

year's inductees "have had a profound impact on Johnson Central." Senator Turner has had a long history with JCHS. He was a teacher, coach and dean of students from 1993-2000 and worked part time at JCHS from 2000-2006. Senator Turner retired



SENATOR JOHNNY RAY TURNER

(See TURNER, page two)

For Cats, polls prove to be deceiving

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A few weeks ago I used part of this space to give my clinical opinion on the state of our Commonwealth's two most famous basketball programs.

For Kentucky, I said the team looked to be a 5/6 seed. For Louisville, a bubble team. After their games earlier this week, I'd say, sadly, things are finally starting to look right for my predictions.

The fact that Kentucky was 10th in this week's AP poll and rated 11th by the coaches is simply comical, for starters. It shows just how far a name can carry a program. You know how the networks will do during March, showing you the resume of two teams without their names? You look at it and say Team A shouldn't be in and Team B obviously should, and it winds up Team A is Villanova and Team B is Tennessee-Martin?

It's the same here. Kentucky was ranked 10th and 11th simply because of the name on its jersey, not because of anything spectacular it has done this season. "Tuesday's game was scheduled to start at 7, and at exactly 7:06, I texted someone and simply said, 'gonna get beat.'" My grammar and typing aside, it didn't take brain surgery to figure it out. I had three pretty solid reasons for thinking what ultimately happened was well on its way at such an early stage.

The Cats are still a very young team.

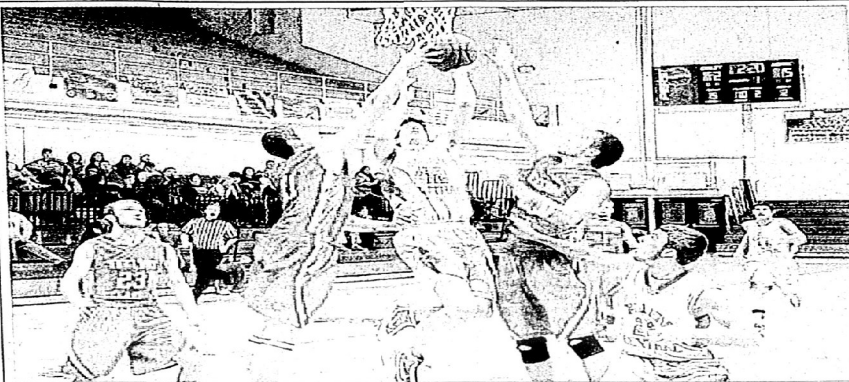
— They were getting into foul trouble, even at that early point, and when it came to playing time, after the six "starters," as John Calipari calls them, the Cats would be just as well to play with four (or three).

— They really don't play well away from home.

As a result, that's a rough three things, and when they converge in the same game, it's trouble and in a major way.

Louisville, on the other hand, just plays in a brutally tough conference. One of the two best players on the team

(See CATS, page two)



Allen Central junior guard Braxton Tackett (42) drew heavy pressure from a pair of Sheldon Clark defenders Tuesday night.

Rebels shake Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central Rebels knocked off a former player's team Tuesday night at the J.E. Campbell Arena. Allen Central, under the guidance of Coach Mark Martin, defeated coach Kevin Sparlock's Sheldon Clark Cardinals 66-55. Braxton Tackett tossed in a game-high 26 points to lead the Rebels past visiting Sheldon Clark. Seth Jarrell netted 13 points and Tyler Cole flipped in 11 for host Allen Central.

The Rebels owned a double digit lead at the conclusion of each quarter. Allen Central surged in the opening period, outscoring Sheldon Clark 17-5. The Rebels remained out in front in the second quarter en route to a 30-18 halftime lead.

Allen Central stretched its lead in the third quarter, outscoring Sheldon Clark 17-8. The Rebels were able to win despite a late Sheldon Clark run. The Cardinals exploded offensively in the final quarter, outscoring Allen Central 27-19 before falling short.

Micah Harlow and Donovan Salyer scored six points apiece and Junior

Handshoe added four as the Rebels claimed the impressive win.

Tyler Lafferty led Sheldon Clark with 3 points. Kelley Hayes had 0 points as two Sheldon Clark players reached double figures.

Trevor Blackburn netted nine points, Justin Johnson scored six and Dylan James and Chase Parsley pushed in five apiece. Channing Smith, a First Team All-State football player, chipped in four points for the Cardinals.

Allen Central moved to 6-13 while Sheldon Clark took a 9-10 record out of the non-district contest.

The Rebels were visiting Paintsville Thursday night. The Allen Central Paintsville boys' basketball game ended too late to make this edition.

Allen Central 66, Sheldon Clark 55
Sheldon Clark (9-10): Hayes 10, Smith 4, Lafferty 13, Johnson 6, Blackburn 9, James 5, Parsley 5.

Allen Central (6-13): Handshoe 4, Jarrell 13, Cole 11, Tackett 26, Harlow 6, Salyer 6.

SC.....5 15 8 27-35
AC.....17 13 17 19-66



Above: Tyler Cole (44) lofted a short jumper for the Rebels. Below: Allen Central head coach Mark Martin talked with his team during a timeout.



Lady Blackcats turn back Fairview

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Three players reached double figures in the scoring column as the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats defeated visiting Fairview, a team from the neighboring 16th Region, 60-42 Monday night.

The Lady Blackcats overcame a poor shooting effort. Prestonsburg put up 66 shots from the field, connecting on 22 of the attempts. The Lady Blackcats were 14-of-33 from the free throw line.

Prestonsburg, however, controlled the boards by claiming 44 total rebounds.

The Lady Blackcats, moving one win closer to the .500 mark, improved to 9-10 after registering the non-district win.

Kristian Waugh led Prestonsburg in scoring as she netted a game-high 17 points. Cassie Burchett pushed in 14 points and pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds, aiding Prestonsburg in the non-district win.

Catie Burchett also turned in a double-double, finishing with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Prestonsburg girls.

Alexis DeRossett and Caitlin Kidd contributed six points apiece. Tiffany Meadows scored three and D.J. Stone connected on a free throw for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg was hosting Piarist School Thursday evening. The Prestonsburg Piarist School girls' basketball game ended too late to make this edition.

South Floyd Girls hold off Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Joslyn Isaac and Kianna Hall combined for 31 points as South Floyd bested host Allen Central 59-48 Friday night in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup Friday night at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Isaac netted 16 points and Hall pushed in 15 for the Lady Raiders. Ashley Castle joined Isaac and Hall in double figures, finishing with 10 points for visiting South Floyd.

The Lady Raiders carried a lead out of each quarter. South Floyd set the tone during the opening quarter, outscoring Allen Central 12-4. The Lady Raiders weren't as dominant in the second quarter but still led 25-20 at halftime.

South Floyd pushed its lead back out to double digits in the third quarter. The Lady Raiders carried a 42-32 lead into the final period.

Thriving from beyond the arc, South Floyd drained seven three-pointers. South Floyd drained seven-of-16 three-point field goal attempts.

The Lady Raiders were 12-of-23 from the free throw line.

Each team featured seven (See RAIDERS, page two)



SHANE HAMILTON SIGNS WITH PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Allen Central High School senior football player Shane Hamilton signed with nearby Pikeville College during a ceremony held Wednesday. Hamilton led Allen Central in rushing during the 2010 season as he took 144 carries for 1,078 yards and 12 touchdowns. He paced the Rebels in both rushing and tackles (59 solos, 23 assists). Longtime Bell County High School head coach Dudley Hilton (not pictured) is headed into his first season at the helm of the Pikeville College football program.

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	15-5
Betsy Layne	14-5
East Ridge	14-5
Johnson Central	12-5
Belfry	10-6
Magnolia County	10-9
Pike Central	9-7
Paintsville	9-10
Sheldon Clark	9-10
South Floyd	8-8
Shelby Valley	7-12
Allen Central	6-13
Prestonsburg	5-15
Phepa	3-15
Piarist School	2-4
Lawrence County	0-21

Raiders

different scorers. Gabby Bailey (eight points), Chelsea Tuttle (five points), Kelsey Dye (four points) and Brandi Hamby (one point) were South Floyd's other scorers.

Isaac and Tuttle led South Floyd on the boards, round-

ing up six rebounds apiece. Hannah Macelohse paced Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. Sarah Rife netted nine while Sarah Kinney and Alyssa Moore chipped in seven apiece.

Krista Parsons and Deshae Elliott connected on

one free throw each for the Lady Rebels.

South Floyd improved to 8-7 overall and 4-2 in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference.

Allen Central dropped to 3-14 overall and 1-5 in the district/conference.



SOUTH FLOYD VS. ALLEN CENTRAL

South Floyd's Brandon Marson (25) defended Allen Central's Braxton Tackett (42) Friday night when the Raiders visited the Rebels for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup at the J.E. Campbell Arena. Shannon Turner (33) attempted to block an Allen Central shot.

Cats

is Preston Knowles, who is having a terrific season. He's averaging 15 points a game and is simply shooting the lights out.

But when he came out of Clark County I never thought he was that kind of player. It's to his - and Rick Pitino's - credit that he's become the offensive force he has. Between that and his efforts on the other end - in previous seasons he's been the defensive stopper - he's developed into a very good player in the best league in the country.

That's just it though. When was the last time Rick Pitino had to "develop" a player? Gimel Martinez? It just doesn't happen, particularly at that level.

And there's this: I love the SEC and all it stands for, and respect the ACC tremendously. But anybody who thinks there's a league on any level better than the Big East is fooling themselves. It's not beyond the realm of possibilities that someday the entire Elite Eight could come from that league. It's

an amazing league. But every night they go out somebody has to win and somebody has to lose, so teams like Louisville, Georgetown and apparently Syracuse could run roughshod through most every conference in the country yet may easily wind up in the bottom half of the league standings when the season ends.

And I don't care who you are, if you're in the bottom half of any conference, that qualifies you for the bubble come Selection Sunday.

So what happens now? Louisville gets a breather, if there is such a thing, when it plays DePaul at home Saturday night. After that, three of the next four are against ranked teams and the other is at Cincinnati, its longtime rival dating back to the days of the Metro Conference.

Kentucky, of course, goes to Florida for ESPN's primetime 9 p.m. game tomorrow. Cal's streak of having not lost more than one in a row in ages is in

jeopardy. If the young Cats thought playing in Oxford was tough, wait till they get a taste of the Gators. Or, should I say, the other way around.

Then there's this. With its league-opening loss at Georgia and the Tuesday-night fiasco, the Cats have now lost to both last place teams in the SEC. I'd be willing to wager that has never happened before.

And with the Gators on the horizon, the Big Blue could easily fall 10 or more spots in Monday's polls. That, of course, would be in the 20s, which would put them in prime spot to be a 5/6 seed come March.

It's a long way from over for both of these teams. With the coaches they have in place, anything is possible. But with a slightly under-talented team wearing red and a highly inexperienced one wearing blue, it could be a long, long shortest month of the year in the Bluegrass. And that could lead to a shorter-than-normal March Madness.

Turner

with 26 years as a coach and 28 years in education in Eastern Kentucky schools, including Salyersville High, McDowell Elementary, McDowell High and JCHS.

He has an impressive record as a basketball coach with 287 wins and 249 losses; eight district championships; 10 conference championships in Floyd County; a 2000 regional championship (JCHS), and a 2000 Elite 8 State Tourney (JCHS). He coached one Miss Kentucky Basketball (Geri Grigsby), one Small College All-American (Henry Webb) and one All-State Tournament Player (Tommy McKenzie). At one time, he had 12 former players who were head basketball coaches and several others who were assistant coaches. Some of them are still coaching and most have moved into administrative positions. He was twice named the 15th Region "Coach of the Year" and was five times named the "Coach of the Year" in Floyd County.

His coaching career also includes starting the golf teams at Salyersville and McDowell high schools and

coaching golf and baseball at McDowell.

"Former professional athlete John Wooden said, 'What you are as a person is far more important than what you are as a basketball player.' That is very true. I believe many of my players became great people and I hope some of the lessons on the court helped them in that journey," Senator Turner explained.

Born in Paintsville, Senator Turner studied at Calvary College in Letcher County from 1968-1970, earned his bachelor's degree in education from Morehead State University in 1972, and earned his master's degree in education from MSU in 1981.

Senator Turner is the former president of the McDowell Jaycees and a member of the Kentucky Gamma SAE Fraternity.

He began his service in the State Senate in 2001, representing the 29th District that includes Floyd, Breathitt, Knott and Letcher counties. In 2003, he was elected Caucus Chair for the Senate Democratic Caucus and remains in that

Leadership position.

He serves on such Senate committees as Transportation; Natural Resources and Energy; State and Local Government; Rules; Committee on Committees, and Education and the Energy Special Subcommittee.

Senator Turner and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Margalee Conlee and Melissa Turner.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	16-4
Magoffin County	15-3
Belfry	15-3
Sheldon Clark	14-6
Betsy Layne	12-5
Pikeville	11-7
East Ridge	11-9
Paintsville	10-7
Prestonsburg	9-10
South Floyd	8-9
Johnson Central	6-10
Pike Central	6-12
Lawrence County	5-17
Allen Central	4-15
Phelps	2-12
Plarist School	2-14



Big first half propels Eagles to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd Eagles hosted Kentucky Christian University in a non-conference matchup Tuesday night. The Knights entered the matchup rolling on an eight-game win streak. The Eagles, however, rode a great first half to a convincing 92-81 victory.

In the first half, ALC umped out to a quick ten point lead. Junior guard Zach Hurt (Cordia) came off the bench to score eight consecutive points. Playing inspired basketball, Alice Lloyd built

upon the momentum, closing the half on a 20-8 run. The Eagles went into the locker room with a commanding 47-25 lead at intermission.

Alice Lloyd opened up where it had left off in the second half, stretching its lead to 30 (65-36) following a bucket from senior guard Daniel Combs (Hazard).

Then, Eagle guard Michael Lindon (Red Fox) drove to the lane for a contested layup. Lindon collapsed to the ground with a knee injury and left the contest not to return. His injury caused the momentum to shift in favor of the visiting

team. The Knights refused to quit and managed to cut into the deficit. KCU, however, never got closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

Combs paced ALC (5-18) with a game-high 20 points. Four teammates joined Combs in double figures. Hurt tossed in 17 points for the Eagles and freshmen Isaac Wilson (Corbin) added 15 while junior forward Brandon Hayes (Jackson) and senior forward Will Jones (Manchester) netted 13 apiece.

Casey Jones led KCU (12-7) with 18 points.

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Lifestyles

MOVIES FROM THE LAGOON 'The Lady in Red'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

An overprotected farm girl comes of age in Chicago circa the 1930s, in this action/drama from Roger Corman's New World Pictures.

You know that your action movie has a heart when it begins with a farm girl belting out "4 2 and Street" and tap dancing like mad while feeding the chickens.

We learn that our heroine, Polly, is feeling isolated now that her mother has passed away and her Bible-toting dad has slipped into an alcohol-laced haze. Her life gets a jumpstart when she is briefly kidnapped by a crew robbing the town bank. Soon, she is off to the big city, in this case Chicago.

The windy city turns out to be a cruel mistress. Her first job finds her sweating away in a garment factory, where the female staffers are preyed on by an officious manager. While on the job, she is befriended by a labor organizer named Anna. The pair become roommates, and later cell mates when they incite the workers to riot.

In jail, they learn that they can escape a cruel matron, and get health care for the now-ailing Anna, if Polly participates in a questionable furlough program by working in a cathouse. She takes the job but finds that she will have to fork over most of her earnings to the mobsters and cops, who share protection duties on the brothel. It isn't hard to see where this is going, but it is fun getting there, as Polly soon learns how to hit a fast-ball and rob a bank from her new boyfriend, John Dillinger. Their romance gives Polly a chance to be accepted on her own terms but it all goes south after a date to the famed "Biograph Theater." Too bad the Biograph's fame was due to Dillinger being gunned down in front of it.

By now the film is almost over, but there is still time for a heist sequence and subsequent shootout that will take all of Polly's friends but leave her free to pursue the American dream in California without the handicap of being broke.

What should have been a formula rehash of "Bonnie and Clyde" becomes an opportunity to examine American mores in an exploitation setting thanks to a sharp screenplay from John Sayles. The filmmaker who gave us "Eight Men Out" often bankrolled his independent films by penning genre flicks for Roger Corman, and this script is a beaut. It touches on a number of social issues but never forgets to entertain at the same time. Even though the film takes a jab at the prison system for turning out criminals, that doesn't mean the film can't stop for a shower sequence followed by a hair salon massage that sees a gaggle of inmates turn on their abusive matron and electrocute her with a curling iron.

The film gets a huge boost from the adorable Pamela Sue Martin as Polly. She would go on to gain fame as the star of the "Nancy Drew Mysteries" but this bold actress is at her best here as a young woman who learns the

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NEW RELEASE

MAC to host native's album release Feb. 10

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Born in Martin, Tyler Stephens' music is influenced by the mountains and culture of the area where he grew up, and Stephens draws from the heritage of country music for his new album, "Freedom Don't Come Free," scheduled to be released at the Mountain Arts Center during a special event on Feb. 10.

Stephens, 18, signed with Big Appal Music, located in Paintsville, after completing two albums.

According to biographical information provided by Big Appal Music, "Tyler was introduced to music at a very early age and set his sights on a successful musical career and has



never looked back. Holding true to his heritage, he is already well known for his straight-from-the-heart traditional country vocals that are hauntingly reminiscent of his idol, the leg-

endary Keith Whitley. The title cut is already climbing the country music charts overseas and will soon take America by storm."

Along with the upcoming album release, Stephens will be interviewed on WMDJ Radio 100.1 FM at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 8.

The album release event is set to begin at 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission and food, and refreshments will be served. Stephens is scheduled to return to the Mountain Arts Center for a concert on March 5. The tickets for the concert, which will also feature Southern Heart and CJ the DJ, are \$15.

For more information about Tyler Stephens and his music, and to listen to some of the songs from the new album, visit <http://www.tylerstephensmusic.com>.

Big Sandy Idol holds auditions for home-school, private school students

The annual Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Big Sandy Idol Competition, organized by the Music Department of BSCTC, directed by Clayton Case, in partnership with the Mountain Arts Center, and sponsored by Jennifer Reynolds' State Farm Insurance Agency, is a talent and scholarship competition that offers two winners from each high school in the five-county area a chance to compete on April 8 & 9 at the Mountain Arts Center to ultimately receive the grand prize of a full-album recording with Producer Tim Cooley, a full paid vocal scholarship to attend BSCTC, along with a spot with the Big Sandy Singers who are directed by Laura Ford Hall.

BSCTC is again opening the doors of Big Sandy Idol to our area homeschooled and private schooled high school students.

Auditions for homeschooled and private school students (grades 9 - 12) will be held in two different locations for the convenience of the local students... one in Prestonsburg at the BSCTC Campus and one in Pikeville. The Prestonsburg audition will be held this coming Tues., Feb. 8 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the Pike Building, Gearheart Auditorium on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus. To attend the Tuesday audition, no appointment is necessary and students should arrive to audition between 3 - 5 this coming Tues. Auditioning a capella, without music, is admissible, but auditioning with a karaoke track is preferred.

On Wed., Feb. 16, auditions will be held in Pikeville, by appointment only. Call Laura Ford Hall at (606) 424-2498 to make an appointment for an audition in Pikeville. The call must be made by Saturday, Feb. 12 at 5 PM.

For either audition, students must be in grades 9 - 12 and they must reside in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, or Magoffin Counties. Each student must plan to sing one song with a karaoke track.

Call Laura Ford Hall at (606) 424-2498 to make an appointment for an audition and to receive more information. More information is also available at www.bigsandysingers.com



Pictured is the first-place contender from the home-school/private-school category from last year's competition, Representing Priest High School. Jonna Craft, Those homeschooled or private-schooled students in grades 9-12 can call Laura Ford Hall at (606) 424-2498 to make an appointment for an audition to perform and compete in Big Sandy Idol on April 8 & 9.

DINNER DIVA

Food moods



Food may play a bigger role than just making you grumpy if you're hungry. Sometimes just the smell of a turkey roasting can trigger childhood memories of Thanksgiving or the smell of homemade bread might bring a picture of your grandmother to mind. But did you know the foods you crave could be directly related to how you're feeling?

Recent research shows what many of us knew all along: Our moods dictate what we eat. Here's a few examples. Do any of these

- Food may play a bigger role than just making you grumpy if you're hungry.
- If you crave soft and sweet foods, like ice cream, you could be feeling anxious.
- If you crave salty foods, you could be stressed.
- If you crave "ulky, fill-you-up" foods, like crackers and pasta, you could be feeling lonely and sexually frustrated.

sound familiar to you?
* If you crave tough foods, like meat, or hard and crunchy foods, you could be feeling angry.
* If you crave sugars, you could be feeling depressed.
* If you crave soft and sweet foods, like ice cream, you could be feeling anxious.
* If you crave salty foods, you could be stressed.
* If you crave "ulky, fill-you-up" foods, like crackers and pasta, you could be feeling lonely and sexually frustrated.

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Family Medicine

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Q I am going on a cruise in a few weeks, and I'm worried about getting seasick. Is there a way to tell if I'm going to get seasick? Is there anything I can do to prevent this?

Many people become ill when traveling by plane, train, automobile, ship or even, when riding amusement park rides. This is called motion sickness, and it is a very common problem associated with repeated motion, which affects the inner ear. Motion sickness may occur at any time in anyone as a response to repetitive motion. However, if you are not someone who has experienced motion sickness from other modes of travel, it is somewhat unlikely that you will do so on your cruise. But there is no guarantee.

The symptoms of motion sickness can be quite mild to very severe, or somewhere in between. They include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, sweating, and an overall feeling of unwellness. Motion sickness can develop at any time during your journey, but for most people, it's not a problem.

There are treatments available to prevent motion sickness, and there are many things you use to relieve symptoms once they've developed.

The best treatment for motion sickness is to avoid or stop the motion: get off the amusement park ride, get out of the car, get off the plane, or the boat. Obviously, this is not necessarily in your control. So the next best thing you can do is to use preventive measures to minimize the chance of developing motion sickness.

When you travel in a car, sit up front or in the middle of the back seat, where you can look straight ahead. Driving is the best option to

prevent car sickness. On a ship, go on deck towards the front of the ship and focus on the distant horizon, again, straight ahead, to prevent sea sickness. In a plane, try to sit in the middle of the plane by a window. Don't read or do paperwork when in motion, and avoid riding in a rear-facing seat.

Another tip is to watch what you eat before and during travel. While you shouldn't travel on an empty stomach, avoid heavy, fatty foods before you travel. Crackers and ginger-ale are commonly thought to relieve feelings of nausea, but have not been proven to help scientifically.

For some, wrist bands that apply pressure to sensitive areas of the wrists can also prevent the nausea and vomiting associated with travel. There are also over-the-counter medications that can prevent mild motion sickness. Your pharmacist can help you identify these medicines, if you are not familiar with them, but they often have a side effect of drowsiness. If

you're prone to severe motion sickness or you're going on a long journey, there are stronger medications that your physician can prescribe.

Hopefully your first voyage will be a successful one. Most large ships have limited medical facilities that can provide care for seasickness if it becomes necessary.

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than a few minutes, especially if you can't get your mind on something else. Using food as an emotional crutch, or filler only

mask what is really going on with your feelings. Some other things you can turn to are a journal, drink some water, exercise, listen to

some good music, work on a craft or hobby, read a good book... the possibilities are as long as your imagination. By feeding our souls with

things other than food we strengthen our self-control and our physical and mental health.

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Salome's Stars

Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts -- which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start up a new career-linked direction could soon begin to show signs of progress.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a

love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with match-making friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Except for the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might

still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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day and I don't have the energy for a palm tucker with big ideas." 1979, rated R.

Lagoon

cruel ways of the world and survives to punch back.

Robert Conrad and Robert Foster score good roles as the two men who share more than their affections with Polly, but the best role goes to Robert

Hogan as a smarmy reporter.

Keep an eye out for "Fast" star Christopher Lloyd as a brutal gangster called "Frog Nose." His bathroom death scene echoes "The

Godfather," but that's just one of several films that get referenced here. A film lover will get a big kick out of this one. History lovers should enjoy it too.

Best line: "Look man, I've been slinging hash all

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Horror films were in vogue this week, but there was room for one drama as well.

■ "Let Me In" — Fans of Britain's "Hammer Studios" can rejoice that the company is back and better than ever with this solid entry in the vampire genre. This time out, the vamp is a child that moves next door to a boy who has been getting bullied at school. The child soon realizes that his new friend is a keeper when she proves to be more than his tormentors can handle. The title riffs on the legend that vampires must be invited into a home before they can enter, but most of the undead lore here is a new and refreshing take on an old genre. The young cast is very good and the atmosphere is perfectly rendered. Seek out the original film and the novel it was based on if you dare.

■ "Conviction" — This week's only drama is a true

account of a woman who spent 18 years gathering evidence to prove her brother was wrongfully convicted of murder. An amazing story that gets a lot of heft from Hilary Swank's lead performance.

Sam Rockwell has some moments as her convicted brother, but this is Swank's film all the way.

■ "Monsters" — I am predisposed to liking a monster movie, but this take on aliens being deported to Mexico is mostly dull. The immigration question was better examined in last year's "District 9." This one tries hard, but there's not enough of the titular critters and too much of a human couple that consists of a young guy escorting his

boss' daughter out of an area that is, supposedly, rife with creatures. This one could have used more beast and less melodrama.

■ "Hatchet 2" — This is more like it. A slash sequel that gets it right, as Victor Crowley returns only minutes after the first film to terrorize the survivors of that feature and some new folks. The body count is higher and the gore quotient is off the charts. The lead actress is now Daniell Harris (Rob Zombie's "Halloween") and she makes for a solid heroine. A great way to kill 90 minutes.

Next week look for more horror with the release of Wes Craven's "Your Soul to Take."

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Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is requesting sealed bids for the following: (one) New 2011 Chevrolet Equinox 2500 LWB, (two) Regular Cab/Chassis Model CK20503 with utility bed. (two) New 2011 Chevrolet Silverado, 1500 4WD Ext. Cab 143 1/2" Work Truck Model CK10752. COLOR: Summit White. ALL STANDARD EQUIPMENT. Sealed bids will be accepted at our office at 2580, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky through 3:00 PM, February 16, 2011 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids MUST be addressed as follows: Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Sealed Bid-2011 Chevrolet 2500 (one) 2580 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Management reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any

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public notice Notice is hereby given that Clayton Ireland, Jr., 254 West Graham Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a small fill. The site is approximately 0.5 miles South of the community of Stanville beside of KY Rt. 23, near Emma in Floyd County, Kentucky. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Anthony R. Castle, 171 Beaver Valley Road, Martin, KY, 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place fill in the 100-year floodplain. The property is located on Rt. 122 Martin. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502)564-9410.

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Saturday, February 19, 2011, 10 a.m. The Allen Volunteer Fire Department will sell to the highest bidder a 1997 GMC Suburban. The vehicle can be inspected at 9 a.m. The sale will be in the parking lot at the Allen Fire Department. For more information, you can call Roy Compton Chief, at 606-791-1790

Notice of Public Meeting

City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, will hold a public meeting on February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Prestonsburg, 400 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The meeting will be held in the City of Prestonsburg, 400 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The meeting will be held in the City of Prestonsburg, 400 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Apartment/Townhouses

Applications are now being accepted for 1, 2, & 3 bedroom apartments for low and very low income households at the Housing Authority of Martin. These apartments are located at Gingsby Heights, Town center plaza and Paganelli Hills in Martin, Ky. Rent is based on the household's gross monthly income. The housing Authority of Martin has a maximum of \$390.00 for qualified applicants. Please apply between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, at the office located at Gingsby Heights on route 80, in Martin. You may call (606) 285-3681 for more information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHAG'S 72 HALLS ADDITION, BANNER, HERBY DECLARES INTENTION(S) TO APPLY FOR A RETAIL BEER BY THE PACKAGE LICENSE(S) NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2011. THE BUSINESS TO BE LICENSED WILL BE LOCATED AT 2 HALLS ADDITION, BANNER, KY 41603. BUSINESS AS SHAG'S, THE OWNER BANNER CAMPBELL OF 72 HALLS ADDITION, BANNER, KY 41603. ANY PERSON, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR BODY POLITICAL MAY PROTEST THE GRANTING OF THE LICENSE(S) BY WRITING THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, 1003 TWILIGHT TRAIL, FRANKFORT, KY 40601-8400, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS LEGAL PUBLICATION.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION #88-0328

Viking Mining LLC, 800 North Side Drive, Suite 27, Summersville, WV, 26681, telephone (606) 699-0024, as required by 405 K.A. 16.120, hereby advises that they will conduct blasting at their surface mining operation located 4.5 miles southwest of KY State Route 1463's junction with KY State Route 610 at Hartley in Pike County. The blasting operations will be conducted January 17 through December 31 from sunrise to sunset. Monday through Saturday all access roads to the blast area will be barricaded no less than ten minutes prior to each detonation. A "Warning Signal" consisting of one (1) minute series of long blast will be sounded five (5) minutes prior to the "Elast Signal". A "Elast Signal" consisting of one (1) minute series of short blast will be sounded one (1) minute prior to each surface blast. An "All Clear Signal" consisting of one (1) prolonged siren blast will be sounded following inspection of each surface blast area. All warning signals will be audible for at least one-half (1/2) mile from the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those announced when emergency situations arise, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or the safety of the operator or public requires an immediate detonation. Should an emergency situation arise, all residents within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site will be given oral warning and all other safety precautions stated above will be implemented. This notice applies to Viking Mining LLC, permit number 88-0328.

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2002 Chevrolet Impala
1998 Ford F150
Ford New holland series Quick attach farm loader
Kenwood Radios and Chargers

SEALED BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2011 AT 200 NORTH LAKE DRIVE, FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT CITY HALL 886-2335

The city of prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids.

Planning committee meeting

The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee will meet at 6 PM on February 9, 2011, at May Valley Elementary. This meeting is one of a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Floyd County Schools. The Public is invited.

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Pursuant to KRS 231.040

Application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment has been made by Hitesh Patel. The name of the proposed Business of entertainment is JAY UMA INC. The nature of the Business will be VIDEO GAMES, location is 6292 KY. Rt. 321, KY, pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks a good moral character, or whether will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than February 17, 2011, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted, said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 17, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive at evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

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Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department at Highlands Regional Medical Center 5000 Kentucky Route 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-7531. Fax (606) 886-7534. E-mail: clark@hmc.org

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Experience:

- Minimum of 8 months using AutoCad Release 2005 or Higher.
- Minimum of 6 months using Carlson Survey/Mining (Surv-Cadd)
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FAILURE to develop a complete care plan that meets all of a resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.

FAILURE to make a complete assessment that covers all questions for areas that are listed in official regulations.

FAILURE to make sure that the attending doctor orders special diets.

FAILURE to immediately tell the resident, doctor, and a family member if the resident is injured, there is a major change in resident's physical/mental health, there is a need to alter treatment significantly, or the resident must be transferred or discharged.

FAILURE to prepare food that is nutritional, appetizing, tasty, attractive, well-cooked, and at the right temperature.

FAILURE to provide food in a way that meets a resident's needs.

FAILURE to provide needed housekeeping and maintenance.

FAILURE to be administered in a way that leads to the highest possible level of well being for each resident.

FAILURE to make sure that nurse aides show they have the skills to be able to care for residents.

FAILURE to write and use policies that forbid mistreatment, neglect and abuse of residents and theft of residents' property.

FAILURE to keep accurate and appropriate medical records.

FAILURE to get rid of garbage properly.

FAILURE to make sure that each resident's nutritional needs were met.

FAILURE to hire only people who have no legal history of abusing, neglecting or mistreating residents; and report and investigate any acts or reports of abuse, neglect or mistreatment of residents.

FAILURE to give proper treatment to residents with feeding tubes to prevent problems (such as aspiration pneumonia, diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration, metabolic abnormalities, nasal-pharyngeal ulcers) and help restore eating skills, if possible.

FAILURE to keep each resident's personal and medical records private and confidential.

FAILURE to let the resident refuse treatment or refuse to take part in an experiment.

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Dear Tom and Ray:
My 17-year-old niece is interested in a 2007 Toyota Matrix, but it does not have antilock brakes (ABS). She may be heading to college in a place where it snows. Is it critical to have ABS brakes? Should this be a deal-breaker on the purchase of this car? —Carol Lee

TOM: I think so. I'd scratch it off the list.
RAY: When you're dealing with a young driver, you want to give him or her every possible safety advantage, because we know what young people tend to do with cars, right? Drive them too fast, get distracted, make mistakes due to inexperience and crash into things.

TOM: The purpose of ABS is to allow the driver to keep steering the car during an emergency stop. Without ABS, often the wheels lock up, the car skids and turns sideways and the driver loses control. With ABS, even while slamming on the brakes, you still can steer, so you have a chance to direct the car away from an oncoming cliff or Lays Potato Chips van.

RAY: And that's an option you want your niece to have, right?

TOM: These days, only the cheapest cars, or the cheapest versions of cars, come without ABS. And you guys found one. Congratulations! Now keep looking.

Could this situation have been avoided?

Dear Tom and Ray:
I recently had the timing belt replaced in my son's car (a '97 VW Passat) by a local mechanic in southwest Michigan. The next day, my son left to drive back to New York City, where he is a student. An hour into Pennsylvania, the car

clunked, he coasted to the side of the road, and the car wouldn't start. We towed the car to a local west-Pennsylvania mechanic, who determined that the new timing belt had been improperly installed here at home in southwest Michigan. A thousand dollars later, after replacing the ruined timing belt, we learned that three of the four cylinders in the engine were ruined and we would need a replacement engine, at a cost of around \$4,000. Our local mechanic refunded the money we had spent for the first timing belt and said that his insurance would cover the cost of the replacement engine. The Pennsylvania mechanic said he would deduct the \$1,000 for the second timing belt from the price of the engine, so all's well that ends well.

The questions: First, are garages like medical practices, in that they carry malpractice insurance for situations like this, or is this something that just my local mechanic has done? Second question: Could the Pennsylvania mechanic have determined whether the engine was ruined without replacing the timing belt? In other words, could we have saved the first \$1,000 we paid him? (Not that it matters, really, because we're getting that money back. I'm just curious.) —Bruce

RAY: Yes, and yes.

TOM: Most reputable garages carry what we like to call "Bonehead Insurance." Why? Because occasionally, we all do bone-headed things.

RAY: Sure. One of your mechanics gets a phone call from his girlfriend, gets into an argument about last night's "Dancing With the Stars" and forgets to refill a crankcase with oil.

TOM: Or my brother lines up the plates on the lift just a little off center, and a 280Z falls straight onto the

concrete garage floor — grille first. Stuff happens!

RAY: Hey, that wasn't my fault. I was distracted by the aroma of the coffee truck. Anyway, good shops carry insurance to cover their bigger mistakes. That way, they can apologize to the customer and pay for the necessary repairs without having to be taken to court. It makes everybody happier.

TOM: Now, could the second mechanic have determined in advance that the motor in your son's car was

ruined? Technically, no. There's no way to know for sure without either fixing it and starting it back up or taking it apart. But any mechanic with Volkswagen experience knows that when the timing belt breaks on a VW, there's a 99.9 percent chance that at least one of the valves — probably several — is bent. And that means the motor is garbage.

RAY: There's one chance in a thousand that all of the valves happened to be exactly halfway open when the

belt broke, and therefore avoided being crushed by the pistons. So he should have known, based on the car, that a new belt wasn't going to fix it.

TOM: But since he essentially conceded that he should have known, by taking \$1,000 off the bill, everything ended well. Bruce. You're lucky that you found two honest, decent mechanics. All mechanics make mistakes. The good ones make them right.

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