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## Stumbo talks parity, while leaders seek compromise

### Speaker says region not getting all the coal severance money it is due

**RALPH MANAGING**

FRAN scenes are w on a proposal to make the University of Pikeville a state-funded school. House Speaker Greg Stumbo argued that using coal severance tax dollars to fund the college would return money that should have been coming to the region, but hasn't.

Reports Wednesday were that a compromise was in the works that would keep UPike a private school, but offer additional financial aid and student loan forgiveness that could accomplish many of the same goals that a state

takeover would. Under that plan, coal severance funds that would have been earmarked for funding a public UPike would instead go directly to financial aid.

At the same time, Stumbo responded to critics of the plan, who have said the costs of funding UPike would take money away from both other state universities and regional coal severance projects. Stumbo said the money that would be fund UPike is money that should be coming to the mountains, but isn't.

"I knew there was a sizeable difference, but I was still surprised by how big it was over the last decade," said Stumbo, who is a co-sponsor with state Rep. Les-

lie Combs of the legislation that would make UPike a public institution. "Over the last decade, this region has gotten less than half of what it could have received."

Stumbo said he asked the General Assembly's budget staff to examine the amount of money the proposed 12-county region has contributed to state coffers through the coal severance tax, compared to the amount that has been returned to the region through project funding. He said the numbers show the region generated about \$123 million in tax, of which \$22 million should have been spent on multi-county projects over the past decade. Instead, the money returned was far less,

coming in at less than \$9 million. Using the money to pay for making UPike public would help right that ship, the speaker said.

"In short, these counties are putting most of the money in and not seeing the return they deserve," Stumbo said. "In Pike County's case, for example, it only got one-fourth of what it put in over the last decade. Magoffin and Johnson counties only got about 10 percent of their money back. That's just not fair. If the funding for the University of Pikeville was factored in, however, it would bring back some much-needed parity while at the same time giving our economy a tremendous boost."



House Speaker Greg Stumbo.

## Police still looking for escapee

**JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER**

PIKEVILLE — A fugitive remains on the loose in Pike County, after police say he walked away from a work detail site in the Mossy Bottom earlier this week.

According to Kentucky State Police, James Adams, 32, escaped in the Mossy Bottom area around noon Tuesday. He had been working with eight other inmates cleaning up the area and cutting down trees, when he was sent to get supplies from a truck and did not return.

(See ESCAPEE, page A6)



There has been some noticeable construction in the city of Prestonsburg lately, as crews work to improve sidewalks to make them more handicapped and stroller friendly. photo by Jack Latta

## One woman arrested after drug buy

**JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER**

PRESTONSBURG — One woman was arrested early Wednesday morning in Prestonsburg, after police accused her of selling drugs near Prestonsburg High School.

According to Prestonsburg Police, Whitney McCoart, 23, of Prestonsburg, was arrested at her residence after an investigation. Assistant Chief Brian Hall said that his office sent out a detective to initiate a "controlled buy" and that once they returned, and learned what they had, they decided to move forward with a search warrant and arrest.

McCoart was arrested at a friend's residence on University Drive, within view of the Prestonsburg High School.

During the search, police say they found methadone, adderall, hydrocodone and Xanax, along with a large amount of money.

(See DRUG, page A6)

## Floyd County escapes brunt of destructive storm

**JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER**

Floyd County narrowly escaped a great deal of damage Wednesday, as reports of tornadoes and high winds crossed the state.

According to the National Weather Service, storms producing high winds and tornadoes made land fall from Paducah to West Liberty on Wednesday, with trees being uprooted and buildings destroyed along the way.

In Floyd county however, the damage was minimal.

"Looks like we truly once again dodged a bullet," said Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

According to Marshall, the damage was relegated to the waterways and some downed trees, as culverts in Right Beaver and Cow Creek were washed out.

"There was some wind damage, some trees down, that we've already removed," said Marshall, who added that a lot of the damage occurred on state highways.

Marshall said that the waters were getting precarious just before the rain finally stopped.

"If it had kept raining, we would have been back where we were in 2009, the last flooding." As it was, Marshall said the waters crested the

roads at Arkansas Creek, but for the most part flowed out.

Though Floyd County appears to have escaped the most recent storm, reports suggest that another storm this weekend could be a repeat performance of Wednesday's excitement.

"I think we're going to be OK," said Marshall, before adding, "but I'm gonna keep my fingers crossed."

## Local schools show improvement on tests

**JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER**

Floyd County Schools announced that scores from last years EXPLORE and PLAN assessments have returned, showing considerable improvement in nearly all subjects tested.

Supt. Henry Webb made the announcement Thursday.

In the 2011 administration, 49,310 8th-grade Kentucky students in 325 public schools took the EXPLORE assessment. The scoring scale for the assessment is from 1 to 25.

The EXPLORE Scores from Fall of 2011 are as follows: English 15.3, Mathematics 16.3, Reading 15.0, Science 16.3, Composite 16.0. Those scores are each nearly one point better than the 2010 scores.

"As for the EXPLORE results, I am pleased to say that nearly all schools improved their ranking to move Floyd County five spots to #45 in the state and #6 in the region," said Webb. "Our district average is above the state average in every area, with gains as high as 1.4."

School results placed Allen Central Middle fourth in the state and first in the region, John M. Stumbo Elementary 12th in the state and third in the region, and Betsy Layne Elementary 31st in the state and fifth in the region.

Webb also commented on the PLAN results which also showed improvement. "The PLAN results for Floyd County Schools show nearly all schools improving, as well. As a district, we show small gains and our rank improved from #147 last year to #139 in the state and from #12 to #11 in the region."

Webb said he was proud of student improvement. "We are pleased with the gains our schools have made as we strive to best prepare our kids for success and we are already planning to see steady growth in all areas next year."

"One of our goals is about markedly increasing the number of kids who graduate meeting college- and career-ready benchmarks, and these two assessments give us information that we are heading in the right direction, as well as give us guidance for next steps."

**2 DAY FORECAST**

**Today**

Storms

High: 68 • Low: 39

**Tomorrow**

Rain

High: 57 • Low: 23

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# Obituaries

## Dorayne Davis Colvin

Dorayne Davis Colvin, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 1, 2012, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 10, 1925, to the late Jimmy and Amanda Osborne Reed. She was the wife of the late Gene Davis and Woodrow Colvin. She worked as a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Davis, of Paintsville, Kenneth Davis, of East Point, and Danny Davis, of Hager Hill; her daughters, Flora May Grimm, of East Point, Bonnie Jean Reynolds, of Stanville, Amanda Deboard, of East Point, Rowena Ward, of Meally, and Vivian Conley, of Flat Gap.

Visitation services will be at 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 2, and again on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m. at the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial will follow the service at Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville.

Jones-Preston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Farley Shepherd

Farley Shepherd, 69, of Corunna, Ind., died Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at DeKalb Health in Auburn, Ind., surrounded by his family and friends.

Mr. Shepherd worked for 32 years for Cooper-Standard in Auburn, before retiring in 1998.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo.

Farley loved nature and the outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener and beekeeper, but his true passion was his family and friends.

He was born Jan. 7, 1943, in Gunlock, to Harlon and Kate (Nesley) Shepherd, and they preceded him in death.

He married Odella Gearheart on Jan. 6, 1973, in Garrett. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are a son, Jason Shepherd, of Corunna; five sisters, Rosie L. Whittaker, of Claypool, Ind., Fredia (Ronald "Terry") Alton, of Litchfield, Mich., Bobbie (Bob) Boyd, of Morrow, Ohio, and Charity (Frank) Shepherd, of Hueysville, and Melvia (Lowell) Shepherd, of Hueysville; four brothers, Chandler (Fran), of Silver Lake, Ind., Jay Shepherd, of Gunlock, Delmer (Lois) Shepherd, of Hueysville, and Glen (Loretta) Shepherd, of Hueysville.

Services were held Thursday at Keller and Clark Funeral Home, in Waterloo, with Jonathan Pennington officiating. There will also be a service at noon Saturday at Brushy Fork Baptist Church, at Gunlock, with Ollie Watts officiating. Visitation from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday prior to the service. Burial will take place in Shepherd Cemetery, at Gunlock.

Pallbearers will be Jason Shepherd, Dewayne Shepherd, Kevin Shepherd, Brennin Shepherd, Roger Bailey, Everett Berryhill, Luther Baldridge, and Keith Gearheart.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Lake Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

"Heaven has a new beekeeper."

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).



# For the Record

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Kellie Nicole Draper, of Paducah, to Christopher M. Jones, of Wheelwright.

Audrey Mae Jones to Lum Carr Jr., both of Martin.

Amanda A. Schwing to Shawn A. Whitt, both of Prestonsburg.

Eddie Moore, of Wayland, to Larry North, of Raven.

Brenna Manerva Bates to Steven Daniel Conley, both of Wheelwright.

Regina Kay Stapleton, of Paintsville, to Tommy Gamble, of Flat Gap.

Clint Johnson to Aquila Juanita Smith, both of Garrett.

**CIVIL SUITS**  
Buy Here Pay Here Furniture and Credit CE v. D. Tackett - contract.

W & G Investment, Inc v. Glen Earnest - contract.

Jan's Enterprises, Inc. v. Dennie Williamson, et al - contract.

Ronnie Taylor v. Richard Keith Arms - contract.

Hospital of Louisa Inc., v. Nathan Edward Hall - contract.

Main Street Acquisition Corp. v. Christina Potter - contract.

The Medical Center of Franklin v. Chris Caudill - contract.

Capital One Bank v. Megan V. Goble - contract.

Capital One Bank v. Leland P. Kidd - contract.

Sharon Neeley v. Sandy Reid - contract.

Community Trust Bank v. Matthew Zemo, et al - contract.

Citifinancial Inc. v. Robert Comstock, et al - contract.

Pilgrim Energy, Inc. v. NYTIS Exploration Company LLC - contract.

Citimortgage, Inc v. Noah Michael Hall, et al - contract.

Big Sandy Healthcare, Inc v. Mini Malhotra - contract.

James Riederick v. Randy Bryant - contract.

Anthony Wayne Bryant v. SeLeha Marie Bryant - dissolution of marriage.

Vanessa Renee Miller v. Nicholas Daryl Miller - dissolution of marriage.

Mauggie Renee Hall v. Lyndon Baines Hall - dissolution of marriage.

Donald Scott Denson v. Dana Tackett Denson - dissolution of marriage.

Melissa Lynn Justus v. Michael Ray Justus - dissolution of marriage.

Ashley Nicole Pilsin v. Donny Gene Newsome - dissolution of marriage.

Donita Marie Otto v. Robert James Otto - dissolution of marriage.

Suntrust Mortgage Inc v. Marshall

A. Mullins, et al - foreclosure.

**CHARGES FILED**  
Eric Matthew McClanahan, 31, Betsy Layne - fugitive from another state.

Samuel Stacy, 32, Ivel - theft by unlawful taking - auto.

Nicholas Evans, 32, McDowell - first degree fleeing or evading police, second degree fleeing or evading police.

Krystal R. Shepherd, 24, Prestonsburg - tampering with physical evidence, second degree wanton endangerment.

Denessa R. Platkus, 39, Beaver - second degree assault.

Mary Catherine Radliff, 37, Steele - second degree forgery.

Summer Noakes, 20, Prestonsburg - theft by unlawful taking, criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Christopher S. Mullins, 21, Prestonsburg - torture of a dog/cat with serious physical injury/death.

Mary Adkins, Steele - theft by unlawful taking.

Brandy Trump, 19, Ivel - theft by failure to make required disposition.

Jacob Dye, 18, Melvin - second degree criminal mischief, third degree criminal trespassing.

Nancy Akers, 32, Harold - fourth degree assault.

Clifford Scott Ousley, 36, Drift - alcohol intoxication.

Mark Anthony Holley, 18, Harold - alcohol intoxication.

Ted Reynolds, 54, Prestonsburg - operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, failure to wear seat belts, driving on DUI suspended license, third degree criminal mischief.

Ella M. Sullivan, 44, Harold - alcohol intoxication.

Jason S. Hill, 27, Weeksbury - fourth degree assault.

Pierce Christie, 21 - operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, rear license not illuminated, license not in possession, possession of open alcohol beverage container, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Samantha Slone, 26, Hellier - alcohol intoxication.

Christopher S. Mullins, 21, Prestonsburg - third degree terrorist threatening, harassment.

Ashley Milton, 20, Allen - second degree cruelty to animals.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**  
Rodney Charles Pratt to A Plus Rental and Storage LLC, property located at Wheelwright.

Teresa Bentley to Matraca Bentley, property located at Frasures Creek.

Michael L. Sloane and Shelia F. Sloane to Bulk Plant Property LLC, property location not listed.

J.M. Clark to Kenis Clark and Martha Clark, property location not listed.

Joan S. Flanery and Parley Bryan Flannery to Combs Brothers Investments Company, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Estate of Shirley Belcher and Martha Risner Clark executor to Linda Gearheart and Paul D. Gearheart, property location not listed.

Jimmy D. Taylor to Eddie D. Harris and Samantha J. Harris, property location not listed.

Amber Coats to Ethel J. Hicks Jr., property location not listed.

Helen K. Martin and Phillip Martin to Kentucky Power Company, easement.

Floyd County Fiscal Court and Robert D. Marshall to Kentucky Power Company, easement.

Barbara Jacobs to Kinzer Business Realty Ltd., property location not listed.

Raymond M. Sutton Jr. and Sandra S. Sutton to Lake Drive Station LLC, property located at Porter Addition.

Rick Varney and Sharryl R. Varney to Martin Farm LLC, property location not listed.

Clare Whittaker, Joseph C. Whittaker, and Joseph C. Whittaker attorney-in-fact to Andrew D. Moore, property location not listed.

Bellerose Developments LLC to Pikeville Medical Center Inc., lease.

June Casebolt, unknown heirs of June Casebolt, William S. Kendrick master commissioner, Billy Patton and Carolyn Patton to Garry Dean Roberts, property located at Stumbo addition of Laynesville at Harold.

Amber Coats to Ella Tackett, property location not listed.

Sabrina Taylor to Jimmy D. Taylor, property location not listed.

Raymond M. Sutton Jr. and Sandra S. Sutton to The Y Station LLC, property location not listed.

Unknown spouse of Debra Hall, Janice L. Maloney, Michael L. Maloney and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., property location not listed.

Raymond M. Sutton Jr. and Sandra S. Sutton to Y Station LLC, property location not listed.



Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center held its annual Community Relations Council Meeting, Feb. 23, at the center. With over 30 community members attending the meeting, Jimmie Stone, business and community liaison for the center, said, "We had record attendance. This just shows the support that we have from our community, and it shows the impact that Job Corps has made and continues to make in our community."

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**Senate recognizes National Eating Disorders Awareness Week**

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky State Senate has recognized that Feb. 26 through March 3 as National Eating Disorders Week and honored the National Eating Disorders Association on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate. "Eating disorders are a continually growing problem in Kentucky," said Sen. Turner, D-Prestonsburg. "It is important to raise awareness about this issue so that our citizens will achieve a healthier lifestyle." Eating disorders are potentially life-threatening health conditions that greatly affect an individual's health and well-being. Organizations such as the National Eating Disorders Association seeks to provide aid to those afflicted with eating disorders and prevent the spread of eating disorders among citizens by raising awareness, according to Senate Resolution 151 that passed unanimously. An estimated 10 million females and one million males struggle with anorexia and bulimia, with millions more fighting binge eating disorders. Many more cases go unreported due to the lack of awareness of the symptoms of the disorders. Studies show that approximately 13 percent of Kentucky girls in grades five through eight and 18 percent of Kentucky girls in grades nine through 12 suffer from some type of eating disorder. "Our goal is to reduce these numbers and save lives," said Sen. Turner, a co-sponsor of SR 151. Sen. Perry Clark, D-Louisville, is the primary sponsor of SR 151. The Kentucky State Senate commends the National Eating Disorders Association for raising awareness about eating disorders to all citizens, as well as health and mental health care providers for treating individuals afflicted with eating disorders. Turner represents the 29th senatorial district, that includes Breathitt, Floyd Knott and Letcher counties.

**PUBLIC MEETING SET ON POVERTY ISSUES**

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP) is seeking the public's input on the many challenges facing the region's low-income residents. In order to develop programs to aid in the fight against poverty, we must first identify the causes and conditions of poverty in our region, and this is where you can help. We need your opinions and ideas on how to better serve our communities.

BSACAP is hosting a public meeting in Floyd County on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Floyd County Public Library located at 161 N. Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 606/ 874-3595.

# Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

**Johnson reunion**  
The Mary and Green Johnson family reunion will be held Saturday, May 26, at the Weeksburg Community Center. Eat, drink and be covered. For more information, call (270) 737-2629 or (937) 866-7937 or locally (606) 452-4773.

**Veterans representative**  
A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. Service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For more information, call toll-free, (866) 647-2926; or speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

**Maytown Community Homecoming**  
The Maytown Community Homecoming will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26. Registration will begin Friday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in the old school building. There will be a gospel sing at 10 p.m., Friday night at Graceway Church. Saturday, May 26, will begin with breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., followed by an afternoon meal from 2 to 4 p.m. Meals will be catered and the \$22 per person fee must be paid in advance. Saturday activities will take place in the old lunchroom. On Saturday night, the evening program will feature the Valentines from Lexington. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

Send meal reservations by May 10 to Betty McLean, 363 Wilson Creek, Langley, KY 41645. For more information, call (606) 285-3362.

**Gospel sing**  
4-His Glory from Perry County will be singing at the Garrett Church of God on Friday night, March 2, at 7 p.m. Turn off Route 80 at the Garrett exit, turn left at the end of the ramp. The church is less than half a mile on the left, behind the bank. Everyone is welcome. Pastor is Bill Tussey.

**Floyd County Job Club**  
The Floyd County Job Club meets every Thursday, from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg. This free job club is sponsored by Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program and the Office of Employment and Training. At the club, you will get job leads, job search advice and networking opportunities that will help you get hired. All are welcome and first-time visitors are encouraged to come 30 minutes early for a new member orientation. Call (606) 886-2948, for more information.

**Allen VFD membership drive**  
Allen Volunteer Fire Department is now holding a membership drive. Meetings are held every Monday night, at 6:30 p.m., at the station. Please stop in and help your volunteer fire department or call Chief Roy Compton at (606) 791-1790.

**Revival**  
Upper Salt Lick United Baptist Church will host a revival, beginning Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., weather permitting. The evangelist will be Bro. Ollie Smith. Call Pastor Clyde Williams for directions. (606) 785-2976.

**Volunteer mentors wanted**  
Mentoring for a Second

Change is a jail-based service program designed to help reduce recidivism and promote positive growth, by linking nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or jkinzer@M2Comp.org.

**Veterans service officer**

VFW Post 5839 in Lancer will have a service officer available every Wednesday from noon until 4 p.m. Some services offered will be initial claim filing, upgrades, appeals, permanent and total claims, etc. Contact (606) 886-9428 or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

**Free Parenting Classes**  
To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

**Communities Against Drug Addition**  
Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addition meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Allen Baptist Church.

**Autism Awareness & Support Group**  
2nd Monday of each month, call Church, Lancer, (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

**Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting**  
Support group for guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven Center, 401 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

**Non-profit agency needs foster parents**  
Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation, bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/

**Foster parent info**  
Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to help a child in need, this is your chance. Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. at Benchmark Family Services Office. For more information, please call (606) 886-0163.

**Center offers home repair aid**

Need help with home repairs? The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application,

or stop by the office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

**FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes**  
The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

**Become a Volunteer with Victim Services**

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program.

Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4325 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

**Outpatient Drug Treatment Program**

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with their children can have deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208.

www.drug8no.com

**Community Center**

Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 6 a.m.-12 p.m. Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37666. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Democratic Woman's Club**

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Prestonsburg City Hall.

**Have an "Out of this World" birthday party!**

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets on Thursdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Reno's Roadhouse. For additional

information, contact Paula Howard, 263-3225, or Tommie Layne, 886-4585. Everyone welcome.

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

**Looking for a Support Group?**

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

**Domestic Violence Support Group**

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

**Overeater's Anonymous**

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

**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group**

For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

**Community Weight Loss Support Group**

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

**Domestic Violence Hotline**

24-hour Crisis Line managed by Certified Domestic Violence coun-

selors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

**Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Debra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7027, or email to: dslone@eastky.net.

**PARENTSI** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time, but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

## Amendment I

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## Senate Week in Review

SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

After a pause in legislative work on Monday in observance of President's Day, the General Assembly convened on Tuesday to begin the second, busiest half of the legislative session.

This week was proclaimed "Kentucky Saves Week" with several thrift-related activities planned by the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions. The purpose of the celebration was to highlight the need for household savings, budgeting, and fiscal stability.

We in the legislature understand those principles are just as important at the State level, as well. That is why we always strive for fiscal responsibility, especially when it comes to government borrowing. During a week when we encouraged households to save, we took steps to do the same in Frankfort by approving (by a 34-2 vote) a measure Wednesday that would put a cap on the portion of the State's debt supported by the General Fund.

Senate Bill 1 would restrict the legislature to appropriating no more than 6 percent of General Fund revenues to bonded indebtedness. This is a level generally accepted as the standard by bond rating agencies, as well as a threshold the legislature has historically attempted to operate within.

Supporters of the measure say setting the limit in statute will provide an additional safeguard against high debt levels in the future, as well as make it easier to prioritize critical programs and services when determining budget allocations.

The measure excludes debt for universities, the Kentucky Housing Authority, and other agencies using funds outside the General Fund, including the stand-alone Road Fund. It also contains a provision allowing the General Assembly to exceed the cap by a majority vote if the Governor declares a state of emergency that would require additional funds.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

The Senate Transportation Committee unanimously approved legislation this week that would make bicyclists and pedestrians a priority in the design and repair of Kentucky streets. Senate Bill 133, called the Complete Streets Bill, would require the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to gather and report street accessibility information for pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with disabilities. The data would then be given full consideration in planning new roads and fixing old ones in the Commonwealth.

The Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee voted in favor of a bill already approved by the House, HB 224, which would help cover adoption costs for Kentucky National Guard members. Under provisions of the bill, National Guard members would be eligible for military family-assistance trust funds of up to \$5,000 toward adoption expenses.

Senate Bill 58 received approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee this week to address an increase in emergency-room violence in hospitals across the state. The measure would allow a police officer to make an arrest for misdemeanor assault that occurs in a hospital emergency room even if the officer did not actually witness the crime. This is the same allowance currently made in misdemeanor shoplifting and domestic-violence situations.

Those bills now go to the full Senate. Finally this week, a bill that would have placed on the November ballot for voter approval a constitutional amendment authorizing casino gambling in Kentucky was defeated 21-15.

Even though there are less than 30 working days left in this legislative session, there is still plenty of time to get involved and have your voice heard on the issues that matter to you. I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts and concerns.

To learn more about the Kentucky General Assembly and the work of the 2012 Regular Session, visit our home page, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov). You can also call 1-800-633-9650 for a taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings. To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2833. To leave a message for me, or any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also e-mail me directly at [johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov).



## Beyond the Beltway

### Party of God

DONALD KAUL  
OTHER WORDS

The Republican primaries have been a tough sled for God, the Father of the party. (Well, Republicans claim He is.)

First, Michele Bachmann came to Him and asked whether she should run for president. "You go, girl," He said, or words to that effect. I take her word on that. (Hey, would she lie?)

Then she started campaigning. After Republicans got a good look at her, God said: "Nevermind."

Then there was Herman Cain. Remember him? He too said he'd gone to God for career advice and God had told him to run for president. It went pretty good until Cain's nocturnal habits became public, at which point God said: "Forget what I said."

That was puzzling. You'd think God would have known about Cain's tom-cating before He told him to run, wouldn't you? I mean, He's God. He knows everything. Oh, well. I guess that's what they mean when they talk about His mysterious ways.

Next came Rick Perry, the governor of Texas. He also said he asked God whether

he should run for president. God replied: "Look 'em Horns."

It turned out that Perry had a second language — English — and no first. So he didn't do well in debates and speeches and stuff. But he didn't give up. He went back to God and said: "Are you sure I should be running for president?" God, startled as though awakened from a nap, replied: "Of course I'm sure. I'm God. You think God goes around not being sure?"

So Perry continued and suffered more humiliating losses.

Then God said: "Oops."

It's hard to know which candidate God favors at the moment. They all act as though they're the Teacher's pet. Rick Santorum, however, casts himself as God's most passionate warrior in the contest, the Savoranola of the GOP.

The former lawmaker and father of seven rejects the idea of homosexuals marrying each other as repulsive and a violation of God's will. He says abortion under any circumstances is an irredeemable sin and that contraception only provides an excuse for people to do bad things to each other.

In short, he presents himself as the messenger of God's true will. Although he denies God actually told him to run, he says he feels "a calling" to do so.

And maybe Santorum is onto something. After I mistakenly declared him dead in Florida, Kid Rick has moved ahead of Mitt in many polls. Even national ones.

You wouldn't think it would take God four shots to pick a winner though.

would you?

In truth it's hard to know who really is doing well among these Republicans because they're operating in so small a universe.

As Timothy Egan recently reported in *The New York Times*, only 3 million Republicans voted in the first nine primary and caucus states. That comes to 11 percent of the registered voters in those states.

Moreover, the people who did vote were less than representative. Ninety-eight percent of voters in South Carolina, for example, were white (compared to 66 percent of the population there), 72 percent were older than 45 (compared to 36 percent in the state), and 65 percent were evangelical Christians (compared to 40 percent statewide).

That pattern pretty much repeats itself in state after state. The people picking the Republican nominee for president are older, whiter, and more religious than the population at large.

You wonder why the candidates seem so out-of-touch with the times? It's because they are.

On virtually every issue — health care, taxes on the rich, withdrawal from Afghanistan, global warming — Romney, Newt Gingrich, Santorum, and Ron Paul, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, are on the wrong side of the people.

So how do they expect to win?

Only God knows.  
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## The Usual Eccentric

### Oh, the things I could do ... probably

WILL E. SANDERS  
CREATORS SYNDICATE

I don't want to scare you, but I'm pretty sure I could kill someone and get away with it. Probably.

I find myself lost in thought and wondering about the proposition from time to time. This isn't an everyday sort of thought for me. During the six and a half years I was married, well, that's another story.

Who hasn't considered it — hypothetically speaking, of course? Oh sure, I could cite some ambiguous study some shrink threw together to impress you, but I'll bet half of you are thinking about killing me this very moment. Go ahead. Admit it. It's OK.

And that reminds me: Hi, Mom! What I'm talking about is killing someone to prove I could get away with it — hiding a body, outsmarting the cops, throwing off the investigators, and not going to prison.

It can't be that hard, right? I'm a smart guy, I'd figure it out eventually.

I think the problem I have with it is that I don't really feel like killing any body. It's not so much because I'm lazy but because I generally stand opposed to stabbing people with knives or shooting them with guns.

However, under the right circumstances — if the circumstances were too ironic and humorous to pass up — I would be less opposed to the idea.

For instance, say I just so happened to be standing in a conservatory. Now, while I'm standing in this conservatory, let's pretend there was a wrench resting in the middle of the room, and even though it made no sense — why a wrench would even be in a conservatory — I picked it up.

And then some guy called Colonel Mustard strolled into the room whistling, and his back was turned toward me. Clue, anyone?

Well, you *would* kill someone in that situation on sheer principle alone.

I wasn't voted by my high school peers as Most Likely to Become Famous After Killing Someone for nothing, you know. Personally, I think disposing of a body would be, like, the easiest thing in the world to me. Many would-be serial killers overthink this stage of the game. I hate to sound painfully obvious, but isn't the best idea a graveyard?

Well, the absolute best idea in the world is chucking a body into an active volcano. Then again, that's my answer for everything. But since I understand that many of you might be restrained by geography, cemetery is a more accommodating location.

Nothing is suspicious about a freshly dug (and quickly filled) grave down at the local boneyard.

But like I said, with my luck, I'd get caught and face prison time.

Which brings me to another thought I have frequently: Could I survive prison? And the answer I have come up

with, yet again, is "Probably."

It really all depends though. If it's the kind of jail that Ernest went to in "Ernest Goes to Jail," then it'd be no sweat. I could do that standing on my head and sharpening my toothbrush into a shiv.

But I bet they'd send me to some "Deliverance"-style prison — the aspect of prison everyone I know who has done hard time never wants to talk about on the outside.

I'd like to think that eventually my shining personality and charming good looks would prevail behind bars, but somehow I figure that — along with my rare superior nerdy-white-boy demeanor — would only serve to make matters worse.

That's why I would have to prove my dominance on the very first day. Let all of the prisoners know that I am for real. I would walk up to the biggest, meanest and ugliest black inmate there was, ball my hand up in a fist and haul off and fist-bump the dude and say, "I'm a firm believer in racial harmony, and with that in mind, how many cigarettes will it take for you to protect me?"

That's a perfectly good way to make allies, or end up with a month-long stay in the prison infirmary. Either way, there remains a small possibility of my survival.

If the prison beatings grew too severe, I would seriously consider escaping.

Could I escape from prison? Probably.  
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# When experience wasn't enough, graduate moves up with degree

PIKEVILLE — Graduate Nancy Smith was recently promoted after earning her associate's degree in business administration management from the Pikeville Campus. She is working for a bank and her new position is commercial appraisal review processor.

Prior to coming to National, Smith had worked her way up in different professional roles and accumulated 15 years of experience in management. However, when she started working for the bank, she had to start in an entry level position since she did not have a degree. This is when she decided to go back to school.

When she began her college search, Smith researched area options and made several campus visits. She chose National because of the "caring" staff.

"I wasn't sure if I would do well after being out of school for so many years, but with the encouragement of the staff and instructors, I was able to excel in my classes," Smith said.

In fact, her instructor's encouragement is what led her to decide to enroll in the College's online business administration bachelor's degree program which she hopes to finish by 2013.

Smith qualified for tuition assistance from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and as a result, she received additional funding from National College's Workforce Development Grant. Through this exclusive grant, the College matches funds to many federal, state, and local workforce development and worker retraining programs. Up to \$6,000 per year may be awarded to students through this grant, allowing many to complete their education with little or no debt.

Smith's parents are proud of her, and her son has been so inspired by his mother's achievements that he has enrolled in college himself.

"I am a single mother and my son [used to] say he could never attend college because I could not afford to send him," Smith recalled. "The fact that I attended National College full-time while working full-time and completed my degree program was all the inspiration he needed."

Smith enjoys everything about her new job and she's already planning to take her career to the next level. "My associate's degree helped me to move into my new position at the bank and I have high hopes that the bachelor's degree program that I am presently attending will help me to obtain the high level management position I desire," she explained.

Smith has high hopes for her future and she can sum them up in a few words: "Look out business world—here I come."



Nancy Smith was able to move up in her career, after completing degree requirements at National College, in Pikeville.



Julie Halbert

## ACHS senior looks for next challenge in Marines

JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — An Allen Central student is make plans to deploy, after enlisting in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program.

Julie Halbert recently joined the Marine Corps through the Delayed Entry Program. A senior at Allen Central High School, Julie will attend Marine Corps Recruit Training, at Parris Island, S.C.

Julie, whose father is a retired Marine, is the daughter of Mark and Ginger Halbert, of Martin. She is expected to graduate with honors from

ACHS and has been a member of the varsity volleyball team for three years, which has merited several awards for her hard work.

She was named the Max Preps Kentucky Player of the Week during her senior season and was named to both District and Regional All-Tournament Teams. She was also a co-captain for the 2011 season. Julie has been involved in several clubs at ACHS such as Math Club, Beta Club, Mentoring, and UNITE.

Julie will undergo 13 weeks of training which will include instruction in first aid, general military subjects, physical fitness, Marine Corps history,

and weapons familiarization.

When asked why she wanted to join the Marines, Julie said the challenge and the opportunities were too great.

"I love a challenge and the Marines offers so many opportunities for me and what better way to receive those opportunities than to serve my country."

Upon successful completion of recruit training, she will return home for 10 days of recruit leave. From there she will attend one of the 300 formal military occupational schools of her choice. She will also be given over \$100,000 in college tuition simply for her volunteer service to the country.

## Couple triple reward for cemetery theft info

RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

HI HAT — In an attempt to bring more attention to the problem of thefts from graves, a local couple has tripled the reward they are offering following their most recent loss.

Stewart and Evelena Osborne were moved to offer a \$50 reward after a University of Kentucky-themed wreath was taken from their son Anthony's grave. Now, they have raised the reward to \$150.

Over the years, they say thieves have taken flowers, solar lights and other tributes they have left at the gravesite.

The Osbornes have filed a report with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information about the theft can call Evelena Osborne at (606) 226-0326 or her sister, Eulione Branham, at (606) 452-2473.

## MSHA announces results of January impact inspections

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration announced Wednesday that federal inspectors issued 253 citations, orders and safeguards during special impact inspections conducted at 12 coal mines and four metal/nonmetal mines last month.

The coal mines were issued 171 citations, 15 orders and two safeguards, while the metal/nonmetal operations were issued 64 citations and one order.

These inspections, which began in force in April 2010 following the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine, involve mines that merit increased agency attention

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Zachary Akers recently served as a page for Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate. Zachary is the son of Eddie and Sandy Akers of Floyd County and is a seventh-grader at Betsy Layne Elementary School.

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# Stumbo's prescription drug abuse bill approved

FRANKFORT - House Speaker Greg Stumbo's legislation to make it easier for law enforcement to find and stop prescription drug abuse passed the House's Judiciary Committee Wednesday afternoon.

"This is a major step forward for an initiative that will give law enforcement a significant tool to battle prescription drug abuse," said Speaker Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg. "I am proud that this bill will now be heard, debated and voted on by the full House of Representatives. I am hopeful it will pass with strong bi-partisan support."

His House Bill 4 proposes to move the state's nationally recognized KASPER program - which stands for Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting - from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General's Office, the Kentucky State Police and the state's medical licensure boards would be called upon to work closely together, sharing information related to suspected prescription abuse.

Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys would be added to the list of law enforcement

officials that could also access KASPER. Medicaid will monitor both prescribers and those enrolled in the Medicaid program, watching for prescription abuse.

Under the new law, all physicians and pharmacists would be required to register with KASPER. According to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, less than a third of prescribers and less than a fourth of pharmacists had accounts as of 2010. Once registered, prescribers will be required to run KASPER reports on all new patients and periodic checks on those they already see.

To help stop the proliferation of pain clinics, Speaker Stumbo's legislation would require these businesses to be owned by a licensed physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Prescribers charged with abusing their prescription privileges would be barred from prescribing medicine, and those found guilty - either here or in another state - would see their prescription privileges stripped.

Speaker Stumbo's legislation also limits Schedule II and III drugs to 30 day supplies, though prescriptions for these drugs - including such things as OxyContin - could still, in

some cases, be written for 90 days.

"I have seen first-hand - as a legislator, as a former Attorney General and as a Kentuckian - what prescription drugs can do to an abuser and his or her family," Speaker Stumbo said. "We are losing so many of our citizens to drug abuse, and it will only get worse if we fail to address the problem. I believe by the end of this session the General Assembly will take a strong stand and enact this landmark legislation that will help us turn this tide of prescription drug abuse. The time to act is now."

## Escapee

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Adams is described as a white man with fair complexion. He has short brown hair and brown eyes and is 6 feet tall, weighing about 195 pounds, with tattoos on both arms.

Adams had served just three months of a two-year sentence for receiving stolen property. According to KSP officials Adams remains at large.

Anyone with information is asked to call state police in Pikeville at (606) 433-7711.

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and enforcement due to their poor compliance history or particular compliance concerns, including high numbers of violations or closure orders; frequent hazard complaints or hotline calls; plan compliance issues; inadequate workplace examinations; a high number of accidents, injuries or illnesses; fatalities; and adverse conditions such as increased methane liberation, faulty roof conditions and inadequate ventilation.

In Kentucky, MSHA conducted impact inspections at four mines. As an example from last month, on Jan. 13, an impact inspection was conducted during the second shift at Perry County Coal Corp.'s E4-1 Mine in Perry County. The inspection team, which captured and monitored the phones to prevent advance notice of its arrival, issued 35 citations and three orders. The mine's last impact inspection, conducted in May 2011, had resulted in 27 citations and one order.

Following January's inspection, the mine was issued unwarrantable

failure orders for noncompliance with the ventilation plan by failing to maintain a sufficient air volume at the end of the wing curtain when more than 18 inches of rock is being mined. (A wing curtain is a piece of flame-resistant brattice cloth used to direct air current to temporarily ventilate faces, seals or other areas of the mine.) This violation exposed miners to the risk of silicosis, black lung and a potential explosion. The mine operator also failed to control draw rock that extended from 32 crosscuts outby to the working face (approximately 2,080 feet), which exposed miners to the risk of being struck, injured or killed by pieces of falling rock. The mine operator further failed to maintain a scoop in permissible condition so that it was not a potential ignition source for explosive gasses as well as to conduct an adequate weekly examination of the same scoop.

Inspectors also found that the primary and secondary escapeways, along with required lifelines, were improperly maintained, which could severely hamper miners' efforts to evacuate the mine in the event of an emergency.

As a second example from last

month, on the same day, MSHA conducted an impact inspection during the second shift at K and D Mining Inc.'s Mine No. 17 in Harlan County. The inspection team, which captured and monitored the mine phones, issued 21 citations and seven orders. The last impact inspection conducted at this mine had occurred in August 2010, resulting in 14 citations and six orders.

During January's visit, inspectors observed eight conditions that were the result of unwarrantable failures by the mine operator. Six involved failure to maintain the conveyor belts in safe operating condition and accumulation of combustible materials along the belt lines. Two belt lines were found to have missing or stuck rollers, causing friction and creating the potential for an ignition. Accumulations of combustible material were found along three belt lines, which are required to be examined at each shift.

Two 104(d) withdrawal orders were issued for the mine operator's failure to conduct an adequate exam of the section power center, which was found to be improperly maintained. Inspectors found evi-

dence of severe arcing between receptacles on the power center, as well as on the male plugs of electrical equipment.

The mine operator also failed to comply with the roof control plan, according to inspectors. They observed a hill seam (rock fissure) that was tied in with several stress cracks. The hill seam and stress cracks extended across the pillar line for a distance of approximately 115 feet. The mine operator had not installed additional support as required by the roof control plan.

"While the impact inspection program has resulted in improved compliance in mines across the country, the seriousness of the violations found at these two operations demonstrates why targeted enforcement continues to be necessary to protect the health and safety of miners," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health.

Since April 2010, MSHA has conducted 403 impact inspections, which have resulted in a total of 7,162 citations, 718 orders and 26 safeguards.

## Drug

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"Upon search of the residence where the girl was staying, we found large amount of pills, an assort-

ment of pills, and a large amount of cash," Hall said. McCoart was arrested and transported to Floyd County Detention Center without incident.

McCoart was charged with first-degree traffick-

ing in a controlled substance. Hall said she may be charged with other charges that could include an additional charge of first-degree trafficking, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance,

third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

McCoart's bond was set at \$5,000 and she has since been released from the Floyd County Deten-

tion Center.

Hall said the investigation and arrest was just the latest move by Prestonsburg Police as part of their high visibility/high saturation anti-drug campaign.

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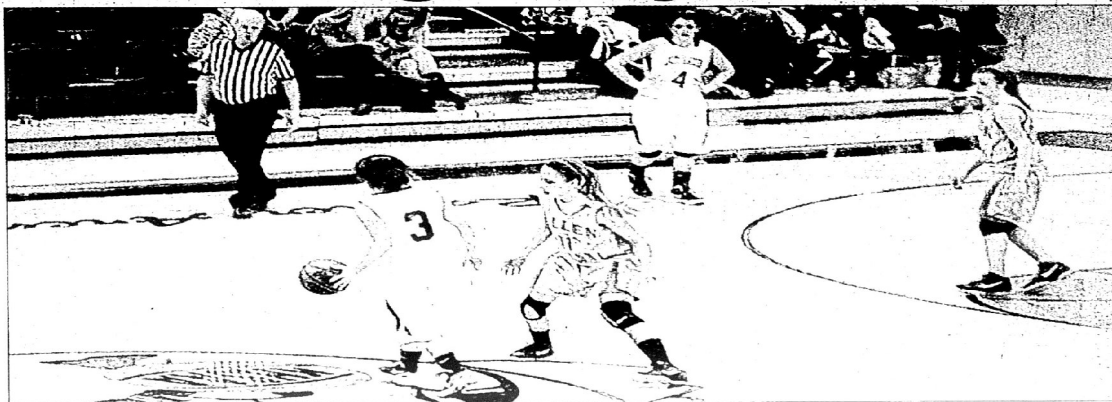
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## Hall named 15th Region Player of the Year

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HAT** - South Floyd senior Kiana Hall has been named the 15th Region Player of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC). With the honor, Hall will have the chance to play for the East team in the 2012 KABC Senior Charity All Star Basketball Game and try out for the Kentucky All-Stars. The all-star game will be held in Bowling Green at 3:15 p.m. CST at Warren Central High School, between the semifinals and championship game of the KHSAA Sweet 16 at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena.

Hall is the first student-athlete in South Floyd history to win the girls' player of the year award. Former Raider Michael Hall won



(See HALL, page B2) South Floyd senior Kiana Hall (4) ranked as one of the state's top three-point shooters.

## Bobcats able to pull away from Pikeville, advance

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** - It didn't take the Betsy Layne Bobcats long to shake off a loss in the 58th District championship game. Betsy Layne returned to the win column in neighboring Pikeville, prevailing over a longtime rival on a familiar floor. The Bobcats hit free throws late to fend off Pikeville 59-49 in the opening round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center Wednesday night.

Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Andrew Roberts, a senior, led Betsy Layne with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Peyton Case joined Roberts in doubling figures, scoring 12 points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne shot 19-of-38 (50 percent) from the field. The Bobcats were 7-of-9 (33 percent) from 3-point range.

Betsy Layne finished 18-for-26 from the free-throw line. Calm free throw shooting late in the fourth quarter helped Betsy Layne to post the win.

Garran Newsome scored eight points and Cody Luster contributed seven for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne, under the guidance of head coach Junior Newsome, limited Pikeville in each of the first three quarters. The two teams engaged in a shootout late, combining for nearly 50 points in the final period.

Betsy Layne edged Pikeville 12-11 in the first quarter and led 23-18 at intermission.

The Bobcats added to

(See BOBCATS, page B2)



Floyd County Schools Board Chairman Jeff Stumbo presented Betsy Layne senior Andrew Roberts with the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year award.

## Conference Player of the Year Roberts leading Betsy Layne

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** - Senior Andrew Roberts is the lone starter back from last season's Betsy Layne team that captured the All "A" Classic statewide title. As a junior, Roberts averaged 8.5 points and 3.9 rebounds per game for the highly-successful Bobcats. He was ranked as one of the top-five 15th Region players during the preseason and has enjoyed a stellar senior campaign. Last week, following Betsy Layne's loss to Prestonsburg in the 58th District championship game, Roberts was named

the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. This week, Roberts continues to lead the Bobcats.

Roberts had 16 points and 11 rebounds in Betsy Layne's opening round win over Pikeville in the regional tourney. That's the same Pikeville program that pulled off an upset win over Betsy Layne in the 2011 15th Region Tournament.

Through 28 games, Roberts is averaging 13.1 points and a team-high 8.3 rebounds per game for the Bobcats. The senior is one point off sophomore Dylan Meade's team-leading 14.1 points per game scoring average.

Roberts emerged as a leader for

Betsy Layne early in the season. With the addition of Meade, Betsy Layne managed to reload and win its second straight 15th Region All "A" Classic championship.

A 15th Region Player of the Year candidate, Roberts is shooting 53.5 percent (123-of-230) from the field (two- and three-point field goals combined).

Roberts will lead the Bobcats into the 15th Region Tournament semifinals on Saturday. Betsy Layne is matched up against 57th District runner-up Johnson Central. The Eagles edged Betsy Layne 64-61 during a regular-season meeting.

## Pikeville ousts Ladycats from region tourney

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** - Pikeville pulled off an upset in the opening round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament on Tuesday night, defeating 58th District champion Betsy Layne 61-49 at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The loss eliminated Betsy Layne from the regional tournament. Betsy Layne, a Floyd County powerhouse that has won six straight 58th District championships, concluded the season 18-12.

Pikeville (14-17) featured four different scorers with 10 or more points. Amber Sexton paced Pikeville with a team-high 15 points. Allah Bartley and Lindsey Isner followed, scoring 13 points apiece for the Lady Panthers. Potter also reached double figures, scoring 10 points for Pikeville in the postseason win.

Pikeville, under the guidance of former Allen Central head coach Cindy Stuart, packed a lead-out of each quarter.

The Lady Panthers outscored Betsy Layne 16-12 in the first quarter. After doubling up the Ladycats 12-6 in the second period, Pikeville carried a 28-18 lead into halftime.

Betsy Layne had to play from behind throughout the second half. Pikeville led 43-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Sara Biery (five points), Mollie Blackburn (four points) and Emma Looney (one point) also contributed offensively for the Lady Panthers.

(See PIKEVILLE, page B2)

## Prestonsburg girls fall to Valley in opening round

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** - Five scorers reached double figures as 59th District champion Shelby Valley defeated Prestonsburg 99-53 Monday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The win lifted Shelby Valley into the semifinals of the regional tournament.

Valley won its 11th straight game, improving to 24-3. With the loss, 58th District runner-up Prestonsburg exited the 2011-12 season 12-20.

Taylor Rowe led high-scoring Shelby Valley with a game-high 24 points.

Leeza Mulls scored 14 points and Brianna Fraley added 12 for title contender Shelby Valley in the convincing win.

Sydney Jones and Courtney Wright contributed 10 points

apiece as Shelby Valley rolled to the victory.

Shelby Valley shot 51.5 percent (24-of-66) from the field. The Shelby Valley ladies were 10-of-16 from 3-point range.

Helping its cause at the free-throw line, Shelby Valley drained 21-of-26 foul shots.

Shelby Valley outrebounced Prestonsburg 34-27.

Prestonsburg shot 41.3 percent (19-of-46) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were 5-of-15

from 3-point range. Prestonsburg shot only 50 percent (10-of-20) from the free-throw line.

Catie Burchett paced Prestonsburg with a team-best 21 points. Burchett shot 81.8 percent from the field, connecting on 9-of-11 attempts.

Accompanying Burchett in double figures, Kristian Waugh chipped in 14 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Shelby Valley held Cassie Bur-

chett to seven points. Caitlin Kidd had six points, Allison Hall three and Tiffany Meadows two for Prestonsburg in the setback.

Cassie Burchett claimed a team-high six rebounds for the Lady Blackcats. Waugh reeled in five rebounds.

Shelby Valley will face Magoffin County Friday night in a matchup of the region's top-two teams in the semifinals. Tip-off for the Shelby Valley-Magoffin County game is set for 6:30 p.m.



Kiana Hall dribbled against Allen Central during a regular-season 58th District/Floyd County Conference game. Hall has been named the 15th Region Player of the Year.

**Hall**

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the boys' region player of the year award when he was a senior.

Paintsville senior Leaha Vanhoose was runner-up for the 15th Region Player of the Year award.

During her senior season, Hall averaged 17.6 points per game. Hall made 3.1 three-pointers per game. She led the state in three-point shooting for most of the season before dropping to third late in the campaign.

Hall is South Floyd's all-time leading scorer with 1,485 points. She is also South Floyd's all-time leader in three-point field goals made.

An exceptional student, Hall was awarded a WYMT scholarship earlier in the school year.

A strong work ethic has led Hall to her many accomplishments.

"Kiana has been great to coach," South Floyd head coach Tony Isaac confided. "She was the first one to practice and would stay 30 minutes after."

Hall has received interest from multiple programs but remains undecided on her college choice.

- KIANA HALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
 2009 All-58th District Team  
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**Pikeville**

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Pikeville won its opening round game in the regional tournament after finishing runner-up to Shelby Valley in the 59th District.

T.J. Tackett led Betsy Layne with a game-high 21 points. Paige Watkins also reached double figures, scoring 17 points for the Ladycats.

Brandy Morrow had five points, Chloe Johnson four and Kelsi Tackett two for Betsy Layne in the season-ending setback.

Pikeville, thanks to the win, advances to the regional semifinals. The Lady Panthers

will play familiar foe Paintsville Friday night at 8:15 p.m.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville

Pikeville 61, Betsy Layne 49  
 Pikeville (14-17): Bartley 13, Isner 13, Potter 10, Sexton 15, Biery 5, Looney 1, Blackburn 4.

Betsy Layne (18-12): K. Tackett 2, T. Tackett 21, Morrow 5, Watkins 17, Johnson 4.

Pikeville.....16 12 15 18-61  
 Betsy Layne.....12 6 15 16-49



**POSTSEASON PLAYERS:** Prestonsburg was playing Belfry at press time on Thursday in the opening round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville. The game ended too late to make this edition.

**Bobcats**

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their lead in the third quarter, outscoring Pikeville 11-8.

Dylan Hamilton and Dylan Meade aided the Betsy Layne effort with seven points apiece. Landon Hale, Charles Daniels and Dustin Rogers chipped in two points each for the Bobcats, who will face Johnson Central on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the 15th Region semifinals. Johnson Central defeated Phelps 65-54 in the opening game Wednesday night.

Ethan Rowe led Pikeville with 15 points. Wes Anderson followed, adding 11 points for the Panthers.

Morehead State University men's golf signee Will Branham scored seven points and Jared Tackett added six for Pikeville in the loss.

Betsy Layne had 23 defensive rebounds, eight steals and one block.

Pikeville ended the season 20-12.  
 15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville  
 Betsy Layne 59, Pikeville 49  
 Betsy Layne (23-5): Hamilton 5, Newsome 8, Case 12, Meade 5, A. Rogers 16, Hale 2, Luster 7, Daniels 2, D. Roberts 2.

Pikeville (20-12): Tackett 6, Anderson 11, Hamilton 2, Branham 7, Rowe 15, McAnallen 4, Hall 4.

Betsy Layne.....12 11 11 25-59  
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Put "Mud Creek - Harold Refuse AML Enhancement Rule" in the subject line of the e-mail.

**Pikeville cheerleaders honored during annual MSC banquet**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PIKEVILLE** - Two University of Pikeville cheerleaders were named to the all-conference team and six were honored academically on Wednesday at a banquet which preceded the Mid-

South Conference cheer competition.

Junior Taylor Stone and sophomore Jerrica Lambert were named all-conference. Stone is from Pikeville while Lambert hails from Buckhorn.

Those named to the aca-

demie all-conference team, having achieved at least sophomore status with a 3.25 grade-point average, were:

Demetri Curry, a sophomore from Stockbridge, Ga., who has a double major in both psychology and criminal justice. Curry was the only male on the academic all-conference team;

Alli Goff, a sophomore from Jenkins who majors in biology;

Ashlee Looney, junior from Grundy, Va., who majors in history/political science;

Jocelyn McCown, a junior from Belfry majoring in history/political science;

Taylor Stone, a junior from Pikeville who majors in elementary education;

Ashley Stungell, a sophomore from Williamson, W.Va., majoring in psychology.

Campbellsville University captured the cheerleading championship tonight at the Frankfort Convention Center.

The conference team title is the third in four years for the Tigers and their fourth in the last six years. Campbellsville also won the title in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

University of Virginia's College at Wise finished second in the team portion followed by Georgetown College in third place.

Uva-Wise's Heather Hun-

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# Four UPIKE women's players earn MSC honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**FRANKFORT** — Four members of the University of Pikeville women's basketball team were honored Wednesday night for their prowess in the classroom by the Mid-South Conference.

The awards were presented at the annual banquet thrown by the league to honor its women's basketball teams.

Across the conference some 39 players were named to the academic all-conference for maintaining at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and being a sophomore or higher standing.

For UPIKE, the honors were presented to:

Kendra Badgett, a senior from Grayson majoring in elementary education; Brogan Conley, a sophomore from Staffordsville majoring in business administration, emphasizing accounting; Jennifer Grant, a junior from Ponce de Leon, Fla., who majors in business administration with a triple emphasis of accounting, management and information systems; and Britany Swindall, a sophomore from Pikeville who majors in biology.

University of the Cumberlands senior forward Lauren Wombles is the 2011-12 Mid-South Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

Wombles is one of 10 women's basketball student-athletes to earn all-

conference first-team honors as voted on by the conference coaches. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

Nine more student-athletes earned All-MS-C Second Team for their play during the season.

In addition to Wombles, Campbellsville's Courtney Clifton and Mackenzie Lee; Cumberlands' Jade Howard; Georgetown College's Andrea Howard; Lindsey Wilson College's Ashley Rainey; Shawnee State University's Abby Ballman and Alannah Sheets; St. Catharine College's Janae Howard; and University of Virginia's College at Wise's Chelsea Cluesman earns first-team all-conference this season.

Wombles ranks in the conference's top-five in six individual categories, including leading the MSC in scoring at 19.4 points per game. She is third in the conference in field goal percentage (49.0) and free throw percentage (83.6). She finished fourth in the MSC following regular season play in rebounds (8.1) and steals (2.5) and fifth in the conference with 10 double-doubles.

Nationally, Wombles ranks fifth in scoring, 15th in free throw percentage and 24th in field goal percentage.

Lindsey Wilson's Monny Niamke was voted MSC Freshman of the Year by the league coaches after averaging 12.6 points, 3.1 assists and 8.8 steals per game during the season for the Blue Raiders.

Ballman is the Mid-South Conference's Champions of Character recipient. She earned the award — as voted on by the conference athletics directors — for her civic and servant leadership within the campus and community.

Cumberlands' Melissa Irvin and Georgetown's Andrea McCloskey were selected by their peers as MSC Co-Coaches of the Year.

Irvin led the Patriots to a share of the MSC regular season title while McCloskey led the Tigers to a third place finish in her first year as Georgetown's coach.

The other members of the Academic All-Conference team were Campbellsville's Clifton, Lee, Katie Allen, Hayley Hellyer, Megan Issacs and Mary Jehlik; Cumberlands' Wombles, Jackie Alexander, Haley Ratliff, Thali Rodriguez and Jessica Upchurch; Georgetown's Golden, Howard, Waddell, Gina Beining, Lindsay Fultz, Lizza Jonas and Mikkah Rogers; Lindsey Wilson's Michelle Copley, Ashley Franklin, Sarah Gillis, Stacia Jo Hill, Samantha Johnson and Tiffany Williams; Rio Grande's Iliana Gonzalez; Shawnee State's Ballman and Tristan Rummfield; St. Catharine's Macheria Calhoun and Reilly Poirier; and UVA-Wise's Classman, Jaydee Brewer, Emily Doane, Kristin Mullins, Christine Nyboe and Charlotte Reason earned academic all-conference.

# Banquet

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Huntington earned the MSC Cheerleader of the Year in a competition following the team event.

Huntington is one of 16 cheerleading student-athletes named to the all-conference team. The all-conference team along with academic all-conference was announced earlier in the day at the conference's annual banquet.

Joining Huntington and Pikeville's combination on the all-conference team were Campbellsville's Ashley Bates and Joe Blackstone; Cumberlands' Jade Jones and Hanna Johnson; Georgetown's Danielle Ransdell and Ashley Wallace; Lindsey Wilson College's Ashley Partin and Keaira Harris; University of Pikeville's Jerica Lambert and Taylor Stone; Shawnee State University's Dezary Minturn and Tiffany Hale; St. Catharine College's Mandy Gray and Jordan Boyle; and UVA-Wise's Samantha Smith.

Campbellsville coach Vanessa Adkins is the Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year and Campbellsville's Audrey Wunderlick is the MSC Champions of Character recipient. Wunderlick earned

the award — as voted on by the conference athletics directors — for her civic and servant leadership within the campus and community.

Pikeville's six members of the academic all-conference team were joined by 34 others from around the league. They are Campbellsville's Makayla Jessie, Lyndsey McClain, Alexa Moore and Audrey Wunderlick; Cumberlands' Erica Christian and Rebecca Watkins; Georgetown's Jaime Horne, Kristen Rowe, Maura Shirley and Ashley Wallace; Lindsey Wilson's Allison Adcock, Joanie Alexander, Erika Finley, Madeline Hutcherson, Morgan Lawson, Elizabeth Lieske, Whitney Rodgers and Kelsy Wheeler; Rio Grande's Callie Daugherty and Shelby Sizemore; Shawnee State's Sarah Bowling, Morgan Campbell, Lacey Cobb, Lytne Macchia, Julia McCane, Dezary Minturn and Amanda Pizer; St. Catharine's Adrienne Bishop, Jordan Boyce, Amy Edelen, Pilar Espinosa, Mandy Gray and Krista Russell; and UVA-Wise's Carlee Reiber and Samantha Smith.

The Mid-South Conference is the only league on any level of college athletics that gives championship cup points for cheerleading.

# Morehead State women defeated in double overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Austin Peay senior Whitney Hanley scored 38 points, and Nicole Olaszewski hit the eventual go-ahead free throw with 12 seconds left in the second extra period Wednesday as the Morehead State women's basketball team saw its 2011-12 season come to an end with an 84-83 double overtime setback to the Lady Goves in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at Municipal Auditorium.

Morehead State, which saw its 15-point second-half lead wiped away in the final 10 minutes, finished the year at 10-19. APSU moves into the second round, improving to 9-21. It was the second

overtime contest the teams had played in the last two weeks as APSU defeated MSU 88-81 in extras in Clarksville on Feb. 18.

Hanley sank a pair of free throws with five seconds left in regulation to effectively send the contest to the first overtime. She then scored 11 of her team's 13 points in the initial extra frame. But, MSU senior Linda Dixon, who finished with 21 points in her last collegiate game, drained a three-pointer from the top of the key with 1.8 ticks left to force another five minutes of action.

Hanley scored seven points in the second overtime, and MSU senior Courtney Lumpkin also recorded seven in the second overtime. She hit a layup at the

36-second mark to tie the game at 83. Dixon was hit with her fifth foul with five seconds left, and Olaszewski hit the front end of a two-shot situation. MSU sophomore Terrice Robinson's running floater from the left side missed at time expired.

The Eagles led 54-39 with 9:41 left in regulation following a Lumpkin three-pointer, but the Lady Goves went on an 18-5 run over the next six minutes to creep to within two (59-57) with 3:16 left on the clock. MSU held a 61-59 lead with 19 seconds left, but

Dixon, who sustained a shoulder injury late in the second half but played through it, wasn't able to connect on a pair of free throws. Hanley drove to the basket as

time ran down and drew the foul on Dixon to set up the game-tying free throws.

Lumpkin finished her final career game with a team-best 22 points and concluded her career with 1,475 points to rank 10th in MSU history. She also finished with 491 career assists to rank second in school history. Dixon, who scored just 10 points her first two years as MSU, finished with 735 career markers and 122 career three-pointers to rank 11th in school history.

Junior forward Ashar Harris helped MSU win the rebound battle, 44-39, with a game-high 14 boards. She concluded her third collegiate season with 361 rebounds and upped her career

total to 1,029. Freshman Almehsa Jones came within one of her career-high point total, scoring 16. She also had a team-high six assists. Robinson scored 11 and tied her career high with six rebounds.

Leslie Martinez netted 11 points for the Lady Goves, while Kaitlyn Hill and Kristen Stainback each totaled 10. Hanley, who played all 50 minutes, added seven rebounds and four assists to her stat line.

The Eagles jumped out to a 37-28 lead behind a 58 percent (15-of-26) field goal efficiency in the first half, but the Eagles were limited to just 26 percent (8-of-31) in the second frame. MSU shot 7-of-13 in the overtimes, but the Lady Goves hit 73 percent (8-of-11).

# Davis, Kidd-Gilchrist among 30 finalists for Naismith Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LEXINGTON** — University of Kentucky freshmen Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist were named among 30 finalists for the 2012 Naismith Men's Basketball Player of the Year Award at the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced Wednesday.

Davis, a 6-foot-10, 222-pound freshman forward from Chicago, Ill., leads the country in blocks (138 and 4.8 per game) and ranks second in field goal percentage (.638). He leads the Wildcats in scoring (14.3 ppg), rebounding (9.8 rpg) and steals (4.3).

Kidd-Gilchrist, a 6-foot-7, 232-pound freshman forward from Somerdale, N.J., ranks second on the team in rebounding (7.8) and free throw percentage (.748 — 75 or more attempts) while ranking second in steals (3.5), third in blocks (31) and fourth in scoring (12.0).

The midseason 30 list was compiled by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, which based its criteria on player performances from the 2011-12 college basketball season. The Naismith Trophy, presented by AT&T, will be awarded at the 2012 NCAA Men's Final Four in New Orleans.

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## Veteran finds rewarding job through Job Club

**PRESTONSBURG** — Larry Lanning gets a lot of satisfaction out of his job.

As a disabled veterans' representative for the Kentucky Office of Employment & Training (OET), he travels around eastern Kentucky helping veterans overcome barriers to employment. A 20-year Army vet himself, Larry can usually say at the end of the day that he was there for a fellow soldier who needed and deserved a helping hand.

"I think it's just a super job," Larry said. But it's a job he probably would not have found without the help of Job Clubs of Eastern Kentucky.

Larry is one of the early successes of the Floyd County Job Club. He went to the club's first meeting and soon after was able to use the personal contacts and job search advice from the job club to find his current job.

A job club is a small group of job seekers who meet weekly with local workforce professionals to improve their job searches. The group members provide support for each other while networking, sharing

job leads, and learning techniques for improving their job searches from workforce professionals, local businesspeople, and other invited guests.

The combination of support, networking, and job-search education makes job club members much more successful at getting a job than job seekers who search alone.

Job Clubs of Eastern Kentucky is sponsored by the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), in collaboration with local community action agencies such as the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP), and OET.

Larry, 61, has no shortage of work experience.

"My resume is pretty long," he said, laughing.

Larry spent 20 years in the Army. After being drafted during the Vietnam War he re-enlisted and made a career out of the military. After he left the service he spent more than 11 years working at Lexmark, working his way up from a line worker's job to a management position.

When his Lexmark job

was relocated overseas, Larry finished a degree and got a job doing something he always wanted to try: teaching social studies. But budget cuts ended that job after one year.

As Larry searched for another job he began to feel that his age and experience were working against him. Though it was not something interviewers would come out and say directly, he got the impression was that they didn't want to hire a 60-year-old who might have his own strong opinions about how to do things. "Old dogs sometimes don't train well. I really felt that it was a barrier," Larry said.

Larry had been out of work for eight months when he discovered the Floyd County Job Club through his local OET office.

At first he was skeptical, Larry said, but he soon realized that it was a place where he could meet other people who were in the same situation he was, a place where everyone — the members and the job club staff — was pulling for everyone else to succeed. "I didn't feel like I was in



it all by myself anymore. I felt like I had people to go to," Larry said. Other big benefits of attending the job club were leads on unadvertised jobs, and the networking contacts Larry made. Through getting to know OET staff at job club, Larry found out about the veterans' representative job.

Reva Kidd, one of the BSACAP career advisors who worked with Larry at the job club, said Larry always took full advantage of all the resources job club provides.

"He was very dedicated to finding employment," Kidd said.

Larry said he recommends job club to other job

seekers, including the veterans he serves.

"I'm a big believer in job club," Larry said. "It really is people helping people to get jobs."

For more information about the Floyd County Job Club call 606-886-2948. Find Job Clubs of Eastern Kentucky on Facebook at facebook.com/jobclubseky.

## Movies from the Black Lagoon 'The Last Circus'

**TOM DOTY**  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A pair of circus clowns go to war with each other

over a gorgeous acrobat, in this energetic piece from the amazing Alex De La Iglesia.

The story begins in

1937 Madrid, as a pair of clowns perform for a small gathering. Their act is interrupted when a squad of revolutionaries busts

down the doors and demands the adults take up arms. One clown refuses and even mocks the entrepreneur, which earns him his last laugh, while the other whey-faced funny man accepts a machete and proceeds to hack up an entire patrol. He winds up getting shot and captured, but the site of a blade-wielding Bozo is not one you're likely to forget. The film is rife with such images that stick in your mind.

The clown winds up a prisoner of the state and must sweat out his sentence working in a coal mine. His son wants to be just like Dad (a sad clown), but Dad tells him that he can be a happy clown if he can enjoy revenge. Junior, actually Javier, takes this advice to heart and tries to break Dad out by blowing up the mine. He only succeeds in getting his father run down and trampled to death by an officer, who Javier manages to blind before escaping in the confusion.

Years later, the story finds Javier, joining a circus as their new sad clown. The scene where he is given a guided tour of the circus is so chock full of great visuals that

you may want to watch it twice before moving on to the next scene. The highlight would be the lovesick elephant that is more than happy to smack down anyone who shows too much interest in her handler.

Javier is quite taken with the circus' lone acrobat, Natalia. She is a true beauty, but he soon finds that she is stuck in a cruel relationship with his new partner, happy clown Sergio. It is quickly apparent that Sergio runs off his sad clowns due to his cruel streak. Said temperament gets upped a bit when he realizes that Natalia and Javier are drawn to each other.

It all leads to brutal attack that Sergio launches on them while they are strolling through a carnival. The beating that ensues puts Javier in the hospital and Natalia back in her psychotic boyfriend's arms. Javier has other ideas and escapes long enough to return the beatdown and head for the hills, with the police in hot pursuit. He soon finds peace in a cave but it doesn't last long. Javier winds up in the hands of the general he blinded and is reduced to serving as a hunting dog, which drives

him to disfigure himself (much like the Joker).

Meanwhile, the circus falls apart and Natalia winds up dancing at a night club devoted to Telly Savalas' "Kojak" character. Sergio, now horribly disfigured from the sad clown's revenge, begins stalking his old love while nursing his hatred for the clown who did him wrong.

It all leads to an edgy reunion that finds the trio duking it out on top of a sky-high monument, while soldiers shoot at them from the ground. It's a beautifully staged sequence that doesn't end like a Hollywood movie, and that's fine with me.

This is one of the fastest paced films you are likely to see. De La Iglesia specializes in frenetic pacing and would be the perfect director to bring Tim Dorsey's "Serge Storms" novels to the big screen. This guy packs a lot of action, color and eye candy into every scene and never forgets to tell his story.

This is one of those films that will stand up to repeated viewings and deserves a place on your shelf. The only problem is finding a category to place it in. It's got elements of drama, comedy, horror and history. File it under must-sees and share it with someone who feels that movies aren't original anymore. Stick around afterwards, 'cause they'll need help lifting their jaw back up off the floor.

Best line: "If I weren't a clown I'd be a murderer."  
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# Rental Central

**TOM DOTY**  
TIMES COLUMNIST

February ended on an up note with a quartet of good to excellent releases that offered something for most tastes.

**"Hugo"** — Martin Scorsese's first family film is a visual feast that should please fans of the director, as well as cinema buffs in general. The story centers on an orphaned boy who helps his uncle tend to the clocks in a Paris train station. When his uncle disappears, the child uncovers a mystery in the form of an automaton

left behind by his father. With the aid of an eccentric inventor and a kind librarian, the boy sets forth on a quest to restore the figure while dodging a railway detective. This one has it all with excellent visuals, great photography and a diverse cast that includes Ben Kingsley, Christopher Lee and Sacha Baron Cohen.

**"Justice League: Doom"** — DC Comics continues to offer superior animated stories with this adaptation of a Justice League plot. The story involves supervillains popping up and taking on members of the league with new weapons geared towards the spe-

cific weakness of each good guy. Batman comes under suspicion when the group realizes that the methods being employed were collected by the Dark Knight, and stored in his files. The voice actors are spot on with Michael Rosenbaum ("Smallville") once again voicing The Flash, as he did for the League television series.

**"Popcorn"** — Horror fans will get a special kick out of this 1989 flick that salutes the gimmick flicks of the 1950s and 1960s, while also managing a few laughs and thrills. The story finds a group of college film students holding an all-night horror show to raise

money for their struggling program. Trouble looms in the form of a crazed filmmaker who killed his family on stage at the venue 15 years earlier. Will the showing of his film bring him back for more earnings? Sure thing, but it is the clever use of film promotion gags as murder weapons that keeps this one's tongue firmly in check.

**"Johnny English: Reborn"** — Rowan Atkinson ("Mr. Bean") returns as the clueless super agent in this spoof of action flicks that also happens to feature some amazing action sequences. The agent is recruited from a self-

imposed leave in Tibet (where he has been studying with kung-fu monks). The world needs him to stop a plot to assassinate world leaders, and so he jumps aboard face first. The humor is two parts verbal and one part getting kicked in the testicles, but it all works thanks to the rubber-faced Atkinson, whose comic timing is impeccable. Gillian Anderson ("The X-Files") also scores as Johnny's new boss, a hatchet-faced, by-the-book matriarch.

Next week brings 12 hours of sword, sorcery and skullduggery with the release of "Game of Thrones."

## Click & Clack Talk Cars

### Cars are not a once-in-a-lifetime purchase

**TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI**  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I'm 35, and I would like to purchase a diesel SUV that will last the rest of my life ... ideally, into my 90s. My idea is that diesel engines last longer and that my family and I could rack up 500,000-600,000 miles on whatever we buy during my lifetime. I was thinking of buying a BMW, Volkswagen, Audi or Mercedes. All of them are around the same price. However, I cannot purchase a car that costs the same as my house. So, I'd probably purchase it used from a dealer or individual. At least, that is what I'm thinking. Am I crazy, or is this doable? I don't like spending that much up front, but if we can realistically keep the vehicle for the next 60 years, it would be worth it.

PS: I do not have a garage, so something that doesn't rust out quickly is preferable. — Mike

TOM: Are you crazy, or is this doable? I vote crazy.

RAY: I just can't get over what a depressing thought that would be: Buying your last-ever car at age 35. You might as well buy a coffin now, too, Mike.

TOM: Why? His family's going to bury him in the car after 15 or 20 years of having to ride in it!

RAY: Yeah, this is a bad idea, Mike.

TOM: Think about what it would be like to have a 60-year-old car today. It would be something like a 1952 Chevy Bel Air.

RAY: It would have anemic horsepower and a two-speed automatic transmission that got you to a maximum speed of 80 miles an hour, while getting about 16 miles to the gallon.

TOM: It would have no seat belts, no air bags, no anti-lock brakes — not even disc brakes — no stability control, an unpadded steering wheel and a metal dashboard to crack your head on in an accident.

RAY: It would have "knee action" front suspension, no power steering, no power brakes, it would

be a horrible rust bucket by now, it'd be hard to get parts for, and it would spew 100 times the pollution of anything else on the road.

TOM: Now, a vehicle you buy today obviously will be up to date TODAY, in terms of equipment and technology. But who knows what will be invented in the next 60 years? In fact, I think it's safe to say that there will be far more advances in cars in the next 60 years than there were in the past 60!

RAY: Even in 30 years, all cars may drive themselves by communicating with other traffic. They may all be electric, or powered by extra-virgin olive oil. Who knows?

TOM: Plus, if you force your family to ride in a 25-, 30-, 40- or 50-year-old car, they will end up hating you. And you'll end up not only with an unsafe old heap that's decades out of date, but you'll end up alone — with no one to help you push. Trust the guy who clung to his '63 Dodge Dart when I tell you this!

RAY: This is just a bad

time in history to be trying to predict what you'll need in a car 60 years from now, Mike. You'd be better served by buying four or five modestly priced cars during the same number of years. That way, as safety and technology trickle down into lower-priced cars — as they always do — you'll be able to catch up every 10 or 15 years. That'll at least give you a shot at having kids who'll still visit you when you're 90. Good luck, Mike!

**Bike rack won't decrease resale value**  
Dear Tom and Ray:  
I have a 2007 Subaru Outback. It's the perfect vehicle for driving over hills and curves during winter storms, handling garden supplies and toting around Theo, my 75-pound Goldendoodle. Here's my dilemma: I enjoy riding my bike with my friends. I am not tall enough to use a bike rack that mounts on top of the car, nor am I coordinated enough to stand on a ladder while hoisting my bike up that high. We have

a bike rack that we used on our old Ford Explorer (now deceased) that I could manage well. It sat on the rear trailer hitch and was easy for me to use. I want to have a rear hitch installed on the Subaru for my bike rack, but my husband says it will decrease the value of the car. My fate lies with your decision. What should we do? — Anne

RAY: Go ahead and install the hitch, Anne.

TOM: Your husband is worried that when you try to sell the car, potential buyers will see the hitch and assume you were towing a trailer with the car, and they'll conclude that you put lots of extra wear and tear on the car that way and will shy away.

RAY: But that's a chance you'll have to take. After all, it's YOUR car now, right? So you should use it to make your life easier. And neither the hitch itself nor the bike rack will harm the car in any way.

TOM: You could remove the hitch when you're ready to sell the car, but when a

buyer gets a good mechanic to inspect the car, he'll notice the bolt holes and know you had a hitch on there.

RAY: So I'd opt for absolute honesty. Just tell potential buyers that you never towed anything, you just used the hitch for a bike rack. These bike racks are common enough now that it won't surprise anybody.

TOM: Better yet, leave the bike rack on the car when you sell it, and offer it as an option.

RAY: And tell your husband he's worried about nothing. Cheer up, — up reminding him that the vicious dog smell is probably a much greater impediment to selling this car than the hitch ever will be.

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## Horoscopes

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of

a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

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## To your good health Blood pressure: Both numbers are important

**PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.**  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I've always heard that at older ages, it doesn't matter how high the first number of a blood pressure reading is; it's bound to rise with age. My blood pressure is 185/70, and my doctor wants me to go on blood pressure medicine. My second number is fine. Why is he making a fuss? I am 67. I don't like taking drugs. — W.S.

**ANSWER:** You have heard wrong. Both numbers of a blood pressure reading are significant. If either is higher than normal, it indicates high blood pressure. It is true that systolic pressure, the first number, rises with age. And it is true that the second number, diastolic pressure, tends to plateau after age 50. However, a higher-than-normal systolic or diastolic pressure constitutes hypertension, high blood pressure.

The first number is the pressure imparted to blood when the heart pumps it into the aorta. It takes a great deal of pressure to circulate blood through all the body arteries. The second number is the pressure in the heart as it fills with blood. Normal pressure is less than 120/80. High blood pressure is 140/90 and above. Numbers between those two pressures are called prehy-

pertension, a short stop lower than actual high blood pressure.

You have high blood pressure, hypertension. You doctor made a fuss because uncontrolled high blood pressure causes artery hardening, leads to strokes and heart attacks; puts the kidneys out of action, contributes to congestive heart failure and promotes dementia. Still think your pressure is OK?

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**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What happened to DMSO? It used to be available, but it has disappeared. Why? — W.K.

**ANSWER:** DMSO — dimethyl sulfoxide — was very popular as a treatment for arthritic joints. It is rubbed on the skin over the aching joint. The Food and Drug Administration never approved it for that use, and that may be why it lost its appeal.

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

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## Prime Time Players

**ANTHONY DAVIS, KENTUCKY**  
Davis did it all in Kentucky's 83-74 win over Vanderbilt in Lexington. The freshman center scored a career-high 28 points (on 10-of-11 shooting), grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked five shots. Davis remains in a two-man race with Kansas' Thomas Robinson for National Player of the Year honors.

**THOMAS ROBINSON, KANSAS**  
Hours after Davis' breathtaking performance against Vanderbilt, Robinson countered with a 28-point, 12-rebound effort as Kansas rallied from 19 points down in the second half to beat Missouri in overtime before a frenzied crowd in Lawrence. Robinson sent the game into OT by converting a 3-point play with 8.3 seconds remaining in regulation.

**MARCUS DEMMON, MISSOURI**  
His team came up short, but Demmon once again was tremendous in the clutch for Missouri. The senior guard scored 29 points, including five in the final seconds of overtime. In two games against rival Kansas, Demmon scored 57 points and hit 20-of-31 shots from the field.

**SCOTT CHRISTOPHERSON, IOWA STATE**  
One of the few non-transfers on Fred Hoberg's Iowa State club, Christopherson played a season-high 29 points to lead the Cyclones to a huge road win at Kansas State. Christopherson hit 10-of-13 from the field, including all five shots from beyond the arc.

**LADDONTEAE HENTON, PROVIDENCE**  
Henton scored 24 points and grabbed a season-high 15 rebounds in Providence led on for a 73-71 win at DePaul. Henton, a freshman swingman, buried an 18-foot jump shot with 1.7 seconds remaining to give the Friars their first win since Feb. 1.

**KENT BAZEMORE, OLD DOMINION**  
Bazemore had a huge game for the Monarchs — he scored a career-high 37 points and grabbed 12 boards — but it wasn't enough to beat surging Drake. The Dragons closed out the regular season with a school record 17th straight win, holding on to beat ODU, 73-72.

**BRADFORD BURGESS, VCU**  
One of the few holdovers from VCU's 2011 Final Four team, Burgess scored a season-high 31 points to lead the Rams to an 89-77 win over rival George Mason in the regular-season finale for both teams. VCU, 15-3 in the CAA, will be the No. 2 seed in the upcoming conference tournament.

**JOHN SHURNA, NORTHWESTERN**  
Northwestern bounced back from an excruciating overtime loss at home against Michigan to defeat Penn State, 87-86, on two Shurna free throws with 2.6 seconds remaining. Shurna led the Cats with 23 points and six assists.

**GARRETT SIM, OREGON**  
Playing in his final Civil War vs. rival Oregon State, Sim, a Portland native, scored a season-high 25 points (on 10-of-14 shooting) to lead the Ducks to a 74-73 win in Corvallis. Oregon has played its way onto the NCAA Tournament bubble by winning four of its last five games.

**CAMERON MOORE, UAB**  
The Blazers' senior center scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as UAB held on for a 61-57 win at East Carolina. Moore has had a double-double in seven of his last eight games.

**CHRIS JOHNSON, DAYTON**  
Dayton kept its NCAA Tournament hopes alive with a dominating 76-43 win over Massachusetts. Johnson scored 20 points and had 20 points and 11 rebounds.

**MOE HARKLESS, ST. JOHN'S**  
St. John's picked up its first win of the season vs. a ranked team, Topseed red-hot Notre Dame, 61-58, at Madison Square Garden. Harkless, a freshman from Queens, led the way for the young Red Storm with 22 points and nine rebounds.

**MATT GATENS, IOWA**  
Iowa's modest two-game winning streak ended at Illinois, but Gatens continued his hot shooting. The senior from Iowa City scored 22 points and hit 5-of-6 from beyond the arc over his last four games. Gatens is averaging 26.5 points and shooting an amazing 72.7 percent (24-of-33) from 3-point range.



Matt Gatens, Iowa



Garrett Stutz, Wichita State

## Athlon Sports Power Rankings

1. Kentucky (28-1) Anthony Davis shows he's far more than a shot-blocker. It's New Orleans-or-bust for the talented Orange.
2. Syracuse (29-1) The Spartans will be a popular pick to reach Final Four. KU ends the Border War series in grand fashion.
3. Michigan State (24-5) Duke escapes in overtime vs. Virginia Tech.
4. Kansas (25-5) Heels are ultra-talented, will have to prove it in March. Tigers have to put collapse at KU behind them.
5. Duke (25-4) Eagles have been Golden in Big East play.
6. North Carolina (25-4) Buckeyes are struggling at the wrong time of the year. Not too many will trust the Bears in the NCAA tourney.
7. Missouri (25-4) Hoyas are the least-talked about top-15 team.
8. Marquette (24-5) Shakers will be a factor in March.
9. Ohio State (23-6) Valtran Badgers come through in clutch at Ohio State. IU makes a statement with impressive win at Minnesota.
10. Baylor (25-8) Cards complete season sweep over Pittsburgh.
11. Georgetown (22-6) Wolverines can't sustain positive momentum.
12. Wichita State (26-4) Badgers get some revenge with an easy win over TSU. Injury to big man Will Yugate will hurt the Gators.
13. Wisconsin (21-8) Mike Moser could become a household name.
14. Indiana (22-7) Seminoles play their way out of ACC title race.
15. Louisville (22-7) Fighting Irish have suddenly hit a cold spell.
16. Michigan (21-8) Cavs remain limited on the offensive end of the floor. Commodores go toe-to-toe with Kentucky in Rupp.
17. Murray State (28-1) Fran Dunphy's team is bent to win in March.
18. Florida (22-7) Royce White will be tough in the NCAA Tournament.
19. UNLV (24-6)
20. Florida State (19-9)
21. Notre Dame (20-10)
22. Virginia (21-7)
23. Vanderbilt (20-9)
24. Temple (22-8)
25. Iowa State (21-8)

\*Records and rankings are as of Feb. 27

## Weekend on Tap

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**  
**WEST VIRGINIA AT SOUTH FLORIDA**  
It's a matchup between two Big East bubble teams that would love to close the regular season with a win. It's hard to say which team needs this game more.

**PITTSBURGH AT CONNECTICUT**  
The Big East schedule-makers probably didn't envision that these two teams would have a combined 21 league losses (at least) on the final weekend of the season.

**OKLAHOMA STATE AT KANSAS STATE**  
Kansas State followed up wins at Baylor and Missouri by losing at home to Iowa State. Frank Martin is begging for more consistency from his team.

**SOUTHERN MISS AT MARSHALL**  
Southern Miss is on the verge of its first NCAA appearance since 1991. Winning at Marshall isn't a must, but the Golden Eagles could use another solid victory away from home.

**WASHINGTON AT UCLA**  
Washington will be tough for the Selection Committee to evaluate. The Huskies have plenty of talent but lack quality wins.

**GEORGETOWN AT MARQUETTE**  
Marquette has been one of the best teams in the nation over the past two months. Georgetown has the size to punish the Golden Eagles in the paint. This is an intriguing matchup.

**CINCINNATI AT VILLANOVA**  
The Wildcats have been living life on the bubble for the past two months. They took a big step forward with a win over Louisville but followed up with a one-point loss at South Florida.

**NORTHWESTERN AT IOWA**  
This could end up being the most important regular-season game in the history of Northwestern basketball. No pressure, Wildcats.

**VANDERBILT AT TENNESSEE**  
The Commodores rolled past Tennessee with ease in Nashville, but the Volunteers have been a tough out in Knoxville. The winner will be the outright ACC regular-season champ and earn the No. 1 seed in the league tournament.

**ALABAMA AT OLE MISS**  
Bama heads into the final week of the regular season playing its best basketball of the season. Barring a collapse, Anthony Grant will have the Tide in the NCAAs for the first time since '06.

**LOUISVILLE AT SYRACUSE**  
Louisville had Big East bully Syracuse on the ropes at the Yum Center, but committed some costly turnovers late in the game. The Cards will have to be nearly perfect to win in Dome.

**ARKANSAS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
The Bulldogs' late-season slide has put them in must-win mode. Arkansas beat State by 10 in Fayetteville, but the Hogs have struggled mightily on the road.

**SETON HALL AT DEPAUL**  
This is a tough spot for Seton Hall. A win at DePaul does nothing to enhance its NCAA Tournament profile, but a loss would prove fatal.

**SAN DIEGO STATE AT TCU**  
Fort Worth has suddenly become one of the tougher places to play on the MWC circuit. The Frogs have defeated Colorado State, UNLV and New Mexico in consecutive home games.

**NORTH CAROLINA AT DUKE**  
The stakes couldn't be higher when these two arch-rivals get together Saturday night at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The winner will be the outright ACC regular-season champ and earn the No. 1 seed in the league tournament.

**TEXAS AT KANSAS**  
Texas can wrap up an at-large invite with a win over Kansas in Lawrence. That, obviously, is no easy task. The Longhorns' next likely win will be the Big 12 Tournament needing to win a few games to feel good about their NCAA chances.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**  
**KENTUCKY AT FLORIDA**  
Kentucky has already wrapped up the SEC title, but it's always fun when the Wildcats and Gators get together in Gainesville. Florida could improve its seed a spot or two with a win.

**ILLINOIS AT WISCONSIN**  
The Fighting Illini could play their way back onto the bubble with a win in Madison, but this team has done nothing to indicate that it's good enough to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center.

**VIRGINIA AT MARSHALL**  
The Cavaliers are secure for now, but they could put themselves in an uncomfortable spot with losses to Florida State on Thursday and Maryland on Sunday.

**OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN STATE**  
Ohio State has already clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title. A second win over the Buckeyes could wrap up a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

**PURDUE AT INDIANA**  
Purdue has played its way into the NCAA Tournament by winning four of its last five games. The Boilers would love to get some revenge after losing to IU in West Lafayette in early February.

**ND STATE AT VIRGINIA TECH**  
NC State has faded down the stretch, but the Wolfpack still have a pulse. Things can get interesting if they can beat Miami at home on Wednesday and close with a victory at Tech.

## Ask the Editors

### Pressure's on WVU, Northwestern

Which team is under the most pressure in this final week of the regular season?

**Patrick Snow:** I think the West Virginia Mountaineers are under a ton of pressure if they want to make a fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. Bob Huggins' club is currently tied for ninth in the rough Big East, and WVU has not been playing quality ball down the stretch. After starting the season at 15-5 overall and 5-2 in league play, the Mountaineers have lost seven of their last nine games. Those seven defeats include four home games, and WVU suffered a very tough loss last Friday after blowing an 11-point halftime lead against Marquette. Seniors Truick Bryant and Kevin Jones have led the team all season but have been inconsistent lately. WVU travels to South Florida on Saturday to face a Bulls club that has been very tough this season. A quality road win in the last regular-season game could be the difference-maker in getting the Mountaineers off the bubble, instead of missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since Huggins' return to Morgantown.

**Mitch Light:** There's a bunch of options here, but I will go with Northwestern, which is scratching and clawing to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. The Wildcats are currently 17-11 overall and 7-9 in the Big Ten with an RPI of 43. They closed the regular season with a home date with Ohio State on Wednesday and a tricky road game at Iowa on Saturday. If they beat Ohio State, they will be a virtual lock for the tournament. If not, however, Bill Carmody's club will head to Iowa City in must-win mode against an Iowa team that beat Indiana and Wisconsin in its last two home games. There's no denying that this will be a stressful week for everyone associated with Northwestern basketball.

**What conference tournament are you the most looking forward to?**  
**Nathan Rush:** The SEC Tournament is must-see TV. Kentucky is the



Kevin Jones has been terrific as a senior, but his West Virginia Mountaineers are in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007.

prohibitive favorite to win the national championship. But can the Wildcats cruise to the SEC crown, as they have in each of John Calipari's first two seasons at UK? If they are tested in a do-or-die tournament setting, how will Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and the young Cats react? Also, the SEC is two of the more intriguing NCAA Tournament wild cards. Both Florida and Vanderbilt have the firepower to make a run in March. But if the Gators and Commodores don't get hot at the right time, either (or both) could easily stagger early in the Dance. UF and VT are hot or miss. But which is it? Then there's Alabama, a well-coached club that can stifle just about any offense on the right night. There is plenty of NCAA Tournament insight to be gleaned from the SEC Tournament — which,

coincidentally, is in New Orleans, the site of this year's Final Four.

**Mitch Light:** I think the Missouri Valley Tournament in St. Louis — or A-10 Madness, as its called — will be fun to watch. The league has two very good teams at the top in Wichita State (16-2) and Creighton (14-4) and then an incredible balance with five teams finishing in a tie for third place at 9-9 in the league. Wichita State is the obvious favorite, but Creighton boasts the Valley's best player in sophomore forward Doug McDermott, the son of head coach Greg McDermott. Looking for a sleeper? Indiana State was a bit of a disappointment this season with an 8-10 league record, but Greg Lansing's club returns most of the key players from last year's team that won the MVC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAAs.

## Athlon Board of Experts

This week's Game's Experts' Picks	Mitchell Light	Bradren Gall	Nathan Rush	Patrick Snow	Steven Lassin	Consensus
West Virginia at South Florida	West Virginia by 3	South Florida by 1	West Virginia by 3	South Florida by 4	South Florida by 1	South Florida by 1
Georgetown at Marquette	Marquette by 2	Marquette by 2	Marquette by 2	Marquette by 2	Marquette by 2	Marquette by 2
Cincinnati vs Villanova	Cincinnati by 2	Villanova by 1	Villanova by 1	Villanova by 1	Villanova by 1	Villanova by 1
Northwestern at Iowa	Iowa by 7	Iowa by 1	Northwestern by 2	Iowa by 2	Iowa by 2	Iowa by 2
Vanderbilt at Tennessee	Tennessee by 5	Tennessee by 2	Tennessee by 2	Vanderbilt by 2	Vanderbilt by 2	Vanderbilt by 2
Louisville at Syracuse	Syracuse by 5	Syracuse by 10	Syracuse by 5	Syracuse by 6	Syracuse by 6	Syracuse by 6
North Carolina at Duke	North Carolina by 4	North Carolina by 3	North Carolina by 3	North Carolina by 3	Duke by 1	North Carolina by 2
Kentucky at Florida	Kentucky by 10	Kentucky by 10	Kentucky by 10	Kentucky by 3	Kentucky by 9	Kentucky by 9
Ohio State at Michigan State	Ohio State by 3	Michigan State by 3	Michigan State by 2	Michigan State by 3	Michigan State by 3	Michigan State by 3
Purdue at Indiana	Indiana by 3	Indiana by 4	Indiana by 4	Indiana by 1	Indiana by 4	Indiana by 3

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