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## State moves to oust Hager

### Superintendent is accused of "willful neglect"

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Kentucky Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen began ouster proceedings against Floyd County School Superintendent Ron Hager Thursday by accusing Hager of willful neglect of duty and misconduct in office.

The written charges were presented to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Thursday morning when they resumed their March meeting.

State officials said "it would be futile to bring these charges to the attention of board members in Floyd County because charges may be brought" against members of the Floyd County board.

Stephen D. Wolnitzek, legal counsel for Dr. Boysen, gave the state board a summary of the charges against Hager, which were the result of an investigation by the state's Office of Education Accountability. Charges were also brought against board members in Hart County, Elliott County and Letcher County.

"Other potential charges could be filed against board members and school personnel in these specific districts and we will be prepared to file them at a time scheduled when a summary hearing is set," Wolnitzek said. "We ask that a summary hearing be called by the state board to take place no less than 10 days (after) those charged have copies of the charges served on them."

Wolnitzek said charges against Hager are sufficient to warrant his suspension from office at the summary hearing that was set for April 10

at 9 a.m. at the state board office in Frankfort.

Hager could not be reached Thursday to comment on the charges levied against him.

OEA investigator Steve Yater told the state board Thursday that OEA's investigation into the Floyd County School District was by no means complete.

"Everyone is aware of the investigation into the Floyd County and Letcher County school systems," Yater said. "These charges in no way mean that our investigation is over.

They are continuing."

Yater told the Times that OEA's investigation into the districts would be "broadened" and "ongoing."

Yater also explained that Boysen's charges did not prevent the local board of education from taking action against Hager.

"KRS 160.350 does not preclude the local board from adopting the same charges against Hager and seeking his removal from office," Yater said.

Yater did not elaborate on what other charges could be filed or which

board members or school personnel might be implicated.

Charges against Hager claim he filed fraudulent annual financial reports in 1989 and 1990; failed to follow appropriate bidding procedures and laws; allowed the operation of an illegal bingo game to continue at Prestonsburg High School for four years; failed to ensure interest payments on two major construction accounts; and failed to address the filing of a false financial report by

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## Official says school 'wasn't designed for telephones'

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Construction woes at the new Left Beaver High School continue with an announcement at Tuesday's school board meeting that the facility had "not been designed for computers and telephones."

Byron Hughes, representing Martin Engineering and Construction, the construction manager firm on the project, told the Floyd County Board of Education Tuesday that the school building lacked accommodations for computers and telephones.

"I know it's hard to believe," Hughes told the board.

Superintendent Ron Hager told the board that the district would receive "about a million bucks" in state technology funds in the next biennium to ensure each school is equipped with the necessary hardware for computers.

Hughes also told the board that several contractor's had not fulfilled their contract requirements on the Left Beaver project, concerning a fire suppression system and defective bar joists.

Apparently, Lexington Fire Pro-

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## Bull Creek meeting is set for Saturday

Bull Creek residents are invited to attend a public meeting this Saturday to discuss a proposal to incorporate a new Floyd County city.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 14 at the New Hope Church.

Bull Creek resident Dickie Hall has proposed the formation of a new city as an alternative to a proposal that the area be annexed by the city of Prestonsburg.

## Use lower entrance

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Floyd County Firefighters Association are asking persons attending the boys 15th Regional Basketball Tournament at Allen Central to use the lower entrance at Eastern.

## Consultant is hired for Indian Hills renovation

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg Housing Authority members voted Wednesday to hire a consulting firm to oversee an \$850,000 renovation project at Indian Hills.

Sassie, a Paducah management consulting firm, was picked to oversee the project and the company scored a 92 on a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) evaluation form.

Executive director Julia May told the board that HUD required the companies to be evaluated and that Sassie will act as a liaison between

the architect, engineer, HUD and the authority during the construction period of the project. The company will receive a maximum fee of \$36,500.

Board vice chairman Frank Heinze asked how the fee was set for the company and if their costs could exceed their contract.

"This sounds like a construction manager in this school business," Heinze said. "Can they receive more than the \$36,500?"

May explained that the concept is similar, but said that the company is paid on a percentage of completion

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"Free Mr. B."

Wheelwright High School students left their classrooms Thursday in a show of support for their principal, Lewis Berkheimer. Berkheimer has been suspended from his job pending the outcome of sexual abuse charges filed against him this week. (photo by Shawn Hamilton)

## Wheelwright students empty classrooms in show of support

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

All but about a dozen of Wheelwright High School's 218 students walked out of their classrooms Thursday in a show of support for their principal, who has been charged with sexually abusing a female student.

The students left school at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, setting up a picket line outside the school and vowing not to return to classes until principal Lewis Berkheimer is reinstated to his position.

Berkheimer was suspended with pay from his position at Tuesday's board meeting and will be reassigned to duties in the central office.

Floyd superintendent Ron Hager said Tuesday that Berkheimer, 45, was moved to the central office to "defuse the situation."

Hager said the move was "standard procedure" for any school employee arrested and charged with a crime allegedly involving a student. Hager said Berkheimer would remain in the central office until his case is resolved.

Berkheimer sent a written message to students Thursday, thanking them for their support but suggesting they return to their classrooms.

Frankie Francis, the district's director of buildings and grounds, will replace Berkheimer as principal at the school.

Berkheimer was originally charged March 6 with two misdemeanor counts of third degree sexual abuse for an incident that allegedly involved a 15-year-old juvenile. The charges were upgraded Tuesday to two felon-

any counts.

Berkheimer's attorney, John David Caudill, said Tuesday the alleged incidents were reportedly of a "touching" nature, but said his client denies any incidents occurred.

Court records say two separate incidents involving the juvenile occurred in November 1991 and on January 9. Caudill said it was "his understanding" that the juvenile involved was a student at the high school

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## Inez woman killed, Betsy Layne man uninjured in Parkway crash

A Floyd County truck driver was injured Tuesday in a traffic accident on the Mountain Parkway that left one person dead.

James B. Hays, 43, of Betsy Layne, was driving an oil tanker truck east of Campton in Wolfe County when it collided head-on with a car driven by Betty Jo Sluss of Inez.

Sluss was pronounced dead at the

scene. Hays was not injured.

Police reports said Sluss was driving west in a Cadillac when the car went out of control and struck a guardrail. The vehicle crossed the center line and collided head-on with the tanker truck.

The accident closed the parkway from Campton to Helechawa for over four hours.



Frankfort nights

Kentucky Opry director Billy Jean Osborne, left, Prestonsburg councilman Jerry Fannin and State Representative Greg Stumbo chatted Tuesday evening during a legislative reception sponsored by Big Sandy area Chambers of Commerce.

## Charges key on finances

Editor's note: The following is the complete and unedited text of charges filed Thursday against Floyd County superintendent Ronald Hager by Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen. Various references to exhibits are included in the text, but those exhibits have not been reproduced here.

### Statement of Charges

Comes Dr. Thomas C. Boysen, Chief State School Officer, in person and by counsel, pursuant to the provision of KRS 156.132, et. seq., and does hereby prefer the following written charges in support of the removal of Superintendent Ronald L. Hager, Floyd County School District, to the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dr. Thomas C. Boysen, Chief State School Officer, pursuant to KRS 156.132 (3), does hereby believe that submission of the charges contained herein to the district board of education would be futile since the nature of each and every count necessarily implicates some of the members of the present Floyd County Board of Education. Therefore, a fair and/or impartial and unbiased adjudication of these charges cannot be rendered by the Floyd County Board of Education as presently constituted, since there does, in fact, exist real and apparent conflicts of interest. Therefore, since submission of this matter would be futile pursuant to KRS 156.132 (3), said charges are directly submitted to the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education for adjudication.

Dr. Thomas C. Boysen, Chief State School Officer, does believe that Superintendent Ronald L. Hager is guilty of misconduct in office and willful neglect of duty, as specified in KRS 156.132 (1) (2) and as specifically enumerated upon herein.



Floyd County superintendent Ronald Hager had no comment Thursday of charges filed against him during a meeting of the state board of education. A hearing on those charges is set for April 10 in Frankfort.

FY 1990), (See exhibit 3 - FY 1991). These exhibits clearly demonstrate that in fiscal year ending 1989 and fiscal year ending 1990, no inclusion in Section 3 Accounts Payable was made as to the \$345,000.00. However, this amount was included as a payable in fiscal year ending 1991.

This payable, according to documentation and statement by Superintendent Ronald L. Hager, was known to represent an account payable as early as 1988. (See exhibit 4)

By letter dated August 25, 1989, attached hereto as Exhibit 5, Ronald L. Hager, Superintendent of the Floyd County School District, did direct to Dr. Edward F. Podrjky of the U.S. Department of Education, a cover letter and other documents which further indicated his knowledge of this item as a payable. Further, as can be ascertained by reviewing Exhibit 6, Superintendent Ronald L. Hager was directed a letter dated January 26, 1990, by Charles E. Hansen, acting director of the Impact Aid Program, United States Department of

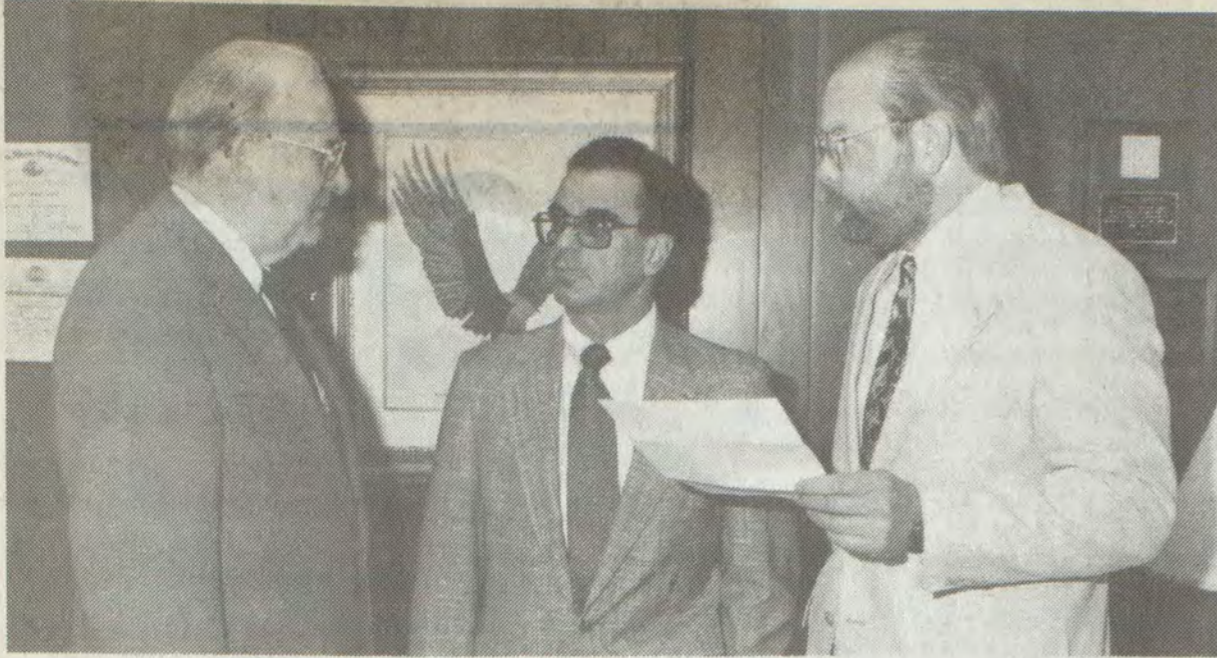
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Hager was specifically directed to refund to the U.S. Department of Education the amount of \$345,347.00 as an overpayment by the Federal Government. Without question, Superintendent Ronald L. Hager had direct knowledge that said overpayment was a payable for which the Floyd County School District was responsible and said payable should have, without question, been reflected in the Annual Financial Report for year ending June 30, 1990, filed and received by the Division of School District Finance on August 1, 1990.

Further, on or about August 21, 1990, some twenty (20) days after filing the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, Superintendent Hager, during a teacher strike occurring in Floyd County, caused to be circulated a document containing a list of some expenditures and obligations of the Floyd County School District. On page one (1) of that document circulated by Superintendent Hager, the U.S. Government Flood Refund of 1984 was listed as an obligation to the U.S. Government in the amount of \$345,347.00. This document clearly demonstrated, again, the knowledge of Superintendent Hager as to this payable in reference to the Annual Financial Reports of the Floyd County School District. (See exhibit 7).

In examining the Annual Financial Reports of fiscal years ending 1989-1990, it is ascertainable that the reason that this payable was not in-

(See Charges, page three)



**Paralegal studies**

Morehead State University's four-year degree program in paralegal studies has received final approval status for a five-year period from the American Bar Association, making it one of only 118 such programs out of 500 to achieve this distinction. Discussing the ABA's letter of notification with MSU President C. Nelson Grote, left, recently were James Dahiberg, right, MSU assistant professor of government who coordinates the program, and Morehead attorney Paul W. Blair, who chairs MSU's advisory committee for paralegal studies. (MSU photo by Eric Shindelbower)

**Board**

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tection Company has failed to complete their contract at the site and Hager asked that their bonding company be notified that the company is in default.

Board attorney Cliff Latta said he had contacted James Ellis, the project architect, and the company is not in "formal default" and the board had no authority to contact the bonding company.

Hughes said company representatives have not done work at the site "per se," but the shop drawings for the fire suppression system had been submitted to the engineering firm of Kaiser Taulbee.

The bar joist problem stemmed from a shipment of 13 joists from Wides Materials that were too short. Hughes said Wides refused to replace the joists because the company had built them to conform with the specifications.

The board agreed to purchase 13 correctly-sized joists for \$1,250 and will attempt to determine who was at fault concerning the wrong-sized joists.

The board also voted to extend a general work contract for B & J Construction for an additional six months on the Left Beaver project.

Company president Tom Ed Music asked for the extension to continue to provide security, sanitary facilities and water to the construction site. Music's request, which will cost \$3,571.43 per month, said gravel distribution at the site would "be extra."

A bit of good news concerning the project came in the form of a go-ahead to the architect to proceed with designing the physical education facility for the school.

Ellis is to complete the drawings within 45 days and submit them to the division of Facilities Management in Frankfort for approval.

Also discussed Tuesday was a proposal from Beaver Elkhorn Water District to locate a 220,000 gallon storage tank behind Allen Central High School to upgrade the system's water capacity for the area.

Homer Hall, representing Beaver Elkhorn, asked the board for an easement and a 75-foot tract of land behind the school where the tank will be located.

The tower will supply increased water pressure to Duff Elementary, Allen Central High School and a future middle school in the vicinity.

Latta said he would meet with district officials to prepare the necessary documents.

In other business, the board:

- approved a Josie D. Harkins School House Day to enable students

to donate to replace the tin roof of the school;

- approved a change order to McPeck General Contracting for \$49,500 at Duff Elementary;
- approved the summer food service program as submitted by the Department of Food Services;
- denied payment to J.M.K. Electric for work on Duff Elementary that was supposed to be performed by Lexington Fire Protection;

- eliminated positions in the remedial instruction department for grades 1-2 due to a projected funding shortfall in the 1992-93 school year; and
- awarded bids to Hylton Homes for \$3,500 to relocate mobile classrooms at Betsy Layne and to Martin Holbrook for \$19,500 to monitor and test eight underground storage tanks.

Personnel actions approved at Tuesday's meeting:

- Lewis Berkheimer, Wheelwright High School principal, placed on suspension with pay pending disposition of two first degree sexual abuse charges.
- ESS after school staff- Adams Middle School: Leslie Johnson, Misty L. Price, Crystal Thornsby and Amanda Tussey, student tutors. Al-

len Elementary: Reka Wood and Belinda Allen, teachers; and Allen Central High School: Judy Slone and Jeanie Smith, teachers.

- Certified substitute teachers- Melissa Jackson, Melanie P. Turner and Geneva Hamilton.
- Emergency substitute teachers- Aubrey O. Onkst, II, Stanley Tackett, Melissa Carter and Donna Landaw.
- Substitute teacher aides- Juanikki Frasure and Pamela H. Baker.
- Substitute custodians- Tony Hunter, Eddie D. Lewis and Jeffery Hunt.
- Temporary health clerks- Genia D. Hall, Anna L. Hunter and Angie Porter.
- Custodians- Marvin Salisburg at Duff Elementary to replace Danny Watkins who resigned.
- Leave of absence- Wendell L. Martin for the remainder of the 1991-92 school year.
- Resignation- Elvis Crum as custodian at Allen Elementary.

All board members attended Tuesday's meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the board was set for Tuesday, April 14 at Allen Elementary at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

**Pike board ordered to pay architect**

by Susan Allen Staff Writer

A Pike County Circuit Court judge ruled Tuesday that the Pike County Board of Education owes architect James Ellis over \$80,000 for work performed on Pike County Central High School.

Pike Circuit Judge Bayard Collier also ruled Tuesday that former State Auditor Bob Babbage's 1991 audit of school construction projects in Pike and Floyd counties was incorrect.

Ellis filed suit against the Pike County board in August seeking \$58,972.23 for services performed on the high school project. The school board stopped payments to Ellis after the state auditor released his report on school construction projects last May.

Babbage's report said that Ellis had been paid an \$108,270 advance on that project and that "it is bad policy to pay in advance for services on a school construction project."

An independent certified public

accountant was hired by the court to review the issue and found that Ellis was owed \$83,683.90 for work performed on the project.

The court called the Babbage Report's conclusions "in error" and "non-binding." The ruling also said those conclusions were "not supported by the evidence submitted."

The Pike County board agreed at their Tuesday meeting to pay Ellis and not appeal the decision, Phil Damron, Ellis' attorney said Wednesday.

Ellis said after the ruling that Babbage's report "had been damaging" to his firm's reputation statewide and that the "economic health" of his company had been wrongfully destroyed in a matter of months by the report.

"I am glad that the cloud of doubt regarding my firm's professional ethics has been eliminated," Ellis said.

Ellis is the architect for the Left Beaver High School project in Floyd County, which was also audited by Babbage in 1991.

**Renovation** — (Continued from page one)

basis without any up-front payment.

Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta concurred with Heinze saying that the authority did not want any "open-ended contracts."

May said the next step in the renovation project is to select an architect and engineer. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

Other companies submitting proposals were Laurel Run and Mr. Whipple. Laurel Run scored 72 in their evaluation and Mr. Whipple 87.

May said that Mr. Whipple and Sassic worked together on similar projects and either firm could oversee the construction. May noted that the companies were not required to

post a performance bond.

In other business, Latta informed the board that chairman Blaine Hall had resigned his post due to health reasons. Latta said a replacement could be named at the next meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council.

Council has to approve the appointment to the board.

The authority also agreed to adopt a resolution to honor Hall's service to the board.

Other action taken:

- approval of the authority's revised and operating budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year;
- wrote-off uncollectible tenant accounts and surplus equipment;
- agreed to solicit audit proposals from local firms; and
- approved a lease addendum prohibiting tenants from engaging in drug use and criminal activity.

The next scheduled meeting of the authority is Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Green Acres Housing Office. The meetings are open to the public.

**Berkheimer**

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and the alleged incidents occurred at the school.

Charges were brought against Berkheimer by Kentucky State Police detective Lynn Cross.

After Berkheimer's arrest, it was revealed that he pleaded guilty to contributing to the unruliness of a minor in 1976 when he was a teacher at Eastern High School in Reedsville, Ohio.

Ohio court records say Berkheimer encouraged a 17-year-old female student to run away from home. He served five months in a Cincinnati workhouse.

Caudill said Berkheimer's previous record had "absolutely nothing" to do with the allegations pending against him.

Berkheimer is scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd District Court on April 1.

**Ouster**

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the principal of Martin Elementary.

State law requires that a summary hearing be held by the state board not less than 20 days nor more than 30 days after the charges have been served.

Within 10 days after the receipt of the charges, the officer may notify the state board of his intention to appear and answer the charges.

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**Attention**

**Bull Creek Residents:**

A Special Meeting of Bull Creek Residents will be held **Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.** at the St. Martha's Catholic Church to discuss the annexation by City of Prestonsburg and the future of the Bull Creek area.

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**Teamsters Local 783**

will have a meeting for **Classified Employees** of the **Floyd County School Board.**

The meeting will be **Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m.** at **Mine Workers Hall in Estill.**

# Charges

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cluded in because the inclusion of the amount of \$345,347.00 would have made the Floyd County School District a financially deficit district for at least two (2) years consecutive. (See Exhibits 1 and 2 Recapitulation B Actual Balance or Deficit June 30). It should be noted that the inclusion for fiscal year ending June 30, 1991 of this amount, as contained in Section 3 Accounts Payable, the last part of that section in Exhibit 3, only occurred because of the receipt of the Floyd County School District of several million dollars of additional funding, as a result of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of July 13, 1990. This infusion of new funds into the district allowed this matter to be contained in the Annual Financial Report without creating a deficit for fiscal year ending 1991.

The net effect of the misrepresentation for at least the fiscal years ending 1989 and 1990, was to preclude the intervention of the State Department of Education and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education. See KRS 160.550. Had Superintendent Hager accurately represent the financial condition of the district, the State Board of Education and the Department of Education would have directly intervened in the financial operation of that district, pursuant to KRS 160.550 and would have, in fact, had the appropriate statutory authority to approve or deny a budget for this district in each of the fiscal years mentioned herein. In examining Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, it is necessary to note that Superintendent Ronald L. Hager did, in fact, affix his signature to each and every one of the Annual Financial Reports filed as exhibits herein.

The conduct of Superintendent Ronald L. Hager, in submitting these fraudulent Annual Financial Reports for fiscal year 1989 and 1990, constitute flagrant misconduct in office in violation of KRS 156.132 (1)(2) and constitute good and sufficient reason for his immediate removal from the Office of Superintendent Floyd County School District.

### Count 2

KRS 424.260 as amended, requires from July 13, 1990, that any contract lease or other agreement for materials, supplies, equipment, contractual services other than professional, involving the expenditure of more than \$10,000.00 first be publicly advertised for bid — with exceptions and applicable cases of emergencies upon certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the school district. Prior to July 13, 1990, the applicable amount was \$7,500.00.

From information provided by the Treasurer of the Floyd County School District, Russell Mont Frazier and based upon records located in the school district, it was ascertained that the Floyd County School District beginning on October 5, 1988 and continuing through December 1990, entered into security service contract agreements with five (5) different companies to wit: Collins Security Service, Prestonsburg High, \$1,260.00 per month; State Security, Melvin Elementary School, \$976.00 per month; Securities, Inc., Duff Elementary, Betsy Layne High and Allen Central High, \$3,106.00 per month; B & D Security, Garth and Bus Garage, Martin Elementary, \$2,433.60 per month; Thunderbolt, Betsy Layne Elementary, Clark Elementary, \$1,680.00 per month. (See Exhibits 8, 9, 10, and 11).

Exhibit 10, a contract for security services with B & D Security, owned and operated by Bill Dingus, attempts to qualify the providing of security services as "professional service contracts" as evidenced by Order #7632 Record of Board Proceedings, Floyd County School District, September 12, 1990. Each of the above exhibited contracts calls for surety bonds in amounts ranging from one hundred thousand to one million dollars.

Additionally, each of the above contracts were executed by Superintendent Ronald L. Hager and former Floyd County School District Board Chairman, Dr. James D. "Doc" Adams.

Superintendent Ronald L. Hager, on May 15, 1991, acknowledged that as to each and every one of the contracts mentioned hereinabove, not one of the security agencies contracted with had posted any security bonds per the terms of the contracts. Further, a review of the Floyd County Board Record of Proceedings and other documents pertaining thereto, do not indicate, pursuant to KRS 424.260, that bids were advertised or solicited by the Floyd County School District. Further review and evidence clearly indicate that prior to July 13, 1990, each and every one of the five (5) security companies were paid an amount in excess of \$7,500.00 per year; and from July 13, 1990 until approximately September 1991, as to the last contract in effect, amounts in

excess of \$10,000.00 per year were paid.

On or about May 15, 1991, when requested to provide information relative to any bidding as to any of the above contracts, Superintendent Ronald L. Hager could not provide any evidence or information or documentation indicating that any of the above contracts had been submitted for public bids, as is required under KRS 424.260.

Exhibit 12, a computer printout, lists the fiscal year 1990-91 payments as to the four (4) security contracts mentioned hereinabove. This information was provided by Floyd County School District Treasurer, Russell Mont Frazier. Exhibit 13, is a recapitulation of the security service prepared and provided by Floyd County School District Treasurer, Russell Mont Frazier, indicating the monthly payments to each of the security companies mentioned hereinabove. That exhibit, indicates total security payments per month of \$9,455.60 (See Exhibits 12 and 13).

Failure of the superintendent to observe and follow appropriate bidding procedures and law were again addressed by the auditors of the Floyd County School District issued thereon in their report dated February 10, 1992, and specifically noted on pages 3-5 of that report attached hereto and marked as Exhibit 14.

Interviews conducted with Superintendent Ronald L. Hager and Floyd County School District Treasurer, Russell Monte Frazier, as well as those exhibits contained in the central offices of the Floyd County School District, conclusively establish that no public bids, in accordance with applicable statutes, were ever advertised concerning these five (5) security agreements. The total amounts expended over the period of time mentioned hereinabove, exceeds \$120,000.00 per year. These expenditures and the services rendered do not constitute a "professional services exception" to KRS 424.260, thus constituting a violation of KRS 424.260, which in and of itself constitutes misconduct in office by Superintendent Ronald L. Hager. Such misconduct in office is violative of KRS 156.132 and constitutes good and sufficient cause for the removal of Superintendent Ronald L. Hager from office.

### Count 3

KRS 160.370 describes the superintendent of the school district as the executive agent of the board and also prescribes the duties incumbent upon that superintendent. Among other things, KRS 160.370 states "As executive officer of the board, the superintendent shall see that the laws relating to the schools, the bylaws, rules and regulations of the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education, and regulations and policies of the District Board of Education, are carried into effect...He shall have general supervision, subject to the control of the Board of Education, of the general conduct of the schools, the course of instruction, the discipline of pupils, and the management of business affairs." (Emphasis Added) (See also KRS 160.390).

Superintendent Ronald L. Hager has failed to properly attend to the management of the business affairs of the Floyd County School District in that he has willfully neglected his duty as follows:

A. (See Exhibit 14 and 15) Has allowed the continuous operation of at least one (1) illegal bingo game for a period of four (4) years at the Prestonsburg High School and has failed to require an internal accounting of all funds so derived from these illegal games pursuant to 702 KAR 3:130.

B. (See Exhibit 14, pages 5-6) Has failed to ensure the payment of interest on the average daily balances of two (2) major construction accounts maintained by the school district for a period of time of approximately three (3) years, thus depriving the school district of at least seventy to eighty thousand dollars for a single twelve (12) month period ending in approximately of March 1991 and potentially a total amount in excess of \$250,000.00 over the period of time the accounts were maintained without the payment of interest.

C. Superintendent Ronald L. Hager failed to timely address and correct the filing of a false year end financial report by a principal of one of the schools in his district, i.e. (William Hughes - Martin Elementary School), whereupon Hughes misrepresented the financial condition of his school as solvent when in fact, a deficit of over \$18,000.00 existed.

A. **Illegal Bingo Game**  
702 KAR 3:130, which is a regulation of the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education, requires an internal accounting as to internal accounts maintained within a school district. A copy of that regulation is attached hereto and marked

as Exhibit 15. KRS 528.010 through 528.140, as amended, requires that any and all charitable gaming follow the procedures set forth and encompassed within this section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. (See Exhibit 16). As can be ascertained by a review of these statutes, charitable organizations are subject to strict accounting standards, as well as accountability for participants, monies received and expended, locations where activities are conducted, as well as registration with the county court clerk in the county in which such activity is conducted. Additionally, quarterly reports and federal tax exempt status are also required.

Beginning in March 1987, in what was known initially as the "Prestonsburg High School bingo Association" and more recently known as the "Prestonsburg Academic Athletic Association," regular weekly bingo games were conducted which did not cease until approximately April 1991. Investigation and review of all appropriate information and records clearly indicate that the

Internal Revenue Service of the United States of America had no record or had granted no exemption to either one of the organizations named above for any period of time. Further investigation and review clearly indicate that the Floyd County clerk's office had no record of any registration by either of the above two (2) named organizations. Review of all information and records contained within the Floyd County School District central offices failed to indicate that any rental application or any other written agreement or consent, as to appropriate utilization of school facilities, was in existence between either of the two (2) above named organizations and the Floyd County School District. In fact, the policies of the Floyd County Board of Education clearly were not adhered to as to the operation of these "bingo games" at the Prestonsburg High School as to either one of the two above named organizations during any period of time from 1987 to 1991. (See Exhibit 17, partial Floyd County Board Policies) (Also, See

Exhibit 14, page 1).

As set out hereinabove in KRS 160.370, the superintendent is chief executive agent of the board of education and has the duty to attend to the business affairs of the school district. It is inconceivable that Superintendent Ronald L. Hager did not know of the continuous operation of the bingo games occurring at the Prestonsburg High School for a pe-

(See Charges, page five)

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# Viewpoint

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If you would rule the world quietly, you must keep it amused.

—Emerson

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

## Letters

Editor:

I am doing family research on the Bentley family from Floyd County, Kentucky. In particular, I am searching for any information, dates, articles anyone can offer on John Bentley; wife Eva Franklin; Robert Carlyle Bentley; wife Artie Hall, and also any information on Monroe Combs; wife Millie Amburgey, Jack Amburgey and wife Dora Hart.

If anyone knows whereabouts of burials of these people, descendants of them, photos or family history that was published in a book or a family bible please contact me.

Jennifer Bentley  
830 Hemlock St.  
Celina, Ohio 45822

Editor:

I am trying to find the following: A photograph of Troy Carroll and two or three other men made in the early 1920's. All of them standing on or in front of the old Will Steel store at the mouth of Big Branch, Little Mud Creek, Floyd Co., Ky. Troy is probably wearing a dark hat which is sitting back on his head. Bob Meade told me he saw the above picture some years before he died.

A photograph of Troy Carroll and Dollie Yates Carroll made on the Parsons Branch, Big Mud Creek, Floyd Co., Ky, in the early 1920's. They are standing side by side. Troy is dressed in dark pants and a t-shirt with a dark hat sitting back on his head, Dollie is wearing a dress and holding a small bunch of roses in her hand. This photograph was made by Bill Angel.

Editor:

What is wrong with the Floyd County Education System?

I served as president of the Wheelwright High School and Osborne Elementary P.T.A.s for 10 years. I served as president of the Floyd County P.T.A. Council for 10 years. I served as vice president of the Floyd County K.E.T. Board for 5 years. I also served on the Governor's Committee for Better Education and am an alumni of Alice Lloyd College. I served more than 20 years as the Mayor of the City of Wheelwright.

Based on the aforementioned credentials, I believe the trouble with the Floyd County Education System is not the fault of the superintendent but is the fault of the newly elected board members and chairman. If the chairman and board members would work with the superintendent instead of working against him, the county would have better education and building programs. After all, the students are the ones that are doing the suffering.

If any of the gentlemen I mentioned would want to discuss this matter with me, I would gladly meet with them and try to explain how the education system works!

Elmer Ferguson  
Former Mayor  
City of Wheelwright

Anyone knowing family traditions or stories on the Jarrell family of Arkansas, Bull Creek, and Prater or the location of the graves of Ansel Jarrell and Elizabeth Frasure, Ira Conn Sr. and Eleanor "Nellie" Jarrell, and Ira Conn Jr. and Rebecca Spears please write us.

I am compiling a history of the Parsons family of East Ky. I would like to contact descendants of Isaac Parsons and Louise "Louie" Dixon who moved from Ashe Co., NC to Floyd Co., KY shortly after the Civil war. Isaac was a Union soldier and served in TN. I am also interested in trying to get enough of Isaac and "Louie" descendants together to purchase a stone for their graves which are at present unmarked. Any help appreciated.

I am trying to find a photograph of William "Big Bill" Parsons and Susan Meade, daughter of Samuel Meade, of Floyd and Johnson Co., Ky, Mrs. Virginia Adkins Hoskins had a copy of this photo in her article on the Meade family in the Pike Co. Historical Papers. I also need information on the descendants of Lorenzo Dow Carroll and Valentine Yates of Floyd, Pike, and Johnson Co.

If anyone can help us, let us know.

Amos and Cornelius Carroll  
H.C. 77, Box 201  
Harold, KY 41635  
(606) 478-2338

## McConnell's Comments

Sen. Mitch McConnell

### New Energy Policy Good for Kentucky

I have long advocated a balanced energy policy for this nation—one which includes conservation measures and renewable energies, as well as more traditional domestic fuels like coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear power. Recently, the United States Senate overwhelmingly passed legislation that I believe moves us towards realization of such a policy. The National Energy Security Act of 1992, approved in the Senate by a margin of 94-4, provides a comprehensive national energy plan and contains several important initiatives for Kentucky.

The National Energy Security Act of 1992 promotes conservation by mandating that millions of cars and light trucks run on fuels other than gasoline, and by requiring that light bulbs, commercial heating, and air-conditioning equipment be more efficient. Government buildings, many private homes, and most electric motors would also become more energy efficient as a result of this legislation. The bill would also change the way that gas pipelines and nuclear power plants are licensed, making federal permits easier to obtain.

Several provisions of the bill specifically address vital energy and economic issues specific to Kentucky. The bill contains an amendment I offered to help Kentucky's small coal operators. This provision expands and updates the Small Operator's Assistance Program (SOAP), a program originally created to enable small surface coal operators who lack the resources of the large, diversified energy companies to be competitive in the coal industry. Changes in the

structure of the industry and the operation of coal markets has made much of the program obsolete. My amendment updates the program, making it more useful to more operators.

I also co-sponsored an amendment to expand the Department of Energy's Clean Coal Technology Program to overseas markets. By authorizing the United States to negotiate clean coal technology agreements with foreign governments, this provision will promote the export of American-made clean coal technologies and U.S. coal. In addition, the new energy bill will set up many new coal research programs to create new uses for coal, and will establish a new coal export program.

The National Energy Security Act will expand the nation's nuclear power industry and make this country's uranium enrichment industry more competitive. Both of these steps are vital to the Martin Marietta uranium enrichment facility in Paducah.

The National Energy Security Act of 1992 is certainly not perfect. Personally, I believe more could be done to lessen this nation's dangerous dependency on foreign oil. However, the bill is the first positive step Congress has made to establish a national energy policy and is a framework upon which to build in the future. Also, from a Kentucky point of view, the bill will boost important state industries. It is now up to the House to act. I encourage my colleagues in that body to act quickly and send President Bush an energy bill he can sign.

Editorial:

## A line in the sand ...

by Scott Perry

"A little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."  
—Thomas Jefferson

If the parents of some Floyd County students are to have a hand in managing their schools before 1996, they should take Mr. Jefferson's words to heart.

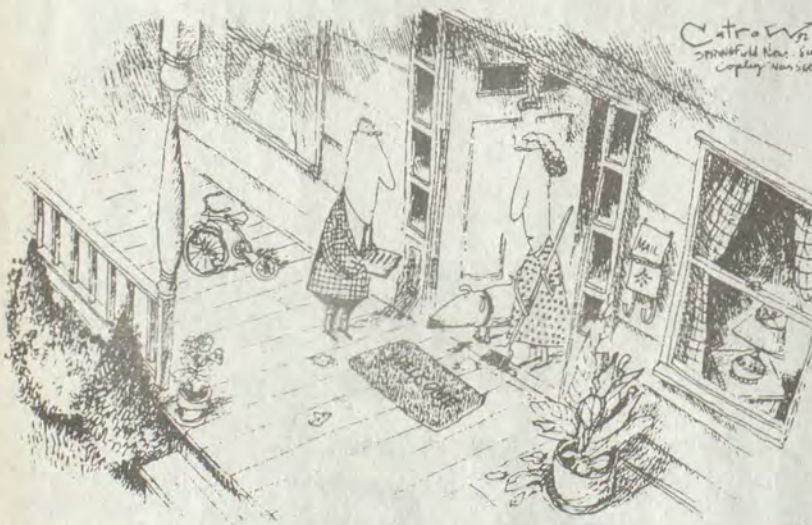
At several schools in Floyd County, parents are being told that their input isn't wanted, needed and won't be accepted before a state law makes school administrators implement site-based decision making at every school.

To their credit, some local schools wasted no time establishing site-based panels, committees which include parents, teachers and administrators in the process of governing individual schools.

But others are resisting any effort to dilute the traditional, oppressive methods of school administration which keep teachers submissive, parents at arms-length and education at the bottom of the barrel.

Until site-based decision making becomes mandatory in 1996, the responsibility for implementing local control falls to the faculties at individual schools. Votes at several schools have failed repeatedly and miserably.

It is time for parents to draw a line in the sand. If they aren't going to be invited to participate in governing their schools, they need to crash the party. A little rebellion, perhaps?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by the Floyd County Times.

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue.

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Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

# Charges

riod of almost four (4) years. These games continued on a weekly basis and were operated solely by the principal of the school, Robert May, and various teachers who were also employed at that time by the school district. If Superintendent Ronald L. Hager did not know, he should have known. The failure of the superintendent and other school employees who operated this game to fully account for funds received in the operation of these games constitutes a violation of the above cited administrative regulation, as well as a clear violation of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, i.e. KRS 528.130, 528.140. This resulted in an illegal gaming operation being operated by school employees on school property in violation of federal tax laws, state gaming laws, and the board of education's policies relating to use of school facilities, as well as the state Board for elementary and Secondary Education's regulations concerning the accountability as to internal accounts. Superintendent Ronald L. Hager is guilty of willful neglect of duty in failing to enforce all of the above laws, regulations and policies of the applicable governing bodies.

## B. Failure to Require the Payment of Interest on School District Deposits

Among other duties, the treasurer of a board of education and the board of education itself, pursuant to KRS 160.560 and 160.570, have responsibilities and duties relating to the payment of interest on deposits of monies held by a local school district. However, as stated above in KRS 160.370, the superintendent as executive agent of the board of education also has the duty to attend to the business affairs of the school district.

In an audit of the Floyd County board of Education conducted for the year ending June 30, 1991, by Calvin D. Cranfill, Certified Public Accountant, and as reflected in his report issued to the Floyd County Board of

Education, dated February 10, 1992, it was clearly established that numerous accounts within the school district were non-interest bearing cash accounts. While the treasurer of that district has taken issue with some of the federal monies on deposit, nonetheless, no issue has been taken by anyone as two (2) major construction accounts being utilized by the district for periods of several years. These

accounts were only converted to interest bearing status as of March 1991, as reflected on page 6 of Exhibit 14. As stated in that audit, the construction accounts for the Left Beaver High School Project and the Allen Project were located at the First Guarantee Bank in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. According to Mr. Cranfill, these accounts maintained an average balance of \$1,818,421.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. Computations for several prior years were not made. However, based upon the balances indicated for that fiscal year only and assume a minimum interest rate of 3.5% for that year, Mr. Cranfill estimated the minimal sum of \$70,000.00 to 80,000.00 in lost revenue of the district for failure to maintain interest payments on the average daily balance of these two (2) accounts, and related to that fiscal year only. Both of these accounts, as records of the district indicate, were located at the First Guarantee Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, at least dating from July to August 1988. Reasonable calculations for prior years not computed by auditor Cranfill would clearly reveal, based upon details and sums carried in these accounts during the previous time period, that the sum of at least \$250,000.00 was lost to the district for the failure to maintain interest bearing accounts. This conduct constitutes willful neglect of duty.

## Failure to Timely Address False Financial Report

As reflected in the November 28, 1990 memorandum to Robert Coakly, Director of the Division of School District Finance, Principal William Hughes of Martin Elementary School in Floyd County, Kentucky, signed a 1989-90 Annual Financial Report for that school which showed a positive balance when there was in fact a deficit of at least \$14,121.00 (See Exhibit 18). The results of this audit and all that was contained therein was forwarded to the attention of Superintendent Ronald L. Hager shortly thereafter.

On or about April 18, 1991, Phillip B. Austin of the Office of Education Accountability in a telephone audit determined that the Martin Elementary School still had a deficit, which had not been paid, of \$18,204.00. This telephone audit was conducted by contacting vendors who were owed monies by the Martin

Elementary School. On or about May 23, 1991, Phillip B. Austin of the Office of Education Accountability met with Superintendent Ronald L. Hager and again directed his attention to this matter concerning the disciplinary actions that should have been taken concerning Mr. William Hughes, as well as addressing the continued deficit of Martin Elementary School.

The May 23, 1991 conference between Austin and Superintendent Hager was confirmed by a letter directed to Superintendent Hager on May 28, 1991, enclosing a list of creditors and amounts owed as of April 18, 1991. (See Exhibit 19). Again, one July 12, 1991, Austin contact by letter Superintendent Ronald L. Hager again requesting a report as to the status of Mr. Hughes, the unpaid vendors, and the Martin Elementary School deficit. (See Exhibit 20).

One July 29, 1991, a letter from Austin was directed to the attention of the Floyd County Board of Education Chairman, Ray "Shag" Campbell, outlining the entire chronology of this matter, and requesting that appropriate action be taken by the board to resolve this situation. (See Exhibit 21).

Finally, on August 6, 1991, Superintendent Ronald L. Hager responded to Mr. Austin by letter indicating that he had directed Hughes to submit a complete list of accounts payable of the Martin Elementary School and that he had mailed Hughes a written reprimand on July 26, 1991. Further, some nine (9) months after the audit performed by Mr. Billiter, as reflected in Exhibit 18, Superintendent Hager indicated that now, liabilities totaled \$21,126.50 as to Mr. Hughes and the Martin Elementary School. Also, it should be noted, that some eight (8) months after the fact was discovered by State Department of Education auditors, Superintendent Hager reported that a letter of reprimand was mailed to Mr. Hughes on July 26, 1991. Of special significance, however, Superintendent Hager ended his communication to Mr. Austin by indicating that he was awaiting the annual school audit to be completed by Helton, Linton, and Cranfill Company, CPA, (See Exhibit 14), to ascertain the true and accurate financial condition of the Martin Elementary School. [Emphasis Added]. (see Exhibit 22).

(Continued from page three)

When receiving the true and accurate financial condition of not only Martin Elementary School, but the district itself, as embodied in Exhibit 14 which is the result of the audit of Mr. Cranfill, it can be easily ascertained why the matter concerning the deficit of Martin Elementary School and Mr. Hughes was delayed for such a significant period of time. This delay and inaction manifested the deliberate and calculated failure of Superintendent Ronald L. Hager to properly attend to the business affairs of the Floyd County School District. This willful neglect of duty is good and sufficient cause for his removal.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to KRS 156.132 et. seq., as well as all other statutory and regulatory authority submitted herein, it is respectfully requested that the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education remove Superintendent Ronald L. Hager from office for willful neglect of duty and misconduct in office and further, conduct a summary proceeding in accordance with 701 KAR 5:050 for his immediate removal from the Office of Superintendent of the Floyd County School District. Respectfully submitted.

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## Educational Seminar

A Spring Educational Seminar sponsored by The Kentucky Society of Radiologic Technologists and The Appalachian Regional Society of Radiologic Technologists will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg on April 17, 18, and 19.

# Courthouse News

## SUITS FILED

*Editor's Note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt and represent only the claims of those filing the action.*

Dinah Salisbury Rogers v. Roy Rogers, dissolution of marriage; Dunbar Scott et al v. Stephanie Mullins, compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on February 6; Virginia Slone v. Anthony Castle et al, alleged child abuse; M & C & D Construction Company v. Robert Carpenter, alleged breach of duty;

Cathy Ousley v. James Ousley, dissolution of marriage; Brenda Joyce Slone v. Ronald Slone, dissolution of marriage;

Kathy Bentley v. Clarence Bentley, rescission of oral contract and return of \$85,000 plus interest and fees;

Teresa Stafford v. Jerald Stafford, dissolution of marriage;

General Motors Acceptance Corporation v. Chester Hunter, alleged debt of \$5,009.45, plus interest and fees; Ray D. Reynolds v. Elzie E. Spradlin et al, compensation for alleged injuries in an accident in Prestonsburg on March 5;

Richard Levin, M.D. v. Judy F. Newman, alleged debt of \$3,185.19 plus interest and fees; Chester Dale Johnson v. Sharon Norris Johnson, dissolution of marriage;

Deloris C. Bradley v. Kentucky Unemployment Commission et al, reverse order of Unemployment Commission and award unemployment benefits;

Opal Smith Slone v. Ted Slone, dissolution of marriage; Goldie Estep v. Sammy Hatcher et al, settlement of title;

Darlene Sexton v. Ronnie Sexton, dissolution of marriage; Mid-East Power Equipment Company Inc. v. Marty Spurlock, alleged debt of \$7,662.59 plus interest and fees;

Federal Insurance Company v. CSX Transportation Inc., alleged breach of agreement; Star Bank et al. v. Michael Hall et al, alleged debt of \$42,379.51, plus interest and fees.

## MARRIAGES

Angela Little, 18, of Weeksbury and Terry C. Hall, 19, of Bypro; Melinda G. Parsons, 21, of Honaker,

and Terry L. Williams, 24, of Pikeville;

Tina Gay Meecks, 26, of Boonscamp and Samuel Ray Hughes, 26, of Martin; Deborah Gwynen Henry, 43, of Mealley, and Glen O. Pelphrey, 47, of Paintsville;

Billie Sue Dotsen, 19, of Prestonsburg and William Ronald Newsome, 20, of Prestonsburg;

Patsy A. Lewis, 20, of Banner and Hershell G. Conley, 19, of Banner; Michelle Lynn Robinson, 14, of Allen, and James Edward Conn, 23, of Martin.

## Basic Arrhythmia Interpretation

Highlands Regional Medical Center will present a Basic Arrhythmia Interpretation on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the hospital.

The focus is on current cardiac arrhythmia interpretation and treatment modalities. Approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing for 16 contact hours.

For more information or to register, call Nancy Slone, R.N. education coordinator at Highlands Regional Medical Center at 886-8511, ext. 525.

## You are invited

A meet the candidates brunch has been scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lawrence County High School. The cost of this brunch is \$10.00 per person. This event has been planned as an opportunity for you to meet candidates for the upcoming election. As we have many candidates already committed to be present, we hope that you will plan to attend.

Reservations can be made by calling 673-3416 or 673-3125. This event is being hosted by the United Democratic Womens Club of Lawrence County. Everyone is welcome. Please come and get to know the candidates.

# School or Home Improvement

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# Church Directory

**AUXIER**

**Auxier Freewill Baptist Church,** Auxier; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.  
**Horn Chapel Methodist,** Auxier Rd.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

**BETSY LAYNE**

**Calvary Southern Baptist Church,** Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship & Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Lewis M. Walter.

**BLUE RIVER**

**Middle Creek Baptist Church,** Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

**DANA**

**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church,** Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hammond.

**EAST POINT**

**Free Pentecostal Church of God,** East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

**GARRETT**

**Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church,** Garrett; 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; 4th Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.  
**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist,** Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

**GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION**

**Landmark Church of God,** Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.  
**Community Freewill Baptist,** Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Jack DeRossett.

**GRETHEL**

**Grethel Baptist Church,** State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David L. Givens.

**HI HAT**

**The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat,** invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

**LANCER**

**Lancer Baptist Church,** Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.  
**Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist,** Water Gap-Lancer; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Nightly Service, 7:00; 4 Saturdays each month; Pastor Joe Coleman.

**MARTIN**

**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist,** Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Clinton Jones.

**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church,** Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** Rt. 80, Martin; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Relief Society/Priesthood, 10:15 a.m.; Sacrament Service, 11:20 a.m.

**First Assembly of God,** Martin; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vanucci.

**Faith Bible Church,** Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Martin and Don Crisp.

*He did not forget us when we were defeated; his love is eternal."*

• Psalms 136:23



Please join us in worship this Sunday.

**MIDDLE CREEK**

**Spurlock Bible Church,** Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

**WEEKSBURY**

**Free Pentecostal Church of God,** Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

**Weeksbury Church of Christ;** Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

**WHEELWRIGHT**

**Wheelwright United Methodist Church,** Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Roy A. Harlow.

**WEST PRESTONSBURG**

**Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church,** P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Frank Rowe.

**Faith Deliverance Tabernacle,** West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

**Morning Star Ministries Full Gospel Church,** Rt. 1428 (Old Rt. 23), between Allen and Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Hamilton.

**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church,** Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

**First Christian Church,** 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday: Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Hondel Adams.

**Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church;** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Clifford H. Austin.

**First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial),** 27 S. First Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Wor-

ship, 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Michael M. Taylor.

**Praise Assembly,** 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Services, Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Philip Robinson.  
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## Floyd County Literacy Council helps to wipe the slate clean

Illiteracy rates in the county are astounding — one in five Floyd countians has difficulty reading. However, help is available through the services of the Floyd County Literacy Council.

The Literacy Council, located in David, helps adult learners to improve their reading skills. About fifty adults who are enrolled in the program meet twice a week for about an hour and a half. The hours are flexible to meet the needs of both the students and their tutors, and there is no fee charged for adult literacy services. The Literacy Council works with the David School Adult Education Program and encourages their students who do not have a high school diploma to obtain an GED.

Currently, the program has about 30 active volunteer tutors. More are always needed to assist adults who desire a second chance to improve their skills.

"The volunteers are patient. They

take their own time — and talk with the students, too," said a student at the council who wishes to remain anonymous.

"I was scared and afraid," she said about her inability to decode the written language. "Now I feel good about myself."

Her story, written in her own words, follows:

### DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP

When I was a kid in grade school, my problems began in second grade when I was put into Special Education class. Those classes might be good for some kids, but they were not good for me. I feel that the school had to have so many kids in those classes in order to keep them going.

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dent, but I didn't learn what I needed to learn — even though I graduated from high school with a diploma. It really hurt me a lot because as I got older and went through life it was very hard for me.

All through life, up until now, I always hated myself because I couldn't do what I wanted to do. For example, I couldn't spell the words I wanted to spell. I felt really bad and ashamed of myself. I felt that I was stupid and I don't think that anyone should feel that way. I feel a lot better about myself now because I got help and feel that I am improving a lot.

So, don't think that there isn't anyone out there who cares because there is. Don't be afraid of yourself. You can get help, but you have got to help yourself first. Think of yourself and how much you can improve and feel better. If you get help I promise that you will feel much better about yourself.

If you decide that you want to help yourself, call 886-READ!



### Indiana homesteads

Shown, displaying their handmade Indiana homesteads are fourth grade students at Auxler Elementary School, are David Ousley, Kevin Wilcox, Jeffery Spears, Brandy Wells and Cassie Bays.

## Prestonsburg Elementary honor roll

### First grade — Terri Hall

3.00-3.99: Marsha Baize, Jessica Bryant, Matthew Caudill, Jason Collins, Tess Collins, Shanna Delph, Edward Goodwill, Jarrad Hicks, Sonny Hoskins, Amy Justice, Josh Miller, Josh Pennington, Sandy Prater, Angella Risner, Krystal Slone, Rebecca Spurlock, Ellen Stephens, Stephanie Webb, and Johanna Wilson.

### First grade — Gail Laferty

4.0: Joshua Ochala.  
3.00-3.99: Jeffrey Buchanan, Brandi Burchett, Cassie Caudill, Amanda Craft, Chris Crider, Josh Daniels, Patrick Goins, Courtney Halbert, Robert Hall, Jessie Hunter, Mallory Johnson, Kayla Justice, Trisha Kramer, Joey Lewis, Larry Marsillett, Brandon Neeley, Misty Payne, Joey Robinson, Rachel Salisbury, Jason Setser, and Tiffany Webb.

### First grade — Vicki S. Pack

4.0: Ashley Fish and Joey Willis.  
3.00-3.99: Pamela Compton, Courtney Conn, Joseph Harmon, Leslie Heinze, Danielle Hunt, John Earl Hunt, Landis Lane, Erin Majakey, Ashley Mitchell, Whitney Parsons, Falon Osborne, Rudy Michael Pennington, and Chris Walker.

### First grade — Tammy Stanley

4.0: Roy Hammonds.  
3.00-3.99: LaJohn Calhoun, Melissa Elkins, Sky Garten, Beverly Gunnels, Shawn Halfield, Joshua Hayton, Beth Hunt, April Keller, Krystle Lafferty, Maggie McCoy, Joshua Morgan, Miranda Morris, Tiffany Pack, Amy Sammons, Matt Setser, Regina Ward, and Gary Whitt.

### First grade — Diana Turner

4.0: Amanda Carroll.  
3.00-3.99: Wannie Allen, Caitlin Bentley, Lowell Brock, Patrick Burke, Josh Caudill, Adam Dixon, Josh Francis, Greg May, William Miller, Katherine Music, Jamie Rowland, David Setser, Jonathan Shepherd, and Missy Yates.

### First and second grade — Marthan Damron

4.0: Heath Chaffin, Nick Chaffin, Sarah Hill, Chris Jessen, and Balin Loftus, Angela Eppenbaugh, Brandon Gibson, Aaron Neeley, Kari Ross, Matt Turner, and Crystal Wright.  
3.00-3.99: Carly Bingham, Beth Barrett, Amanda Goble, Jason Goble, Samantha Hyde, April Jennings, Kevin Powers, Meredith Powers, Brandon Blair, Pan Pan Lu, and Zachary Slone.

### Second grade — Scott Tackett

3.00-3.99: John Allen, Crystal Burkhalter, Matthew Hall, Kevin Mullins, Kimberly Wright, Andrew Bennett, Jeffery Blackburn, Wanda Meadors, David Music and Brian Mullins.

### Second grade — Callie Carroll

3.00-3.99: Khristy Baril, Chris Barker, Bridget Bellamy, Heidi Caudill, Stephanie Dye, Tiffany Frasure, Rachelle Greer, Rebecca Nelson, Michael Ousley, Bryan Stewart, and Forrest Stephens.

### Second grade — Anne Howard

3.00-3.99: Daniel Bell, Jessica Blankenship, Lora Calhoun, Ashlee

Ellis, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, Criag Fleenor, Kayla Goble, Michael Hall, T. C. Hatfield, Stephanie Hicks, Christa Larson, Arnold Mosley, Stacy Sammons, Brian Shepherd, Chris Spriggs, Christopher Stephens, and Kim Tuttle.

### Second grade — Jennifer Skeans

4.0: Kisha Collins and Allison May.

3.00-3.99: Tequila Anderson, David Mikel Brown, Eric Burke, Elray Cline, Stephen Collins, Danielle Donahue, James Elliott, Mikeal Fannin, Lora Goble, Misty Hackworth, Andrew Howell, Jason Jarvis, Kenneth Kretzer, Brent McGuire, Daniel McKenzie, Rachel McKenzie, Reanna Morris, Stefanie Powers, Don Shepherd, Ashley Stephens, and Whitnee Willis.

### Second grade — Deborah Walker

4.0: Megan Barber, Jason Goble, Heather Goodman, Breanne Harmon, Brandon Haley, Ryan Martin, Allison Pack, and Telah Kay Watkins.

3.00-3.99: Jeff Allen, Joshua Baldrige, Rebecca Blackburn, Victoria Bowling, Donnie DeRossett, Sarah Dixon, Thomi Hicks, Ashley Hunter, Danny Layne, Brandon Maynard, Robert Shepherd, and Brian White.

### Third grade — Donna Collins

4.0: Brandon Branham, Courtney Collins, David Music, and Penelope Spradlin.

3.00-3.99: Jan Austin, Mike Campbell, Brian Collins, Bethany Crisp, Rebecca Justice, Jamie Laferty, Michael McDonald, Richard Neeley, Travis Stames, Brook Stinnett, and Bo Sturgill.

### Third grade — Debbie Derossset

3.00-3.99: Angela Adams, Jason Carroll, Tia Dobson, Crystal Fraley, Jason Johnson, and Jennifer Lafferty.

### Third grade — Bobby J. Hale

4.0: Nathan Hall and Matthew Tackett.

3.00-3.99: Anthony Burchett, Preston Combs, Nicholas Hager, Brittany Hites, Brandi Johnson, Lauren Majakey, Joshua Slone, Bethany Smith, and Carolyn Varney.

### Third grade — Betty Schuster

3.00-3.99: Keri Powers, Christy Brown, Jennifer Marsillett, Stacy Goble, Johnny Allen, Tracy Lewis, Brandy Wireman, Chris Martin, Matthew Clay, Wendy Turner, Ricky Joseph, Stephanie Prater, Jessica Kramer, Tony Garten, and Kendra Burke.

### Third grade — Marcella Slone

4.0: Amy Tackett and Iris Stumbo.  
3.00-3.99: Wesley Allen, Chasity Carr, Denise Caudill, Angela Howell, Lacy Hughes, Tiffany Ratcliff, Nicholas Ratliff, Travis Risner, Joe Rose, Jesse Sammons, Tina Spradlin, and Amanda Whitt.

### Third grade — Karen Pelphrey

3.00-3.99: Michala Walters.

### Fourth grade — Sandra Sue Martin

4.0: Margaret Damron, Heather Ousley, and Lois Rogers.

3.00-3.99: Alison Cavins, Phillip Elliott, J.D. Hatfield, Jennifer Eperson, Paul Goble, Rachael Isaac, Brandon Johnson, Craig Joseph, Mike Mascotti, Crystal Morgan, Amber Patton, and Drew Petry.

### Fourth grade — Kaye McGuire

4.0: Jason Burchett, Meredith Jarvis, Mary Prater, Jonathan Rice, and Morgan Stumbo.

3.00-3.99: Jennifer Blankenship, Craig Hubbard, Sara May, James J. Music, Emily Nelson, Martha Picklesimer, Misty Rowland, Lee Spriggs, Ashley Stanley, and Ashley Wilson.

### Fourth grade — Connie Parsons

3.00-3.99: Jeremy Caudill, William Holbrook, Ryan Howell, Bobby Justice, Jami McGuire, Robert Nelson, Kristin Raines, Crystal Sheffield, Shera Shelton, Shanna Shepherd, Jason Turan, Paige Tussey, Beth Walker, and Jennifer Willis.

### Fourth grade — Glessie Stumbo

4.0: Amanda Elliott, Brianna Shepherd, and Josh Turner.

3.00-3.99: Aaron Bingham, Stephanie Carr, Michael Collins, Amanda Cornette, Elisha Daniels, John Dixon, Ashley Fannin, Neil Fannin, Chris Frasure, Ashley Holbrook, Brett McCormick, Brent Meade, Leslie Setser, Amanda Shep-

herd, Jessica Shortridge, Denny Stephens, Rachael Vaughan, Kyle Waddle, and Sue Wright.

### Fifth grade — Paula Collins

4.0: Laura Neeley.  
3.00-3.99: Saleha Baddrudduja, Elizabeth Blackburn, Sheena Brock, Nick Butcher, Helena Conn, Adam Hall, April Lewis, Eric Price, Kimberly Slone, Jessica Stephens, Heather Tackett, and Phillip Webb.

### Fifth grade — Lori Letton

4.0: Sulma Bader and John Ortega.  
3.00-3.99: Andrea Conley, Jamie Gullett, Jason Goble, Tammy Goble, Ryan Hardee, Nathan Hyden, Angela McDonald, Erika McKinney, Jessica Marsillett, Russ Music, Choline Partington, and Staci Prater.

### Fifth grade — Sherrie Stone

4.0: Kelly Wells.  
3.00-3.99: Brett Bentley, Grant Castle, Dutsin Crisp, Samantha Ellis, Stephanie Hackworth, Amanda Jarrell, Tiffany Johnson, Eric Joseph, Nathaniel Linkey, Chris Prater, Jay Skeans, Robert Spradlin, and Jessica Young.

### Fifth grade — Joy Wells

4.0: Kimi Nunnery.  
3.00-3.99: Christy Allison, Joe Campbell, Jonathan Epperson, Kalen Harris, Lauren Hites, Kelly Hunt, Andi Ratliff, Lea Spradlin, and Jenny Wells.



### Dental Health Month

A life size sugar bug, a giant tooth, and a dentist carrying gifts all made National Children's Dental Health Month great fun at Prestonsburg Elementary School. Dr. Eddie Clark, Freeda Skeans as the tooth, and Robin Clark as the Sugar Bug, delighted the primary classes at Prestonsburg Elementary with a program on dental care. The children watched as Dr. Clark took a giant toothbrush and cleaned the sugar bug from the tooth during the 30 minute program. Jennifer Martin, school nurse from the Floyd County Board of Education, joined Dr. Clark and his staff in distributing a goody bag full of dental hygiene products to each child.

### Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics 4th Annual Spring Conference

The Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics will hold its Fourth Annual Spring Conference on Thursday, April 16, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Conference Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort. Conference check-in will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Center Foyer and the first session will start at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Conference Center and our after dinner speaker will be Ms. Jo Ann Mosier, mathematics consultant in the Office of Assessment and Accountability for the Kentucky Department of Education.

Fees for the conference will be as follows: \$10 for teachers (\$2 of this amount will be for your 1992-93 membership dues); \$8 for full time students, and fees for administrators have been waived. The executive committee is strongly encouraging administrators to attend this conference. The cost for dinner is included in your registration fee. Registration should be completed by Friday, April 3, 1992. Registration forms can be obtained from EKCTM members or by contacting Professor John D. Sammons at Prestonsburg Community College, (606) 886-3863.

Sessions for the conference should be excellent based upon the backgrounds and abilities of the speakers. Session speakers are as follows:

K-4 sessions speaker, Ms. Linda Mahanna—Linda Mahanna teaches in a K-4 primary setting at Hager Elementary of the Ashland Independent School System. This is a pilot program for the state and Linda is also involved in the math specialists program through the University of Kentucky which is funded by the

National Science Foundation. Linda currently is serving on the state Curriculum and Development Committee and last year was on the Social Studies Task Force for School Performance Standards.

5-8 sessions speaker, Dr. Alan Zollman—Dr. Zollman is an Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at the University of Kentucky where he teaches undergraduate and graduate mathematics methodology courses for the primary, middle, and secondary education programs. Dr. Zollman has numerous publications to his credit and has presented in excess of 100 papers, inservices, and keynote addresses.

9-12 sessions speaker, Ms. Jo Ann Mosier—Jo Ann Mosier is currently serving as the Mathematics Consultant in the Office of Assessment and Accountability. She has had extensive teaching experience and has been involved in several innovative curriculum development and teaching strategies projects. Jo Ann has been involved in teacher training programs geared to more effectively address the needs of "at risk" math students and to increase the mathematical power of all students.

College sessions speakers, Dr. Don Ryoiti and Ms. Ann Booth—Dr. Ryoiti is a college mathematics teacher at Eastern Kentucky University with current interest in the courses for prospective middle school mathematics teachers. Ann Booth is a high school mathematics teacher who is on leave from Lincoln County High School to teach precalculus on KET Star Channel.

## Essay can win Floyd County students \$1,000

Bob Babbage, Secretary of State, announced that Floyd County students have an opportunity to win as much as \$1,000 in slogan and essay contests sponsored by his office.

The two contests are open to students in grades nine through 12 and are on the topic of "Voting and Registration to Vote".

The top prize for the slogan contest is \$1,000. Second prize is \$500 and the third prize winner receives \$250, Babbage explained.

Winners of the essay contest in each grade will win a \$100 savings bond, Babbage said.

Contest information and entry forms have been mailed to each high school principal. All entries must be postmarked by April 8, 1992 to be eligible, Babbage said.

The contest is mandated by a law passed by the 1988 General Assembly, Babbage explained. It is an effort to encourage young people to become more informed and prepared to participate in the democratic process, he added.

Angie Parton of Beechwood High School won the \$1,000 prize in 1991 for her slogan "One Small Vote Can Make One Big Difference".

Jennifer Scott of Paul G. Blazer High School, won the \$500 prize for the slogan of "Voting: Where Free-

dom Meets Responsibility". Melissa Cupp of Greenup County High School won the \$250 prize for creating the slogan "Keep America in Shape, "Exercise" Your Right To Vote".

Essay winners in 1991 were Julie Salyer of Powell County, freshman; Anne Mahurin, a sophomore at North Hopkins High School in Madisonville; Lisa Tolliver, a junior at Nelson County High and senior Cynthia Marshall of Beechwood High.

Babbage notes that only 18 percent of the registered voters of the age 17 to 24 voted in the 1991 primary election. Only 19 percent of the males in the same age group voted.

Only 46 percent of all Kentucky voters participated in the last general election, Babbage said.

Over one million eligible registered voters failed to participate in the last general election in Kentucky, Babbage said. Nearly 800,000 more Kentuckians are eligible but are not registered to vote, he added.

"We must make every effort possible to open the doors to the democratic processes," Babbage said. "Many people say they feel far removed from their government and the decisions it makes. When you don't participate, you remove yourself even farther," he added.





**A class act**

Pictured above are some of the fourth grade students at Auxier Elementary learning the skills of acting and putting their best efforts forth as actors and actresses.

# Clark Elementary honor roll

## Second and third grade

**V. May**  
4.0: Joshua Yates  
3.0-3.9: Jeff Sosbee, Christy Shepherd, Justin Prater, Mark Hurd, Matthew Daniels, Kathy Conley, Mary Adams, Jessica Mayhan, Nickki Stumbo, Jacob Shepherd, and Jason Click.

**Third grade — Leslie**  
4.0: Jessica Evans and John Layne.  
3.0-3.9: Paul Turner, Tina Carroll, Kimberly Shepherd, Jessica Hale, Judith Bailey, Lyndsay Stewart, Virginia Hicks, and Erica Ousley.

**Third grade — Gayheart**  
4.0: Joshua Baisden, Amanda Shepherd, Jessica Thornsby, Emily Meyer and Tommy Greene.  
3.0-3.9: Travis Pitts, Cindi Ousley, Tabitha Nunemaker, Kristen Merion, Amiee Myers, Brooke Hicks, Ashley Slone, Sarah Allen, Amy Martin and

Judy Shepherd.  
**Fourth grade — Madden**  
4.0: Kyle Shepherd, Tabitha Shepherd, Greg Arnett, Jessica Ison, Michelle Risner, Amy Shepherd and Angie Muncy.

3.0-3.9: Michael Shepherd, Melanie Hackworth, Josh Kidd, Amanda Moore, Jennie Shepherd, Chad Wallen, Ashley Stephens and Josh Shepherd.

**Fourth grade — Smith**  
4.0: Greta Hicks, Tosha Mollett and Jennifer Shepherd.

3.0-3.9: Brandon Bentley, Larry Calhoun, Andrew Caudill, Sara Conley, George Hall, Heather Heater, Jeania Pigman, Brian Prater, Lula Shepherd, George Thornsby and Bethany Vaughn.

**Fourth grade — Hunsucker**  
4.0: Felisha Bradford, Daniel DeRossett, Christen Ousley, Leigh

Patton, Sheena Skeens, and Jennifer Woods.

3.0-3.9: Jesse DeRossett, Zachery Haywood, Evan Isaac, James Mullins and Ginger Shepherd.

**Fifth grade — Hunsucker**  
4.0: Ashley DeRossett, Serabeth Sammons and Jared Stephens.

3.0-3.9: Bambi Baisden, Lisa Layne, Shannon Mollette, Gabriel Shepherd, Crystal Slone.

**Fifth grade — Dingus**  
4.0: Chandra Click.

3.0-3.9: Angela Ferrell, Josh Hayes, Brandon Hicks, Matt Howard, Joanie Marsillett, Miranda Marsillett, April Ousley, David Ousley, Chris Poe, Sam Shepherd, Swayne Shortridge, Brandi Slone, Gary Slone, Mark Sosebee, Miranda Stanley, Jason Woods, and Lee Sparks.

**Fifth grade — Osborne**  
4.0: Rhonda Cornett, Kara Sammons, and Crystal Slone.

3.0-3.9: Rachel Cavins, Buck Combs, Stephanie Cooley, Timothy Johnson, Josh Ratliff, David Robinson, Ami Trimble, Stacy Slone, and Jessica Shepherd.  
Name omitted:  
Stacy Slone was inadvertently omitted from the 3.0 to 3.9 second six weeks honor roll at Clark Elementary

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## Auxier Elementary activities

Learning activities in the day of a student can vary greatly as Mrs. Bickford's grade four class at Auxier Elementary recently experienced. Under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Sherburne, students learned the art of acting and performing in front of an audience on a small scale. With some imagination and creativity, spring flowers came alive as students made themselves into flowers, bees, bugs, spiders, worms, cans of Raid and a watering can. Each had its own sound effects as the whishing of water could be heard coming from the watering can and the sound of bees buzzing around could also be heard while students from other classes watched and listened attentively.

Mrs. Sherburne, an actress and director who is sponsored by the Kentucky Arts Council/National Endowment of the Arts, demonstrated her own acting skills to the students in weekly lessons, in preparation for having students put on their own short skit. As was evidenced, students enjoyed being "freed" from desk learning and enjoyed being in the spotlight of acting.

From the world of acting, students turned their skills to another form of production, that of bringing past history into the present. While learning about the American Indians, students undertook recreating Indian homes as seen through the eyes of children. Students made some very realistic structures which included a clay hogan (an earth covered dwelling) and various types of cabins. In some instances these life-like homesteads included ponds, ramps, bushes and log piles for building fires indoors as well as out for cooking, while another cabin was made of natural materials, materials Indians probably would have used themselves.

As was evidenced, the lessons of acting and home construction not only generated students' interest but enhanced the learning process greatly.

### Academic winner

J. D. Adams Middle School Academic Team won in the Regional meet, with a sixth grader, Paul Jessen, placing in English Composition.

## Jessen wins geography bee at middle school

Ruth Jessen, an eighth grade student at Adams Middle School, won the school's geography bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the third annual National Geography Bee, which is being sponsored by National Geographic World, the Society's magazine for children, Amtrak, and Kudos Snack.

The bee was kicked off in thousands of schools around the United States, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The school winners, including Ruth Jessen will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible

to compete in their state bee on April 5.

The National Geographic Society with its co-sponsors will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., for state champions and their teacher escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee finals on May 22 and 23. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship; the second-place winner, a \$15,000 scholarship; and the third-place winner, a \$10,000 scholarship.

Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!" will moderate the national finals.

Ruth Jessen is the daughter of Tim and Elma Jessen.



### Spelling Bee winners

Students from Adams Middle School participated in the annual Floyd County Spelling Bee, and two sixth graders walked away with the school honors. Ann Hall, daughter of Gwendolyn and Calner Hall, placed second. Monica Majmundar, daughter of Mina and Gopal Majmundar won first place in the school spelling bee, and advanced to the County Bee where she placed second.



Kelly Wells

### Excellent is the word

E-x-c-e-l-l-e-n-t is the word used to describe the eight finalists who competed for the title of champion in the Prestonsburg Elementary School Spelling Bee. Each fourth and fifth grade class held competitions in their classrooms producing one winner per class who then met on Monday, February 3 to decide who would represent the school in the Floyd County Spelling Bee.

The fourth grade finalists were Lois Rogers, Jonathan Rice, Jason Turan, and Neil Fannin.

The finalists in the fifth grade were Sheena Brock, Sulma Baddardjia, Kelly Wells and Grant Castle.

The competition was fierce, but after several words, fifth grader Kelly Wells prevailed.

Kelly represented our school at the county spelling bee where she placed fourth. Kelly is the daughter of Jeff and Jeanie Wells of Prestonsburg.

### This week in history

On March 11-14, 1988, the Great Blizzard—raged through the eastern part of the U.S., killing 400 people...March 13, 1907, a financial panic and subsequent depression began in the U.S...March 12, 1912, the American Girl Guides was founded; the name was changed in 1913 to the Girl Scouts... March 9, 1933, the "100 days— special session of Congress began in which the New Deal social and economic measures were passed...March 11, 1941, the Lend-Lease Act was signed, providing \$7 billion in military credits for Great Britain March 12, 1947, President Truman asked Congress to aid Greece and Turkey to combat Communist terrorism in his "Truman Doctrine— ... March 12, 1956, massive resistance to the Supreme Court desegregation rulings was called for by 101 Southern congressmen...March 10, 1971, a Constitutional Amendment lowering the voting age to 18 in all elections was approved in the Senate by a vote of 94-0...March 9, 1991, Boris Yeltsin, president of Russia, urged democratic forces to declare war on the leadership ... which has led us into a quagmire— ... March 10, 1991, hundreds of thousands of Yeltsin's supporters demonstrated in Moscow and other cities ... March 10, 1991, all 21 former U.S POWs from the Persian Gulf War arrived at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland .. March 11, 1991, Gov. Charles (Buddy) Roemer 3rd of Louisiana announced that he was switching from the Democratic to the Republican party; he called the GOP "most open to new ideas, new thinking, new people "...March 13, 1991, as anti-government insurgencies spread inside Iraq, President Bush said that he was concerned about the use of helicopters to attack the rebels, which he called a violation of the cease fire . . March 15, 1991, the Commerce Dept. reported that producer prices for finished goods declined 0.6 percent in February.



**One step closer**

Ruth Jessen won the Adams Middle School Geography Bee and moves one step closer to winning a \$25,000 college scholarship.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of the City of Allen and the immediate area of Floyd County. The Kentucky Department of Local Government is accepting applications under the 1992 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection.

- A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- B. Estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds and plans providing assistance to those persons actually displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities.
- D. Records regarding past use of CDBG funds.
- E. A summary of other important program requirements.

The above information is available at the Allen City Hall as of March 9, 1992 through May 1, 1992 during regular business hours.

The City of Allen will hold two public hearings. The first hearing will be held on March 25, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Allen Fire Station. The main purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, past use of funds, program performance and to inform citizens that technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The second public hearing will be held on April 16, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the new Allen Fire Station. The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed application and to solicit public comments.

#### COMMENTS OF APPLICATION

A copy of the CDBG application will be on file at the Allen City Hall for citizen review and comment during business hours from April 16, 1992 thru May 1, 1992. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the Mayor until May 1, 1992.

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**A Look At Sports**  
by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

**CATS BEGIN NEW SEASON**

Today at 1 p.m. the Kentucky Wildcats will once again be allowed to take part in the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament, this year in Birmingham, Alabama. The absence of Kentucky in the past two tournaments has admittedly affected the gate receipts of the tournament and the other schools are ready to welcome the "Big Blue" back into the fold.

With the probation behind them and a very successful season, Kentucky will once again be able to be part of the field of 64 teams that will make up the NCAA tournament later this month.

With the return of the Wildcats to the fold, tickets to the classic have been hard to come by. SEC coaches are predicting that this year's tournament will be the best held in recent years because of the addition of Arkansas and South Carolina into the league.

Regardless how the Cats fare against the winner of the Mississippi State/Vanderbilt game, they are almost assured of a spot in the NCAA tournament.

But I sure bet that coach Rick Pitino would love to go into the spring classic with as high of a seed that his team could get. That will mean winning two first round games in the SEC tournament, something that will be difficult to do.

If you remember, the Cats just nipped the Bulldogs at Mississippi State. And if they do get by either State or Vanderbilt, then they will have to face LSU, a team that beat them soundly earlier.

Of course, tournament time is the time to forget what happened yesterday.

**ALLEN CENTRAL, MCDOWELL REPRESENTED US WELL**

The girls' regional basketball tournament is history and our two teams, Allen Central and McDowell, represented us well in the tournament. McDowell came on strong toward the end of the season and the talk is that they will be a solid contender next year. I agree.

Allen Central was a class act also. What fan support for a girls' basketball program. If we had fans to come out during the regular season like they did in the tournament, just think how it would inspire the girls to play harder.

"Allen Central is a fun team to watch," said board member Tommy Boyd. "Girl's basketball has come a long way here in the county."

That's right Tommy, but next year it will be even better. Allen Central, Betsy Layne, McDowell and Prestonsburg return almost all their teams from this year. Wheelwright was probably the hardest hit, with so many seniors.

We can compete against one another in county games but we have problems facing and beating the Pike County and Martin County teams. It's time that we have a state bound team.

**TOP TEN PRESEASON 15TH REGIONAL BASEBALL TEAMS**

1. BETSY LAYNE
2. PRESTONSBURG
3. PIKEVILLE
4. PAINTSVILLE
5. SHELDON CLARK
6. JOHNS CREEK
7. ALLEN CENTRAL
8. ELKHORN CITY
9. JOHNSON CENTRAL
10. SHELBY VALLEY

**BOBCATS, PRESTONSBURG SHOULD RULE**

Floyd County will be blessed with some good high school baseball teams this season. Betsy Layne should be the top team in the 15th Region and closely challenged by Prestonsburg and Pikeville.

A good year is expected when the season gets underway March 30. Each county team will be

(See A Look At Sports, A 12)

# Sheldon Clark wiggles off "hook" to defeat Allen Central

Ever have a big fish on the hook only to see it wiggle off when you just about had it out of the water?

The Allen Central Lady Rebels know the feeling. They had a big fish on the hook, Sheldon Clark, and saw them get away just when they were about to bring their season to an end.

The Lady Rebs of Bonita Compton played hard basketball until they just ran out of gas in the fourth quarter, losing to Sheldon Clark 53-47 in the semifinals of the girls' 15th Regional basketball tournament at Betsy Layne Wednesday night. Still, they fought on and almost came back against the top-ranked Lady Cardinals.

Sheldon Clark had taken a 48-35 lead in the final period with just 2:48 remaining in the game. The Lady Cardinals took the lead when they ran off 10 straight points when Allen Central went cold from the floor. The Lady

Rebels went over four minutes without scoring. Their last basket came with 6:16 left in the final quarter when Marsha Brown hit a six-footer to make it a 38-35 game.

Trailing 48-35, Angela Bailey hit a lay up with 2:02 remaining for a 48-37 game. Against Allen Central's full court press, Sheldon Clark turned the ball over and Staci Moore hit a three-pointer to cut the margin to eight points, 48-40. After a basket by Jackie Harless, Jenny Wiley scored on a short jumper and Brown drilled a three-pointer to narrow the lead to five points, 50-45. Five points was as close as Allen Central could get in losing 53-47.

It was all Allen Central in the first half of the game as they made Sheldon Clark play their game. Sheldon Clark came out with full court pressure and found that it was mistake. The Lady Rebels were patient on offense and ran their offense almost

to perfection in taking a 14-6 first quarter lead.

Bailey scored the first two points off the opening tip off and Harless tied the game with a short jumper. A free throw by Bailey and a three-foot jumper by Wiley gave Allen Central a 5-2 lead. The Lady Rebs led 12-6 on a three point basket by Brown.

While Sheldon Clark kept up the pressure defense and stayed in their zone, Allen Central ran around the press and drilled the three-pointers over the zone in taking a 21-9 lead as the Cardinal fans sat in unbelief. Sheldon Clark did come alive toward the end of the second period to score six unanswered points to close the lead to six points, 21-15, at the half.

Allen Central kept their six point lead until 2:40 left in the third quarter when Sheldon Clark ran off 11 consecutive points to go ahead 36-31 at the end of the third quarter. Technical fouls highlighted the third quarter of play when Sheldon Clark coach Robin Harmon was whistled for a technical for doing the "Kangaroo Hop" on the side line in protest of a call. Allen Central coach Bonita Compton received a "T" with 55 seconds remaining and her team trailing by only one point, 32-31. Sheldon Clark hit both free throws and then converted their next possession to take a five-point lead.

Some adversity gloomed the Allen Central bench when starting forward Jenny Yates walked off the floor into the dressing room just before

half time and returned to sit in the bleachers. Yates disappearing hurt the Allen Central bench and the five girls had to go the whole second half without any rest.

"We tired in the second half," said Coach Compton. Sheldon Clark

pulled out of their zone defense and went to a man-to-man that caused Allen Central to have to work harder thus tiring themselves out.

Yates had picked up her third

(See Sheldon Clark, A 12)



**Long View!**

Angela Bailey of Allen Central scored on this shot in the lane against Sheldon Clark Wednesday night. Bailey had 12 points in the game but her Lady Rebels lost 53-47 (photo by Ed Taylor)



**This shot was blocked!**

Jenny Wiley (34) of Allen Central had her shot blocked by Sheldon Clark's Cindy Horn during regional tournament play Wednesday night at Betsy Layne. The Lady Cardinals defeated the Lady Rebels 53-47. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**ALLEN CENTRAL (47)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bailey	5	0	9-2	12
Wiley	4	0	0-0	8
Moore	3	2	2-0	12
Brown	4	2	2-1	15

**SHELDON CLARK (53)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Horn	3	0	6-4	10
Harless	5	0	4-2	12
Horn	3	2	0-0	12
Kirk	2	0	2-2	6
Blackburn	4	0	4-3	11
Crum	0	0	7-2	2

S'CLARK..... 6 9 21 17 - 53  
CENTRAL..... 14 7 10 16 - 47

# Season ends for Lady Daredevils after 75-46 regional loss to Elkhorn City

The McDowell Lady Daredevils closed out their 1991-92 basketball season after falling to top-ranked Elkhorn City 75-46 in the first round of the girls' 15th Regional basketball tournament at Betsy Layne Tuesday night.

The Lady Cougar's full court pressure was just too much for the McDowell squad as they had several early turnovers against the press.

McDowell stayed with the winners of the 60th District through the first 13 minutes of the game. Elkhorn began to pull away and established a 29-16 lead with a minute left in the second stanza. Kristy Mullins' lay up with 5:10 left in the second period kept the Lady Devils close at 18-14. The Lady Cougars went on a 11-2 tear to take a 13-point advantage.

Elkhorn City used a 2-2-1 zone press that was full court and didn't allow McDowell any breathing room to get the ball inbounds let alone up the court. The Lady Daredevils were constantly throwing the ball away at the center court.

(See Lady Daredevils, A 13)

**MCDOWELL (46)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	2	0	0-0	4
Fannin	2	1	0-0	7
Howell	2	0	2-1	5
K. Mullins	2	0	0-0	4
N. Mullins	3	0	0-0	6
Hall	5	0	4-2	12
Shepherd	1	0	1-0	2
Brown	1	1	1-1	6

**ELKHORN CITY (75)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Cook	9	0	3-2	20
Little	4	0	0-0	8
Chaney	4	0	3-2	10
Swiney	10	0	3-2	22
Francisco	1	0	2-1	3
Cure	3	0	0-0	6
Vanover	3	0	0-0	6

MCDOWELL..... 8 10 12 16 - 46  
ELKHORN..... 10 23 21 21 - 75



**Makes good move to basket!**

Michelle Hall (21) of McDowell scored from underneath against Elkhorn City Tuesday night in 15th Regional basketball action. McDowell ended their season after losing 75-46 to the Lady Cougars. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Moore connects on four treys to lead Allen Central past Lady Pirates, 63-58

Allen Central's Staci Moore picked up where she left off in the finals of the 58th District tournament and drilled four three-pointers to lead the Lady Rebels to a 63-58 win over the Lady Pirates of Belfry in the first round of the girls' 15th Region basketball tournament at Betsy Layne Monday night.

Moore hit eight three-pointers against McDowell last Saturday night to give Allen Central their third district title. Moore finished with 18 points and Jenny Wiley added 16.

It was the third meeting between the two schools, with Allen Central winning the last two. While the Lady Rebels had an easy time with Belfry the last time the two met (a 20 point victory) it was more difficult this time around.

The Lady Rebels built a 10-point second quarter lead, 25-15, only to see the Lady Pirates come back.

Allen Central owned a two-point, 41-39, lead entering the fourth period of play. Heather Francis hit a lay up to open the quarter and tied the score 41-41. The game was tied at 43-all until Wiley's lay up and free throw gave Allen Central a 46-43 lead.

Belfry took their first lead since early in the first period at 47-46 on two free throws by Francis with 4:53 left in the game. Wiley connected on two free throws and Moore's three-pointer at the 4:07 mark gave the Lady Rebels a four-point cushion. Misty Stepp hit back to back baskets to tie the score at 51-51 with 3:12 on the clock. Barbara Lewis hit the front end of her two free throws to send Belfry back on top, 52-51. Jenny Yates reclaimed the lead for the Lady Rebs with two charity tosses, but Francis' free throw tied the game once again at 53-53.

It was Moore's long range shooting that kept Allen Central a step ahead of Belfry as she drilled another three-pointer with 1:11 remaining.

Wiley had a chance add to the lead but missed on two free throw attempts. Francis took the rebound and went down court and hit a short jumper for a 56-55 game.

Allen Central got a free throw from Moore, and Wiley grabbed a rebound when the second attempt was missed and stuck the ball back in the basket and the Lady Rebels were up 59-55 with 1:12 remaining.

Moore missed two free throws with 53 seconds remaining but Marsha Brown, the smallest player on the floor, grabbed the missed second attempt and was fouled. Brown connected on both tosses and a 61-55 Allen Central lead.

Brown hit again from the free throw line to extend the lead to seven points, 62-55, and with nine seconds remaining, Brown hit the front end of a bonus free throw for a 63-58 game.

Belfry jumped out to a 9-4 first quarter lead and led 12-8 with 3:12 to go in the first period. But Allen Central went on a 10-0 run that gave them a

**BELFRY (58)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Francis	8	1	6-5	24
Heflin	1	1	3-1	6
Landhum	1	0	1-0	2
Ryunon	3	0	4-1	7
Stepp	7	0	2-1	15
Lewis	1	0	0-0	2
Totten	1	0	1-0	2

**ALLEN CENTRAL (63)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Yates	2	0	6-4	8
Wiley	6	0	6-4	16
McKinney	3	0	2-2	8
Moore	1	4	7-4	18
Bailey	2	0	0-0	4
Brown	2	0	9-5	9

BELFRY..... 14 14 11 19 - 58  
CENTRAL..... 18 15 8 21 - 63

(See Moore, A 13)

### Shelby Valley will bring second worst record to tournament: but watch out

Next to the Betsy Layne Bobcats, the Shelby Valley Wildcats will bring the second worst overall record to the boys' 15th Regional basketball tournament that gets underway tonight at Allen Central High School.

The Wildcats will face a powerful and dangerous Sheldon Clark Cardinal basketball team that Elkhorn City coach Randy McCoy said "could walk through the tournament if they can play like they are capable."

One thing the Shelby Valley Wildcats have going for them is their coach, Bobby Osborne. Osborne is a veteran of the basketball wars and knows what it takes to come out a regional champion. So, forget his team's 15-15 record. Osborne has three regional titles under his belt, winning his first back in 1979 (as Virgie) with a win over Sheldon Clark and then coach Johnny Martin. The Wildcats have never won a regional title since they joined forces with the old Dorton High School in consolidation.

Junior Jeremy Johnson leads a Wildcat team that could very well be a tournament dark horse. Shelby Valley has a talented ballclub in players like Johnson that bring a boat load of talent into the tournament. Johnson can rebound very well and plays a hard nose defense. A solid outside player as well, Johnson likes the three-pointer.

Bobby Keys roams the block area for the Wildcats with Matt Baker and Chad Justice playing the forward spots. Rodney Kiser runs the ballclub at point guard.

The Cardinals are on a roll posting impressive wins over Johnson Central and Paintsville in the 57th District at Magoffin County. Like a lot of the regional teams, Sheldon Clark had their downtime but has peaked again and at a good time.

Sheldon Clark was a preseason pick by many to be the team to unseat the Belfry Pirates this year. Coach Roger Harless has his team playing the kind of basketball that wins championships.

Led by senior Kevin Fields (18 ppg), the Cardinals like to get the ball up the court in a hurry. Fields is the designated three-point shooter al-

though several Cards are talented also in that area.

Big "Mad" Max Hale (6' 8"), is averaging around 13 points per game but in a force on the inside. A great shot blocker, he intimidates those who wish to journey into the lanes.

From Sheldon Clark, to Paintsville and back again to Sheldon Clark, transplant Brad Tiller has certainly been an asset to the Cardinals on his return to Sheldon Clark. Tiller is averaging 10 points per game for Harless' ballclub.

Perhaps the most improved player over the final quarter of the season has been John Slone. Slone is averaging just over 16 points per game and has been scoring at a 22 ppg average in his last five games. Slone had his career high in the championship game of the 57th District tournament when he scored 28 points.

Shawn Hale rounds out the starting five for Sheldon Clark. Hale has already been chosen for the Kentucky Junior All-Star team. But Hale is more of a defensive player than offensive.

Off the Cardinal bench will be Brock Ward, Bobby Hale and Rusty Whitt.

Game time is 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Allen Central. Full bank of radio stations will be on hand to provide coverage for those not able to be in attendance.



### No, this is not aerobics!

Veronica McKinney (40) of Allen Central was guarded closely by Sheldon Clark's Cindy Horn as the two teams met in the semifinals of the girls 15th Regional basketball tournament Wednesday night. Allen Central fell 53-47. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Tigers accustomed to regional competition as they face Pikeville

Back in the mid 1980's the Paintsville Tigers dominated the 15th Region basketball tournament. The Tigers of coach Bill Mike Runyon won three consecutive titles beginning in 1985 and running through the 1987 season. So, winning regional basketball tournaments is not something new for Coach Runyon.

However, it is new for the group of Tiger performers that make up the squad today. Coach Runyon will bring his 15-12 Tigers to the J.E. Campbell arena for tonight's second game as they face Howard Wallen's Pikeville Panthers.

Despite a 15-12 record, Coach Runyon has a solid ballclub. Led by Brian Pinson, Paintsville is perhaps one of the better outside shooting teams that will enter tonight's tournament. Well disciplined and basketball smart, the Tigers suffered some costly losses personnel-wise earlier in the year but now seem to have made the necessary adjustments.

Along with the shooting touch of Pinson, comes the floor general of the Tigers, Wesley Ellis. Ellis is quick and reads the defense as well as any point guard in the tournament. A solid performer, Ellis shoots very well from the outside.

Dwayne McKenzie, one of the personnel who was lost, is back and seems to be playing his way back into shape. A very good player with good court awareness. Good inside player as well.

Kaito Bangudi will fill the post area for the Tigers. Bangudi roams the block area and is a big intimidator inside. An excellent shot blocker, Bangudi rebounds with the best of them. Scoring wise, Bangudi is not consistent. The loss of Brad Tiler

(back to Sheldon Clark) has taken some sting out of the Tigers lineup.

Pikeville will showcase the second best player in the 15th Region by the votes of many of the fans. Murray Garvin is probably rivaled only by J.J. Hylton of Belfry as the top player. Garvin can do it all. Shoot, rebound, play defense and run the breaks.

A solid player in all phases but his one weakness is that he is foul prone. Garvin must stay out of foul trouble.

Tyrone Mullins plays the one forward position for the Panthers, who hasn't won a regional title (except for Class A) since 1974 when they defeated Paintsville in the finals. Mullins is a strong power forward but likes to shoot the threes and does it very well.

J.P. Blair gives Coach Wallen the needed small forward who gets the garbage baskets and picks up the loose balls. Blair, like Mullins, can nail the three-pointers.

Todd Smith and Kevin Lockhart round out the starters for Pikeville. Off the bench will be Matt Adkins and Keith Lockhart as well as Tedric Evangelistic. The Panthers bench is not all that long and could be a problem if the two teams decided to get it up and down the floor.

Because of Garvin and Mullins, the edge may go to the Panthers in this one. But you have to like the outside shooting of the Tigers. One thing you can count on though, it will be a cat's battle. Game time is 8:40 p.m. with radio stations WQHY, WMDJ, WKKZ, WSIP, WDHR and WPRG-TV covering all the action on the court.



### Pain and agony!

McDowell's Karrie Newsome (with ball) finds herself surrounded by Lady Cougars in regional tournament play at Betsy Layne Tuesday night. Newsome finished her season with McDowell as the Lady Devils fell 75-46. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Panther Baseball Camp promises a good time

All boys and girls ages 9-15 are invited to attend the first annual Pikeville Panther baseball camp to be held at the W.C. Hambley Athletic Complex in Pikeville on Saturday, March 21.

Hours of the camp will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Entry fee per player is \$10 and each player is asked to bring their own glove, bat and lunch money. A concession stand will be open during the day-long camp.

Panther Baseball Camp is designed to help young players develop fundamentals and a winning attitude.

For more information contact camp director Dave Thomas at 432-0185. The camp will be conducted by coach Thomas, Steve Priode and the Pikeville Panther baseball team.

### Panther baseball camp scheduled for March 21

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For more information, contact Coach Dave Thomas at 432-0185.

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	6:00 p.m.	Division III	(LIVE)
	9:00 p.m.	Division II	(LIVE)

#### Boys' Tournament March 28

Day	Time	Division	
March 28	11:00 a.m.	Division III	(LIVE)
	2:00 p.m.	Division II	(LIVE)
	6:00 p.m.	Division I	(LIVE)
	11:30 p.m.	Division IV	(TD)

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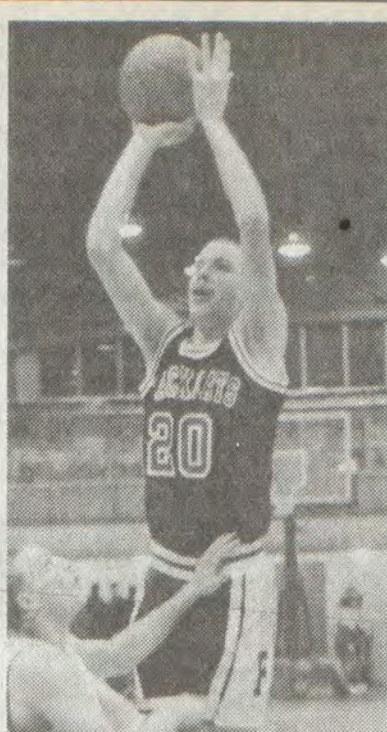
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15th Region overview...

Prestonsburg will face big task in dethroning Belfry

Tonight at the J. E. Campbell Arena, the 15th Regional boys' basketball tournament kicks off with two opening round games followed by two first round games tomorrow night.

The tournament will field eight of the top teams in the region with any team capable of making their way to the Boys Sweet Sixteen at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

This will be the 46th boys regional tournament; the first began back in 1946. Inez (Sheldon Clark now) defeated Elkhorn City to win the first regional title and advance on to state tournament play.

The Belfry Pirates will open the defense of their regional crown as they go for their third straight title. Belfry will face a Prestonsburg Blackcat team that, on any given night, can play with the best of them.

However, the Blackcats will be without their leading scorer in John Thomas Clark. Clark injured his ankle in the final two minutes of the district championship game against Betsy Layne.

"It's doubtful that I will play at all," said Clark from his home Wednesday afternoon. "I can barely put any weight on it."

Clark is a competitor and, knowing Clark, he would be right in the thick of things if he could. Belfry will be without their big 6' 8" center Jim Dotson who also is out with an injury.

With the possibility of the loss of Clark, much of the scoring will have to come from Aaron Tucker (13 ppg) and Eric Fitzer (8 ppg). Tucker certainly has turned things around this year and plays with a more level head than in the past and has become a team leader.

Prestonsburg will need a lot of point production from their 6' 8" center, Chris Burke. Burke has not had the kind of year that many of the fans expected when the season began, but he is capable of doing a lot of scoring and he must have one of those kind of games to help take up some of the scoring slack.

This is not to imply that Prestonsburg is a one man show. They certainly are not. But floor leadership for the Blackcats usually came from Clark, who could take over a game. But there's a lot of talented players still on the Blackcat squad and you can be assured that each one of them will be trying their best to dethrone the Pirates.

Belfry's J.J. Hylton is considered the top basketball player in the 15th Region. Hylton, who seems to have been playing forever, will finally

complete his senior year and would like nothing more than to go out with a third consecutive regional title. Hylton has the college scouts scouting and probably will sign with a division one school.

At point guard is Shawn Hager, who runs the Pirate's ball club. Hager, although not a big scorer, can score from the outside as well as driving the lanes.

The loss of Dotson earlier in the season seemed to hinder the Pirates as they were not playing that good. But Belfry right now is probably playing as well as any team coming into the regional tournament tonight at Allen Central.

Game time is 6:30 p.m. with a large radio network on hand to call all the action. Let's all get behind the Blackcats and support them in this year's 15th Regional tournament.

Sheldon Clark

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personal foul when Compton lifted her from the game. Upon returning to the bench words were said and Yates departed for the dressing room.

Brown led Allen Central in scoring with 15 points. Moore and Bailey each had 12 points with Wiley scoring eight.

Harless and Mandy Horn led Sheldon Clark with 12 points each. Stephanie Blackburn added 11 and Cindy Horn scored 10.

Horn, Harless and Jennie Kirk played most of the second half with four personal fouls.

Sheldon Clark attempted 23 free throws hitting 13 while Allen Central shot only 13 and made just three.

Allen Central finishes the season with a 17-10 record.

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Left Beaver Fans

Rebels top offensive team in district; La dy Rebels top women's

The Allen Central Rebels were the top scoring men's basketball team in the just completed 58th District tournament. The Allen Central Lady Rebels also topped all women's teams.

Allen Central was eliminated by Prestonsburg in the semifinal round but the Rebels still managed to score 136 points in the two games they played. That was mainly due to the three-point shooting of the Rebel guards. Allen Central connected on 17 three-pointers, more than any other team. Freshman Jeremy Hall led all shooters with 10 three-pointers. Hall was the leading scorer individually, scoring 48 points for a 24 ppg average.

The Lady Rebels of Allen Central also led the girls' play, with 135 points in their two games. Staci Moore drilled 10 three-pointers in scoring 46 points to take the top spot in scoring for the tournament. She averaged 23 ppg.

Betsy Layne's Barry Hall was second for the men with 36 points, for an average of 18 ppg. Hall had three treys for the Bobcats in the two games his team played.

The second leading scorer in the

tournament also comes from Betsy Layne in Dee Dee Martin. Martin tossed in 36 points in her team's two games, for an average of 18 ppg.

Todd Lucas of Allen Central nosed out Prestonsburg's John Clark for third place with 30 points. Lucas hit four three-pointers in the two games — which tied him for second in treys with Layne Bailey of Wheelwright and Prestonsburg's Jason Crisp.

In girl's play, third place in scoring went to Shelby Howell of McDowell. Howell scored 32 points in averaging 16 ppg. Jenny Wiley placed fourth with 31 points averaging 15.5 ppg.

Clark was fourth for the boys, scoring 29 points in two games for an average of 14.5 ppg.

Two players tied for the fifth spot for the girls. Both Raquel Cain of Prestonsburg and McDowell's Kerrie Newsome totaled 25 points. Cain scored her 25 points in her only game while Newsome scored her points in two games.

Betsy Layne's Shawn Wallen had a total of 28 points to take fifth place

for the men's division with an average of 14 ppg.

Betsy Layne shot more free throws in one game than any other men's team. The Bobcats shot 30 times from the charity stripe, hitting on 20 against Prestonsburg in the championship game. In the same game, Prestonsburg shot the fewest in one game hitting five of just seven attempts. Wheelwright tied Prestonsburg for the fewest attempts (7) but hit one more than the Blackcats (6). That also came against the Bobcats, making the Bobcats the least fouling team in the tournament.

Allen Central and McDowell had the most free throw attempts for the women's division in one game with 24. Allen Central's came against Wheelwright in which they connected on 15. McDowell hit 12 against Betsy Layne.

Allen Central Lady Rebels also had the fewest attempts in one game, making eight of just nine attempts against McDowell.

Barry Hall was the top individual free throw shooter, hitting nine of 10

attempts. Jenny Wiley hit 13 of 19 attempts in the tournament to become the top girls' free throw shooter.

No total has been released as to the number of fans that might have viewed the tournament but the gym was crowded each night. Many law officers were on hand from the county sheriff's office as well as state police. The McDowell volunteer fire department handled the parking for the tournament and had a good number of men out to assist.

PHS to host Hit-A-Thon March 20 Hambley Field

The Pikeville High School baseball team will conduct a baseball Hit-A-Thon to raise funds to send the Pikeville Panther baseball team to camp in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

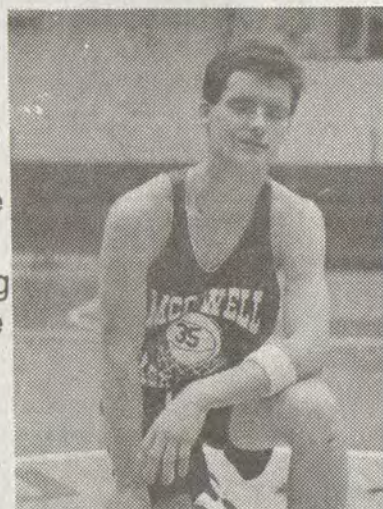
The Hit-A-Thon will be held at the W.C. Hambley Athletic Complex on Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

The event will be open to the public and all area baseball fans are urged to attend. If anyone would like to be a sponsor, see any Pikeville High School baseball team player.

For more information contact Dave Thomas at 432-3058 or 432-0185.

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES Player of the Week

BARRY HALL Senior, Betsy Layne Scored 24 points versus Prestonsburg to lead Betsy Layne to district title



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A Look At Sports

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playing virtually every afternoon until the district tournament May 18-22.

We need to come up with a way of seeding in this district instead of the luck of the draw.

Last year, Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne faced each in the first game of the tournament. Both teams were strong teams, but Betsy Layne did not go to the regional because they lost out in the first round.

The complaint is that in baseball you may not always get to play each team in the conference twice because of the weather. But dates could be left open for make up games, especially conference games.

Looking at Betsy Layne's schedule (which is the only one I have) they will be playing 41 games this year. The Bobcats will play two scrimmage games before officially opening the season.

Should be a great year and we are supposed to get some radio coverage of some games this season from WQHY, according to sports director Jim Allen.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. See you at the tournament tonight and come on out and support the Prestonsburg Blackcats and Betsy Layne Bobcats.



Has good regional tournament!

Allen Centrals Angela Bailey brings the ball up the floor after pulling down a rebound against Sheldon Clark Wednesday night. Bailey scored 12 points as her team lost to the Lady Cardinals' 53-47. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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**Popcorn anyone!**

Gerald Newsome, left, and B.J. Newsome, center, enjoys some good old popcorn during a break at the girls 15th Regional tournament at Betsy Layne Wednesday night. Far left is Herschel Conn who gets to hold the basketball. Gerald Newsome was the P.A. announcer while B.J. Newsome acted as the official scorer. Conn, well he was the timer, something he has done for years. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Can Betsy Layne keep pulling out the big wins as regional play starts tonight at Allen Central**

Coach Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats enter tonight's boys' 15th Regional basketball tournament with the worst record in the entire field. The Bobcats are sporting a 12-18 record. But when you stop and consider who some of those 12 wins have been over, you have to say that Betsy Layne was a lot better than their record would indicate.

The Bobcats face Randy McCoy's Elkhorn City Cougars tomorrow night (Saturday) in the late game of the lower bracket. The two teams met only once this season and that was a home game for the Cougars in which they posted a three-point win over Betsy Layne.

But, according to the Betsy Layne mentor, his team has grown up a bit since then.

"This team has more experience than they had at the start of the year," Newsome said after his team won the 58th District tournament last week. "Jason Akers and Brian Hunter have grown up quite a bit. They believe in themselves."

Elkhorn City (26-6) has been one of the top three teams all season in the 15th Region. Mainly because of the play of sophomore Todd Conley. Conley has certainly been a force for the Cougars, but the most underrated player in the 15th Region has to be the Cougar's Mike Fraley. Fraley is a strong inside player and when the Cougars lose it's because Fraley did not have a good game.

Conley will get his points, but in

order for the Cougars to bring home a regional title, they must have a good game from Fraley as well as Conley.

"We're concerned about Betsy Layne," said coach McCoy during the recent girl's regional at Betsy Layne. "They are playing good basketball right now and we know it."

Playing good basketball is right. Winners of their last two games — over number one seed Wheelwright and number two seed Prestonsburg — the Bobcats have other impressive wins to close out the regular season also. Namely victories over Sheldon Clark, Johns Creek and McDowell.

It has been the strong inside play of Akers and Hunter as well as their rebounding ability. Both players

played a big part in the Bobcats repeating as district champions, especially the way they worked the boards.

Jody Coleman played a great floor game in running the Bobcats offense. Shawn Wallen finally believed in himself and that he could be a serious scoring threat. The addition of Barry Hall to the Bobcat lineup didn't hurt Betsy Layne any. Hall was the leading scorer for Betsy Layne in the just completed tournament.

Labeled the "Miracle Cats", Betsy Layne will have to pull off another one if they are to advance in the upcoming tournament. Good defensive play on Conley around the perimeter and stopping Fraley down low will be a big order for the young Cats. But they arose to the challenge before and look for them to do it

again.

Betsy Layne will wear the "Cinderella" title going into this year's regional tournament. Game time is 8:40 p.m. Saturday with WQHY, WXXZ and WMDJ on hand for full coverage.

All Floyd County basketball fans are urged to come out Saturday night and support the Bobcats.

**Lady Daredevils**

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The Lady Cougars led at the end of the first quarter 10-8 as McDowell stayed close with some good ball movement of their own in the first quarter.

Elkhorn had taken a 4-0 lead but a basket by senior Debbie Fannin made it 4-2. Lady Cougar center Samantha Cook hit a 10-footer with 3:30 left for a 6-2 game. Nikki Mullins slipped underneath for a basket but Cynthia Swiney hit a long jumper for an 8-4 game. Elkhorn had gone up 10-6 before Shelby Howell's rebound basket cut the margin to two, 10-8.

The two teams exchanged baskets in the first three minutes of the second period before Elkhorn went on their 11-2 run.

Elkhorn doubled the score on McDowell in the third period when they took a 43-22 lead on a lay up by Amber Francisco with 5:17 remaining in the period. Elkhorn's biggest lead was 25 points in the final period at 56-31. The closest the Lady Daredevils could get was 20 points, 58-38.

Kerri Newsome and Fannin played their last game for McDowell as they closed their high school careers. Newsome finished with four points and Fannin scored seven with one three-pointer.

Michelle Hall led McDowell in scoring with 12 points. Six of Hall's

points came in the second quarter. Nikki Mullins had six points and Kristy Mullins finished with four. Lisa Brown had six points off the bench for McDowell. Brown hit a three-pointer.

Swiney led all scorers with 22 points and Cook tossed in 20. Renee

Chaney scored 10 points.

McDowell ends the season with a 12-16 record and will return most of this year's players.

Elkhorn City coach B.J. Elswick will call it quits after this year but hopes to win another regional title before giving it up.

**THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES  
Player of the Week**

**STACI MOORE**  
Junior, Allen Central  
Totalled 46 points,  
10 three-pointers  
to lead  
Allen Central  
to 3rd straight  
district title



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**Moore**

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18-12 lead before Jamie Runyon's basket made it 18-14 at the end of the first quarter.

Belfry could not hit from the free throw line as they misfired five times on six attempts early in the second period. Allen Central led at half time, 33-28.

Belfry came out in the third period and put together a quick seven points to take a 35-33 lead. Lewis scored on a lay up to start the period, Runyon followed with a basket underneath and Francis hit a three pointer to give Belfry the lead. Wiley took over for Allen Central by scoring the next six points on a two 10-footer's and a rebound basket to give the lead back

to Allen Central, 39-35. Stepp and Veronica McKinney traded baskets before Stepp scored just ahead of the horn as the third period ended 41-39, Allen Central.

Moore's 18 points led Allen Central with Wiley scoring 16. Brown finished with nine points. McKinney and Yates had eight each. Angela Bailey tossed in four points.

Brown was the leading rebounder for Allen Central with nine. Moore had eight and McKinney seven. Allen Central improved to 17-9 on the season.

Francis led all scorers with 24 points. Stepp finished with 15.



**It's definitely a Wilson ball!**

McDowell's Shelby Howell passed the ball up court as the Lady Daredevils matched up with Elkhorn City Tuesday night in girls' regional tournament play. The Lady Cougars posted a 75-46 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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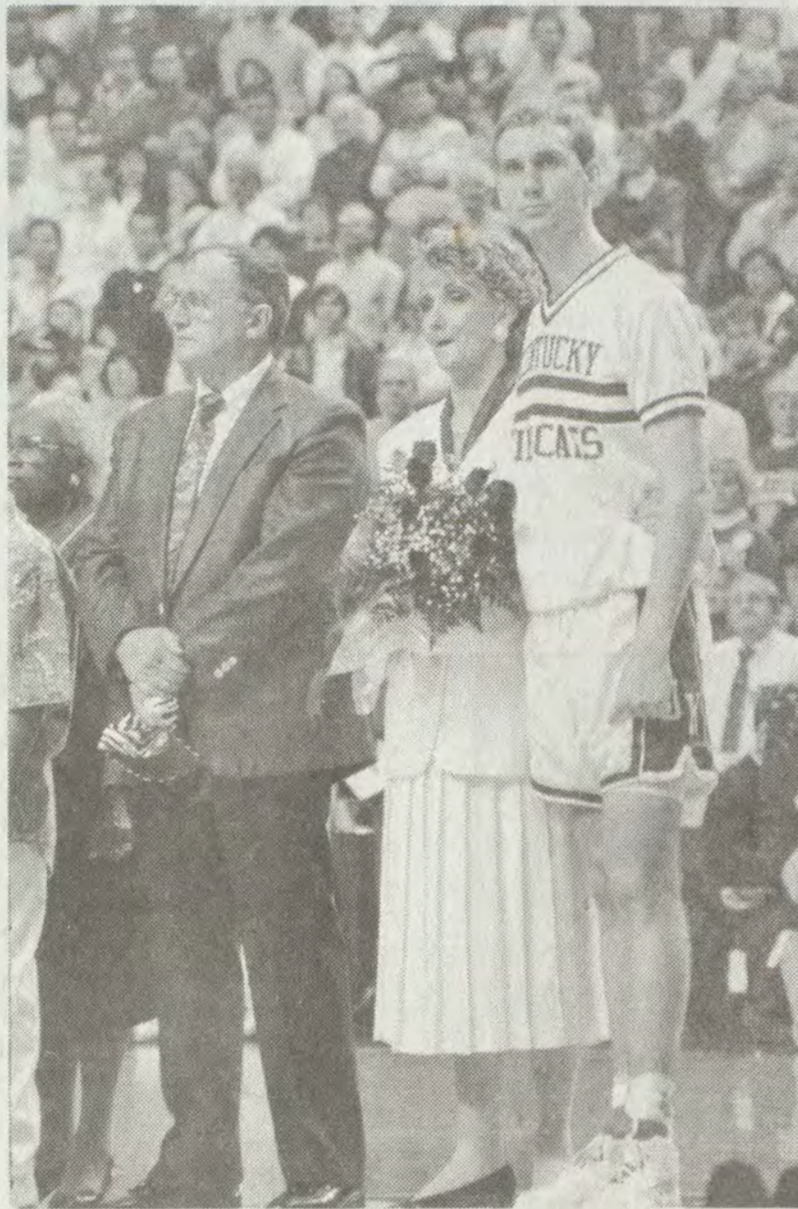






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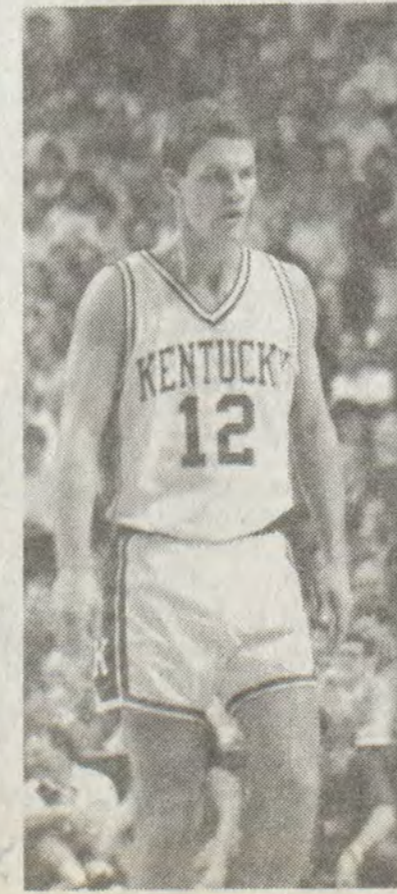
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Soap Opera Update

by Seli Groves

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** A drunken Hayley was married to Will before a Justice of the Peace. Later, Trevor arrested Will on the charge of raping Gloria. At home, Hayley called a lawyer for Will and began drinking again. Dimitri took Gloria under his wing and offered her a job. Gloria told Angelique she'll be happy to help her with her rehabilitation. Tom told Lucas he was aware of his true identity as Terrence's father, and insisted on learning his intentions toward Livia. Wait To See: Erica is faced with a dilemma that could force her into an alliance with someone she doesn't like.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Grant was upset to learn that Ryan will be the state's star witness in Spencer's upcoming trial. To his amazement, and amusement, Cass learned he could say no when he, Iris, Donna, and Dennis attended the Love Doctor seminar. Lucas was shocked when Edith, Doug LaMont's ex wife, suggested Cass could be Jenna's biological father. Rick planted a hidden video camera in Jenna's dressing room. Wait To See: Jamie is increasingly fascinated by Kelsey who remains distinctly cool to him.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Gavin was stunned when Margo arrested him for killing Carolyn, Phillippe, and Nicole. Lisa recalled Thomas telling her that he had told John about their affair. Later, she told Kim and Bob how Thomas died. Darryl worried that Gallagher could successfully defend Gavin. On the day Aaron's adoption (by Iva) was to be finalized, Fred Greer called Julie offering to stop it if she wanted him to. Frannie told Darryl she'd like to adopt Carolyn Dana. Wait To See: Darryl realizes he may be forced into action.

**BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** (For week of Feb. 24-28) Sally was distressed to learn that the dresses made from the new fabric had been sold out. The police arrested Macy (who had no idea of even having been suspected) as the thief of the formula. Stephanie warned Brooke Ridge won't like the idea of Eric moving back in with her and the baby. Later, as Eric left to get his suitcase, Brooke tearfully told Ridge she'll take the baby and move in with him instead. Faith told Bonnie that Blake was at a business meeting. Later, Bonnie was stunned to see Blake and Taylor at a table in the restaurant. Wait To See: Thorne and Jake have a serious confrontation.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Vivian Almain arrived in time to kill Alfonso before he could pull the trigger on Lawrence, leaving her nephew deeply indebted to her. John was encouraged when he recalled going to Yankee Stadium as a boy. When he and Lawrence rushed Carly to the hospital, he (John) was stunned to realize that she was the woman with the birthmark in his charred photograph. Roman, with Shane and Miss Peach's help, took a job at the Kiriakis estate disguised as Fritz, the maintenance man. Ginger, prompted by Brian's love for her, and her love

(See Soap Opera Update, B 3)

# THE TIMES' WEEKEND Extra

Smile Awhile

by Sarah Hopson

TWO DOWN AND FOUR ACROSS

While coffee drinking is a morning ritual for most Americans, I can only open my eyes after completing the jumble and both crossword puzzles in my daily newspaper. To me, this is more invigorating than a caffeine fix.

Every weekday morning, you can find me sitting in my recliner, with pen in hand, in the mind-boggling pursuit of discovering a synonym for "An Asian Nanny," or "A European Elk"; everyday words that only pop up in the course of conversation with another cross-word fanatic.

Thankfully, I know one. The other crossword fanatic, whom I consult on a daily basis via telephone, is also interested in knowing: "The Root of Evil," and "Carmichael's First Name." Facts that serve to make life more interesting, though not necessarily more fruitful.

"Okay. Have you gotten 22 across?"

"Wait a minute," Jean says. "Let me get another cup of coffee. All right. 22 across - "Monet's Masterpiece." Have you got any letters?"

"Blank "A", blank "C", blank, blank, blank, blank."

"That's more than I've got. What about 42 down?"

"I can't get that one. I've never heard of a Portuguese idiot. I know one though. He's related to my uncle."

"What's his name?"

"Miguel."

"That's it! M-I-G-U-E-L."

"Then what's 38 across?"

"It must be "Y-J-G-L-L."

"What's the clue for that one?"

"Planters wart disease."

"Must be related to the fish disease 'ick'."

"I think it is. Do you know what a German prostitute is called?"

"That's the first one I got. Fraulein."

"But they're all frauleins aren't they?"

"He's just trying to throw us off. This man is a sadist. Now, how about 27 down? A French pastry."

"I put tarte."

"I was going to put that, but then that would make 22 across 'O-O-R-E-."

"Isn't that Italian for 'maybe'?"

"You're right. Must be something else. Do you have your crossword dictionary handy?"

"No. I've got my Webster's dictionary, a thesaurus, an atlas, a ruler, a metric table conversion chart, and my English Portable Handbook, but I can't find my crossword dictionary."

"Wait a minute then, and I'll go get my Spanish-Italian-German-Norwegian dictionary. If the man who devised this puzzle used real words, we'll find it."

Two hours later: "Okay. 56 across is B-A-G. What's that?"

"It says, 'a conveyance for consumer use'. Oh, that man is crazy. It's a bag! Like a grocery sack."

"My Heavens! He threw that in to confuse us. He's sick. Let's see now. If that's B-A-G, what's a four letter word for 'eye' using the letter 'G'?"

"Goob?"

"Where'd you get that?"

"Aren't 'eyes' goobers?"

"Goobers are peanuts. You must be thinking of 'peepers'."

"What about 'glance'?"

"Too many letters."

By the time we figure out 'eye' is 'ogle', the blood from our paper cuts have rendered us semi-conscious.

"That only leaves 'Napoleon's Grandmother's Paternal Aunt's Maiden Name'. Got any letters?" she comatose asked.

"It's 'Smith'."

"I knew that."

We've finally figured out that we're going to have to go back to drinking coffee as a means of waking up in the mornings because thinking is too mind-boggling.

## Rock 'n roll to the Tesla beat

Morehead State University's Student Government Association will present an evening of rock music when Tesla performs on the campus on Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

Tickets are on sale now at \$12 for the general public and \$5 for full-time MSU students at these locations: MSU Ashland Extended Campus Center; MSU Licking Valley

Extended Campus Center in West Liberty; Downtown Video in Mt. Sterling, Martin's Department Store in Jackson; The Peoples Store and Martin's Department Store in Morehead, and on the MSU campus at the Student Activities Office, 2nd floor, Adron Doran University Center.

A limited number of reserved tickets at \$15 for the general public and \$8 for MSU students are available at

the campus location.

On Greffen Records, Tesla's first album in 1986, "Mechanical Resonance," went gold and platinum and made the Top 40 chart. The "Great Radio Controversy" in 1989 sold a million copies and reached the Top 20 with a single "Love Song" making it to the Top 10.

"Five Man Acoustical Jam" in 1990 featured acoustic live versions

of Tesla's hit songs and favorite classics. This album went platinum with another single, "Signs," charting at Number 8.

The group's number four album, "Psychotic Supper," features their latest single "Edison's Medicine." Added this year to the musicians' credits was a Grammy nomination.

Appearing with Tesla will be Firehouse, another rock music group.



Tesla to perform

It's a night of rock music when Tesla, with Firehouse, performs at the Academic-Athletic Center on the Morehead State University campus, Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. The Student Government Association-sponsored concert will feature, from left, Troy Luccketta, foreground, Tommy Skeoch, Brian Wheat, Jeff Keith and Frank Hannon as Tesla.

## In search of The Meaning of Life

People, it seems, are always searching for something.

Important stuff.

Like the Holy Grail, Peace and Prosperity, and a pair of socks that match.

We've spent a lot of time lately searching for the remote control for our TV, but we're afraid it fell victim to one of our son's scientific experiments... like how many flushes it takes to send one of his sister's Barbie dolls down the tubes. Lots of people spend a lot of time searching for an important thing called The Meaning of Life.

### PoPerri

by Scott Perry

They sent a lot of money to the Rev. Jimmy Swaggert to learn the true meaning of life only to find out that the good reverend's definition wasn't quite what they expected.

Most people probably don't want to know what the real meaning of life is, anyway, for fear that it will be something like a cheap motel room on a Louisiana back road.

Suppose archaeologists dug up an ancient box somewhere...like one of those cereal boxes...that said "Free! Inside! The Meaning of Life!" only to find out that the meaning of life was peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

We can testify that for about two years during our college days, PB&Js played a key role in sustaining our particular life, but we don't know that they had any special meaning.

What worries most people about discovering the true meaning of life is the distinct possibility that there is no meaning to it.

That wouldn't sit well with a lot of folks who make money charging others for the opportunity to learn the secrets of life.

How many would be willing to pay \$5 a minute to send their "psychic energies" across a telephone line if they knew that for these people the secret of life was getting people to spend \$5 a minute to send their "psychic energies" across a telephone line?

To be honest, the Meaning of Life is really no secret at all.

It's right there in the dictionary...

"That state of an animal or a plant in which its organs are capable of performing their

functions, or in which the performance of functions has not permanently ceased..."

If you translate that, it's obvious that the true meaning of life (we told you you probably wouldn't want to know) is...Jimmy Swaggert.

After all, Swaggert has routinely proven that his, well, that the performance of his "functions" has not permanently "ceased" and that as long as the flock keeps sending him their money he will continue to "function" as often as necessary.

While he functions, we can move on to more important and as yet unsolved mysteries of the universe.

Mysteries that defy explanation and boggle the minds of young and old alike.

Like where the heck that boy put our TV remote control....

### Circus of fun

The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus will be at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center on March 17 and 18. For more information call (502) 283-7777.

CHUCK SHEPHERD

# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## Dear Abby



### Coed's Mom Wants Answers About School's Policy on Rape

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please help. I don't know how to handle this situation. My daughter is a freshman at a Midwestern coed college. She was assigned to a coed floor in a dormitory with 11 girls and 64 boys.

The first week of school, a girl she knows who lives across campus was raped in her dorm room. Campus police were notified. The boy admitted the rape. His "punishment": He was moved out of the victim's dorm, across campus, and onto my daughter's coed floor!

I am outraged! I definitely want to do something, but my daughter and her roommate are upset because they feel my involvement would label them, and the boy's friends would harass them. The roommate won't tell her parents because she is afraid her parents will make her move back home.

These girls are young and naive but I have to respect her wishes. Since I am new to the state, I have no contacts or support.

I know that local police should have been involved and the victim should have pressed charges, but neither was done. I am deeply concerned for my daughter's safety; the rapist should have at least been moved to an all-male floor! Please tell me what to do.

CONCERNED MOTHER

DEAR CONCERNED: It is unfortunate that the local police were not notified immediately.

If the young man admitted to the rape, he should have been expelled. And, if your daughter is afraid to speak up because of possible harassment, you should contact the president of the university and request a copy of the school's policies about rape. Also, ask for the university's explanation for its action in this case. Finally, inquire about the school's programs for educating students about their vulnerability to this crime. If there are no programs, something should be started.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a bridal shower. Many attended, since the bride-to-be is a well-known, well-liked local woman.

After opening all the gifts, the bride stood up and thanked everyone for coming and bringing such lovely gifts. Then one of her aunts, who was one of the hostesses, stood up and said, "Because of the price of postage these days, the verbal 'thank-you' you just heard from the bride will be the only one you will get. She will send written thank-you notes only to those who were unable to attend the

shower."

Abby, I think this was very tacky. What gift isn't worth a 29-cent postage stamp to acknowledge? What do you think?

PUT-OFF GUEST

DEAR GUEST: If the aunt made that announcement without the consent of the bride, she had a lot of nerve. And if she had the consent of the bride, shame on both of them. Every shower gift calls for a written thank-you.

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DEAR ABBY: I sure enjoyed those letters from people who told about receiving gifts that had telltale signs of having been used. My cousin received a cookie jar as a wedding shower gift. When she got it home, she noticed some cookie crumbs at the bottom.

A friend of mine told me she received a steam iron for a wedding present. It was in a regular carton taped shut, like brand-new items come in, but when she took it out of the carton to use it, it had water in it! I'm sure others have had similar experiences. Have you, Abby?

ME IN LANSING, MICH.

DEAR ME: Only once. I bought a brand-new purse, and when I got it home, I found a quarter in the coin purse!

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"That's not the parachute drop zone...that's the ring from my coffee cup."

—In Sacramento, Calif., in December, a trial was held for an August 1989 incident involving Baptist Rev. Bryant Wyatt. Wyatt had decided to make a soul-cleansing confession from the pulpit about his affair with one of his parishioners, Rosene Pollard (a fashion consultant and long-haul truck driver). Pollard is suing Wyatt and the church because, immediately upon Wyatt's announcement, Wyatt's wife, who was seated directly behind Pollard, grabbed Pollard in a choke hold and wrestled her to the floor, injuring her before the two women could be separated.

#### THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

—Overlooked in the September mayoral election in Memphis, won by Willie Herenton, who became the city's first black mayor, was the strong showing by perennial candidate Robert Hodges, 44, who received 2,921 votes to Herenton's 122,585. Hodges has run for various offices over the last 10 years and is known as Prince Mongo from the planet Zambodia.

—Turkey's best-known circumcisionist, Kemal Ozkan, switched parties in last fall's political campaign. The Motherland Party had used Ozkan to attract crowds at rallies by offering voters free circumcisions, amidst much pomp and circumstance, for their children (35 seconds each, in long queues), but Ozkan switched to the True Path Party, where he believes his skills will be better appreciated.

—In November, Jim Marsh was again elected mayor of New Market, Minn., winning 31 write-in votes to beat the only announced candidate, who garnered 25 votes in the town of 243. It was the fourth time Marsh had won, and the third time he had won via write-in after expressing his reluctance to accept the job. He said he was disappointed that he won but took comfort that his victory margin seemed to be dwindling.

—In December, a couple in Little Rock, Ark., found in their attic 200 marked ballots from a 1968 primary election. The house was once owned by a deputy to former sheriff Marlin Hawkins, who last year wrote the book, "How I Stole Elections." Authorities determined that the ballots would have changed the result of the contest for local prosecutor—except that the statute of limitations expired in 1974.

#### THINGS YOU THOUGHT DIDN'T HAPPEN

—Physician Donald Miller, leaving his practice in Taylors, S.C., to join a group practice in Michigan, recently sold his office building at auction to Greenville, S.C., auto leasing and salvage executive Bob Rogers, and for another \$4,000, threw in the medical records of his 10,000 patients. Rogers, who later said, "I'll buy anything that looks like I can make some money off it," at first tried selling photocopies of the records back to the patients for \$25 each but ultimately sold the records at a profit to a Jacksonville, Fla., physician.

—Navy enlisted man Vernon Isip, 39, was charged in San Diego in September with a felony charge of "dueling" in the death of a man with whom Isip was competing for a woman's affections. Said the prosecutor, "This was what they thought was the noble, gentlemanly thing to

do." However, in November, a judge dismissed the charge for insufficient evidence.

—LATEST INEXPLICABLY INEFFECTIVE GUNSHOT: Norman McKinnon, 48, shot in the face by robbers on a New York City subway in October, was saved when the bullet lodged in his dentures.

—In three incidents in a 50-day period last fall, two people were murdered by bow and arrow, and another was seriously wounded. Aaron Whittaker, 32, of Miami was struck by an arrow that smashed through a window as he sat up in bed shortly after midnight; Patricia Allen was killed in downtown Ottawa in November by an arrow shot by her estranged husband; and in Phoenix on Christmas Eve, a man was killed by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend.

—Darryl Malone, 29, filed a sex discrimination complaint against his former employer, Northwest Nevada Telco, in January, claiming that he had been repeatedly passed over for promotion because he is a man. His former job was as "Raven," a "woman" who talks sexily to male callers on a 900 number. He says he was one of the company's most popular women. CREME DE LA WEIRD

—According to a recent wire-service story on the White House office of presidential inquiries, President Bush once received a letter inviting him to the funeral of a man described as "hard-working" and "patriotic." The man was not quite dead, the letter explained, but was hooked up to a life-support machine whose plug could be pulled at any time in order to accommodate the president's busy schedule.

#### LEAST COMPETENT PERSON

—LATEST CRIMINAL SELF-IDENTIFICATION: A man, not identified by the newspaper, was arrested in Watertown, S.D., in August for exposing himself to clerks while sitting in his car at a fast-food restaurant's drive-up window. Because he had just paid for his purchase by personal check, the police were able to identify him.

#### THE DIMINISHING VALUE OF LIFE

—El Sereno, Calif., mechanic Gerald Marotta shot himself to death because he was despondent over California's new law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets, which

had taken effect on Jan. 1, several days earlier. His wife later indicated that Marotta's way of dealing with problems was to ride his motorcycle with no helmet on. His suicide note read, in part, "Now I can't even ride."

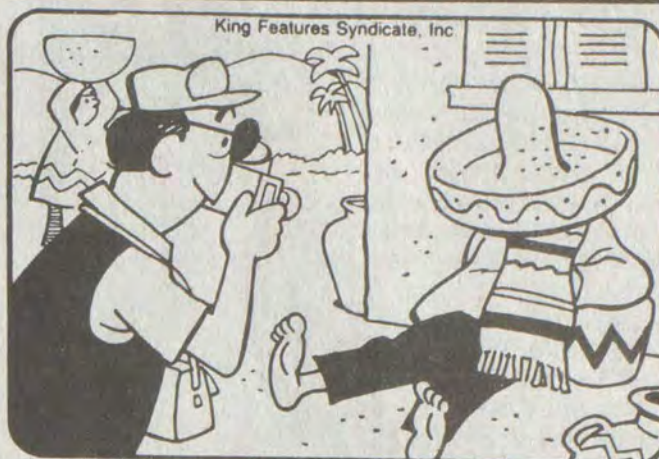
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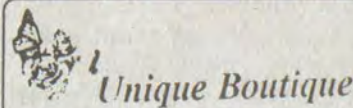
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View matinee

Members of Prestonsburg Community College's drama group recently took a field trip to Lexington recently to view a production of "Meet Me in St. Louis." The drama group is currently working on the production of two short plays to be presented in May.

## PCC drama group takes field trip

The Theatrical Experience (TTE), Prestonsburg Community College's drama group, journeyed to Lexington on Wednesday, February 26, to see a play at the Opera House. The group viewed the Broadway Live production of "Meet Me in St. Louis."

After the matinee, TTE ate dinner at Bravo Pitino in Victorian Square. Both the theater tickets and the restaurant charges were paid for by the

college. Faculty sponsors for the trip were Phyllis Honshell and Dr. Alice Adams.

Students attending included Susan Johnson, Chris Griffith, Johnny Hunt, Barbetta McCarty and Kevin Benson from Floyd County and Matthew Meek, Jennifer Herald, Ryan Briggs, Chris Daniel, Janie Short and Kami Collins from Johnson County. All of the students had been featured in the

college's recent performance of "Screwtape."

The next production, scheduled for May, includes two short plays, "Who Am I This Time?" a comedy by Kurt Vonnegut; and "Beauty and the Beast," adapted for the stage by William Glennon. The latter is intended especially for children, but adults should also enjoy this universal tale.

STELLA WILDER

## YOUR STARS THIS WEEK

The coming week is sure to present options never before imagined. The sheer magnitude of what is in store is something no one will be able to anticipate fully throughout the week. In short, something "big" is on the horizon, and this week there will be steps to take and courses to chart that involve risk, experimentation, and a great deal of personal discovery.

"Love" is something that must not be taken lightly this week. Just as spring shall be upon us later in the week, so shall increased romantic impulses; it is likely, this week, that a great many who hadn't planned on it will find themselves willingly committed to love relationships—old and new.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 5)**—Bargains are yours for the asking this week—but you must know what you really want. Even pennies add up! (March 6-March 20)—A wild-goose chase may not be avoidable this week. In the end, look within yourself for lessons.

**ARIES (March 21-April 4)**—While one is enjoyable, two profitable and three luxurious this week—four may actually prove dangerous. (April 5-April 19) — Your judgments this week may not be as keen as expected early on. Be patient, adopt a cautious tone.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 5)**—Your competitive spirit will kick in toward midweek, giving you the edge you need as things really get busy. (May 6-May 20)—You can score a major moral victory this week—and attract new supporters in the process.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 6)**—What are you waiting for? This is no time to hang back and expect rewards to fall in your lap. Go for the gold! (June 7-June 20)—A mistaken notion may cause you some trouble during the first part of the week. Later on, all is well.

**CANCER (June 21-July 7)**—A great deal of discussion over trivial issues must not distract you from the heart of the matter this week. (July 8-July 22)—Events will reflect the changes that are evolving within you this week—and vice versa. Hang on to your hat!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 7)**—What you will observe this week is likely to

be just as important as those things you experience first-hand. (Aug 8-Aug. 22) — You will find, this week, many more common factors between you and a rival than differences. Benefits can result.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 7)**—You'll find yourself in the spotlight before this week is out—and you'll find that it's something you can get used to! (Sept. 8-Sept. 22)—Your appreciation for the dramatic this week is not likely to be wasted. Much is in store.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 7)**—You'll be "on the spot" on two separate occasions this week—and your behavior shall differ dramatically both times. (Oct. 8-Oct. 22)—What occurs early in the week is not likely to shape future events as you may anticipate.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 7)**—You may well be able to brag of considerable personal progress and a new spiritual awareness by the end of the week. (Nov. 8-Nov. 21)—You must let your curiosity lead you through a potentially complex week. Intuition, too plays a large role.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 7)**—Your week is likely to progress unpredictably—but at times you'll pretend to have a handle on things. (Dec. 8-Dec. 21)—A renewed sense of harmonious well-being should be yours by week's end. Nostalgia plays a role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 6)**—Savings can be yours this week, but there are more serious concerns than your pocketbook to contend with. (Jan. 7-Jan. 19)—You'll have the opportunity to spring forward with renewed vigor this week. A brain-storm pays off.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 3)**—A myriad of choices lies before you this week, but you will derive strength from the comfort of the familiar. (Feb. 4-Feb. 18)—Never fear what you do not know this week; rather, seek out new information eagerly, with gusto.

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DEE AND TOM HARDIE

## GRANDPARENTING

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF GRANDBABES

A collection of "Grand Remarks" of the week:

It was Christmas present-opening time, and 2-year-old Elijah had received a Noah's Ark toy, which sparked the following question at the dinner table: "Does anyone know the name of Noah's wife?"

In the discussion that followed, it seems that no one did, until 13-year-old Adam asked, "Joan of Arc?" Needless to say, it broke us up. — Patricia K. Gaunt, Tustin, Calif.

While taking my grandson, 6 at the time, on a tour through my new house, I told him who some of the people were in the portraits — "This is your great-great-grandfather and this is your great-great-grandmother." He asked, "Grandmother, what's so great about them?" — Josie Cunningham, Danville, Ky.

When our granddaughter, Elizabeth, was about 5 she was in the back seat of our car when we stopped at the store. When my husband started for the store I leaned out the window and said, "Get some wine for the house." From the back seat came her statement, "I didn't know the house liked wine." — Beverly Willey, El Paso, Texas

Years ago when our older boy joined the Boy Scouts his younger brother was very, very envious. He questioned day after day, "Why, why can't I join the Scouts too?"

Finally, one day he came up with this solution, "But Mom, they're on sale now!" — Shirley Sanders, Anaheim, Calif.

When my grandson was about 7 he told me he didn't believe in Santa Claus any more. I asked him, "Why? Who told you?"

He promptly answered, "The Easter Bunny told me."

This same grandson was out in the yard in the summertime, playing with the water hose, and he was stark naked. I yelled at him and told him to put his clothes on.

He answered, "All you told me was not to get my clothes wet, and that's why I took my clothes off!" — Barbara J. Smith, Westville, Ill.

My 4 1/2-year-old granddaughter, Liza, from Texas, was visiting recently and asked me to color with her. I looked at her picture a bit later, commenting on how well she had stayed within the lines.

Her reply was, "Grandmom, don't you know that kids can color better than adults?" "Why is that?" I asked, and she replied with all the wisdom of an angel, "Because they are fresher from God." I agree. — Terry Anderson, Orange, Calif.

Our oldest granddaughter, about 2 1/2, was recently visiting us. Her grandpa was carrying her around, and she was trying to tell him something important. But he was listening to someone else and not paying attention. She looked at him and said, "What's the matter, Grandpa, are you hard of ears?" — Nadine Gulley, Veedersburg, Ind.

My 4-year-old grandson is a deep thinker. His grandfather died when Joey was a baby and Joey knows him only through pictures. One day, while visiting me, this sweet little boy picked up a picture of his grandfather and asked, "Gram, is Grampa in jail?" I was shocked and asked, "Why do you ask that?" "Well,

Gram," he replied, "I learned in Sunday school that God made the Earth in six days and on the seventh day He arrested!" — Erma L. Bradford, Vista, Calif.

We welcome your "Grand Remarks." Keep them coming. Many thanks.

(Dee and Tom, married more than 40 years, have four grandchildren and hope to have many more. They welcome questions, suggestions. Send to Box 34, Butler, Md. 21023. Because of the volume, personal replies are not always possible.)

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## Soap Opera Update (Continued from B 1)

for her daughter, Molly, identified herself as Molly's mother on the girl's college forms. Wait To See: Roman is forced into a situation that could endanger Marlana.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Mac and Holly asked Sean to help them unravel the puzzle of the Nanny Network. Nikki tried to charm information out of A.J. and stirred up problems for Sheila. Scotty got word of the Bar Association's decision regarding his ethics and his future as a lawyer. Tiffany suggested Mac offer Holly a business deal. Tony was upset when Bobbie insisted on setting up a meeting with Joe Atkins, a convicted murderer. Wait To See: Julia may not see the pitfalls in her new plans until it's too late.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Alan-Michael foiled Blake's plan when he persuaded Eleni to tell Frank she married him (A-M) for love. On their way back from one of her radiation treatments, Lillian and Ed were forced to stop at a motel because of bad weather. Bridget told Kat she'll tell Maureen about Ed and Lillian when she can get more proof. Nadine was nervous when Billy swore he'll get the person who tipped the tabloid into running the article on Vanessa. Alex made Vanessa a co-executor of her will to protect Nick from Alan-

Michael's tricks. Wait To See: Nadine panics when Billy gets close to the truth.

**LOVING:** Just as Dinah Lee was about to tell her sister, Hannah, that life in Corinth wasn't quite the way she'd described it in her letters, Clay appeared and posed as her fiancé, "Trucker McKenzie." Stacey was determined to learn the story behind the "Tides" mystery. Jack and Shana met with Larry Lamont, a man with a diet plan he called "Take Off." Giff allowed Ally to stay in his class despite her attempt to deceive him. Isabelle realized Giff had no idea where Trisha might be. Carly met Flynn in New York. Wait To See: Stacey is confronted by a shocker.

**ONELIFETOLIVE:** Carlo was intrigued by Alex's proposition: marry her or she'll turn the incriminating papers over to Gannon and send him to jail. Carlo accepted and Herb performed the ceremony. Cassie grew increasingly upset over Sarah and Bo's relationship, believing that Sarah was using drugs to get attention from Bo. Cain firmed up his plans for Tina and plotted his revenge against Asa. Sarah wrote Bo a note promising she won't be trouble to him anymore. Wait To See: The Buchanan family is stunned by a new

tragedy.

**SANTA BARBARA:** Worried about Cassie's obsession with Angela, Warren tried to learn why Cassie bought Angela's photo. Minx tried to reconcile Lionel and Warren. She also assured him C.C. was not his dad. Cassie sprinkled poison on Angela's soup at dinner. But it was Lionel who sat at her place and keeled over instead. Sophia learned C.C. canceled his dinner with her when he found out Santana planned to have an abortion. Wait To See: Mason and Julia get a strange "housewarming" from their servants.

**YOUNG & THE RESTLESS:** (Summaries for week of Feb. 24-28) John persuaded Nina to double date with Flo and his friend, Jim. In the shower, Kay did a self examination and discovered a lump in her breast. Scott told Paul that a blood test proved Dylan was not his son. Paul was rocked by the news since Lauren had always insisted Scott fathered her child. Cricket was shocked to learn that Michael had followed her to Colorado. Ashley (unaware that Victor had gone to visit Nikki in the hospital) was concerned when he didn't return home after meeting with Brad. Wait To See: Kay gets the news that could change her life.

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BY DR. DEAN EDELL

# EDELL HEALTH NOTES

SHOP FOR A SURGEON WITH AN EDGE ... It's no surprise that surgeons vary in quality, but it does shock me to find out how great the difference can be.

A surgeon and a statistician in Scotland looked at the records of 13 general surgeons and analyzed the complications and survival rates of 645 of their colorectal cancer patients at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow. Here's what they found: The best surgeons never saw cancer return to the site of the operation, while others found cancer again 21

percent of the time; patient survival 10 years later ranged from 63 percent to a grim 20 percent — more than a threefold difference between the best and the worst surgeons.

As I mentioned, you have to expect some variability. Also, it's important to factor in the chance that some of the "worst" surgeons may have accepted some of the most difficult cases. Still, the ranges established by this study are frightening.

This is just one more reminder of how important it is to choose the right doctor. Always get a second or third

opinion if surgery is recommended. Try to get several personal recommendations before you settle on a surgeon. And ask how many similar operations he or she has done. The more experienced the surgeon, the better off the patient usually is.

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**RESTLESS LEGS: AFTER A TEST, THE REST IS EASY ...** Try sleeping while your feet and legs keep jerking around. You've finally dozed off, then — kick — you're

awake again. This uncontrolled movement is called restless leg syndrome, and it's so common that it regularly ruins a good night's sleep for millions. But rest for the weary is at hand, say a group of kidney specialists at Westmead Hospital in Sydney, Australia.

After observing that 22 of their 55 dialysis patients, or 40 percent, had restless leg syndrome, the doctors decided to see why. A significant clue was that all 22 were anemic. Kidney patients often have anemia; only healthy kidneys possess the vital hormone that helps produce red

blood cells. The doctors treated 22 for iron deficiency, and within six months, most were untroubled by restless legs.

Anyone with restless legs — not just kidney patients — should consider this therapy an option. Finding the right treatment may be as simple as asking your doctor for a blood test.

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**FORGOTTEN VICTIMS ...** Some 3,200 people die each year from diarrhea. Most of its victims aren't the very young, as is commonly thought; they're the very old. Nursing home residents are at particularly high risk, according to the Centers for Disease

Control, primarily because they are more susceptible to dehydration.

Researchers recommend that more attention be spent on finding out how to help the elderly avoid and combat this killer disease. For instance, the therapies used to help young children with diarrhea, such as vaccines and oral rehydration programs, could be lifesaving for the elderly as well. But the first step is to spread the word that this illness is not just a kid's problem.

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# THE COUPON CLIPPER

**COUPON SAVINGS ADD UP FAST**



Have you considered your coupon savings this past year? Many coupon clippers keep a careful record of just how much they save. If you are not a coupon clipper, I guarantee you will be impressed.

Delores Sponable of Albany, N.Y., is an avid coupon user. From Jan. 1 1990, to Dec. 31, 1990, her savings came to a total of \$431.32!

Keeping "score" of your savings is one of the ways many coupon clippers turn this money-saving pursuit into an exciting game.

On Jan. 1, 1991, Delores started keeping track of her score for 1991. One year later, her coupon savings came to \$547.33!

"I am a long-time coupon saver," she says, "and it was a great feeling of accomplishment to beat my 1990 score."

Delores also sends for an occasional manufacturer's refund offer, and she keeps a careful list of them. They added up to an additional \$125 in 1991.

Keeping track of your coupon savings is as simple as taking the total of your coupon deductions from each supermarket cash-register tape. Many coupon clippers keep these totals in a book, and others jot them down on the calendar. Either way, it is easy to add them up when the year comes to an end.

Dear June—One of the most frustrating experiences I have with coupons is when the type or size required by the coupon is different from the type or size that I find on the shelf. For example, a coupon may be for a 13-ounce size, but the only packages on the shelf are 12 ounces. What do you do in a case like that?—Jan Holland, Dover, Del.

Dear Jan—I'm afraid that a great deal of turmoil in coupon requirements stem from the fact that manufacturers often downsize their products. And now, they are downsizing faster than the coupon requirements can keep up with them.

Save those coupons. When you find a manufacturer that does this more than once, it's time to take action. Send a complaint to the manufacturer at the address shown on the product package. Most manufacturers will want to please you and will exchange the useless coupons for something you can use.

This week's Smart Shopper is Diana Mattson, of Chesapeake, Va.: "I am on my way to a great year of savings. In Sunday's newspaper, Phar Mor was offering Kix, Wheaties and Cheerios, "buy one, get one free," and they were being offered at a great price of just \$1.88. Phar Mor doubles manufacturers' coupons, and I had a 50-cent coupon for each brand. I wound up buying six boxes of cereal for only \$2.64! That is a savings of \$8.64."

I call that fabulous savings! And Diana's savings are probably not over. She now has six proofs of purchase to use for mail-in offers. In the cereal

category, there are lots of them. If you have achieved a tremendous savings at the checkout counter, why not write and tell me about it? I publish the most interesting letters. Write to me, June Fuller, "The Coupon Clipper," in care of this publication.

Here's a refund form to write for: a \$1.50 refund. **TYLENOL COLD \$1.50 Refund Offer**, P.O. Box 4545, Monticello, MN 55565-4545. This offer expires April 30, 1992, but requests for the form must be received by March 31, 1992. While waiting for the form, save the Universal Product Code symbol from any package of Tylenol Cold or Tylenol Cold & Flu (except trial size), along with the cash-register receipt with the purchase price circled.

This week's refund offers have a value of \$19.45.

Here is this week's list of refund offers. Start looking for the required refund forms, which you can obtain at the supermarket, in newspaper and magazine advertisements and from trading with friends. Meanwhile, start collecting the needed proofs of purchase as detailed below. Remember, some offers are not available in all areas of the country.

Today's refund offers have a value of \$19.45.

Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Other Main Dishes (File No. 6)

These offers require refund forms: **BANQUET Family Savings Plan Offer.** Receive Banquet Family Savings Plan coupons (a \$6.50 value). Send the required refund form and six Universal Product Code/proofs of purchase from the following Banquet products: Fried Chicken, Chicken Nuggets, Chicken Patties, Family Entrees, Chicken Breast Tenders, Extra Helping, Banquet Meals, Dessert Pies, Pot Pies, Cookin'

Bags. Expires April 30, 1992.

**JIMMY DEAN SAVINGS BOOK Offer.** Receive \$5 worth of Jimmy Dean coupons. Send the required refund form and one Universal Product Code from Jimmy Dean Sausage or Sandwich products Expires April 30.

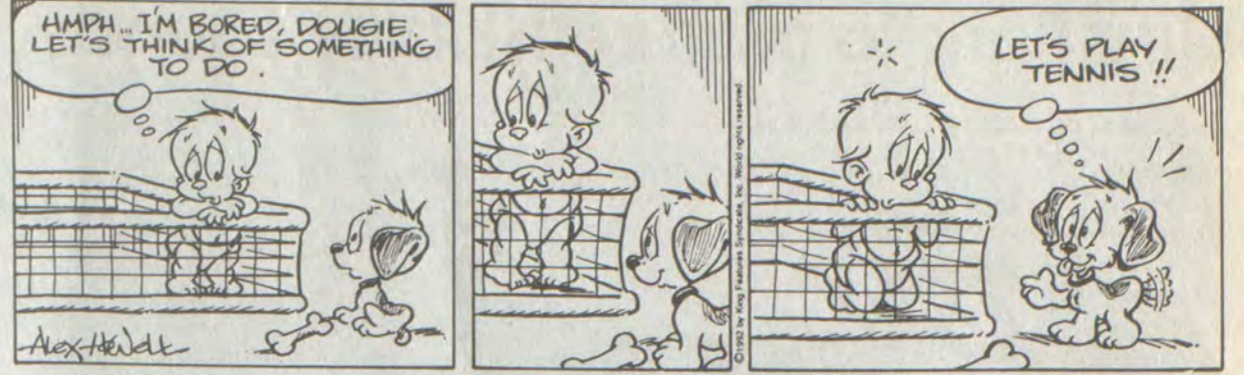
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**SPAGHETTIOS Fun Spoon Offer.** Receive a free SpaghettiOs Fun Spoon with your name (up to 16 letters). Send the required refund form and eight front-label panels from any variety of SpaghettiOs, along with the cash-register receipt with the purchase prices circled. Include a 75-cent check or money order for postage and handling. For additional spoons, send the required refund form and four labels and the cash-register receipt, along with a check or money order for \$2.50. Print additional name(s) on a 3-by-5 card and attach it to the form. This offer is good until April 30, 1992, or while supplies last.

Send questions and comments to June Fuller in care of The Coupon Clipper, United Feature Syndicate, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. The volume of mail precludes individual replies to every letter, but June Fuller will respond to letters of general interest in the column.

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**BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL**



**PAT SCHUDY AND DAVID WOLFF**

## TALK TO US



**EX-BOYFRIEND 'JERK' STARTS RUMORS ABOUT RELATIONSHIP**

**Q:** My boyfriend of nearly a year dumped me because I wouldn't take birth control pills so we could have sex. I told him I wasn't ready for that type of relationship. He tells everybody we did it. What can I do? That jerk (expletive deleted) has really hurt me.

**A:** STUDENT PANELISTS, NEWMAN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL, CARROLLTON, TEXAS: Our first inclination was to say, "Ignore the bum. Forget about his starting rumors; what does it matter anyway?"

Upon discussion, though, we are unanimous in saying that reputation DOES MATTER. Once your good name is gone, it is very difficult if not impossible to get it back. Rumors hurt; whispers sting; strangers asking about intimate parts of your life is a degrading feeling; so, in the end, it DOES matter.

As we moved on, we completely enjoyed coming up with many mean, vicious, creative ways for getting even. Things like: walking up to him in as conspicuous part of the hallways as possible and (choose one): a) kicking him where it hurts; b) attacking his pride and ego by saying loudly to him such things as "You fell in love; I fell asleep...I can't seem to remember the Act you say we did, so your score must have been zero"; or c) start a rumor of your own, "I think I'm pregnant."

While we had fun coming up with these tacky answers, we know they are not really good choices for you—or him; they have too many repercussions of their own. Our first serious answer for you is to drop him like a hot potato from your mind. Don't fantasize for one minute about getting back with him. Obviously it is not and never was real love, or he would never have talked to others about "his woman."

Secondly, we think you should find safe friends or a safe adult and share your feelings about him, the breach of trust, whatever YOU need, but talk, talk, talk about them. Stay sane.

Next, we think you should say to those, and only those who matter to you that you never had sex with this person and then drop the whole matter. (You probably won't have to tell them anyway if they know you well.) Although it seems to you that this is a rumor of earthshaking proportion,

to others it doesn't seem so since it doesn't involve them directly. They

will, therefore, soon forget all about it.

And, finally, from an unwed teen mother of a 2-month-old, this advice: Just keep thinking of what could have happened if you'd had sex with him. You could have an STD. You could have lost irretrievably your innocence. And you could still be in the midst of a so-called love relationship with a boy who you now know you could not trust.

We close with this thought about sex: Sex is one of the most personal and private things in our lives. The decision to have or not to have sex is ultimately a personal one—the most intensely personal one we may ever make. So, as a great writer once said: "To thine own self be true."

**PAT AND DAVID:** First of all, congratulations for not giving into that "jerk." You have a big victory to celebrate; you didn't let him force you to do something you did not want to do.

Because this person is tossing around your reputation, we suggest you ask a counselor at school or the principal to call your ex-boyfriend in and talk to him in a non-threatening way. They need to let him know his lies must stop.

weren't allowed to vote.

As if this weren't enough, the panelists referred to female students as "girls" and male students as "men." Do we really want to return to the "good old days" of sexism and oppression?

**NOTE FROM PAT AND DAVID:** We continue to receive responses to last fall's "What's Your Attitude?" survey and requests asking for results of the survey. We appreciate the overwhelming interest we've received in this survey. We regret that we are unable to respond to each of you individually. The preliminary results were printed in this column the first week of November. We suggest that you contact your local newspaper and ask them if there's a way to receive a copy of that column.

(Send your comments, questions and requests to be part of a student panel to Pat and David, c/o Universal Press Syndicate, 4900 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64112.)

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**OLD FARMER'S**  
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**OF EGGS AND SEASONS**

The vernal equinox occurs at 3:48 A.M. EST on March 20 this year. At that time, the Sun crosses the equator, moving from the southern hemisphere to the northern hemisphere. This first day of spring signifies harmony and balance in nature as the days are briefly equal to the nights before the longer days of spring arrive. The earth awakens from its winter slumber and signs of new life abound.

Eggs have long been a symbol of fertility and new life, and figure in many spring rituals. Some say the ancient Chinese originated the custom of balancing eggs at the spring equinox. The old legend says that eggs will stand upright, unsupported, on their "fat" ends at the time of the equinox. In New York, thirty dozen eggs reportedly balanced for 15 minutes in 1984. Early risers may want to try it themselves to bring good luck in the new growing season.

*Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Houseplants get a boost when watered with non-saline aquarium water.

**EARTHWISE**

Many popular houseplants have been found to cleanse the air of toxins and pollution. Some of the most effective plants and the substances they remove are: Aloe vera (many toxins), English ivy (benzene), Ficus or fig trees (formaldehyde), potted chrysanthemum (general pollution, many toxins), and spider plants (formaldehyde). Be careful to hang the English ivy out of reach of small children and pets, as its leaves can be toxic themselves if ingested.

**PRAGUE COOKIES**

1/2 cup unsalted butter	3/4 cup flour
3 tablespoons sugar	Topping: apricot jam
3 egg yolks	3 egg whites
	1/4 cup sugar
	cinnamon

Cream butter. Add sugar, yolks, and flour. Mix well. Spread in a buttered 9" x 9" pan. Cover with a thin layer of apricot jam. Beat egg whites until stiff, and add sugar gradually to make a meringue. Spread over jam layer and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Bake at 325° F until lightly browned (about 30 minutes). Cut into squares while still warm. Makes about 36 squares.

**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**

**NORTHEAST:** Snowy and cold; midweek sunny, seasonable east, then very cold, more snow.

**SOUTHEAST:** Cold, rainy north coast and deep south; sunny, seasonable elsewhere; then cold, rain, snow; warm Florida.

**MIDWEST:** Very cold and snowy, snow heavy east, light in the north.

**NORTHWEST:** Sunny and warm east, cold and snowy then milder mountains and coast. Finally cold, some flurries.

**SOUTHWEST:** California and desert: sunny and warm; east and mountains: cold, some rain, some snow.

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# City Park to feature Hillbilly sounds



Wade and Judy Mainer

There is excitement in the air, as Pikeville and Pike County gets ready for Hillbilly Days 1992. A highlight of the annual event is the free hillbilly music from the City Park, where thousands will gather to hear the very best in traditional music.

Music Coordinator Larry Webster has selected some outstanding talent. On Thursday and Friday,

country music legends Wade and Julie Mainer will be returning to Pikeville, after having performed for Hillbilly Days several years ago. Mainer, now in his 80's was the top country music artist for many years during the thirties, and now plays across the country to appreciative audiences, who remember his "Maple on the Hill," and other country classics, which took

him to perform for President and Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House in 1941. Wade has won the National Heritage Fellowship Award, the highest honor available to traditional musicians.

Today the performance of Wade and his wife of 54 years resembles very much what mountain folk loved to hear a half century ago. Wade loves performing in Pikeville and will be playing several times on Thursday and Friday.

On Friday and Saturday another outstanding old time band will appear, namely Ralph Blizzard and the New Southern Ramblers. This group plays hard driving fiddle and dance music, with a smattering of blues and swing stuff thrown in. Blizzard himself burst from obscurity a few years ago and now is considered one of the premier fiddlers in the country. His

signature tune is "Blizzard's Train" in which the old fiddling custom of imitating the sounds of a railroad train is revived with great mastery. His band includes a phenomenal fretless clawhammer banjo player.

From about noon on Thursday until late Saturday night, a host of local volunteer bluegrass and old time bands will be onstage, including the Bluegrass Cousins, Webster's personal favorite local band from the Feds Creek area. Timmy Cline and his band will be great as usual, as will the Big Sandy Grass, the Coaltown Grass and the Mule Band.

"We trust that this summer weather will continue and that all hillbillies will be proud to come and dance and frolic to their music," says Webster, who reminds all local bands that they are requested to come play. No band need register in advance. "Just show up at the stage and play your hearts out."

## GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



## Entertainment Extra by Evelyn Ludvigson

Q. When will this year's People Choice Awards air? Calvin D.

A. The show will air Tuesday, March 17, on CBS-TV from 9-11 p.m. (EST). For the first time in its 18-year history, the show will honor America's favorite male and female performers in a daytime serial.

In the category of Favorite Male Performer in a Daytime Serial, the three nominees are, Eric Braeden ("The Young and the Restless"), Peter Reckell ("Days of Our Lives"), and Walt Willey ("All My Children").

In the category of Favorite Female Performer in a Daytime Serial, the three nominees are, Deidre Hall ("Days of Our Lives"), Finola Hughes ("General Hospital"), and Susan Lucci ("All My Children").

Q. I was shocked to learn that Emma Samms returned to daytime television and reprised her role of Holly on "General Hospital." Why would she make such a move when she was so popular on nighttime television on "Dynasty" and "The Colby's"? Kathleen N.

A. According to the beautiful Miss Samms, at age 31, she is looking for stability in her career and daytime television allows that. Said the actress "I'm not an acting snob. I'm happy, and that's all that counts."

Q. Who is going to be Jay Leno's sidekick when he takes over the reins from Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show"? Belle C.

A. Jay is not going to have a sidekick like Ed McMahon was to Johnny Carson. However, Edd Hall, a former graphic designer for "Late Night With David Letterman," will be Jay's announcer. However, Edd will only be heard, not seen.

Q. Whatever happened to former "Diff'rent Strokes" actress Dana Plato after she robbed a video store in Las Vegas last year? Darrin K.

A. Dana apparently is in trouble with the authorities once again. All I have heard is that she violated her probation and could face six years in prison. How she actually violated her probation has not been revealed as of this writing.

Q. Are Sylvester Stallone's mom, Jackie, and Sly's former wife, Brigitte Nielsen, still feuding? Kate J.

A. No. In fact, Jackie recently apologized to Brigitte for all the "not-so-nice things" she said about her to the press.

Q. How many times was Woody Allen married, and why won't he and Mia Farrow marry now that they have had a son together? Ted G.

A. Woody was married twice. His last wife was actress Louise Lasser. Mia and Woody say they prefer their life of separate togetherness. He has an apartment on Manhattan's West Side, she lives on the East Side, with Central Park between them.

Look, for them it works.

Q. I recently read where Melanie Griffith said she didn't know anything about World War II until she did the movie, "Shining Through." Can this be right? Also, is it true that she and Don Johnson have given up on Hollywood? I read that somewhere, too. I thought her career, at least, was going well. Thank you for any information you have on these points. Christina

A. Griffith remarked that she wasn't aware that six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. It was

the numbers that overwhelmed her. But she was certainly aware of the events of the war.

Melanie and her husband, Don Johnson, are both enjoying career resurgences now and have no intention of giving up acting. They have left California, however. Along with their children (his son, Jesse, 9; her son, Alexander, 6, and their young dalmatian puppy in tow, they've moved to Aspen, Colorado.

Incidentally, Don was Melanie's first love. She met him when she was

14. She married him at age 18. They divorced a year later. They got together again a little over 10 years later and remarried in 1989 when she was 31.

Next project for Melanie is the remake of the Judy Holliday classic, "Born Yesterday," with Don costarring.

Have a question? Send it to Evelyn Ludvigson, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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Emma Samms

## ARKADY LEOKUM

### TELL ME WHY

#### WHY IS THE OCEAN SALTY?

The fact is we simply don't know how the salt got into the ocean. We do know, of course, that salt is water-soluble, and so passes into the oceans with rain water. The salt of the Earth's surface is constantly being dissolved and is passing into the ocean.

But we don't know whether this can account for the huge quantity of salt that is found in oceans. If all the oceans were dried up, enough salt would be left to build a wall 180 miles high and a mile thick. Such a wall would reach once around the world at the equator!

The concentration of salt in sea water ranges from about 3 percent to 3.5 percent. Enclosed seas, such as the Mediterranean and the Red seas, contain more salt in the water than open seas. The Dead Sea, which covers an area of about 340 square miles, contains about 11.6 billion tons of salt!

On the average, a gallon of sea water contains about a quarter of a pound of salt. The beds of rock salt that are formed in various parts of the world were all originally formed by the evaporation of sea water millions of years ago.

Since it is necessary for about nine-tenths of the volume of sea water to evaporate for rock salt to be formed, it is believed that the thick rock salt beds that are found used to be partly enclosed seas. These evaporated faster when fresh water entered them,

and the rock salt deposits were thus formed.

(Win an illustrated "Tell Me Why" book with hundreds of questions answered. Send your questions, name, age and address to "Tell Me Why" in care of this newspaper. Include ZIP code. In case of duplicate questions, the author will decide the winner.)

#### FUN TIME THE RIDDLE BOX

1. What part of you is a tropical tree?
2. What would happen if you swallowed a spoon?
3. What becomes a woman?

3. A little girl.
2. You wouldn't be able to stir.
1. Your palm.

#### ANSWERS

#### THE TRICK BOX

Here's a trick played with numbers. If you take any number and multiply it by 9, the digits in the answer will always add up to 9. Just keep adding the digits, as shown.

96	11	89	68
88	69	91	16
61	86	18	99
19	98	66	81

# BICENTENNIAL

## THE SHAPE OF KENTUCKY BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY

During the Pleistocene Era, or Ice Age, great sheets of ice covered the North American continent to just north of Cincinnati, never reaching Kentucky. Pre-history land masses shifted, creating mountains and valleys and leaving jutting rock formations, as well as a variety of soils in place to nurture forests and grassy prairies.

During those early ages, "salt licks," sites where chemical-laden brine seeped to the surface, attracted mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths, and other prehistoric animals driven south by the ice. In need of salt

and other minerals, the animals were often swallowed by the swampy earth surrounding such areas as Big Bone Lick and the Upper and Lower Blue Licks. Early man, too, inhabited Kentucky, hunting, dwelling in caves, and leaving implements and signs of his passing. Later pioneers stumbled upon the fossilized remains of the massive extinct beasts that once walked the land. As early as 1739, a French soldier marveled at the huge bones discovered at Big Bone Lick. Salt licks such as these attracted later animals, as well, and were a necessity for early pioneers.

It is unlikely that trees grew in the quagmire surrounding the licks and mineral springs, and the existing plant growth was probably very different from the trees, shrubs, and grass that

cover the state today. The Pleistocene Era was also characterized by periodic and violent dust storms created when pulverized rock, crushed by moving ice, was blown from the north.

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of bicentennial features to appear in BACK HOME IN KENTUCKY magazine this year. These features will try to cover as many of the highlights as possible. In the coming weeks, look for such topics as Folk Heroes, Social Movements, Technology & Science, Kentucky At War, Cultural Influences, and Kentucky's National Contributions. For more information contact Back Home in Kentucky at the magazine's toll-free number, 800/229-9797.

## New book is treasurehouse of memories

Home is a place of laughter, of tears, of love and of fears. It is a place of memories when children become too old to roam its hallways or when a husband or wife has moved on to another place. Home is a storehouse of treasures.

A new book by Robert J. Best, a volunteer with the Christian Appalachian project in Martin, and Jacqueline A. Brunner, a public relations professional and a certified occupational therapy assistant, is a

key to unlock that treasurehouse of memories.

The book I'll Never Forget Our Home is a healing guide for those who must leave their homes, their old way of living behind to face a new beginning. It is a scrapbook in which to record thoughts associated with each room of the home. The anonymous antidotes recorded within its pages create a feeling of empathy. "I am not alone," is the message relayed

to the reader.

I'll Never Forget Our Home offers suggestions for "creating a ritual to build a bridge between the two homes...the old and new," writes the authors.

"It is our hope that this book will provide a meaningful rite of passage for all older adults who choose to leave the family homestead," said Best. "It is a simple, easy-to-do guidebook that will keep precious memories alive forever."

Best will be on hand to autograph copies of the book Saturday, March 21, at the Bookworm in Prestonsburg. The book signing will be held from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

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### Average life expectancy

The average life expectancy in the U.S. has increased to 76 years from 49 since the turn of the century, a 55 percent increase. Soon, scientists may be able to understand the aging process enough to alter it. The prospect of a longer life generates an abundance of possibilities for profound social change. The following chart illustrates how the average life expectancy has changed over time and some of the reasons why. Life expectancy for the years 2,000 and beyond are projections:

**3000 B.C. Avg. life: 18 yrs**  
 ■ Life during the Bronze age was tenuous because of disease and accidents.

**275 B.C. Avg. life: 26 yrs**  
 ■ People live longer, but life still short. Life expectancy increases less than 45 percent over 2,725 years.

**1990 Avg. life: 76 years**  
 ■ Better diet, health care; reduced infant mortality.

**1900 Avg. life: 49 years**  
 ■ Improved sanitation helps, but infectious disease still a killer.

**2000 Avg. life: 85 years**  
 ■ Optimal nutrition and exercise.

**2010 Avg. life: 115 years**  
 ■ Replacing hormones and other rejuvenating body chemicals.

**2030 Avg. life: 200 years**  
 ■ Genetic engineering in full swing.

**2200 Avg. life: 230 years**  
 ■ Evolutionary forces push life expectancy still higher.

Bronze Age

Roman Empire

U.S.

# IN HEALTH

by Linda Heller

One day way back in the 12th century, as the legend goes, the powerful Muslim military leader Sultan Saladin desperately summoned his doctor Moses Maimonides. From deep in a haze of foggy thoughts and stuffed-up sinuses, between racking coughs and phlegmatic sneezes, Saladin made his plea: Isn't there something you can give me for this terrible cold? Maimonides, the pre-eminent Jewish physician and philosopher of the time, knew just what would get the sultan back in fighting condition. Maimonides gave him chicken soup.

While medical researchers have spent hundreds of years and billions of dollars trying in vain to come up with a cure for the common cold, a humble bowl of chicken soup still tops the list of favorite home remedies. Although there have been few careful studies to prove its worth — no monkeys or rats fed measured amounts of chicken soup to see if they'll suffer fewer cold symptoms — support for the idea goes well beyond everyone's experience and common sense.

For one thing, doctors say it's important to drink plenty of liquids when you have a cold, because you lose moisture when you spend a lot of time breathing through your mouth, and you can easily worsen your symptoms. When the liquids are hot, so much the better, because heat is soothing to a sore throat and helps break up congestion. Virologists have even shown that heat — in a test tube — kills viruses that cause most colds, though no one has yet proven that sipping a hot broth or even inhaling its vapors can have the same effect.

Besides, chicken soup is much more than a plain hot liquid. The water and fat in the broth capture the vitamins and minerals released by the chicken and vegetables during cooking. When made the traditional way — with carrots, celery, onions,

parsley, garlic and spices — chicken soup will give you a healthy dose of vitamin A, along with the B vitamins niacin and riboflavin. This is especially important, because if you can't stomach the usual three square meals a day when you're sick, you'll need to get your nutrients and calories somehow, and a bowlful of hot soup is a soothing option.

But beyond its nutritional value, does chicken soup have any true therapeutic benefits? A decade and a half ago three doctors at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Fla., decided to find out. They asked 15 healthy men and women to sip hot water, chicken soup and then cold water, while a tiny sensor placed in their nostrils measured the "velocity of their nasal mucus." The study showed that chicken soup is significantly better than cold water in hastening the expulsion of virus-laden mucus from the respiratory tract. (Chicken soup and hot water ran neck and neck.)

Granted, plain water isn't the usual challenger, considering the plethora of decongestants, antihistamines, and other cold relief pills, sprays and rubs out there. Still, at least one scientist — Irwin Ziment, a pulmonary specialist at the University of California at Los Angeles — stakes his reputation on the supremacy of soup. He touts Maimonides' remedy with a timeless passion while standing on a platform of modern scientific reasoning.

"Chicken, like most protein foods, contains a natural amino acid called cystine, which is released when you make the soup," he says. "Cystine bears a remarkable chemical similarity to a drug called acetylcysteine, which doctors prescribe for their patients with bronchitis and respiratory infections."

According to Ziment, who's written several medical textbooks, including one on pharmacology, acetylcysteine thins out the mucus in the lungs and makes it less sticky so it

can be expelled more easily. "Acetylcysteine," he says, "was originally derived from chicken feathers and skin."

Just any old broth won't do if you're serious about relieving the symptoms of a cold, says Ziment. "It's a question, really, of how you make the chicken soup, and I advise my patients to make it hot and spicy — with plenty of pepper, hot curry powder and as much garlic as they can tolerate. Once you add pungent spices to this warm cystine and vitamin-rich broth, you wind up with a potent pharmacological brew."

"Today in countries like India and Mexico," he says, "hot, pungent spices are considered standard therapy for respiratory congestion." Medical textbooks in Europe and Asia frequently mention hot spices and garlic as cold treatments, and even the Russians relish cold remedies with a kick. To clear the sinuses, they guzzle warm water spiked with a teaspoon of horseradish and sweetened with a dab of honey.

Ziment has discovered that spicy remedies like these have something in common with modern cold medications: They trigger a sudden release of a wave of watery fluids in the mouth, throat and lungs. This helpful action actually begins in the mouth, throat and stomach, where special sensory receptors send nerve impulses racing to the brain, which in turn tells glands lining the airways to start producing. Their secretions, like the chemical cystine, also help thin down the respiratory mucus, so it's easier to cough up and expel. In short, spicy foods act something like the classic cough syrups known as expectorants.

"Garlic is probably the best-recognized expectorant there is," Ziment says. "The great 17th-century physician William Harvey, who discovered how blood circulates, extolled the virtues of garlic. He even recommended putting a clove inside your shoe when you have bronchitis."

In the interest of science, Ziment tried out one part of Harvey's method in the classroom. He managed to persuade a group of students to walk around all day with cloves of garlic in their shoes, then checked their breath at the end of the day to see if the chemicals had been absorbed through their skin. The experiment was an unspeakable success.

"Within several hours, you could smell the garlic on their breath," says Ziment. He hasn't yet tried the old clove-in-the-shoe routine with cold

sufferers. Why bother, he reasons, when you can offer them chicken soup?

For ordinary people trying to beat back the bugs in the cold and flu season, Ziment suggests eating a bowl of spicy chicken soup or one garlicky meal every day, if possible. When he himself gets sick, Ziment supplements his daily soup with tablets of vitamin C, because he believes that it may help break down the alliin, a major chemical in garlic, and turn it into a more active compound similar in structure to Mucodyne, another classic European cold medication.

Ziment sees even more reasons to favor his spicy soup over some other traditional remedies. Americans who prefer to treat coughs and congestion with cooling menthol-flavored cough drops could actually be doing themselves a disservice, he says.

"If you suck on a menthol cough drop hour after hour, it not only dries out your throat, it paralyzes the cilia — the tiny hairlike projections all along your airways. These hairs wave continuously back and forth, propelling mucus on its way from the bottom of your lungs toward your throat.

When the cilia can't move, congestion builds," says Ziment. "You'd be better off with hot salsa than menthol cough drops."

Even if you can't taste much through your congestion, eat up. No one suggests anymore that you "starve" either a cold or a fever — getting plenty of nutrients is vital for a quick recovery. However, some say that what you don't eat or drink can be just as important as what you do eat.

That's because certain foods seem to worsen some symptoms. It might be helpful, for example, to stay away from milk and other dairy products when you're congested.

"There's a logical reason for this," says Ziment — but it's not that milk makes mucus, as folklore suggests. "Milk seems to slow down the same secretory reflex that spicy foods help stimulate," he says. By "sedating" the sensory receptors in your mouth and stomach, milk decreases the amount of watery secretions produced by your lungs, and you remain congested.

As for the hot tea that everyone finds soothing when they're sick, the news isn't all good. Standard black teas contain an abundance of tannic acid, which tends to congeal the lubricating proteins in mucus, drying out your throat. Mint tea can be cool-

ing and soothing, at least temporarily, but it isn't recommended when you have a cold because it could have the same effect as menthol-calming respiratory tract receptors that you really need to stimulate.

James Duke, a U.S. Department of Agriculture botanist who studies medicinal plants, suggests drinking teas despite these drawbacks. He recommends hot lemonade or jasmine tea when you're sick because they contain vitamin C as well as compounds called polyphenols (including tannins), which may provide a hostile environment for common viruses. The amount of vitamin C and polyphenols in herb teas varies greatly, depending on growing conditions, the age of the leaves at picking, and the length of time they've been stored. Duke gets around these uncertainties by growing his own herbs. When he feels a cold coming on, he simply goes out in his garden, picks a bunch of honeysuckle and forsythia (which are loaded with polyphenols), and steeps the cuttings in a brew made of hot water, honey and lemon juice.

"This is an ancient Chinese remedy for a cold," he says. Although he admits he's never conducted labora-

tory experiments on this mix, which has not yet been proven effective or safe, Duke recalls one instance when it seemed to show its worth. While hosting an office New Year's Eve party, Duke decided to try an impromptu (and admittedly unscientific) experiment. He'd heard there was a cold going around the office, so he offered cupsful of his herb tea to anyone he could collar. He checked back with them later.

"The people who imbibed didn't get sick. Those who passed it up did. I'd figured I'd be sick for a week, dripping and snoring and blowing. But after I took this herbal concoction, I was back at my computer the next day. Lots of other people around the office were still feeling lousy."

If nothing else, herb teas can make you feel like you're doing something for your cold. And if you feel they're helping, they probably are. But if you can't find a ready supply of honeysuckle and forsythia, or if you'd just rather try something you can count on, remember Ziment's prescription: Have a bowl of chicken soup.

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## TOP 10 SINGLES

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- 1 Michael Jackson "Remember The Time," (Epic) Last Week No. 2
- 2 Amy Grant "Good For Me," (A&M) No. 3
- 3 Atlantic Starr "Masterpiece," (Reprise) No. 7
- 4 Paula Abdul "Vibeology," (Capitol/Virgin) No. 4
- 5 Michael Bolton "Missing You Now," (Columbia) No. 9
- 6 Vanessa Williams "Save The Best For Last," (Mercury) No. 20
- 7 Eric Clapton "Tears In Heaven," (Reprise) No. 22
- 8 Boyz II Men "UHH AHH," (Motown) No. 11
- 9 Genesis "I Can't Dance," (Atlantic) No. 10
- 10 The KLF Featuring Tammy Wynette "Justified And Ancient," (Arista) No. 19

### (MCA) No. 7

6. R. Kelly & Public Announcement "She's Got That Vibe," (Jive) No. 3
7. Queen Latifah "Latifah's Had It Up 2 Here," (Tonony Boy) No. 8
8. Vanessa Williams "Save The Best For Last," (Mercury) No. 9
9. M.C. Brains "Oochie Coochie," (Motown) No. 10
10. MC LYTE "Poor Georgie," (First Priority/Atlantic) No. 17

### TOP C&W SINGLES

1. Joe Diffie "Is It Cold In Here," (Epic) Last Week: No. 2
2. John Anderson "Straight Tequila Night," (BNA) No. 5
3. Alan Jackson "Dallas," (Arista) No. 4
4. Alabama "Born Country," (RCA) No. 6
5. Reba McEntire "Is There Life Out There," (MCA) No. 7
6. Trisha Yearwood "That's What I Like About You," (MCA) No. 11
7. Dwight Yoakam "It Only Hurts When I Cry," (Reprise/Warner) No. 8
8. Suzy Bogguss "Outbound Plane," (Liberty Pro) No. 9
9. Billy Dean "Only The Wind," (SBK Pro/Liberty) No. 10
10. Lorrie Morgan "Except For Monday," (RCA) No. 12

### TOP R&B/SOUL

- 1 Mint Condition "Breakin' My Heart (Pretty Brown Eyes)" (EastWest) Last Week: No. 2
- 2 Michael Jackson "Remember The Time," (Epic) No. 6
- 3 Prince & The N.P.G. "Diamonds And Pearls," (Paisley Park/Warner) No. 5
- 4 Tony Terry "Everlasting Love," (Epic) No. 4
- 5 Patti LaBelle "Somebody Loves You Baby (You Know Who It Is)"

## TRIVIA TEST

by Linda Luckhurst

1. Food: Where did the potato originate?
2. Aviation: Who was the first aviator to fly around the world solo?
3. Abbreviations: What does P.S. stand for at the end of a letter?
4. Snacks: Who invented potato chips?
5. Children's Literature: Who wrote "Tales of Peter Rabbit?"
6. Geography: What is the capital of Trinidad and Tobago?
7. Logos: Who designed the rabbit

logo for Playboy?  
8. Music: Who recorded the February, 1965 number one hit single "This Diamond Ring?"

### TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

1. South America; 2. Wiley Post; 3. Postscript, literally "written after"; 4. George Curn in 1853; 5. Beatrix Potter; 6. Port-of-Spain; 7. Art Paul; 8. Gary Lewis and the Playboys

BRUCE WILLIAMS

## SMART MONEY

### Law governs unused gift certificates

DEAR BRUCE: I was cleaning my dresser drawer the other day and found three gift certificates my folks had given me in 1983. They are \$25 a crack. I took them down to the store and they said they were sorry, but they had been long out-dated.

I'm not asking them for any interest, but I think they should honor them. What do you think? — P.R., Tualatin, Ore.

DEAR P.R.: I had the same problem. Some time ago, I was careless and put aside some gift certificates for well beyond their expiration date. There were several from two different stores.

One store was quite decent. They said fine, we'll honor them at face value. The second gave me the same song and dance that you got. I said OK. Their decision was fine with me, but then I asked to see the record of where they turned this money over to the state and they looked at me with Orphan Annie eyes.

### SMART MONEY



BRUCE WILLIAMS

I explained to them that state law required unredeemed gift certificates to become property of the state under the laws of escheat. Failing to do so would certainly involve some penalties on the part of the store.

The manager conferred with his home office and suddenly became very apologetic and said under the circumstances they would be very happy to honor the certificates.

In short, hit them where they hurt. Very few stores do turn the money over to the state as they are required by law. If you go to the store and tell them you want to see the receipts, I think they will do business with you. If, in fact, they have turned it over to the state and you can demonstrate that these monies were yours, your state would be happy to refund them to you in full. The interest goes to the state, but at least the principal comes to you.

It's overwhelmingly likely the store has not met those legal requirements and if you draw it to their attention, they will be very conciliatory. In the event they are not, then take the matter to the escheat division

of the state. I'm sure they'll show a great deal of interest in that particular store.

DEAR BRUCE: When my wife and I bought our home, we bought it under the GI bill (I am a Korean War veteran) with no money down and less than \$100 a month payment, which was very affordable.

In today's world, my daughter will have to work full time just to make the house payments while her husband will earn the rest of the money. We have been very fortunate. While we're not wealthy, we are in a position to help the kids. But should we? And if we do, how do we get them into their first home? — B.D., Visalia, Calif.

DEAR B.D.: In your generation, one income could easily afford a home. Part of that was due to much lower interest rates and another part of it was a much friendlier tax structure than we enjoy today. Sometimes I wonder if the government is doing any more for us. They're certainly making a great deal more money from us.

In any event, I have no problem in your helping the kids, maybe with the down payment (and you will in all likelihood have to make the down payment a gift to them). This not withstanding, after the mortgage is in place, I would take a second mortgage on their home if I were you. That way, if they do get into trouble, your investment will be first in line beyond the original mortgage. You will not just be a general creditor.

Secondly, in the unhappy possibility that your daughter or husband decide at some future date to go their separate ways, there will be no question as to who put what money into the house. That second mortgage would be clearly due and owing you before the remainder is whacked up during a divorce.

As I've indicated, the likelihood is you'll have to do this after the closing, but it certainly should be done. Forty years ago, there was really no great reason for parents to help young people buy a home. Today, unhappily, it is the rule rather than the exception.

(Send your questions to: Smart Money, P.O. Box 5202, Hudson, FL 34674. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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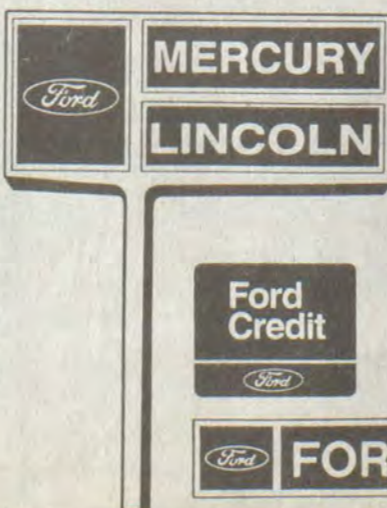
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