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Frazier offer could resolve ACHS debate

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Concerns about a community split and the memory of his father, inspired Floyd County Assistant Superintendent Gary Frazier to offer a parcel of ground in the Cracker Bottom community for a baseball facility for Allen Central High School.

The Eastern community has been at odds of late over which sport --

track or baseball -- should have priority in getting facilities for the upcoming season. The baseball field and the football facility were dismantled, some say, prematurely.

Track and field begins in April but baseball begins its season the last of March.

The haggling between the groups prompted Frazier's offer of the property that can be used any way the coaching staff at Allen Central sees fit. But there are stipulations.

"I saw a community split coming on," said Frazier. "There were hard feelings between the two groups and I didn't want to see that."

"I told them that if they didn't mind coming to Cracker Bottom to play baseball that I would give them a piece of property in which to build a baseball field."

Community unity was the first reason for giving the property but Frazier had a second motive.

"I wanted to give it in memory of my father, who taught at Allen Central until he retired," he said.

Sherill Frazier began his teaching career at the former Martin High School until the consolidation of Wayland, Garrett, Maytown and Martin. He then moved to Allen Central where he taught until his retirement.

"He loved the kids at Allen Central and he loved baseball," said the assistant superintendent. "I somehow feel that he is smiling about the decision that I made. I talked it over with Kitty (Frazier's wife) and we agreed to make the donation of the property."

Frazier, who has been well known for his love of the game of baseball and who is an avid baseball card collector, said there would be stipulations in how the field was to be built.

"We don't want a grader to come in and level a spot and call it a baseball field," he said. "The park is to be used for baseball only and forever. It will be for the Allen Central baseball team as well as any youth league that needs a place to play."

"We have for a very long time needed a nice park for baseball to be played. We want a field where we can

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MAJOR MUDSLIDES WERE reported throughout the area Thursday after heavy rains drenched the area. A mudslide on old US 23 Wednesday blocked the roadway and traffic was rerouted. A major slide was reported in Pike County Thursday. (photo by Mike Burke)

Rescuers take the plunge after man escapes, leaps from bridge

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg Police officer and a Prestonsburg firefighter thwarted a suicide attempt Sunday afternoon by a Goble Roberts man.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Greg Hall said Thursday that Aaron Tackett jumped into the Big Sandy River from Goble Roberts bridge Sunday in a suicide attempt after Tackett escaped from the back of a police cruiser.

Officer Sue Blackburn had taken

Tackett into custody after the department received a complaint that Tackett had threatened to jump from the bridge. Tackett managed to escape from the cruiser because the back window was halfway rolled down and the prisoner reached outside and opened the door.

When he was free, Tackett jumped from the bridge, Hall said, and officer William Petry and firefighter Billy Chaffins jumped in after Tackett. Petry and Chaffins were able to pull Tackett from the river.

"I'm thankful that (Tackett) didn't

get hurt and that officer Petry and fireman Chaffins were able to retrieve him from the river," Hall said.

Tackett was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment. Blackburn charged Tackett with alcohol intoxication.

Hall said that Tackett told officers that he had been despondent because of pain caused by injuries received in 1985. Tackett did not give officers details of the accident.

Tackett, 48, tried to commit suicide in the same manner approximately three weeks ago.



HEAVY RAINS THIS week caused the cancellation of classes in the Floyd County school system Thursday because of the threat of rising streams. Water reportedly covered some roadways in the county. No major flooding was reported. (photo by Mike Burke)

Legislative Briefs

Mandatory seat belt use starts in July

By the time July 13 rolls around, Kentuckians will have the option to buckle up for safety or face the music.

On Wednesday, Governor Breton Jones signed into law a bill that requires motorists to wear safety belts.

The law applies to all drivers and passengers except mail carriers, people with a doctor's excuse, motorists in farm trucks and people in vehicles made before 1965 that are not equipped with belts.

Violations of the law could result in fines of \$25.

Kentucky becomes the 47th state in the nation to make seat belt use mandatory.

Cigarette Taxes

A proposal to double the state's three-cent-a-pack cigarette tax died in committee Wednesday when the bill's sponsor decided not to ask for a vote on the measure.

Representative Anne Northup, R-Louisville, withdrew the proposal after it became apparent that other members of the House Economic Development Committee did not support it.

The bill would have used money from the tax increase to help tobacco farmers find alternate crops.

News Council

The state Senate voted 23-12 Wednesday to approve a bill creating a state news council that would hear complaints against the media.

If approved by the House and signed by Governor Jones, the news council would be funded by a one-time grant of \$1 million, matched by an equal amount raised privately.

Media participation with the council would be voluntary and any decisions made by the 11-member panel would be non-binding.

Teacher Standards

The House Education Committee endorsed a bill Wednesday which would make the board that sets standards for Kentucky teachers independent.

The Education Professional Standards Board, which is currently chaired by Danny Greene, of Prestonsburg, is now attached to the state Department of Education.

Under the proposed bill, the board, which certifies and disciplines teachers, would operate independently of the education department.

Gun Control

On Monday, Governor Breton Jones signed into law a bill which makes it illegal for minors to carry handguns.

The law, which takes effect July 13, makes it a felony for anyone under the age of 18 to carry a handgun unless it is to be used for sporting purposes.

Route 23 called candidate for new safety program

With its past blotted by dozens, perhaps hundreds of mishaps, Route 23 may be winding its way to a safer future in the Big Sandy region.

State Transportation Cabinet Secretary Don Kelly has singled out Route 23 in Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties as "a good candidate" for a new program aimed at finding solutions to traffic safety problems on the state's highways.

On March 21 in the Pikeville District office, highway officials will outline the cabinet's Corridor/Community Traffic Safety Program, which focuses, Kelly said, on engineering, enforcement, education and emergency response to "collectively seek solutions" to traffic safety problems.

The March 21 meeting to outline the program will begin at 2 p.m. in the Pikeville District office on North Mayo Trail.

Education forum to meet Tuesday

The Floyd County Education Forum will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Prestonsburg Community College in room J-112 in the Johnson Administration Building.

Items on the agenda include an update on Kentucky's Education Reform Act; a review of school board issues; and a discussion of options on actions the group can take on educational issues in Floyd County.

The forum meeting is open to the public and for more information contact Jean Rosenberg at 886-3863.

Ashland's loss could be PCC's gain

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg Community College is one step closer to receiving funding to build a multi-million dollar health education and wellness center and for expansion of the college's satellite campus in Pike County.

In a move that angered some legislators, the House Budget Review Subcommittee included the PCC project in the state's two-year budget plan Wednesday, while nixing plans for improvements at Ashland Community College.

Representative Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, who is the House subcommittee chairman said Wednesday that a new building for the Ashland college was dropped because legislators from that area of the state

did not support the projects of House Democratic leaders.

Moberly's criticism of dropping the Ashland project did not dampen the enthusiasm of PCC president Deborah Floyd.

"The funding is not in hand," Floyd said Thursday, "but we're a notch up from where we were on Tuesday."

PCC is hoping to build a \$9 million Regional Center for Health Edu-

Grand jury session is set

The Floyd County Grand Jury will be in session March 16 and 17 at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Those wishing to appear before the grand jury should go to the commonwealth attorney's office on the second floor of the courthouse begin-

ning at 9 a.m. Persons will be interviewed in the order in which they arrive at the commonwealth attorney's office.

For more information contact Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt at 886-1604.

the new building, addresses major health reform issues of increasing primary and mid-level health care in rural areas and prevention of illnesses through health education and wellness programs."

The wellness center is to be built to adjoin the Martin Student Center.

At the Pikeville satellite office, plans are to design a building to house PCC's campus and about 60 percent of the space will be used for classrooms and laboratories. Space is also allocated for student study areas, and a library, bookstore and faculty offices.

"These projects are part of a total master plan for the college with priorities focused on technology and health," Floyd said.

Law school scholarship to honor judge Stumbo

State Representative Greg Stumbo has established a scholarship fund at the University of Louisville School of Law in honor of his late father, Judge Harold Stumbo.



Stumbo

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a qualifying student from Floyd County or another Eastern Kentucky County.

"My father loved the law and he loved the people of Floyd County and east Kentucky," Greg Stumbo

said in a news release issued Thursday.

"I know how much he appreciated the respect and confidence that his clients held for him..."

Harold Stumbo, who was serving as Floyd Circuit Court Judge when he died in January, was a graduate of the U of L School of Law as was his son, Greg.

The Judge Harold Stumbo Scholarship Fund was endowed by a \$25,000 gift from Greg Stumbo and his family. Contributions to the fund may be sent to the Judge Harold Stumbo Scholarship Fund, University of Louisville School of Law, Dan Cromer, Director of Development, Louisville, Ky. 40292.

Essay contest on voting and voter registration open to Floyd students

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 20, to be eligible.

"Vote to Have a Choice; Vote and Have a Voice."

Zack Roy of Paul Blazer High School in Ashland won the \$500 prize for the slogan of "Vote Your Choice; Register and Vote." Mary Ann Hensley of Maryhurst in Louisville won the \$250 prize for creating the slogan "Hey! Hey You! Your Vote Counts Too."

Essay winners in 1993 were Christina Parker of Reidland High School in Paducah, freshman; Jason Dodson, a sophomore at Cumberland County High School in Burkesville; Shawn Brown, a junior at Russell High School and senior Kristi Murnahan of Paul Blazer High School.

Babbage noted that 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the date of the November 8 general election can register and vote even in the May primary election.

"An understanding of the voter registration and election process contributes to rebuilding our democracy," Babbage said.

"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.

—Legal Notice—

The annual report of the Estate of John H. Huppert and Eula M. Huppert will be conducted on March 28, 1994 at 10 a.m. in front of the Floyd County Courthouse steps by Taubee Branham Jr., administrator.

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First physical

Samantha Mitchell received the first physical at the McDowell Family Resource Center, February 8. Nurse Pam Patton, R.N. from the Floyd County Health Department, Clerks Martha Morrison and Clara Johnson, director of the McDowell Family Resource Center, are pictured above. A nurse will do physicals each Monday and Tuesday for the fifth grade students. Parents who haven't gotten their child's appointment, call 377-2678. Nurses will also be doing kindergarten physicals starting March 22.

Debate

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host a regional tournament."

The plans will call for lights, a grandstand, dugouts, rest rooms and a concession stand.

The infield is to be sod with the base paths lined with red clay.

"Jackie Edford Owens and Judge (John M.) Stumbo have pledged their cooperation," said Frazier. "It will not become a county park. That is another stipulation."

"Papers are being drawn up now for transferring of the property. Reed Engineering has offered to donate their time as well as Randy Burchett. As soon as the weather breaks they will begin work on the field. Randy says that he is ready."

Frazier, who has worked for several years with American Legion baseball, said that our kids in the county deserve "to have one decent field."

"I would like to see them grade it the way they want it to be," he said. "They (Allen Central) will have the say so as to the design of the field. We want sodded grass and beam clay on the infield and really it's not that expensive."

"We look at fields surrounding us like Pikeville, Johnson Central, Knott County Central and Morehead and we want facilities like that. We want our kids to be able to play on minor league quality fields."

Frazier said that he has been instrumental in obtaining scholarships for athletes in our county but college coaches find players from this county weak in fundamentals of the game.

"With a nice field to work out and play on, hopefully that will be corrected," he stated. "I feel with this we are heading in the right direction in getting a baseball facility for Allen Central and they can move on with the track facility."

"I support the track and field facility 100 percent. I think we need to have a place for kids in the county to compete. Every school needs to have their own track and field facility. But also our kids need a place to play baseball."

"I have already talked with Don Hansford and we don't want a second class field. I believe we can get some grant money to help with the expenses and the school board should spend a little money on it."

Frazier said that since he stopped growing corn on the property he has kept it mowed.

"I always looked at that piece of ground and said it would be a nice place for a ballpark. Dad would be tickled to death with it," he said.

The upkeep of the park once it is finished will lie with Allen Central.

"I want it to be maintained and kept mowed," said Frazier.

Widows may get higher benefits at 65

by Jim Kelly
Social Security District Director for the Big Sandy Area

If you're receiving Social Security Benefits because you're a widow, you may be eligible for a higher benefit when you reach age 65. This could be possible if you have been employed and, therefore, are entitled to benefits based on your own work record. Ordinarily, you cannot change from a reduced benefit to a full benefit, but that does not apply if you're a widow.

As a widow who is entitled to retirement benefits on your own earnings, you can take reduced benefits at age 62 and receive a full widow's benefit at 65. Or, you can take your widow's benefit at 62 and get your full retirement payment at 65.

Here's an example of how this works: Rebecca Litchfield, a widow, visited her Social Security office just before her 62nd birthday and learned she had some choices to make. Her full (age 65) widow's benefit would be \$800, but she could take a reduced widow's benefit of about \$660 at age

62. Because she had worked, she also was due a full (age 65) retirement benefit of \$600 with a reduced benefit of \$480 payable at age 62. These are her choices: (1) She could take a reduced widow's benefit of \$660 at age 62. That would remain her benefit forever (except for annual cost-of-living increases); or (2) she could take the smaller retirement benefit of \$480 at 62 and switch to her full widow's rate (\$800) at 65.

Rebecca has to ask herself these questions: Can she live on the smaller income (\$480) for three years in anticipation of the higher benefit (\$800) at 65? Or would she rather get something in between (\$660) right away with no option of switching later to a higher benefit? Rebecca can get some help in making her decision by talking with a Social Security representative, who will further explain her options.

If you too are faced with making a decision on which benefit to take, we suggest you talk to a Social Security representative about the options that are available to you.

Former Floyd State Representative Jerry Howell to be honored at Lees College reception

Former Floyd County State Representative Jerry Howell and Buena Howell will be honored by area leaders and friends at a reception on Saturday, March 12, at Lees College. The reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. in Van Meter Gymnasium. Personal tributes and presentations will be made at 4 p.m.

The Howells have long been admired for their outstanding civic and community leadership in eastern Kentucky. Active in coal and real estate development, Jerry Howell was a founding director of Citizens Bank of Jackson and was one of the original directors of the Kentucky River Area Development District. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club in Jackson for over 30 years and was founder and is the driving force of the Academic Boosters program for academic achievement of students in both the public and private school systems in Breathitt County. Howell is also a former member of the Board of Regents of Morehead State University where he served for 18 years. Originally from Floyd County, he served six years in the Kentucky House of Representatives and four years in the

Kentucky Senate where was majority floor leader.

Buena Howell is regarded as an outstanding educator and librarian, and is especially remembered for being instrumental in the renovation of Little Red School, a former one room school now located on the L.B.J. campus in Jackson. She is an artist and also is noted for her active involvement in fine arts outreach programs in area schools. A member of the Jackson Woman's Club, she also touched the lives of many with other civic involvements. Both the Howells are active members of the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Friends of the Howell invite area citizens to join in the festive reception that will pay tribute for their community service as they prepare to relocate to Florida.



American Heart Association

Correction

An article in Wednesday's edition of The Times concerning an accident at Allen Sunday incorrectly identified Freddie Spears, 32, as an employee of Winchester Pest Control. Spears is employed by Terminator Pest Control. Also, the vehicle driven by Barry Boyd was traveling South on US 23.

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.

Megan McElwain of Portland Christian School in Louisville won the \$1,000 prize in 1993 for her slo-

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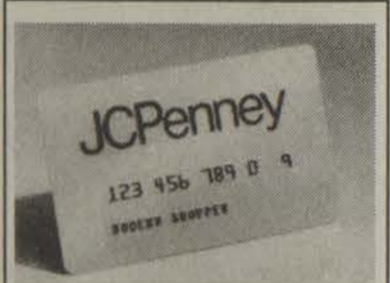


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Health care reform passes state House in close vote

by Becky L. Meadows and Heather K. Reister
KPA News Bureau

Pay your health insurance premiums and write them off your taxes next year.

That's one of the main provisions of proposed health care reforms that passed the state House last week, and thus came as a step closer to reality for insurance-needy Kentuckians.

The reforms include measures that would make insurance more affordable for people in the state, such as the tax write-offs, according to legislative leaders.

In addition, a state health purchasing alliance would bargain to get lower insurance rates for Kentuckians unable to pay the skyrocketing cost of health insurance premiums.

The health care reforms passed 58-41 in an expected-close vote, but not without first being battered around on the House floor.

"No bill has traveled a longer, harder road to arrive on this chamber floor than House Bill 250," said Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville.

Throughout an unsuccessful Special Session on Health Care last year and a summer of committee meetings to try to hammer out a compromise on the issue, lawmakers were constantly barraged by lobbyists on every side of the issue, from doctors to insurance carriers to hospitals and other health care providers.

"One man's price gouging was a health professional's reward for doing a good job," Burch explained.

"This bill has been two years in the making," he said. "We know this: Our public health system is broken. It is our plain and simple duty to fix it. The time to act is now."

Other provisions in the bill include having health care providers provide specific information on their charges for services, if asked; asking for standard procedures for various services; mandating medical programs at universities in the state turn out more primary care physicians and fewer specialists; and mandating insurance companies no longer deny people coverage because they have had various medical conditions.

One of the most controversial parts of the bill, rate-setting for medical services, remained in the measure as a threat to help ensure health care providers and insurance companies work to get insurance rates down. Rate-setting could only be done with approval of the General Assembly.

Rep. Bob Heleringer, R-Louisville, introduced unsuccessfully an amendment to the bill that would have deleted every reference to rate-setting for providers.

"I know from talking to a number of you that this is the feature you like the least, and you're right, you're dead right," Heleringer said.

Heleringer pointed out some health care providers might leave the state if faced with the threat of rate-setting.

"Our health care providers, some day, they're going to get to vote on this bill, and they're going to vote with their feet as they leave this state," he said. "Who has stopped you and said to you, 'I know the answer to health care. It's more government.' The answer is nobody. Nobody has said that."

Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said the legislature needs the threat of rate-setting to ensure health insurance premiums go down.

"I know people are saying health care costs are too high, way too high," Scorsone said. "They're saying, 'I can't afford a hospital stay. A week in

the hospital will kill me."

Heleringer's amendment failed 57-35.

Health care was not the only hot topic of the week, however.

The Senate Judiciary Committee meeting was the place to be last week when pro-choice supporters and anti-abortion activists came to visit. The anti-abortion activists held up signs that urged the committee to set the pro-life bills free, specifically three sponsored by Sen. Tim Philpot, R-Lexington. Philpot made a motion to call up the bills, but the motion was defeated.

Upon adjournment, Jeanmarie Parrott, director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Henderson, addressed five of the seven members who stayed.

"Women are exploited by the abortion industry. They're often left with scars that last a lifetime and I come on their behalf," Parrott said.

Parrott urged the committee to call up the bills so they could be voted on.

In other legislative action:

• The House Health and Welfare Committee passed a bill that would prohibit drug manufacturers from cutting deals with one company and not another. This bill would require drug manufacturers to charge all sellers in the Commonwealth the same price.

"Pharmaceutical companies have been gouging this country for years and I'm sick of it," Rep. Mike Bowling, D-Middlesboro, said. The bill, sponsored by Bowling, will now go to the House floor for consideration.

• A bill that would prohibit the use of corporal punishment in child day care centers and family child-care homes was passed by the Senate last week. A floor amendment was adopted that includes shaking as a form of corporal punishment.

• A Senate bill was passed out of the Education committee that would change how teachers are assessed their pay increases. The Education Professional Standards Board would be responsible for setting standards for each certification.

Part of the bill, which caused much debate, dealt with "Kentucky Educator Certification Centers." These centers would measure the skills of those who are applying for teacher certification. Marnel Moorman, president of the Kentucky Education Association, said training of teachers should be taken care of in the colleges and universities, and there is no need for the centers.



Scientist

Jack C. Wells, a Prestonsburg native, who currently serves as a research consultant for Oak Ridge Laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tennessee has returned to the area as an instructor for Pikeville College. Wells commutes weekly from his residence in Oak Ridge to the home of his aunt and uncle, Dottie and James Carter in Pikeville.

Research consultant for Oak Ridge National Laboratories joins faculty at Pikeville College

Jack Carter Wells, a research consultant for Oak Ridge National Laboratories recently joined the Pikeville College faculty as a physics instructor. Wells, a Prestonsburg native, received his B.S. degree from Centre College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1985. He received his M.S. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1989, and is in the process of completing his Ph.D. this spring. He also served at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Physics Division as a graduate research fellow, and at Vanderbilt as a research and teaching assistant.

"It's good to be back in the area," said Wells, who commutes from Oak Ridge to Pikeville. "Bill Owens was my professor and advisor while I was in school at Centre, and I lectured here at Pikeville College during the summer of 1987 as an assistant to professor Fred Boercker."

Wells has received numerous awards including the National Sci-

ence Foundation travel award to attend the NATO Advanced Study Institute, Bodrum, Turkey in 1993; a Predoctoral Fellowship, Institute for Theoretical Atomic and Molecular Physics at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Harvard University, in 1991; and was selected as one of four U.S. graduate students to receive the National Science Foundation travel award to attend the NATO Advanced Study Institute, Peniscola, Spain in 1989.

He has had several articles published in professional magazines and journals, and has been invited to give talks throughout the United States.

Wells currently teaches five physics classes and labs for sophomore and junior level students at Pikeville College.

"What I like best about being here are the students," said Wells. "They are by and large pleasant, agreeable, and friendly people."

Courthouse News

SUITS FILED

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

Jamessa Carol Hunt of Harold vs. William Stacy Hunt of Meta; dissolution of marriage.

Leetha Sparks Kidd of Grethel vs. State Farm Insurance Company; alleged failure to pay medical bills that resulted from an auto accident.

June Brose vs. Don and Janice Cox of Betsy Layne; compensation for alleged damages to property.

Lucinda Mullins of Wheelwright vs. Harold Mullins of Weeksbury; dissolution of marriage.

Lawrence McGirr of Ashtabula, Ohio, vs. Commonwealth of Kentucky; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about June 19, 1989 in Pike County.

Janice M. Hopkins et al. of McDowell vs. Jeffrey L. Crum of Martin; compensation for alleged in-

juries received in an accident on or about January 21, 1994 at Martin.

Persinger Supply Company of Prichard, West Virginia, vs. Longrifle Coal Company Inc. of Wayland; alleged debt of \$15,682.67, plus interest, fees and costs.

Freddie Daniels of Garrett and Kathy Lafferty Daniels of Martin; joint petition to declare marriage invalid.

Larry Porter of Dwale vs. Annette Porter of Lexington; dissolution of marriage.

Douglas Blevins of Bypro vs. Bonnie L. Johnson of Weeksbury; compensation for alleged injuries received in an auto accident on September 9, 1993 at Melvin.

Michael J. Mosley of McDowell vs. Nathan S. Mosley et al. of McDowell; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about September 20, 1993.

Ethel Stanley of Hi Hat vs. Claudette Isaac of Bypro; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on December 13, 1993.

Thomas J. Stanford of Garrett vs. Calvin Patrick of Emmalena; compensation for alleged damages to trailer in the amount of \$4,000.

Kentucky National Insurance Company vs. Chillis Meade of Printer; alleged damages to property.

State Farm Insurance Company vs. Kimberly K. Bartley of Regina; compensation for alleged injuries received in an accident on or about February 21, 1993 at Teaberry.

Nelson Tackett Jr. of Grethel vs. Dana Lynn Tackett of Grethel; dissolution of marriage.

MARRIAGES

Linnice E. Champlin, 25, of Melvin and Thomas Tuttle, 22, of Melvin; Alenna Layne Risner, 24, of Dema and Harold D. Mosley, 40, of Allen;

Teresa Daniel, 23, of River and Ritchie Luster, 23, of Ulysses; Dorothy Jane Poston, 16, of Wayland and Matthew Jarrell Davis, 21, of Wayland;

Deborah L. Collins, 23, of Printer and Mark E. Collins, 25, of Martin; Regina Stephens, 16, of Endicott and William O. Powers, 28, of Emma; Stephanie N. Tackett, 17, of Melvin and Clyde Johnson, 16, of Weeksbury.

Baptist doctrine study, life/life support and music festivals

An overview of the 1994 Baptist Doctrine Study, "The Bible Speaks to End Times," will be presented in conjunction with an overview of "LIFE/LIFE Support" courses throughout the state during the month: March 14, First Baptist Church, Paducah; March 15, Daviess-McLean Baptist Association Building, Owensboro; March 17, Elkhorn Baptist Association Building, Lexington; March 18, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

For registration and information, contact Kentucky Baptist Convention Discipleship Training Department, (502) 245-4101.

Regional Music Festivals provide the opportunity for church choirs (adult, senior adult, youth, children's and handbells) and soloists (vocal and orchestral instruments) to share their music with one another. One of the festivals will be held locally. The festival for the Eastern Region will be held April 22 at First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. The festival is for all ages.

Choirs are encouraged to prepare two songs and soloists one solo suitable for use in worship.

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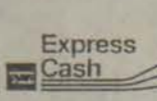
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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Democracy held hostage

by Scott Perry

"Bad boys, bad boys,
Whatcha gonna do?
Whatcha gonna do
when they come for you?"

That, no doubt, is the tune Ashland area legislators are singing this week after apparently ticking off the party bosses down at the Capitol.

Ashland saw a proposed classroom addition at Ashland Community College flushed down the toilet this week by the House Budget Subcommittee because, subcommittee chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said, area legislators did not "support progressive goals."

Now you know how "democracy" really works in Kentucky.

If you're elected to represent a certain constituency, you have every right to support what you feel is in their best interests.

Of course, should those interests conflict with those of the party "leaders," well, you might

just be in for a lesson in political science.

Here's how it works:
Thousands of Kentuckians go to the polls to elect 100 state representatives and 38 senators to represent their various districts.

These legislators gather in Frankfort every two years to do what they're told by the five legislators who hold their respective party leadership positions in each house.

What you end up with, then, are ten legislators (majority party rules) making all the rules and all the decisions about what will or won't become the law of the land.

Those who toe the party line get presents.

Those who don't get nothing. Sometimes they even get things taken away from them.

Some political observers call this system of government "give and take."

We call it political enslavement.

SKELLY

SPORTS

BARRY BONDS HIT EIGHT HOME RUNS TODAY... MORE ON THAT LATER, BUT FIRST, MICHAEL JORDAN LAID DOWN A BUNT!! LET'S GO LIVE TO COMISKEY PARK...



—Letters to the editor—

High pressure tactics used to solicit donations for non-local organization

Editor:
I received a call late Tuesday evening from a man who identified himself as being with the Veteran's Referral Service and was asking for donations for an annual newsletter.

This man uses high pressure sales tactics and is very rude. When I ended my conversation with this man by hanging up the phone, he returned the call to me, used profanity and hung up before I had a chance to say anything.

This is a very unethical way to take up donations for any service that's suppose to be helping people. I want people to know that this referral service had absolutely nothing to do with our local Veteran's Referral Service in Paintsville.

I have also been told by several other people that they have been contacted by these people and they used questionable sales tactics on them also. I would discourage anyone who receives a phone call from these people to deny any donations in helping them and instead make a donation to the local Veterans Referral Center in Paintsville.

The Paintsville Center is a non-profit organization helping our local veterans and all donations are tax deductible.

The Veterans Referral Center in Paintsville holds an annual radio show to take up donations which is broadcast on most of the local radio stations sometime in November near Veteran's Day. The telephone number for the Veterans Referral Center in Paintsville is 789-4357. Their mailing address 1044 Broadway, Paintsville, KY 41240.

They provide many types of assis-

tance for veterans and their families such as pension, disability and survivors claims, employment and SBA services, agent orange services, counseling services and many more.

Please consider donating to the Paintsville Center instead of someone who uses harassing telephone tactics for donations. If you receive a harassing or abusive call from a salesman, you should get as much information about the caller as possible and then report it to the Consumer Protection Division of the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General in Frankfort at 1-800-432-9257 or (502) 573-7600.

Lisa Burchett
Prestonsburg

Learning the hard way about health care reformers

Editor:
Small business operators in the United States may soon learn the hard way that health care reformers do not take the same oath as doctors and other medical practitioners: "First, do no harm."

One of the biggest problems faced by small business operators is absenteeism, particularly that which arises from employee injuries, chronic illness and unhealthy lifestyle choices.

The existing employer-based health care system provides business owners with a substantial opportunity and financial incentive to put in place custom-tailored wellness and preventive medicine programs. No such opportunity for savings will be present in the Clinton health care plan, which will force employers to pay for coverage but give them no real say as to the health plans avail-

able. In fact, the Clinton health care reform scheme would take the current experts in health care (small employers and their health insurance agents) out of the picture, substituting in their place "amateurs."

The White House clings to the dubious assumption that consumers won't need any guidance in choosing between benefit plans and will suddenly be able to master the mind-numbing intricacies of health care.

Instead of getting advice from their local insurance agent who is knowledgeable about the "real world" issues of health care financing, employees of small business will be forced to get "help" from nameless, faceless bureaucrats who have no real incentive to solve problems.

Dean A. Warren
President
Kentucky Association
of Life Underwriters

Info wanted for medical purposes

Editor:
I am researching my ancestors, Jacob Gooding Lycan (born about 1740, North Carolina) and James Hensley (born about 1775, Virginia?).

I believe James Hensley married Martha Lycan about 1800. Jacob Gooding Lycan and James Hensley were in Floyd County in 1800. Jacob Gooding Lycan was one of the first Justices of the Peace in 1799.

I am searching for medical purposes. I will return all postage. Thanks very much. God bless.

Reva Hopkins-Bruhn
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EDITORIAL DEADLINES

WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures 5 p.m. Friday
Obituaries, Calendar items 10 a.m. Tuesday
(Calendar items, reunions, meetings, special classes, will appear in the Wednesday and Friday editions only prior to the event.)

FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures 5 p.m. Wednesday
Obituaries, Calendar items 10 a.m. Thursday
Note: News articles of events more than three months old will not be published. All copy will be edited for clarity and length.

What others are saying

The following articles are excerpts of editorials taken from Kentucky newspapers

Life should be life...period

The Kentucky House last week passed a bill that should have been on the books decades ago.

The bill, which must be approved by the Senate and signed by the governor before becoming law, gives juries and judges a chance to sentence violent criminals to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Life sentences are misnomers. When a judge sentences someone to life in prison, it would appear that the person would spend the rest of his life in prison. In most cases, however, that's not true. Under Kentucky law, people sentenced to life are eligible for parole after serving 12 years of their term. Whether they're released is up to the parole board.

Another law gives juries and judges an option of life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years. That one is self explanatory.

Under this new bill, there is another option: no parole at all for the most serious offenders. This bill will probably confuse many Kentuckians who thought people sentenced to life in prison usually die there. This bill, in my opinion, should go one step farther.

It should eliminate the other life-sentence options, therefore making a life sentence a life sentence...period.—Paintsville Herald

Why didn't they listen?

A word to the wise, they say, is sufficient. But a lot of words weren't enough to keep the Perry County school board from making a \$13 million mistake.

The mistake came in the form of the new Perry Central High School, which may not be able to open because there isn't a treatment plant to handle its sewage.

No one should be surprised by this. The state had warned the school district that it would not be allowed to hook up to the sewer system. The state has barred large new buildings from hooking up since 1992.

Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman had warned the school board that the school wouldn't be able to open without construction of a new sewage treatment plant. The board opposed construction of the plant, and Gorman's prophesy now is on the verge of coming true.

All of this must leave Perry County's parents, students and taxpayers wondering what it would have taken to prevent the school board from stumbling into this mess. The suspicion is that with so little wisdom at work, no quantity of words would have been sufficient.—Lexington Herald-Leader

Choose carefully

Pike County voters in the 93rd District have a tough choice ahead of them this May. For the first time in more than 20 years, Clayton Little's name will not be on the ballot.

Little, 60, has been a strong advocate of the state's increased tax on unmined minerals and the 1988 broad-form deed amendment. This year, he has introduced legislation endorsed by the Kentuckians For The Commonwealth requiring stricter supervision of gas and oil companies.

That bill is now lingering in committee with a compromise measure almost a certainty.

Little's bill would create an Interagency Oil and Gas Council made up of representatives from the Department of Mines and Minerals, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, the oil and gas industry, surface owners' rights organizations and at-large members.

The longtime representative wants gas and oil companies to build on land that the owners cannot develop. Companies would have to show their right to drill on the land and submit a copy of the deed.

The measure includes provisions such as backfilling and a vegetation plan to prevent damage from soil erosion and water pollution. It would require gas and oil companies to pay compensation to the landowners

for any road or pipeline laid on the property.

The bill would also require the operator to obtain an operations and reclamation permit to be bonded. If the reclamation standards are not met, the bond would be forfeited to complete reclamation.

The House and Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Monday sent Department of Natural Resources Secretary Phillip Shepherd back to the negotiating table with oil and gas industry lobbyists over the more stringent regulations.

Lobbyists claim the legislation would force them to pay about \$4 million to cope with new regulations.

Whatever the bill's outcome, Little has worked hard on its passage.

Whether you are pleased with Little and the stand he has taken while in office, you must select your next servant wisely. The only way to do that is to get informed, ask questions about the issues and take note of the answers.

The difference in the candidates will make the difference in how they serve you. —Appalachian News-Express

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Floyd County Times.

Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from the Floyd County Times 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years ago.)

(Ten Years Ago)

(March 14, 1984)

The Floyd County School Board gave up on the utilities tax plan...After recent snow, Floyd County schools will hold classes an extra 72 minutes each day for the next five weeks...The city of Prestonsburg voted to advertise for bids to build a 65-space parking lot on the river bank behind the Playhouse restaurant...Drift grocer, Harlos "Baldy" Hall, 41, is being held in the county jail following his arrest on a charge of murdering a 17-year-old youth on Drift Hollow...Governor Martha Layne Collins signed HB 32—the Broadform Deed Bill—into law...There died: George Hansford of Wayland, Thursday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Woodrow W. Greenwade, 70, of Prestonsburg, Monday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Glen Nelson, 63, of Lackey, Sunday in a Lexington hospital; Former Magistrate Derl Bryant DeRossett, 50, Monday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Everett Maggard, 65, of Drift, last Friday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Woodrow Wilson Tuttle, 65, of Price, Sunday at his home; Pauline Slone Kidd, 58, of Wayland, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 13, 1974)

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee again last Wednesday failed to report out for a vote on House Bill 9, the so-called "broad-form deed" bill, and another attempt to get favorable action on the legislation will be made today...The litigation surrounding the issuance by the Floyd fiscal court of franchises to individual television system operators remained unresolved when the court met last Wednesday to accept or reject bids...Last Sunday afternoon the formal opening of a new city library symbolized the abundance of community consciousness and enthusiasm which remains strong among Wheelwright residents and the determination of a city government to maintain the town's reputation as an exceptional community...After drilling more than two miles deep at Hite in a search for deep-lying oil or gas, or both, Signal Oil Company and associated firms last week wrote the venture off as a "dry hole"...Bodies of four Floyd countians were found near Pikeville. The victims were listed as Randall Dean Howell, 22, and his brother, Glendale Howell, 18, both of Galveston; Debbie Marie Stewart, 16, and her two-year-old daughter, Debbie. The four were apparently victims of carbon monoxide poisoning...Charlotte Ann Branham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Branham, of Rt. 3, Prestonsburg, recently enlisted in the U.S. Women's Army Corps...The Pikeville Panthers from the 59th district won the 15th Regional Tournament, defeating the Paintsville Tigers of the 57th district, 66 to 62; Saturday night, Allen Central and Prestonsburg both lost in the semi-finals, Friday...Born: a son, Billy Joe Osborne, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Osborne, of Auxier, Feb. 28; a son, Norman Chaffins, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Chaffins, of Prestonsburg, March 1; a daughter, Kelly Shannon, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Collins, of Hager Hill, March 2; a son, John Wesley, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Osborne, of Allen, March 1; a son, Tate Edward, born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Boyd, of Dana, March 3; a daughter, Lisa Gay, to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Yates, of Honaker, March 4; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hughes, of Buckingham, March 10...There died: Mrs. Louellen P. Hicks, 51, of Pyramid, last Tuesday at a hospital, here; Mrs. Lena N. Steele, 69, formerly of Betsy Layne, March 1 in a Sacramento, Calif.; Robert Donald Shepherd, 40, Monday morning at his home at Martin; Ruthie Sparkman, 78, of Pippa Passes, last Thursday at a hospital, here; Jeanette (Nettie) Ray, 82, of Abbott Creek, Wednesday night at a hospital, here...Johnny Spradlin, 67, Spradlin Branch, near here, Saturday, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Arinda Ousley, 75, of Hi Hat, Friday at a hospital in Farmington, Mich.; Malcolm Ousley, 59, formerly of this county, last Thursday at his home in Warsaw, Ind.; Pharoah Hall, 63, of Raven, last Thursday at the McDowell hospital; Litt Slone, 96, of Ligon, Friday at a Martin hospital; Joe Hamilton, 71, of Banner, last Tuesday at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Lula Porter Brown, 89, last Tuesday at her home at Allen; George T. Roberts, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday morning at a nursing home, here; Buck E. Moore, 74, formerly of Garrett and Pikeville, Saturday at a Lexington hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 19, 1964)

Concern was expressed this week with the slowness with which landowners in the Beaver Creek area are responding to the granting of easements for the proposed snagging and clearing project on Beaver Creek...Bodies of Roy Douglas Perry, 15, formerly of Prestonsburg, and a teenage friend were recovered Sunday night and Monday from a stream at Lima, Ohio where they drowned, apparently Sunday morning...Discussing the series of breaks made recently into Floyd homes and business places, Commonwealth's Attorney Harold J. Stumbo said, Monday, that he sees the need to track down and prosecute buyers of stolen goods as next in importance to catching and convicting the thieves themselves...Dr. Russell L. Hall, Floyd county health doctor, last week presented Mrs. Marvin Ransdell a silver tray upon her retirement after 27 1/2 years with the health department...The Wayland Wasps won the regional tournament here last Saturday by easily defeating the Inez Indians, 78-62, assuring them a berth in the state tourney for the fourth time in the school's history...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phillip Hughes, of Prestonsburg, their first child, a daughter, Kimberly, March 8 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mexico Pitts, 80, at her home at Dock, last Thursday; Mrs. Martha Meade, 82, of Topmost, Saturday at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Rosie Sellards, 82, formerly of Endicott, Wednesday, at the home of a daughter at Betsy Layne; Willie Owens, 69, Wednesday at his home at Banner, Millard Beverly, 74, Saturday at his home at Wayland; Mrs. Della C. Bays, 73, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Henry F. Holbrook, 77, Thursday at his home on Middle Creek; Garland Hart, 95, March 9, at his home at Gulnare; Clarence Thomas, 57, formerly of Drift, Thursday of last week in Cleveland, O.; Charles K. Moore, 66, last Friday at Martin; Andrew Conn, 45, formerly of this county, Sunday at Lima, O.; Mrs. Maggie Haywood, 53, of Wabash, Ind., formerly of this county, Saturday in Wabash; Mrs. Zella Hamilton, of St. Albans, W. Va., formerly of this county, March 9 in Charleston, W. Va.; James Franklin Jarrell, 70, of Emma, Friday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Charles Haywood, 82, of Banner, last Thursday at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(March 18, 1954)

The first shipment of surplus foodstuffs arrive here Wednesday for distribution to Floyd's needy...Floyd county's homicide rate is at an all-time low; not a murder case on the circuit court docket for the second term in a row...An estimated 250 citizens met here Monday night to discuss Prestonsburg's hot-test issue—a 35-cent special tax levy to finance construction of a gymnasium-auditorium here...The Inez Indians defeated Pikeville High, Saturday night at Pikeville, 82-80, in the regional tournament and will represent the region next week in the state basketball meet...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor Hyden, of Louisville, March 3, their third child, a daughter, Terri Sue...There died: James Buck Ellis, 40, of Langley, Tuesday at a Prestonsburg hospital; W. T. Austin, formerly of Allen, Wednesday at Guthrie; Josie Warrick, 78, Friday, on Bull Creek; Hampton Foster Adams, 48, of Manton, Friday, at Risner; Mrs. Mary O'Neal Klank, 72, last Wednesday at Drift; Mrs. Alka May Wolfe, 49, Wednesday, at Wayland.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 16, 1944)

Four Floyd soldiers are reported missing and two others as wounded. The missing are Emmett Osborne, of Eastern; Pfc. Broadus D. Spears, of Betsy Layne; Amos Bailey, of Goodloe; John R. Moore, of Orkney. The wounded: John Burga, of Edgar, and Joe Wheeler Sizemore, of Bypro...The Bypro Theatre and Bill Spears' restaurant in the same building were destroyed by fire, Sunday morning...Lewis Campbell, principal of the Weeksbury school, was honored by resolution introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives by Rep. Jerry Fonce Howell. The resolution commended him for his courage in saving the lives of more than 100 children who were in the school building when it was destroyed by fire, January 14...Wayland lost to Elkhorn City in the regional tournament at Inez last Saturday afternoon, 40 to 37...Married: Sgt. Dewey Conley and Miss Lillian Griffith, both of Prestonsburg, here Tuesday evening...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rice, of Prestonsburg, March 11 at a Martin hospital; a daughter, Darlene...There died: Mrs. Rhoda H. Allen, 54, March 8 at Pippa Passes; George Skeans, 20, Tuesday of last week at Dock; Chester Arthur Dings, 34, of Hite, Saturday, when the mine motor on which he was brakeman derailed at a Jump coal operation; Jimmy Caudill, 8, of Ligon, at a Lackey hospital, last Thursday, of spinal meningitis; Elder W. B. Hall, 80, Floyd native, Friday at Ewing; James Wells, 56, March 6 at Weeksbury.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 16, 1934)

Two railroad locomotives were stolen Sunday night from the Martin railroads yard by two unidentified youths, who deserted them when the engines ran out of steam, near Allen...Henry Hale, 15, of West Prestonsburg, was wounded Monday when a .32-caliber revolver was accidentally discharged...Inez High School Indians won the regional basketball title here, Saturday night, defeating Maytown, 24-10...There died: Daniel Milton Hager, 79, Floyd county native, March 2 at Paintsville; Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Maynard, 82, Saturday at her home, here; A. E. Hackworth, 71, of Cliff, Sunday at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Rachel Dillon, 70, Sunday, at Ivel.

—Other Voices—

Accountability in health care reform: why Kentucky needs a strong health policy

by Gilbert H. Friedell, M.D.

Once upon a time in Kentucky, the doctor was responsible for what happened to the patient, and the patient paid directly for the care received. Now, your physician—if you have one—has control only over what he or she does personally or what is done by someone in their employ. They have no defined responsibility for the quality, cost, timeliness or courtesy with which other elements of health care are provided to you, for example, laboratory tests, x-rays or drugs. If you are hospitalized your physician can write an order, but the responsibility for compliance with this order rests with "somebody else." And it is often very difficult to find out who that "somebody else" is.

Currently, the responsibility for our health is divided among many individuals and organizations. Sometimes we are told that each of us is responsible for our own health care. Other times we hear physicians are the responsible parties, or that hospitals have the major responsibility; or health insurers have and should have the responsibility for assuring that we receive quality care at a reasonable cost. And nurses, technicians and countless others all tell us how important their roles are in keeping us healthy or curing our ills. But, although many parties have responsibilities for meeting our health care needs, there is no readily identified individual or organization having the ultimate responsibility to whom we can turn. And for the most part, there is no clear line of authority connecting the providers.

Increasingly we have had to recognize that we do not really have a "system" of health care. If you doubt that last statement, ask yourself, "Who is responsible for the quality and cost of the health care that my family and I receive? Who is responsible for the effective functioning of the health care system?" And an even more important question, "Who is accountable for its successes and failures?"

Hospitals have recognized this, although chiefly as a public relations problem. A "patient advocate" appears in many hospitals when there are problems and "takes your side." It is ironic that the title "patient advocate" or "patient's representative" is now applied to hospital personnel instead of your doctor.

Although private insurers or the federal or state government through Medicare and Medicaid have some control over quality and cost, this is true only in a very limited sense. They can set ceilings on payments for various procedures and not pay for others, but various providers are responsible for the quality of the care which is actually given.

Therefore, as we address health care reform at the state and federal level, it is imperative that we place the responsibility for organizing and overseeing the resulting system in a readily identifiable entity which the public can hold accountable for effectively dealing with the cost, quality and the availability of health care for the people of Kentucky. We must insist that health care reform legislation includes the establishment of a strong Health Policy Board.

If this essential management issue of centralizing both responsibility and authority is not dealt with in our reform efforts, we will have to recognize the truth in the old maxim: "When everybody is responsible, nobody is responsible."

Dr. Friedell is director for cancer control at the University of Kentucky's Lucille P. Markey Cancer Center.

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On Kevorkian and euthanasia

More people approve of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who has helped terminally ill people commit suicide, and of euthanasia, according to a recent poll.

Approval of Kevorkian	
Percent of people surveyed who approve of Kevorkian, 1993	
March	50%
November	58%

Approval of euthanasia	
Percent of people surveyed who approve of euthanasia, 1993	
March	63%
November	73%

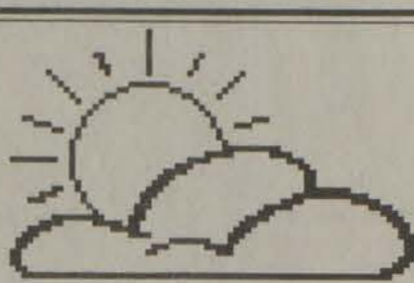
SOURCE: Harris polls of 1,255 adults March 4-10 and 1,254 adults Nov. 11-15; error margin of 3%.

Around the Region



The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

Wednesday's Results March 9	LOTTO KENTUCKY Next Estimated Jackpot \$4.4 million 04-19-25-28-40-41
	POWERBALL Next Estimated Jackpot \$6 million 22-28-33-44-45-26



WEATHER WATCH

FRIDAY (TODAY): Mostly sunny. High around 50.
FRIDAY NIGHT: Clear. Low 20-25.
SATURDAY: Sunny. High around 60.
SUNDAY: Dry. Low in the 30s. High in the 50s.
MONDAY: Dry. Low near 40. High 60-65.
TUESDAY: Dry. Low 40-45. High near 65.

Information provided by the Jackson Weather Service

Regional News Briefs

Deadly intersection claims another Martin County victim

A resident of Rockhouse Road located at Tomahawk was killed Thursday, March 3, in Martin County and his grandson was critically injured when their car was struck by a loaded coal truck, state police said.

Anderson "Junior" Salmons, 72, was pronounced dead at the scene. His grandson, Brian Salmons, 16, was listed in critical condition in Cabell-Huntington Hospital in West Virginia. Neither was wearing a seat belt.

Police report the Salmons vehicle was eastbound on Ky. 40 at 11:05 a.m. and was attempting to cross Ky. 645 near the state garage when it was struck by the tractor-trailer. The coal truck driver, Craig Dudrick, 33, of Wabash, Indiana was not injured, police said.

According to Kentucky State Police Trooper Mike Goble, they have determined that Brian Salmons was operating the vehicle at the time of the accident. The youngster, who moved to Martin County last year from Columbus, Ohio to live with his grandparents, is a student at the Martin County Alternative School.

The intersection has been the site of several accidents in recent years including a fatal mishap which took the life of Nellie Hall of Tomahawk in 1990. At least one other fatal accident has taken place at the intersection as well.

Increased traffic on route 645 due to the rerouting of coal trucks from Route 23 through Paintsville in late 1993 has resulted in dozens of accidents along the four lane stretch of highway in Martin County, police say.

Repeated pleas from local officials for caution lights and other warning devices along the heavily traveled highway have not been answered by state highway officials.—Martin County Sun

Pike business destroyed

An eastern Pike County business was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

Williamson's Family Foods in the Sidney Shopping Center was a total loss. Two adjacent business received major smoke and water damage but were able to salvage most of their contents.

Big Creek Fire Chief Ricky Green said his department was called out around 5:30 a.m., and firemen were on the scene within minutes of the call.

Employees arrived for work around 5 a.m. and were attempting to cook breakfast when a kettle of grease caught fire, according to Jeannie Williamson Maynard, a spokeswoman for the family. Maynard said the workers tried unsuccessfully to extinguish the blaze.

Within 15 minutes, the store was completely engulfed in flames.

"The only thing that saved Phyllis Smith's Jewelry and the hardware store located on opposite ends of the building was a fire wall," Maynard said.

Firemen were on the scene until noon and were assisted by the Belfry Fire Department. The fire is being investigated by the state fire marshal.

Green noted that the use of the 911 service for the Big Creek area proved to be successful once again.

Residents of the Big Creek area were expressing concern over the only grocery store within a 12-mile radius being gone. At presstime, owners were still assessing the damage and had not determined the exact amount of loss.—Appalachian News-Express

Trial of Letcher officials is postponed

A special judge's crowded docket has forced him to indefinitely postpone the trials of former Letcher County Judge-Executive Ruben Watts and others charged in a 28-month corruption probe.

Watts had been scheduled to stand trial Monday on theft and forgery charges, along with Harlan merchant Michael Orick and Whitesburg businessman Ted Amburgey. The three were charged in an alleged scheme to share about \$20,000 in county money for road materials that were never delivered.

However, special Judge John Adams of Fayette County had to postpone the proceeding because of scheduling conflicts. Adams has also postponed the April 4 trials of Watts, former Jailor Gene Banks and Banks' wife, Barbara. All three are charged with theft for allegedly using jail funds to buy furniture and other items for the Bankses' home.

The charges stem from a Kentucky State Police investigation into alleged courthouse corruption in the southeastern Kentucky county. The probe has already resulted in a bribery conviction of former Circuit Judge Larry Collins and indictments against former Commonwealth's Attorney James Wiley Craft and others.

Mark Goss, an attorney for Watts, said he understood the postponement but said it was still frustrating. "Judge Watts need to be vindicated," he said. "We were psyched up and ready to go." —The Louisville Courier-Journal

Accident claims one man

A one-vehicle accident at Greasy Creek claimed the life of a Shelbiana man Tuesday.

Robert Thacker, 18, was killed after the 1987 Toyota truck he was a passenger in struck a bridge. The accident occurred around 3:34 p.m.

The victim was ejected from the truck and landed in a creek bed, according to Kentucky State Police reports.

Thacker was taken to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 5:31 p.m. by Pike County.

Andy Robinson, the driver of the truck, was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

Robinson told police he looked over his shoulder and lost control of his vehicle, striking a bridge on a wet road during a rainstorm.

Police say no seat belts were in use.

The accident is under the investigation of Trooper Steve Spurlock.—Appalachian News Express

Students spend break in Appalachia

Boston College junior Marlene Buckley spent her spring break in New York last year, Miami the year before.

On Monday, she found herself swinging a pickaxe on a muddy hillside in Eastern Kentucky. She was building a frame room onto Holly and Tony Meade's mobile home and loving every minute of it.

"I think it'll probably be the most rewarding (spring break)—and probably the one I remember most," said Buckley, 20, an English major from Westwood, Mass.

Buckley's work means that the Meades' two daughters—Brittany, 14 months, and Samantha, 7—will have a new bedroom where they can sleep without worrying about their mobile home's rain-buckled ceiling crashing down.

"Oh gosh, I think it's a godsend," she said with a broad smile.

Buckley was one of about 360 college students from 33 schools nationwide taking part in Christian Appalachian Projects' Workfest 1994.

CAP, a non-denominational group founded in 1964 by the Rev. Ralph W. Beiting, has been bringing college students to the region on two-week spring repair missions for three years.

Buckley was on one of several crews working in Floyd County. Another group was working in McCreary County along southeastern Kentucky's border with Tennessee, where the per capita income of \$5,153 a year was the sixth-lowest in the nation, according to the census.

Some of the students said they signed up because their colleges promoted it, or because a friend suggested it. But others felt simply that Appalachia was the one place in this country where they were needed most.

Buckley said she chose to do her service in Eastern Kentucky, rather than in an urban area, because Appalachia's problems seem so much more insurmountable.

"I think it's worse because I don't think there are as many opportunities for work as in the city," she said. "It's kind of like a dead end, no matter where you look... If I lived here, I wouldn't know where to look for a job." —Lexington Herald-Leader



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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.; Pastor, Larry Ratliff.

ABBOTT

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BETSY LAYNE

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

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Dennis Love.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

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.; Wed. Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Darrell Howell.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathon Lafferty.

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.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Warnie Allen.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Merle Little.

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.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

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.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 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 Vannucci.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

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, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 27 S. First Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Interim Pastor, Quentin Lockwood.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Services, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Calvin Hickson.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Interim Pastor, Rev. Richard Guerrant.

First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Sun., WPRT AM, 11:00; Radio Broadcast WXXK 105.5 FM; Pastor, Russell Holland.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 12 West Court Street; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, S. Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Mt. Parkway; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal, University Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; luncheons immediately following services.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, presiden. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carraige House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Benstrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

Old Time Baptist Church, Printer; services 2nd and 4th Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Sunday mornings, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Farley Howard.

SALYERSVILLE

Bethel Assembly of God, behind the Salyersville courthouse; nursery provided; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith.

St. Luke Catholic Mission Center, 1221 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465; Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers; Pastoral Associate, Sr. Mary Catherine.

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, Bobby Isaac.

Wheelwright Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald R. Cox.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Lewis Sandlin.

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Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Psalms 147:5

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.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

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.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

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.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer, Watergap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Poff.

MARTIN

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.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Bobby Baldrige.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Russ Taylor.

Jesus Christ Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Harry Conn.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

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.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Rt. 114, East Mt. Parkway, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRATER CREEK

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Gary Fish.

PRESTONSBURG

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

Faith Christian Assembly of God, 431 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gary Cooper.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Masses, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers.

Community United Methodist Church, 710 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg; Morning Fellowship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Raymond E. Snider Jr.

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, Honel Adams.

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Community Calendar

Editor's Note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

New Horizons

Youth Service Center

The New Horizons Youth Service Center, located on the campus of Betsy Layne High School, is currently offering the following:

- New Weight Watchers Program every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
 - Line dancing classes, beginning Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. in the BLHS gym. A \$2 donation, which will go to the continuing education department of PCC, is asked.
 - Aerobic classes, every Monday at 6 p.m. in the youth service center.
 - GED classes, each Friday.
- To enroll, or for further information, call 478-3389.

Floyd County

Education Forum to meet

The Floyd County Education Forum, a group of citizens that comes together to share information about Floyd County schools and participate in activities to promote excellence in education, will hold its next meeting on March 15, at 6:30 p.m., at Prestonsburg Community College, Johnson Building Room J112.

The agenda will include an update on KERA, a discussion of school board issues and planning for upcoming activities. Everyone is welcome.

Maytown Family

Resource Center

- March 14: Resource meeting at 4 p.m. in the school library.
- March 11: Dental program. Presenter Dr. Andy Elliott.
- GED classes every Monday upstairs over the Maytown Fire Department from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Health Department nurses are now giving physicals to 5th graders upstairs in the fire department building every Friday until the end of March. Students cannot enter the 6th grade without a physical and second MMR. To make an appointment, call 285-0321.

Allen Family Resource Center

- GED classes every Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The instructor is Joyce Hall.
- Fluoride treatments are given weekly to students ages 6-12.
- The center is now scheduling 5th grade physicals for Thursdays and Fridays of each week. If you have a child entering the 6th grade this fall, call for an appointment. You must have an appointment for the physical. The physicals are given by the nurses from the Floyd County Health Department. For more information, call 874-0621.
- Parenting classes will begin each Tuesday starting March 15 and run through April 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 26, indoor picnic for Christian singles groups from 4-7 p.m.

Betsy Layne

Resource Center activities

- March 15: Family resource center advisory council meeting in the school library at 4 p.m. Open to the public.
 - March 16: Family resource center community blood pressure clinic from 10-1. It's free!
 - March 17: Floyd County family resource/youth service centers county meet at the Floyd County board of education office at 9 a.m.
 - Every Monday in March, a nurse from the Floyd County Health Department will be on-site to provide physicals and immunizations. Students entering sixth grade, kindergarten and preschool in the fall may call the center to set up an appointment.
 - After-school child care each day when school is in session, open from 2:30-6 p.m.
- For more information on these programs, contact the center at 478-5550 or 452-4650.

Board of Health to meet

The Floyd County Board of Health will meet in regular session on March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Department. This meeting is open to the public.

PTA meeting at BLHS

There will be a PTA meeting at Betsy Layne High School Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Immediately following will be a Project Prom meeting.

PACE to meet

PACE (Prestonsburg Area Computer Enthusiasts) will meet Monday, March 14, at Morehead State University Extension Computer Lab in Prestonsburg. The program will be "WordPerfect Basics" by John R. McIntosh.

PACE operates a community, Computer BBS, phone 886-8403 with settings of N-8-1.

Regular meetings are normally held the third Monday on every month. For more information, call 886-6518 or 886-0291.

Classic home cooking

Classic Home Cooking of WPRG TV 5 with Chef Mark Sohn will air on March 15 at 10 p.m. and March 17 and 19 at 7 p.m.

Greg Johnson, candidate for state representative from District 93, Sam Spradling of JC Penney and second graders Amy Walz and Katy Bevins will join producer Donald "Dr. Don" Bevins and Mark Sohn as Sohn prepares Easter Dinner.

Garden seed program

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. announces its operation of a garden seed program made available through the community services block grant program funded by the Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Social Services.

Garden seed vouchers will be issued to eligible households to purchase seed of their choice through local merchants in the area. Vouchers will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Households meeting the 100 percent poverty income guidelines will be eligible for the program. Householders must bring social security numbers for all household members and proof of income for the prior month.

Applications for the program will be taken from 8-4, March 14-18 at the Allen Park Convention Center.

Any merchant interested in accepting these vouchers should contact the Big Sandy Area CAP Inc. office in Allen at 874-2965 by March 11.

Taking nominations

Maytown site-based decision-making council is taking nominations to fill a parent vacancy. Written nominations must be submitted to the principal by March 14, 1994. The election will be held at a special-called PTA meeting on March 12, at 5 p.m. and boosters club will follow immediately after. For more information, call the school at 285-3346.

Artwork on display

Selected artwork of students and faculty from Pikeville College will be on display at Matewan Bank on the North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, from March 14 through April 29. A reception with the artists will be held at the bank on Monday, March 14, from 6-8 p.m.

Clark Family Resource Center

• G.E.D. Classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. Call to register anytime.

• Line dancing: Monday, March 14 and 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bring the entire family and join the fun. Classes are free to the public.

• Advisory board meeting Wednesday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

• Child care for school-age children from 3-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday when school is in session. Fees are \$1 per hour. Limited openings are available. To enroll or for more information, call the center at 886-0815.

• Computer classes: Mondays, March 14, 21 and 28 from 3-4. Participants will learn about Windows, Microsoft Works and word-processing. There is no charge for these classes. Call for enrollment information.

• Health services: Clark now has a nurse to provide health services on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If your 5th grader needs to have a physical exam, call the center at 886-0815 to schedule an appointment. Kindergarten physicals will be given starting in April.

• Quit smoking program: The Clark Family Resource Center and the Floyd County Health Department are offering "FreshStart," a quit smoking program. It consists of four one-hour

sessions during a two-week period, Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 11, 13, 18, and 20. For more information or to register, call 886-0815. Free of charge.

Become tobacco-free!

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a class on tobacco cessation using nicotine replacement therapy ("gum" or "patch") at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg. The class will meet on March 18, 25 and April 1, from 1-2 p.m. in the meeting room. Smokers and chewers alike will benefit from this class. To register, call 285-5181, ext. 388.

Conservation district meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will meet Monday, March 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the district office at 37 South Lake Drive. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Council meeting at BLHS

There will be a site-based council meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 5 p.m. at Betsy Layne High School.

Automated library training

Kim Reynolds will teach an automated library training workshop on March 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Adams Middle School. Limit is 20 persons. For more information, contact Harold Burchell at 886-3014.

Kentuckians rushed to seek jobless benefits for "snow week"

The great snow week of January 16-22 resulted in about 80,000 people filing for about \$13 million in unemployment insurance benefits.

"This emergency situation was a unique occurrence for unemployment insurance," said Margaret Whittet, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services.

"We chose to pay unemployment insurance benefits to people who could not get to work because roads were closed or their employers shut their work sites due to inclement weather. We based that decision on UI law regarding availability and suitability of work," she said.

"In this case, road conditions made it unsafe for many people to get to their jobs. For other people the problem was they couldn't work because employers shut sites down and work was not available."

Funds to pay for the unemployment insurance benefits were paid from the state pooled account rather than from individual employer reserve accounts. The pooled account is primarily interest earned on the state unemployment insurance trust fund.

"When a large number of people can't work because of unusual circumstances it is a financial blow to those people and to the communities where they live. The benefits which were paid for this snow week will be circulated through the communities where these people live," Whittet said.



Zachary is three

Zachary Michael May, son of Mecca Webb of Langley and William L. (Chip) May of Prestonsburg, celebrated his third birthday on February 28 with a clown party. He is the grandson of Claude J. and Janet Webb of Langley and William (Bill) and Lynn May of Prestonsburg. His maternal great-grandparents are Claud E. and Helen Webb of Langley, Edna Cooley of Hueysville, and the late Gorman Cooley. His paternal great-grandparents are Jean Rice of Banner and the late George Rice and J.B. (Junior) May and Allie May of Prestonsburg.

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Obituaries

Nathaniel Sexton

Nathaniel Sexton, 64, of Pinetop, died Tuesday, March 8, at his residence following an extended illness.

Born June 11, 1929 in Letcher County, he was the son of the late Steve Sexton and Ida Amburgey Sexton. He was a disabled coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachel Gibson Sexton.

Survivors include seven sons, James Sexton of Dry Fork, Lloyd Sexton and Mikel Sexton, both of Pinetop, Patrick Sexton of Leburn, Nelson Sexton of Topmost, Keith Sexton of Kite, and Mark Sexton of Whitesburg; two daughters, Peggy Hall and Kitty Pratt, both of Pinetop; two brothers, Odis Sexton of California and Edwin Sexton of Whitesburg; three sisters, Wanda Duncel of Michigan, Hazel Gibson of Pinetop and Ollie Profit of Colson; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at the Omaha Bible Church at Pinetop with the Rev. Bill Cornett and Earl Combs officiating.

Burial will be in the Amburg Cemetery at Pinetop under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knealie Keathley

Knealie Keathley, 83, of Harold, died Monday, March 7, at her residence.

Born June 9, 1910 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Andy Riley and Sarah White Riley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Keathley, in December 1982. She was a member of the Lower Toler Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie Keathley and Garland Keathley, both of Harold; three daughters, Thelma Keathley of New Boston, Michigan, Ottie Brown of Ecorse, Michigan, and Georgia Salisbury of Toler Creek; one sister, Rebecca Stanley of Toler Creek; 22 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 11, at 1 p.m. at the Lower Toler Church of Christ with the ministers Bennie Blankenship, Doyle Meade and Walter Fred Gearheart officiating.

Burial will be in the Roberts Cemetery at Harold under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Elizabeth Hamilton

Rose

Elizabeth Hamilton Rose, 57, of Harold, died Wednesday, March 9, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

Born April 1, 1936 at Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Sie and Ethel Meade Hamilton. She was a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne.

Survivors include three sons, Eddie Rose of Harold, Jimmy Joe Rose of Betsy Layne, and Charlie Gene Rose of Martin; five daughters, Carolyn Sue Watson of Dana, Barbara Ann Kidd of Honaker, Violet Mae Tackett, Arlene Brown and Stella Watson, all of Harold; one brother, Green Hamilton of Garrett; one sister, Rosetta Hunter of Sunbury, Ohio; and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ with the clergymen Tommy Spears and Tommy Dale Bush officiating.

Burial will be in the Rose Family Cemetery at Harold under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth Auxier

Ford

Mary Elizabeth Auxier Ford, 79, of Burnside, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 7, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset.

Born March 17, 1914 at East Point, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Robert and Anna Elizabeth Tucker Auxier. She was a retired school teacher, formerly teaching in the Pike, Floyd and Pulaski school systems. She was a member of the Burnside United Methodist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, the Democratic Women's Club, and the Pikeville College and Eastern Kentucky University Alumni Associations.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Auxier Hale of Burnside; two granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Graveside services will be Friday, March 11, at 10 a.m. at the Porter Cemetery in Prestonsburg with Rev. John Savage officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Grocer Claude Varney dies

by Charlotte Sanders
Williamson Daily News

Claude Pershing Varney, 75, widely known Tug Valley, Kentucky resident and grocery entrepreneur, died Wednesday, March 9, at his residence.

He was board vice-chairman of K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. which owns 60 stores in Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee.

His career began in his boyhood when he worked as a part-time grocery clerk in Williamson.

Despite a nine-year illness, Varney had continued his duties with K-VA-T and spent much time at Food City, the store he had helped to expand through the years into one of the area's major food market chains.

This native of the Pond Creek section of Pike County, had received numerous honors during his lifetime, including a 1993 title received from the Kentucky Grocers Association as "Grocer of the Year."

Varney's late grandfather, Nicholas Varney of Toler, and his late uncle, Bankie H. Williamson, a pioneer Williamson businessman and banker, gave him his early insights into business. As a kid—one of nine children—he hung around the old Bailey Fuel Co., at Toler where his father, Ira, was general manager for a number of years.

Born September 28, 1918 at Belfry, he was a son of Ira M. and Myrtle Hale Varney, who preceded him in death along with his first wife, Dorothy Stevenson Varney.

He was graduated from Belfry High School and first worked for Octavia J. Coal Co., later adding merchandising and selling in his career with Piggly Wiggly stores. He managed a new Piggly Wiggly store on Logan Street in Williamson. The present Food City store at Goody originally operated as a Piggly Wiggly store in South Williamson.

Varney supervised Kentucky and Grundy Piggly Wiggly stores for 10 years prior to his promotion in the company. His special interests for many years included the encouragement of youth, community affairs and politics as they related to things beneficial to the Tug Valley.

He had other interests, including the improvement of highways in his state and made trips to Frankfort, through the years to get better highways. He was commended in 1967 for his service on a revenue study

committee for the Pike County Board of Education. It was through the efforts of Varney and others that branch clerks' offices of courthouses in outlying areas of Kentucky were established.

Varney worked with Kentucky Sen. Kelsey Friend and others in plans that led to the start of the Corridor G Highway construction in eastern Pike County. He and other merchants were instrumental in getting food stamps for Pike County at a time when its citizens were still being issued commodities while neighboring counties had stamps.

Through the years he served in various capacities with mental health organizations, regional governmental Affairs Council for Food Marketing, the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce, Salvation Army, United Foundation Incorporated, Ephraim McDowell Foundation, Highlands Clinic and others. He also belonged to the Moose and Elks lodges in Williamson.

He was a member of the Belfry United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maude Colwell Combs; daughters, Ida Campbell of Beckley, W. Va., Mrs. Noah (Martha) Brunty of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Mrs. Robert (Pansy) Layman of Lynchburg, Va.; stepson, Bud Delpont of Pikeville, brothers,

Clayton Varney of Belfry and Alex Varney of Ashland, KY; sisters, Nell Varney, Madeline Varney and Nina Trout, all of Belfry; seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Williamson with the Rev. Harless Ray officiating.

Entombment will be in Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy under Rogers' Funeral Home direction.

Pallbearers will include nephews: Mike Trout, Steve Trout, Tim Trout, Ben Trout, David Varney, Jerry Varney and Bob Varney, and friends, Jack Blackburn, Johnny Tiller, Bill Bowers, Johnny Cecil, John Raymond Smith and Steve Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be past and present employees of Food City.

Memorials may be made to the Claude P. Varney Memorial Scholarship Fund or to the Belfry United Methodist Church, Highway 119, Belfry, KY 41503.

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Church Directory

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Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky: Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Roy Cosby, preacher.

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, Stephen Whitaker.

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

First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Jim Nabors.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arner B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 pm.; Pastor, Willis Adkins.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Lewis Sandlin.

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Readers and Writers

Childhood memories

My name is Tommy Osborne. I was born at home up Osborne Branch. A woman came to the house and delivered me. There were eight kids in our family and we lived in a 2-bedroom house. We had an outside toilet. We were lucky and had electricity—many others didn't have it.

In wintertime we'd all jump into one big featherbed to stay warm.

When we were little we had "shell corn." It was like popcorn and we'd sit around and we'd play with it. We'd eat it but most of it ended up in my sister's hair! We made up a lot of games we played. We had a great big

old pond. There was about a 50-foot drop and we would swing on a grapevine and then drop into the pond. Also, we would put a sharp knife on our finger and flip our finger over. If the knife didn't hit your foot you won. We always wore boots so we wouldn't get poked.

My daddy worked in the Lambert coal mines. He got one of his legs and 3 fingers broken in the mines on a "shelly car." When I was 7 or 8 years old I used to sell my daddy's moonshine for chewing tobacco. My daddy used to make moonshine but he got caught once. If he had some in the car and he was afraid of getting caught, he'd pour it in the gas tank. It was like putting gasohol in your car. I also remember my papaw. He would go find a chicken laying eggs and he'd pick up the chicken, grab an egg,

poke a hole in it and suck out and drink the raw egg. Then, he chased it down with moonshine.

We played but we also worked. I remember working for a woman. She'd pay us 50¢ a day and all the pop we could drink to clean her chicken house. You could see daylight coming in from the cracks in the walls and the floor. It took us a day and a half to clean it. My pay now for cleaning the chicken house is the eggs!

We also raised pigs and cows. One time my brother, Arnold, shot me with a B-B gun and then took off running towards the hog pen. He climbed a tree and me and another brother shook him out of the tree and he broke his arm.

I remember it would cost 23¢ plus 1¢ tax for a candy bar, cake and pop. A 16 oz. bottle of pop was 13¢. When I first started smoking cigarettes they were 29¢ a pack.

These are a few of my childhood memories. Thank you for listening. Maybe some of these will bring back some memories from your past.

Tommy is a student at the Mud Creek Learning Center. He is a JOBS participant through the David School Adult Education Program. Do you know someone who needs help reading? Do you want to help someone learn how to read? Call 886-READ (7323). We need you!



Voices of angels

God's Little Angels at Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist Church uplifted the spirits of residents at Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg Saturday. They presented a program of spiritual music and were directed by Cheryl Shepherd, head angel. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Volunteers of the month

Pikeville College's volunteer program provides an opportunity for area residents to help with needed tasks on campus. The college's "volunteers of the month" for February are Chester and Irene Goble of Virgie. Volunteers like the Gobles are people who give unselfishly of themselves to insure the future of higher education for students here in the mountains. For more information about the college's volunteer program call the Office of External Affairs at 432-9326.

Kentucky students to help Floyd countians during spring break

Approximately 41 students from Kentucky colleges will join other college and university students from across the South, Midwest, and Northeast during Spring Break to help improve the living conditions for their neighbors, including Floyd countians, in impoverished rural areas of Kentucky.

Volunteer students from Bellarmine and Spalding colleges in Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, and Union College in Barbourville will participate in the fourth Appalachian Workfest,

March 13-18. Sponsored by the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Lancaster, Kentucky, the two-week effort (beginning March 6) to improve housing for the poor, handicapped, and elderly of Appalachia will be aided by 360 volunteers from 32 other colleges and universities.

The students from Bellarmine, EKV, and Spalding will work in McCreary County where more than half of the 5,451 households are considered to be living in poverty. Much of the housing is considered substandard. A couple of symptoms of substandard conditions include 384 homes which lack any public water or wells and 759 homes which need public sewer or septic systems.

Union College students will work in Floyd County where unemployment is high and per capita income is low.

The students will replace window, porches, and roofs; rebuild foundations, walls, and floors; install ceilings, insulation, siding, and new doorways.

Volunteers anticipate having a

Free Will Baptists hold Sandy Valley youth conference

The Sandy Valley Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists held their quarterly conference on February 26, at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Lovely, in Martin county. There were more than one hundred seventy-five present, representing eight churches. The Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church won the "Attendance Banner" for having the most people present.

The speaker for the devotional service was Reverend Roger Campbell. The youth participated in such activities as: singing, Bible Bowl competition, various Bible based skits, a puppet show, and a demonstration of individually made wooden miniature race cars called "Pinewood Derby."

Reverend Bobby Mullins and the members of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church provided lunch for everyone.



Veterinary scholarship

Connie Spencer Diddle, daughter of Darwin and Ginny S. Spencer of Prestonsburg, was awarded a Sydney S. and Dorothy Weeks Captain Scholarship at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine's annual Honors Night on February 21. She is married to Ron Diddle. She attended the University of Kentucky, is a member of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and is employed by the Scott Ritchey Research Center as a student assistant.

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FRIDAY
NIGHT FIGHTS

Da, da, dah-da, da, da, da, da, da! Da, dah-da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da.

Until I started attending school ballgames and listening to Cawood announce U.K. games on the radio, the above stanza was the only fight song of which I could identify. If you're still stumped, it's the introduction to the Gillette Friday Night fights. I was singing the words to this jingle and knew it so well it was almost like a mantra. Confidentially, I didn't miss any of those Friday fight melees either because that was mine and my father's "quality time".

In retrospect, I remember few of the fights except for the ones where the men's faces were slashed and beaten beyond recognition. And since I can't remember what the men looked like many of those fights are foggy in my memory. That was before some humane person stepped forward and said that mutilation was illegal. That's also probably why I'm practically a pacifist except in the case of war, then my motto is - every dog for himself.

Because I was always treated equally when it came to expressing my opinions about the sports world, it came as a shock to me to learn that my own family would someday dispute my word about my personal sports acumen. I discovered this fact this past weekend as we were watching U.K. going down in defeat to South Carolina.

"I'm sorry to have to say this," I announced to my husband. "But Gimel Martinez is the worst U.K. basketball player I have ever seen get as much playing time as he does."

No comment. Thinking he hadn't heard me, I repeated it. Still no answer.

"Jimmie," I said again. "I can't find anything he does even remotely well. Even if he does make a good play, he follows it up with a ridiculous one. What is Pitino thinking? He obviously sees something I don't. You reckon? Either that or he's related to him in some way."

Still no response from my husband. Finally, I direct my question to our son, J.R., who is also reading the sports page.

"J.R., don't you think Martinez is the worst U.K. basketball player you've ever seen?"

"Nope." "You're kidding!" I exclaimed.

"No. Mike Scott was the worst."

"Mike, who?" I ask. "I barely remember him. He must not have played very much."

"Well, he was worse than Gimel."

"You don't know anything," J.R. lamented.

Anger began building up inside of me with the intensity of a hot flash, or a PMS attack. If J.R. had been looking at me instead of perusing the sports page, he would have seen the telltale signs; nostrils flaring, cheeks reddening, eyes bulging. It's an ugly sight.

"What do you know about it?" I screamed. "He's worse than Rob Locke! Do you remember him? He was too bad for words and this guy can't hold a candle to him."

"I disagree," J.R. said firmly. "I have the right to my opinion don't I?"

"Of course you do. As long as it doesn't interfere with what I believe," I replied sincerely. "I never disagreed with my father. Even if I didn't agree, I learned to see things his way."

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THE TIMES' WEEKEND Extra

'Sweet Charity' guarantees smile

by Chad Williamson
The Eastern Progress

A few words of warning about the production of "Sweet Charity."

WARNING: Don't go into "Sweet Charity" expecting philosophical debates on world peace. It's a musical comedy lighter than helium.

WARNING: You WILL exit "Sweet Charity" with a smile on your face, and you WILL be whistling "If They Could See Me Now."

WARNING: No matter what you think about musicals and characters who burst into song for no reason, you WILL enjoy "Sweet Charity."

With that out of the way, it's easy to explain "Sweet Charity." The main character, Charity Hope Valentine, played by Beth Hall, is a dance hall hostess in 1966 New York City whose life is just one heartbreak after another.

A good-hearted innocent, Charity falls in love the way most people catch colds. When one character says Charity's religion is love, she smiles and admits, "I go to church a lot."

Charity's hope is to escape from the grind of working in the dance hall by meeting the man of her dreams.

Through "the fickle finger of fate" (Charity's phrase for the mishaps in her life), she meets movie star Vittorio Vidal (John Pyka).

Through a series of convoluted plot manipulations, Charity spends the night behind his dressing screen and, as usual, finds herself alone the next day.

In an attempt to broaden her intellect, Charity decides to join a cultural group and ends up stuck in an elevator with Oscar (Robert Coffey), a hyperactive man too shy to bring up his shyness in group therapy.

With two completely opposite characters such as this, what else but romance could follow?

The casting is virtually perfect for the play. Hall, as Charity, brings wide-eyed eagerness to the role, as well as a voice perfect for the old-style



Charity

Charity (Beth Hall) is caught by Vittorio (John Pyka) as she faints in "Sweet Charity." (Photo by Progress/Brett Dunlap)

songs, filling the role with infectious energy despite a broken foot.

The rest of the cast meet with the same success. Coffey portrays Oscar with manic energy while Pyka portrays Vittorio with an Italian accent thicker than fresh concrete. Tressa Brumley, as Nickie, plays her character full of low-rent, "seen-it-all" cynicism.

The songs, by Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields, stand the test of time. The familiar ones, such as "Hey, Big Spender" often give way to the less familiar, such as "I Love to Cry at Weddings." All are catchier than cholera and will stick with you for

days. The choreography is sharp and fun, especially in the "Rhythm of Love" sequence, which resembles a production of "Night of the Living Dead" as done by the Village People.

The ending is disappointing, but true to the character of Charity. Like her, you leave the play with a hint of optimism that no matter what, things are never bad as what they seem.

Editor's note: Beth Hall is the daughter of Dickie and Peggy Hall of Prestonsburg. The Eastern Progress is a weekly student publication of Eastern Kentucky University.

Poperri
by Scott Perry

In Kentucky, people tend to get a little upset when talk turns to taxes, but they get downright rabid when you mention taxes and dogs in the same bark, er breath.

Odds are that if the state's General Assembly could have financed education reform with a 10¢ increase in the \$1.50 fee for dog tags, KERA would never have been enacted.

The unwritten rule in Kentucky goes something like this...

Tax my land,
tax my hut.
But, tax my dog
and I'll kick your butt.
Hey, we're not kiddin'.

Back in 1915, Kentuckians took the dog laws to heart.

Well before Herbert Hoover promised a "chicken in every pot," Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Edwin P. Morrow darn near won a statewide election on a pledge to allow every Kentuckian one "tax-free canine."

Morrow came back four years later and did win the Governor's Mansion.

All this old stuff is new again because of a proposal made during the current session of the state's General Assembly to hike the dog tag fee from \$1.50 to \$5, with the extra money raised to be spent on animal control.

Since the tag fee hasn't been raised since 1957, you'd think the proposal was logical, but proponents were obviously barking up the wrong tree.

The increase never got out of committee.

Don't know what it is

about dogs that can incite normally calm folks to riot, but whatever it is could be useful.

Imagine how many "pork barrel" projects would be approved by Congress if they had to fund them with higher dog taxes.

Of course, our adoration of man's best friend could be dangerous, too.

Folks in Kentucky would probably vote to rescind the U.S. Constitution before they'd approve a \$2 fee for dog tags.

The reasoning is fairly elementary.

Like Samuel Butler said, "The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too."

How can we charge a fee for that?

News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE

— A 35-year-old man in Eagle Valley, Colo., who was badly beaten in the face in a fight at the Brush Creek Saloon on New Year's Eve, called an ambulance shortly after he arrived home because, when he blew his nose, his left eyeball came loose from the socket. Doctors repaired his eye orbiter bone and repositioned the eyeball.

— In June, Brad Varnum rescued his two sons, Justin, 14, and Jared, 12, who were injured by electricity while playing near a swimming pool in Pembroke Pines, Fla. Justin had put his hand on a power line pole and was wrapped around it by the force of electricity. When Jared tried to rescue Justin, he suffered the same fate.

By the time their father came to their aid, the boys' skins were purple, and they were unconscious. After being knocked down twice by electricity trying to free the boys, the father succeeded by grasping their swim trunks without touching their skin.

— In San Leandro, Calif., in January, when neighbors reported two weeks of mail and newspapers piling

been cited for overcrowding and had about 500 people waiting to serve sentences at the time.

— In October, Canadian environmentalist William Lishman and an associate flew two ultralight aircraft from Blackstock, Ontario, to Gaines, N.Y., and then to Airlie, Va., leading a flock of 18 geese. The two men were demonstrating to the geese how

to fly south for the winter. The geese had been raised in captivity and thus lacked migration skills.

— In January, James Brindamour, 38, filed court papers in Warwick, R.I., asking to share the proceeds of a \$350,000 accidental-death policy on his daughter, who was killed in an auto crash in August. Brindamour abandoned the family in 1983 and owes more than \$69,000 in child support.

PEOPLE UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

— The trade association International Business Forms Industries Inc.

recently changed its name to The International Association Serving the Forms, Information Management, Systems Automation and Printed Communications Requirements of Business.

— A German court ruled in November that at the prison in Giessen, Germany, guards may not enter inmates' cells without first knocking and being invited in. German law requires prisons to reflect general living conditions outside the prison as much as possible.

— According to witnesses, a middle-aged man, 6-foot-4, with a gray beard robbed a convenience store in Perryopolis, Pa., in August. As a disguise, he was wearing a large rabbit head, including large, floppy ears. However, the face had been cut out so that the robber's face was fully visible.

— In 1992, the Pro-Line Cap Co. of Fort Worth was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for not having adequate restroom facilities for its female employees. Shortly afterward, according to an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint filed in January 1994, the company, rather than add the restroom facilities, merely fired 30 female employees so as to remove the need.

Academics

The Floyd County Times

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Think about it

by Sheldon Lee Compton



At the ready

This young man from Price was ready to defend his turf against any escaped convicts who happened to venture by his home last week. The photo was taken by Chris Johnson as a humorous response to a recent "Think about it" column.

house and a man leaning over to the passenger window.

"Are you Sheldon Compton?" To be honest I panicked. Somehow in my rush of feverish thoughts I found the sense of mind to answer him that yes I was in fact Sheldon Compton and whatever it was I didn't do it.

"Let me pull my car up. I need to talk to you for a minute."

Oh yeah, I was beyond panicking now. I was utterly terrified. He pulled the car up and sat there for a moment. I saw him roll the window down and I took a second to collect my thoughts. I tried to think of anything I had done that would cause any trouble, then I decided to go to the window and find out.

I got to the window and gave my most polite, "Yes, sir."

Suddenly the man seemed to light in on me.

"Did you write an article in the paper about the prisoners escaping from Wheelwright?" His face was stern.

I had figured it out. These people had come to my house to give me a good piece of their mind for some

reason or another. At least that's what I thought.

The man, who I later found out was Chris Johnson, after reading his name on the envelope he had handed me, went on to say that he and his family had read my article and had decided to have a little fun with it. It was at this time he handed me the envelope.

"We took some photographs and put a little note with 'em."

The photos pictured a boy perched upon a cannon ready for prisoners or anything else that might be brave enough to get near him. He wore a fierce grimace and sat in front of his house pointing the weapon skyward. The note that was with it read: "Price resident prepared for 5 to 10 Inn escapees." I got a good laugh out of the whole thing and also found it a little bit strange. Though as strange as it was, it gave me a good feeling. It showed me that there are people who read what I write out there and for me that is the best feeling in the world. It was my reward and for this I would like to again thank Chris Johnson and his family for a very pleasant surprise.

A LITTLE BIT STRANGE

I'm writing this as a reflection on one of my recent articles that I wrote about the prison bandits. There's not much else to say about the convicts except that one was caught in Wayland. The prisoner was reported as saying after being arrested:

"It was hoping to get away but in a way I was glad you caught me...I was starved to death."

But the interesting event which has driven me to do a return article about all this happened just a couple of days ago.

I had a man by the name of Chris Johnson and his family pay me a visit the other day and, if I must say, they did at first throw a little scare into me. They pulled up into my driveway and, being the eavesdropping kind of person I am, I heard them ask for Sheldon Compton. My first reaction was what did I do wrong? I couldn't think of anything off the top of my head that I should of repented for so I thought it safe to step out onto the porch to see who my visitor was.

When I stepped out I saw a family bunched into a car bigger than my

PCC to link up with Morehead computerized degree audit program

Morehead State University has received a \$20,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation enabling the University to expand access of its computerized degree audit program to Prestonsburg Community College and five other two-year colleges in Eastern Kentucky.

Established in 1950, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation makes national grants in journalism, education and the field of arts and culture.

The Foundation also supports organizations in communities where the Knight brothers were involved in publishing newspapers but is wholly separate from and independent of those newspapers. (The Lexington Herald-Leader is a Knight-Ridder newspaper.)

Collaborating with MSU as participants in the program, in addition to Prestonsburg, are Ashland, Hazard, Maysville and Southeast community colleges along with Lees College.

The advising-degree audit system allows students to see immediately how their work at the two-year schools matches requirements for MSU's baccalaureate programs as well as what courses are needed to complete their degree work.

MSU has been using the "Computer Assisted Advising-Degree Audit System" since 1991. The electronic program was developed totally in-house by the Offices of the Registrar and Information Technology.

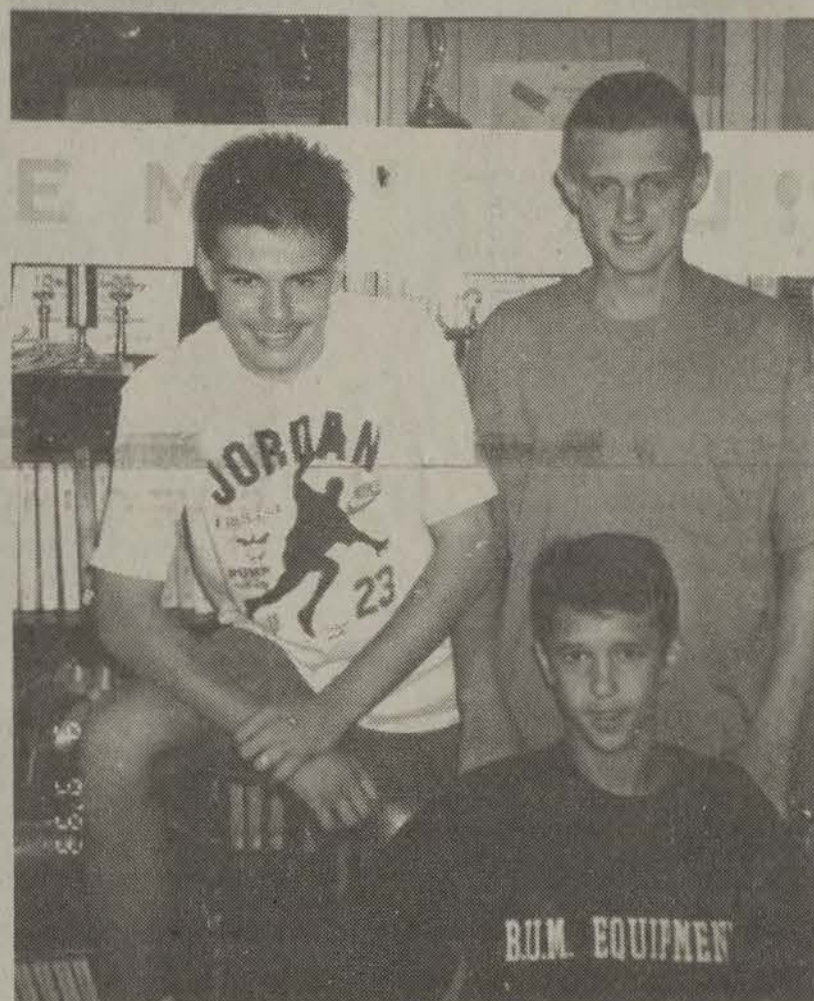
Already on-line at each school, including both the Whitesburg and Cumberland campuses of Southeast, the program will ease the transfer process for students moving from these two-year institutions to MSU, according to Dr. Marc D. Glasser, MSU dean of Graduate and Extended Campus Programs.

"Students can obtain an accurate picture of what courses they need to complete any specific four-year degree at MSU and will receive a print-out of that information on the spot," Dr. Glasser said.

The schools in the University of Kentucky Community College Sys-

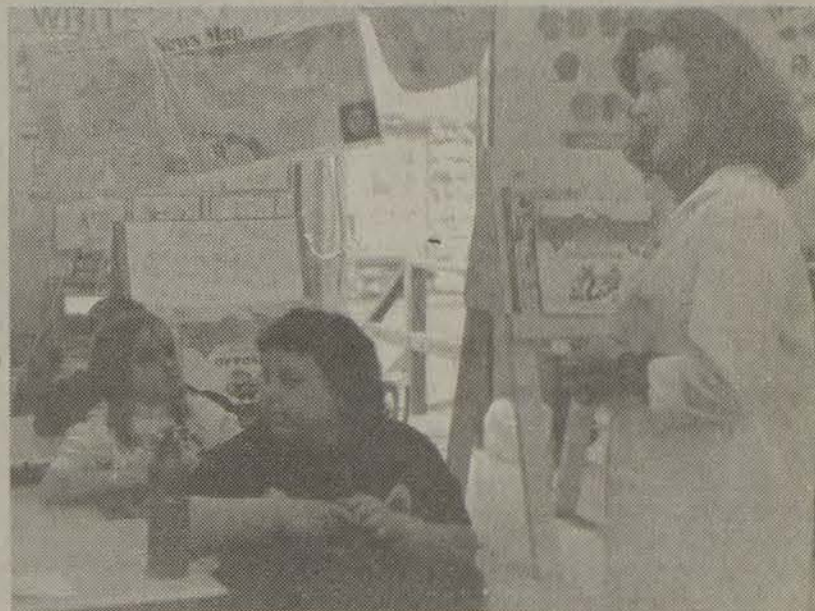
tem as well as Lees College are providing financial assistance in the amount of \$500 each for a total of \$3,000 to assist with equipment and installation costs.

One program currently being developed, according to MSU Registrar Gene Ranvier, is a data base of transfer equivalencies of all courses offered at the four-year and two-year public institutions in Kentucky and nearby out-of-state institutions.



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Justin Holbrook, sitting, Brent Holbrook, left, and Coby Little, right are eighth grade algebra students. They receive their algebra lesson at South Floyd High School, but are members of the Talented and Gifted Program at Melvin Elementary.



Brain power

Sabrina Curry O'Brien, right, a medical student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, brought a brain and a heart to the classroom of Mrs. Hall at Prestonsburg Elementary to demonstrate the importance of good health. Students pictured are Leanna Briggs and Kim Blackburn



Ein, zwei

Amy King, left, and Angela Hall, right, are eighth grade students at Osborne Elementary, but they are taking high school classes of German and algebra, through the Talented and Gifted program.

Community service by teenagers rewarded by scholarships

For high school seniors who are graduating this year, who will continue their education in a college, university, or vocational school next fall and who have volunteered their time and talents to service projects in their communities, the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) will recognize them with its Community Service Scholarship.

CAP will award two or three scholarships in Floyd County this year.

The recipients will be chosen by a committee of local citizens. The scholarship is for the first year of school only. It is sent directly to the student, and is to be used to pay for educational expenses such as tuition, books, room, or board.

The scholarship is given in recognition for the contributions young

people make in time and talent for the betterment of their communities.

Involvement in community service activities is the primary consideration for the choosing the recipients.

Students who are regular volunteers in hospitals, nursing homes, chambers of commerce, museums, or civic organizations; who participate in special service projects through a civic club, church, or school organization are encouraged to apply.

Applications and more information can be obtained from your guidance counselor, or by contacting Rose Price at Christian Appalachian Project, P.O. Box 1119, Martin, KY 41649, or at 285-5111. The application deadline is April 15.



TASK FORCE! Dad is directing this rake-and-bag leaf crew. Add colors by number: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Orange.



Quantum leap

A group of TAG (Talented And Gifted) elementary students are learning algebra by attending class at Allen Central High School. Pictured in back row from left are Wesley Howard, Duff Elementary; Gordon Reeves, Maytown Elementary; Letisha Yates, Duff Elementary; and Misty Scott, Duff Elementary. Pictured seated from left are Vanessa Shepherd, Duff Elementary; Vylinda Turner, Duff Elementary; and Karen Wallen, Duff Elementary.



Fräuleins

From left in photo, Vanessa Shepherd, Misty Scott and Karen Wallen are participating in KET's German I program. Both are Talented and Gifted students at Duff Elementary.

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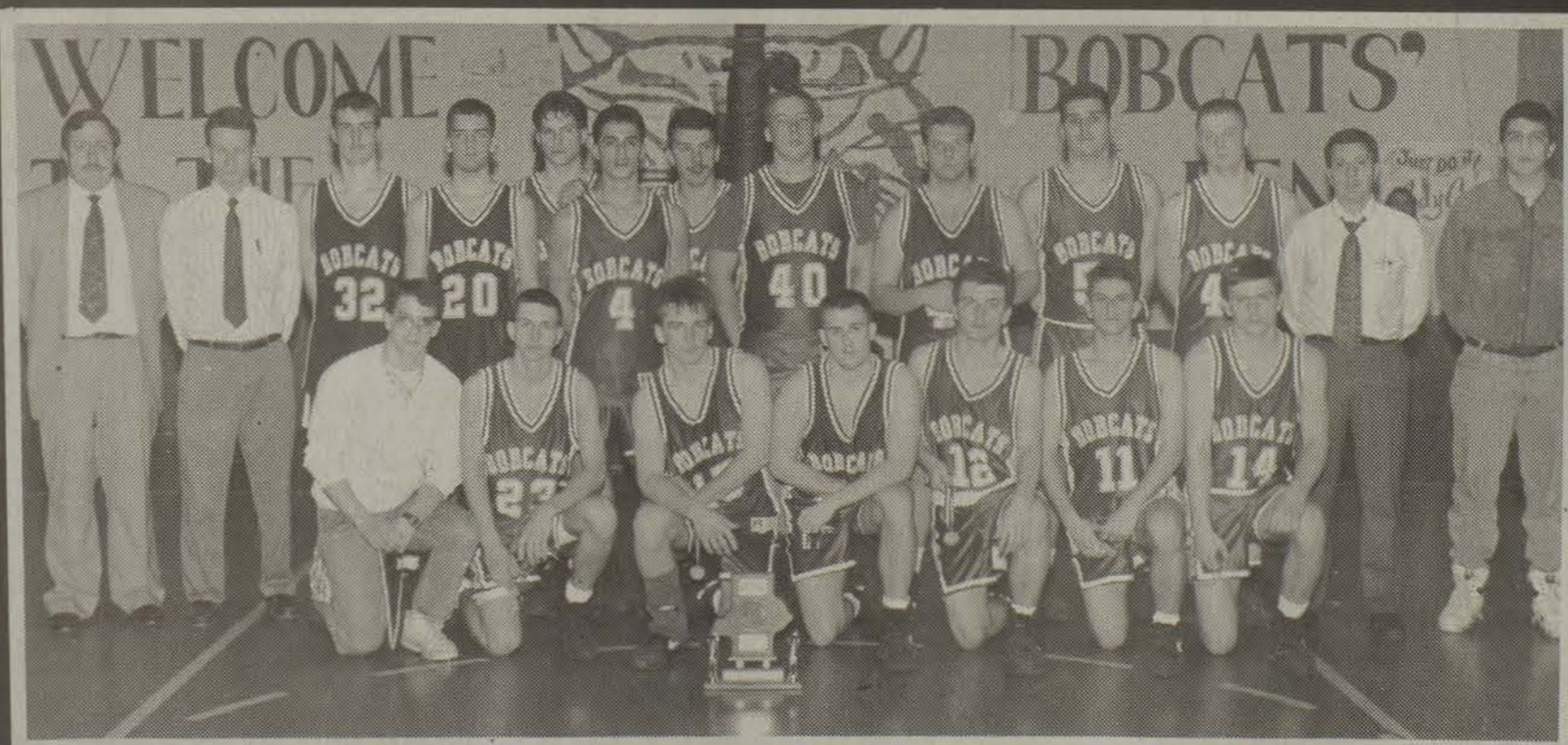
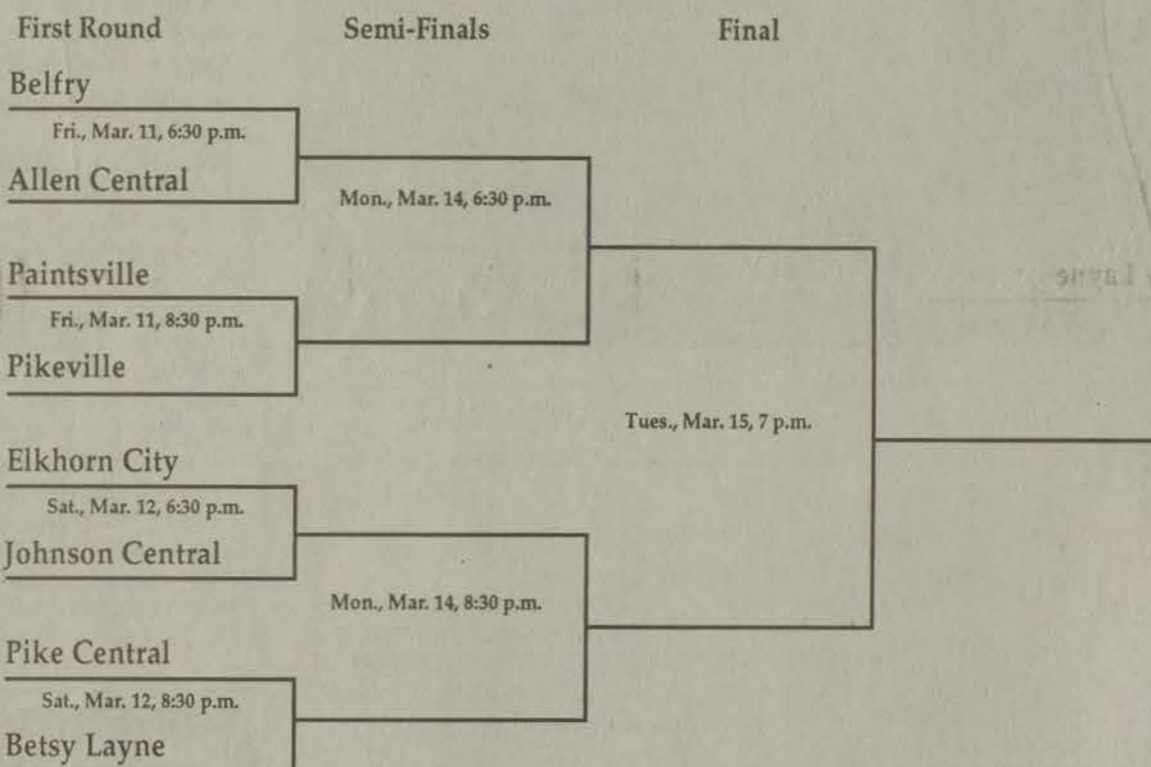
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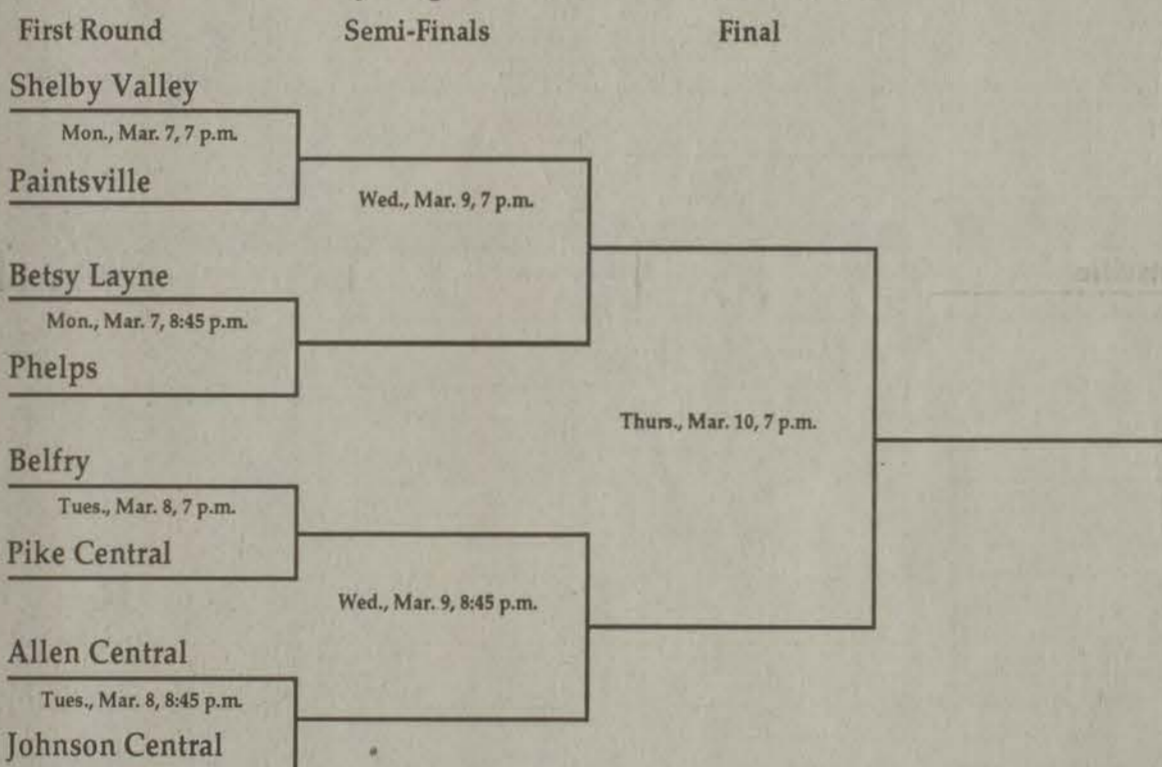
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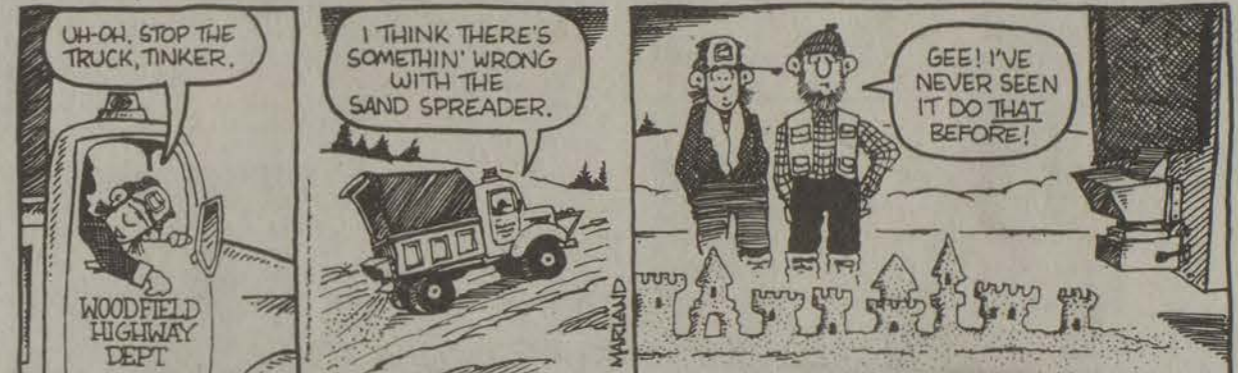
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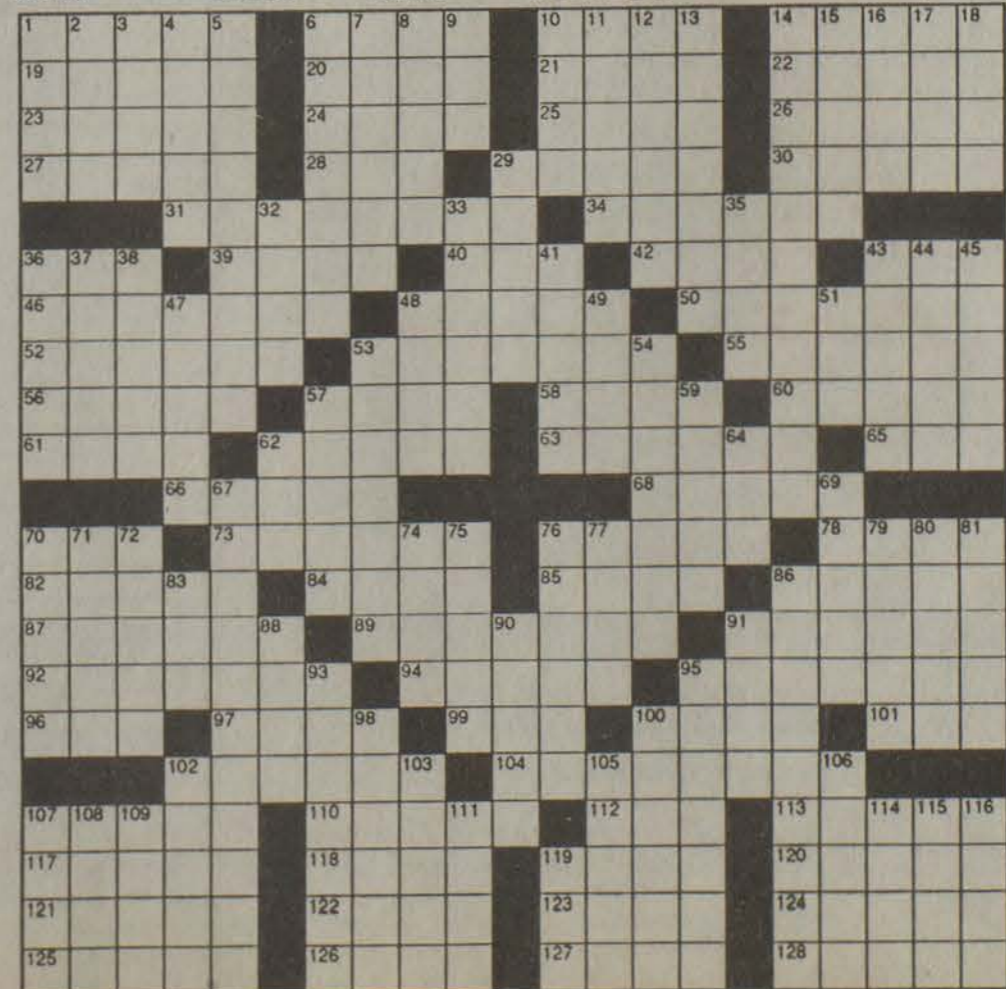
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"But you're gonna miss 'Seinfeld' tonight."

Super Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Sir, in India; 6 Paragon of redness; 10 Tiny particle; 14 Exposes; 19 Greek shopping center?; 20 Slinger Guthrie; 21 — avis; 22 Idolize; 23 Biblical name; 24 Color for a wolf or a whale; 25 Jai —; 26 Silly one; 27 "— evil"; 28 Earned the Blue Ribbon; 29 As clear as —; 30 Wiser?; 31 Furnished; 34 Refuse bluntly; 36 Turkish officer; 39 Many are civil; 40 Political org.; 42 Box or bush starter; 43 Sibling; 46 Authenticate; 48 A thick liqueur; 50 Knight of the Round Table; 52 Diesel or fire follower; 53 Small; 55 The same for all; 56 Angered; 57 Sand hill, in England; 58 Gabor, et al.; 60 Artificial waterway; 61 Dutch South African; 62 Wearing; 63 Casual observation; 65 Sight or sore; 66 Belgian violinist; 68 Have being; 70 Cleo's executioner; 73 Sharp mountain ridges; 76 Wooden shoe; 78 Horse or course starter; 82 Gourd fruit; 84 Central point; 85 Isles off Ireland; 86 Faux pas; 87 Oscars, et al.; 89 Levee protector; 91 Philippine seaport; 92 Began again; 94 They invaded Spain; 95 Summaries; 96 Singer; 97 Set of nested boxes; 99 Wish undone; 100 Platform in a synagogue; 101 Opposite; 102 Gas-pump number; 104 One of an Ethiopic people; 107 Bird sanctuary, often; 110 Vigorous; 112 Stone or iron; 113 English composer; 117 "...out like —"; 118 Oil-yielding tree; 119 Soprano; 120 Climbing vine; 121 Yemen's capital; 122 Completely engrossed; 123 FBI agent; 124 Sweater size; 125 Employing; 126 NCOs; 127 Food cans, in London; 128 Ancient chariot; 1 Weakens gradually; 2 U.S. author/critic; 3 Golf course unit; 4 Ireland; 5 Blowhard; 6 Moth larva; 7 Baseball boo-boos; 8 Oxlike antelope; 9 Dog of a small breed; 10 Bedouin; 11 Former German coin; 12 Papal vestments; 13 Postal pouch; 14 Magician's stock in trade?; 15 Nazi Fuhrer; 16 Cross; 17 Gaelic tongue; 18 Crystal gazer?; 19 Stated further; 20 Tax charge; 21 Merited; 23 Rubber trees; 26 Harsh in temper; 27 Start for meter or metry; 28 Special point of view; 29 Winsor's "Forever —"; 30 Hollywood's Hasso; 31 Dental filling; 32 Stone pillar; 33 Ardent; 34 Chaplin prop; 35 Overhanging; 36 Collection of anecdotes; 37 Words in legal documents; 38 Quantity of fish caught; 39 Dean of a group; 40 One of an ancient Germanic people; 41 Local tavern; 42 Slowing gradually, in mus.; 43 Lunchbox item; 44 Old standard of weight, in Scotland; 45 Genus of ground beetles; 46 Where Ed Norton toiled; 47 Fix in the mind; 48 Yellow cheese; 49 Mister, in Madrid; 50 Heavy cavalry swords; 51 Brazilian macaws; 52 Plant of the parsley family; 53 Prehistoric; 54 Expunge; 55 Mine find; 56 Trifle; 57 Dispatched; 58 Version of the Bible; 59 Puccini heroine; 60 Dealers in cloth and dry goods; 61 Lowers in status; 62 Amount of wool for the master?; 63 Racketeers' go-between; 64 Founder of the Ottoman Empire; 65 Eleusinian initiate; 66 Highly-seasoned game dish; 67 Inventor Howe; 68 Japanese salmon; 69 Word of regret; 70 Hindu queen; 71 Dogs and cats; 72 Pike-like fishes; 73 French angel; 74 Donna or Robert; 75 Dep.



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KITCHEN HELPERS (Answers on B 2)

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Can opener
- Cleaver
- Corer
- Crock pot
- Dish washer
- Grater
- Griddle
- Ladle
- Mixer
- Processor
- Skillet
- Spatula
- Toaster
- Tongs
- Whisk

Vision Teaser



Differences: 1. Taxi sign is changed; 2. Cap is reversed; 3. Coat is different; 4. Hat is raised; 5. Lamp post is added; 6. Skyline is missing; 7. Fat is missing.

(Answers on B 2)