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911 exec board tables action on phone fee

Measure will be studied, likely to resurface

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

While recognizing the immediate need for more funding, the Floyd County E-911 Executive Council decided to put a temporary hold on reinstating the E-911 surcharge.

In a Thursday night meeting, members decided to table a vote to put the surcharge back in place, but chances are it will soon be back on Floyd County phone bills.

The efforts to get the entire

county quick emergency services will require E-911 to build another tower site or to rent space on a private tower and install a base station. Dead air spots across the county have to be alleviated so every area can be accessible by radio, council members agreed.

After last week's E-911 Advisory Council meeting, E-911 coordinator Bill Dotson went into the Betsy Layne, Toler and Mud Creek areas. Dotson found dead spots in the area, just as the local firefighters and ambulance services had reported.

Jim Caldwell, chairman for both councils, presented a motion to the executive committee to reinstate the surcharge. But Brett Davis, proxy for County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, made a motion to table the surcharge discussion until

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Five go from jail to hospital after fight

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Three police officers and two suspects were transported to area hospitals after a Thursday night altercation inside the Floyd County Detention Center.

Prestonsburg police officers Bryan Hall and Steve Little and Floyd County deputy Herman Morris sustained minor injuries when Joseph Patton Jr., 40, and Jessica Rice, 25, both of Spurlock, allegedly became involved in a scuffle with the officers as they exited the jail's elevator.

Rice apparently resisted leaving the elevator and began to attack Little. Patton allegedly joined the

ruckus by venting on Deputy Morris.

Hall, who already was at the jail on a previous case, rushed to assist the officers. The officer's attempts to subdue the prisoners resulted in multiple injuries to all parties.

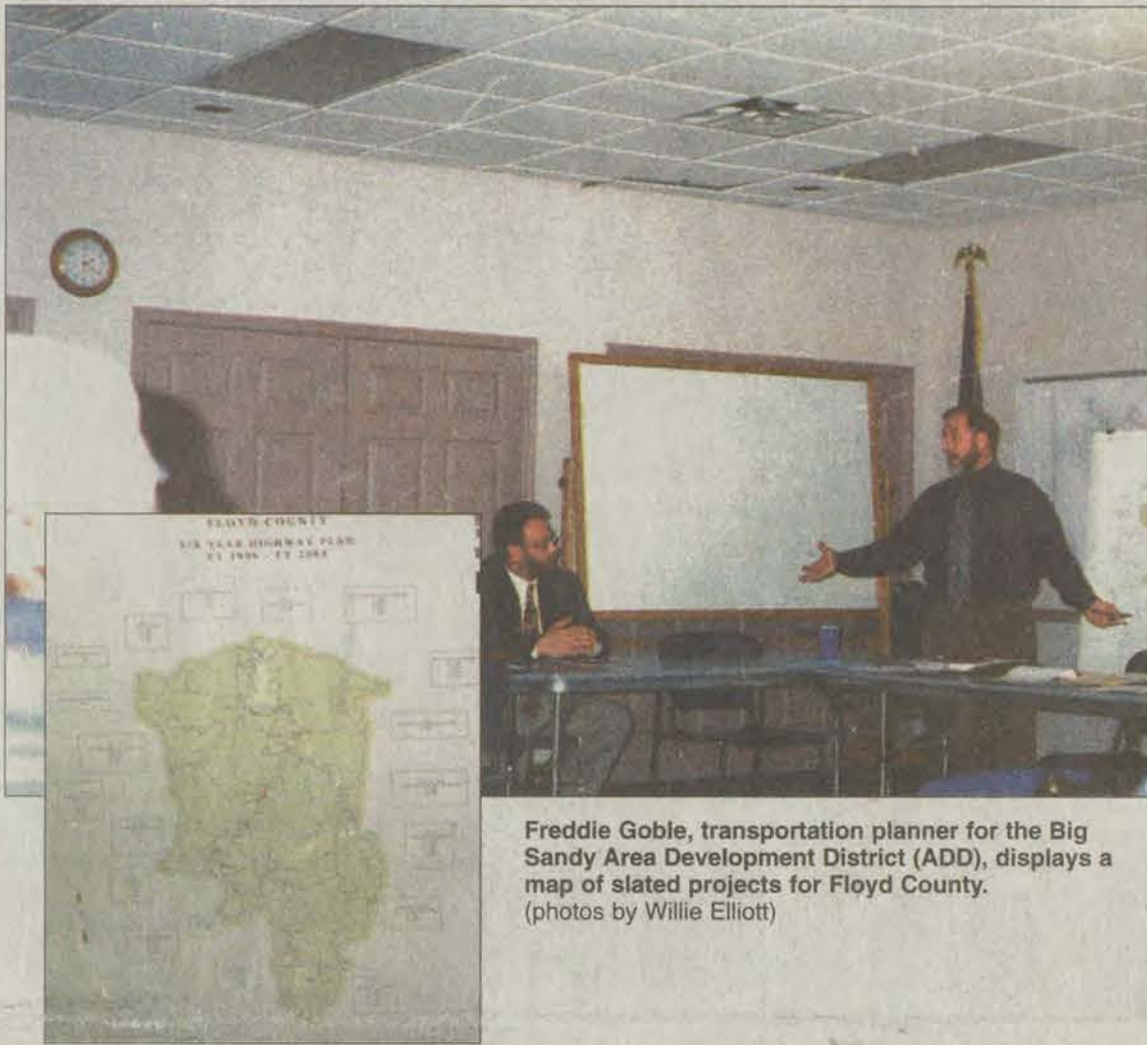
The quintet was transported to the hospital, where they were treated and released.

The two suspects increased their chances of lengthy jail terms when they allegedly attacked the officers. Their original arrests were on multiple misdemeanor charges.

Rice was charged with speeding, fleeing or evading a police officer, two counts of disorderly conduct.

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Charting future courses...



Freddie Goble, transportation planner for the Big Sandy Area Development District (ADD), displays a map of slated projects for Floyd County. (photos by Willie Elliott)

Future of local road projects discussed during meeting

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

On Thursday, citizens from the Big Sandy region had an opportunity to have input into a regional rural transportation concept/plan that will address some of the transportation needs for the next 20 years.

This was one of six meetings that will be held in Floyd, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin and Pike counties to get input from citizens.

Freddie Goble, transportation planner for the Big Sandy Area Development District (ADD), asked that those present to voice their opinion about what roads

should be considered in the plan. He said any suggestion should have a regional tie-in with the different areas of the Big Sandy region.

"In the past most of the planning was done at state level with the governor, transportation department and the legislature doing all the planning," Goble said. "But now the public has a chance to have input into the plan."

Goble said citizens could very well initiate a project.

Goble explained a change in the way gasoline tax money is spent that benefits the region. He said in the past Kentucky got only 77 cents per dollar on gas

taxes that were sent in. Now the state gets 90 cents per dollar to meet these needs.

Goble said the Big Sandy ADD Transportation Committee would take all suggestions and make a top 10 list. He mentioned that of the 10 projects suggested last year, six were now under construction.

From the information gathered the state will develop a six-year plan. Once a project is under construction, it is removed from the plan and replaced with the next project on the list.

Goble said each district was required to come up with a spe-

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Briefs

Meyer pleads guilty to cruelty

A Bypro man received several hours of community service and jail time after he pleaded guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals in Floyd District Court.

Curtis E. Meyer plead guilty to the charge after jurors heard much of the case against him on Friday.

With the prosecution having evidence on video, Meyer admitted shooting a dog without cause or justification.

Meyer was sentenced to 10 consecutive weekends in the Floyd County Jail and 80 hours of community service at the Floyd County Animal Shelter. He will have one year to complete the community service.

Office moves

The Floyd County Conservation District has moved its office to Mayo Branch of Brandykeg, approximately one-half mile from the Lancer-Water Gap Road intersection going toward Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The office's new phone number is 889-9800 and new fax number is 889-9801. The office's address is Floyd County Soil Conservation District, P.O. Box 29, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653. The district's email address will remain the same, conserve@eastky.net.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Teachers, administrators, parents and citizens enjoy a buffet at Jenny Wiley Lodge before opening a discussion on Floyd County's Consolidated Plan. The plan pulls together all facets of the educational process and is a road map to improvement for both the schools and the district. Supt. Paul Fanning and instructional supervisor Susan Compton are leading the activities to complete the plan, which must be sent to the Kentucky Department of Education by the end of May. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Cleanup bill faces judgment this week

By Lisa Carnahan
and Karla Dooley
KPA News Bureau

A vote on one of the most hotly debated issues of the 2000 General Assembly could come in days.

Testimony both for and against the bottle bill continued in Frankfort while the state's grocers and bottlers initiated a substantial advertising campaign against the proposed legislation.

Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, said he was offended by the advertisements.

"It's just the lowest of the low, and I really resent that," he said. "Why wouldn't they work with the sponsor of this bill?"

One commercial airing frequently shows two women, one of them elderly, discussing the bottle bill and how "the tax" will make the cost of

groceries increase. The older woman comments that she and her friends can't afford to pay more for groceries.

House majority floor leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, the bill's sponsor, said opponents have resorted to "scare tactics that prey on the elderly."

Although Stumbo said bottlers and grocers who oppose the bill have been asked to present an alternative to it, they have not yet done so.

"To this day, they've brought nothing forward other than the negative criticisms and the lies and the mistruths that they're trying to spread," Stumbo said. "There's no credible evidence that the bottle bill has the type of effect that they're saying it's going to have."

Pat Hicks, executive director of the Kentucky Grocers Association, told members of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee that local businesses in other border states with a bottle bill had experienced a loss of sales.

One of the main arguments against the bill is that residents of border areas such as Louisville might cross state lines to avoid paying the deposit. Stumbo testified that even with passage of the bottle bill, Kentucky would still have lower grocery prices than three of its bordering states.

House Bill 1 would require five- or 10-cent refundable deposits on drink containers and an

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advance disposal fee of one-quarter of one cent on food packaging sold at drive-through windows. It also establishes statewide mandatory garbage collection for all residents.

Kevin Dietly of Northbridge Environmental Management Consultants told legislators that he's analyzed the cleanup plan proposed in the bill and it would not generate the revenue supporters claim, but would instead lose nearly \$30 million a year.

"This is not a cash cow that will generate millions to help clean up the environment," said Dietly, whose analysis was paid for by opponents of the bill. "More money will have to be pumped into this system for it just to break even."

Dietly said the deficit in the proposal stems from the state operating recycling centers in every county, an aspect of Stumbo's bill that differs from other bottle bill programs.

"It's inefficient when government inserts itself into recycling," said Dietly. "But there are huge successes when voluntary collection is available."

Former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad testified in favor of the bill. He told committee members that the Iowa law, which has been in place since 1978, has the support of

over 85 percent of the population there and has reduced roadside litter by 78 percent.

"I know that the grocers and the bottlers don't like this," he said. "But I can tell you the people love it."

In response to Dietly's assertion that the bill would place an administrative burden on the state, Branstad said that the Iowa program pays for itself and has, in fact, generated revenue by luring companies that use recycled glass, paper and steel into the state.

At least one more day of testimony is expected before a committee vote.

Kentucky's 'Megan's Law' gets boost

A bill strengthening the state's law against sex offenders passed the House Judiciary Committee this week. Among the changes proposed in the bill is one that would require that almost anyone convicted of a sex-related crime have his or her name, photo, address and crime history posted on the Kentucky State Police website.

"I think it's a major step forward," Rep. Robert Damron, the bill's sponsor, said after the meeting. "(Under current laws) we never know where sex offenders truly are."

Only "high risk" offenders are required to register their addresses with probation and parole officers under the state's original legislation, which was passed in 1998. Sheriffs then distribute the information to the media and the community where the offender lives. If they move, they are given 10 days to notify the officers of the new address.

Under this bill, almost all those convicted of rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, kidnapping, unlawful confinement of a minor, or involving a minor in prostitution would be required to have their information posted on the internet site. Offenders would have to inform the officers before moving, and the new information would be posted immediately. Sex offenders would also be prohibited from living within 1,000 feet of a school or daycare center.

Damron removed a proposal that would have allowed the state to involuntarily commit sexually violent predators to mental health institutions after their jail time had been served.

The bill, House Bill 220, passed on a vote of 15-1 and will now be considered on the House floor.

Wage equity

After a lengthy and heated debate, the House voted to pass the "Fair Pay Act of 2000," a law prohibiting employers from practicing wage discrimination based on sex, race, or national origin.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Louisville, said the number of Kentucky families that depend on working mothers had increased and that wage disparity was a major issue across the state and nation.

"A woman earns 72 cents for every \$1 a man earns. And if you're a woman of color, it's worse — only 61 cents for every dollar. A Hispanic woman earns just 53 cents for every dollar. That pay gap translates into not only lower earnings but lower pensions as well," said Jenkins. "This is not a women's issue, it's a family issue."

Legislators who argued against its passage said they supported the concept but feared it would open up local and county governments as well as private employers to a "flood of civil lawsuits."

Rep. Stan Cave, R-Lexington, an attorney and the most vocal critic of the bill, said the wording of the legislation that says the General Assembly "finds" wage disparity exists, was poorly drafted and would lead to lawsuits.

"Can you say 'class action lawsuit'?" Cave said. "When we say 'finding,' that's a matter of law. This is the right concept but the wrong language."

The bill passed 72-21 and now heads to the Senate.

Miss America lobbies for homeless veterans

Miss America 2000 Heather Renee French paid a visit to the state legislature this week, lobbying for a bill that would help homeless veterans.

"This issue extends beyond the gown and the crown," French told the House of Representatives before the vote was cast on House Bill 295. "This issue is every U.S. citizen's concern."

French travels an average 20,000 miles a month supporting her platform of helping veterans. Her father, Ron French, is a disabled Vietnam veteran, and she commended the assembly for leading the way on the issue.

Gen. Les Beavers, the state commissioner for Veteran's Affairs, escorted French during her visit to

the General Assembly. He said the department has seen a "quantum jump" in interest in assisting homeless veterans since French became Miss America.

During her address, French held up a Purple Heart that she said would be the most prized possession she takes away from her year-long reign as Miss America. It was given to her by a veteran from Augusta.

"This Purple Heart says it all because they were willing to lay down their lives for you and for me," she said.

French, who is from Maysville, is engaged to be married to Lt. Gov. Steve Henry on October 27, after she turns over the crown. She is the first Kentuckian ever to win the Miss America title.

After French's remarks, the House unanimously passed House Bill 295, which would enable the state Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs to go after federal money to help fund programs for Kentucky's homeless veterans.

The bill establishes the Homeless Veterans Service Coordinating Committee that will provide services for homeless veterans. According to its sponsor, Rep. Mike Weaver,

D-Elizabethtown, Kentucky has about 3,000 homeless veterans and the bill would give the state Department of Veterans' Affairs the authority to go after Kentucky's share of \$15 million that is allocated yearly by the federal government.

"Do you know what percentage Kentucky got last year?" Weaver asked. "Zero percent. Because we didn't have the mechanism in place. These programs will help provide housing for homeless veterans and programs to get them back on their feet."

Politics in Frankfort

A political brouhaha developed this week over a dispute between state Attorney General Ben Chandler and the General Assembly.

Chandler recently received \$45 million from a lawsuit settlement with Anthem Inc. and says it has already been set aside for helping with "the unmet health care needs of Kentucky citizens."

Legislators have responded by sending Chandler a letter and filing a bill asserting that the funds are public and should be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

Chandler, in turn, reacted to the legislators' actions by sending a letter back that was the topic of much talk in the Capitol late this week.

Senate minority floor leader David Karem told lawmakers on the Senate floor that their letter had been "extremely conciliatory" but said Chandler's comeback was written in "some of the harshest terms that I have seen in many a day."

"I think the attorney general owes this body an apology," said Sen. Charlie Borders, the majority caucus chair.

Chandler, House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, and Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, are all expected to run for governor in 2003.

Lawsuits against gun manufacturers

Under House Bill 15, sponsored by Rep. Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, only the state could sue gun manufacturers.

The lengthy debate pitted gun-control advocates and right-to-bear-arms' supporters in familiar rhetoric.

"Gun owners are under attack...all over this nation and we're under attack in Kentucky," said Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville.

Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, said the law would take "home rule" away from the local governments and urged defeat of the bill.

"This is special legislation that the NRA wants us to pass," said Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington. "It's unconstitutional and it should go against any independent-minded member of this General Assembly."

The bill prohibits local governments from suing for damages relating to the legal design, manufacture or marketing of firearms and ammunition.

The House approved the bill on a vote of 81-14.

Education

A bill that would require volunteers in schools to undergo the same criminal background checks as current certified and classified school employees passed the House Education Committee.

The sponsor, Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, said 153 school districts already require the background checks. House Bill 136 would require those volunteers who are in the school on a "regular or continuing basis" to submit to the

checks.

The legislation allows for the background checks to be paid for by the school district, booster groups or the volunteers themselves.

Draud, a school superintendent from Kenton County, said the background checks in one Northern Kentucky district had already resulted in the discovery of two adults previously convicted of inappropriate behavior with children.

Another bill from Draud, this one involving teachers participating in the National Professional Teachers' Standards Board program, also won approval from the committee.

The bill would set a goal of at least one national board-certified teacher in every public school in the state by 2020. It also would establish a trust fund to pay stipends to teachers as they prepare for the rigorous training and to reimburse local school boards for paying substitutes for these teachers in their absence. It also would provide a \$2,000 yearly salary supplement for any teacher who successfully completes the program and maintains the certification.

The Minger Act

The death of a Murray State University student in a 1998 dorm fire could have been prevented, according to his parents.

Gail and John Minger testified before the House Education Committee on House Bill 322, filed by Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville. The Mingers' son Michael was killed in a blaze on the fourth floor of MSU's Hester Hall.

The bill requires all colleges and universities, public and private, to keep a daily log recording all crimes occurring on campus and make it available for public inspection. It also requires that campus security immediately report a fire or threat of fire to the state fire marshal and local authorities, and it establishes penalties for any person who violates the provisions of the act with a fine ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

The fire that killed Michael Minger was in the same location as a smaller fire five days earlier that was not reported to the state fire marshal.

Assistant State Fire Marshall Jack Flowers gave emotional testimony, saying that if investigators had been notified, the second fire may have been prevented.

"I've been in this business for 30 years...probably 15,000 fires and 600 fire deaths, but few have affected me like this one," Flowers said as he choked back tears. "I was upset about not being notified about the first fire... Both were arson. If we had had our people in there knocking on doors, showing an interest, then maybe it would have made an impact. Maybe they would have thought 'We better not do this, we might get caught.'"

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, and director of judicial affairs at Eastern Kentucky University, argued that the bill was "overkill."

Moberly said it would create extra paperwork for residence hall directors who, under the bill, would be subject to a \$500 fine if they reported a beer in a dorm room one day later than the infraction actually occurred.

"Is that proportional?" Moberly

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Suspect up a creek after cop finds him in one

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A routine traffic stop by a Kentucky State Police trooper turned into a foot pursuit that left the suspect feeling wet.

Trooper Rick Conn attempted to pull over Michael D. Kimmel, 25, of Pikeville for having no tail-lights Thursday evening in the Estill community.

Kimmel made a U-turn across the median on US 23 and then accelerated away upon seeing the officer's lights. Conn pursued the suspect about two miles before Kimmel bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot.

Kimmel was found in a creek by the trooper, where he was arrested.

Kimmel was charged with having no registration plates, no registration receipt, no tail lamps, improper turning, DUI, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, no insurance, and improper registration plate on vehicle.

He was arraigned in Floyd District Court on Friday, pleading not guilty. A preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow February 14 at 1:30 p.m. A \$10,000 partially secured bond was set.

Trooper Conn was assisted at the scene by troopers Sgt. Lynn Cross and Anthony Taulbee and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Fees

facts could be gathered on the tax.

Changes were reportedly made at Kentucky State Police Post 9 to accommodate the dead spots, but state police communications coordinator Denisa Davidson said they were merely bandages.

While the need for building a new tower to accommodate southern Floyd County has been made known, Davidson suggested checking with private tower owners for use of their tower. If a suitable tower can be used, a new base station would have to be built which would cost E-911 about \$15,000 — far cheaper than a new tower, said Davidson.

Whether E-911 has a tower to build or a base station to buy, council members agreed the surcharge had to be added on eventually.

"If we don't get someone to donate a tower we are talking major, major dollars," said Davidson. Even if E-911 does get someone to donate a tower, a base station would cost about \$15,000.

"They really do need some stuff," said Davidson. "Their concerns are legitimate."

"We have some pretty significant problems in the area," said Davidson. "We changed the antenna at Auxier, which caused a problem at Middle Creek."

The use of a tower and installing

the E-911 base station will take at least 30-60 days, said Dotson and Davidson.

The E-911 balance as of December 31, 1999 was \$159,402.12.

The council also discussed 29 Floyd County residents that are on the Thacker Grigsby telephone service. Those residents had their 911 calls routed to the Hazard state police post while 16 Knott County residents' calls were going to the Pikeville post.

Because the residents are on Knott county phone lines or Floyd County phone lines, respectively, their calls are routed through their phone company lines.

The differing posts and telephone companies have corrected the problems by allowing them to use a speed dial number to their proper post.

The EMS oversight committee was reported to be in place. Caldwell said the committee would meet soon to select a chairman and establish meeting times.

The mapping of the county is complete, said Dotson. About 50 percent of the roads have had the signs added to the roads. Those roads are on the E-911 enhanced system.

Davidson told the council of another source of funds for the

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county. A surcharge has been in existence on cellular phone calls for sometime for 911 calls. Since August 1998, funds have been built into an account specifically from that surcharge. Counties with existing enhanced 911 systems through the state police posts will be eligible for portions of those funds.

Davidson told the council the sheer volume of calls in the five-county area will be a plus for Floyd County. The down side is that money will have to be split with Pike County.

Pike and Floyd counties are the only two counties in the post nine area able to access those funds. A two-thirds to one-third split is expected in those funds. The funds would be disbursed on a quarterly basis.

A machine will be installed in Frankfort to count the calls and a CPA will be assigned to track the funds. Davidson suggested when the funds are brought to the county, a separate account be opened. The auditing will be tighter than what the county is used to, said Davidson.

The first disbursement is expected in October. Specific uses for the money are designed into the disbursements, including wireless and wiring lines, satellite tracking, training, and possibly dispatch.

Legislature

asked. He said there are about 1,500 liquor law violations a year on the ECU campus alone.

Jennifer Hall, a Louisville attorney who helped Wayne write the bill, said it was modeled after already existing federal regulations. The committee is expected to vote on the bill at its next meeting.

Campaign financing

A lengthy dispute between Republicans and Democrats over a campaign financing bill filed by Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, broke out on the House floor.

House Bill 339 states that "confidence in the integrity of government and public officials is advanced" when lobbyists do not contribute to fundraisers for the legislature while it is in session. It comes in the wake of a fundraiser held by Republican members of the Senate last month in which lobbyists were asked to contribute.

Stumbo called the fundraiser a "lapse of good judgment" and said that such actions send a message to the public that government is for sale.

Minority floor leader Danny Ford, R-Mt. Vernon, on the other hand, said that the bill is meaningless since it only discourages lobbyists from contributing and does not require members of the legislature to refrain from fundraising during the session.

"We're really doing nothing," he said.

The House killed a committee substitute for the bill that would have prohibited such fundraisers.

After several maneuvers on the part of the Republicans failed to kill or postpone consideration of the bill, House Bill 339 passed 64-28. It now goes to the Senate.

Closure notice

The House has passed a bill that would require the Cabinet of Health Services to provide written notice to the General Assembly if it plans to close any state institutions or group homes for the mentally retarded or the developmentally disabled. The bill also requires that family members or guardians of the residents be notified.

The action is in response to a case last year involving Central State Hospital in Louisville, in which family members learned of the facility's planned closure in the newspaper.

Lawmakers and family members intervened and the state abandoned the plan to close the hospital and move the more than 40 residents into neighborhood settings.

According to supporters of the bill, the Central State case isn't an isolated one. On at least two other occasions, the state has tried unsuccessfully to close Hazelwood Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded in western Kentucky.

Rep. Bob Heleringer, R-Louisville, the bill's sponsor and arguably one of the General Assembly's staunchest advocates of the mentally disabled, said "never again should the residents or family members of Central State be put through the heartbreaking experi-

ence they endured" last January.

The bill passed 96-1 and is now in the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Under-age drinking

A bill aimed at getting the attention of under-age drinkers by suspending their driver's licenses has moved to the House after a relatively easy ride through the Senate.

Senate Bill 47 would add an additional penalty to existing laws against possession or purchase of liquor by under-21-year-olds. It would suspend or deny their driver's licenses for up to six months.

Sponsors claim the bill is needed so that minors who break the law share some of the burden that liquor store clerks have been saddled with for selling to minors.

"We felt there is really no penalty on that minor trying to purchase it," said co-sponsor Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, after the bill passed the Senate 28-9.

"We just feel like it is not fair to have the clerk bear all that burden and responsibility. Some of it needs to be placed on that minor that's trying to purchase alcohol."

State Alcohol Beverage Control officials reported 500 minors were caught by the ABC in 1999 for possession of alcohol by a minor. Their 35 field enforcers also intercepted 49 attempts by minors to purchase liquor with false IDs.

In Senate floor debate, several legislators questioned the hardships that suspending driving privileges might have on under-21-year-olds, posing the example of a 20-year-old working mother who might buy a beer. If she lost her license for buying alcohol, she might lose her ability to get to her job.

Pendleton countered the argument that the bill would be an unfair burden on that age group.

"That would be a one-in-a-million case because a woman who is 20 years old and married and working with two kids is a lot more responsible than to do something like that," he said.

Pendleton sought to attach an amendment to the bill that would deny or suspend driver's licenses to minors who purchased tobacco products.

That amendment was ruled not "germane" or relevant to the bill by Senate President David Williams.

Pendleton said he will file a separate bill that relates to tobacco in the same capacity as Senate Bill 47 deals with alcohol with the goal once again of providing some recourse for store clerks being duped by minors.

"The store clerks had to be trained and they are subject to fines," Pendleton said. "And again we just felt like there is nothing out there to keep the minor from doing it. This is the only way we will be able to stop this."

Nude dancing

A bill that would ban nude dancing was approved on a vote of 10-1 in the House Judicial Committee this week, in spite of questions as to its constitutionality.

Five representatives abstained from voting on House Bill 59 after

hearing a debate in which Robert Lotz, an attorney who spoke for the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, testified against the bill.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Gary Tapp, R-Shelbyville, said House Bill 59 would protect women from abuse by requiring that pasties and G-strings be worn by dancers in adult entertainment businesses.

Lotz, however, said that the bill may be unconstitutional and would also prohibit some ballet performances, the filming of movie scenes in which some nudity is involved, and the wearing of some bathing suits, since each of those activities is often engaged in outside of a theater or private residence.

House Bill 59 moves on to the House floor.

Frivolous lawsuits

The House Judiciary Committee also approved a bill that would tighten the open records access given to prison inmates and seek to

prevent them from bringing frivolous civil lawsuits.

Rep. Gross Lindsay's House Bill 475 would put a 20-day limit on the amount of time a prisoner has to appeal an open records decision and allow the Department of Corrections to refuse to release any records to an inmate that do not pertain to him or her.

It would also allow the courts to dismiss civil suits brought by inmates on the basis that the suit is malicious, harassing, legally without merit or factually frivolous.

In addition, the bill would also make it a Class D felony for inmates to throw any bodily fluid on an employee of the prison or jail.

Lindsay, D-Henderson, is an attorney who chairs the committee.

Other news

In other legislative action: The House passed a bill that would require the state Department of Education to include character education throughout a school's cur-

Roads

cial project. He said his special project was the pedestrian bridge at River in Johnson County that has a plastic deck. He said it was the longest bridge in the world with such a deck.

Goble showed a map that listed the projects that are scheduled for Floyd County. He noted that projects go through four phases and are funded in four different phases. These phases are design, right of way acquisition, utilities and construction. The map, which is available for viewing at Big Sandy ADD, gives dates of the phases that have been funded. Some projects have all four dates while others have only one.

Some of the projects that are planned for Floyd County include:

- Eliminate rock-fall hazard on KY 321 below the Auxier Bridge
- Prestonsburg golf course road
- Town Branch bridge
- Acceleration lane at the Water Gap KY 80/23 exchange
- Light at the Banner intersection
- Minnie/Harold Road (to be done in sections)
- Meade Hill
- Glo Bridge in Wayland
- Midas Bridge near Hueysville
- Rock fall hazard near Kinzer Drilling on KY 80
- Twin Bridges at Martin

- Rough and Tuff Bridge
- Ganny Fritz Bridge
- Restructure of KY 1428 from Cliff Bridge to the Prestonsburg High School

The next phase of KY 114 will be in Magoffin from the top of the Gap to the KY 7 overpass. The road will be against the mountain on the right hand side of the strip with various businesses such as McDonalds, Wendys and the food court.

Goble said merchants would have preferred the road follow the old path as long as it didn't take their business sites. He said the planned route offers good access and the businesses can be seen from the road.

Goble said people could send written suggestions to him at 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653 or call him at 886-2374.

John and Shirley Maynard said someone had sold their property without holding a proper deed. Goble took their phone number and met with them after the meeting to see what could be done about the matter.

Information about upcoming public meetings or information on a particular project can be obtained by calling Goble at the Big Sandy ADD.

riculum. These "core values" include honesty, responsibility, self-discipline and justice.

A bill protecting the dead moved out of the House and into the Senate last week. House Bill 433 would require those who disturb headstones or cemeteries to repair the damage.

Rep. Royce Adams, D-Dry Ridge, said the problem was pointed out to him by funeral directors in his home district, including one instance where a man built his garage over a family cemetery adjacent to his home.

"I think it is wrong to destroy graves or graveyards," Adams said. "I'm sure this goes on in other places as well."

Adams said the individual courts would determine how the person convicted of disturbing the graves has to repair them.

The bill unanimously passed the House.

A bill that would have had the effect of requiring judges to give convicted felons longer sentences if they were caught in possession of a firearm failed in a House committee

this week.

House Bill 210, sponsored by Damron, a Democrat from Nicholasville, was modeled after programs in other states that have been generally referred to as Project Exile.

Under the bill, judges would no longer have had the option of allowing felons to serve concurrent sentences if they were later convicted of possession of a firearm and another crime, regardless of whether the gun was used in connection with that second crime. A number of committee members said they opposed the bill because it was too broad in scope and took away judicial discretion.

"I don't think we should be sitting up here in this ivory tower telling the judges that are out there in the trenches how to do things," Lindsay said.

Eastern Kentucky University journalism students Jeremy Stevenson, Jennifer Mullins, Amanda Lage and Shawn Hopkins contributed to this report.

Fight

disregarding a traffic light, no license in possession, no insurance, no Kentucky registration receipt, no seatbelt, third-degree assault of a police officer, and criminal mischief.

Patton was charged with speeding, fleeing or evading a police officer, two counts of disorderly conduct, disregarding a traffic light, no license in possession, no insurance, no Kentucky registration receipt, no seatbelt, DUI, drinking alcohol in a public place, two

counts of third-degree assault of a police officer, criminal mischief, terroristic threatening, and menacing.

Both were placed under \$10,000 cash bonds.

Patton was arraigned on Friday, where he pleaded not guilty. His preliminary hearing will be tomorrow, February 14, at 1:30 p.m.

The arraignment for Rice was continued until March 16.

Further charges are pending against the two suspects.

To: Delores Baldrige

A Mother

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It doesn't matter what you say, or even what you do, A mother's love is forever, and this I know is true.

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Happy Valentine's Day
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Joy

EKU regents revise under-21 housing policy

Eastern Kentucky University students from Floyd County and others considering ECU now have more flexibility in their choice of housing.

At their regular meeting, February 5, the ECU Board of Regents revised the university's housing policy to allow students who have completed at least 60 credit hours to be eligible to live off campus.

ECU's housing policy had required all single, full-time undergraduates under the age of 21 to live in university residence hall facilities. The new policy is designed to provide students with more flexibility in making their housing choice and is comparable to housing regulations at other Kentucky colleges and universities.

Students who reside with their parents in the parents' principal residence within 50 miles of the Richmond campus are exempt from the policy.

"This change in our housing policy was proposed by the ECU Residence Hall Association, reviewed by the university community and recommended by the appropriate Board of Regents committee," said ECU President Bob Kustra.

even more attractive to students who have yet to decide where they will attend college.

"We believe that living on campus is an important part of our students' educational experience, and we will continue to require students under 21 to live on campus during their first two years," Kustra said. "We have worked hard to create a more student-friendly learning environment by making our residence halls more comfortable and convenient, improving the quality of campus services and enhancing cultural and recreational opportunities for campus residents."

In other action, the Regents:


- Created the unpaid position of University Historian to "maintain, preserve and celebrate the history of ECU," and named retired history professor Dr. Bill Ellis to the new position.

- Authorized the sale of revenue bonds to finance the second phase of residence hall sprinkler system installation. Four residence halls—Clay, Dupree, Keene and Todd—will receive sprinkler systems this summer.


- Welcomed new Regent Gary C. Abney of Richmond, and elected the following board officers: James T. Gilbert, Berea, chair; Ernest House, London, vice chair; Linda Kuhnenn, associate vice president for finance, treasurer; Beverly Burrus, secretary; and Mary D. Davis, assistant secretary.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Luck is when preparation meets opportunity.

Proverb—

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Editorial

People will make county consolidation work

Next to adopting Tennessee orange as the official state color, hardly anything has seemed as remote a possibility as Kentucky merging some of its counties.

Despite all the evidence that Kentucky has a ridiculous number of counties, many of which struggle to maintain even basic services, protecting a county resident's identity — and elected politicians' jobs — has always weighed too heavily on any consolidation counties.

But there are signs that could be about to change.

Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, filed a bill last week that would give financial incentives to counties that agree to merge, saving tax dollars and providing better services in the long run. The bill was signed by 60 co-sponsors in the House, more than enough to pass it. The effort also has support in the Senate.

There are two key factors that make this bill attractive. First, it guarantees several million dollars to smaller counties to use as they see fit. Kentuckians may be resistant to change, but they are awfully appreciative of money that seemingly falls from the sky.

The second factor is that the people of a county can generate a petition to force a vote on consolidation. In the past, that has been left solely up to the county government. Faced with the possibility of losing their elected positions, members of the county fiscal courts have been less than enthusiastic about pushing for consolidation.

Getting this bill passed will only be the first hurdle. The next and more important one is convincing the majority of residents in counties well suited for merging that it is in their best interest to erase the county line.

Only Texas and Georgia have more counties than Kentucky and only Rhode Island has smaller counties. Kentucky's 120 counties exist because legislators a century ago who looked to curry favor were more than happy to subdivide a county and name it for whatever politician was in power at the time.

The number of counties served a purpose for awhile, because Kentucky's road system was so deplorable it was important to have small counties so people could get to the county seat in a day. But with the advent of the automobile and the better roads that followed, having 120 counties has been unnecessary for decades.

Changing voter minds will not be easy. Even those who see their county struggle to provide services at a reasonable cost may not consider being part of a larger county the answer. It will take strong leadership and education to get Kentuckians to realize half as many counties would be more efficient.

Getting this law in place would also be a fitting honor to the memory of Owensboro's late state Sen. Delbert Murphy, the driving force behind a task force in 1988 to study the consolidation of counties. Murphy said back then he was not trying to do the popular thing, he was trying to do what was right.

We could use more of that attitude.
—Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by Gregory D. Stumbo
95th District Representative

There are many important issues facing the 2000 General Assembly. And daily since we convened, many people have converged on Frankfort to make their point.

Every person feels passionate about their issues whether it is Miss America Heather Renee French speaking out on behalf of homeless veterans or Muhammad Ali supporting funding for the construction of the Ali Center in Louisville or Christopher Reeve advocating support for spinal cord research.

I, too, feel strongly about the key issue I am supporting this session and that is the eradication of roadside litter and the trashing of our waterways. I adamantly believe we must not bounce this issue around like a political rubber ball. It is the time to act and any hesitation could be fatal to the status of Kentucky's natural resources.

I receive some calls and letters that say litter is a problem but my legislation is not the way to address it. I have chaired a task force on this issue for two years, doing research and taking testimony. And no one has come up with any other workable solution.

House Bill 1 is an answer to a very bad situation with dangerous consequences if not addressed.

To understand the reality of roadside litter or illegal dumping, one must understand that nearly 50 percent of the garbage found along the road is beverage containers. Many of these containers are plastic and glass and their life cycle, if not picked up, is probably longer than any of our lives.

The irresponsibility must stop and if people can't recognize their civic duty, then it is the obligation of policymakers to protect the general public from this deadly situation.

House Bill 1 has two obvious parts, one dealing with roadside litter and the other with illegal dumping. House Bill 1 puts in place a beverage container deposit system that should dramatically reduce litter.

Crack down in the war on drugs or end it?

by Jacob G. Hornberger

In a proposal termed SABRE (Substance Abuse Resistance Effort), Virginia Republican Gov. James Gilmore III is asking the Virginia legislature to get tough in the state's war on drugs. The governor's proposals include harsher penalties for drug users and drug sellers.

No one, including Gov. Gilmore, would argue that the decades-long war on drugs has been successful in achieving its aims. Hardly a month goes by without law-enforcement officers announcing a new record drug bust, which would seem to be fairly powerful evidence that the war isn't achieving what it's supposed to achieve.

And after all, if the war had already achieved its goals, there would be no point in continuing it, much less escalating it.

The purpose of measures such as those that Gov. Gilmore is proposing is to diminish both the demand for drugs and the supply of drugs. On the demand side, the hope is that by increasing the punishment a drug user faces if caught, the demand for drugs will be reduced. The analysis is similar on the supply

side. The hope is that drug sales will decline because drug sellers must now face a harsher punishment if they're caught selling drugs.

All too often, however, the prospect of facing increased punishment doesn't seriously affect drug users. For one thing, many of them don't believe that they are the ones who are going to get caught.

For another, their addiction often causes them to continue consuming the drugs even though the price has increased; it's what an economist would call an "inelastic demand curve," one in which changes in price have a minimal effect on changes in demand.

Harsh penalties on the supply side also have had little effect on the supply of drugs. Why? Because as the price of drugs and the profits from drug sales increase because of a constriction in supply arising from stricter law enforcement, more people are induced to enter the drug trade, which brings supply back up. That is why we see "regular" people, such as airline workers, entering the illegal drug business.

Harsher enforcement of drug laws also has a serious negative consequence in society. In order to get

This legislation is scheduled to be voted upon by the House Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on Tuesday, February 15, at 10 a.m. in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort.

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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



Ventura's latest action hurts third parties

It would not be paradoxical to say that, in the last decade of the 20th century, third parties in the United States simultaneously met with unprecedented success and disastrous failure.

Having finally shown an ability to elicit fairly strong support in 1992 with a strong run from Ross Perot in the presidential race, the effort seemed to sputter as minor parties could not seem to get over the hump of widespread acceptance.

That is, not until 1998, when Jesse Ventura beat two well-known, well-financed opponents to capture the Minnesota governor's seat for the Reform Party.

Suddenly, third parties appeared to have been injected with new vitality. Ventura's upset was not only a victory for the Reform Party, but for any candidate not bearing the Democratic or Republican label.

Those good fortunes may have come to an end Friday, when Ventura announced he and his state's party were bolting the national Reform Party to create an organization of their own.

That is bad news to a third-party sympathizer such as myself because it heralds a return to the days when two choices were the only choices.

That's something I never could understand. For the 40-plus years this country was locked in the Cold War with the former USSR, we were always told that one of the many problems with the Soviet system was that it was a one-party system. Who is to say a two-party system is much better?

To me, it seems so preposterous to operate under the assumption that there are two sides, only two sides and exactly two sides to every issue.

Everything is boiled down to yes or no, pro or con, completely for or completely against, when in reality most of us really want a little from column A, some from column B and just a smidgen of something not on the menu at all. We realize that the world is not always black and white, but there are often many of shades of gray.

Sometimes we don't want Coke or Pepsi. We want RC.

That is what third parties offer, and it is something which has become more attractive to Americans in recent years as we have watched the two major parties set their sights on each other rather than focusing their attention on the good of the nation.

Unfortunately, it was more of that same attitude which led to Ventura's split with the Reform Party.

Long-standing members of the party, those who have continued to worship Perot long after the rest of the country understood he was unfit to hold office, were never very comfortable with Ventura from the start. Rather than seeing him as someone who had found a way to sell the party to the people, they saw him competing for the glory with Perot.

Not that Ventura actually sold the Reform Party to anyone. The Body's votes were a result of The Body's appeal, not the eagle which floated above his name on the ballot.

Still, rather than spinning Ventura's victory as evidence of a party on the move, the old-line Reform Party mem-

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Changes in our Schools

A Commentary

Whose poor scores are they?

By Robert F. Sexton

I noticed not long ago that U.S. students scored poorly on new national tests about how our government operates. These results showed up in the 1998 civics test for fourth, eighth and twelfth graders given as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

These apples aren't falling far from the tree. Just look at the adults around them.

I read in the newspaper back during the 1995 governor's campaign about a woman who was asked who was running for governor. "I don't have time for elections," she said. "I've been too busy with O. J." If tested, her children would probably know more about Kato Kaelin than Paul Patton. In this sad scenario, we see proof of 1) the power of television, 2) the power of celebrity, and 3) the power of parents.

The new civics test shows that lots of today's students know the basic facts. For instance, 81 percent know about Martin Luther King's role in civil rights; 90 percent know that Social Security was "a program to help elderly citizens."

What too few students have, the report says, is a "deeper knowledge of American government." For instance, 85 percent of fourth graders could not name

two services paid for by taxes. Ninety-four percent of eighth graders could not describe "how a country benefits from having a constitution."

One explanation for these results is pretty simple: most students aren't taught about their government or, when they are, they are taught poorly. Youngsters won't learn what they're not taught. (In contrast, they know a lot about Tim Couch or Jennifer Lopez or Leonardo DiCaprio. They're taught frequently about them on TV.)

The root problem, in my view, is at home. If ever there was an example of the importance of parents and other people in communities, including the media, this is it. The examples that youngsters see around them aren't shining. Adults don't know much more than their children. In 1994, 57 percent of adults had not even heard of Newt Gingrich. A little over 50 percent knew which political party controlled the U.S. Congress in the mid-1980s; 70 percent could not name their U.S. senators; 50 percent could not name any candidate for Congress at the peak of their campaigns.

Adults don't do much better in geography and science. Only 39 percent of adults could find Massachu-

setts or Panama on a map; 18 percent thought the sun revolves around the earth.

Adults' deeper knowledge—"how things work"—has set a bad example for many years reports a new book with the telling title *What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters*. It shows, for instance, that 59 percent could not define the Bill of Rights (1986); 34 percent could not define impeachment (1974); 73 percent could not name two branches of government (back in 1952).

How fair is it to blame schools for poor civics scores? Schools can't do it all in this arena. Schools should, of course, teach about government. And they should teach it well. For instance, students who were involved in real life experiences like community service or volunteering know more about civics than those who don't. Eighth graders who worked in small groups scored higher on these tests than did those who just listened to lectures. Students whose teachers had special training in the subject matter did better too.

But unless parents become effective allies, teachers alone won't be able to compete with the powerful entertainment culture that dazzles youngsters and sets their priorities. And the result is

much more serious than poor test scores. It's not having the basic knowledge to be an effective citizen. It's a gaping hole in the civic values that unite our nation.

So parents need to pitch in too. A little less time with O. J.—or other TV sensations—would be a good start. What about a "no TV" night once a week? If TV culture doesn't reflect parents' values, they need to tell their children. Reading newspapers and magazines, or talking about TV news with children, would help as well. So would talking about what's taught about politics in school. Voting, talking about voting; taking kids along to vote all add to their interest and understanding. So does direct participation in local government—being a member or leader of a group, attending a local government meeting, sitting in on a school council or school board session.

Parents need to model, in other words, serious citizenship. There is no question that children are paying attention.

Robert F. Sexton is the executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

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bers engaged in a battle of personalities with Ventura and his people, and their marriage of convenience has now ended in a divorce.

As a result, the third party movement in the U.S. is more fractured than ever.

In the end, we will likely see Ventura's newly-formed Independence Party enjoy limited success in Minnesota, but only as long as Ventura remains in public life.

The Reform Party, free of the conflict which has plagued it over the past two years, will now be free to continue flushing itself down the toilet, attracting big-name kooks to

its ticket, all the while becoming more Republican than the Republican Party.

With Pat Buchanan as the party's likely presidential nominee, since Donald Trump forged his alliances with Ventura, perhaps Reformers can complete their descent into ignominy by striking a partnership with Austrian Joerg Haider and his Freedom Party.

In the end, the Reform Party will have been successful in nothing more than becoming the laughing-stock of American politics, and the American people, as their choices dwindle back to two, will be so much the worse.

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The Gospel According to Me

by Paul Prather

I discerned God's presence in this man

There are in this world a few spiritual people — a very few — who seem surrounded by a divine aura so strong you can feel it physically.

A Catholic buddy told me he experienced that glow when he met the late Mother Teresa.

When I was a full-time journalist I sat before the Rev. Billy Graham and, on another occasion, the Dalai Lama; the leader of Tibetan Buddhism.

I didn't notice any special power emanating from either man.

But I did meet one guy from whom I felt this kind of anointing.

His name was Arthur Burt. He was an old preacher from Wales, and I'd guess you've never heard of him. I never had.

Recently when I tried to track him down for this article I couldn't find anybody, even in the United Kingdom, who knew how to reach him today or whether he was still alive.

But he traveled briefly to Kentucky about 15 years ago.

Burt was then in his 60s and was visiting this area at the invitation of a Lexington minister, Ernie Sacra. He had been recommended to Sacra by another minister Sacra had met at a religious conference.

The story was that as a young man Burt had been a protege of the

legendary British healing evangelist Smith Wigglesworth.

Burt visited with Sacra four days. He spoke to Sacra's Lexington congregation, which now is called Faith Covenant Church.

Sacra asked my father if Burt could preach at Dad's church in Mount Sterling, too. Dad agreed.

I didn't care enough to attend any of Burt's services.

The day after he spoke in Mount Sterling, though, my father prevailed upon me to ride along when he drove Burt to the Lexington airport.

I've met hundreds of ministers, but when Dad and Burt picked me up, I experienced something I'd never experienced before and never have since.

I crawled into the back seat of my father's car. Dad was driving. Burt was riding shotgun.

As we pulled onto the highway, I felt what I can only describe as a force field radiating off this old guy. It wasn't from his personality. He was a quiet little man, friendly — not at all intimidating. He wasn't preaching.

He was talking about his travel arrangements.

But the whole car seemed filled with the power of his presence. It's hard to explain unless you've experi-

enced it. I sat there awed. I felt as I might have felt had I been in the presence of Saint Peter or Saint Paul.

In Lexington we stopped for lunch at a Bob Evans restaurant. Sacra met us there, as I recall.

For once the conversation seemed more important to me than the food. I hardly spoke and barely ate. Mainly I listened, my nerves tingling.

"So, Mr. Burt, tell me about Smith Wigglesworth," I said finally.

"He was indeed a man of God," Burt replied in his thick Welsh accent, poking his food with a fork. "But he was only a man. He could be quite rude. He had clay feet, like you and me. That's why I'm not much interested in talking about him. I'd rather talk about Jesus."

An hour or two later Burt boarded a plane and none of us ever saw him again.

But I called Sacra as part of my research for this column. Sacra's not a touchy-feely guy. He's a man of strong opinions, a former jock who works weekdays as a pipefitter. Yet his memory of Burt was nearly identical to mine.

Sacra said the few days he spent with Burt proved to have been one of the more memorable experiences of his life: "He just mesmerized me."

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Guest

the money to pay for the artificially higher-priced drugs, the user often resorts to violent means — robberies, muggings, thefts, and the like. (When was the last time you saw a wino committing a robbery to get the money to pay for his habit?)

Why then do so many government officials continue to call for an escalation of the drug war? Some officials are well-intentioned. They honestly believe that their proposals will finally stop people from ingesting harmful substances.

But should good intentions play a role in public policy, especially when the policy has been tested for decades and has not only failed but also has produced serious negative consequences for society?

There's an alternative explanation, however, for hasher drug-war measures, one that is based on self-interest. No one can now deny that the two financial beneficiaries of drug laws are drug sellers, who make lots of money selling drugs, and government officials, who make lots of money from asset-forfeiture laws.

For example, in 1998, in Chesapeake, Virginia, local prosecutors collected more than \$160,000 in assets, including \$80,000 in cash. The money was divided among the state, the police department, and the prosecutors.

State officials also get a piece of the action when they help the DEA or FBI in a drug bust; this brought

\$100,000 to Chesapeake over a three-year period. In Prince George's County, Maryland, investigators recently discovered that the sheriff's department kept a cash seizure of \$45,000 hidden from county officials for seven years, in the hope that the legislature would enact a law that would enable the sheriff's department to keep the money.

In a free society, people should ask why the state should have the power to punish someone for

engaging in self-destructive behavior. People should also ask why a decades-long war that has failed and that is corrupting society should be escalated. Recently New Mexico Republican Gov. Gary Johnson called for an end to the war on drugs. Which state will lead the nation by being the first state to do so?

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OBITUARIES

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Harve Johnson

Harve Johnson, 81, of Beaver, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at McDowell ARH, following an extended illness.

Born on November 1, 1918, in Robinson Creek, he was the son of the late Willie and Anna Johnson. He was a retired coal miner, minister and member of the First Baptist Church at Wheelwright, a member of Local 5899 of Wheelwright. From 1971 to 1983, he was pastor of J.S. Bell Baptist Church at Topmost, and pastor of the Lambert Baptist Church, at Ligon, from 1959 to 1971.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jean See Johnson.

He is survived by his second wife, Shelia Mullins Johnson.

Other survivors include three sons, Bill Johnson of Lexington, James Rodney Johnson of Hi Hat, Gary Johnson of Beaver; one stepson, Timon Mullins Jr. of Beaver; four daughters, Betty Frazier of New Albany, Indiana, Lillian Francis Frazier of Nicholasville, Dorothy Jean Johnson and Rebecca Susan Downey, both of Lexington; one half-brother, Willie Johnson of Ohio; one sister, Verdie Wright of Paintsville; 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 13, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Glenn Noe officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Family Cemetery, on Moore Branch, at Beaver, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers are Roy D. Frazier, Jim Frazier, Loren Frazier, Derek Johnson, Matt Johnson, Mark Curry, Layne Bailey, Timothy Eads and Randy Hamilton.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Johnson, Gary Johnson, James Johnson, Raymond D. Hall, Vernon Bailey, Kenneth Eads, Roland Wright, Bill See, Bill Creech, Mike See and Timon Mullins Jr.

Zetta Justice

Zetta Justice, age 97, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 11, at her residence.

She was born in Pike County on February 27, 1902. She was the former owner of Big Sandy Wholesale and successfully operated a grocery store during the Great Depression. Among her accomplishments was traveling all 50 states and every continent, with the exception of Antarctica. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Victoria Smith Fletcher.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas H. Justice and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Philip and Clyde Justice, both of Pikeville; three daughters, Darlene Gibson of Hamilton, Ohio, Yvonne Justice of Pikeville and Barbara Ratcliffe of Winchester, Virginia; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 14, at 1 p.m. at the Call Chapel with Rev. Paul Badgett and Rev. Charles Stewart officiating. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Saturday, and after 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Burial will be at the Johnson Memorial Park in Pikeville.

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Franklin Delano Music

Franklin Delano Music, 67, of Frankfort, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at his residence.

He was the son of the late Elmer and Ammie Hinton Music.

A native of Floyd County, he was a school teacher, retired from the Franklin County School System; owned and operated Music and Son Furniture Refinishing; he was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the First Church of God, Frankfort.

He his survived by his wife, Anita Dingus Music.

Other survivors include one son, Tony Music of Frankfort; three brothers, A.G. Music and Elmer Music Jr., both of Canton, Michigan, and James Roy Music of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Emma Jean Pelphrey of Prestonsburg, Lorraine Osborne of Canton, Michigan and Roberta Knipp of Vanlue, Ohio; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m., at the Harrod Brothers Memorial Chapel, at Frankfort, with Rev. Sam Glenn and Rev. Paul Floyd officiating.

Burial will be in the Music Family Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Harrod Brothers Memorial Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Oscar Hazelett, Kenneth Reed, Charlie Tippet, Steve Harrod, Duane Tischer and Rick Howe.

Visitation will be at the Funeral Home, Sunday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Jessie Merle Johnson, 81, of Virgie, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Alice Adkins, 85, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 11, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

John Albert Huffman Jr., 67, of Lower Pompey, died Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Huffman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 11, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Medicare: Surplus or deficit?

(NAPSA)-Recent testimony by the U.S. Comptroller General before a House subcommittee indicates that the Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance Trust Fund is not in as good shape as earlier government projections would indicate. The Trust Fund is projected to have a \$7 billion deficit for fiscal year 1999 which ended September 30, 1999. Earlier government estimates projected an \$8 billion surplus. According to Michael Zabko,

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Election Tuesday

Election for one parent member to the Allen Central SBDM will be Tuesday, February 22.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the office Friday, February 18, at 3 p.m. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. A parent council member must be a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. A parent council member cannot be a district employee at Allen Central Middle School, a local board member, or a relative of a local board member. Relative means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or mother-in-law.

Any person of a child enrolled at Allen Central Middle School may

vote to elect the parent council member.

McDowell FRC services

The following events and activities will be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center.

• GED classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Center. These classes are free for anyone wanting to earn the GED.

• Bi-monthly Advisory Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of that month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 6.

• Parents who are looking for new ideas on effective discipline techniques, assisting with homework, getting children to help with chores, how to provide healthier meals and snacks for their families, effective household budgeting, and other topics should attend the next Parent Support Group.

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families. Please attend either or both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

• Floyd County Health Department has a clinic open at the Center each Monday to see patients concerning school (head start, kindergarten and sixth grade) physicals, W.I.C., immunizations, female exams, well-child exams and other services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 377-2678.

• A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the Center two days a week for students who are in need of counseling services. Call the Center if you feel your child could benefit from this service, 377-2678.

Alice Lloyd College offers one stop program

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services and Alice Lloyd College have joined in helping both citizens of Kentucky and students of ALC find jobs, write resumes, and provide information on labor markets, career options, education and training programs, and much more. There are currently about 20 One Stop Program Offices statewide. The assistance received is free of charge and more information may be obtained through the Alice Lloyd College Career Development Office. Both the One Stop Program Office and the Career Development Office are located on the second floor of the Student Center on the campus of ALC. Call the ALC Career Development Office at 606/368-6136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community band members needed

Community members who have played or who currently play in a concert/marching band are invited to join the Prestonsburg Community College Community Band. The band meets at 4 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between Jerry's and the Dairy Cheer. For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

PCC Chorus seeks performers

Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" is the spring selection for the Prestonsburg Community College Community Chorus performance. The story tells of the fruitless efforts of lovers from different social classes — until a great secret is unveiled which sets things right.

Vocalists from throughout the region are invited to participate in the musical. Individuals are needed for the chorus of "cousins and aunts" and "sailors and relatives," as well as soloists. Becky Sublett is the conductor.

The chorus meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between Jerry's and Dairy Cheer.

For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

AARP Tax Aide service begun, February 1

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has begun its tax service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers on Tuesday, February 1, and will continue through April 13.

The service will be offered at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, from 8:30 to 3:30 each Tuesday, and is free to all senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

ALC video conference

The Division of Teacher Education at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will host a Multicultural Regional Video Conference on March 4, in the Campbell Arts Center. Videos on a wide range of issues pertaining to the education of diverse students will be available. Participants will select from these quality films. Following each viewing, facilitators will guide the audience in discussion of the issues raised. A luncheon will be included in the \$20 registration fee. The luncheon speaker will be local author, Verna Mae Slone. Professional Development credit of six hours will be awarded, with district approval. The deadline for registration will be February 19. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Billingsley at 606/368-6090.

Paintsville Lake downstream area to re-open February 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Paintsville Lake will reopen the downstream area on February 15 to normal vehicular traffic. The restrooms will also reopen at that time to visitor use and trout stocking for that area should resume sometime in April.

For additional information, contact Robert Beverley, Resource Manager, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 606/297-6312 or write: Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 KY 2275, Staffordsville, Kentucky 41256-9035.

Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interested in working with the 2000 Census to take the required exam are much broader than originally announced. The exams will be administered at sites throughout Floyd County from now through March. For information on times and locations, call 1-888-325-7733. Jobs are available as census takers and crew leaders and pay between \$6.50 and \$13 an hour. If you call the toll-free number, indicate that you live in the Ashland, Kentucky, region.

Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

The "Word" for the Week

Enduring love

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow
Sterling, Kansas

An elderly couple strolls through the park hand in hand. We watch. It's better by far to be a couple walking together clasping hands. Similarly, it's not enough to carefully observe God's love. We must also experience it. On one side, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). On the other, "The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Once God embraces us in love, are there grounds for divorce? The Bible puts the question differently. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

February 14: ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group meets at 6 p.m., at the First Christian Church located on Chloe Road. This support group meets during the second Monday of every month.

February 15: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

February 17: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

PANDA Program, a one-hour smoking cessation class, will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Call to register at 437-3563.

February 18 & 19: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support). This two-day seminar will be offered from 8-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

February 25: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 29: So you're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospital-sponsored events, call our Events Line at 437-2003.

Domestic violence?

Have you ever heard: "I promise I will never hurt you again?" Have you been told you were ugly? Or fat? Or stupid? Or heard some other put down that made you feel bad about yourself? Is the person saying these things an intimate partner? In Kentucky, on the average 5,400 women and children seek shelter from domestic violence, on a yearly basis. You are not alone. Call our crisis line 886-6025 or 1-800-649-6605. There is help available; we offer shelter, support, counseling and referrals, educational programs groups and court advocacy. We are here 24-hours a day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

Fibromyalgia group meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building.

For more information, call: Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

WANTED:
A part-time (20 hours a week) piano accompanist.
To apply, please contact
St. Martha Catholic Church
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Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The deadline to apply is the end of February.



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Some claim the tradition of exchanging valentines on February 14 can be traced back to the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and border and salute each other.

-Rainier Maria Rilke

FOR THE RECORD

Civil Suits Filed

Damon L. Hill vs. April L. Hill, petition for dissolution of marriage.

John Allen Jr. vs. Gabriel Wright, et al, petition for debt collection.

Steven Riley vs. Household Retail Services Inc., debt dispute.

James Steffey vs. unknown driver and Hartford Underwriters Insurance Co., personal injury.

Greenpoint Credit Corporation vs. Claude L. Little, AKA Claude Espie Little II, petition for debt collection.

Jill Reynolds vs. Brett L. Bentley, personal injury.

Ray Bolen vs. Heather W. Woods, personal injury.

FirStar Bank N.A. vs. Donald Stephen Hughes, et al, petition for debt collection.

Timothy Brown vs. Juanita Bevins, personal injury.

Barbara G. Stevens vs. Todd Stevens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Goldie E. Hunt vs. Onnie W. Hunt, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Glenna G. Spears Stevens vs. Mark Stevens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kimila King vs. Jerry King, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Herbert Hoover Hall vs. Crystal Lynn Hall, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jeffrey S. Smith vs. Tracey Lynn Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

National City Mortgage vs. Robbie Wright, et al, petition for debt collection.

Bill Sammons vs. Sujatha Reddy, malpractice.

John Allen vs. Reed Samper, personal injury.

Michael J. Cavender vs. Columbia Natural Resources Inc., wrongful termination.

Danny Hall vs. Curt Tackett, personal injury.

Greg Nichols vs. Linda Nichols, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Veil Corporation (assignee of Citibank) vs. Douglas Osborne, petition for debt collection.

Crystal Hite Allen vs. Scott A. Burchett, et al, personal injury.

Sara Lenore Harvey Stollings vs. Martin Stollings Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ashla Dawn Stanley Lester vs. Jonathan Lester, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Rose Buchanan vs. HQM of Floyd County Inc., et al, wrongful termination.

Jimmy Estep vs. L.L.C. Branco, wrongful termination.

Mitzi Lynn Johnson vs. Mark Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brandon Turner vs. Commonwealth of Kentucky, wrongful imprisonment.

Reed Stamper vs. Geneva Stamper, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carla Jean Maynard vs. Ivan Maynard, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lisa Gray vs. David Gray, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Margaret Ann Bentley Conn vs. Freddie Eugene Conn Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Russell Cole vs. Appalachian Healthcare, wrongful termination.

Centex vs. Robert Hood, et al, petition for debt collection.

Mary Lois Dingus Baldrige vs. Garry Baldrige, petition for legal separation.

Dexter Reffett vs. Joyce Reffett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Charles Hall, petition for debt collection.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. vs. David Hall, personal injury.

AIG Energy Inc. vs. Brett Skaggs, property damage and personal injury.

Timothy L. Gillman vs. Dawn Gillman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Gandalf Jorgenson vs. Tara Jorgenson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Judy Craft vs. Burnis L. Mullins, petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Sheila L. Robinson vs. Larry Miller, petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Elizabeth D. Crum vs. Dimont L. Harris, petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Maranda S. Martin vs. Ronnie K. Martin, petition for healthcare insurance.

Lorene Halbert vs. Famer Halbert Jr., petition for healthcare insurance.

Richard Gordon Price vs. Donna Lynn Patrick Price, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Price Business Service vs. Norma Jo Ballard, petition for debt collection.

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Mary E. Click Reynolds, et al, petition for debt collection.

Inez Deposit Bank vs. Rick Meek, et al, petition for debt collection.

Christian Ousley, et al. vs. Larry B. Hicks, personal injury.

Tonya Hall vs. Stacey Bryant, petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

April Renee Cook vs. Ryan Gene Cook, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Peggy Sue Johnson vs. Consolidated Health Insurance, et al, personal injury.

Coalfields Telephone Company vs. Apts Inc., contract dispute.

Jim Griffith, et al, vs. Brian Elliott, petition for sale of property.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al, vs. Michael Sloane, petition for debt collection.

Irene Tackett, et al, vs. Bradley Hall, et al, personal injury.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Charles G. May, petition for debt collection.

Lonnie Kirby, et al, vs. Mary Hill, et al, petition for partition sale of property.

Equitable Production Co. vs. Earl R. Johnson, property dispute.

Diane May Bevins vs. Paul E. Bevins, dissolution of marriage.

Glenda Harless vs. Lewis Hollie Harless, dissolution of marriage.

Mary Lou Jarrel (Perry) vs. James Walter Jarrel, dissolution of marriage.

Tonya Farmer vs. Oss Farmer Jr., dissolution of marriage.

Conseco Finance Serving Corp. vs. John Tackett Jr., petition for debt collection.

Lisa Ann Gibson vs. Hurberries Mining et al, personal injury.

Elizabeth Ousley vs. Denver Ousley et al, petition for reimbursement.

Cooley Medical, Inc. vs. Leisha Amburgey et al, petition for debt collection.

Crystal Dawn Hopson vs. Leo David Hopson II, dissolution of marriage.

Vanessa M. Hicks vs. Craig Hicks, petition for health care insurance.

Janet Hinty vs. Dairrell W. Hinty, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Margie Blackburn et al vs. Toka Hunt et al, petition for sale and partition of real estate.

Leroy Burchett vs. Jessica Lynn Burchett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carol Neely et al vs. Charles Neely et al, settlement of estate.

Connie M. Ford vs. Robert Ford, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tina Meade et al vs. Edward Tackett, personal injury.

Matrix Resources, Inc. vs. LG&E Marketing Inc., petition for debt collection.

Donald Roberts et al vs. Dexter D. Howell, personal injury.

Susan Francis vs. Stephanie R. Miller et al, personal injury.

Vinettie Martin vs. Highlands Hospital Corp. et al, personal injury.

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Kenneth Bradford et al, petition for debt collection.

Denzil Allen et al vs. Columbia Natural Resources, property dispute.

Johnson County Gas vs. Beech Fork Processing Inc. property damage.

Thomas Roberts Thacker et al vs. Leslie Thompson, personal injury.

Marriage Licenses

Phoebe Barretto Academia, 36, San Francisco, Calif., and Jack Bryan, 48, Harold

Jessica Carol Marsillett, 19, Prestonsburg and Brian Keith Bertram, 29, Allen

Patty Ann Mullins, 27, Martin and Lloyd Arthur Teeler Jr, 22, Martin

Nancy Jo Lewis, 22, Loga, OH and Markingene Boyd, 31, Loga OH

Robin Gail Howell Meadows, 29, McDowell and Randy Newsome, 40, Pikeville

Wanda Michelle George, 24, Prestonsburg and Perry Dhannon Crider, 28, Prestonsburg

Teresa Smith, 39, Eastern and Gary Wayne Little, 37, Eastern

Angela Renee Duncan, 25, Hueysville and Dwayne Douglas Marsillett, 22, Hueysville

Angie Diane Little, 28, McDowell and William Gene Conn, 22, McDowell

Tina Lynn Gillispie, 17, Galveston and Jason Newman, 21, Grethel

Judith Gail Tackett, 47, Beaver and Verbil B. Hall, 62, McDowell

Kristi Jo Roark, 21, Lexington and Stephen Matthew Brush, 25, Harold

Elizabeth A. Parsons, 19, Craynor and Tivis D. Evans, 22, Craynor

Ronda Rachele Owens, 18, Prestonsburg and Daniel Hatfield, 22, Prestonsburg

Jennifer Renee Spriggs, 17, McDowell and Brian Lee Johnson, 21, McDowell

Dana Louis Woods, 28, Prestonsburg and John Patrick Owens, 28, Prestonsburg

Shelia Naomi Howard Allen, 45, Salyersville and Noah B. Bailey, 51 Salyersville

Elizabeth A. Blevins, 28, Prestonsburg and Alonzo Bradley, 26, Prestonsburg

Rita Faye Craft, 43, Eastpoint and Homer Eugene Scarberry, 41, Lucy Castle Hollow Road

Eulah Ann Risner, 42, Wayland and Michael Slone, 40, Pippa Passes

Juanita Jones Adkins, 44, Martin and Kenneth Ray Vanderpool, 39, Garrett

Amanda R. Thacker, 21, Prestonsburg and Michael David Crager, 24, Prestonsburg

Kimberly Joyce Adkins Castle, 32, Harold and Dwight David Newsome, 35, Harold

Patricia Ellen Boyd, 33, Dwale and Johnny Scott Johnson, 25, Dwale

Desiree W. Wallen Garrett, 23, Martin and Danny Ray Adams, 21, Martin

Jessica L. Gilliam, 21, David and Keith E. Ott, 29, Nora Springs, Iowa

Patricia Maria Whitt, 18, Prestonsburg and Steven Ray Hatfield, 24, Prestonsburg

Jennie Anne Puckett, 21, Martin and Gaylen Slone, 19, Martin

Diane Burke, 27, Weeksbury and David Allen Carroll, 35, Wheelwright

Denise Lauren Marr, 30, Indianbrook, Nova Scotia and Christopher M. Akers, 27, Pikeville

Linda C. William Cantrell, 43, Oil Springs and Arnold L. Weddington, 46, Oil Springs

Sarah J. Johnson, 19, Auxier and Franklin P. Burchett Jr. 21, Auxier

Belinda Gay Owens, 23, Garrett and Bertle Dewayne Bailey, 23, Hueysville

Michelle Marie Compton, 31, Pikeville and Johnny Patrick, 29, Tram

Alicia Keens Caudill, 20, Melvin and Darrin Wayne Caudill, 27, Melvin

Teresa Kay Scott, 38, Hueysville and Ronald Darrell Adkins, 45, Hueysville

Trudy Ann Yates, 37, Allen and David Hall, 41, Martin

Alicia F. Thacker, 23, Pikeville and Rodney Shawn Layne, 29, Stanville

Helen Renee Slone, 18, Bevinville and Timothy Wayne Johnson, 22, Melvin

Mary Mageline Blackburn, 63, Steele and Garland Chaney, 64, Virgie

Janie Blackburn, 49, Pikeville and Harold Dean Blackburn, 61, Pikeville

Melissa Ann Woods, 20, Prestonsburg and Mark Compton, 25, Prestonsburg

Tommi McGuire, 24, Drift and James A. Patton, 23, McDowell.

Stop criminals from stealing your identity

(NAPSA)-You may get some big surprises on your credit report someday. The report may show a few credit card accounts you never applied for, all charged to the limit, or a cellular phone account with a whopping balance.

You may even be shocked to learn you have a new address thousands of miles from your home!

If so, you're a victim of identity theft, a crime U.S. Postal Inspectors say is sweeping the country. Here are some things you can do to make it more difficult for crooks to steal your name:

- Be aware of when your credit cards expire. If you don't receive them in the mail by the expiration date, call the issuer immediately.
- Don't toss out those credit card statements without shredding them first. Criminals don't necessarily need your credit cards-just your account numbers.
- Shred pre-approved credit card applications before throwing them out. If crooks get a hold of these, they can apply for credit cards in your name without your knowledge.



Postal Inspectors will take the limelight in *The Inspectors II*, a new Showtime movie about identity theft, starring Louis Gossett Jr. and Jonathan Silverman, airing March 12.

Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement agents responsible for enforcing more than 200 federal statutes that deal with the United States Postal Service and the U.S. Mail.

Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

Mayo Technical College is happy to report that enrollment is up eight percent this semester. Mayo is growing, and we are working hard to keep up with that growth.

A number of things are happening at Mayo. Extended classes are getting ready to begin. The Pikeville campus will be starting a class in computer fundamentals (CPU 100). If you are interested in taking this evening and weekend class, call the Pikeville campus at 606/218-2060 for details.

Harold Burton has a schedule of extended classes ranging from computer fundamentals, Microsoft Office, maintenance, safety, and more. You can call 606/789-5321, ext. 225 or 239 to ask about those classes.

Regional VICA will be held March 3 at Mayo's

Paintsville campus. This is an event that showcases the talents and skills of technical students from all across our five-county area.

Dr. McCall will be visiting the Pikeville Campus on April 18 in the afternoon. The visit will be coming in close proximity to the site visit by COE for accreditation of the Pikeville Campus. We will all be involved in accreditation procedures for the next two years. The big one is coming next year so our self study will begin soon here on the main campus.

We also have in final process the accreditation for the business technology degree, which should be ready for enrollment in August.

Congratulations to Virginia Click, our financial aid lady. She graduated with distinction (Dec. 99) with an Associate of Applied Science in Business Education/Accounting Option. She has worked very hard and deserves a pat on the back.

ON THE TUBE

NFPA and 'This Old House' construct public service announcements for viewers

(NAPSA)-When we think of ways to improve our homes, projects come to mind like laying new carpet, painting the house, or even building an addition. These can be worthwhile improvements, but one of the best investments we can make doesn't cost anything, and that's to develop and practice a home fire escape plan. The non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Emmy Award-winning PBS television series *This Old House* have recently teamed-up to develop public service announcements (PSAs) for television that focus on the importance of home fire escape planning and practice.

Based on NFPA's home fire escape guidelines, the PSAs feature *This Old House* Host Steve Thomas and Master Carpenter Norm Abram. The non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Emmy Award-winning PBS television series *This Old House* have recently teamed-up to develop public service announcements (PSAs) for television that focus on the importance of home fire escape planning and practice.

"NFPA estimates that a family may have as little as two minutes to escape a home fire before conditions become deadly," says Meri-K Appy, NFPA vice president of public education. "With approximately 80 percent of fire fatalities occurring where people feel safest, in the home, a well-prepared home fire escape plan can mean the difference between life and death." Ms. Appy couldn't be more right. Some 4,000 fire deaths occur each year in U.S. homes, and too often it's because people did not, or could not, get out of the burning



This Old House Host Steve Thomas and Master Carpenter Norm Abram.

home on time. Other factors to keep in mind when developing an effective home fire escape plan are to keep exits unobstructed, post an emergency telephone number ahead of time, and practice the plan at least twice a year with

every member of the family. "Norm and I have taken on a lot of projects, but working with the NFPA to keep people safe from fire may be one of the most rewarding," says Steve Thomas. "We really hope that people won't just watch the PSAs, but put the messages into action by developing and practicing a home fire escape plan."

The 30- and 15-second PSAs, which are geared toward everyone from children to senior citizens, are being distributed by NFPA to television stations throughout the U.S. Further information regarding NFPA and *This Old House* can be found at their websites-www.nfpa.org and www.pbs.org/thisoldhouse.

CNB employs cupid for a day

Valentine's Day is generally viewed as the day for us to express love and gratitude for those whom we most care. In this same spirit, Citizens National Bank is taking time to express appreciation to the people of the Big Sandy Region who have shown loyalty, kindness, and commitment to their independent home-owned community bank. Citizens National Bank was founded on February 14, 1910, and is showing customers how much fun banking with them can be by declaring February 14 Customer Appreciation Day. "On this day, we want our customers and employees to enjoy each other at our branch locations in the Big Sandy Region," said Randy Reynolds, senior vice-president and chief operations officer at Citizens National Bank. To make the day extra special for customers of Citizens

National Bank, refreshments will be served in the lobbies of each CNB branch location. Customers will receive a gift just for going into the lobby to be personally thanked by bank employees. Additionally, CNB is offering an extra 1/4 percent interest rate on any Certificate of Deposit purchased during working hours, February 14. It is also a very good time to ask about a tax-free or tax-deferred Individual Retirement Account (IRA) that can be opened before the April 15 deadline. If you already have an IRA, now is the time to maximize your annual contribution. Citizens National Corporation is the second largest locally owned independent banking company in the Big Sandy Region, with 11 full-service locations in Floyd, Magoffin, and Johnson counties.



Some people suggest Valentine's Day gets its name from the Norman French word for lover, galantane.

Women entrepreneurs winning on the web

(NAPSA)-According to the National Foundation of Women Business Owners (NFWBO), 26 percent of the 9.1 million women-owned businesses in the United States now have homepages (compared to 16 percent of men business owners). What is more, NFWBO reports that 17 percent of women business owners now cite business growth as the most important reason for using new technology, compared to just 10 percent of men business owners.

To support the readiness of women entrepreneurs to leverage the power of technology for the advancement of their businesses, IBM has created a women's business center on the Internet (www.ibm.com/smallbusiness/women). The website, which aims to make technology choices easier and less threatening, addresses the most commonly asked how-to-questions about technology and the Internet. Here is a sampling of what visitors to the site will find:

- Education and Training. The site provides a link to the Tutorials.com catalog, offering 200 Internet-based courses focused on building



A new web site for women in business is helping women take full advantage of the Internet for personal and professional gain.

technology and business skills. The site also provides a direct connection to SmartLearn's online library of over 250 educational software titles for pre-school to high school children.

- Online mentoring. In "Lessons from the Leaders," women share real web-based business experiences. The stories of women who have utilized technology to enhance their businesses range from a stock photography service to a risk management and business insurance agency.

- A primer on how to build an e-business. The guide, written for women business owners, tells you everything you need to know to get online quickly and engage in electronic commerce.

- Business analysis tools. IBM's e-business Accelerator is a suite of services offering accessible and affordable business expertise online, including one-on-one interaction with IBM e-business consultants.

- Ongoing Advice and counsel-for free. A panel of business experts are available to answer questions sent via e-mail. Users can also receive custom-tailored newsletters, by e-mail.

For more detailed information, including links to professional women's organizations and other related online communities, visit www.ibm.com/smallbusiness/women.

Helping recovering patients cope easier

(NU) - Recovering from surgery can be a real struggle. Even everyday household chores can be challenging. If you or your loved ones have gone through something like this, you know exactly how paralyzing it can be.

But now there is a solution. Olsten Health Services caregivers not only concern themselves with patients' medical conditions, they also work to find ways to help them live comfortable, independent lives.

With Olsten's help, patients won't have to struggle when they try to reach for the kitchen cup-

board or try to get a good grip on the silverware.

For this reason, OHS is piloting a new program: "Comfortable Solutions: Your Better Living Resource Guide."

It's a small product guide that includes nearly 150 medical, safety, leisure-type items that patients and their families can purchase. The guide also provides "lifestyle tips" which focus on general safety and health education information.

"These programs are not typically reimbursed by insurance or government programs," says Kim Herman, vice president of market-

ing and strategic planning for Olsten Health Services. "They're lifestyle aids that make everyday tasks easier for people and help them experience increased independence. The 'lifestyle tips' in the guide help us continue our focus on patient education."

OHS, which is currently testing the program in three regions, is partnering with Duro-Med Industries, a manufacturer and distributor of lifestyle products since 1972. The merchandise is designed to assist with activities of daily living, mobility or general leisure activities.

For example, patients can find a talking thermometer, hands-free hair dryer, large print crossword puzzles or a touch-and-glow light. And they can be ordered conveniently by phone or online at the Comfortable Solutions Web site (www.comfortablesolutions.com).

"We're here to make recovering patients' lives as easy and as healthy as possible," says Herman. "We are simply making this guide available because our field staff perceived a need to help patients acquire items that can truly help them live more comfortably."

Recently, Olsten Health Services revealed the name and logo of its new stand alone company, Gentiva Health Services. The company is a \$1.3 billion leader in specialty pharmaceutical services and nursing services solutions through its more than 400 locations in North America.

Choices for men with prostate cancer

(NUI) - Many experts are challenging common wisdom that says radical surgical removal of certain cancers is the best treatment option for patients.

For years, radical mastectomies were performed on nearly all women with breast cancer, with little regard for how early the disease was caught. Now, women have more choices, which, for some, means leaving their bodies more intact yet on the road to good health.

Today, medical experts are raising similar questions about the old standard for treating prostate cancer. In a radical prostatectomy, the urologist removes the diseased prostate, the gland located below a man's bladder. While this may cure the patient, studies have documented a significant incidence of troubling side effects following surgery, most notably impotence and incontinence.

Researchers have also compared reports of how men fare after surgery to reports on men who choose another therapy, known as brachytherapy or seed implants. The American Urological Association has deemed radical surgery and seed implants to be standard treatment for prostate cancer that is detected early.

During the outpatient procedure of brachytherapy, an average of 100 permanent, rice-sized radioactive pellets of iodine-125 are delicately implanted directly into the cancer, where they irradiate the tumor from within the prostate. Radiation oncologists use sophisticated imaging devices to guide their placement of

the pellets.

To ensure that the seeds stay in place, some radiation oncologists use RAPID Strand, a delivery system that allows the seeds to be more accurately placed and minimizes seed movement.

Researchers have found that men who had brachytherapy with Nycomed Amersham's I-125 Seeds were just as healthy after 10 years as those who had their prostate removed, with men who have the implants less likely to experience impotence or incontinence.

"At a 10-year evaluation, seed implants have a rate of cure that compares favorably to surgically removing the prostate. Every man who is newly diagnosed should consider his choices thoroughly," noted Dr. Gregory S. Merrick, director of the Schiffler Oncology Center in Wheeling, West Virginia.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that by age 50, one third of all American men will have microscopic signs of prostate cancer. By age 75, 50 percent to 75 percent will have cancerous changes in the prostate. Many men, making thoroughly informed choices with their loved ones and their doctors, are increasingly choosing to aggressively combat their cancer in a way that minimizes unpleasant side effects.

For a free brochure from the maker of RAPID Strand explaining prostate cancer and options for cancer detected early, call toll free 1-877-888-4858.

Week highlights technical education in KCTCS colleges

LEXINGTON — National Career and Technical Education Week, February 13-19, highlights technical education opportunities available to students who enroll in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

All 28 institutions in KCTCS offer credit programs that educate and train students in technical fields such as health care, business, computers, manufacturing and construction.

Also, all KCTCS colleges offer non-credit technical training to improve the skill levels of employees of Kentucky business and industry.

"In KCTCS, our job is to provide education and training to support economic development," said Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS. "If the economy of Kentucky can be strengthened, it will be through the postsecondary education system. The bottom line is we have to concentrate on the needs of employers and on the success of students - and technical education is a primary means to do just that."

"Our emphasis on technical education ties directly into Gov. Paul Patton's focus on preparing Kentucky to compete globally in the knowledge-based economy," McCall said. "That's why we are developing powerful partnerships with companies such as Microsoft, Cisco and ACT to increase Kentuckians' technological skills."

KCTCS, which was created by the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, pro-

vides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

In KCTCS and around the nation, Career and Technical Education Week will be celebrated with school-based activities. The theme for this year's observance is "2000: A Career Odyssey."

This commemoration was established originally by congressional resolution. The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) now continues the tradition, encouraging educators and schools to mark the occasion with special events and information that underscores the importance of career skills to the educational and life success of America's students.

"Students ask, how will I use what I'm learning in school? Career and technical educators teach them how to connect the core academic and technical skills they are learning in school to career paths in which they can build successful lives for themselves," says Bret Lovejoy, executive director of ACTE.

For more information about Career and Technical Education Week and the services provided by Kentucky's community and technical colleges, contact the college nearest you or call 1-877-KCTCS-4U, ext. 1229.

Job network delivers to jobseekers and businesses

(NAPSA)-Better trained workers and higher performance. These may be the result of the creation of the Workforce Excellence Network, recently announced by Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Ray Bramucci.

The Network, made up of local, state and national experts in the field of workforce development, will ensure that the workforce system of the future delivers unparalleled levels of services to its customers—jobseekers, workers and businesses.

The Network's mission is to foster excellence in the quality of services delivered to the individuals and businesses who access the system. The

goal is to create a nationwide network of quality providers of workforce services that are high-performing, results-oriented and customer-focused.

Quality and continuous improvement will be assured by:

- Providing learning opportunities for the workforce development staff who serve the public through the One-Stop Delivery System.

- Validating quality of service and high performance among workforce organizations.

- Conducting research and analysis to stimulate and support continuous improvement in the workforce development system.

- Delivering support services to the local and state workforce organizations, including information on benchmarks and best practices, both in continuous improvement and customer satisfaction.

In announcing this new body, Assistant Secretary Bramucci said that, "The Workforce Excellence Network is an innovative partnership that will play a key leadership role in our efforts to build the workforce system of the future."

For more information visit the Network's website at journey2000@doleta.gov.

Fluoridated water for better dental health

(NAPSA)-Adding fluoride to the nation's water supplies has led to a sharp decline in children's and adults' cavities and other dental problems during the second half of the 20th century.

At the beginning of the century, nearly everyone in every age group in the United States had tooth decay, an infectious, communicable disease in which bacteria dissolve the enamel of the tooth. The most common treatment was to simply remove the tooth.

In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), tooth decay was so rampant that a leading cause for rejection from the military during both world wars was an inadequate number of teeth.

In 1931, the National Institutes of Health hired dental surgeon H. Trendley Dean to study discolored tooth enamel. In trying to find out whether fluoride—a mineral found in food and water—was the culprit, he learned it actually decreased the number of cavities.

In response to Dean's discovery, many cities quickly added fluoride to their public water supplies. The mineral was also added to toothpaste, mouth rinses, tablets and drops.

Water fluoridation is considered



Fluoride in the nation's water supplies has been shown to help improve dental health.

especially beneficial for communities of low socioeconomic status. This is because these communities not only have a disproportionately high rate of cavities, but also have less access to dental care services and other sources of fluoride.

Water fluoridation costs range from about 31 cents per person per year in U.S. communities with populations greater than 50,000, to about \$2.12 per person in communities of less than 10,000. Compared with other methods of community-based dental cavity prevention, water fluoridation is considered the most cost effective for most areas of the United States in terms of cost per saved tooth surface.

In order to continue to expand the use of fluoride in our nation's water supplies, public health professionals at the national, state and local level will need to both promote fluoridation and commit the necessary resources for equipment, personnel and training.

To learn more about improving oral health through fluoride use, visit the website at www.cdc.gov/nccd-pph/oh.



Stephens is MP

Pvt. Jared Stephens, 19, of Prestonsburg, completed basic training and military police training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on October 29, 1999. Pvt. Stephens is currently an M.P. at Fort Wainwright, in Fairbanks, Alaska. Pvt. Stephens is a 1999 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is the son of Graham and Denise Stephens of Lancer. Paternal grandparents are the late Darb and Caroline Stephens of Prestonsburg. Maternal grandparents are Denver Osborne of Hi Hat, and the late Doris Osborne.

Bell enters training

Army Pvt. Kenny S. Bell has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Bell is a 1993 graduate of Betsy Layne High School.

Visit a dentist twice a year

(NAPSA)-Many Americans change the oil in their cars more regularly than they visit a dentist, even though a twice-yearly appointment with a dentist is important for preventing cavities, gum disease, and other health complications related to poor oral health, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing dental education.

"In order to maintain good oral health, children and adults should visit a dentist at least twice a year to prevent cavities, gum diseases, and other conditions that have been linked to poor oral health," said J. Nick Russo, DDS, FAGD, president of the Academy of General Dentistry. "With the start of a new year, everyone should resolve to take better care of their health."

To help consumers locate a dentist they would feel comfortable visiting twice a year, the Academy of General Dentistry is launching a free service to help consumers find a qualified dentist near their home, work, or school.

Consumers can dial 1-877-2X-A-YEAR (or 1-877-292-9327), toll-free, 24 hours a day, from anywhere in the United States or Canada. Operators will provide them with names, addresses, and phone numbers of up to three general dentists.

Public health surveys show that 31 percent to 57 percent of the population does not visit a dentist even once a year. Researchers also have found that the most common factors associated with infrequent dental checkups are being male, having lower income levels, not having a usual place for dental care, and being anxious about visiting the dentist, according to a recent study. "The Academy wants to help



people find a dentist they feel comfortable visiting twice a year," said Heidi K. Hausauer, DDS, FAGD, spokesperson for the Academy of General Dentistry. "We hope that this toll-free service will create awareness about the importance of proper dental care and assist consumers in improving their overall health."

In recent years, researchers have found a connection between gum disease and coronary vascular disease which can place people at risk for heart attacks and strokes. In individuals with diabetes, gum disease is associated with poor control of insulin levels. Pregnant women also need to be careful; gum disease can place pregnant women at risk for having low-birthweight babies. The Academy of General

Dentistry is a non-profit international organization and the only organization dedicated solely to the general dentist. The Academy's website, www.agd.org, gives consumers the opportunity to find answers to their dental questions via the Internet.



Some historians trace Valentine's Day to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, which was thought to ensure protection from wolves.



The oldest known American Valentine is a handmade card from the early 1700s. It has a handwritten verse in German.

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■ Lady Raiders preview

Mix and mingle key for South Floyd Lady Raiders

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Only 15 days are remaining as Floyd County gets ready for more high school basketball and the 58th District tournament which tips off at Allen Central, Monday, February 28.

South Floyd's Paul Cline is hoping that his ballclub can find itself and get better before that happens.

"Hopefully we can jell come district tournament time," said the South Floyd mentor. "We have the opportunity to move these younger kids up."

Coach Cline said with the deflection of some players, he is having to look to the younger players.

"It is like starting all over for us," said Coach Cline. "We are going have to mingle and mix and try to find five that is going to operate and work together."

Coach Cline, whose team won over Millard last week, said the new look worked then and may become the new look for the rest of the way.

"Things seemed to motivate well against Millard with the new players," said Coach Cline.

"It is like starting all over for us," said Coach Cline. "We are going have to mingle and mix and try to find five that is going to operate and work together."

"We want to work these younger kids a little quicker into the game."

Cline said his older players are just going to have to have an understanding heart and make the most of the change.

"Our older players are going to have to step up before the district starts," he said. "They need to get that desire to win a little more than what they have right now. These younger players have that desire. They are going to have to learn to play with the younger kids when they come into the game and accept the fact and not be jealous."

Cline said the lack of numbers has been a problem but a blessing at the same time.

"We had a few people who decided they did not want to play with us," said the first year coach. "That hurt us a lot, then, at the same time, it helped us a lot. It took a lot of pressure off the coaching staff."

He said he was relying on the younger players.

Consistency is the one thing the South Floyd coach said he is searching for.

"We need to improve in all our areas of our game," he said. "Rebounding, shooting and defense. That is our big concern."

Cline said at the same time he has seen an improvement in each of those areas and hopes they continue to get better.

"We gave Betsy Layne a good game in the fourth quarter the last time we played them," he said. "But that is the way we have played. We should be more consistent than we are. Why? I really don't understand."

Cline said he was still searching for answers.

"I still think it is desire. We lack the desire, and we are not hungry for the basketball," he said.

The South Floyd coach did take note that his team is turning it over less and getting more shots at the basket.

"We're not making more but we are shooting more instead of

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Griffey to Reds good news for local fans



Ken Griffey



"It think he will make them an instant contender," said Allen's Steve Hall



■ Carol Akers



■ Gary Keathley



■ Ted George

A Look At Sport



■ Ed Taylor

"It's not a matter of money..."

— Ken Griffey Jr.

The big news on the national sports level this past week was the announcement that the Cincinnati Reds and Seattle Mariners finally worked out a deal with the Reds receiving Ken Griffey, Jr. one of the most prolific hitters in major league baseball.

The deal concluded this past Thursday, with the Reds giving up Brett Tomko, Mike Cameron and two minor league players.

For local Cincinnati Reds fans, the news was a joyful sound. National radio shows were beaming with the news that the Reds had made the biggest deal in modern day baseball and got away with it.

"I think it is great," said Carol Akers of Betsy Layne. "I think he will help them a lot this year. I have been a Reds fan since I was a little girl."

The Reds, the "Big Red Machine" of the 70s, won the hearts of thousands and that has carried over from the glory years. After a down time, the Reds revived last year and surprised the

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■ South Floyd at Betsy Layne



Reynolds, Lykens combine for 43

■ South Floyd at Betsy Layne, boys

Kyle Tackett pumps in 20 in district win

Raiders finish perfect 8-0 in conference

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

What was supposed to be "The Game" turned out to be just "a game" this past Friday night.

In front of a packed D.W. Howard Fieldhouse, the way high school basketball used to be, the South Floyd Raiders ran the tables in the Floyd County Conference to finish with a perfect 8-0 mark and improved to an overall 21-4 season record with three games to play.

It was a noisy crowd as both schools were taunting each other. The real competition did not happen on the floor but in signs from both schools that decorated the gymnasium. Some were torn down, others were altered a bit but when it was all over, everyone went home without an incident, although at times the revelry and rivalry nearly boiled over.

On the hardwood, senior Kyle Tackett scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Raiders in scoring and four players were in double figures. Jimmy Stumbo added 17 points and 10 rebounds. Tackett also pulled down 10 boards and dished off five assists.

"Kyle is a steady player for us," said South

(See TACKETT, page eight)



SOUTH FLOYD'S SONYA TACKETT (44) went between two Betsy Layne defenders Friday night at Betsy Layne. South Floyd fell to the Ladycats 75-58. Photo to the left, Betsy Layne's Whitney Lykens wrestled for a loose ball. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Ladycats assured themselves of at least a tie for the conference leadership and still a chance at the number one seed in the upcoming district tournament.

Coach Cassandra Akers' ballclub got that assurance after posting a hard-fought 75-58 win over a determined South Floyd Lady Raider team.

The win gave Betsy Layne a final 4-2 mark in the Floyd County Conference race. "I think back to those two games we lost by a total of four points and it hurts," said Coach Akers. "We could have won the thing outright."

Betsy Layne and Allen Central both will have to wait on the verdict of a resched-

uled conference game between Prestonsburg and South Floyd Tuesday night. A win for Prestonsburg will create a three-way tie for the top spot. The district tournament meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14.

Devon Reynolds, who is playing her best basketball, led Betsy Layne with 23 points. Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens keeps wowing the crowd with her play and finished with 20 points. Jenny Parsons, who had 12 rebounds netted 10 points. Amber Roberts, who has shown a return to her game, netted nine and had seven boards.

Coach Paul Cline's Lady Raiders will be a team to reckon with when it comes tournament time. Twice he has put a scare in the

(See REYNOLDS, page two)



MICHAEL HALL (10) of South Floyd scored on this drive to the basket against Betsy Layne's Justin Bartley and Brock Keathley. Hall scored 19 points in a 90-73 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ Pikeville College News

Pikeville College adds football

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

It had to happen!
 It was bound to happen!
 It actually did happen!
 Pikeville College President Hal Smith made the announcement Thursday that Pikeville College would add football to the list of sporting events at the school.

In the 111-year history of the school, football will make its first-ever appearance. The school's president said football was just another way to provide educational opportunities for student/athletes in the area.

"We are constantly looking for

(See PIKEVILLE, page eight)

College Softball

■ Potter, Trimble sign with Pikeville

Pikeville High School softball standouts Batrina Potter and Amber Timble have inked letters-of-intent with Pikeville College and will play softball for the Lady Bears.

Potter is a two-time All-Regional performer. She established herself as one of the state's top hurlers, finishing her career with 24-8 overall record. Last year, Potter recorded 105 strikeouts. She drove in 27 runs and batted .275 for the Lady Panthers.

Trimble is considered to be one of the region's premier catchers. She was named to the All-Regional team last year. She batted .275 for Pikeville last season and had 15 stolen bases.

THE SCOREBOARD

■ Girls

58th District	Magoffin Co. 56,	Allen Central 45
Betsy Layne 68,	Elkhorn City 47	
South Floyd 82,	Millard 50	
J. Buchanan 63,	Piarist 30	
Betsy Layne 75,	South Floyd 58	

■ 15th Region

Shelby Valley 61,	Belfry 55
Sheldon Clark 76,	Paintsville 36
Pike Central 61,	Fleming-Neon 31
Pikeville 71,	Jenkins 55
Hazard 81,	Letcher 60
Knott Central 40,	Leslie Co. 39
JCHS 63,	Rowan Co. 34

■ Area Games

Clay Co. 39,	Breathitt Co. 37
Lawrence Co. 55,	Elliott 45

■ Boys

58th District	J. Buchanan 77,	Piarist 52
Allen Central 87,	Millard 73	
South Floyd 90,	Betsy Layne 73	
Piarist 83,	All Saints 65	

■ 15th Region

JCHS 75,	Magoffin Co. 64
Pikeville 84,	Belfry 71

■ Area Games

Boyd County 64,	Russell 41
Clay Co. 69,	Oneida Baptist 67
Elliott County 54,	Raceland 47
Fleming-Neon 69,	Whitesburg 65
Harlan 87,	Evarts 51
Hazard 75,	Perry Co. Cent. 72
South Laurel 97,	Whitley Co. 75

Games on tap

■ Girls
Mon., Feb. 14
 Knott Co. Central @ Betsy Layne

Tues., Feb. 15
 Allen Central @ Knott Co. Central

■ Boys
Tues., Feb. 15
 Allen Central @ Belfry

Magoffin upsets the Lady Rebels

Martin scores 19 in 56-45 setback

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

You just came off a big conference win over one of the top rated teams in the 15th Region and played perhaps your best game of the season, only to fall in the very next outing, a game you were supposed to have no trouble winning.

But Coach Anthony Moore's Allen Central Rebels, who pulled out a thrilling win over Prestonsburg two nights earlier, found the upset-minded Lady Hornets of Magoffin County for real in dropping a 56-45 decision to the 57th District team.

But Magoffin County has been the surprise team of the 15th Region this season and they own victories over some pretty good competition this year.

The Lady Hornets basketball program was in the dust five years ago when they had no girls basketball program. But the revival under current Coach Neil West continues to prosper with good young players.

Jessica Martin led the scoring for Allen Central as the senior tossed in 19 points. Shannon Sizemore netted 10 as the only other double figure scorer. Jennifer Risner, who buried two treys, had eight points.

Nikki Love led three Magoffin County players in double figures with 17 points. Whitney Lovely netted 16 and Kelli Montgomery scored 10.

The Magoffin County 2-3 zone bothered Allen Central and bottled up the middle where Martin could not operate consistently. The Lady Rebels looked to shoot from the outside but only Risner was able to get a trey to fall.

Allen Central hit only 15 of 26 free throws as they struggled from the charity stripe. Magoffin attempted 36 shots and made 23.

Magoffin County led at each stop except one and the two teams played to a 9-9 tie after the first quarter. The Lady Hornets led 26-18 at the half and 38-35 after three quarters.

The two teams struggled most of the 32 minutes, and it was halted once when officials had to discipline some heckling fans for taunting the players on the floor.

Allen Central got little production from the floor and Martin had to do her point getting around the basket. The Lady Rebels looked confused against the 2-3 zone of the Lady Hornets that at times resembled a 1-3-1 or a match up.

There were four ties in the first period, seven in the first two quarters and 12 for the game.

Allen Central led 3-1 early and 9-5 late in the first period. But Magoffin scored the final four points of the quarter to tie the game.

There were seven lead changes in the first half and Allen Central's last lead in the first half came at 17-16. Magoffin County went on an 11-1 run to lead 26-18 at the half. Martin scored seven of the nine second-quarter points for the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rebels opened with the hot hand at the onset of the second half, going on an 11-3 run that tied the game at 29 with 4:29 to play. They led 31-29 on a long jumper by Martin. The game was knotted at 31, 33 and 35 before a three-point basket by Montgomery at the buzzer gave Magoffin County a 38-35 advantage.

The last tie came at 38 on a free throw by Sizemore at the 7:38 mark. Allen Central never regained the lead as Magoffin County's defense took away the passing lanes, picking off several forced passes to the middle of the zone.

A 9-0 run by the Lady Hornets put the game in the win column. They hit eight of nine free throws down the stretch.

Allen Central dropped to 12-10 on the season. The Lady Rebels will travel to Knott County Central Tuesday night.



Sarah Beth Conley



Courtney Michelle Harris



Jamie Lyn McGuire



Leslie Sester



Amy Michelle Shepherd



Elizabeth Morgan Stumbo



Jessica Paige Tussey

■ Betsy Layne at Elkhorn City

Lykens four treys, 17 points leads Betsy Layne at Elkhorn

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Betsy Layne Ladycats past Elkhorn City, 68-47, Thursday night at Elkhorn City.

The win evened the Ladycats record at 12-12 on the season.

Amber Roberts and Devon Reynolds netted 10 points each in the win. Senior Heather Hamilton tossed in eight points. Kim Clark, off the bench, totaled seven and Kim Tackett scored six. Jenny Parsons scored seven points. Natasha Stratton scored three points, all in the first period and Tabitha Mitchell scored one.

The Lady Cougars stayed close to the Ladycats in the first quarter, 17-15, behind the scoring of Lisa Hackney, who had 12 points in the game. Hackney scored six of those in the opening

period. Reynolds hit a three-point basket and scored seven of her points in the first quarter. Stratton had three first-quarter points.

Betsy Layne blitzed Elkhorn in the second period, outscoring them 20-7 to take a 37-22 lead to the locker room at the half.

Roberts pumped in six second-quarter points and Lykens had seven in the period including a three-point basket.

Lykens, who had three treys, hit two of those in the third period as Betsy Layne held a 17-point lead, 51-34, after three quarters.

Clark came in the game in the fourth quarter and hit a three-point basket and two free throws. Larissa Davis scored all eight of her points in the fourth quarter.

Betsy Layne connected on 15 of 26 free throws while Elkhorn hit 50 percent from the charity stripe on 10-of-20 shooting.



ALLEN CENTRAL'S SHANNON SIZEMORE (10) went strong to the basket against Magoffin County Thursday night. Allen Central dropped a 56-45 decision (photo by Ed Taylor)

Homecoming for the Prestonsburg Blackcats will be Friday night, February 18. The Blackcats will take on the Cardinals of Sheldon Clark. The queen will be crowned between the boys and the girls games at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The boys varsity basketball team creates the list of nominees and the entire student body votes for the queen and her attendants.

The senior candidates are:

■ Sara Beth Conley

Sara is the daughter of Patrick and Teena Conley of Prestonsburg.

Sara is captain of the dance team. She played on the Powder Puff football team. She participates in the honor choir, ASC All American, FDA All American, MCP All Star and a member of the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Sara will be escorted by Matt Tackett. Matt is the son of Harold and Ruth Tackett of Prestonsburg.

■ Courtney Michelle Harris

Courtney is the daughter of Gary Harris and Annette Harris of Prestonsburg.

Courtney is a member of the

National Honor Society, Science Club, Science Olympiad, Y-Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, STLP, Stat Cat, annual staff, volleyball team, and volunteers at the ER of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Courtney will be escorted by Josh Turner. Josh is the son of Neil and Diane Turner of Prestonsburg.

■ Jami Lyn McGuire

Jami is the daughter of William and Vicki McGuire of Emma.

Jami is a member of the Dance Cats, Powder Puff football team, National Honor Society, PSI, Who's Who Among American High School Students, St. Martha Catholic Church and MCP All Star.

Jami will be escorted by Phil Elliott. Phil is the son of Phillip Elliott and Cindy Hunt.

■ Leslie Sester

Leslie is the daughter of Junior and Sharon Sester of East Point.

Leslie was a member of PHS Cheerleaders for 3 1/2 years. She is a member of PSI, Y-Club, Pep Club, Chess Club, Who's Who Among High School Students, MCP All Star,

and attends Little Paint First Church of God.

Leslie will be escorted by John Dixon. John is the son of Greg and Debbie Dixon of Prestonsburg.

■ Amy Michelle Shepherd

Amy is the daughter of Robert and Lou Shepherd of David.

Amy is a member of the National Honor Society Parliamentary, Who's Who Among American High School Students, PSI, Teen Leader, Y-Club, Pep Club, Science Club, junior prom committee (98-99), annual staff, Science Olympiad, STLP, and attends Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

Amy will be escorted by Kyle Shepherd. Kyle is the son of Roger and Emily Shepherd of David.

■ Elizabeth Morgan Stumbo

Morgan is the daughter of Greg Stumbo and Deborah Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

Morgan is a member of the National Honor Society, Y-Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, annual staff, varsity cheerleader, vice president of the senior class, Powder Puff football,

MCP All Star. Morgan is also a page for the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Morgan will be escorted by Seth Crisp. Seth is the son of Jackie Day and Rita Crisp of Allen.

■ Jessica Paige Tussey

Paige is the daughter of Joe and Shirley Tussey of Prestonsburg.

Paige is senior class treasurer, a member of the National Honor Society, historian, Y-Club treasurer, Pep Club president, Who's Who Among American High School Students, annual staff, PSI teen leader, Science Club, Science Olympiad. Paige is also a member of the Powder Puff football team, a stat cat, STPL, Honor Choir, junior prom committee (98-99), and attends Highland Freewill Baptist Church.

Paige will be escorted by Dustin Music. Dustin is the son of Bill and Stella Music of Auxier.

The junior attendants are Courtney Collins, Beth Crisp and Ashley Leslie.

The sophomore attendants are Rachelle Greer, Megan Hyden and Allison May.

Reynolds

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Ladycats as well as Allen Central.

"We just need to put together four good quarters," he said. "I am hoping we will be jelling when it comes tournament time."

The Ladycats looked like world beaters in the first 16 minutes of basketball at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse Friday night. They controlled every aspect of the game in the first two periods.

But when the team came out of the locker room after the half, it appeared it was a different team. South Floyd clawed its way back into contention after falling behind by as many as 26 points in the first half.

Coach Akers said her team lacked the intensity in the second half that they displayed in the first.

"What happened was South Floyd outrebounded us, outstuffed and outplayed us," said the Betsy Layne coach. "That is what happened. We didn't show any intensity coming out in the second half."

The Betsy Layne mentor said she had just "preached" to her team in the locker room not to let down.

"I preached it at halftime and they didn't listen," she said.

She had praise for the way team regrouped and won by 18 down the stretch.

"I thought they showed a lot of class when they cut the lead to three and they hung in there and won," said Akers.

It was mostly South Floyd's Lindsey Hall and Kandence Mitchell who led the Lady Raider charge in the third quarter and part of the fourth.

With just over four minutes to play, the Lady Raiders had whittled a 26-point deficit down to three, 52-49, on a basket by Mitchell.

The Ladycats opened the third period with a three-point basket by Lykens and a lay-in by Parsons for a 44-20 game. But South Floyd went on a 25-6 run that closed the margin to five points, 50-45 after three quarters.

Mitchell followed the pattern

that has been her downfall all season — foul trouble the first half, strong third quarter and foul out in the fourth.

Mitchell scored eight of her 12 points in the third period to rally her team. She fouled out in the fourth with just over two minutes to play.

In the fourth, after South Floyd cut the margin to three, a timeout by Betsy Layne changed things.

"I was concerned over the intensity we were playing with," said Coach Akers, in explaining the timeout. "Our defense had been producing turnovers and all of a sudden we were standing flat-footed, slapping at the ball and letting them dribble through."

"On offense, we were passing up 10-foot shots. Why they want to throw the ball away rather than shoot it, I don't know. We have kids like that."

Mitchells fouling out hurt the Lady Raiders in the middle and under the boards. After Mitchell's basket cut the lead to three, the Lady Raiders scored only two field goals over the final four minutes to fall 75-58.

Coach Akers said her team had to get stronger on defense.

"We have to create some turnovers with our defense," she said. "If we don't, we're not the

same team."

The Betsy Layne coach said the first 16 minutes of the game were this best for her team this season.

"We had some foul trouble but I thought our team came out ready to play," she said.

The Ladycats jumped out to a 24-5 first-quarter lead. Reynolds came out of the chute and drilled two consecutive three-point baskets and Lykens buried her first for a 9-3 lead. South Floyd turned the ball over 10 times in the opening period.

The Ladycats held a 39-20 half-time lead when they went to the locker room.

Martha Crawford scored nine points for South Floyd with Mitchell leading the way with 12 points. Hall, Sonya Tackett, and Minnie Tackett netted 10 points each. Stephanie Skeans finished with three while Sara Johnson and Ashley Johnson scored two apiece.

Kim Tackett scored seven for Betsy Layne. Tabitha Mitchell and Kim Clark had three points each.

Betsy Layne improved to 12-11 on the year while South Floyd dropped to 8-16 on the season.

Betsy Layne will host Knott County Central Monday night. South Floyd will host Prestonsburg Tuesday night in a make up game from last week.



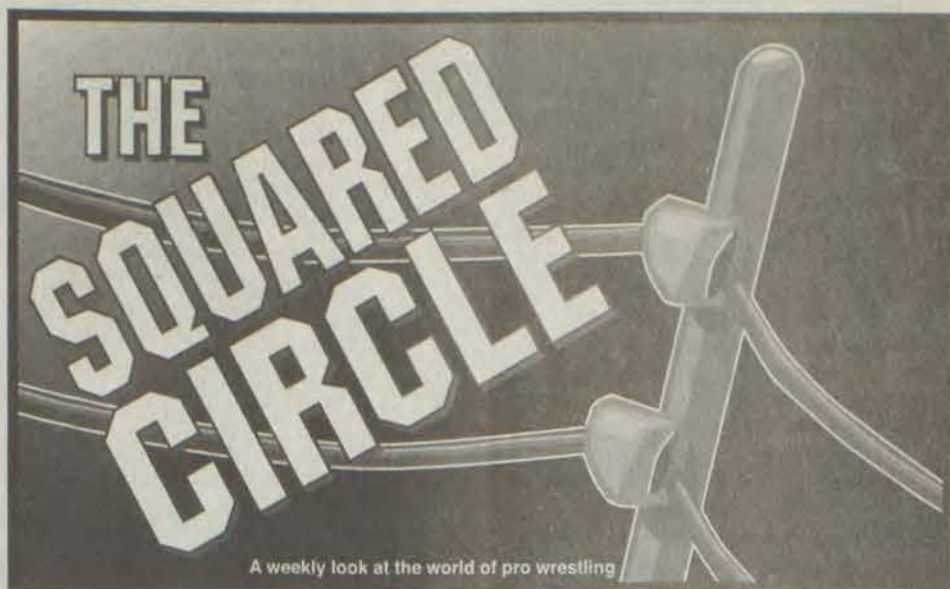
BETSY LAYNE'S SCOTT COLLINS (24) SCORED against South Floyd in a district game at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse Friday night. Betsy Layne fell 90-73 to the Raiders (photo by Ed Taylor)

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TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Mike Awesome, ECW
3. Sid Vicious, WCW
4. The Rock, WWF
5. Chris Jericho, WWF
6. The Big Show, WWF
7. Cactus Jack, WWF
8. Masato Tanaka, ECW
9. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
10. Justin Credible, ECW



MIKE AWESOME THE BIG SHOW

Look for: The Big Show to continue his feud with The Rock.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WCW, Superbrawl, San Francisco, Feb. 20
- WWF, No Way Out, Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27
- ECW, Living Dangerously, Danbury, Conn., March 12

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

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Dear Squared Circle,
One thing that always seems to bother me is that I've yet to meet more than 10 wrestling fans at a function that can tell me who the first National Wrestling Alliance champion was, and most still believe that the WCW title has been around since 1905.

My main point is that I still remember something Lou Thesz once told me in response to a similar note.

It was something to the effect of, "It would take millions of dollars to re-educate wrestling fans and they don't care anyway." My question is, why don't wrestling fans care anymore?

— Dave Pendleton
Henry, Va.

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Dear Squared Circle,
I think WWF's McMahon should stop worrying about ratings so much and start thinking about the kids who are watching.

Lots of kids are swearing and saying they heard it on WWF wrestling. So Vince, I hope you're reading this.

- My top 10:
1. Kevin Nash
 2. The Rock
 3. Kane
 4. Big Show
 5. Triple H
 6. Buff Bagwell
 7. The Cat
 8. Hulk Hogan
 9. Undertaker
 10. Bret Hart

— Casey Zimmerman
Grand Forks, N.D.

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Dear Squared Circle,

Where is the Legion of Doom, also known as the Road Warriors? Are they coming back to wrestling?
— Calvin Rybakowski
Middle River, Minn.

A. After leaving the World Wrestling Federation, Hawk and Animal returned to Japan.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Test vs. The Big Bossman, WWF

CATCH PHRASES

"I'm the whole @\$&*+! show."
— Rob Van Dam

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Rob Van Dam delivers a spinning kick to an opponent.

ROB VAN DAM BREAKS LEG

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

Rob Van Dam spent most of the day talking with fans about his career. He then spent the evening talking with doctors about his broken leg.

Just hours after doing a live radio call-in show from Orlando, Van Dam fractured his left ankle at an ECW house show. The injury occurred when Mr. Pay-Per-View attempted a routine baseball slide in his match against Rhino, the rookie monster.

RVD finished the match, then iced his ankle and leg down and had X-rays taken.

It revealed a fracture. A hard cast was immediately applied and the ECW World Television Champion is expected to be out of action for anywhere from six to 12 weeks.

It's ironic that an injury has sidelined Van Dam because he's been one of the most consistent workers in the business the past few years and is the longest reigning champion in the three major promotions.

"I've invested almost two years in the ECW World Television title. I've beaten Bam Bam Bigelow, Sabu, Too Cold Scorpio, Jerry Lynn... everybody. I've put a lot of work into that title," Van Dam said.

Prior to the injury, many thought RVD would capture the ECW World Heavyweight belt from Mike Awesome.

"The fans think I should have a world title; that's flattering. But it's like building my house. I'm proud of it, so why move into another house? You know what I mean?"

"A world heavyweight championship looks inevitable at this point because it's early in the year and already I've got serious problems with Mike Awesome. But it's not a top priority right now," Van Dam said.

Van Dam and the TV title seem suited for one another.

"Eventually I'll beat him for the title. I can take the title anytime I want to get it. Maybe I can hold both titles at the same time. I'm the TV champion because I've got the best moves for television and the best face for television.

"After all, wrestling is a TV product," said the native of Battle Creek, Mich.

RVD is right in his self-assessment. He's got the moves, the looks and the mic skills to be anything he

wants to be in wrestling. Yet he seems content with his spot in ECW.

"I'm happy with what I've got. We've been drawing 6,000 or 7,000 fans for our pay-per-views, and I think soon we'll be drawing 10,000 to 15,000. That would be a nice time to be ECW heavyweight champion."

Van Dam views himself as the uncrowned heavyweight champion.

His work hasn't gone unnoticed. He was second in Pro Wrestling Illustrated's top 500 wrestlers for 1999, behind Stone Cold Steve Austin.

"It's nice to be recognized and appreciated. RVD fans are the best," he said.

Like many wrestlers, the 28-year-old decided he wanted a career in the ring after first being a fan.

"I started watching wrestling later in life than most kids today. I was about 14 to 15 years old and it was the beginning of Wrestlemania. I watched Hulk Hogan and Paul Orndorff and Mr. T.

"We lived in Michigan and didn't have cable, so I only saw the WWF. So I started going to a few shows up there and right then I knew that's what I wanted to do."

He never saw any Japanese or Mexican stars display their aerial maneuvers. But he watched three American wrestlers who impressed him.

"I didn't like the big guys who dropped the lazy elbows. I liked Leapin' Lanny Poffo because he did a backflip out of the corner. I'd root for him and Brady Boone, thinking they were going to win.

"They lost a lot, but Boone did a victory roll from his opponent's shoulders and I was like, 'Whoa!' Then later I watched Owen Hart and the way he landed on his feet coming off a backdrop. I was impressed," he said.

Van Dam has patented several moves of his own.

"I tried to be original so I came up with the split-leg moonsault and the flips. I enjoy doing them and trying to add new things to my repertoire."

When his broken ankle heals, Van Dam could add the ECW World Heavyweight title to his collection.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Look for Rey Mysterio Jr. to be out of action another four months as he recovers from knee surgery.

■ Eddy Guerrero didn't exactly make a great first impression in his WWF debut. During a tag team match with Perry Saturn against the New Age Outlaws, Eddy hit a frog splash on Billy Gunn, but slammed his elbow into the mat. The result was a badly damaged left elbow that will keep Guerrero on the sidelines for at least six weeks.

■ Bret Hart will be out of action at least four more weeks with a concussion. Doctors think Hart has had the problem since before Dec. 19, the date he first was injured against Goldberg.

■ The Undertaker suffered a torn pectoral muscle while working out in preparation for his comeback. He had surgery and will be out another four months. His surgery went well, according to reports.

■ ECW's video game is being released Feb. 25. Also, look for ECW Home Videos in your favorite video stores in the next couple of months.

■ The WWF refunded money to several thousand fans at the Gund Arena in Cleveland on Jan. 30. The Rock and Chris Jericho were not able to attend the show because their flights were delayed by snow.

■ The fact that Randy Savage's name was taken off the wcw.com superstars list a couple of weeks ago is an indication that The Macho Man's run with WCW is indeed over.

■ Expect a feud between ECW managers Bill Alfonso and Judge Jeff Jones as Sabu and Mike Awesome continue to prepare for a showdown at Living Dangerously.

■ X-Pac is nursing a sore neck from a Chris Jericho powerbomb. It's not serious, however.

■ Christopher Daniels, a.k.a. The Fallen Angel, may sign with WCW. He's a top indy performer.

■ We're hearing good things about an independent promotion out of New Jersey called Independent Superstars of Pro Wrestling (ISPW). Young promoter Tommy Fierro apparently has a nice collection of young stars and a few veterans as well. Mr. Main Event Ace Darling is a top draw.

■ Reese (Ron Reis), formerly of Raven's Flock in WCW, will be getting a WWF tryout soon.

■ Former wrestler and manager The Golden Boy Arnold Skaaland is suffering from prostate cancer. Skaaland, currently a WWF front-office employee, managed former WWF champion Bruno Sammartino.

COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:



WWF...

- Feb. 13, Bakersfield, Calif.
- Feb. 14, "Raw," San Jose, Calif.
- Feb. 15, "Smackdown!," Fresno, Calif.

WCW...

- Feb. 14, "Nitro," Uniondale, N.Y.
- Feb. 15, "Thunder" taping, Philadelphia

ECW...

- Feb. 18, La Crosse, Wis.
- Feb. 19, Milwaukee
- Feb. 25, Toledo, Ohio
- Feb. 26, Cincinnati

REAL NAMES

Jason in ECW
Jason Knight

6-2, 225

Hometown:
Philadelphia, Pa.

Birthday: May 20

Pro debut: June 1984

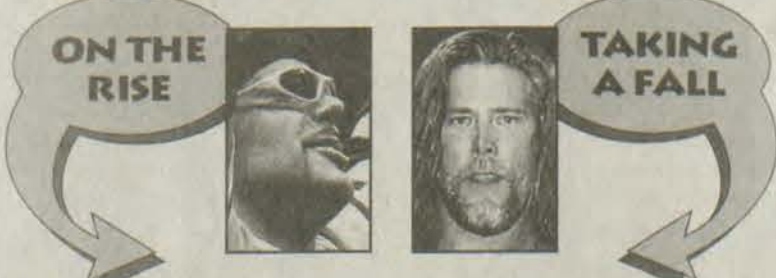
MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ April 13, 1931: Ed Strangler Lewis beats Ed Don George in two falls in Los Angeles to win a then-record fourth World Championship.

■ May 24, 1976: Ric Flair beats Wahoo McDaniel in Charlotte to win the Mid-Atlantic heavyweight title.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

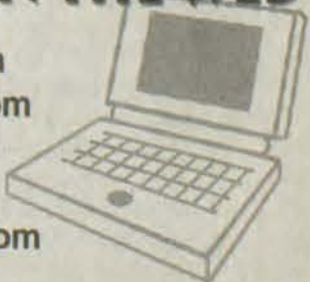


Scott Taylor: He and Brian Christopher have teamed up to form Too Cool, a hot tag team in the WWF that fans really love.

Kevin Nash: Slipping on the ice outside an arena has resulted in a broken ankle for Big Sexy. He'll be out at least six weeks and this comes at a bad time for WCW.

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Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

Thursday a big day at Pikeville College

Thursday was a red-letter day at Pikeville College.

For as long as I can remember, folks around here have been saying how they wished the school would start a football program. Probably in the last 10 years, the three most frequent things I've heard are, "I wish you guys would start football," "Do you think Richie will play tonight. Cawood?" and, "I wouldn't go out with you if my life depended on it."

Unfortunately, those are not necessarily in any order.

But Thursday was the day. After years of hearing about it — rumors, rumor killers, dreams, etc. — it finally happened.

At noon Thursday, President Hal Smith walked to the podium and told the world football would be played at Pikeville College this autumn.

Hallelujah. Truly, it was a proud day to be a small part of the process.

It makes me even more proud to feel I've been around to see the massive growth of the athletics department at the school.

When I first started in August 1996, Pikeville had five sports — men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, and men's tennis — to go along with cheerleading.

That first month, women's tennis and golf were added. Then came volleyball and men's and women's cross country. And next year, we'll play women's golf, bowling and football.

Why is football so popular? It's hard to say. It's hard-nosed. I'd doubt any lady would be offended if I said it's a man's sport. It's also American.

Outside this country, mention football and people think of what we know as soccer.

But mostly, I think, football is about attitude and atmosphere.

There's nothing quite like going to a football game. For one thing, football games are only played once a week, and everybody knows about it. Friday night is high school. Saturdays are reserved for the college boys and the pros take over on Sunday.

It also doesn't really matter how good a team is. People will come to football games. It's never really mattered how good the Hornets are; announce a home game and people will hustle to Phelps in droves to see it. Same is true basically anywhere else. There's something about it.

Another thing you see in football is tradition. Go to a high school game at Prestonsburg and I'll guarantee you'll see dozens of former Blackcats on the sidelines or in the stands. They'll gather at some point in the evening and talk about how good they once were, and about how they set up the play that won the game over insert-opponent-here.

And then there's the other part of tradition — the family kind. Go to Belfry on a Friday night, and of the 75 young men in red and white, probably 20 will be second-generation Pirates. Some have the talent genes in their system; others are simply playing because their old man did.

Some of that is a good way off for Pikeville College. First things first here, and that first thing now is a coach. Anybody know of one? I thought so. Maybe yours is the man. Maybe it will be someone from a big-time school who remembers his days in small-town football. Who knows? Maybe it will be you who walks the sidelines during that first college game.

Then there's players, announcers, clock keepers, the chain gang — the list goes on and on.

But Thursday was a start. It was one part birth and one part celebration. This has been in the works for nearly as long as Smith has been at the private, liberal arts school. For many of us, it's a dream that's been envisioned for years now.

For many, the work started Thursday. For some, it was a chance to take a deep breath and enjoy the moment.

What will eventually come of it? Obviously the goals are high — graduate all your players (forget that one already!), compete for conference and national titles.

But initially, the goal will be to get ready for that first game. It will come this fall when the leaves are turning and the days are longer. And on that sunny day, we'll think back to Thursday, a much colder one, when the dream started becoming a reality.

For years, we've heard people say they wish they had a college football team here in Pikeville to support.

As of Thursday, they've got one.

Here's your opportunity. Let's not let the team down.

Betsy Layne Training League

(Saturday's Results)

Training League

In the opening game on Saturday, the Maroon team took on the Blue team. The Maroon team had a big third quarter and was able to hold on to defeat the Blue team.

Brennan Case, of the Maroon team, led both teams in scoring with 15 points. Trey Whitt had 14 points for the Blue team.

The Blue team had a two-point lead at the end of the first quarter. Trey Whitt scored all four of the six points and Kory Henry scored the other two in the first quarter for the Blue Team, while Casey Castle scored four points for the Maroon team.

In the second quarter, both teams only scored two points. Trey Whitt scored two for the Blue team while Casey Castle scored two points for the Maroon team. The Blue team was on top by two points at the break.

But in the third quarter, Brennan Case went on a scoring spree. The Maroon team outscored the Blue team by eight points in the third quarter. Brennan Case scored nine points in the third quarter, while Tyler Hamilton scored the other two. For the Blue team, their only three points came from Jason McKinney. The Maroon team led at the end of the third quarter by a score of 17-11.

Both teams scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. Brennan Case had six points in the fourth quarter. Tyler Hamilton had four points and Casey Castle had two points for the Maroon team.

For the Blue team, Trey Whitt scored eight points in the final quarter, while Adam Gearheart and Kory Henry each had two. The final score was the Maroon team 29 and the Blue team 23.

In the second game on Saturday, the Navy team took on the Green Team. Taylor Boyd led both teams in scoring with 12.

In the first quarter, the Navy team was unable to score. The Green team scored four points. Those four points came from Taylor Boyd. At the end of the first quarter the score was 4-0 with the Green team on top.

In the second quarter, Eric Rice scored all four points for the Navy team. The Navy team was unable to score again in the game.

For the Green team, Samuel Keathley had one point in the second quarter, two points in the third, and four in the fourth for a total of 7 points. Justin Kurkowski had a basket in the third quarter and finished the game with two.

Katlini Lawson hit one free throw in the third quarter. Taylor Boyd had four points in the second and fourth quarters for a total of 12.

Brandon Mulkey had two buckets in the third period and one in the fourth for a total of six points to help the Green team win over the Navy team by a score of 28-4.

Junior Training League

The third game on Saturday was an old-fashioned barn burner. The Green team came away with a two-point victory over the Black team.

It was a very low scoring game but an exciting one.

Bryce Adkins led both teams with five points. Adkins fouled out of the game.

The Black team failed to score in the first quarter and the Green team took the four-point lead on baskets by Derek Tackett and Andrew Vance.

But in the second quarter, the Black team outscored the Green team by two points. Bryce Adkins, Tyler Johnson and Lindsey Martin each had baskets for the Black

team. The Green team's points came on baskets by Dylan Malenado and Andrew Vance. The Green team managed to hold on to a two-point advantage at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter, both teams scored three points. Bryce Adkins scored all points for the Black team, while Andrew Vance had a bucket and Josh Hall hit a free throw for the Green team. Neither team scored in the final period, and the Green team was able to narrowly escape the Black team and win by two points.

Junior Varsity

In the fourth game on Saturday, the Navy team took on the Black team. It was the Navy team coming away with the victory.

Brenton Hamilton and Brandon Kidd each had 12 points for the Navy team to lead in the scoring department. Brenton Akers led the Black team with 10 points.

The Black team fell behind in the first half, but scored the same as the Navy team in the second half.

In the first quarter, Brandon Kidd and Brenton Hamilton each had eight points for the Navy team. Charles Daniels scored the only four points for the Black team.

In the second quarter, the Navy team was able to add to its lead by outscoring the Black team by five points, 12-7.

For the Black team, Crystal Daniels, Brenton Akers and Mike Slone had two points each, while Charles Daniels had a free throw to give the Black team their seven points.

For the Navy team, Brent Newsome had six points, Bill Curtis Collins had four points and Jason Worrix had two points for a

total of 12 points in the second quarter.

The Navy team went into the locker room with a 17-point advantage over the Black team.

In the third quarter the scoring was equal, as it was in the fourth quarter.

Both teams scored 10 points in the third quarter.

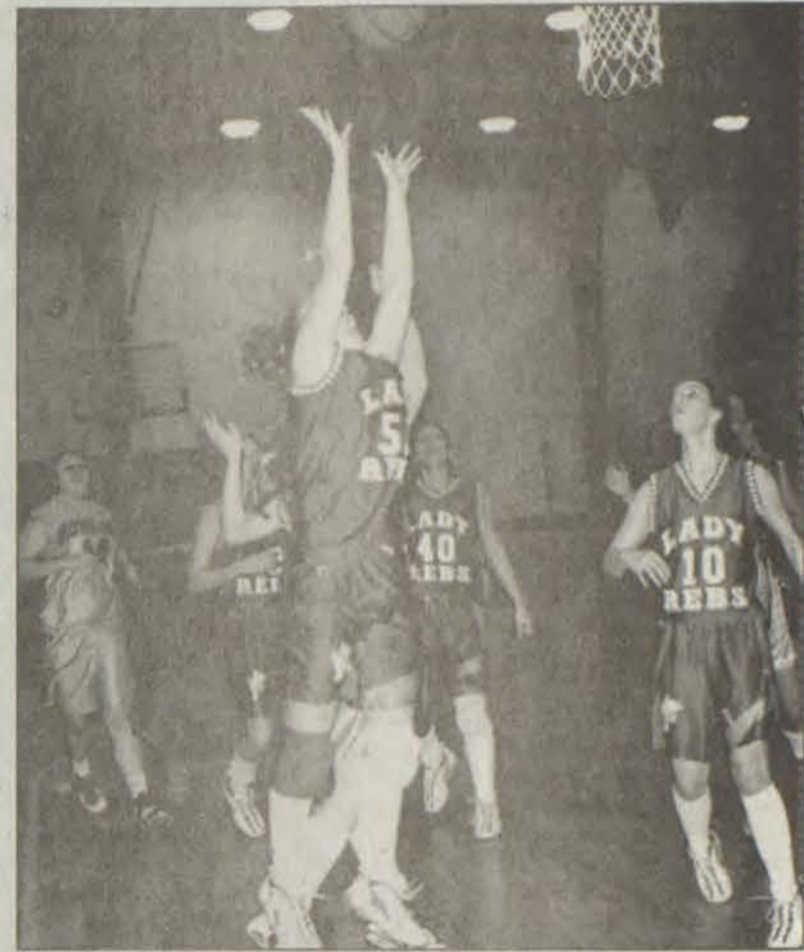
For the Navy team, Brandon Kidd and Brenton Hamilton each had four points and Brent

Newsome had two.

For the Black team, Austin Eplin and Brenton Akers each had four points and Mike Slone helped his team with two.

But at the end of the third quarter the Black team had not gained any ground on the Navy team as they continued to lead by 17 points, 38-21.

(See Training League, page seven)



JESSICA MARTIN (50) SCORED UNDERNEATH for Allen Central against Magoffin County last Thursday night. The Lady Rebels fell to the host Lady Hornets 56-45 (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

Remember the guys in the sandwich boards?

For a few bucks an hour, they walked up and down the street with a pair of large display boards strapped to them both back and front. They were a walking advertisement for a local merchant or merchants.

We might snicker at that concept in this day and age of electronic media which beam ad materials across the nation and around the world via television, internet, email and whatnot. But we haven't come all that far, really.

The next time you attend any PGA Tour or LPGA Tour tournament, you will immediately become aware of the walking billboards on the course. I'm referring to the players and their equipment.

With few exceptions, the men and lady pros sport sponsors' names and logos on their caps, shirts, golf bags and club head covers. For this they are adequately compensated. If they should be among the leaders on a weekend, their patrons reap the benefits of television exposure as well. It's the old sandwich board gimmick all over again but with a bit different twist.

John Daly knew he had arrived under golf's big tent when he began finding in his locker at tournament sites boxes of new golf balls, half a dozen new golf gloves and caps, all with the sponsors identifying inscription visibly apparent.

"I'd have a sign painted on my forehead if they pay me to do it," he said, "Whenever I play an exhibi-

tion, do a clinic or make an appearance, I'm pushing all my sponsors' stuff — gloves, shirts, shoes, pants, clubs, balls, you name it."

But nowhere is product huckstering more blatant than the sport of auto racing. The protective gear drivers wear while plying their livelihood is covered with advertising logos of every conceivable type and nature.

"Yeah, I guess you could call us a walking billboard," Mario Andretti once said, "but these are the people that make racing go. And we owe them as much exposure as possible."

Of late, National Speed Sport News reported that "Caps currently worn by American (NASCAR) drivers Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt and others flaunt huge offset lettering so as to be clearly readable on TV."

Tire manufactures are among the biggest beneficiaries of the racing game. Goodyear realizes millions of dollars a year from their commitment to supplying open-wide (Indy type) racers with the "shoes" to run on.

For many decades, Goodyear and Firestone hyped their association with the famed Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. For weeks prior to the big go-around, both companies had huge, race-related ads in every store across the country wherein their tires and accessories were sold to commercial users.

Now every kind of sponsor from Coca Cola and Pepsi to Tide, the name-brand clothing detergent, are laying big bucks down to have their names and logos plas-

tered across the NASCAR racers of their choice.

The soft drink backers command a contract with the drivers of the cars displaying their products that is quite unique. If their team wins a race, the driver must be shown on television in the winners circles with a can or bottle of their sponsor's beverage in hand.

How effective is this advertising?

In a recent random poll of racing fans conducted at the track on the day of an event, the people questioned demonstrated their unwavering support for the products associated with their favorite driver.

The company sponsors certainly understand this kind of loyalty and reward their respective teams accordingly. If, say, the Tide-backed car finishes well up in a race and, as a result, garners a lot of TV time this means more bucks in the pockets of the driver and his crew.

But Grand Prix chauffeurs are not to be outdone by either their NASCAR or open-wheel colleagues.

Wrote racing columnist Chris Economaki, "We wonder what stateside drivers are thinking now that Formula One ace Michael Schumacher has a long-billed red cap. The lanky German will collect \$2.65 million a year for three seasons from a German financial house with the unlikely designation of Deutsche Vermögensberatung."

This will make for a lot of head turning for Schumacher. But hey, whatever works — right?



STEPHANIE SKEANS (33) MADE A strong move to the basket against Betsy Layne Friday night. Skeans is a freshman at South Floyd (photo by Ed Taylor)

NASCAR Connection

Dale Earnhardt signs with Childress for three more years

Dale Earnhardt and team owner Richard Childress said Thursday they had reached agreement on a contract extension that will keep the seven-time Winston Cup champion racing at least through 2003.

"He is the best of the best in my book and what we accomplished last year was just the beginning of what's to come over the next four years," Childress said. "We want to get that next championship. And, when we do, I'll be ready to extend it again until he says



Dale Earnhardt

he's ready to get out of the car."

Earnhardt, 48, has won six of his seven championships while driving Chevrolets for Richard Childress Racing. Sixty-five of his 74 victories have come since joining Childress' team in 1984.

Earnhardt, who is recovering from back surgery, begins practice Friday for the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 20. Earnhardt said he doesn't plan to retire when the new contract ends.

Martin draws pole for Bud Shootout

Mark Martin won a blind draw Thursday and will defend his Bud Shootout title from the pole position.

Martin, returning from offseason back surgery, will start inside of Sterling Marlin on Sunday in the 25-lap race made up of last year's Winston Cup pole winners.

The non-points race is the traditional start of the NASCAR season. The winner earns \$100,000. Martin won the race last year after starting in the 13th spot.

The race includes 14 drivers who won pole positions last year. A 15th entry will come from a qualifying race consisting of drivers who recorded the best times in second-day qualifying last year.

Ricky Craven drew the pole for the qualifying race. Defending Winston Cup champion Dale Jarrett, who did not win a pole last year, will start sixth in the qualifying race. Tony Stewart and Ward Burton will start from the second row in the main race, with Mike Skinner and Jeff Gordon behind them.

Chevy drivers seek practice time

The Bud Shootout is supposed to be for fun, fans

and, of course, a little money.

Those driving Chevrolets in the race Sunday may feel differently. A significant design change in the Monte Carlos has turned the season-opening, 25-lap exhibition into an important practice session for the upcoming Daytona 500. Feb. 20.

"There were a lot of changes," said Jeff Gordon, the most successful Chevrolet driver over the past five years. "There are a lot of people who are eager to get some time on the cars."

Ford also made some minor changes to the Tauruses, although the changes in the Monte Carlos have caused more of a stir.

Gordon has not only a new chassis, but a new crew chief and revamped pit crew to work with, as he prepares the run for his fourth series championship in six years.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Weldon Wins EverStart Event

Trip Weldon, a long-time assistant tournament director for the rival BASSMASTER Tournament Trail, survived four days of intense competition to win \$10,000 and a Ranger bass boat Saturday in the EverStart Batteries Series tournament on Alabama's Lake Martin.

Weldon, a 25-year bass tournament veteran from Wetumpka, Ala., caught five bass weighing 13 pounds, 14 ounces in the tournament's final round to claim victory over nine other finalists. His winning strategy involved fishing brush and docks in 5 to 10 feet of water on a plastic worm, crankbait and tubejig.

Second place went to Jason Quinn of Lake Wylie, S.C., with five bass weighing 12-4 (worth \$10,000).

Crash Victim on the Mend
Missouri pro Kelly Power is recovering well from serious injuries suffered during a rare boating accident on the BASSMASTER Tournament Trail, according to friend and Arkansas pro Mike McClelland. McClelland was the other pro involved in the near-fatal accident.

During the practice period for a November BASS Central Invitational event on Missouri's Table Rock Lake, Power and McClelland were practicing together in separate boats. McClelland was following Powers when his friend suddenly and unexpectedly stopped.

"I don't know what happened," said McClelland, who said he was running about 55 m.p.h. at the time of the accident. "He either had a mechanical failure or just slowed down to look at this creek we were planning to fish that afternoon. I still don't know why he stopped. I was looking off to the side when it happened."

Without much time to react, McClelland reportedly ran into and over Power's boat. The result was five broken ribs, a ruptured spleen (which had to be removed), a punctured lung, a bruised colon, internal bleeding and a broken jaw for Power, and serious bruising for McClelland.

McClelland is still shaken by the accident.

"It was scary," he said. "I've told everybody to be more careful because things can happen so fast on the water. It really woke me up to that fact."

Power is recovering on schedule, working a few boat shows and hoping to return to fishing in early March.

FLW Fishery Contributions Operation Bass recently announced that it will be donating \$35,000 to benefit each of the seven bass fisheries that host Wal-Mart FLW Tour events this season, as part of a new partnership between the FLW Tour and the FishAmerica Foundation.

First among the beneficiaries is Lake Okeechobee, where the FLW Tour and FishAmerica will assist the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in establishing artificial habitat and reintroducing native aquatic plants that have been harmed by lingering high water.

Other fisheries receiving help are the Pascagoula River in Mississippi, Lake Murray in South Carolina, Beaver Lake in Arkansas, the Mississippi River in Tennessee, Pickwick Lake in Alabama and the Red River in Louisiana.

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	34	Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo. <i>Runner-up in '99 Classic, Fla. Top 150 finals</i>
2	2	34	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	34	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener, made Md. finals</i>
4	4	34	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year</i>
5	5	34	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in Vt. BASS Top 150</i>
6	8	17	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150; Mich. Top 150 finals</i>
7	6	17	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i>
8	7	34	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals</i>
9	9	4	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. <i>Won Vt. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150</i>
10	10	31	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of Vt. BASS Top 150</i>
11	11	31	Clark Wendland, Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
12	12	14	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i>
13	13	34	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. <i>Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals</i>
14	14	24	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i>
15	15	12	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. <i>Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year</i>

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

Tips From the Pros



DOUG HANNON is one of the nation's foremost trophy bass experts, with more than 500 10-pound-plus bass to his credit. He lives in Odessa, Fla.

Try Warming Up to Cold Fronts

"No two words are more despised among the bass-fishing fraternity than 'cold front.' During a cold front, the bass become different creatures. The barometric pressure affects the fish's metabolism, making them sluggish and inactive.

"A lot of fishermen simply give up and throw in the towel when a cold front passes through. While it may not be the best condition for fishing, there are ways to catch bass under these circumstances.

"To locate cold-front bass, remember that deep-water fish are less affected by a frontal passage than those holding in shallow water. Shallow-water bass will usually move to the thickest cover in the area. Or, if no cover is readily available, to a nearby breakline like a drop-off along a creek channel. The key to locating bass that move in response to a cold front is noting their position before the weather front arrives. You then look to the nearest cover or drop-off.

"Concentrate your efforts around the densest vegetation, brush or other structure with accurate casts and precise lure presentations tight to the cover. Secondly, light line and small baits seem to produce best."

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Outdoors

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Bert Fischer prepares to launch his sailfish kite over Lake Okeechobee.

Go Fly a Kite

That's the Advice From a Successful Florida Bass Guide

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

In the early-morning light, you don't expect to see somebody flying a kite out in the middle of Florida's vast Lake Okeechobee. After all, there are plenty of places to fly a kite that don't require the use of a boat.

Some might think that this guy flying a kite from his boat is a little crazy.

But the kite belongs to Bert Fischer. And Fischer is anything but crazy.

Unless you count the fact that he's crazy about catching big bass.

Which brings us to his kite. Fischer, a veteran bass guide, has long been an avid saltwater angler. In fact, he guides inshore saltwater trips as well. As a bass fisherman, one of his biggest frustrations was one shared by countless other fishermen on lakes with heavy growths of vegetation — finding a way to effectively fish the dense cover where the trophy bass live.

Seeing how effectively the specially designed fishing kite worked in saltwater, Fischer asked himself, "Why wouldn't a kite work for putting live bait in the heaviest, nastiest cover on Lake Okeechobee?"

Fischer soon found the answer. Experimenting with the kite in the weed-choked waters of Lake Okeechobee, he began to hammer big bass in some of the wildest places a fish could hide, thick patches of grass in shallow water that conventional techniques couldn't solve.

Fischer began catching fish that had rarely, if ever, seen a lure before. "It's an exciting way to fish live bait," he said.

Today, Fischer contends that kite-fishing for big bass consistently surpasses conventional live-bait

fishing. All because he is able to fish in places that traditional bait fishermen can't penetrate.

"It goes places where no shiner has ever gone before," Fischer said of his kite.

For kite fishing for big bass, Fischer uses large shiners at times, as well as hand-sized bluegill.

With kite fishing in freshwater, the bluegill or large shiner is kept near the top of the surface. Fischer sometimes clips the tail fin of the bait to give it the added look of an injured baitfish (not to mention the smell). The slightly injured bluegill creates a disturbance on the surface that seems to attract bass from considerable distances.

The most important part of the system, the kite, is a light or medium Pompanette kite rigged on a stiff rod and large-spool reel. The reel cannot have a level-wind reel because the swivels near the release clip would get caught up in it.

Fischer never uses anything less than 20-pound line for this type of big-bass fishing. And 30-pound test isn't out of the question, depending on the cover. The actual fishing outfit is a traditional shiner rod and reel (fiberglass flipping stick and wide-spool reel).

The kite offers an advantage that no other type of live-bait fishing does: the ability to cover a great deal of water and fish openings in heavy vegetation that are out of the question for typical shiner fishing.

"Because the kite keeps the bait out in front of you and on the surface, you can cover so much more water than you could if you were fishing a shiner under a bobber," Fischer said. "It allows you to fish heavy vegetation so much better with live bait."

"And because the bait is out in front of you, the kite enables you to drift over shallow water without spooking the fish before the bait gets to them. The boat will often spook fish when you're drifting shiners behind the boat like some shiner fishermen do."

This is a deadly technique that takes advantage of the one weather factor bass fishermen love to hate — wind. There are times on big lakes like Okeechobee when the wind builds to such a frenzy that most fishermen choose to abandon ship and head for shore. Not Fischer, though. That just means it is time to send up the kite.



Fischer hauls in a trophy bass as his kite hovers overhead.

YOUR SPORTS

Spelunkers Go Underground For a Thrill

By STEVE GUST

Captain Kirk and the gang from "Star Trek" didn't need to leave Earth to boldly go where no one had gone before. All they had to do was go down in a cave.

"Cavers get to go to places and see things that most people never get to see," said Mike McKinney of Olathe, Kan., a member of the Kansas City Grotto, a caving club with about 30 active members.

McKinney, for instance, has come across fossilized paw prints from a lion that has been extinct for centuries.

And cavers are discovering new caves all the time, like Bob Gulden and his son, Dusty, of Odenton, Md., who are part of an effort to remap Bowden Cave in West Virginia. Back in the 1960s, the original team mapped about 4.25 miles of "crawls." Now, 6 miles of passage have been mapped.

"The extra 1.75 miles of passage were found by pushing (exploring) these crawls, doing climbs in the cave, and moving dirt and rocks to enter new passages," Gulden said.

Spelunkers — the technical term for cavers — are a breed of their own, but they come from all walks of life. The thrill of discovery is what draws them to speleology, or cave exploration.

McKinney, 35, is a registered nurse. When the weekend comes, he wants to get away from it all.

"I work hard, but when I play, I like to play hard," he said. "When I'm in the cave, I don't have my pager and there's no telephone around."

He has developed a closeness with fellow cavers that few on the outside might understand.

"You have to have that kind of camaraderie, or there are times when you can jeopardize the safety of your team," McKinney said.

You mess up in this sport, and the penalty is more than a free throw.

Some people may see cave exploring as driving along the road, seeing a cave and popping the flashlight out of the glove compartment," McKinney said. "They figure they'll look inside of the cave until the batteries in the flashlight wear down. There are multiple errors involved in an approach like this."

First of all, nobody ever caves alone, he said. The Kansas City Grotto's guideline is at least four cavers. If one party member is hurt, another stays with the injured party while the two others go for help.

Second, no cave exploration is ever done without the cave owner's permission.

And more than a flashlight is required.

"Caves are like 55 degrees always, so you have to wear the proper clothing to avoid hypothermia," McKinney said.

Cavers bring sufficient water and food, as well as first-aid supplies and a map of the cave. They wear helmets with lights, and bring backup flashlights and batteries.

Much of the preparation is mental.

"When you go down in a cave and take a few wrong turns, it's easy to get disoriented," McKinney said. "You have to have common sense."

Some also enjoy visiting caves that have long been used by man.

Jeff Alford's family operates Ice Cave and Bandera Volcano, a New Mexico natural attraction that had 70,000 guests last year. The ice cave never gets warmer

than 31 degrees. Until the 1940s, Native Americans mined ice from it.

"There's a great natural beauty to it," Alford said.

Human artifacts are on display, including pottery and even a sandal dating back 1,200 years, illustrating the point that caves have long been attracting explorers.

"Speleology has been around for as long as there has been man," said McKinney, who has been bringing his 11-year-old son caving with him for five years now. "For myself, I see no reason to ever stop. It's great fun."



Dusty Gulden pushes a crawl in Bowden Cave.

GEAR AND GOODIES

Get Organized VanDam's Way

It's not often that a working man gets to design the tools he uses. Yet Kevin VanDam recently had just that opportunity. Tackle Logic asked the three-time B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year to provide them the blueprint for a tackle system that would fit well into his winning ways.

The resulting new soft-sided storage system looks like a winner, having garnered the top prize at the national ICAST fishing products trade show. The Kevin VanDam Signature Series houses three big, ultra-tough Tackle Logic organizers, a worm/spinner file and a spacious utility box, also created by Tackle Logic to meet VanDam's needs.

"The first thing we looked at was

space," VanDam said. "The system had to be big enough to hold a good cross section of baits, yet compact enough to stack in a bass boat loaded with gear." The final product measures 18 1/2 inches by 13 1/2 inches, standing 12 inches tall. With the organizer boxes in place, it weighs just 9 1/2 pounds.

Each stout plastic container features a big, molded-in-place handle and safety latches that stay shut no matter how rough the ride.

The VanDam Signature Series includes room for the Model 3840 Worm File, an Impact Series box big enough at 4 1/2 inches deep to



hold bulk worms, lizards and other soft baits.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Plano Molding at (800) 874-6905.



Lugnut picks the winners

FOR those of you who can't remember all the way back to last week, I left you with two words: "Jarrett" and "Repeat."

Here's the full sentence: Dale Jarrett will not repeat as Winston Cup champion.

Sorry about that, all you 88ers. He's cool. He's great. But he ain't gonna do it again.

Here is how the top 10 will look following the 2000 Winston Cup season:

10. Ricky Rudd. Give this guy Comeback Driver of the Year. He has a great car, a super teammate, an unbelievable amount of resources, and doesn't have to worry about being a car owner. Plus, it'll be great to see him win while the Tide car struggles all year.

9. Jeremy Mayfield. This spot came down to Jeremy or teammate Rusty Wallace. Hmm, whom shall I choose? The old man who's fading or the young gun who's gonna be a star soon?

8. Tony Stewart. Now that he's cried himself all the way to a phat contract, why does he have to do real well? Tony, where's the motivation?

7. Mike Skinner. He will get in victory lane this year - but probably just to congratulate Dale Earnhardt. Skinner, however, is doing things the right way, and his consistency will pay off sooner or later. Well, probably later.

6. Mark Martin. He'll win a few, but it's going to take a little while to fully recover from back surgery. But if anyone can do it, it's Martin.

5. Dale Earnhardt. Another career year for Earnhardt. This is his last real shot at an eighth championship - honestly. This is the last time. Really.

4. Bobby Labonte. He finished second last year. He'll have to struggle a little with his whiny teammate before he gets on track. Otherwise, he would win the championship.

3. Dale Jarrett.

2. Jeff Burton. This guy is awesome. This guy wins a lot. Unfortunately, he tends to finish 30th or lower more often than a championship driver can afford to.

1. Jeff Gordon. He still led the series in wins. He dominated everywhere, including in the category of bad luck. He's been a man about it and said that all the bad luck he didn't have in four previous years hit him last year. Had it not, he would have run away with a fourth crown. Oh well, he'll just have to win that fourth championship this year.

Fall of the Year: Ward Burton. The established multi-car teams are just too tough. Put Ward around 14th.

The I-Didn't-Think-He-Could-Get-Worse Award: This one will have three drivers competing for it: Bill Elliott, Kyle Petty and Darrell Waltrip. Give this one to Elliott since he has the ability be worse than the other two combined.

Rookie of the Year: Don't let everyone fool you. The other drivers in this category are already also-rans. (Jeff Fuller? Scott Pruett? Dave Blaney?) It's Dale Earnhardt Jr. all the way. He's the best driver among the rookies and he has the best equipment. And besides, when's the last time a Roush driver (sorry, Matt Kenseth) actually won something?

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NASCAR Winston Cup Series 2000 SEASON PREVIEW

Back in gear

Drivers are revving up for an exciting season of Winston Cup

By HENRY MILLER

EVERYONE saw what parity has brought to the National Football League, as the NFL season ended with one of the most exciting Super Bowls of all time.

And while parity may not be the right word to describe NASCAR, there are definitely more and more drivers stepping into the lime-light.

Seven different drivers could be considered contenders for the 2000 Winston Cup championship, with three to four others labeled "darkhorses."

Of course, leading the way is defending Winston Cup champ Dale Jarrett. Jarrett says now that he understands what it takes to win a championship, there might be an advantage his team can grab hold of.

"There's a lot more involved there than what I ever anticipated," Jarrett said of winning the title. "I think that is what gave me a greater appreciation again for Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty and Jeff Gordon in winning multiple championships and what they were able to accomplish there."

"So there are some advantages to being the champion and going through all of that, but as far as preparation-wise or race-team-wise, I don't know that it gives

you any there or even on the track."

The old adage says it's tougher to stay on top of the mountain after you get there. If Jarrett and his No. 88 Quality Care Ford team were to look down that mountain, they'd see a whole herd of drivers climbing fast.

Leading that climb, based on their career seasons in 1999, are the Joe Gibbs duo of Bobby Labonte and super sophomore Tony Stewart.

Labonte finished second in the point standings last year, and many have him pegged to replace Jarrett atop the championship mountain. Labonte started the season slow with a 25th at Daytona but got back into the top five a week later and was no lower than fifth - with the exception of one week - in the points standings the remainder of the season.

Stewart is coming off the greatest rookie season in the history of the sport. His three wins and his fourth-place finish in the final point standings have a lot of long-time drivers a little nervous knowing the competition has gotten just a little bit

tougher. "We learned a lot last year,"

said Stewart, driver of the No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac. "We had a good year and were able to learn a lot from it. As far as running for a championship, that's still way too early to talk about. We need to run well every time out, and if, at the halfway point or later in the season, we see we're in a good position to go for it, then we can worry about it."

One driver who already is fixing his eyes on a title, and possibly a Daytona 500 championship, is three-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon.

Gordon finished a "disappointing" sixth in the point standings last year but still led the series in wins and several other categories. Too many DNFs, however, had the driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet out of the championship hunt earlier than normal.

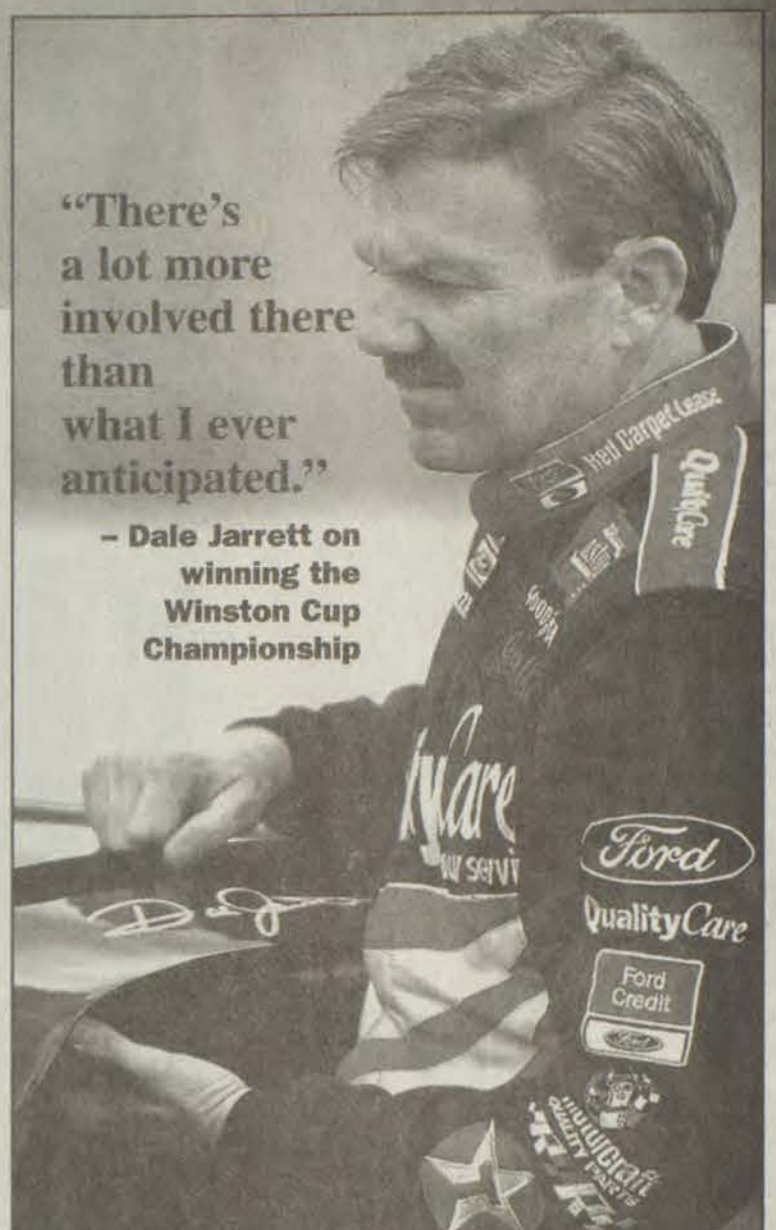
"Last year was still a very good year for our team. We overcame some circumstances and some bad luck that we didn't have that past few years," Gordon said. "We're excited about this season. We feel we have all the tools back in the right place."

Those tools include a new crew chief to replace Ray Evernham, who left Hendrick Motorsports to work on Dodge's return to NASCAR in 2001. It also includes the replacing of several crew mem-



Fast Fact

Kenny Wallace (left) and Ricky Rudd are the 20th and 21st different drivers to qualify for the Winston No Bull 5 \$1 million bonus in the program's three-year history.



"There's a lot more involved there than what I ever anticipated."

- Dale Jarrett on winning the Winston Cup Championship



Bobby Labonte



Jeff Burton



Mark Martin



Dale Earnhardt



Jeff Gordon

bers who went to other teams. Of course, when you're talking Winston Cup championships, rarely is another driver mentioned as often as Dale Earnhardt, the seven-time champ.

Earnhardt won three races last year, sweeping Talladega's two events and then winning at Bristol. He finished seventh in points but feels that an eighth championship could be right around the corner.

"We want to get off on the right foot at Daytona," said Earnhardt, who won his first Daytona 500 in 1998. "We're going to be strong this year. With a little luck, you never know what could hap-

pen. I'm looking for a good year."

Roush Racing teammates Mark Martin and Jeff Burton round out the list of serious championship contenders for 2000. Obviously, Martin is still somewhat of a question mark after undergoing rehab all winter following serious back surgery.

However, if there's one driver who can make a complete comeback, it's the driver of the No. 6 Valvoline Ford.

Burton rode a roller coaster last year. He led the points race for six weeks and appeared unstoppable. However, four finishes of 24th or worse in an eight-race span did him in. With more consistency, Burton will definitely be a contender in 2000.

Earnhardt and Kenseth aren't the only rookie hopefuls to watch

By HENRY MILLER

DALE Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth are already being pegged as the top contenders for the Winston Cup Rookie of the Year title.

But there are several other drivers who have something to say about that.

The 2000 NASCAR Rookie of the Year race has a lot to live up to, not so much in terms of a race for the honors but to live up to Tony Stewart's record-setting rookie season in 1999.

And while none of the drivers will admit comparing their seasons to Stewart's, all of them will try to model their seasons after the driver of the No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac owned by Joe Gibbs.

"You saw last year, Tony Stewart came

together with a new team," Earnhardt Jr. said. "And about halfway through the year, they looked like they'd been together for two or three years the way things were working for them and the way they were qualifying and going to the race-track fast for practice. That's pretty important, so it's pretty phenomenal for a team to do that in its first year and do it every week. Whoever can establish that type of consistency the soonest and the earliest in the season is probably going to be the favorite."

Earnhardt Jr. has already shown he can drive fast, leading testing at Las Vegas. Right behind him was another rookie. No, not Kenseth, but Stacy Compton, who led

all Fords. "We were almost six-tenths [of a second] faster today," Compton said of the

progress his team made in two days at Las Vegas. "The team never slowed down all day."

That's the kind of competition NASCAR and its fans are hoping to see all year. Dale Jarrett said it's quite possible that the 2000 year could be one of the best for rookies in a long time.

"These young guys and the opportunities they have and the impact they're going to have on our sport, they all have a lot of talent, and I think each one of them will find days that they're going to have opportunities to win races," said Jarrett, the defending Winston Cup champ. "I think certainly with Dale's experience and Matt's experience winning races in the Busch Series that you have to look at those guys and that they have really good

opportunities. They have good cars and they have a lot of talent."

"Racetracks change, the cars change, and that's something they'll have to work and learn to deal with, but I think this is probably the best rookie class that we've ever seen come into Winston Cup."

Joining Earnhardt Jr., Kenseth and Compton in the 2000 rookie class are Mike Bliss, Jeff Fuller, Scott Pruett and Dave Blaney.

Earnhardt Jr. says to keep an eye on Blaney and Kenseth. "We've got some new teams coming in. We've got Dave Blaney, and he could run away with it with his experience," Earnhardt Jr. said. "Matt is definitely getting with the established program with Roush Racing. Their resources are pretty much unlimited."



Stacy Compton



Dave Blaney

On the air

Feb. 7 - 13
• Inside NASCAR
 Ned Jarrett, Stephanie Durner and Steve Wald host this series dedicated to NASCAR.
 Saturday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. ET; TNN

• NASCAR Garage
 A behind-the-scenes look at NASCAR.
 Sunday, Feb. 13, Noon ET; TNN

• MBNA Gold 400
 Encore presentation of the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup MBNA GOLD 400 (Sept. 26, 1999) telecast from Dover Downs Speedway in Dover, Delaware.
 Sunday, Feb. 13, Midnight, ET; TNN

In Brief

He's a contender

Now that Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth have made the move to Winston Cup, the talk on the Busch circuit is about who will capture the 2000 Busch Grand National Division crown. Todd Bodine would like to throw his hat into the ring. Bodine's 1999 season consisted of 10 top-5 and 21 top-10 finishes. Bodine knows he has a long road ahead of him. Even though Earnhardt and Kenseth are out of the way, he'll still have to battle the likes of Jeff and David Green, Ron Hornaday and Kevin Harvick, not to mention Randy LaJoie and Casey Atwood. Keep an eye on Bodine next weekend in the season-opening NAPA Auto Parts 300 at Daytona.

By the Numbers

The Daytona 500 is the first No Bull 5 event of the 2000 season. Following is a glance at how different teams have done in the No Bull 5s (attempts include the upcoming Daytona 500):

- Roush Racing: 9 attempts, 2 victories
- Hendrick Motorsports: 8 attempts, 3 victories
- Richard Childress Racing: 8 attempts, 0 victories
- Joe Gibbs Racing: 7 attempts, 0 victories
- Robert Yates Racing: 7 attempts, 1 victory
- Penske/Kranefuss: 6 attempts, 0 victories
- Andy Petree Racing: 3 attempts, 0 victories
- Bill Davis Racing: 3 attempts, 0 victories

Listen up

When a guy wins a race on Sunday, I think some of the fans wonder, "Was that CART, was that IRL, or was that Indy Car? What do they call that?" I think there's just some confusion going on, and it goes from fans to corporate executives.

- Robby Gordon, talking about the large number of open-wheel drivers making the move to NASCAR Winston Cup

FROM THE TACKLE BOX

by Jim Lyon

Fishing tips for 2000

We are beginning a new year at the fishing hole. This is the time of the year when most anglers are taking inventory, buying, repairing and collecting their fishing equipment for another year. This is a very good idea, and will assure our readiness for the coming year.

It is just as important as we get ready to consider the rules and regulations for the coming year. Fishing licenses must be the first order of business, starting March 1, 2000. The annual fee this year will be \$12.50 for a residential fishing license. Everyone must fill out and carry his/her license to fish in Kentucky waters. An additional fee of \$5 is required if you plan to trout fish. In addition to the places that sell sports equipment and all the usual places where licenses may be purchased, you can now purchase them through the internet. To do this you can visit the Wildlife Marketplace, www.kydirect.com/kdfr.

Each year there are free fishing days offered. During these designated days, a fishing license is not required for residents and nonresidents. This offers an excellent opportunity for those who don't

normally fish to go down to the fishing hole and try it. You may have more fun than you expected. The days designated for the year 2000 are June 3 and 4. It is important to remember that all other regulations are still in effect during these days. The free days are to promote fishing. If you have never fished, I suggest you take advantage of this free time. My wife had never fished in her life. I bought her a license in 1998, took her fishing and we had a great time. She goes fishing with me very often now. It is a great opportunity to have fun with the whole family. The kids are not required to purchase a fishing license until they reach 16 years of age. It isn't expensive to enjoy a day fishing with the family.

Remember when fishing on farmland, only the resident owner and his dependent children may fish on those lands without a license. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children may fish on farmlands where they live and work. Servicemen on leave more than three days may fish statewide without a license. He is also required to carry on his person and show evidence of his leave status.

An American disabled veteran that is 50 percent disabled by a service-connected disability, and a senior citizen of 65 years and over may purchase a discount fishing license for \$5.

When fishing, and you plan to keep your catch, it is a good idea to know the fish species you have, creel limit, and how to measure it. A fish is measured by laying it flat on a rule and measuring it from the lower jaw to the tip of its tail, with the tail lobes pinched together in a point. If you are not familiar with the various fish species, it is a good idea to fish with someone who may help you identify them. When fishing it is always a good idea to be thoroughly familiar with the regulations. These regulations may be acquired at the place where you purchase your license.

For the veteran angler, it is important that everyone familiarize himself with new regulations for the year 2000. Some of these are:

■ Beaver Lake located in the Salt River Basin has a new size limit for largemouth bass of 15 inches.

■ All brook trout caught in the waters of Dog Fork in Wolfe

County, Parched Corn Creek in Wolfe County, Poor Fork in Letcher County, and Shillalah Creek Bell County, shall be released.

■ Dale Hollow Lake has a five-fish daily limit on walleye of a 16-inch size limit.

■ The Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery has a five-fish daily limit on rainbow trout.

Anglers planning to fish in these waters should make note.

It is very important for all anglers to practice good release procedures for fish not meeting the size limit, or if you are practicing catch and release. A very good rule

to follow is to keep the fish in the water as much as possible. I try not to keep the fish's head out of the water longer than I would want the fish to keep my head under the water, remembering the fish cannot breathe out of the water and I cannot breathe under the water. Some fish are more susceptible to delayed mortality following their release than others. Try to release a healthy fish back into the water. A fish that meets the creel limit and is badly wounded by the hook should be kept if possible.

Another bit of information that anglers should be aware of is the Fish Consumption Advisories. This

advisory is jointly issued by the Fish and Wildlife Resources, Departments of Environmental Protection, and Health Services. This advisory can be found in the Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide and is published to alert those who frequently eat their catch of fish to levels of contaminants in streams, such as Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) and chlordane product found in the water.

Carry a 2000 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide with you. When in doubt consult the guide. Be safe and have a great time.



JOHN MEADE (23) OF SOUTH FLOYD WAS on end of the break for the Raiders and scored in the first half against Betsy Layne. The Raiders went to 8-0 in the conference with a 90-73 win (photo by Ed Taylor)

South Floyd captures first place in district

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Prestonsburg Blackcats traveled to South Floyd on Wednesday night to take on the South Floyd Raiders. This was a make-up game that was originally scheduled for February 4.

Prestonsburg was coming off a district loss on Tuesday night at the hands of Allen Central, while South Floyd brought a four-game winning streak into the contest.

The Blackcats played the Raiders a very good first half, but the Raiders broke the game open in the third quarter and went on to easily defeat the Blackcats by a score of 92-42.

In the past two nights, the South Floyd Raiders have hit 28 three-point shots. In the game against Prestonsburg, they connected for 15. Ryan Shannon had seven of those. Jimmy Stumbo had four, Rusty Tackett had three and Dusty Tackett had one.

Ryan Shannon led both teams in scoring. Shannon finished the game with 29 points. Three other players hit double figures for the Raiders. Jimmy Stumbo had 20 points, despite the fact that he spent the majority of the time on the bench with foul troubles. Rusty Tackett finished with 13 points, while Dusty Tackett pumped in 10 points for the Raiders.

Prestonsburg was led in scor-

ing by Ryan Martin. Martin finished the game with 17 points. The Blackcats also had two other players to finish with double figures. Seth Crisp had 10 and Kyle Shepherd finished with 13.

The final score doesn't really indicate how hard this game was



played. Prestonsburg played very hard ball from the beginning to the end and never let up.

Seth Crisp may have only scored 10 points but he played a lot harder. All of the Blackcats played hard, but in the second half, they just ran out of steam.

There were a bunch of fouls called in the game. The game was

Raiders hit 15 treys in win over Prestonsburg

very physical. Jimmy Stumbo went to the bench in the first half with three fouls. Bryan Hall also had three fouls in the first half for the Raiders.

For the Blackcats, Crisp had three fouls in the first half and Matt Tackett had four. Tackett failed to score in the game, but played some very good defense for the Blackcats.

Ryan Shannon got the game underway by hitting the first of his three-pointers to give South Floyd the 3-0 lead. Shannon had another three-pointer in the first period of play.

Both teams played very good defense and the game was very close. They traded baskets, but the Blackcats could never take the lead and they trailed by four at the end of the first quarter. The score was 18-14.

Ryan Martin hit a three-point basket for the Blackcats to get the second quarter started. This pulled the Blackcats to within one point of the Raiders.

Kyle Tackett hit one of two free throws to put the Raiders back up by two. Then Ryan Shannon hit another three. Prestonsburg committed a turnover and Dusty Tackett hit a layup to increase the Raider lead to seven.

Trying to shift the momentum, Jackie Crisp called timeout with

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The fourth quarter was a low-scoring quarter, both teams only scoring six points. Lindsey Cross, Bill Curtis Collins and Brent Newsome each had two points. For the Black team, Brenton Akers had four points and Crystal Daniels had two points, making the final score 44-27.

The Navy team will advance to the winners bracket and the Black team will move into the losers bracket.

In the fifth and final game on Saturday, the Green team took on the Red team.

This game was decided at the charity line. The Red team had three players to foul out of the game. The Green team attempted 37 free throws, connecting on 17 of them. The Red team shot 15 free throws and hit only three.

Jack Slone led both teams in scoring with 18 points. The Red team had two players in double figures. Buddy Conn finished with 14 and Adam Roberts finished with 11 for the Red team.

In the first quarter, both teams hit two field goals, but the Green team had the six-point advantage at the end of the quarter, due to the six free throws they were able to connect on. Derek Case and Derek Osborne each had baskets for the Red team.

For the Green team, Kristen Smith had a basket and four free throws. Josh Howell had a basket and a free throw and Jordan Case had a free throw for a total of 10 points for the Green team.

In the second quarter, the Green team outscored the Red team by three points. Justin Slone had eight points, Jack Slone had six points and Adam Hall had two points for the Green team. For the Red team, Buddy Conn and Adam Roberts each had six points, while Mason Rivers had a free throw for the Red team. The Green team went into the dressing room with a nine-point advantage, 26-17.

The Red team came out in the third quarter and outscored the Green team by one point. Derek Case had five points, including one three point basket, Adam Roberts had five points as well. Adam also had a three-point basket for the Red team. Buddy Conn had two points to give the Red team 12 points for the quarter.

For the Green team, Jack Slone had nine of the 11 points in the third quarter. Jordan Case had the other two points. The Green team led at the end of the third quarter, but the Red team had gained one point on them.

In the fourth quarter, the Red team again outscored the Green team, but could never overcome the deficit of the first quarter.

For the Red team, Buddy Conn had eight points in the fourth quarter, while Derek Case, Derek Osborne and Mason Rivers each had two points.

For the Green team, Jack Slone and Brock Slone had three each, Kristen Smith and Alanna Cline each had a free throw and Jordan Case had four. The Green team held on to defeat the Red team by a score of 47-41.

The Green team will advance to the winners bracket and the Red team will move into the losers bracket.

(Sunday's Results)

■ Junior Training League

In the opening game on Sunday afternoon, the Blue team faced the Red team. The Blue team lost to the Black team on Friday and the Red team lost to the Black-Gold team. The winner would advance in the tournament and this would be the final game for the losing team.

Adam Howell led both teams in scoring. Howell finished with 10 points for the Blue team.

The Blue team was able to jump out to a good lead in the first quarter by outscoring the Red team 6-0. Adam Howell hit four free throws for the Blue team in the first quarter and Dustin Burchett hit a field goal to give the Blue team six points for the first quarter.

In the second quarter, it was the

Blue team that failed to score. The Red team managed to cut the lead in half by scoring three points in the second quarter. Andrew Roberts hit three free-throws to give the Red team three points. The Blue team went into the locker-room with a 6-3 lead.

In the third quarter, Adam Howell scored four points for the Blue team while Nathan Martin had the only two points for the Red team. The Blue team increased its lead to 10-5 at the end of the third quarter.

Both teams scored two points in the final quarter. Landon Hale had the two points for the Red team and Adam Howell scored the two points for the Blue team. The Blue team held on to defeat the Red team by a score of 12-7 and advance in the tournament.

Training League

In the second game on Sunday, the Black team faced the Navy team. The Black team lost to the Red team in the opening round of the tournament, whereas the Navy team lost to the Green team. This was the semi-final round of the tournament for the training league division.

Colby Hayes led both teams in scoring. Colby had a total of seven points in the game for the Navy team.

The score was tied 2-2 after the first quarter. Colby Newsome hit a basket for the Black team and Casey Tackett hit a two-point basket for the Navy team.

The Navy team pretty much dominated the second quarter. They outscored the Black team 10-2. Kayla Case scored the two points for the Black team. Eric Rice had four and Colby Hayes had six for the Navy team. The Navy team went into the locker room with a comfortable lead at 12-4.

The Navy team outscored the Black team in the third quarter, but it was not enough to overcome the second quarter scoring of the Navy team. Adam Slone had four points for the Navy team and Colby Hayes hit a free throw to give them 5 points for the quarter. Kayla Case scored the only two points for the Black team.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter making the final score 17-6 in favor of the Navy team.

In the third game of the day, the Blue team, coached by Keith Henry, met up with the Red team, whose coach is Bobby Johnson and Mike Rose.

This was a very close ballgame, with the game not being decided until the fourth quarter. The Blue team outscored the Red team 7-2 in the final quarter to gain the victory,

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THE BETSY LAYNE CHEERLEADERS were busy posting signs during the South Floyd at Betsy Layne game Friday night. A large crowd was on hand for the game (photo by Ed Taylor)

Pikeville

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new ways to provide educational opportunities for the people of Appalachia and its surrounding area," said Smith. "This program is a good way for us to continue to grow and prosper in an effort to serve our area."

The sport of bowling and women's golf will make their debuts at the college this year.

The school announced that the first season of football at Pikeville College would be of the junior varsity variety and in the year 2001, a full varsity schedule would be implemented.

Pikeville, which will drop from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC), will become a member of the Mid-South Conference officially July 1 of this year. All athletic programs at the school will be part of the Mid-South Conference.

"This is obviously an exciting day in athletics at Pikeville College," said

Ron Damron, vice-president for enrollment and student services, who also serves as athletics director. "This is something our community has been seeking for a long time, and we're thrilled to finally bring it to our area."

Pikeville College will begin a search for a head football coach. According to a news release, applications will be accepted beginning immediately through February 23. A committee will then begin the process of interviewing prospective candidates.

Before the fall of 1996, the school offered but five sporting events. With the addition of football, bowling and women's golf, the list has grown to 14.

"As a former collegiate athlete, I can attest to the valuable role athletics play in the total development of students," Smith said. "Today, we are providing that opportunity for many more young people in our area."

Sports

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baseball world by almost making the playoffs.

With Griffey in the fold, the Reds will have a potent outfield in the persons of Griffey, Dante Bichett, and Dmitri Young. According to Reds fans, Cincinnati did not give up much for Griffey.

"That's right, they did not give up that much for him," said Betsy Layne football coach, Ted George. "Tomko, he was a head case anyway. I think it was a real good trade and I can't wait to watch him play."

The lines at the Cinergy Field ticket booth has been lined with patrons who feels the same way George feels. The phone lines have been jammed with calls for tickets as the Reds expect Griffey to bring the fans back to the stands.

However, there are those who are elated but...

"I think the money was too much," said long Reds fan, Gary Keathley. "I like the trade and I think it will add to their offense."

Cassandra Keathley, a Reds fan, echoed that of others.

"I can't wait to get to see him play," she said. "I think it was a big trade for them and a good one."

Can one man make that much of a difference in the program our is the money a waste.

"It was a good deal," said Meade. "But I don't think on man can turn things around for them."

How long will it take the newest Red to make an impact?

"I think he will make them an instant contender," said Allen's Steve Hall.

In the news conference announcing the trade, Griffey recalled when he, as an eight-year old wandered around the Reds clubhouse following after his

father, Ken Griffey, Sr., who also starred for the Reds. Senior is now a coach with the Reds, rumored to be the next manager to follow Jack McKeon to the helm.

Junior ran around the baseball grounds with the likes of Pete Rose, Jr. and he knows the feeling of returning to his hometown.

From the sandlots of Cincinnati, Griffey was tagged with a can't miss label that has proven those prophets correct.

Griffey has a swing that is sweet and one that cannot be taught.

We baseball fans remember the night father and son made baseball history. It was during the 1990 season when Senior was still an active player and both hit home runs for the Mariners in the same game.

Here at home, baseball fans are envisioning the Reds making the playoffs this year after the near miss of a year ago. However, one had to remember that the game is just hitting only but there has to be a whole of pitching and that is a luxury the Reds do not have.

Speculations around here is that the Reds will now be ready to shop Barry Larkin, packaged with another player, for a starting pitcher. Maybe, maybe not. It depends on what Ken, Jr. wants.

I like the attitude of Griffey during the trade talks and afterward. "It is not all about money," he said.

The kid wanted to come home and he made it. He won the respect of the baseball world when he took a pay cut to get to be where his heart was. After all, he probably is still trying to spend the first million he made. Who needs more than they can spend.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Tackett

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Floyd Coach Henry Webb.

Freshman Michael Hall netted 19 points in the game and buried three treys. Hall had only six points in the first encounter between the two teams at South Floyd and he did not have a field goal. Byron Hall, who played a strong defensive game, finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Shannon, the wrath of the Betsy Layne faithful, scored eight points, somewhat below his 16 points per game average. Shannon had only two points in the first meeting. But his floor leadership could not be measured.

Justin Bartley led Betsy Layne with 15 points as the Bobcats placed four players in double figures. Brad Daugherty netted 14, Brock Keathley scored 13 and Adam Collins finished with 10.

Betsy Layne had sold student tickets for half price to lure the student body to the gymnasium. A reserved section behind the Betsy Layne bench kept the students close to the playing surface.

South Floyd had its own contingent on hand and filled the other side of the gym with an also noisy student body.

For 12 minutes of the game, the contest measured up to what fans figured it would be. But after the five minute mark of the second period, it was all South Floyd as they opened up a 15-point half-time lead.

Coach Webb said his ballclub was focused when they made the bus trip to Betsy Layne.

"We were excited about this game tonight," said Coach Webb. "We knew the last time we played them we came out flat and did not want a repeat of that."

"This was a tournament atmosphere, a huge crowd, and very exciting fans. It was an excellent played basketball game. We wanted to get off to a quick start and our kids were pumped up. They were ready to play tonight."

It was truly a district tournament atmosphere as both crowds were not quickly into the game.

Shannon and Scott Collins quickly answered two signs asking for more points than they scored in the previous meeting. Collins gave Betsy Layne a 2-0 lead but Shannon quickly answered with a three-point basket. Both scores were more than either team scored in the first meeting.

Betsy Layne led at the onset and again at 4-3 and 7-5 before a basket by Stumbo tied the game at 7. The final Bobcat lead was 9-7 on a basket by Brad Daugherty. Stumbo tied the game at 9 and Rusty Tackett's three-point basket with :03 to play gave the Raiders a 12-9 lead at the first stop.

The Raiders managed to stay in front by two or three points in the second period, leading 17-15. A basket by Byron Hall followed by

Michael Hall's trey, brought the Raider crowd to its feet — well, the ones that weren't already standing — and a 22-15 Raider lead.

The lead would grow as Kyle Tackett took charge with a three-point basket and completed an old-fashioned three-pointer to give South Floyd a 36-21 lead. South Floyd led 38-23 as the two teams retired to the locker area after 16 minutes of hard-played basketball.

On the last play of the half, Stumbo was driven out of bounds on a rough hit with his glasses flying. Coach Webb's protest to the officiating crew was to no avail.

South Floyd had slowed the Betsy Layne guards, Justin Bartley and Brock Keathley, who hurt them the first time out. Also, the Raiders were able to contain Bradley Brooks and Adam Collins in the paint area.

"Size-wise, we are a bigger team than they are but they are a very physical team indeed," said the South Floyd coach. "I told Jim and Byron to try and get better position under the basket. I felt they controlled the inside."

Webb said his two guards had something to prove in the second meeting between the two district schools.

"It was the worst game of the year for them," he said. "They took it personal and they wanted to come out tonight and show they could play. Tonight they stepped up."

Keathley, who had only two points the first half, scored eight third-quarter points to keep the Bobcats from being blown out. He scored the first five points of the third for his team, completing two old-fashioned three-point plays in the period.

South Floyd built a 25-point lead, 56-31, on a three-point basket by Stumbo. Daugherty and Nathan Tackett sparked a mild Betsy Layne rally that narrowed the game to 67-47 after three quarters.

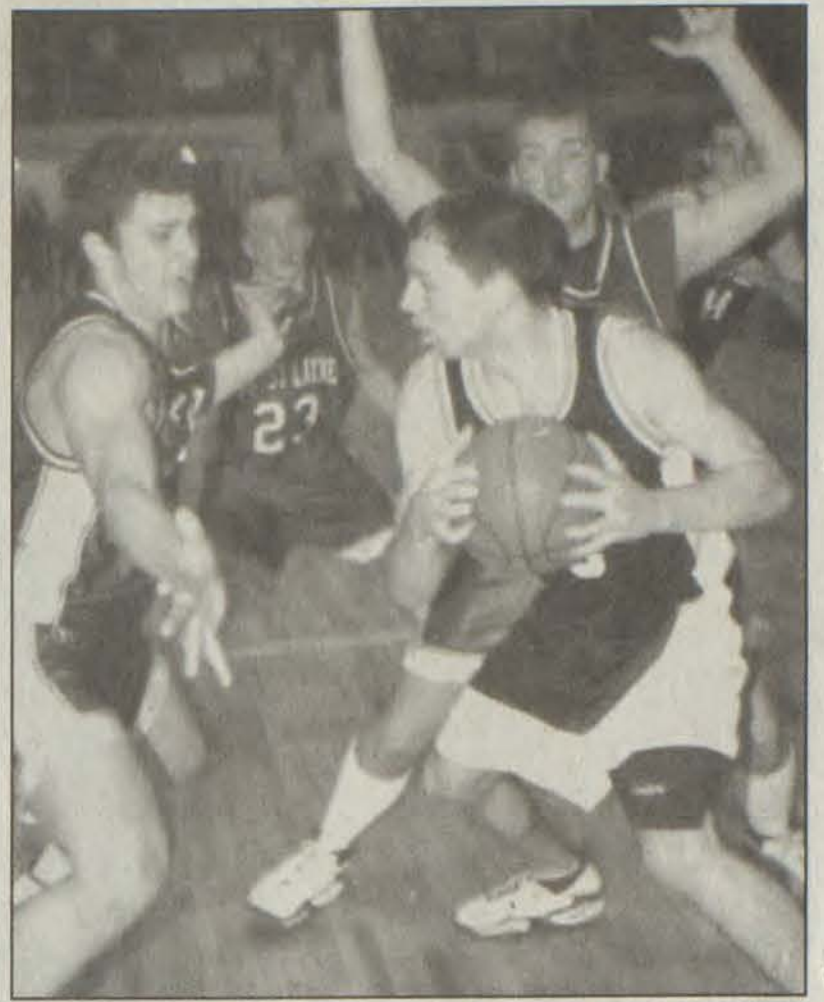
Betsy Layne trailed by as many as 27 in the fourth quarter, 88-61, before falling by 17.

Betsy Layne dropped to 10-8 on the season and 5-3 in the conference. The Bobcats and Allen Central are tied for second place in the conference and will meet each other in the first round of the district tournament.

South Floyd, the one seed, will face the winner of the Prestonsburg/Piarist first-round game.

Coach Webb said his team is going to work harder and get better.

"We have a tough game coming up with Shelby Valley next Friday night (February 18) at Shelby Valley," he said. "Then we have Jenkins at home. We are just going to work harder and get ready for March."



SOUTH FLOYD'S JOHN MEADE (23) WAS TRAPPED along the baseline Friday night. Meade and the Raiders defeated Betsy Layne 90-73 to finish with a perfect conference record at 8-0 (photo by Ed Taylor)

Raiders

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throwing it away," he said.

A big key, come tournament time, will be how much time Kandence Mitchell gets to stay on the floor. Cline said there has been an improvement in her play and hopefully she can get a full 32 minutes.

"I have sat down and thought about that and worked out a game strategy for the situation," he commented. "I am going to have to rotate the big people in foul by foul and try to slow it down. I have preached to her and worked hard with her. I believe she is doing bet-

ter."

Much will depend also on the floor leadership of Lindsey Hall and Sonya Tackett along with Martha Crawford. Minnie Tackett has been playing excellent basketball of late.

Jelling, chemistry, mix and match will determine if the Lady Raider advance. But desire has to enter the picture, and it is a good time for a team meeting without the coach and for the players to dedicate themselves for the second season.

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26-20.

Trey Whitt led both teams in the scoring department with nine points. Cody Rogers was the leading scorer for the Red team with six.

Douglas Hall and Shane Case helped the Red team gain the lead in the first quarter by scoring two points each. Jason McKinney scored two points for the Blue team to make the score 4-2 at the end of the first quarter.

The Red team also outscored the Blue team in the second quarter. This quarter is was Cody Rogers, Austin Case and Wesley Akers scoring two points each and giving the Red team six points for the quarter. Dustin Collins hit two free throws and Trey Whitt hit one to give the Blue team three points in the second period.

The Red team led at the half by a score of 10-5.

But in the second half things changed. The Blue team outscored the Red team in both quarters. In the third quarter, Trey Whitt had six points for the Blue team. Adam Gearheart, Kory Henry and Tyler Kidd each had two points to give the Blue team 12 points in the third quarter.

For the Red team, Cody Rogers had four points and Richie Tackett and Wesley Akers each had two to give the Red team eight points. The Red team barely held on for a one-point lead at the end of the third, 18-17.

In the final quarter, the Blue team came from behind to outscore the Red team by seven points. Douglas Hall scored the only two points for the Red team.

For the Blue team, Jason McKinney had four points, Kory Henry had three and Trey Whitt helped his team with two points in the fourth quarter.

The nine points the Blue team was able to score in the fourth quarter gave them the victory by a score of 26-20.

The Blue team will advance to the championship game.

Junior Training League

In the fourth game on Sunday, the semi-finals of the junior training league division, the Black team faced the Blue team. The Black team was unable to score until the fourth quarter and fell to the Blue team by a score of 16-8.

Adam Howell was the leading scorer in the game with 14 points for the Blue team.

Adam Howell scored all three points in the first quarter, as well as the second and third quarters. The score at the end of the third quarter was 8-0 in favor of the Blue team.

In the fourth quarter, the Black scored as many points as the Blue

team. Both teams scored eight points.

For the Black team Bryce Adkins and Joseph Howell each had two and Tyler Johnson had four points to give the Black team a total of eight points for the game.

For the Blue team in the fourth quarter, Adam Howell had six points and Dustin Burchett had two free throws for a total of eight points.

Junior Varsity

In the final game on Sunday afternoon, it was the semi-final game in the junior varsity division. The Red team met up with the Black team. The Red team failed to score in the first quarter, but made up for it in the second and was able to capture the win by a score of 49-26.

Buddy Conn led both teams in scoring with 14 points. Brenton Akers led the Black team with 13 points.

The Black team jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter. Brenton Akers had six points, Charles Daniels had four and Austin Eplin had two to give the Black team 13 points for the opening quarter. The Red team failed to score in the opening quarter.

But in the second quarter, the tide changed. It was the Black team that failed to score and the Red team was able to score 27 points.

Derek Case had 10 points in the second quarter for the Red team. Braxton Branham had eight, Mason Rivers had five and both Derek Osborne and Bethany Tackett had two to give the Red team their 27 points. The first half ended with the Red team having a 27-13 lead over the Black team.

The Red team came out in the second half just as hot as they were in the second quarter. They outscored the Black team 18-5 in the third quarter.

Buddy Conn had 10 points for the Red team. Mason Rivers and Adam Roberts each had three points and Dingus Hamilton had two to give the Red team their 18 points.

For the Black team, Brenton Akers had three points and Charles Daniels had two. The Red team led at the end of the third quarter by a score of 45-18.

The Black team outscored the Red team in the fourth quarter, but not by enough. Brenton Akers had four points, Crystal Daniels had two and Logan Clark and Tiffany Daniels had one point each.

For the Red team Buddy Conn scored all four points, but the Red team came from a 13-point deficit to beat the Black team by a score of 49-26.

District

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6:36 remaining in the half. The momentum did change a little in Prestonsburg's favor after the timeout.

Ryan Martin was fouled and hit one out of two free throws. Seth Crisp was then fouled and was able to connect on both shots to bring the Cats back to within four points.

But on the next trip down the floor, Byron Hall connected on an

old-fashioned three point play. He was fouled and hit the free throw to put the Raiders back up by seven.

South Floyd then hit two three-pointers to give the Raiders a 13-point lead with a little over four minutes remaining in the first half. But the Blackcats would not give up. They managed to pull back to within 11 when the two teams went into the locker room. The Raiders

were still on top by a score of 46-35 at the half.

In the second half things started to get bad for the Blackcats and never did get any better. The Blackcats only scored 16 points in second half.

South Floyd pretty much took control in the second half of the game. They scored 46 points in the second half and went on to defeat

the Blackcats and capture the district title.

The Raiders will travel to Betsy Layne on Friday night to take on the Betsy Layne Bobcats. But win or lose they will still finish first in the district and will take on the winner of the Prestonsburg/Piarist game in the district tournament.

Prestonsburg will host Lee County on Friday night.



SHANNON SIZEMORE (10), Allen Central, put up a jumper as Erin Majakey (23) positioned for a rebound. Allen Central will travel to Knott County Central this Tuesday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

58th District

Allen Central Lady Rebels

Coach Anthony Moore and his Allen Central Lady Rebels have had to play without the services of starting guard Barb Prater.

Prater came down with an illness after her team defeated Prestonsburg last week and was taken to the Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin.

Prater gives Allen Central an outside threat from the three-point arc. It is not known when she will return to the team.

Allen Central will face Prestonsburg or Betsy Layne in a first round game of the girls 58th District tournament. The tourney will be staged on the Lady Rebels home court.

Shannon Sizemore continues to play good basketball for the Lady Rebels. Sizemore is a key for the Lady Rebels as tournament time draws near.

Coach Moore's ballclub had won five straight until they fell at Magoffin County Thursday night.

Jessica Martin, Kari Osborne, Jennifer Risner and Shanna Howell round out the starting team for the Lady Rebels. Off the bench Allen Central has been good play from freshman Erin Majakey and Tonya Howard.

On the injured list for the Lady Rebels is Jackie Martin and Terri Moore. Moore vows that she is ready to return to the basketball court. Martin should be ready by tournament time. She had been seeing a lot of playing time as a freshman and Coach Moore is counting on her to add depth to his bench.

"She had been playing some good basketball for us until she got hurt," said the Lady Rebel coach.



Ladycats needs to turn up defense

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will need to turn up their defense a notch and hopefully will cause other teams to turn the ball over more.

Coach Cassandra Akers has been concerned over the lack of intensity her team has displayed in the second half when they come from the locker room.

Still a problem for Betsy Layne is hitting from the free throw lines and taking the open shot.

Shenna Akers is out for the season for the Ladycats after knee surgery. Akers will also miss the upcoming softball season where she played first base and one of the top hitters on the team.

It looks like a "kiddie" corp when you see Whitney

Lykens and seventh grader Kim Clark on the hardwood at the same time. Here are two good ones and with the talent of Natasha Stratton, Tabitha Mitchell, Tabatha Witt and some of the others, the future looks good for the Ladycat program.

Lykens is one of the top high school stars in the area now. She just gets better and better and she is not even in high school yet.

It is good to see Jim Roberts on the Betsy Layne bench this season. Roberts led his Betsy Layne Elementary team to the county championships this year.

Speaking of the grade school team, they were introduced at Friday night's game.



Newsome not 100 percent for Rebels

Coach Johnny Martin sure could use the service of Shawn Newsome, a sophomore guard who has missed the entire season with a football injury.

Newsome said he did not know if he would be able to be back full strength this season.

"I don't know if I can play or not," he said recently. "I still have some soreness in the knee."

"He hurts when he goes to Archer Park with me to shoot around," said his sister, April Newsome.

Newsome had been counted on to add to the three-point accuracy of the Rebels this season. He has played in a couple of games but very limited in time on the court.

As the district tournament nears, fans from around the county are aware that Allen Central has not had one of their typical season but they are also aware that when it comes district time, Coach Martin always has his team ready.

The Rebels will look to Jeremy Sexton for floor leadership. Sexton is one of the fastest humans going and has the ability to score from anywhere on the court.

If Jeremy Hayes can retain his scoring prowess he had earlier in the season the Rebels could very well be in the championship game.

They will face a good Betsy Layne team in a first round game. The Rebels lost to Betsy Layne on their home court this season and with the tournament at the Rebels home place, it will be a dog fight between the two schools.

Lady Blackcats look to shake "doldrums"

Coach Bobby Hamilton has threatened to make some line up changes for the rest of the regular season because his highly-regarded and highly-talented girls basketball team has not lived up to all the expectations this season.

Loaded are the Lady Blackcats with two of the premier big players in the area in Amelia Conley and Ramanda Music.

While the two have been consistent this season, the rest have been up and down.

Coach Hamilton said a change was forthcoming in a shake of starters.

Prestonsburg is 3-2 in the district and will travel to South Floyd for their final conference matchup Tuesday night. South Floyd has been playing their opponents strong and looking for that first-ever conference win.

Megan Hyden, Brandy Wells, Brook Coleman and Stephanie Adams will contribute when it comes tournament time. Angela Howell has been playing well.

Still, the Cats need to get it all together and in order to repeat last season's accomplishments of district champions.

Fans turning out to see Bobcats

Coach Brett Rose and the Betsy Layne Bobcats have the hometown fans and student body coming out to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse to take in good high school basketball.

It was good to see the high school gym filled this past Friday night.

The school implemented a program that should be in every school and that is half price for the students. It makes a difference in the atmosphere and creates an incentive for the home team to play harder.

What a great year Bradley Brooks and Adam Collins have enjoyed. I remember a couple years ago and even back to last year not many knew who Adam Collins was. Adam has become a standout basketball player.

Brooks stars in three sports at Betsy Layne: football, basketball, and baseball. While we know of his accomplishments on the gridiron, some folks do not know that he is an excellent catcher in baseball and can hit the long ball.



Sports Plus

■ Kari Osborne

■ Shannon Sizemore



Homecoming at Prestonsburg

Prestonsburg High School will hold their annual basketball homecoming festivities on Friday, February 18 when the Blackcats host the Sheldon Clark Cardinals.

Have you ever wondered how they pick the candidates for homecoming queen?

At Prestonsburg, the boys varsity basketball team creates a list of nominees. The list is then presented to the student body at the school and they select six or seven seniors who compete for the title as well as voting who will be homecoming queen.

Interesting. I suppose it is like that at all schools.

Sara Conley, Courtney Harris, Jamie McGuire, Leslie Setser, Amy Shepherd, Morgan Stumbo and Paige Tussey are this year's seniors.

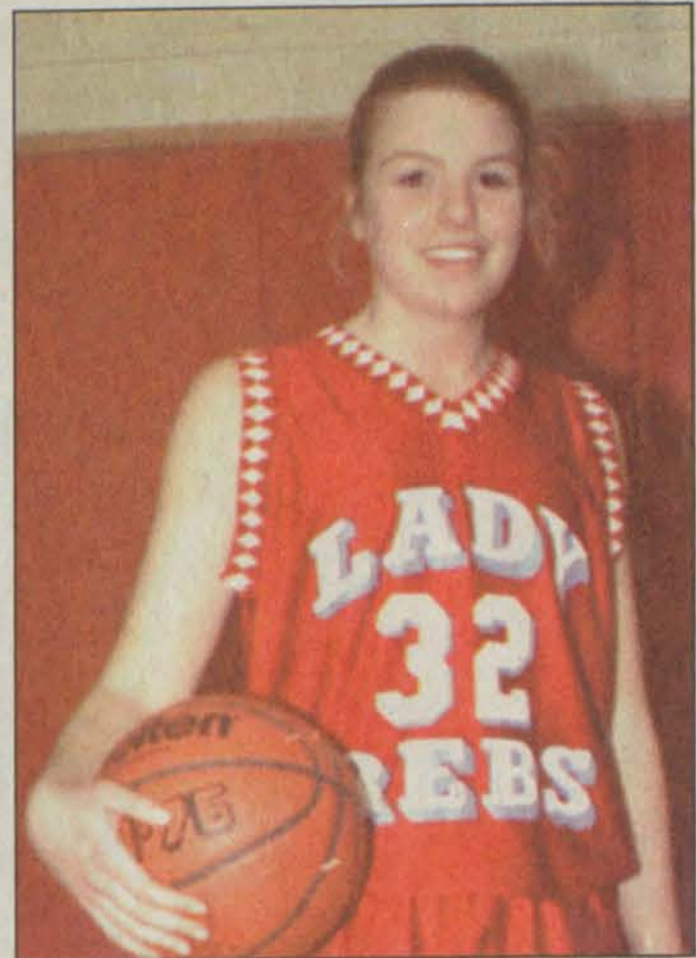
Homecoming will be held between the girls and boys game at approximately 7:15 p.m.

WPRG went live

WPRG, Channel 5, televised the South Floyd versus Betsy Layne girls and boys game live this past Friday night. Many felt history was made when it happened but it was not the first time a live telecast was held from Betsy Layne by Channel 5.

They have held previous live telecast in years past. Many of the fans thought it was a great achievement for the local station.

Ken Hall and Pete Grigsby, Jr. did the play-by-play for the game with Brian Lee behind the camera.



Big week for Pikeville but not for Rose, Thomas remembered

By Jason Blanton
Sports Columnist

It has been one busy week for Pikeville College. On Thursday afternoon the college announced that it would be a junior varsity football team for the 2000 season before moving up to the big boys' level the next year.

Speculation had been running wild for the past couple of years as to just when the school would start its gridiron program.

There is hope that a new coach would be in place by April, so he can start laying the foundation of the new program.

The next big question is who will be tabbed to be the first head coach. A lot of names have been circulating, and I just hope the college won't rush into a hiring because of community pressure.

The question that has to be on the minds of the committee, "Do we hire an older established coach or do we hire someone young and starting out?"

All I say is to hire the best man for the job. A man that is not in it for the money, but a chance to coach on the college level. A man that has more to offer these young men than just football.

Last night, Pikeville College played a huge men's basketball game against KIAC rival Lindsey Wilson. A win would give the Bears a very good 4-1 record with only one game left in the conference season (Feb 26 at Spalding University).

It was nice that the Bears were still in the conference race here in mid-February.

Randy McCoy and staff have started laying the foundation for a successful program. And once they move into the Mid-South, the Bears will have to find a couple of more pieces to the puzzle in building that program.

Still, I think it must have been a matter of national security why the college didn't come out and say that we are in or we are out of the Mid-South Conference.

When a Lexington paper has a soild story on it two to three months ago, but the local media are not told anything but 'we haven't made it official' then the college will wonder why the rest of us might not want to give coverage when bigger events play out.

But that's not the official word I will have to check and get back to you on that.

Selig shows true color

Well, I hate to tell people I told you so, but I told you so. Baseball dictator, uh, commissioner Bud Selig has turned down a request by the Cincinnati Reds to invite Pete Rose to ceremonies this summer to honor the 1975 World Series champions.

Selig allowed Rose to participate in ceremonies last fall to honor the All-Century team, that was after a lot of pressure put on him by other baseball people and the fans.

Rose was the MVP of that 1975 World Series that the Reds won in seven games over Boston.

He is still banned from the game as a result of an agreement after an investigation into his gambling.

The ceremonies are schedule to be June 3 at Cincergy Field.

Thomas will be missed

Derrick Thomas was not a perfect man, but he was a special man.

Unlike too many professional athletes, Thomas gave back to Miami, his hometown, and Kansas City, the town that he played his entire career.

Thomas, a nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker for the Chiefs, died Monday. He was only 33.

It had been a hard two weeks for Thomas. He was paralyzed, after an automobile accident, which he was thrown from the vehicle because he was not wearing his seatbelt.

He knew his playing career was over but didn't let that affect his attitude.

He was transferred to Miami and had gone through the 4-hour surgery to put screws, titanium rods, hooks and bone drafts from Thomas' hip to his to stabilize his spinal chord.

He had started rehabilitation this week and things went well on Monday.

Things looked very good.

Thomas was upbeat. His family and friends were upbeat. Then as suddenly as the accident took his ability to walk, he collapsed while being transferred from his bed to a wheelchair that was to take him to a rehabilitation session.

Efforts to revive Thomas were unsuccessful.

Unlike the past couple of NFL players to make the news, Ray Couch and Ray Lewis, Thomas was a man.

He was not perfect, but unlike some of his fellow professional athletes he was proud to give back.

He came from little and left us with so much.

All of his friends were sad with the death of their friend, but all agreed that he lived his life to the fullest.

Thomas never held anything back. He help when he could and made us realize to live each day as if it were our last and enjoy the time we have on this earth.

For that Derrick Thomas will have a lasting effort on the NFL and the world.

Johnson Central over Magoffin County

Coach Johnny Ray Turner's Johnson Central Eagles defeated the Magoffin County Hornets this past Friday night and the win created a three-way tie for first place in the 57th District race.

Paintsville, Magoffin County and Johnson Central have identical 4-2 marks and will need a draw to determine the top seed. The one seed will face Sheldon Clark, the fourth seed in the district.

The tournament will be held at Magoffin County and promises to be one of the better districts of the four in the region.

The Eagles upended the Tigers in a first round game last year, preventing the Tigers from a chance to win an unprecedented fifth regional tournament.

The two teams could very well meet again depending on the luck (or unlucky) of the draw.



■ Brook Coleman

Lifestyles



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The Very Best of Friends

by Ralph Hall
 Hi Hat



I lost her somewhere between four children and eight grandchildren. But I was never able to forget the long nights we lay in bed in our early days of marriage and talked all night about the music and poetry we both shared and loved.

We were so much alike and yet so different.

I came from a strong Baptist background, and she was a product of a Holy Roller family. We were so much in love that no family ties could ever draw us apart.

We framed a union that has lasted for 42 years.

I thought she was the most beautiful young girl I had ever seen, with her olive skin, black shiny hair, and hazel eyes, and I liked her, too. We were best of friends, and still are. I no longer needed the boys I had spent my days of childhood with.

Because I had met this wonderful sweet person to be my helpmate, and to share a life with.

We took long walks together as we talked about the birds and flowers along the trail of make believe. In that world where young lovers enjoy the closeness and oneness they share in being good friends.

Even the fights we had couldn't destroy the friendship we shared. There is a bond between real friends that nothing can break.

In a span of 42 years we had four children and eight grandchildren. So much of our time was taken up in raising a family and making a living.

We stayed friends, but there was a distance between us, because of family responsibilities.

But time changes all things. Our children are grown and most of our grandchildren. Our son Jimmy built us this beautiful nine-room house to live in, which we enjoy very much.

With a nice deck where we can sit and watch the red and blue birds build nest in the trees and feed their young.

So here we are, both retired and living free of family responsibilities. We are rediscovering what we lost in the days of our youth, real friendship.

We once again take the long walks up the hollow, and lie awake at night as we talk about the things we enjoy. There is no person I love more than my best friend.

True friendship never dies; it is like good wine, which always gets better with age.

I guess my last words will be "Claudette, I love you, my best friend." There is nothing more important in a marriage than friendship, because it never dies.

So I will say it's not money or sex that keeps a marriage together. It is that emotion we share as good friends. So I say, marry your friend whom you enjoy being with.

There is no love greater than the love between friends. Because the two of them will become one.

Life is so wonderful when two married people become friends.

The two of us have found the day of youth once again.

To share in our twilight years as we talk about the memories of youth.

When we were young lovers and the very best of friends.

Written in hope that some young couple may read it and become the very best of friends in their marriage. Friendships will make any marriage work.



David graduate finds way home

Story and photos
 by Willie Elliott
 Staff Writer

The David School had its mid-year commencements exercises recently, and it was probably one of the most memorable graduations in the school's 26-year history — as one of its own, who has come home to serve, gave the commencement address.

The David School's graduation was not like the typical commencement exercise. Students, faculty, parents and visitors gathered in the dining hall where lunch was served family-style.

Sr. Emma Kriz, Doris Slone and the students had prepared a delicious lunch. Diners at each table dipped green beans, mashed potatoes, dressing and turkey onto plates.

After the main course, the exercises were conducted as some people were finishing their dessert. The meeting closed with a group singing of "Amazing Grace." Not a typical graduation ceremony.

Prior to his speech, alumnus and teacher Dwayne Shepherd sang a song that had a tie-in with his return to his alma mater — "Coming on Home/Softly and Tenderly."

Shepherd, who attended the school from 1981 to 1985, went on to Berea College to get his degree before returning to the school that he says provided the equity that he needed during his high school years.

Shepherd, who executive director Danny Greene characterized as "one the brightest students we ever had at David," said Berea was a natural place for him to continue his education since the two institutions have similar philosophies about service.

"I wanted to give back to the school that gave me so much," Shepherd said, adding that his new job at the school is very satisfying.

Shepherd is now teaching social studies, but next term he will teach music, Appalachian studies and shop. He said he is well received by the students because he has "some idea of what they need to fit in."



Dwayne Shepherd sang and spoke at his alma mater's mid-year graduation.

In his commencement speech, Shepherd told the graduates they are achievers. He cautioned them to continue and "not let life happen to you, but form some dreams and goals and strive for them."

He told the graduates they had received a strong foundation at The David School, but much work still needs to be done.

Shepherd said one of the big

things that held him back (and may hold the graduates back) was fear — the fear of failure.

After he left David, Shepherd worked on construction jobs in Lexington. It was here that he met a Korean War veteran who had always wanted to be a state policeman, but he never pursued his goal.

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

What is the most delicate thing on earth? Truth. Stretch it just a little bit, and it dies.

Wish I could remember that line that popped into the old noggin, just as I was dozing last night. I earmarked it for this column but it has slipped so far back into the sub-conscious that I may have to consult a hypnotist.

For the last few days I have been especially aware of the fact that the years have caught up with me, and I've been doing a little more pining than usual for the days 'way back when. Know why? It's all this snow, and a-body too old to enjoy it.

Figure this one. If we could have nine or ten inches of snow last week-end when not a flake was predicted by the Weather Bureau, radio, television or newspapers, how deep will this one that's falling now be, since the weather boys have guessed it might go three or four inches?

HOLD FAST—HELP IS ON THE WAY!

This winter has been a particularly trying one for most of us folks. We've watched television sinuses drain and hammers pound the pain into heads till we feel like we've been sitting in on an autopsy. But maybe the Federal Trade Commission will save the day, if it isn't already too late for some of us who are on the squeamish side.

Least some of us dash out the door, screaming, the FTC has warned all and sundry that what you see on television commercials ain't necessarily so.

That toothpaste that makes that nice, clean streak across the stain left by the smoking machine doesn't remove all tobacco stains, FTC says. Nor does the other kind provide that "invisible shield." Moreover, that demonstration of a razor shaving sandpaper doesn't mean much, even if any of us poor blokes did have a sandpaper beard. FTC says it has evoked the admission from the advertising agency that real sandpaper isn't used. Not because sandpaper couldn't be shaved (if it needs it)—oh, no; just because the television lens do not record the variations between real sandpaper before and after a bout with the razor.

(Now we learn that one incredulous soul tried plain water, and did as well shaving sandpaper as he did when he used that certain brand of shaving lather. The record does not say anything about the comparative condition of the blades used with and without.)

The FTC is pinning down on the boys all along the line. These "flavor buds" in a certain brand of oleo are under attack, and FTC takes a rather dim view of that demonstration of strong and weak aluminum foil and of the view from certain car windows, and so on.

Perhaps, after all, the dear gullible American public will be taught that even the time-honored "sein' is believin'" isn't infallible. They got to me just in time to save me from trying to shave with three strokes of the razor, which is par for the TV course.

But to this good day they haven't cleared up this matter of what is a "thinking man's filter and a smokin man's taste."

PARKS IN ALL REGIONS

Roads radiate from this hub into whatever type of landscape the vacationer prefers—mountains, flatland, lake regions, forests, Kentucky's 32 parks and shrines and seven big fishing lakes are distributed among all its geographical areas. Distances tending east and west are the farthest, mostly under 300 miles from a central location; those north and south are mostly short drives of less than 200 miles.

A love story for Valentine's Day

Doctor visit leads to wedding

by Charlotte H. Caudill
 Troublesome Creek Times

Suffering from an earache, Kentucky State Trooper Jim Baker went to Harold Primary Care Clinic, where he was treated by Dr. Debbie Hall, general practitioner at the clinic.

During a routine examination and prescribing of medicine, the two outgoing people began sharing stories about their lives as young, unmarried professionals.

Baker left and did not return to the clinic for a year, when he went to have a wart removed from his finger. While discussing a complication with his insurance, the doctor and the trooper became better acquainted.

Baker said he wanted to ask her out but didn't have the nerve while he was in the clinic, so he waited until he was driving in his car and called her from his cellular phone.

Baker coaches grade school football and took Dr. Hall to a football game on their first date. On their next date, he made dinner for her at his place.

Dr. Hall said she was initially somewhat intimidated by Baker's strong authoritative presence, a necessary trait for his profession, but he quickly disarmed her with his charm and intelligence.

It didn't take long for Hall and Baker to know they were right for each other, and they became hus-



band and wife in a beautiful ceremony in Puerto Rico.

Hall uses her maiden name at work because it is the name under which she established her medical practice and her patients know her.

The couple share several interests, including movies and golfing, and they love their pets, Presley the cat and Mercury the dog.

Dr. Hall said they have made concessions. For example, she has learned to appreciate football and he has taken a liking to her cat, after he had told her initially, "Cats are all right, but I don't especially like them."

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Staff and students cooked up a special lunch for everyone on graduation day.



Recognized during graduation ceremonies recently at The David School were, from left, Misty Rose, Heather Sutton, Michael Jason Davis and Steve Bailey.

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



Let's hear it for buses

Writing nostalgically last week of trains made me think of buses, which are totally gone from the hills, except for tour and school vehicles, which are hardly comparable to the commercial kind.

Like Tennessee Williams' literary milk train, the passenger bus doesn't stop here anymore. Gone is the time when the Greyhound whizzed around curves and up steep mountain roads to take eastern Kentuckians where they needed to go — generally up North and home again.

However, I have little nostalgia for buses. Sure, they served a needed role and were relatively cheap, but they had none of the romance of trains, little of the comfort, and certainly nowhere near the speed of airplanes.

I do have some vivid memories of buses, though. One is of a time I spent hours in the Lexington bus station. I was living in Georgia, and I hitched a ride to Lexington with some friends who were going to Chicago. We got to Lexington about 2 a.m. and my bus was to leave for Paintsville at 7 a.m.

It was a few days before Christmas and the bus station was packed. For the two or three empty seats, I had to weigh which of the flankers were less objectionable.

I ended up sitting between a large woman with a child on her lap and a snoring elderly man. The woman tried as hard as I to contain her body and her child's to their own seat.

But the man's head kept falling onto my shoulder. Each time, he'd jerk up and mumble excuse me's, and then five minutes later the act was repeated.

By six or so, the old man and the woman with child had moved on, so I allowed myself to nod off a time or two. The last time I roused, I found a well-dressed man sitting across the aisle and leaning toward me, with a grin on his face.

"Are you tired?" he asked.
I answered, "Yes, sir, a little."
His next words I will never forget. They have given me much joy in sharing over the years.

A noticeable twinkle in his eye, he leaned farther forward and said, "Would you like to go somewhere and get some sleep?"

I told him no, thanks, and prayed for the bus to get there quick to carry me back to the hills. I vowed that would be my last bus trip.

It wasn't.
Several years later when I lived in Arkansas, I was forced to ride the bus again. On the way back from a trip out West, I had to leave my beloved sports car for dead in Russell, Kansas (home of Bob Dole), and take a bus back to Pine Bluff.

From Russell to Salina, Kansas, about 75 miles, the bus was so crowded I had to stand up, which would not have been too bad except that I was carrying all the things that would have been in my car were I driving, including a four foot tall, diamond-shaped Indian God's eye weaving from New Mexico.

That was the last time I rode a commercial bus. I've been on tour buses and school buses (ugh), but not a Greyhound or Trailways.

Still, it's sad that we don't have the option here of bus transportation. The lack of commercial buses greatly limits many people.

My mother, a non-driver, rode the bus regularly to visit family and friends in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Florida and wherever I was. She enjoyed her trips, being sure to sit near the driver and making friends along the way. Her retirement would have been far less satisfying if she had not had that option.

When I hear older people talk about how easy it was to ride trains and buses along the Big Sandy in years past and I look at our limited options now, I wonder if we haven't digressed.

FCT subscriber of the day:
Greetings to Roy Hicks of Martin.
Thanks for reading the Times.

THINGS TO PONDER

Getting the bully off your back—Phase II

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Now, for the rest of the story. In the beginning, types of bullies have been identified, such as those who survive from childhood into adulthood, ones who climb over any and everybody to get what they want, "social fools" who will stop when confronted, and the evil ones who are very dangerous, often undetected, likely to be the boss.

Last time, suggestions were given as to ways to avoid the chance of being a Miss Target for Mr. Bully: remember you are a competent, decent human being; stay around others to increase the probability of you controlling your own perceptions; be sure you're not giving Mr. Bully verbal and non-verbal cues that you are an easy mark; convey a sense of power when in public; don't rely on others for evaluations of your work; take action only after you are settled down over there being a bully in the workplace targeting you, and be prepared with a strong defense and a cloak of confidence.

So, this is Phase I that involves stopping the noise from Mr. Bully to take care of yourself, to getting stronger for the possible battle ahead. Next, Phase II includes designing a case to counteract Mr. Bully and bringing him down within the organization.

According to the Drs. Namie in their "Campaign Against Workplace Bullying" (1998), Miss Target has three choices for getting Mr. Bully off her back: either the bully leaves, the target leaves, or, a counter-attack is planned. The latter will be successful only if you have a person senior to the bully who will support you for economic, plus humane reasons.

If no such person is found and Mr. Bully does not back off when you confront him

about his irrational mistreatment, you will have to get a job elsewhere.

A factual equation is that Mr. Bully with organizational backing will equal to daily H— you don't deserve. Get out while you have your sanity and dignity. (Some of us have a hard time doing that, it seems.)

However, you can bring down Mr. Bully (with a little help from your friends).

#1 — DOCUMENT ALL WRONGS committed that consist of behaviors and actions. In addition, record witnesses and what event triggered the abuse — outburst or comment. Retaliation can later be shown as the motive.

Don't forget there are two groups of co-workers, Miss Target's allies and Mr. Bully's allies. If it is unknown who a person supports, assume it is Mr. Bully. Never let Mr. Bully's allies know what is planned.

Talk only with your allies and uncommitted peers, yours versus Mr. Bully's, about what Mr. Bully has done to you, in an effort to see if you are the sole target of his attacks or if he has a pattern. If others step forward, join together and move forward as a group.

In the meanwhile, avoid appearing to be a whiner and a crier. It turns others off.

#2 — SEARCH OF INTERNAL COMPANY POLICIES violated by Mr. Bully's. These might be formal documents and higher-level, morally-driven ones like the corporate mission. Customer principles should apply to you, too.

#3 — SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE BROKEN LAWS: Usually it is worth it to pay an hour's attorney fee for the opportunity to clarify if actions can be identified as illegal or otherwise. Don't sign a legal contract at that point, but get armed with the facts and exact terms in legalese.

#4 — IDENTIFY HIGHER RANKED ALLIES ABOVE THE BULLY: Without giving away your plan to a closet supporter, go as high as you can. A high-ranking individual has the power to threaten Mr. Bully with job loss or disciplinary procedures. Also, provide the Risk Management person with evidence of the bully's misconduct, while using all the legal terms you can.

#5 — MEET WITH THE IDENTIFIED SENIOR ALLY along with fellow targets to show strength in numbers. In a short, unemotional story, show how Mr. Bully repeatedly violated the company policies and rules of decent human workplace conduct.

Don't forget to present the employers' loss in time and money. Have a definite idea of what you are requesting of the senior ally, such as asking him/her to attend a meeting or, if trusted, to be in charge of the meeting, based on your agenda. Ask Human Resources and legal department personnel to come as witnesses only.

Also, be aware that these folks tend to identify more with the employer, out of a misplaced identification with the person signing paychecks than a general moral cause. They are likely to talk about how it won't work and how you can't do as planned.

#6 — CREATE AN AGENDA for the confrontation meeting that is simple. The process may be: targets accuse bully of misconduct; senior manager states how conduct violated company policy; bully gets to respond; consequences are determined by upper managers in attendance; conclusion with signatures to contract with the bully about future infractions resulting in immediate termination and a monitoring schedule to make sure Mr. Bully follows through.

The idea is that, in exchange for the company harnessing the bully, you agree not to sue. If that doesn't work, seek legal remedies. You might even take a leave from work due to a disability from the emotional stress inflicted first by Mr. Bully and next by irresponsible management that supports hostile working conditions, despite having a chance to change the situation.

The expectation is that, at this point, you get the bully off your back without losing your mind and/or job or hiring an attorney who might drag out a legal case for years. Through this process you control your fate. No bullies will dare attack you in the future.

Even though these suggestions are probably very workable, the process really works best when all targets are together. A common major deficit is that often targets are so beaten down and/or have accepted they have to have their particular job, they're stuck, and the financial risk is too high to speak up.

A prediction is that there are several instances in our community where our friends and neighbors are being mistreated and abused in the workplace. It is very unfortunate that co-workers have to work hard, mentally and physically, with the added emotional burden of spending many hours of the day in an ill-fated work environment.

Most likely, some individuals would be shocked at the number of local employers who are bullies and professionals in different areas who are enabled to bully those with whom they come in contact.

By all means, speak up. So often, if you are being mistreated, there are others that are also being victimized. Again, speak up for yourself. Do not enable a miserable workplace.

Child safety seats and booster seats are effective when used properly

Most parents believe they buckle their kids in correctly in their car safety seats, but surprisingly, most times they're wrong. With so many types of child safety seats and seat belt systems, it's hard to be sure child safety seats are in right.

Another common mistake parents make is believing that once children outgrow their forward-facing child safety seats, an adult seatbelt is good enough.

In reality, any child who cannot sit with his or back straight against the vehicle seat back cushion, with knees bent over the vehicle's seat edge and without slouching, should be safely secured in a booster seat. This applies to all children between 40 and 80 lbs. and less than 4'9" tall.

Adult seat belts can be dangerous when used alone if a child is too small. The shoulder belt cuts across their necks and the lap belt rides up into their soft bellies. In a crash, this can cause serious or even fatal injuries. Unfortunately, many child passenger safety laws ignore children this age and size, giving parents a false sense of security.

Booster seats, like smaller child safety seats, are very effective, when used properly, in protecting children in car crashes. A booster seat positions the adult designed seat belt correctly and safely. It offers children greater comfort and visibility as well as protection.

Remember, all children age 12 and under should sit properly restrained in the back seat. As your child outgrows his or her forward facing child safety seat make sure he or she is in a booster seat before you buckle them up.

With so many child safety seats, seat belts, and vehicles on the market today, it can be very confusing and difficult to properly install a child safety seat. Be sure to read the safety seat instructions and your vehicle owner's manual before attempting to install your child's safety seat. If possible, have all

your child safety seats inspected by a trained technician.

Highlands Regional Medical Center urges parents to be aware of child safety seat use. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 6 and 14 years and many of these could be prevented by the correct use of child safety seat and booster seat use. Remember the following important child safety seat tips:

- Never place a child in a child safety seat in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag.
 - Never use pillow, books or towels to boost a child. They can slide around.
 - Never put the shoulder belt behind a child's arm or back, because it eliminates the protection for the upper part of the body and increases the risk of severe injury in a crash.
 - Never use just a lap belt only across a child sitting in a booster seat.
 - Infants, birth to one year (up to 20 lbs.), should be placed in the back seat of the car in an infant only, rear facing child safety seat.
 - Toddlers (20-40 lbs.) should be placed in the back seat of the car in a forward facing child safety seat.
 - Preschoolers (40-80 lbs., usually ages 4-8) should be placed in the back seat of the car in a forward facing, belt positioning booster seat.
 - Remember, all children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat of the car.
- Child safety seats, including booster seats, when used properly, are very effective in saving children's lives during crashes. February 13-19 is National Child Passenger Safety Week and Highlands Regional Medical Center urges parents to be aware of the critical importance of proper child safety seat use. For more information, call 1-888-327-4236.

Shepherd

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He encouraged Shepherd to set some goals and follow them.

This led Shepherd to Berea where he got an independent degree in Appalachian housing.

Shepherd and his wife Sally Israel-Shepherd have a three-year-old daughter. His wife teaches English at the school.

Filmmakers Loran and David Sutherland of David Sutherland Inc. were on hand to film the occasion as part of a documentary the two are doing on the school. The Sutherlands are well known for their film "The Farmer's Wife" which has been shown on KET and nationwide on other public broadcasting stations.

The two 2000 winter graduates are Steve Bailey and Michael Jason Davis. The school also honored two

students who passed their GED after taking classes with David School instructor Linda Bailey.

Heather Sutton from the Allen Center and Misty Rose from the John M. Stumbo Center were awarded their GED certificates.

Other students who earned their GED but were unable to attend the ceremonies include Billy Bruner, Jeff Driscoll, Jeremy Pennington, Randol Shepherd, Teeny Cheney, Joe Owen and Andy Richardson who earned their diploma at the Floyd County Detention Center; Gordon Burke, Tabitha Shepherd, Terri Woods, Sherri Marshall and Shaw Woods from the Morehead Center; Robin Conn, May Valley Center; Eric Cecil, Betsy Layne Center; and Crystal Music from the Cliffside Community Center.

Today's Valentines

(NAPSA)-Here are a few lovely facts about Valentine's Day past and present you may cherish at any time:

Some historians say Valentine's Day is for the birds. That is, they trace it to an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14.

The custom of sending romantic messages on Valentine's Day may have begun in the 1500s, but the first commercially-printed Valentine's Day cards didn't appear until the 1800s.

Today, many Americans express their ardor over the Internet. You can even get a customizable, interactive Valentine's Day CD-ROM.

The Valentine Greets features include:

- Interactive Chocolates: A heart-shaped box of candy takes you through all the sweet features found on the CD. The recipient even gets an actual box of real chocolates.
- Free advice: Amusing answers from a special set of twin sisters, Valentine's Day (and Birthday) Greets are available at www.greets.com.

Love

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The couple live in Prestonsburg, Hall's hometown. Baker is originally from Middlesboro in Bell County. His extraordinary skills on the football field took him to California where he had a brief career with the Los Angeles Raiders.

They have been married for two years. Dr. Hall believes their wedding date, on her parents' 40th anniversary, is a good omen that she and her husband will have a long, happy marriage.

Briefs

Adoption seminar set for Louisville

A free adoption seminar is planned for Tuesday, February 15, in Louisville, sponsored by Chosen Children Adoption Services Inc. and Families Thru International Adoption.

The event, focusing on adoptions from China, Russia, Guatemala and Vietnam, will take place at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue and I-71.

Families who have adopted international children will be at the seminar to share their experiences.

For information, call 502/231-1336 or Adoptlink@aol.com.

Pageant to be held in Lexington

The 17th annual Miss Kentucky American Coed Pageant is set for July 6-9, at Lexington's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The six age divisions are Coed, 18-20; Teen, 16-17; Jr. Teen, 13-15; Preteen, 10-12; Sweetheart, 7-9; and Princess, 3-6. The winner in each age group is to receive \$1,000 in cash, along with a \$500 scholarship and other prizes.

Scholastic achievement is one of the criteria. No makeup is allowed for girls 12 and under, and there is no swimsuit competition. For more information, call 409/681-9800.



After seeing a valentine from Great Britain in 1847 Ester A. Howland of Worcester, Mass. decided to make her own becoming one of the first makers of commercial valentines in the U.S.



"But today, you don't have to be a woman to appreciate flowers from someone you love. Men are often just as excited to see that flower delivery arrive at their doorstep."

According to the FTD survey, 89 percent of men who will purchase flowers on Valentine's Day will buy them for wives/girlfriends. Fourteen percent of men will buy them for their mothers.

**WEDDINGS/
ENGAGEMENTS**



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Farler of Auxier announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tracey LeAnn, and Phillip Edward Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Collins of Spurlock Creek. The open ceremony will take place on Friday, March 24, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the home of the groom's parents.

Reader's "winter sore throat" probably not due to tonsils

Question: I am a middle-aged adult who is often plagued with sore throats in the winter. I didn't have my tonsils removed in childhood and wonder if my sore throats are a consequence of this. What purpose do tonsils serve, and why is it often necessary to have them removed when we are young?

Answer: Tonsils are part of the body's immune system, and as such, help us fight off the numerous bacterial and viral illnesses that assault us, including sore throats.

"Dr. Mom" has the opportunity to see what tonsils look like every time she peers into her child's mouth to check on a sore throat. The tonsils are those rounded mounds of lymph tissue located on the sidewalls of the throat just behind the teeth. In children the tonsils are quite prominent, but in adults they usually shrink down to little patches of tissue.

The surgery to remove tonsils — called a "tonsillectomy" — is performed frequently, but not as often as it was twenty years ago. It was previously believed that enlarged tonsils caused frequent sore throats, and surgery to remove the tonsils prevented this common malady.

When I was a child, one of my

sisters and I had our tonsils out at the same time. It was considered a "normal" surgery that all children should have to keep them healthy. Today, we know better. The tonsils enlarge as a response to infection. They rarely become so infected that they are actually the source of illness.

However, there are still some good reasons for an adult or child to have his or her tonsils removed. In children, this operation is most commonly performed because the tonsils have become so large that they cause blockage of the throat and, thereby, produce difficulty with swallowing and breathing.

Another common reason for tonsillectomy is repeated tonsil infection, or tonsillitis. "Repeated" means having six episodes of tonsillitis in one year, or five episodes each year for the last two years.

These incidents of tonsillitis must be more than just a simple scratchy, red throat. They must meet the following criteria: the tonsils are enlarged, often covered with blotches of "whitish exudate" and the test for "strep" throat is positive.

In addition, the lymph nodes in the neck are usually swollen, too.



Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Individuals suffer from sore throats more commonly in winter months for several reasons. The humidity of the air indoors is quite low. This produces drying of the lining of the nose and throat and makes it more susceptible to infection.

Probably the most important cause of these respiratory illnesses, however, is that when it is cold outside we tend to spend more time indoors with others. Most colds and sore throats are caused by infections with one of several different viruses. These illnesses are spread from person-to-person, and this occurs more commonly when we are in close proximity to others. Therefore, the winter months

become the season for colds and sore throats.

I suggest that you talk to your doctor about your frequent sore throats. If your tonsils are a problem, he or she will be able to tell you so. More likely, however, is that you just have the unfortunate experience of helping each "cold" virus carry on with its normal work — making you and me miserable with a sore throat and cold.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Anniversaries



Couple mark 43 years

Laurence and Mary Jo Craft of Auxier recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. They were married in Auxier on January 19, 1957. He is retired from American Standard, and she is a homemaker. They have four children: Mattie Sublett of Oil Springs, Connie Slone of Blue River, Larry Craft of Auxier, and Tamara Craft, also of Auxier. They also have three grandchildren.

A look at love past and present

(NAPSA)—When you share a romantic moment with your beloved this Valentine's Day, you may care to also think about all the long-ago lovers and present participants who helped make the holiday what it is today.

Then: Legend has it Saint Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. When the emperor forbade young men to marry, believing bachelors made better soldiers, Valentine secretly presided over their nuptials anyway.

Some historians trace the custom of sending Valentines to a French Duke of the 1400s. A prisoner of war in England, he sent his wife a rhymed love letter from his Tower of London cell on Valentine's Day.

Now: Today, modern American romantics often express their sentiments in song. One lovely way to do so many say is with the "Sentimental Reasons" album. This loving tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford, jazz-pop duo of the 1950s, features famed acoustic guitarist Bob Harris and songstress Lucy Clark.

Highlighting the best of jazz, big band, Broadway and film tracks of the 1920s through the 1950s, the delightful collection of 15 sentimental classics includes: "Mr. Sandman," "Blue Moon," "How High the Moon," "Tiger Rag," "Alabama Bound," "Tennessee Waltz," "Heartache," "In the Mood," "Am I Blue," "Bye Bye Blues," "I Really Don't Want To Know," "Vaya Con Dios," "Limehouse Blues," and the title song, "(I Love You) For Sentimental Reasons."

The nostalgic CD from Q Records can make a great gift for a loved one or yourself. It's available now at music stores nationwide.



In old England people believed February 14 was the day birds chose their mates. In modern America, romance can take wing to the sounds of swing, jazz and pop on a CD.

Winnie-the-Pooh ponders love

(NAPSA)—What love-lier way to share Valentine's Day fun with the family than to indulge in two love-laced video tales for children.

The all-new-to-video, Emmy-winning Winnie The Pooh, A Valentine For You!, from Walt Disney Home Video, includes three new songs and features the voices Pooh fans have grown to love, including Paul Winchell as Tigger, Jim Cummings as Pooh, John Fiedler as Piglet and Peter Cullen as Eeyore.

In Winnie the Pooh, A Valentine For You!, Pooh and his friends are afraid that Christopher Robin has been bitten by a Smitten when he becomes inter-

ested in-gasp!—a girl. They search the Hundred Acre Wood for the love bug hoping it will bite him again and cure his lovesickness. They discover that Christopher Robin isn't actually sick, and that his heart will always have room for his friends.

Also available is Belle's Magical World, featuring all the magic, music and unforgettable characters from the animated classic Beauty and the Beast. It contains three charming storybook fantasies that star Belle and her enchanting friends.

These two delightful videos for Valentine's Day offer heart-felt fun for the whole family and are each priced at less than \$15.



Here's a sweet idea—a duo of delightful videos can help your family share the romantic fun of Valentine's Day.

BIRTHDAYS



McKenzie Brooke Artrip

Jenelle and Kenny Artrip of Harold announce the birth of their second daughter, McKenzie Brooke Artrip, born January 11, 2000, at 3 p.m. at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She weighed six pounds, five ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of Edith Mae Smith of Prestonsburg and Ida Artrip of Drift. She was welcomed home by her older sister, Kendra Lasha Artrip.



Haley is one

Haley Brooke Wright, daughter of Tracy and Kristy Wright of Prestonsburg, celebrated her first birthday on January 5, 2000. A celebration was held on January 8, at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mike and Linda Jarrell, also of Prestonsburg. Haley's paternal grandparents are Earl and Debbie Wright of Sitka, and Johnny and Billie Thacker of Sydney.

Wesley Dalton Slone

In the birthday announcement for Wesley Dalton Slone of Hi Hat, in Wednesday's Lifestyles section, the name of a very important person was omitted. His great-grandmother is Nancy Leedy of Hi Hat.

Sausage, syrup combine

Columbus, Ohio—Bob Evans and Log Cabin have unique histories and a common interest in not only producing quality food products, but in preserving the rich heritage of a bygone era.

Now, they have combined two of their brands to create a product that is the first of its kind for each company. The brands are Bob Evans and Log Cabin, and they will partner to create the one-of-a-kind flavor in Bob Evans Maple Roll Sausage made with Log Cabin syrup.

Available in the refrigerated section of grocery stores, it will be introduced in all Bob Evans food markets in February. It joins the Bob Evans line of roll sausage which includes regular, hot, sage and Italian flavors. Suggested

retail price for the one-pound roll is \$2.99.

"For so many families, fresh pork sausage and the taste of maple syrup are a perfect breakfast combination—and now Bob Evans and Log Cabin have combined those flavors to create a sweet, savory sausage," said Stewart Owens, president of Bob Evans Farms. "It's the perfect new addition to our family of fresh, high-quality sausage."

Combining the two breakfast favorites and the brands of the two companies was a natural move, Owens said. In addition to the history of the

quality food products, both Bob Evans Farms and Aurora Foods, makers of Log Cabin syrup, have a similar interest in preserving historically significant log cabins.

Log Cabin, whose history dates to 1887, has made a four-year \$1 million commitment to restore historically significant log cabins through the National Park Foundation.

The 1999 donation alone helped to restore four cabins, as well as creating a Log Cabin Endowment which will meet future cabin restoration needs in the Great Smoky Mountains. The program is a public-private partnership which preserves historic cabins on national park land.

Bob Evans Farms has a log cabin

restoration program, having fully restored six log cabins that date to the 1800s on its original Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio. The cabins are preserved on the Bob Evans Farm, and toured by tens of thousands of visitors to the farm each year.

Bob Evans Farms (NASDAQ: BOBE) is a leading producer of home-style foods under the Bob Evans and Owens brand names and produces and distributes a variety of food products in 21 states and the District of Columbia. The company also currently owns and operates 431 full-service, family restaurants in 21 states, principally in the East North Central, mid-Atlantic and Southern United States, as well as Texas.

Reunions

Daniels

Descendants of Jim and Vernie Daniels are planning a reunion for June. Their granddaughter, Becky Cain, has details. Contact her at 9209 Axminster Dr., Louisville, KY 40299, or e-mail Jcain9784@aol.com.

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Youth News

KY independent colleges launch internet service

Independent colleges and universities in Kentucky have just made it easier than ever for students to plan for and apply to college.

A new and free web site, called KentuckyMentor™ (www.kentuckymentor.org) will help students prepare for college admission, seek information about independent higher education opportunities in Kentucky, and apply on-line for admission.

KentuckyMentor™ offers a host of features designed to streamline the whole college preparation process for students.

Among these are a student planner that assists high school students in planning courses to meet college admission requirements; a selection

process which matches students' needs and interests with specific colleges; direct e-mail communication with campus representatives; virtual campus tours; extensive financial aid information and links to important financial aid resources, including the on-line version of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); and on-line admission applications. Best of all, KentuckyMentor™ is a free service.

The only cost a student may incur is the application fee colleges normally charge.

The site was developed by XAP Corporation, a cutting-edge Internet company, in partnership with the Association of

Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU). It is being underwritten by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation, "the Student Loan People," a non-profit organization and the least expensive single source for student loans in Kentucky.

"KentuckyMentor™ is going to be a great help in getting the word out about independent colleges and universities in Kentucky," says Gary S. Cox, AIKCU president.

"Kentucky's 19 independent colleges have joined together to create a simpler, student-friendly process for choosing college and applying for admission. The site will be an enormous help as students prepare for one of the most

important decisions they will ever make: choosing a college."

"We are excited about this opportunity to provide Kentucky students and parents with a new resource to simplify access to in-state colleges and universities," explains Roger Tharp, President and Chief Operating Officer for the Student Loan People.

"KentuckyMentor™ offers another avenue for us to make Kentuckians aware of the low-cost college funding options we provide as we fulfill our mission to promote Kentucky's higher educational opportunities by providing loan programs and related services."

In this area, participating colleges include Alice Lloyd, Kentucky Christian, and Pikeville.



Representing Opportunities Unlimited as Junior Miss Red, White and Blue last fall was Tina Hall, with Dara Ousley as Miss Red, White and Blue. Both were escorted by McKay Ousley.

Floyd County PCC students named to President's List

The President's List for the 1999 Fall Semester at Prestonsburg Community College includes 19 students from Floyd County. The list recognizes students who achieve a 4.0 grade point average.

Students from Prestonsburg include Loretta T. Blackburn, Aaron T. Frye, Carolyn R. Odell, Amanda C. Stepp, Tiffany D. Warrix, Jimmy D. White and Christopher L. Wireman.

Allen students are Ronnie J. Fannin, Andrea D. Griffith and Kimberly M. Philpot, and from Betsy Layne are Lesley K. Bow and Terry D. Hall.

From other communities are Beenash Anwer of Stanville, Joshua Hamilton of Banner, David B. Kidd of Harold, Kelli S. Newsome of Grethel, Barbara S. Ousley of Auxier, Cynthia L. Prater of Martin and Amy J. Stephens of Dwale.

Local students on PCC academic list

The Dean's List for the 1999 Fall Semester at Prestonsburg Community College includes 60 students from Floyd County. The Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

The students, by community, are:

- Allen: Sherry S. Blakeman, Sandra K. Burns, Ronnie J. Fannin, Andrea D. Griffith, Helen Moore and Kimberly M. Philpot.
- Auxier: Kenneth McKinney and Barbara S. Ousley.
- Banner: Joshua Hamilton.
- Betsy Layne: Lesley K. Bow and Terry D. Hall.
- Blue River: Carolyn Wallace.
- Bypro: Katy B. Moore.
- Dwale: Amy J. Stephens.
- Eastern: Bobby D. Baldrige.
- Garrett: Matthew B. Moore.
- Grethel: Mary F. Akers, Jason Collins and Kelli S. Newsome.
- Harold: Jack B. Hamilton and David B. Kidd.
- Hueysville: Shawn A.

Handshoe and Misty E. Shepherd. Ivel: Byron L. Stapleton.

Langley: Belinda Carroll. Martin: Leslie S. Allen, Jessica N. Bailey, Summer D. Bailey, Kasey L. Craft, Jennifer D. Crisp, Vanessa Frasure, Amy S. Hamilton, Cynthia L. Prater, Thomas E. Reffitt and Mallory N. Wright.

Minnie: Anita C. Mullins. Prestonsburg: Paula L. Bailey, Loretta T. Blackburn, Melissa D. Crider, Aaron T. Frye, Susan D. Hamilton, Kelli G. Hammond, Jamie R. Hatfield, Crystal J. Johnson, Jon T. May, Tonya A. Miller, James H. Nichols, Carolyn R. Odell, Cindy M. Rodriguez-Risner, Brenda J. Settles, Geneva M. Skeens, Amanda C. Stepp, Vanessa K. Tackett, Melinda L. Thompson, Tiffany D. Warrix, Jimmy D. White and Christopher L. Wireman. Printer: Jessica L. Branham. Stanville: Beenash Anwer. Wayland: Brenda S. Slaughter.



Realizing that learning can be both fun and serious, staff and students at Opportunities Unlimited dressed up in '60s and '70s garb for

"Hippie Day."

Study abroad opportunities

The internet has been instrumental in bringing global communities together, but experiencing a new culture first-hand is still the most gratifying.

What does it feel like to be immersed in a foreign culture? To speak a foreign language outside of the classroom? Or more importantly, to return to Floyd County after a summer, semester or year abroad, exhilarated by the knowledge you've gained?

American Youth Abroad (AYA) helps high school students find the answer to these questions and more in its new 2000 Brochure, with study abroad opportunities in Austria, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, England, France, Germany,

Holland/the Netherlands, Russia and Spain. There are more than 25 study abroad programs; costs range from \$1,995 to \$7,795.

AYA is a not-for-profit program sponsored by the American Institute of Foreign Study Foundation, which is based in Samford, Conn. For nearly 35 years, AIFS has been a leader in study abroad programs for American and international students. Close to one million students and teachers have participated in AIFS programs all over the world, with great success.

Students who choose to study abroad are not the only ones who benefit. By hosting an AIFS Academic Year in America international student, local families can earn up to \$1,000 toward

exciting study abroad programs or up to \$500 on summer or winter travel/study programs. In this way, students and individual families can experience all the aspects of a different culture.

The chance to study abroad gives high school students an added edge; the knowledge they gain will put them ahead whether it's in college, in a career, or in cultivating a broader understanding of the world we live in. To receive the new AYA 2000 Brochure, call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164, or send your request via e-mail to abaskinger@aifs.com. You can also visit AYA online at www.academicyear.org. The deadline to apply is April 15, so don't wait!

Local student makes dean's list at Centre College

Lesley Stout of Prestonsburg, has been named to the fall term dean's list at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg, and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Founded in 1819, Centre is a four-year liberal arts college with a selective admission policy. The college is currently listed by the U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the country.

KMHI offers scholarship awards

The Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute (KMHI) is accepting applications for six \$1,000 scholarship awards. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 8, and winners will be announced May 5.

Eligible graduating high school seniors or GED recipients must

reside in manufactured/mobile homes in Kentucky and have the desire to further their education at a university, college, technical, or vocational school.

To get an application, students should contact their local KMHI Member Retail Sales Center or call Betty Whittaker at 502/223-0490.

Since 1997, KMHI has awarded 15 \$1000 scholarships to deserving students.

The Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute is an industry trade association that represents retail dealers, manufacturers, service/supply companies, and community operators involved in the manufactured housing industry and doing business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Garrett woman chosen for program

Hannah Halbert of Garrett, a junior at Transylvania University, will participate in the Embassy and Diplomatic Scholars Internship program in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies in cooperation with the Institute for Experiential Learning.

The Embassy and Diplomat

Scholars Internship program is one of 18 academic programs conducted by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, KIIS, headquartered at Murray State University, is a consortium of 16 colleges and universities in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee that administers quality, affordable study abroad programs in 12 foreign countries.

Local student wins honors

University of Evansville student Stephanie Mullins of Noblesville, Indiana, has been named to UE's Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the 1999 fall semester.

She is the daughter of Mike Mullins of Dema.

To attain the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.5 average (GPA) while carrying 12 or more hours of credit.

MSU announces dean's list

Fifty-nine students from Floyd County were named to the Morehead State University Dean's List for the 1999 Fall Semester.

To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Dean's List includes: From Prestonsburg, Tonia Michelle Anderson, Bethany B. Bingham, Shirley Anna Blackburn, Jerry Brandon Combs, Jeremy Brent Lyons, John Bradley Lyons, Corey Lee Ousley, Deborah Lynn Ousley, Charles E. Rowe, Leslie A. Rowe, Jimmy Daryl Shepherd, James Albert Sloan, Julie Lynn Slone, and Jennifer R. Stewart. Hueysville: Allison R. Conley, Roger Derek Conley, Joan Cornett and Alan Douglas Hicks.

Martin: Autumn G. Dobson, Christopher R. Lafferty, Rhonda Michelle Merion, Sharon Mullins, Charles J. Sammons and Jennifer S. Wade.

Allen: Mattie S. Donta, Marlene M. Hamilton and Alan Joel Steidlitz.

Harold: Natasha L. Clark, Tammy Lynn Gannon and Tiffany Marquita Scott.

Langley: Paul M. Hagans, Nicholas H. Martin and Andrea L. Patton.

Wayland: Curtis Barnard Lee and James G. Thornsberry.

Garrett: Christopher D. Case and Leann N. Turner.

Hippo: Dennis B. Blackburn and Delores Thornsberry.

Dana: John W. Collins and John Bradley Kimbler.

Teaberry: Donna Sue Hamilton and Alisa Dawn Howell.

Pikeville: Tara Lynn Johnson and Timmi Meshay Tackett.

Also, Angela G. Bailey of Eastern, Carolyn Jo Clark of Honaker, Tiffany D. Compton of Weeksbury, Deonna Danelle Dotson of Beaver, Brandalyn C. Elkins of Ivel, Jeremy R. Hall of Estill, Lucinda Hamilton of Hi Hat, Dustin R. Jones of Banner, Wesley D. Moore of Garrett, Jessica E. Music of Auxier, Willis D. Newman of Grethel, Kevin J. Slone of Bevinville, Brandon Michael Stumbo of McDowell, and Trina Nicole Yearo of Dwale.

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SPEEDY VEGETABLE SOUP

1 (49-oz.) can low sodium chicken broth
1 (14 1/2-oz.) can low sodium chicken broth
2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
1 med. green pepper, chopped
1 med. onion, chopped
2 med. carrots, chopped
1 env. onion soup mix
1 bay leaf
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 (14 1/2-oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained

In a saucepan, combine broth, celery, green pepper, onion, carrots, soup mix, bay leaf, garlic powder and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add tomatoes. Heat through. Remove bay leaf.

Vicky Blankenship

POTATO CAKES

2 c. mashed potatoes, cold
1/2 c. flour
2/3 c. milk
3 eggs
Salt and pepper, to taste
Mix well and fry in hot oil
Ailene Cole

BAKED CHICKEN

2 chicken breasts
1 T. butter, melted
1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
2 T. butter
Preheat oven to 400°. Dip chicken in melted butter and coat with cheese. Melt remaining butter in pie plate and place chicken in pie plate, skin side up. Bake at 400° for 50 minutes. Baste with juice during baking.
Christy Blanton

MEATBALLS

1/2 lb. ground beef
1 slice bread, crumbled
2 T. milk
1 T. chopped onion
1 sm. egg
1/3 tsp. salt
Combine all ingredients and shape into balls. Place in small baking dish and bake at 375° for 25-30 minutes.
Christy Blanton

PORK CHOPS & RICE

4 boneless pork chops
1 can cream of celery soup
Cooked rice
1/2 soup can water
Brown pork chops in a little oil. Remove from heat. Add the soup and the water. Simmer for 5 minutes. Pour over rice.
Tammy Justice

CHICKEN IN FOIL

1 frying chicken
1 env. onion soup mix
1/3-1/2 c. milk or cream
Quarter chicken. Place on large piece of foil. Sprinkle onion soup mix over chicken. Pour milk or cream over all. Bring ends of foil together and fold tightly. Bake 1 1/2 to 2 hours in 375° oven or until chicken is tender.
Ethel Hunt

EASY HOMEMADE BREAD

1 pkg. yeast
1 c. warm water
1/4 c. dry milk
1/4 c. sugar
1/4 c. oil
1 egg
2 tsp. salt
3 1/2-4 c. flour
Put water in large bowl and dissolve yeast. Add milk, sugar, oil, egg, salt and 1 1/2 cups flour. Beat 3 minutes with electric mixer. Add remaining flour and mix well. Turn out on floured surface and knead for 3 minutes until dough is elastic and smooth. Roll out dough. Start at one end and roll dough up tightly. Place in greased 9 x 5 x 3-inch bread pan, seam side down. Let rise 1

hour. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes.
Bonnie Lynch

STRAWBERRY SURPRISE

1 box white cake mix
1 pack strawberry glaze
1 pack ripe strawberries
1 bowl Cool Whip frosting
2 round cake pans
Bake cake as stated on box in the 2 pans. After cake is cooled, take a straw and poke holes in cake. Take the strawberry glaze and fill holes. Add a layer of Cool Whip frosting, strawberry glaze and sliced strawberries. Add other cake to top. Poke holes with straw. Add glaze in holes. Cover cake with Cool Whip. Slice and arrange strawberries in an ornamental fashion on top.
Mickey Newsome

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

2 c. sugar
3/4 c. milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 sm. jar peanut butter
1 sm. jar marshmallow creme
Combine sugar and milk in heavy saucepan. Cook until reaches soft ball stage. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, peanut butter and marshmallow creme. Beat until smooth and thick. Pour into buttered pan. When set, cut into squares.
Bonnie Lynch

"The following recipes are reprinted from the Northeast Area Extension Homemakers' new cookbook "From Our Table to Yours." The cookbook can be purchased for \$12 from any area homemaker or by calling Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

ICE CREAM WITH MALTED MILK BALLS

Darlene Campbell
2 c. malted balls, crushed
1 (12 oz.) lite Cool Whip, thawed
12 ice cream sandwiches
1 c. hot fudge sauce, fat-free (opt.)
Ten minutes to prepare. Place malted balls in plastic bag. Tap with rolling pin. Reserve 1/3 cup. Mix Cool Whip and crushed malted balls. Arrange ice cream sandwiches on 13 x

9 x 2-inch pan. Spread Cool Whip mixture over ice cream. Sprinkle 1/3 cup crushed milk balls. Cover and freeze till firm. Cut in squares. Top with fudge sauce.

CHEDDAR PEAR PIE

Janice S. Cook
Pike County
4 large pears, peeled and sliced thin
1/3 c. sugar
1 T. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
1 unbaked pie crust
Topping:
1/2 c. shredded cheese
1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1/4 c. melted margarine
1/4 c. sugar
1 1/4 tsp. salt
In bowl, combine pears, sugar, cornstarch and salt. Pour in pastry shell. Mix all topping ingredients until crumbly and sprinkle over filling. Bake at 425° for 25 minutes till crust is golden and cheese is melted. Cool for 10 minutes. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator.
Yield: 6-8 servings.

BANANA SPLIT

Dearl Faye Holbrook
Magoffin County
2 c. crushed graham crackers
1 stick melted margarine
2 eggs
1 stick softened margarine
2 c. powdered sugar
4 bananas
1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 (12 oz.) Cool Whip
Maraschino cherries
Chocolate syrup
Mix graham crackers and melted butter and press into a 9 x 13-inch pan. Mix eggs, 1 stick softened margarine and powdered sugar on high for 15 minutes. Spread on crust. Layer 4 bananas lengthwise. Top with crushed pineapple and Cool Whip. Place 12-16 cherries on top. Drizzle chocolate syrup over entire dessert. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.

ORANGE JUICE CAKE

Carolyn Ward
Magoffin County
1 box yellow cake mix
1 box vanilla instant pie filling
1/2 c. vegetable oil
1 c. orange juice, pure
4 eggs
Heat oven to 325°. Mix all ingredients in large mixing bowl. Pour into greased, floured bundt pan. Bake 30 minutes. Pour icing on cake immediately after removing from oven.
Icing:
1/2 c. sugar
1 stick butter
1/2 c. orange juice, pure
Mix all ingredients in saucepan; cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thick. Pour over cake. Let set about 30 minutes.

NORWEGIAN BUTTER WREATHS

Carolyn Ward
Magoffin County
1 c. (2 sticks) butter or margarine
1/2 c. sugar

1 egg, separated
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 c. sifted plain flour
Red sugar

Cream butter, gradually add sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla. Stir in flour. Heat oven to 350°. Pinch off walnut-sized pieces of dough. On lightly floured board or cloth, roll dough with hands into a 6-inch rope. Form in a circle on ungreased baking sheet overlapping about 1 inch from ends. Lightly beat egg white and brush over cookies. Sprinkle with red sugar. Bake 10-12 minutes. These rich, buttery cookies are brushed with egg white before baking. This makes the colored sugar cling to the dough and a shiny glaze on the baked cookies.

GLORIFIED RICE

Nancy Leaf
Gregoryville Club
Carter County
1 c. instant white rice
1 (16-oz.) can fruit cocktail, drained
1 (8 1/4-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 c. miniature marshmallows
1 c. whipped topping
Cook your rice as directed on package, then let it cool. Add fruit cocktail and marshmallows. Mix lightly. Add your crushed pineapple and mix. Stir in whipped topping. Set in refrigerator to get cold. To cool rice quickly, spread cooked rice on cookie sheet. Place in freezer for 10 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

Lula Faye Terry
Wilson Creek
Carter County
1 baked pie shell or graham cracker crust
8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
2 c. powdered sugar
12 oz. whipped topping
1/2 c. creamy peanut butter
Milk chocolate, grated or chocolate sprinkles
Cream soft cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add peanut butter, cream together. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust. Top with chocolate.

YOU'RE LUCKY IF ANY IS LEFT

Virginia Dean
Lindsey-Pactolus Homemakers
Carter County
2 sticks margarine
2 c. flour
1 c. chopped pecans
2 (9-z.) ctn. Cool Whip
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
3 boxes instant pudding (any flavor)
4 1/2 c. milk
1 c. confectioners sugar
Melt margarine. Mix with flour and pecans. Put in 9 x 13-inch pan. Bake 25 minutes at 350°. Cool. Mix well the cream cheese, 1 of the containers of Cool Whip and the confectioners sugar. Spread over the cooled crust. Mix the 3 boxes of instant pudding and the milk. Spread over the second layer. Top with the other 9 ounces of Cool Whip. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

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Atla Consumer News

Mandatory loss of rights?

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. & Penny Gold

Imagine the following scenario. After months of saving, you are finally ready to purchase a computer for your children. You call a prominent, national computer company and custom order the perfect system. It has a high-powered chip, more memory than you'll ever need, a CD-Rom for your kids' educational materials, and top-of-the-line speakers. But when the computer is delivered, you open the box, pull out the papers inside and discover that you've given the company more than just your money in exchange for these goods. Without giving permission, you've effectively given up any right to a jury trial if something goes wrong with your computer. You were hoping for the Internet, but you're now trapped in the tangled web of mandatory arbitration. Corporation-friendly mandatory arbitration clauses are showing up everywhere these days. Banks are quietly binding customers to them. American Express is imposing them on loyal cardholders. Health insurers are using them to stop injured patients from holding them liable in court. Gateway is packing them in with the boxes it delivers computers in. What's wrong with this practice? Plenty. These mandatory arbitration clauses can be an unknowing waiver of your constitutional rights. They can force consumers to argue their cases and injuries before biased decision-makers who may be hand-picked by the companies imposing these arguments, and who are not bound to follow basic civil law. These arbitrators may be located in faraway, inconvenient places—it's your problem finding a way there. In addition, these clauses can prevent you from discovering important information about a company's disputed actions. To top it off, many such clauses limit the remedies available to wronged purchasers, and require consumers to pay the costs of seeking justice through arbitration.

Now one company has taken mandatory arbitration one step further—it isn't even notifying some of its customers about the clause. MCI Worldcom Inc. has buried its mandatory arbitration requirement in papers it files only with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.—papers few customers will ever see. Talk about fine print. MCI's papers mandate that if its customers have a billing dispute of \$10,000 or more, they must present their complaints before an arbitration company hired by MCI, using rules drawn up by MCI. Don't want to participate in this procedure? That's fine by MCI—under its arbitration clause, that means you automatically lose. Fortunately, consumer groups, elected representatives and attorneys representing citizens are starting to fight back against this unfair tactic. This past December, a California Court of Appeals found a Circuit City employment mandatory arbitration clause to be unenforceable because it deprived the employee of meaningful choice about whether to accept its terms, and because its terms clearly favored the employer. Also in December, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) filed a complaint with the FCC about MCI's use of mandatory arbitration clauses. Finally, legislation that would limit the application of mandatory arbitration clauses had recently been introduced into Congress. The fight against these unjust clauses has begun. In the meantime, we consumers must remember—always read the fine print! For more health and safety information and tips, please visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>. Richard H. Middleton Jr., president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, is a partner in the Savannah, GA, law firm of Middleton, Mathis, Adams & Tate, P.C. Penny Gold is the executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.