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## Branham includes Floyd projects in state spending bill

Times Staff Report

If the budget approved by the state House of Representatives this week gets a similar nod from the Senate, money for local projects requested by Rep. Ira Branham could be headed into the area.

Branham, whose 94th District includes portions of Floyd and Pike counties, this week released a list of local projects for which he is seeking funding.

"This budget is a great opportunity for us to build upon the progress already begun in Pike and Floyd counties," Branham said in a statement Thursday. "I anticipate several of the funding requests I have made will be met by whatever budget passes this General Assembly."

One of the projects Branham is pursuing is a study of the feasibility of a Hatfield and McCoy trail system beginning in Floyd County, traversing through northern Pike and linking with a similar system in West Virginia.

Other requests Branham has made for the next two years include:

- \$10 million for new school construction in Pike County.
- A return of \$1.3 million in unmined minerals taxes to school districts in the two counties.
- \$1 million for low-cost housing in the region.
- \$475,000 for the Stone project.
- \$275,000 for special projects implemented by the Pike County Board of Education.
- \$100,000 for the Jenny Wiley Theatre.
- In addition to those projects, Branham has also sought unspecified funding for:
  - Water lines for Pike and Floyd counties.
  - Parks in Auxier and David.
  - A traffic signal along Route 80 at Garrett.
  - Park and bridge projects at Hardy.
  - An immediate road upgrade from Meta to Kimper.
  - Installation of street lights in South Williamson.
  - Construction and maintenance of sections of U.S. 119.
  - Grant's Branch Park.

## Schools eye more work training

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Tech. Prep/Schools That Work/School to Career Steering Committee met Wednesday to map out plans for the coming year.

Debbie Daniels, from the Floyd County Board of Education central office, reported that 75 to 80 percent of students in the county go to vocational school or enter the workforce, while 20 to 25 percent go to college. She said these numbers justify the large amount of time spent on professional development on vocational instruction.

Based on those numbers, the committee plans to request that the board permit students be allowed to return to work study programs. Daniels said the first step in the process is to find businesses that would accept kids.

Daniels pointed out that insurance for such situations would be paid by the school coverage as long as the students were not paid a

salary. She added that the business coverage should kick in if the students are paid.

This past year the county administered the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test to about 60 students from each of the four high schools. The students went to Pikeville College to take the test and took a tour of the college.

The committee also plans to ask the board to allow students to get their third math credit at the vocational school. As it stands now, a student must have three math credits to graduate. If a student fails a class, it limits his or her ability to attend the vocational school.

The plan calls for students learning math when it is needed in the various course. Daniels said students would be learning geometry and trigonometry in classes even though they would not be told it was such.

The committee met Friday and Saturday to complete the paperwork for next year's grant.

## Healthy choices...



**Sixth-graders at Adams Middle School took advantage of weight, height and blood pressure screenings provided by students from Annette Harris' health sciences class at the Floyd County Area Technology Center. Above, Jessikah Sparkman weighs Cody Crider as Julia Endicott and Chris Howell look on. At right, Jennifer Howell takes a blood pressure reading for Lewis Montgomery while Julie Newsome observes. To match the data received from reading to lifestyle, the FCATC students prepared a survey for the middle school students that consisted of the following three questions: (1) What do you do in the evening for physical activity? (2) How many hours a day do you watch TV? and (3) What are your favorite foods? (photos by Willie Elliott)**

## ...healthier living



## House backs governor's tax plan

By Lisa Carnahan and Karla Dooley  
KPA News Bureau

Gov. Paul Patton's scaled-back plan for raising \$178 million in tax revenue over the next two years has passed the House of Representatives, but it still faces a struggle in the Senate.

The initiative, which takes the form of House Bill 996, would impose a seven-percent excise tax on communications, revise the formula by which the state computes property taxes and close a loophole that has allowed some businesses to pay fewer taxes.

The issue was heavily debated on the House floor before it passed on a vote of 57-39, with more Republicans crossing party lines to vote for it than had been expected.

"I'm obviously pleased with today's action by the House and proud of the leadership these legislators have shown," Patton said in a statement released after the House passed the bill. "I'm particularly grateful for the bipartisan support of this measure. I realize it's just the first step and we have a long process ahead of us."

In the Republican-controlled Senate, the response has been cool.

For proponents to the change, the bill means that the state will be able to continue to move forward ambitiously with programs aimed at boosting early childhood development, education and the economy.

"I'll never vote for a measure on this floor that I won't vote for the money to pay for," said Rep. Charles Siler, R-Williamsburg. "Kentucky is nowhere near where it ought to be or where it can be."

But several legislators who spoke in opposition to the increases voiced concern that the state is doing nothing to shore up the state income tax code and eliminate the property tax on motor vehicles.

An amendment filed by Rep. Hoby Anderson, R-Flatwoods, that would have phased out the motor vehicle tax over three years and subjected lottery tickets to the sales tax was defeated.

Some representatives argued that the governor made a number of expensive promises before his election, then developed the tax plan to pay for them only after he was elected.

"It's the wrong time to pile more burden on our citizens," said Rep. Mark Treesh, R-Philpot. "Whether we have a pressing need or not depends on how quickly we want to do everything the governor's calling on us to do."

House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, who sponsored the bill, said that even with the changes, property taxes will continue to fall. The communications tax will bring in more and more revenue over the next several years by subjecting customers of the growing satellite communications industry to the same taxes that cable subscribers pay.

### Bottle bill fails

The most talked about piece of legislation of the 2000 General Assembly was defeated — but the issue isn't dead yet.

The "bottle bill" was voted down by the House of Representatives after nearly a two hour debate. The vote was 54-41.

The issue of container deposits is still on the horizon, however, with House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo's bill that calls for a public referendum on the deposits.

That bill cleared the House Elections and Constitutional Amendments committee a day after the bottle bill defeat and is awaiting action by the full House. Several polls have shown the majority of Kentuckians support container

deposits to clean up the environment.

Stumbo, the sponsor of House Bill 1, the original bottle bill, said a task force had looked at the issue of container deposits since the close of the 1998 legislative session. It was during that session that a group of Estill County High School students proposed the idea to Stumbo, who

agreed to sponsor a bill. In that session, the container deposit portion of the bill was substituted for the creation of the task force to study the issue.

"The kids of Kentucky want a cleaner state," said Stumbo. "I can't tell you how rewarding it's been for me to work with these young people. These kids from Estill County won a national award and then went on to win an international award for their efforts to get this bill moving. This is what government is all about."

House Bill 1 would have required a five- or 10-cent refundable deposits on drink containers, an advance disposal fee on food packaging sold at drive-thru windows and mandatory garbage collection.

Stumbo said misleading advertising by groups lobbying against the bill had confused many Kentuckians. According to Stumbo, if the legislation were enacted, it would have cost the average Kentuckian only about \$6 a year.

Conceding he didn't have the votes to pass container deposit legislation and in an effort to pass some type of environmental cleanup legislation, Stumbo offered an amendment that would remove the container deposits and the fast food food packaging fee, and replace it with an environmental impact fee based on businesses' gross taxable receipts.

The amendment would have retained the

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Debbie Daniels discusses the work of Tech. Prep/Schools That Work/School to Career Steering Committee with Russell Shepherd and Susan Stumbo (at first table) and John Austin and Becky Derossett from the Chamber of Commerce. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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mandatory garbage collection provision. Businesses doing less than \$500,000 in taxable sales would have been exempt. That amendment passed by a 56-38 vote but was lost when the bill was defeated.

"I understand your concerns," Stumbo told his fellow lawmakers. "But if we want to take a bold step forward, it has to start here. I believe you can tell your constituents, who love Kentucky just as much as you do, that you did this for the children of this state. Let's reward the efforts of these kids. I move we pass House Bill 1 as amended."

But in the end, the concessions weren't enough with several lawmakers saying the impact fee was "unfair taxation" on a select group.

**Tobacco settlement**

The squabbling continues. A bill that would divvy up part of the \$144 million from the Master Tobacco Settlement among the counties has been approved by the House, but its chances of surviving the Senate remain unsure.

The key question of the debate over House Bill 611 hinged on whether the funds should be kept intact and overseen by a state board or split into three pools.

The plan that passed would put a third of the money in the hands of a state board for use in statewide programs, send one third of it back to the 118 tobacco-growing counties and devote another third to board that would dole out money to individual communities.

The debate was long and emotional, with several legislators telling stories of their personal ties to tobacco.

Rep. Gross Lindsay said the plan to keep all the money in one "honey pot" would have ensured that more money goes back to the farmers.

"With three levels of bureaucracy they ain't got a prayer," he said.

Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, also spoke in favor of the idea of a single board to control the money. Under the plan to divide up the money, some counties would only get a few hundred dollars, while two counties where tobacco is not grown at all, Knott and Pike, would get none of the pie.

"This money doesn't belong to 118 counties," Geveden said. "It belongs to all the people of Kentucky."

But Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, said sending some of the money back to the communities could help keep some of his constituents out of poverty.

"I'm not ashamed of the people back home," he said, "and I'm not ashamed to send that money back home. This is the most important thing that I will ever vote on for the county that I represent."

Several members of the Senate spoke against the bill on the Senate floor, urging the body to take a comprehensive approach to spending the money.

Minority Caucus Chair David Boswell, D-Owensboro, a former Commissioner of Agriculture, said he feared the plan to divide up the funds would allow the counties to "squander this money in areas outside of agriculture."

Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said that the use of the money is critical to the future of the state's agricultural economy, since low hog, beef and grain prices and new regulations under the Clean Water Act threaten to drive many farmers out of business.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, concurred with the musings.

"Speak on," he said after Boswell's speech, "It's music to the President's ears."

Patton said early in the week that he supports "the fact that we send two-thirds of the money back to the individual areas that are the most affected."

To the argument that the money could be squandered by the counties, he replied: "I think that would be horrible to assume that it would be wasted."

**DUI bill**

After a grueling committee process, a bill which would toughen the state's DUI laws is headed to the full House for a vote.

House Bill 366 has four main components. First, it would reduce the blood-alcohol level for DUIs to a .08 from the current .10. In addition, it calls for administrative license revocation (ALR), an open alcoholic beverage container prohibition and a provision that would require repeat offenders to surrender the license plate of any and all vehicles they own.

Passing the open container

restriction and license plate forfeiture part of the bill are crucial for the state's Transportation Department.

Transportation Secretary James Codell testified Kentucky will lose \$72 million in federal highway monies for state road construction without those provisions. The money would instead be sent to the Kentucky State Police for highway safety programs.

The bill was strengthened by the House Judiciary Committee through amendments offered primarily by Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington. Although Stein's effort to keep the BAC at .10 failed by a vote of 11-5, other amendments she offered to the bill will make it tougher for DUI offenders.

Stein's amendment established six "aggravating circumstances" that include: having a BAC of .18 or higher; causing a serious injury or death due to an alcohol-related crash; driving the wrong way on a highway; driving in excess of 30 miles per hour above the speed limit; and having a juvenile passenger at the time of arrest.

If any of these aggravating circumstances are present, the court would require mandatory jail sentences that increase in length for subsequent offenses. These jail sentences could not be probated by a judge.

**Early Childhood Development**

A bill that would provide vision and hearing screenings to young children won unanimous approval in the House of Representatives.

The Early Childhood Development program, one of Patton's major objectives of this legislative session, would also improve the quality of child care in the state. The plan's \$55 million price tag would be paid for out of the state's share of the national tobacco settlement.

That provision worries some lawmakers.

"That's my problem with it," said Rep. Woody Allen, R-Morgantown, when told the program's funding derives from the tobacco payoff. "If it's as good as we say it is, if it's such a much-needed program, then let's find another way to pay for it. What happens when the tobacco fund goes

bust?"

Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville and the bill's primary sponsor, said the tobacco settlement money isn't going to dry up any time soon.

"Even though they (cigarettes) cost \$22 a carton, people are still buying them and I believe will keep buying them for a long, long time," said Burch.

The bill is designed to provide a wide range of services to Kentucky's children under the age of 6, reaching them at a crucial age in terms of their development. Also included in the program is a voluntary home visit service for at-risk parents, immunizations, and scholarships for child care workers.

The bill now heads to the Senate.

**Veto**

Patton has vetoed his second bill of the 2000 General Assembly. A bill that would have allowed churches to be exempt from the state's civil rights laws under some circumstances was vetoed by the governor on March 8.

House Bill 70 would have allowed church organizations to refuse to rent meeting halls, campgrounds or other facilities based on a difference in religious beliefs.

Opponents argued that the bill violated the spirit of Kentucky's civil rights laws and if church organizations chose to be in the business or renting facilities, they should be forced to comply with the civil rights laws, just as any other organization.

The governor agreed.

"These laws do not require a religious organization to open its facilities to the general public, but they do require that if a religious organization opens its facilities and activities to the general public, they must obey the same laws that non-religious entities are required to obey," Patton wrote.

In order for the governor's veto to be overridden, it would take a majority in both chambers: 51 in the House and 20 in the Senate. The House passed the bill by a 82-17 vote but in the Senate, the legisla-

tion was passed by only a 17-12 margin.

**Wage equity**

Patton has scaled back his proposal for addressing pay inequity among state employees, this time putting forward a plan that he said will address only "the most grievous inequities in the current system."

The program, which will become effective through an executive order on July 1, will up entry level salaries for all pay grades by 7.4 percent this year and next year.

State employees who are being paid three, four or five grades too low will also see salary increases, and all state employees will continue to receive a 5 percent raise.

The changes will affect 3,768 employees in the first fiscal year and 4,077 in the second. There are currently 18,000 state employees who are paid one or more grades less than the Personnel Cabinet says

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# The red, white and blues of software theft

(NAPS)-The recent economic boom and its future strength is becoming increasingly dependent on the information technology revolution. In fact, the U.S. dominates the global market by producing approximately 75 percent of the packaged software worldwide. As a result, the U.S. packaged software industry generated more than \$7.2 billion in revenues in 1996/97 alone, and will employ over one million people in the next three to seven years. In order to maintain its global advantage and protect its economic future, Americans must unite against software theft.

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Software piracy is a crime that costs U.S. computer companies billions worldwide.

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**Economic Deterioration**  
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they should be, the governor said.

Patton's plan, which carries a \$10.7 million price tag for the next fiscal year, will also allow the Cabinet to increase salaries as the cost of living index increases for entry level and mid-point workers every two years.

It has been five years since the state made changes to the current system by which state employees are graded.

Patton said the pay changes may help the state attract better workers.

"The ability to get good people today is not there as it was five or 10 years ago," he said.

**Fetal rights**

Mothers and their estates would be able to sue for the wrongful death of an unborn fetus under a bill approved in the House Judiciary Committee.

Although the bill would exempt pregnant women and their doctors who were performing an abortion or other medical procedure, abortion advocates and opponents filled the room where the hearing was being held.

Marge Montgomery, director of the Kentucky Right to Life Association, said the bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Joseph Fischer, is a fair way to protect women and their unborn children from violence.

"It just makes common sense," she said.

But others questioned the intent of the bill.

"They have made no secret of the fact that they intend to use this to undermine the Roe vs. Wade decision," said Beth Wilson of the Kentucky chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The committee voted against an amendment that would not have changed the definition of a person but would have allowed mothers to include the loss of the pregnancy to

a personal-injury claim.

Carolyn Bratt, a law professor at the University of Kentucky, testified in favor of the amendment, saying it would help the legislature avoid "a thicket of real legal problems" that could be caused by the original legislation.

The amendment failed 7-9, with one member abstaining.

House Bill 378 passed on a vote of 13-4 and now goes to the full House for consideration.

**Abstinence education**

A bill that would have made abstinence the standard for sex education classes in public schools failed in the Senate, Education Committee.

Senate Bill 126, sponsored by Sens. Jack Westwood and Tom Buford, would have prohibited teachers from demonstrating how to use a condom or other birth control device and barred schools from distributing them. It would also have given parents 30 days to review all the materials related to what their children were being taught in the classes.

Westwood, who said the bill would "give ... permission to teens to just say no," told the committee during questioning that if children had questions on methods of birth control other than abstinence, teachers could send them to a counselor or the health department.

Some committee members raised concerns that the current system by which children are taught is not a bad one.

"What is killing people is a lack of information, and for us to stand still or be quiet when we have this information ... that, to me, is shameful," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington. "Where else are kids going to get accurate, complete information?"

**Dropout prevention**

Much of the money aimed at preventing teens from dropping out of school would be redirected to early prevention programs for elementary and middle schoolers under a bill approved by the Senate Education Committee.

House Bill 77, sponsored by House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, has already passed the House and will now be consid-

ered by the full Senate.

The bill would require that 75 percent of all grant funds for programs addressing the dropout problem be used for children who are not yet in high school.

Richards said he hopes that by targeting potential dropouts early, schools can prevent children from developing a mindset that leads to failure.

"They don't physically drop out," Richards said, "but in their minds they're dropouts early on."

**Briefs**

The House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee approved a bill that would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to change the term of office for state representatives from two to four years. An amendment was added to increase the term of state senators from four to six years. House Bill 724 now goes to the full House.

The House Elections Committee also passed a bill that would make it a requirement for mayoral candidates to reside in the city for at least one year prior to seeking office. House Bill 808 was passed unanimously and now goes before the full House.

House Speaker Jody Richards hasn't given up on his quest for yearly legislative sessions. House Bill 936 which would allow for odd-year sessions of 24 days or less was passed in committee. A similar bill was passed by the 1998 General Assembly but defeated at the polls by approximately 17,000 votes, according to Richards. This new bill limits what the lawmakers can consider during the session to the budget, confirmation of gubernatorial appointments, government reorganization and administrative regulations. Richards said Kentucky was "out of step" with almost every other state in the U.S., with only five or six not meeting yearly.

A bill that would prohibit schools from requiring door-to-door solicitations by elementary and middle school students was passed by the House. It also requires disclosure of the percentage of funds returned to the school to parents and school officials.

The Mental Health Parity Act has been passed by the House.

House Bill 268 requires insurance companies that provide mental health coverage as part of its insurance package to employees to treat that coverage the same as physical coverage in terms of co-pays and deductibles.

Some lawmakers argued it could force already skyrocketing insurance costs even higher but others argued it could actually result in a decrease in costs if mental illnesses were treated properly.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee has approved a bill that supporters hope will position Kentucky's economy for future growth. The \$53.3 million bill is the result of an initiative undertaken by Patton. It includes a number of programs intended to foster a relationship between education and economic growth.

Richards, who sponsored House Bill 572, which is being called the Kentucky Innovation Act, told the committee that the bill will "position our state to attract ... and keep the kind of jobs that will be the moving force of the new millennium."

Industrial hemp could be grown in Kentucky under a bill that has passed the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee. Growers would have to be licensed and buy their seed from the state. And anyone convicted of growing marijuana would be barred from growing hemp under the bill. House Bill 855, sponsored by Reps. Joe Barrows and Roger Thomas, passed on a margin of three and will now be considered in the House.

A bill that would have attempted to stop racial profiling by police officers has failed in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 286, sponsored by Sens. Gerald Neal and Marshall Long, would have also required the Attorney General to compile detailed information on a yearly basis in order to assure that minorities were not being unfairly targeted for traffic stops.

Under a bill approved by the Senate, businesses and contractors would be prohibited from doing business with the state if they have contributed to a state political campaign in the past 18 months. Senate Bill 2, which is sponsored by Williams, now goes to the House.

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**Respondents to health care reform survey want more rights and choices**

(NAPSA)-In a recent survey, the Alliance for Affordable Services asked its members for their views on three important issues shaping health care reform.

**Disputes With HMOs**  
Fifty-five percent of respondents said a system of expedited appeals to an independent board of medical experts could help consumers avoid drawn out lawsuits against health maintenance organizations. Only nine percent would keep the law the way it works now.

**Mental Health Coverage**  
When asked if health plans



should require mental health coverage comparable to major medical benefits, 76 percent of respondents said this coverage should be optional.

**Prescription Drug Coverage**  
Over 60 percent of current Medicare beneficiaries have private prescription coverage, but some fear that companies and individuals are increasingly drop-

ping this benefit. Most respondents (48 percent) favor comprehensive reform to give seniors more choice. Under this scenario, private plans would offer required core benefits and would compete to attract beneficiaries with added benefits such as drug coverage. Traditional Medicare would also compete, with an expanded drug benefit paid for by beneficiaries choosing that option, with subsidies for low-income seniors. Only 16 percent would keep the current Medicare program as is.

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**Simplifying your life**

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

(NAPS)-Today's world is filled with so many complications. People complain of not having enough time in the day. Most of us try to combine a successful career with a fulfilling relationship with family and friends. But we still have to find time to deal with grocery shopping, paying bills, traffic, laundry, lines in the mall...the list could go on and on. Wouldn't it be great if life was simple and convenient?

Webster's defines "simplify" as "to make simple or simpler; a) to reduce to basic essentials; b) to diminish in scope or complexity." We all want to simplify our lives. When our lives are simplified, we have more time to do the things we enjoy. Simplifying your life shouldn't be a difficult task. Simplifying doesn't mean getting rid of everything that is time consuming. It's about going the extra mile to make sure we have time to enjoy our life by eliminating some unnecessary things from our daily routine. It's about letting go of the complex and embracing the elementary things in our regular activities.

You can simplify your life by doing the following things:

1. Do one thing at a time. When we try to tackle too many projects, something gets neglected. Don't start a new project until you are satisfied with your progress on the current one.

2. Clear out the unnecessary. This includes debts, possessions, activities, and those individuals that complicate our lives. Do you still have a drawer full of college t-shirts and sweatshirts that you're keeping for "sentimental" reasons? Get rid of them!
3. Reduce expenses. Brown bag your lunch at least three times per week. That can save you approximately 260 hours per year and \$936 per year (based on \$6 per meal).
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—First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—

# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

Aldous Huxley—

Sunday, March 12, 2000 A4

## Editorial

### Vetoing discrimination

Vetoes can be as valuable in the process of governing as the power to propose and pass legislation.

Gov. Patton demonstrated that on Wednesday by bravely vetoing a measure that would have substantially weakened Kentucky's Civil Rights Act.

House Bill 70 was created to exempt religious groups, their facilities and activities, from public accommodations provisions even when they leave the religious sanctuary and enter the public marketplace.

In essence, the measure would have allowed religious groups that offer facilities or services to the general public to discriminate on the basis of religion, something that cannot be done by other operators of public accommodations.

While it's true that religious groups should and do enjoy a number of privileges because of their protected status under the First Amendment, it is another matter entirely when they choose to engage in secular business activities.

As, for instance, when they offer to rent to other groups of users their summer camps or athletic facilities. Among the episodes that sparked the drive for HB 70 was the Southern Baptists' objections to renting a camp in Boone County to an atheist group.

Gov. Patton clearly explained civil rights law and of why HB 70 would jeopardize its very essence: "These laws do not require a religious organization to open its facilities to the general public, but they do require that if a religious organization opens its facilities and activities to the general public, they must obey the same laws that non-religious entities are required to obey."

This should make sense to most people, if they think about it and if they value at all the civil-rights gains of the past half century.

But in a General Assembly so dominated by the religious right, the Governor's veto took a lot of courage. As The Courier-Journal's political writer Al Cross noted Monday, moral and religious concerns have become "the overriding theme of this session." We've seen emotional debates about America's heritage as a "Christian nation," and a vote was actually taken over whether Jews should be included as part of that history.

Against that backdrop, the Governor's veto of HB 70 must be welcomed by all people who respect America's pluralistic heritage and who recognize the critical importance of our civil rights laws.

The General Assembly should reconsider and sustain the Governor's wise decision.

—The Louisville Courier-Journal



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### WHEN DIAMONDS AREN'T ENOUGH...



## Letters to the Editor

### Not in this county—

Editor:

It's a basic premise in this country, according to the Constitution of the United States, that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. It's also guaranteed that everyone has the right to face their accusers. Well, sad to say, that is a basic premise everywhere but this county.

Case in point. My fiancée and I both have children who attend a local elementary school. We both work night shift. Many times, after we drop the kids off in the mornings, we would sit in the parking lot, in her car, and talk. Many times we would hold hands, hug, kiss and display affection. There is no law against this.

On a couple of occasions, not so surprisingly, considering we do work night shift, we did fall asleep in her car. Granted a grade school parking lot is not the ideal place to fall asleep, but it was just as innocent as that, nothing more. It was not intentional, but completely accidental.

However, people being the way they are in this county, rumors began to fly. Apparently, it was assumed that much more was going on. So, of course, it was eventually reported to school officials.

We met with the school principal, and one teacher (as witness, I suppose). We were told at this point that we were no longer to stay after dropping off our children, and we would not be allowed to touch, hug, kiss, or display affection on school grounds, during school hours.

I asked what it was that we were being accused of, and by whom. The principal informed me that he would not tell me who, and sidestepped the question of what. We found this to be disquieting, to say the least.

However, in the interest of everyone concerned, we agreed to leave every day as requested. About a month went by in this fashion, and we assumed that all was well.

Now after school, many times we (as well as other parents) let our kids play on the school playground. We would play with them, as well as play with the other kids. Apparently, holding hands and affectionate gestures are forbidden here as well.

Unknown to us, the school PTA then voted to file a formal complaint with the sheriff's department against us.

We were not asked by the members of the PTA to tell our side of the story, to defend ourselves, or even be present at the meeting when we were the subject.

Our first clue as to something being amiss was when a deputy sheriff showed up in the school parking lot one morning, as we were leaving (about 3-5 minutes after the bell rang because we were still doing what we had agreed to, leaving after dropping off our kids).

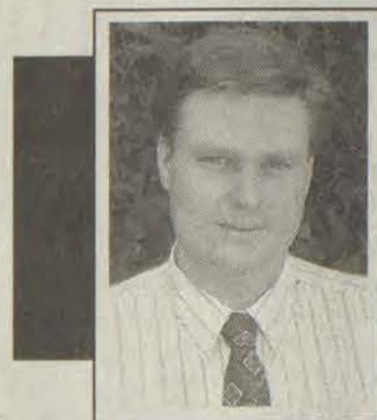
The deputy sheriff pulls up, and asks me to get into his car so that he can talk to me. The conversation went much the same as the one we had with the school principal. I asked what we were being charged with. The reply was something vague like "lollygagging on school grounds." I asked who was charging us, and was informed (again) that I would not be told. Doesn't an accused person have any rights in Floyd county? I wonder.

Later, I was even told that this deputy sheriff made the comment that he came very close to arresting me on the spot for being "smart." I'm amazed at this. The

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



### Taxes must not be holy

The 2000 session of the legislature has become the General Assembly of three-letter words.

One of those words is T-A-X, which none of us like, but our legislators have carried the thing just a little too far. Normally content with voting down tax increases, this current bunch is not content except to vote down any proposal raising or lowering taxes. And, as in the case of the bottle bill, which was wholly refundable and could not strictly be considered a tax, they voted it down anyway, just because it was sort of like one.

But, never fear, this biennial gathering of yahoos has found one three-letter word it does like, and that's G-O-D. It doesn't matter what the bill is, if it has God in it, it's as good as passed.

Now, I understand that quite a few folks out there have no problem with this. Some I've heard have said that our world needs a little more religion in it with these troubling times we live in.

Maybe so, but not delivered to us from the greatest collection of prostitutes this side of the Mustang Ranch.

Doesn't anyone else find it amusing that a collection of legislators which has produced some of the most infamous thieves, adulterers and con-artists ever assembled in this state, and that's saying a lot, has suddenly gotten righteous on us? I think it's absolutely hilarious that they now want to tell us how to be model Christians.

Take, for instance, one of the most vocal Christian-supremacists in the legislature, J.C. "Bo" Ausmus. Here's a guy who, just a few short years ago, was proving how holy he is by getting arrested in Tennessee on alcohol and public indecency charges. Now he wants our children to attend Sunday school six days a week.

And it is disturbingly surreal to watch on television as the pope is calling for Catholics to make amends with Jews, while at the same time our General Assembly is having a heart-wrenching debate on whether Judaism has played any sort of role in our state's and nation's history.

Really. Try to follow this with me. The leader of the Catholic Church is trying to reach out to other religions, but the leaders of our state, who are supposed to represent everyone, not just the majority, are busy trying to make everyone except Christians second-class citizens. Mind-boggling.

What really puzzles me is how folks who see the injustice of the Hindu caste system or the Islamic repression of women can stand idly by while leaders in this state try to implement their own version of a state-sponsored religion and even support them in their efforts.

After all, we have seen several of our legislators propose teaching religious doctrine in classrooms, hanging what amounts to religious idols in public buildings and giving churches the power of discrimination.

And at times the rhetoric has grown truly frightening. At one moment we saw Sen. Albert Robinson vehemently arguing against including a reference to Judaism in a resolution concerning the Ten Commandments, even though they wrote them, because, he said, his proposal "wasn't meant to be inclusive."

Then there was the group which

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## Guest Column

### Alan Greenspan's inflation problem

by Richard M. Ebeling

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has informed the American people that they can expect to see higher interest rates for the rest of the year. In his recent testimony before the Congressional Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Greenspan stated that the unprecedented growth in production and employment in the economy is a threat to the future stability of the country. And to meet that threat, America's central bank will try to rein in growth by making it more costly for both consumers and businessmen to borrow.

Several times during the past year and a half, the Federal Reserve Board has increased the Federal Funds rate — the rate at which banks lend money to each other — to try to slow down the rate of spending in the economy. The rationale has been that the impressive expansion in the quantity of goods and services has produced an unstable boom in the stock market and is placing dangerous pressures on an already-tight labor market that threatens to set off a new wave of price inflation.

There is one big problem with Greenspan's argument. It is the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve

that has created the danger of inflation, not the productive energies of the American people. For more than 107 months, the U.S. economy has been growing due to technological innovation and increases in worker productivity, investment, and capital formation. The average annual increase in real goods and services over most of the last nine years has been between 3 percent and 4 percent or better.

Such a phenomenal trend of economic growth and productivity improvement has not only increased the amount of goods and services available to the consuming public; it has also been lowering the costs of production and manufacturing. What the American consumer should have been experiencing during this time was gently falling prices for the goods they buy on the market, reflecting those greater supplies and the lower costs at which they have been produced.

For some goods, prices have dramatically gone down. But nonetheless, during the last nine years, annual price inflation has still been averaging between 1.5 and 2 percent. And the economy has also been awash in financial liquidity to feed the giant run-up in the stock market that has had Greenspan so wor-

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# Permanent normal trade relations for China helps American farmers

by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman

While most of the nation enjoys nearly unprecedented prosperity, many of our farmers and ranchers find themselves in a daily struggle for survival. Low prices, recession abroad and natural disasters have all combined to devastate American agriculture over the last few years. This is a time when we need to pursue every new opportunity available to farmers, especially export opportunities, which farmers depend on more than twice as much as the rest of the economy does.

Against this backdrop, Congress is preparing to decide whether to grant China Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR), a designation that would allow the United States to enjoy the benefits of China's prospective membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

China is home to one out of every five people on earth. Its economy is growing at a 7 percent annual clip. With state economic control gradually giving way to private enterprise, the Chinese people are enjoying higher incomes and greater consumer power than ever before.

But a relatively closed Chinese market means that our farmers are not able to tap into the full strength of that consumer power. During the last fiscal year, in fact, every man, woman and child in China consumed less than a single dollar's worth of American agricultural goods.

That is compared to \$22 a person in the European Union and \$92 a person in Japan. The entire U.S.-China trade relationship is wildly out of balance, with China selling us five times more in total goods and services than we sell them.

In joining the WTO, however, the Chinese would agree to abide by the accepted rules of international trade. They would eliminate government export subsidies, which give their farmers an unfair advantage in the global marketplace. They would cut tariffs, dramatically in many cases. Their tariffs would be lower than those assessed by our traditional trading partners.

And China would also allow trade to be conducted between private individuals, without the interference of government middlemen.

All told, by 2005, China's membership in the WTO could mean an additional \$2 billion a year in U.S. farm exports. And that is a conser-

vative projection.

The first question many Americans ask when our trade negotiators bring home a new agreement is: "What did we give up?" In the case of the China-WTO deal, the answer in this case is: "Absolutely nothing."

Unlike NAFTA, for example, where we had to give in order to get, all the concessions here are on the Chinese side. All the benefits are on ours. We have nothing to lose by passing PNTR or by bringing China into the WTO.

Perhaps more importantly, we have everything to lose by rejecting it. A no vote on PNTR is a vote for a kind of unilateral disarmament. American farmers and workers would lose the opportunity for increased sales and potential new jobs, while our competitors in the European Union, Canada, Australia, Japan, Latin America and elsewhere fill the orders that could have been ours.

Increased trade with China does not mean acceptance of its governing regime and political philosophy. The Clinton Administration believes, for example, that the Chinese record on human rights is disturbing, and we remain concerned about their lax labor standards and their recent threats

toward Taiwan.

But we also believe that isolating China would move us further away from solving these problems. On the other hand, by bringing the Chinese into the global economic community and exposing them to our values, we can influence their behavior. If we help China become a more open economy, eventually they will become a more open society.

As important as it is to boost exports, there is more at stake here than dollars and cents. We cannot call ourselves the world's only superpower if we disengage from the world's most populous nation just as it is preparing to institute wholesale political, economic and social reforms.

We must also remember that China is a nuclear power that holds the key to peace and stability in Asia. It is absolute folly to isolate ourselves from such an emerging global power. For our national security as well as our economic security, we must engage China.

The decision about PNTR may be the biggest test yet of our nation's commitment both to the global economy and to global security in the 21st century. It is imperative that we pass the test by passing PNTR.

## Pen

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marched on the Capitol, calling for an "army of God" to rise up and reclaim America as a Christian nation, even though the first Europeans to settle this land came here to escape such religious tyranny.

Such religious intolerance and bigotry belongs buried in the past with Nazi Germany.

For the most part, clearer heads have prevailed and it looks doubtful that any of those measures will become law. And one which does appear on its way to passage is one which does make some sense but actually accomplishes nothing.

Our own Rep. Greg Stumbo sponsored a bill which would allow schools to teach about all religions, which is a good deal better than forcing them to teach one.

But really, this bill appears to be nothing more than feel-good legislation which does nothing but restate the obvious. Schools have always had the power to teach about religion, just as long as they did not show favoritism and begin to preach to students. In fact, the bill co-sponsored by Stumbo and Ausmus is written with the same

language as the court ruling which specified that such classes were okay.

But if the worst thing to come from this session is redundant legislation, I'll gladly take it.

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only thing I did was ask questions. I guess that's against the law as well. Don't ask questions, not in this county.

So, where does the situation stand now? Well, my fiancée and I don't want any trouble, especially for our children, so now we take our kids to Archer Park after school, in an attempt to quell rumors, and avoid problems. As agreed, we still leave first thing in the mornings, after dropping them off.

We still have no idea who our accusers are, (aside from that anonymous organization known as

the "PTA"), or even what we were accused of, specifically. No one, from the school officials, to the officers of the law, to the school PTA, has ever stopped and asked us our side of the story. We were condemned, tried, and found guilty out of hand.

My fiancée and I are both local people, we work in fairly high profile jobs, and are solid citizens of this county. Anyone who knows us at all knows we are reliable and dependable. It distresses us both that this has happened.

All I can offer as advice to other

couples whose children attend this same elementary school is to not show affection. Don't hold hands, hug, kiss, or show affection. (I would even be afraid to exchange lingering glances—they might be misinterpreted!)

Hide it, stow it away, be stoic, emotionless. Never let anyone know that you are happy, that you adore the person you are with. If you do, be prepared to be condemned by the Harper Valley PTA, school PTA, and visited by a deputy sheriff.

I would respectfully ask the

school officials this, "Don't you have something better to do, like...education?" I would also ask the county sheriff's department if they don't have some "real" bad guys, like drunk drivers and drug dealers, to take care of. I'd also offer some advice to our accusers (whoever and wherever they are!)

One and one doesn't always necessarily make three. Just because two people sit in a car doesn't mean some thing bad is happening. We sincerely hope this letter does make people stop and reflect for a moment. It probably won't though...not in this county.

Ronald J. Hall  
Renee Marsillett  
Prestonsburg

## Guest

ried over the last few years. By several measures, the money supply has been increasing at seriously high rates over the last three years. Currency in circulation and basic reserves in the banking system available for lending purposes (known as the monetary base) has gone up in 1997, 1998, and 1999, by 5, 6.2 and 9.6 percent, respectively. Currency in circulation, checking accounts, and various types of time deposits and mutual funds (known as M-2) have increased during the same period, by 4.9, 7.3, and 7.5 percent, respectively.

During this time, the Federal Reserve, under Greenspan's chairmanship, has expanded the money supply to prevent the American people from enjoying a higher standard of living through a wider circle of lower-priced goods. Consequently, it is Greenspan and the Fed who have actually created the danger of serious price inflation. Yet it is American consumers

and investors who are being blamed for the monetary mismanagement for which no one is responsible except Greenspan and the other members of the Federal Reserve's board of governors. Unfortunately, it will be the American public who will be forced to pay the price for this monetary mismanagement if the Federal Reserve starts ratcheting up interest rates in the attempt to choke off the consumer and investor spending.

What was not asked of Greenspan at his recent congressional reconfirmation hearings for a third term as chairman of the Federal Reserve System was one

essential question: Can the monetary and banking systems of the United States be entrusted to the central planning to the Federal Reserve's nine-member board of governors? Or is it not time to rethink whether there might be some way to return the supplying of money to the marketplace? For example, the gold standard of an earlier time or, better yet, a totally free market in money. Why should the American people continue to rely on the limited knowledge and ability of a board of monetary central planners, no matter how well-intentioned?

## Pikeville College to hold annual job fair

The Pikeville College annual job fair will be Wednesday, April 5, from noon-3 p.m. on level five of

the Record Memorial Building on the campus.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Services and is free to the public.

All businesses and professionals are encouraged to participate in the job fair where Pikeville College seniors and juniors will be in attendance to talk and/or interview for available job positions.

"Pikeville College graduates are eager and well educated for employment in the real world of work," said Brenda K. Maynard, director of career development for the college.

All businesses, professional groups, and schools are welcome. The last date to register for the fair is March 24. For further information or to register for the job fair, call Maynard at 606/437-3462 or e-mail at bmaynard@pc.edu.



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# OBITUARIES

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## Jimmy Douglas Harmon

Jimmy Douglas Harmon, 52, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on September 9, 1947, in Floyd County, he was the son of Imogene Harmon and the late James Harmon Jr. He was a disabled mechanic and member of the Maytown Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Meade Harmon.

Other survivors include two daughters, Angela Renee Guess of Owensville, Michelle Lee Harmon of Prestonsburg; four sisters, Deloris McGuire of Prestonsburg, Rebecca Rodebaugh of Ohio, Nancy Joyce Casey of North Carolina, Janet Meade of Lexington; and 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Dolores Mulkey

Dolores Mulkey, 69, of Albion, Michigan, died at the Albion Manor Care Center in Albion.

Born on May 2, 1930, at Banner, the daughter of Noah D. Thacker and Rosa Click. She was a nursing assistant for 20 years at Albion Community Hospital.

Her husband, Delzie Mulkey, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Valerie Terry, and two sons, Robert M. "Mickey" Mulkey, and Sammy D. Mulkey, all of Albion, Michigan; two brothers, Marion Bradford Thacker of Grand Island, Nebraska, James Robert Thacker of Dayton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m., at Albion Chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapel, with J. W. Northcutt officiating.

Burial was in the Albion Memory Gardens, under the direction of Tidd-Williams Funeral Home.

## Joe Alex Crisp

Joe Alex Crisp, 68, of Town Branch, near Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 10, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 23, 1931, at Water Gap, to the late Andy and Ada Nelson Crisp. He was a heavy equipment operator with B & B Engineering.

He is survived by a half-sister, Dockie Belle Pigman of Water Gap, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are today, Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Buddy Jones and Rev. David Garrett officiating.

Burial is in the Richmond Cemetery at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

## REGIONAL OBITUARIES

### Magoffin County

Jerry Phipps, 40, of Lexington, died Wednesday, February 2, in his home after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Snyder Funeral Home.

Earl Thomas Burton, 70, of Waverly, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 23, at a Columbus, Ohio, hospital. He is survived by wife, Donna Jean Bryan Burton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly.

Joseph David Simpson, Jr., 70, of Springfield, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home.

Edith M. Fletcher, 70, of Stockbridge, Michigan, formerly of Sublett, died Tuesday, January 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 14, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Mabel Taulbee, 87, of Winterhaven, Florida, formerly of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, March 1, funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4,

## Terry Lynn Slone

Terry Lynn Slone, 30, of Litt Carr, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on September 23, 1969, in Perry County, he was the son of the late Merd and Millie Nickles Slone. He was disabled, and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, at Pinetop.

Survivors include one brother, Jerry Slone of Leburn; two sisters, Denise Wicker of Brinkley, and Maxine Speaks of Winchester.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 12, at 1 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church, at Pine Top, with Carlos Craft officiating.

Burial will be in the Nickles Cemetery, at Litt Carr, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Clara Lawrence

Clara Lawrence, 72, of Smithville, Tennessee, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at St. Thomas Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Everett and Lizzie Mars Tackett and had been a merchandise buyer for G.C. Murphy. She was a member of Whorton Springs Baptist Church.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dalton J. Lawrence.

She is survived by five daughters, Doris Gail Rogers of Prestonsburg, Gwendolyn Chaffins of Knoxville, Tennessee, Gloria Jean Holbrook of Lexington, Karen Joyce Hawkes of Louisa, and Linda Carol Greene of McMinnville, Tennessee; a sister, Clursey Caldwell of Wyandotte, Michigan; a brother, Troy Tackett of Pikeville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 11, at 1 p.m. at the Love-Cantrell Chapel in Smithville, with James Williams officiating. Burial was in Dekalb Memorial Gardens.

## Bonnie Sue

### Spurlock Roberts

Bonnie Sue Spurlock Roberts, 47, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at the Grant Medical Center, in Columbus.

She was born February 22, 1953, in Martin, the daughter of the late Frank Spurlock and Ruth Johnson Spurlock.

Survivors include her former spouse, Howard Roberts; two daughters, Bonita Little of Louisa, Destoney "Angel" Spurlock, of Columbus, Ohio; eight brothers, Woodrow Spurlock and Arnold Spurlock both of Millersburg, Ohio, Ted Spurlock, Darrell Spurlock, A.C. Spurlock, all of Columbus, Ohio, Denver Spurlock and Marvin Spurlock, both of Prestonsburg, Charles Spurlock of Allen; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 11, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Denver Meade, officiating.

Burial will be in the Spurlock Cemetery, at Printer, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## REGIONAL OBITUARIES

### Magoffin County

Jerry Phipps, 40, of Lexington, died Wednesday, February 2, in his home after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Snyder Funeral Home.

Earl Thomas Burton, 70, of Waverly, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 23, at a Columbus, Ohio, hospital. He is survived by wife, Donna Jean Bryan Burton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly.

Joseph David Simpson, Jr., 70, of Springfield, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home.

Edith M. Fletcher, 70, of Stockbridge, Michigan, formerly of Sublett, died Tuesday, January 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 14, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Mabel Taulbee, 87, of Winterhaven, Florida, formerly of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, March 1, funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4,

under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

James Collinsworth, 64, of Seitz, died Wednesday, March 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Proctor Picklesimer, 67, of Elsmere, died Wednesday, March 8. He is survived by his wife, Lula Rose Manning Picklesimer. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 14, under the direction of Middendorf-Bullock Funeral Home.

Mary Italy Price Damron, 60, of Regina, died Tuesday, March 7, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Glen Dale Damron. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruth "Gerry" Damron, 78, of Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, died Monday, March 6, in Besalem, Pennsylvania. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, March 11, at Johnson Memorial Park, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Did you know the color of your vehicle can affect your safety? Studies show color does matter.

The most visible vehicles on the road have light, single-tone paint jobs. Industry analysts report the safest colors are greenish yellow, cream, yellow and white. People driving vehicles these colors are significantly less likely to be hit by other drivers.

Wondering what the least safe colors are? You guessed it—red and black, two popular colors.

Information like this is important to all of us, especially as we grow older. By the year 2020, 50 million Americans will be age 65 or older and most will be driving motor vehicles, according to AAA Blue Grass.

Along with age will come noticeable effects such as loss of strength, flexibility and coordination. All are

vital parts of safe driving. Although we cannot control aging, we do have the power to make better decisions when it comes to driving safely.

One example is to select a vehicle that makes us more comfortable and confident. This is one of the many details covered in a new series of AAA brochures to help drivers anticipate and cope successfully with the effect aging has on automobile operation.

The series, titled Straight Talk for Mature Drivers, consists of five eight-page pamphlets. The titles are: "Meeting the Challenge," "Rx for Safe Driving," "Buying a Vehicle," "Good Vision...Vital to Good Driving," and "Maintaining Your Vehicle."

"Meeting the Challenge" discusses the increased risk of traffic crashes faced by older drivers and presents strategies for mitigating

some of the most common causes.

"Rx for Safe Driving" explores the effect medication can have on safe driving, alerts seniors to the most common problems and dispenses advice on how to be traffic safe while under a doctor's care.

For example, eating cheddar cheese while taking antidepressants can speed up your heart, increase blood pressure and bring on nose-bleeds.

"Buying a Vehicle" helps the mature driver choose a car that will remain safe and easy to operate even when physical mobility, vision or reflexes are somewhat lessened by age.

"Good Vision...Vital to Good Driving" looks at ways to successfully cope with the gradual loss of sharp vision and its effects on safe driving. Did you know the type of eyewear you select can affect your

driving? AAA suggests you choose glasses with thin frames and high mounted side pieces for the best peripheral vision.

Do you want to know how to keep your car looking good on the road? "Maintaining Your Vehicle" discusses how changing driving patterns may affect the way a mature driver should maintain his/her vehicle. It also explains that today's new cars have maintenance requirements that differ from vehicles of a generation ago.

Individual copies of AAA's Straight Talk for Mature Drivers brochures are available free of charge from AAA Blue Grass.

AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky is a not-for-profit automobile club serving 120,000 members in a 61 county area of central and eastern Kentucky and parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

# The ultimate change: spring

by Scott Sabol  
WSAZ-TV weather

The reason why this time of year intrigues me the most—aside from my birthday and the start of baseball season—is the rapid-fire changes that have occurring constantly throughout the atmosphere.

The transformation from winter to summer is filled with a multitude of color and sound and often leaves us awestruck with the awesome power and destruction the atmosphere harnesses at any one given time. If you thought the weather was interesting during the heart of winter, then the next couple of months will make you think twice.

It's a "caterpillar into butterfly" metamorphosis that will spawn myriad weather phenomenon that touch every extreme. While the caterpillar's biological transformation results in a beautiful butterfly, the atmospheric pyrotechnics and ever-changing precipitation that occur in spring-time lead us unfailingly to summer.

As you watch the weather reports here on NewsChannel 3, you've probably noticed that the occurrences of severe weather and heavy rains have increased in recent weeks. Yes, La Nina is still ruling the general weather pattern across our hemisphere and the Ohio Valley, but something else is going on, and it starts, believe it or not, in space.

During winter, the earth's position relative to the sun is closer than during the summer. However, it is in changes in the earth's tilt that cause winter, not its distance from the sun as commonly thought.

During winter, the earth in the northern hemisphere is tilted away from the sun. Therefore, the amount of direct sunlight is much less. Contrast this with the southern hemisphere which receives more direct sunlight at this time.

Their summertime is in the middle of January in cities like Sydney, Buenos Aires and Capetown. The 2000 Summer Olympics, held in Sydney, start in October, all because of the earth's tilt.

Back on earth, the limited sunlight during winter only heats the atmosphere a percentage of what it does during the summer. In an atmosphere absent of decent heat, the jet stream typically doesn't have as much clout across our area.

Now enters March. The astronomical start of spring is roughly two weeks away. The first day of spring isn't an arbitrary day that people of ancient times chose. It's the point at which the earth's tilt in the northern hemisphere—where we live—has changed 50 percent toward the sun. That is, the sunlight from the sun is 50 percent more direct than it was two months ago.

More direct sunlight means more heat in the atmosphere which means more dramatic tem-

perature changes and thus a jet stream that's more powerful. Temperatures in the 70s in March aren't completely foreign to us.

We typically see a few each year betwixt and between days with highs near average. The jockeying back and forth of temperature isn't especially noteworthy; it's the storms that lie between that get our attention.

As we head into March, the dividing line between cold and warm air becomes more pronounced. The storms along those fronts become supercharged due to a reinvigorated jet stream. The combination of leftover cold air still lingering across the continent and an increasingly warmer atmosphere produces a wide variation of weather across the entire country, from one side of the state to another and even from town to town.

Severe weather in the form of thunderstorms, tornadoes and heavy rains on a 70 degree day like most of us saw several weeks back is only the tip of the iceberg. Speaking of ice, a snow-storm is certainly a viable possibility in the spring weather sweepstakes.

Our changing atmosphere in these upcoming weeks will captivate our minds, frighten our senses and humble us all in the same breath. If winter is the caterpillar and spring is the chrysalis, then summer must be the butterfly. We just have to be patient until the butterfly emerges.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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.

## Area Homemaker Conference planned

The Northeast Area Homemaker's Leadership Conference is set for March 30 at the Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration is \$7 and includes lunch. For information, contact Theresa Scott at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, 606/886-2668.

## Free lunch for seniors

Free lunches for senior citizens are planned for March 24 and April 28 at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center (Auxier School). The first lunch will feature a program by Christian Appalachian Project and the second by Floyd County Extension Service. Seating is limited to the first 50 persons who call 886-0709 for reservations.

## Quilter's Day Out set for Pikeville

The Pike County and Mingo-Pike quilt guilds are hosting Quilter's Day Out on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Pike County Extension Service.

Advanced, beginner and in-between quilters are encouraged to bring work to show, and they will

receive hands-on experience on folded flowers and see demonstrations of pieced snowball quilt and chenille work.

Lunch will be provided. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact the Pike County Extension Office at 1-800-233-1390 or 606/433-2534.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interest-

ed 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.

## Domestic violence?

The staff at the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center are available for presentations on dating or domestic violence, for court advocacy, support groups, professional training, crisis intervention, counseling referrals, or to have someone to talk to about your relationship. Call 886-6025 or out-of-area 1-800-649-6605, and remember: 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.

## SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of March.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

## Clothing articles found

Allen Central Middle School Y.S.C. has several coats and other articles of clothing brought in that have been found in the school. If you have misplaced your coat at school, come by the center to see if it has been brought to the Youth Service Center.

## Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is responsible for their behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

## Veterans rep.

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He

# Governor, First Lady unveil new exhibit

Frankfort — Gov. Paul Patton and First Lady Judi Patton unveiled seven new watercolor paintings recently that will join the Capitol's Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit, and Hannah Baird, chairperson of the Kentucky Commission on Women, announced four new selections for the year 2000.

"It gives Judi and me great pleasure to present these latest portraits to join the Capitol's exhibit to honor the historical contributions Kentucky women have made in building our state," the governor said.

The ceremony unveiled the portraits of the 1999 selections: Josephine Henry, Versailles suffragist and proponent of property rights for married women; Eula Hall, founder of the Mud Creek Clinic in

Grethel; and Dr. Louise Caudill, a Morehead family physician for 50 years.

The 2000 selections and portraits to be unveiled include:

- Mary T. Meagher Plant, a Louisville native, brought home three gold Olympic medals in 1984 for her performance in the butterfly, breast stroke and medley relay. She dominated competitive swimming during the 1980s and was a member of the 1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympic teams.

- Anna Mac Clarke (1919-1944) was born in Lawrenceburg in 1919, and enrolled in Kentucky State College in 1937, graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics. In 1942, Clarke joined the all-volunteer Women's Army Corps, becoming one of the first African-Americans to be a WAAC

officer. Soon exposed to segregated life on army bases, she led a successful movement to desegregate base facilities.

- Dr. Louise Southgate (1857-1941) was a woman before her time, constantly encouraging women and girls to create new paths of independence. She was the great-granddaughter of Thomas Kennedy, one of Covington's earliest settlers. Southgate earned her medical degree in 1893 at Laurel Memorial College (later, University of Cincinnati Medical School) and became one of the first female physicians in Northern Kentucky, practicing for more than 35 years.

As a salute to the millennium, the Kentucky Commission on Women also gave special recognition to former Gov. Martha Layne Collins as the first and only female

governor of the Commonwealth.

This award was made during a luncheon, held prior to the unveiling ceremony at the Executive Mansion, and hosted by First Lady Judi Patton and Commission members. Her portrait was also unveiled in the Rotunda.

At the luncheon, a four-color poster entitled Her Legacy, Her Future was given to each attendant. Designed as part of an education package for schools and colleges, the poster shows women holding up the map of the Commonwealth. Almost 200 women are featured on the reverse side with brief descriptions of their contributions.

The Kentucky Commission on Women began the project to recognize the courage, ability, and determination of women throughout Kentucky's history.

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is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Call 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

### Apples for the students

James A. Duff is collecting Food City receipts that will help us to get free computers and other items that we can use in our school. Help us by saving your receipts and either send them to school with your child or dropping them off at the Family Resource Center. You may also drop them off at the front office of our school. We would appreciate any help you could give our school with this project.

### Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War, U.S. and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606/886-7920.

### You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019. Al Anon! For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

### Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

### Fund-raiser planned

Wesley Christian Academy is planning an activity to raise funds to purchase playground equipment. A \$10 donation covers dinner, door prizes and the chance to win \$1,000 in cash during the March 13 event from 6 to 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the school at 874-8328, or any student. Contributions are tax deductible.

### G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of the David School will teach GED classes at the James A. Duff Family Resource Center each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are free. If you need more information, call Judy Handshoe, at 358-9878.

### SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special event). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite. This is available to the community as well as to the students. Feel free to stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 242 or ext. 243.

### Clark Family Resource Center Calendar

Nursing services: A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is in the center on Fridays. Services available: Physicals for 5th grade students entering 6th grade in the next school year; pre-school, headstart, and kindergarten physicals, physicals for any student, age birth-21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are

available to anyone in the community.

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GED classes have been scheduled for Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the center.

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After school child care is Monday through Friday, school days, from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There are currently openings for enrollment in after school child care. Call the center for more information, 886-0815.

### Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar March 2000

March 13: A.B.C. Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m., at First Christian Church, located on Chloe Road in Pikeville. Group will discuss the kickoff telethon for the "Tell a Friend" program which will be televised on WYMT-TV.

March 18 & 19: CEN (Certification in Emergency Nursing) Review will be offered at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Limited to 15 individuals. Pre-register at 437-3525.

May 8: "Celebration of Hope," Breast Cancer Survivors' Day, hosted by First Lady Judi Patton at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort. Begins at 1 p.m.

### Free lunches planned

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center is sponsoring two free lunches for senior citizens this spring. A program on benefits will be presented by Christian Appalachian Project on March 24, and the Floyd County Extension Office will present a program on April 28. Seating is limited to the first 50 persons to make reservations. Call 606/886-0709.

### Super Pantry offered

A Super Pantry for low-income persons will be held at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center on Thursdays from April 13 to May 18, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will take part in cooking demonstrations and will then be given food to replicate the meal at home. Participation is by referral. Call 606/886-0709.

### Clark FRC notes March schedules

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the Clark Family Resource Center on Fridays. Services, which are available to anyone in the community, include physicals for fifth grade students entering sixth grade in the next school year; pre-school, Head Start, and kindergarten physicals; physicals for any student, age birth to 21 years old; blood pressure screening; TB skin tests and baby shots. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

GED classes are offered Fridays, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Meetings:

- Advisory Council, March 14, 5 p.m.

- Kindergarten Parents, March 21, 8:30 a.m.

### Conservation District meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 20, at 10 a.m. in the new district office at Brandyke. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call 606/889-9800.

### P'burg Elem. SBDM council to meet

Prestonsburg Elementary will have a special called SBDM Council meeting on Thursday, March 16, at 3 p.m., in the school auditorium.

### Food pantry open in Auxier

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center has opened a food pantry, sponsored by the Voice of Victory Church. According to Rev. Junior Hayton, the food pantry will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays in the second week of each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mercy calls will be accepted. Call 606/886-6009.

# Chamber Notes

by Rebecca Derosssett  
Executive Director  
Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

It's not often you get to mix business with pleasure, but this Tuesday evening, March 14, 5-7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce members will do just that, as they meet at Bountiful Baskets, Bouquets and Balloons for Business after Hours.

The setting is nothing but charming. Housed in the little cottage with the bright blue roof, Bountiful Baskets is a new business in the area and a new Chamber member. We say a big Welcome to Lisa Johnson and her fine staff at 359 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg.

Visitors will enjoy refreshments and get a chance to shop for lots of unusual items — from delicious teas and snacks to beautiful floral arrangements and gifts. Chamber members are urged to attend and please RSVP to the

Chamber office, 886-0364, by Monday, March 13.

The Chamber of Commerce is getting deeper and deeper into training programs as a service to members and the general public. Next on the agenda is a Retirement Seminar, co-sponsored by the Chamber, Morehead State University/Small Business Development Center, and Edward Jones Investment.

The session will be Wednesday, March 22, 2-4 p.m., in the auditorium at Prestonsburg Community College. Topics to be discussed are: 401 K Options; Roth IRA and Traditional IRA; Contributions and Withdrawals; and What is a Roth and How Does it Work? The cost is \$20 per person; no net profits will go to the Chamber and SMDC.

O. Sam Blankenship, Edward Jones Representative, will donate his services as trainer. Call Judy or Linda at SMDC, 432-5848, or Becky or Bev at 886-0364 to pre-reg-

ister.

Those of you who watched The Chamber Show this month saw a guest appearance by David Copley, manager, Heilig Meyers Furniture. You heard him say it. We all heard him promise to donate a couch to the Chamber office.

We are glad to report David is as good as his word. We now are enjoying a beautiful new, colorful, comfy couch in our board room.

You will see it on the next Chamber Show. Our guests, Darrell Patton, of Darrell Patton's Insurance, and Gary Tickles, director of the Job Corps, will be the first to be filmed seated on the new couch.

So, watch for the show, or come on down and see for yourself, maybe even take a snooze. And when you drop by Heilig Meyers, tell David thank you.

See you, same place, same time, next week. Stay in touch!

# Spring...your once-a-year opportunity to prevent crabgrass

(NAPSA)—Early spring is the best time to defend your turf against a pesky springtime invader—crabgrass.

Crabgrass is an annual weed that starts anew each year from seeds in the soil. While crabgrass germination begins in spring, it doesn't become visible in lawns until summer, when hot temperatures encourage this invader to grow rapidly and choke out desirable grass as it spreads.

Once it gains a foothold, there's nothing that can be done, short of hand-pulling. In fall, crabgrass drops its seeds for an even larger crop next year. Then it dies with the first hard frost, leaving ugly dead spots in the lawn.

### Solution to crabgrass control

The most effective way to combat crabgrass is to stop it before it gets started by applying a preemergence herbicide that knocks off the young plants as they sprout.

An example is Team\* preemergence herbicide, which sets up a "weed prevention zone" around seedlings that interferes with cell formation. This action stops crabgrass from germinating and breaking the soil surface. In addition to crabgrass, Team provides protection against other grassy weeds including goosegrass, foxtail and barnyardgrass.



### Timing makes the difference

To obtain the best results, Team should be applied before crabgrass germinates in early spring or late fall, depending on geographic locations. This generally occurs when the soil temperature is between 52 F and 55 F. If the herbicide is applied too early, crabgrass that germinates late in the season will not be controlled.

If applied too late, some crabgrass may have already germinated. Because the application "window" varies regionally, it's best to check

with your local horticultural extension agent for the proper timing in your area.

When applied according to label directions, one application of Team provides 12 weeks of control. A second application extends protection in areas with longer growing seasons. Be sure to make the second treatment 10 weeks after the initial application on cool-season turf and 10 to 12 weeks on warm-season turf.

### Proper lawn care practices

It's important to note that crab-

grass preventer should not be applied to turf areas you are seeding this spring. It will stop good grass seed from sprouting, just as it stops crabgrass. Remember, establishing and maintaining a dense, healthy lawn is the first step to reduce crabgrass infestations. Crabgrass has a difficult time germinating and surviving in thick turf.

Achieving thick turf can be attained by following proper lawn care practices such as mowing the lawn regularly at the highest recommended height, and never removing more than one-third of the leaf surface.

Keep in mind, closely-mowed lawns tend to open up, allowing weeds like crabgrass to invade, while lawns mowed higher (over 2 inches) tend to have fewer problems. Proper aeration, irrigation and fertilization techniques also help promote a healthy lawn. While proper lawn care practices alone may not eliminate crabgrass, when used in conjunction with a herbicide treatment, patchy spots of crabgrass will be replaced by healthy turf.

Team can be found in a variety of weed-prevention products at local garden and hardware stores. Look for the Team herbicide "house-in-hand" logo on the bag, or look for preemergence crabgrass products that list Balan\* and Treflan\* herbicides as active ingredients.

# AAA offers advice for sharing driving expenses

Each year at this time students pack their bags and head south...all in the name of spring break. Some students choose to fly to their destinations, but a majority opts for the cheaper, more affordable way: driving. With several people splitting gas, it seems like the logical way to travel on a budget.

However, there are many more costs to consider than just the cost of gas and how that expense will be divided. Plus, the vehicle owner should factor in wear and tear on his/her car. All these items must be considered when planning a trip, spring break or not.

According to AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky vehicle costs fall into two separate categories: operating costs and ownership costs. With the first, it means everything you do on a weekly, monthly or even yearly basis to maintain a dependable vehicle. This includes gas, oil changes, tire expenditures, general maintenance, etc.

On the other hand, ownership cost is a little different. This includes things such as taxes, depreciation, finance charges, reg-

istration, insurance and license fees. These costs are incurred regardless of how much you drive the vehicle.

For example, the costs of fuel (\$1.098/regular unleaded) and oil for a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier LS 4-cylinder, 4-door sedan with standard accessories comes to 4.8 cents per mile. This is after we factor in the make/model of the vehicle.

# Free white flowering dogwood trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 2000.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's efforts to support tree planting for the new millennium.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "Dogwoods show sunny spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which

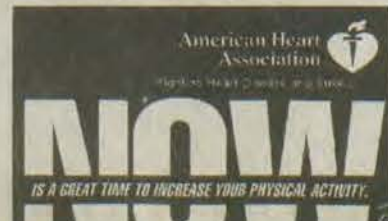
attract songbirds all winter. "Planting these trees will be a great way for families to commemorate the beginning of the millennium," Rosenow added.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31.

Other costs to consider when traveling are road and bridge tolls. It is also wise to include an emergency fund in your vacation budget.

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization founded by AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky to promote traffic safety in 48 counties in central and eastern Kentucky.



# Turning trash to cash through online auctions

(NAPSA)—When Bob Michaels needed some extra cash, he looked around his house. Among his belongings were a ton of old furniture, boxed up comic books, toys from his childhood, and an array of assorted knick-knacks. He thought about having a yard sale to get rid of these items and make a few bucks. But instead of limiting himself to buyers driving around in his neighborhood, he decided to take his items worldwide using online auctions.

Selling via online auctions is one of the Internet's hottest trends. On any given day, more than 5 million items are up for sale on leading auction sites such as eBay, Amazon Auctions, and Yahoo!

"Online auctions are popular because there is no better or cheaper way to guarantee such wide exposure to merchandise," explained Michael Miller in his book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Auctions*. "The more people you have looking at something, the more likely it is that someone

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will buy it-and, thanks to the auction format, more bidders equals a higher selling price."

And although hundreds of thousands of people are utilizing online auctions for a wide variety of merchandise, others have yet to experience the thrills and financial rewards of online selling. Why? "For many people there is a fear involved. Online selling seems complicated and difficult to understand exactly how to do it," said Scot Wingo, CEO of leading auction resource site AuctionRover.com. "They don't know where to begin: How do they create an auction 'page' to showcase their items? Which auction site should they sell on? What's a fair price to ask for an item? How can they manage the logistics of their auction?"

Wingo explained that Web sites

such as AuctionRover.com (www.auctionrover.com) guide sellers through this process with free services and informative "how-to" articles. Using its AuctionManager service, sellers can easily create an auction using pre-defined, yet customizable templates to make programming a non-issue-post it on an

auction site, monitor it, and even arrange delivery for the sold item. Bid Trending data can even show sellers and buyers how much similar items have sold for in the past.

The service walks first-time sellers through the process, making online selling easy. For seasoned online sellers, AuctionManager makes it easier to manage multiple auctions across a variety of auction sites.

"Auction resources such as ours also help sellers find the right auc-

tion site on the Web to work with," Wingo said. "Of course, a lot of folks have heard about eBay, but many people don't know that there are more than 850 auction sites currently operating-and many of these focus on a particular item or category of item."

AuctionRover.com also aids online auction buyers by providing a comprehensive search capability, enabling them to search for items-and bid on items-across 40+ auction sites.

"Online auctions will replace yard sales and swap meets over the next few years," Wingo said. "The audience is much greater, the amount of merchandise available is tremendous, and hard-to-find, unique items are right at everyone's fingertips. Auction resource sites will be leading the way-introducing more people to the process, eliminating the fears of online buying and selling, and making the overall experience fun, easy and definitely worthwhile."

## Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

### MAYO OPENS STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

Mayo has opened its new Student Services Center. Students can now access job and career web-

sites, do resumes, search for job openings, apply for financial aid and other school related internet functions in the Student Services Center.

The center is staffed with counselors and other personnel to assist students and is located in the back

of Building A. Students may enter from the sidewalk that runs between buildings A and B. Other services are planned for the center and will be announced as they become available.

### MAYO PERSONNEL ATTEND SEMINAR

Seven representatives of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College were among more than 160 employees of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) who participated in a recent enrollment management workshop in Lexington.

The workshop March 1-2 focused on recruiting new students and retaining students already enrolled. Those attending from Mayo Technical College were Bobby McCool, Linda Lyon, Patty McKenzie and Mylinda Burris. Attending from Prestonsburg Community College were Dr. Charles Stebbins, Sandra Kaikumba and James Manley.

All KCTCS college presidents and directors participated in the workshop and were accompanied by an enrollment team from each institution. The workshop participants developed strategies designed to give their colleges more control over student enrollment.

Strategies addressed included why students enroll, what they expect from college, why they drop out, and how colleges can increase enrollment.

Enrollment management is not just a series of enrollment activities, said Dr. Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president, but a comprehensive program that will involve all administrators, faculty and staff at each KCTCS campus, as well as administrators and staff in the System Office.

KCTCS goal is to increase enrollment by 5,000 students during the next two years.

Bobby McCool, director of Mayo Technical College, said, "By putting students first we will meet the needs of our student population and the community at large. A total commitment of all of our faculty and staff will bring Mayo Technical

College to the people. That's what we are all about."

### COE ACCREDITATION CLOSE AT HAND

It is time to get started on the self study for COE Accreditation. Assignments have been made and things are in the works. "I want to commend the staff for the good start we have made on the COE exhibits," McCool said. "It takes a united effort to show our college in its best possible light. I appreciate all the efforts made by everyone involved and all the hard work yet to come."

### PHLEGM GEMS REPRESENT MAYO

Respiratory Care Technology students are planning on competing in the regional respiratory care "Sputum Bowl" competition. No, it does not involve spit! Actually, it is a trivia bowl focused on the profession.

If all goes as planned, they will be traveling to Indianapolis in April to compete against about nine other teams from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana for Regional "bragging" rights and a scholarship for our school.

They have already submitted their required questions and have begun practicing after school each week. Team members are: Ashley Bartley, Lisa Osborne, Rich Dials, and Jenna Newton.

### REGIONAL VICA COMPETITIONS

VICA students from the area centers and Mayo Technical College in Johnson, Pike, Martin, Floyd and Magoffin counties competed here on the Mayo main campus in regional competition. Winners will advance to State VICA competition.

Remember, now is the time to apply for admission to Mayo for the Fall and to apply for financial aid. Visit our website at <http://www.mayotech.org> or call us at 606-789-5321. You can apply online.

## Boy Scouts do 'a good turn'

The Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America will conduct their annual "Scouting for Food" campaign on March 18 and 25.

"Scouting for Food" is a national program created to allow members to do a "good turn" for their communities. Scouts will collect non-perishable food items to be distributed to area food banks and shelters.

Boy Scouts will ask residents to help fill a bag with canned goods or

simply to buy an extra can of food for the needy. All food that is collected with stay in the community in which it is collected.

Many people give food to the needy during holiday seasons, but the need for food never goes away. Food banks have their greatest need now because fewer people give food during the spring.

For more information, contact the Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America, at 606/231-7811.

## Writers to meet at Midway

The Kentucky Writers' Coalition and Midway College will host a one-day writer's conference on March 23, at Midway's McManis Student Center.

Entitled, "Truth, Consequences, and the Printed Word," the conference explores many facets of writing and publishing through a series of panels, writing workshops, and a reading.

Featured presenters include many of Kentucky's most well-known and respected writers and publishers, including Dianne Aprile, Lee Guthrie, Judi Jennings, Frederick Smock, Tracy Campbell,

George Ella Lyon, Kathleen Driskell, Frank X. Walker, Kentucky Poet Laureate Richard Taylor, and Sena Jeter Naslund.

Registration for the conference begins at 8:45 a.m., and the day ends about 5:30 p.m., with a book signing and reception. Advance registration is \$60, \$50 for KWC members, \$30 for seniors and disabled persons; \$15 for full-time students.

The fee includes lunch and the afternoon reception.

Call 502/583-9010 or email [kywriters@spalding.edu](mailto:kywriters@spalding.edu) for more information or to register.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports



Feature:  
**Pikeville avoids upset bid**  
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SOUTH FLOYD'S KYLE TACKETT (24) put up a shot against Magoffin County in a first round game for the Raiders. Magoffin County posted a 56-55 win over South Floyd. Right photo, Byron Hall is squeezed between two Hornet defenders. (photos by Ed Taylor)

*Magoffin came with game plan, it worked*

# JOY RIDE ENDS

## Back's shot ends Raider's season

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

Could it have been all the media hype of a possible Johnson Central versus South Floyd championship game that distracted the South Floyd players when they fell to Magoffin County Thursday night at the J.E. Campbell Arena at Allen Central?

Could it have been they did not seriously regard the Hornets, who were 15-12 coming into the regional tournament, as a real threat?

Could it have been that Magoffin County had a game plan on how to slow down the running Raiders?

Could it have just been that the master of coaching the game of basketball, Danny Adams, took his kids into the

classroom and explained to them what had to be done? Whatever the reason, it was Magoffin County pulling out a thrilling 55-54 win over the South Floyd Raiders, who finished a great season with a 25-6 record.

South Floyd was one of the tournament favorites but it was not to be this night as Jason Back drove the middle of the lane, stopped, faded away from 10 feet out and sank a jumper with two seconds remaining. The ball settled into the net as South Floyd signaled for a time out with two ticks remaining.

On the inbound play, the Raiders turned the ball over as Magoffin County advanced.

Coach Danny Adams said his team was focused and ready to play despite being without the services of Brandon Russell, who was injured against Johnson Central in the

finals of the 57th District tournament.

"We knew we had to control the tempo," said the Magoffin County coach. "We knew we had to be opportunistic as far as break opportunities in coming on the attack. We had to do a lot of reading. That's asking a lot from kids to have just three days with them."

South Floyd was in control as the fourth quarter unfolded, holding a 43-38 lead in an uncharacteristic low-scoring game for the Raiders.

But the Raiders, in trying to force the ball on the break, turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the final period, allowing the Hornets to climb back in the game.

The Raiders held a two-point advantage through the first four minutes of the last quarter but it was Magoffin County going in front 48-47 on a three-point basket by Nicholas

Arnett.

"We battled slowly and we told our kids, we got to be in this game by the middle of the fourth quarter," said Coach Adams of his teams strategy.

The Hornets were just that as they led with less than four minutes to play.

South Floyd had but one field goal in the first 6:53 of the fourth quarter and that was a basket by Kyle Tackett. Magoffin took a four-point lead, their biggest, 53-49, on a basket and free throw by Back. Back look like a person who wanted the ball. He showed good composure for a player who has been known to come apart.

"Jason is pretty good when he holds his composure,"

(See RAIDERS, page three)

■ **Magoffin vs Pikeville**

## Gibson leads Pikeville past Magoffin County

**Back scores 20 in 66-62 Hornet loss**

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

Magoffin County point guard Jason Back could not work his magic as he did the night before against South Floyd and the Hornets fell 66-62 to the defending 15th Region champions, Pikeville, Friday night in a semifinal game.

Chase Gibson shot just over 60 percent from the floor, scored a game-high 26 points, and pulled down five rebounds in playing 27 minutes, to lead the Pikeville scoring.

Jeremiah Akers scored 18 points as the only other Panther to reach double

figures. Nicholas Arnett added 14 points for Magoffin County while Robert Barnett netted 13.

Gibson, who spent most of the game against Feds Creek on the bench in round one, was the key to winning over the Hornets. He dominated the game early and often, playing all but five minutes.

Coach Danny Adams and the Hornets just could not pull out the upset over the Panthers, not that they didn't try. Adams' ballclub was in the game all the way.

The biggest lead for Pikeville was nine points and that came in the third quarter at 37-28.

The Hornets trailed by six entering the final period. Baskets by Barnett

(See GIBSON, page three)



PIKEVILLE'S CHASE GIBSON (30) posted up against a Feds Creek defender. Gibson, who got in early foul trouble, had eight points and 10 rebounds in the win over the Vikings. He scored 26 against Magoffin County. (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ **Shelby Valley vs. JCHS**

Boys 15th Region...

## Coleman pumps in 24, JCHS reaches finals

**Shelby Valley falls 72-67 to Eagles**

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

Before a nearly packed J.E. Campbell Arena, the Johnson Central Golden Eagles found themselves as the first team to reach the coveted finals of the boys' 15th Region basketball tournament at Allen Central High School Friday night.

Senior Mitchell Coleman, a take-charge player, scored a team-high 24 points, pulled down eight rebounds and dished off four assists to lead Coach Johnny Ray

Turner's ballclub to a 72-67 win over Rodney Rowe's Shelby Valley Wildcats.

Shannon Akers led the Valley Cats with 24 points.

It marked the first time Coach Turner has had a team reach the finals of the regional tournament since his McDowell team did it in 1989.

Johnson Central (24-6) got double-figure scoring from Tommy McKenzie with 16 points, while Jimmy Burchett added 12. Marvin Fannin finished with nine points.

Terry Wright and Dusty Hall scored 12 and 11 points respectively for Shelby Valley.

(See JCHS, page seven)



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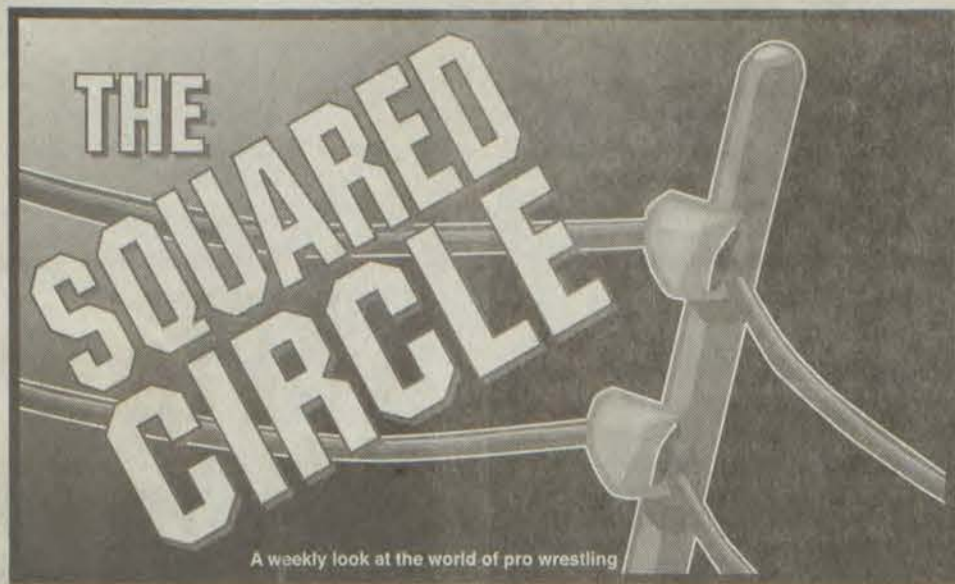
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**TOP 10**

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



■ RAVEN



■ CRASH HOLLY

Look for: The Undertaker to become a face when he returns.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- ECW, Danbury, Conn., Living Dangerously, March 12
- WCW, Miami, Uncensored, March 19
- WWF, Anaheim, Calif., Wrestlemania 2000, April 2

**MAILBAG**

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Dear Squared Circle, I would like to know what ever happened to the wrestler known as Nailz from the WWF? I would like to see the most hated Top 10 on this page.

Here is my Top 10:

1. Raven
2. Sabu
3. Jeff Hardy
4. Cactus Jack
5. Chris Jericho
6. Rob Van Dam
7. Mike Awesome
8. Lance Storm
9. Kurt Angle
10. Tazz

— Tony Adams  
Bremen, Ohio

A — Nailz (Kevin Wacholtz) is working California indys.

Dear Squared Circle, I was a devoted fan of wrestling in the 1980s when the Von Erich boys were big stars. I would like to know if there is a book out about the family and where I might buy it.

— Mary Pogue  
San Antonio, Texas

A — OK, SC readers, anybody got a lead for Mary on a Von Erich biography?

Dear Squared Circle, What happened to Woman, and is she still married to Kevin Sullivan? I enjoy your whole page, especially the After the Bell column.

— Gregg Gaught  
Gulfport, Miss.

A — No, Nancy is married to Chris Benoit, and she just gave birth to a boy. She formerly was Sullivan's wife, but has been with Benoit for a couple of years.

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



Three Count vs. The Mamelukes, WCW

**CATCH PHRASES**

"Bang! Bang!"  
— Cactus Jack

**REAL NAMES**

Viscera (Mabel)  
Nelson Frazier

6-10, 520

Hometown: Harlem, N.Y.

Birthday: Feb. 14

Pro debut: 1991

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**COMIC BOOK SPARKS NOVA**

By Anthony Conchel  
Squared Circle Editor

A child's love of comic books became a wrestler's persona. "I was a huge comic book fan as a kid. So when I got into wrestling and started looking for a gimmick, that's where I went," said Nova, formerly known as Super Nova.

"I had no idea at first. I thought about a Boy George-type gimmick or a dancer. Then I looked at some old comic books and the idea came to me. There were no action heroes in wrestling, so I tried it."

Mike Moraldo has come a long way since his childhood love of action heroes in New Jersey. Today he's an up-and-coming star on the Extreme Championship Wrestling circuit.

"When I wrestled with the Blue Meanie I had the star on my face and the cape. When he left, the character gradually evolved and I lost the star and the cape," the 27-year-old said prior to an ECW house show in Toledo, Ohio.

"I changed my outfit and got in better shape and began to really push myself as a wrestler," said the personable young man who bears a slight resemblance to Shawn Michaels.

When he joined ECW four years ago, he and the company were fledgling stars.

A lot's changed in those four years.

"In this business you wrestle to reach the Big Three (WWF, WCW and ECW). With the success we've had recently, a lot of guys want to come here. A year ago we'd hold try-outs and nobody would show up," he said. ECW's past financial woes are public knowledge.

"A year and a half ago it was real rocky. But a small group of us stayed and worked our asses off.

"Everybody else wrote us off, but Tommy Dreamer and Paul Heyman kept it going," he said.

But a TNN contract, a toy deal and a video

game deal changed a lot of things for ECW.

"Now the guys who've stuck it out want to take it to the next level. Guys like Sabu, Little Guido and Simon Diamond have been loyal.

"And we've picked up guys like Mike Awesome and Steve Corino, who've added to our talent roster."

Like many who lace up their boots in the ECW locker room, Nova recognizes the difference between this promotion and the others.

"There's not a guy in this room who doesn't want to be here. They compete and want to work every single night. If they come in and their name's not on the list of matches, they're upset.

"It was good to get a break with ECW," said Nova, who grew up watching Tiger Mask, Kerry Von Erich and the Dynamite Kid.

But working several nights a week in the bump-intensive promotion results in injuries.

With Rob Van Dam and Spike Dudley out with injuries, Nova counts his blessings that he's not been seriously hurt.

"Thank God. I've been lucky. I fixated my back and was out a week. I couldn't walk or move at all. But it healed and I got back in there as soon as I could. Chris Chetti herniated a disc in his back last year and he's still having problems with it, but he's on the card tonight."

Nova made his ring debut in 1992 working independent shows in the Northeast.

"I was the right size. Most ECW guys are about 6 feet and between 185 and 210 pounds. Van Dam's about 230; Sabu's not that big; neither was Tazz. But measure their hearts. That's what ECW wrestling is all about," he said. "Getting guys like Raven and The Sandman back is great too.

"Wrestling's an art form. Being able to do the high-risk moves — the Tornado DDT or Senton Bomb — without killing yourself or the other guy, that's the real art form."

**AFTER THE BELL**

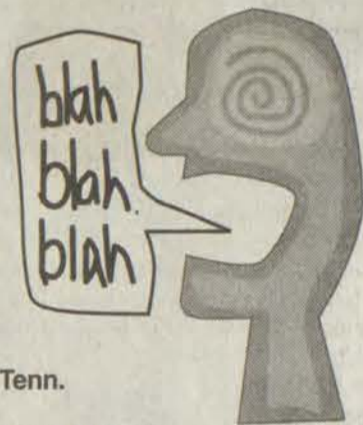
News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ The WWF signed four wrestlers from the Texas Wrestling Alliance (TWA) to developmental contracts recently. Shooter Shultz, Spanky, Lance Cadd and American Dragon are now part of the WWF farm system.

■ ECW continues to add television affiliates, recently picking up two more in Florida. That gives it another million TV sets' worth of exposure.

■ Despite being sidelined with an arm injury, Bill Goldberg continues to promote WCW through personal appearances. Recently he attended the Arnold Classic fitness and bodybuilding show in Columbus, Ohio.

■ The WWF has decided not to cooperate with the promotion of "Beyond the Mat," a movie about pro wrestlers and their injuries. After viewing the product, the WWF decided not to allow use of any trademark names on the movie's poster. WWF exec Jim Byrne said the company wants no financial or emotional attachment to the film.



■ Kane (Glenn Jacobs) has opened a gym in Knoxville, Tenn.

■ Shawn Michaels said on a San Antonio, Texas, radio show that he is not returning to wrestling. Regarding his future: "For Shawn Hickenbottom, to be the best husband and father, and run good schools, train kids well, and help kids achieve their dreams. For the Heartbreak Kid, he will never wrestle again. He doesn't want to have much to do with big-time wrestling because he feels he has done what he wanted to do, and now he wants to give back with the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy and the TWA."

■ A couple of fans have written in wanting to know what former WWF star Tatanka is doing. He's been working indy shows the past year and is hopeful of returning to the WWF or to WCW.

■ Curt Hennig missed a month of work with WCW to be with his daughter, who was injured in a skiing accident.

■ One of the best tag teams on the independent circuit, Joey Matthews and Christian York, are renegotiating with WCW only two months after being let go by the same company. If a deal does come out with the two, don't expect their talents to be wasted in the Power Plant for months and months, like last time.

■ Torrie Wilson graces the cover of the April issue of Ironman magazine. A feature pictorial on the fitness model is inside.

■ Vader lost the Triple Crown championship in All-Japan to Kenta Kobashi.

■ Chris Benoit and Nancy are proud parents of a 9-pound, 9-ounce son, Daniel Christopher.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

- WWF...**
- March 13, East Rutherford, N.J., "Raw Is War"
  - March 14, Uniondale, N.Y., "Smackdown!"
  - March 18, Cedar Falls City, Iowa
- WCW...**
- March 12, Manchester, UK
  - March 13, Providence, R.I., "Nitro"
  - March 14, Fairfax, Va., "Thunder"



- ECW...**
- March 17, Worcester, Mass.
  - March 18, Salem, N.H.
  - March 24, Wichita, Kan.
  - March 25, Kansas City, Kan.

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ March 3, 1998: Pit Bulls I and II are placed on three years' probation for admittedly selling steroids and marijuana in 1995. Gary Wolf and Anthony Durante are fined \$2,000 each and ordered to return \$7,600 they grossed from the drug sales. Both men later returned to wrestling.

**WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT**



**ON THE RISE**  
Rob Van Dam had his cast removed a couple of weeks ago. He is now wearing a nonweight-bearing walking boot as the result of the broken fibula.

**TAKING A FALL**  
Billy Gunn tore his rotator cuff in a recent match and will be out of action for several months.

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**Raiders**

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said the Magoffin County mentor. "He accepted his role. He played exactly like he is capable of playing. We took out that one time when he got banged up pretty good on a pick."

"He came back in and had about a 10-second lapse there. He wanted control of this basketball team. I knew down the stretch he was going to get us a shot out of what we were doing. He showed great poise in that situation."

A three-point play by senior Jimmy Stumbo cut the margin to one point, 53-52, with just over a minute to play. It was only the second field goal of the quarter for the Raiders.

With 41 seconds left, Robert Barnett missed two charity tosses with the Raiders coming away with the rebound. With 31 seconds left, Stumbo grabbed a rebound and scored

to send South Floyd in front 54-53, setting the stage for Back's shot.

The Raiders abandoned their full-court pressure as the Hornets had time to bring the ball up court, something Coach Adams said helped his club.

"It gave us a little more time to concentrate and maybe get a breath coming down the floor and looking things over," he said. "We almost waited too late right there getting started out of our series. But, again, that is composure and senior leadership out there that we needed down the stretch."

The Raiders shot a poor 37 percent for the game, their worst of the season. They hit only four of 21 three-point attempts for 19 percent shooting.

While they outrebounded the Hornets 43-33, it was on the offensive boards that the Hornets hurt the

Raiders.

The Hornets did not actually burn up the nets and only scored six points in the third period, but South Floyd could not build off the cold shooting of the Hornets. The Raiders' biggest lead of seven points came in the third period.

Coach Adams said he was fearful that the tempo his team showed in the last half of the Johnson Central game in the district finals, may resurface against the Raiders.

"We started the same a little bit tonight the same way," he said. "To get down by seven points to this ball-club is not good. We told them that was the limit. We can't go any farther."

Adams said a larger lead for South Floyd would have taken the Hornets out of their game plan.

"Our tempo plan changes," he said.

"Our complete game plan changes. We are playing more to what they would want us to."

South Floyd threw their pressure defense at the Hornets from the onset and Magoffin turned the ball over on their first possession, with South Floyd scoring for a 2-0 lead.

The play of Ryan Montgomery in the first quarter kept the Hornets around as they trailed 19-13 at the first stop. The Hornets' points in the opening period were the result of getting two and three shots at the basket.

A basket and trey by Arnett made it a 19-18 game, but the Hornets could not take advantage of three consecutive Raider turnovers as the Raiders opened the lead back up to five on a three-point play by Byron Hall. Magoffin took their first lead at 24-23 on a basket by Back at the 4:18 mark.

The game was tied at 28, 30 and 32 when the first half ended.

South Floyd placed three players in double figures, led by Stumbo's 14 points. Michael Hall added 12 and Byron Hall tossed in 11. Rusty Tackett finished with nine points. It wasn't a good night offensively for seniors Kyle Tackett, two points, and Ryan Shannon, five points. However, Tackett was valuable on the boards and Shannon in running the team on

the court.

Arnett led all scorers with 17 for Magoffin. Back finished with 15 and Montgomery 14. Barnett had nine rebounds for the Hornets. Stumbo pulled down 16 boards for the Raiders. Shannon and Michael Hall had four assists.

South Floyd turned the ball over 18 times, while the Hornets mishandled the ball 14 times.

**Gibson**

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made it a 43-41 game but the Hornets just could not stop the Panthers on the offensive end. The

biggest lead for the Panthers in the final period was five points on a three-point basket by Akers from

NBA distance. Gibson's lay-in at the 2:02 mark gave Pikeville a five-point cushion again, but the Hornets, swarm that they are, would not go away.

Gibson scored three consecutive baskets for Pikeville, but still the Hornets kept swarming to pull within two, 59-57, on two free throws by Back.

Pikeville did manage to pull out to a 64-59 lead with 11 seconds left to play, but a three-point basket by Joey Howard cut the margin back to two, 64-62, before Gibson hit two free throws for the final margin.

The Panthers led 12-9 at the first stop, with the score tied twice in the opening period. Gibson scored the first six points for Pikeville, with Nick Lynch hitting back-to-back three-pointers for a 12-5 game. Back and Arnett scored to make it a three-point game at the first stop.

Akers got the hot hand for Pikeville in the second quarter, scoring nine points. He had seven of the final nine points for the Panthers before halftime. Pikeville held a 27-20 advantage at the half.

Arnett opened the third period for Magoffin with two treys for a 29-26 game. But Gibson powered his way around the basket with two baskets underneath and Brandon Thompson's rebound basket off a missed free throw gave the Panthers their longest lead at nine points.

Still the Hornets would not go away. A trey by Arnett and two baskets by Back made it a two-point game, 37-35.

On a power move inside, Gibson scored and was fouled but missed the free throw. On the missed toss, Lynch grabbed the rebound and scored for a 41-35 lead. The Panthers led 43-37 after three quarters.

The win advanced the Panthers to the championship game for the second consecutive year, facing Johnson Central in the finals this past Saturday night.

Ryan Montgomery, who had a stellar game against South Floyd, ended up with eight points. Joey Howard finished with five.

Lynch added eight points for the Panthers, including two three-point baskets. Thompson scored seven.

Magoffin County finished the season at 16-13, while Pikeville improved to 21-7.

Pikeville shot 52 percent for the game while Magoffin shot a sizzling 64 percent. Magoffin outrebounded the Panthers 25-20.

Pikeville took better care of the basketball with only 10 turnovers. Magoffin turned the ball over 17 times.

Both teams shot well from the arc, with the Hornets hitting five of eight for 62 percent. Pikeville had five of 12 attempts for 41 percent.



THE PIKEVILLE PANTHERS got 26 points from Chase Gibson and defeated the Magoffin County Hornets, 66-62, to advance to the championship game of the boys 15th Regional tournament. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Floyd County Classic slated for December 9**

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The high school basketball season has just ended and already there is excitement about next season.

There will be an added tournament this December when the first-ever Q-95 FM Floyd County Classic will be staged on December 9 at the Prestonsburg gymnasium.

Rich Hughes, sports director at WQHY, spearheaded the drive to bring in four outside teams to face the four county teams in one day of high school basketball.

"We are hoping it will become an annual thing and the site will rotate each year," said Hughes. "We think it will bring some excitement back into county high school basketball."

For an admission price of just \$5, the ticket holder will be able to watch four games beginning at 1:30 p.m. that Saturday.

In game one, Betsy Layne will face the Millard Mustangs. Pike Central had originally been scheduled for the first game but canceled out.

The second game will pit the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels against Lawrence County in a 3:30 start. Prestonsburg will meet East Carter in game three at approximately 5:30 p.m.

South Floyd and Magoffin County will conclude the day of basketball with a 7:30 p.m. tip-off time.

The final game will be a rematch between the Raiders and Hornets from the regional tournament this past week.

Lawrence County and East Carter are out of the 16th Region. "For only five dollars, a person can watch four great basketball games," said Hughes. "You pay one price and see four games."

South Floyd and Betsy Layne will return a strong unit this December and Allen Central will have a competitive team. Prestonsburg will look to rebuild but has some very promising young players coming in.

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INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# TV Host Fined For Violation

**J**immy Houston, longtime tournament pro and ESPN television show host, was recently fined for violating deer-hunting regulations while filming a segment of his show in Illinois.

As first reported on The Nashville Network Outdoors Web site, Pike County Circuit Court records show that Houston was charged with taking a white-tailed deer without a valid archery permit. Houston posted a \$75 cash bond, which he forfeited on Jan. 24 when he did not appear in court to contest the charge.

Rumor of a hunting violation involving Houston has been circulating around the tournament scene for several weeks. Last week, I asked Houston about the rumor during the Big Kmart BASSMASTER Top 150 event in Georgia — and he flatly denied it.

The owner of the lodge where Houston was hunting was charged with being an accessory to taking a white-tailed deer without a valid permit. Gary Harpole, who pleaded guilty on Jan. 3, was placed on supervision for three months and ordered to pay \$172 in fines and court costs, according to TNN.

Harpole defended Houston, saying, "It was an honest mistake, that's all. It happened, but it was no big deal. That's apparent, I think, considering that he had to pay only \$75 — which must be the absolute minimum fine. You'd better believe the DNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) would have gotten a lot more than that out of him if they had thought it was anything more than a simple, honest mistake."

The incident occurred in November 1998, but DNR officials did not learn about it until last October, when a tip was received from an unnamed person. The citations were issued in late December 1999, after an investigation of the situation.

According to Harpole, Houston thought he had the proper permits with him on the hunt when the Cookson, Okla., resident killed a deer with a bow. As he was about to tag it, he realized that he had a firearm permit but not an archery permit. Houston then bought a tag and used it. The law requires that hunters obtain all required licenses and permits before they harvest a deer.

"I know there are some people who've heard about this and are upset," Harpole told TNN. "They figure Jimmy got off easy because of who he is, but I don't see it that way."

"I don't know Jimmy that well. He's only been here that one time. But, I can tell you he was a nice Christian person to be around — a great role model for the industry. He's certainly no lawbreaker."

Houston, a two-time BASS Angler of the Year, hosts two shows on ESPN and ESPN2 — "Jimmy Houston Outdoors" and "Jimmy Houston's Outdoor World."

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**Family Affair** In the recent Texas BASSMASTER Central Invitational on Sam Rayburn Reservoir, 1980 BASS Masters Classic champion **Bo Dowden** celebrated a special accomplishment. Dowden finished 46th, while his sons **Bo Jr.** and **Eason** finished 19th and 30th, respectively. It marked the first time all three have collected checks in the same BASS event.

## 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	38	Denny Brauer, Camden, Mo. Runner-up in '99 Classic, Fla. Top 150 finals
2	2	38	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
3	3	38	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won BASS Top 150 opener, made Md. finals
4	4	38	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year
5	5	21	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Won Md. Top 150; Mich. and Ga. Top 150 finals
6	6	38	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Runner-up in Vt. BASS Top 150
7	7	21	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up
8	8	38	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals
9	9	8	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. Won Vt. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150
10	10	2	Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. Won last two Top 150 tournaments
11	11	35	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas Finals of Vt. BASS Top 150
12	12	35	Clark Wendland, Cedar Park, Texas Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up
13	13	18	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months
14	14	28	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.
15	15	16	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. Calif. BASS winner; made Ga. Top 150 finals

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



**SHAW GRIGSBY** is an eight-time BASS winner and past Red Man All-American champion. He lives in Gainesville, Fla.

### Catching Bass You Can See

"Sight-fishing for bass may be the most exhilarating form of fishing. Imagine stalking a trophy largemouth or smallmouth bass that you can see — and it can see you. It is the kind of fishing that takes nerves of steel, good eyesight and some special skills.

"Most of my sight-fishing involves a variety of small lures, including minnow-type surface plugs, tubejigs, plastic worms, a small jig-and-pork combination, in-line spinners and noisy topwater lures like Bagley's Tail Walker and Rebel's Pop-R.

"Without a doubt, the most productive sight lure is the G-4, a tubejig made by Luck 'E' Strike Manufacturing. There is no better clear-water bait than a tubejig. The G-4 is outstanding for visible bass because it resembles a minnow when it is floating and a crawfish once it settles on the bottom — especially when you pop it and it darts backward.

"With sight-fishing, it is important to use a lure that you can keep constant visual contact with. You need to see what triggers a strike. Then you can duplicate that movement later with other bass."

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## How Sweet It Is!



Shaw Grigsby shows off the winner's plaque at the Georgia BASSMASTER Top 150 event Feb. 26.

## Grigsby Rebounds From Brink of Despair

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

**A**t various moments over the past four years, Shaw Grigsby has quietly pondered retirement from tournament fishing, a sport he has loved for years and partly dominated in the first half of the 1990s.

The reason? Failure, pure and simple. Failure is a frustration the Floridian has never been able to stomach. Yet, after he started his television show ("One More Cast With Shaw Grigsby" on The Nashville Network), tournament fishing no longer came easily to him. He has had to accept a mountain of frustration during that time.

In fact, Grigsby has failed to qualify for the past four BASS Masters Classics — an unthinkable occurrence for an angler who breezed his way into the eight previous Classics.

But his thoughts of retirement the last four years have, fortunately, been interrupted by well-timed BASSMASTER victories that helped change his mind. First, there was a Top 100 victory on Georgia's Lake Sinclair in January 1997. Then in January 1999, he won an Eastern Invitational event on Florida's St. Johns River.

After he suffered through a miserable fall portion of the 1999-2000 BASSMASTER season, those thoughts of retirement began to resurface. But suddenly, Grigsby is the hottest fisherman in America, riding the crest of back-to-back BIG Kmart BASSMASTER Top 150 victories and hurtling back from near oblivion to get into a good position to return to the Classic.

In January, Grigsby captured the Florida Top 150 event on Lake Tohopekaliga. Less than a month later, he ran away with the Georgia Top 150 on Lake Seminole.

The Georgia tournament, held Feb. 23-26 on one of his favorite lakes, was the scene of a vintage Shaw Grigsby performance. Lake Seminole's largemouths

were spawning in waves that increased throughout the four-day competition — and Grigsby demonstrated once again that he is the best sight-fisherman in America. He took control of the lead on the second day and sailed to an easy 10-pound victory.

"This is an incredible win for me," Grigsby said as he pocketed his second \$100,000 prize in a month. "I never dreamed that I would ever win two Top 150 tournaments back-to-back. That's amazing."

"I'm loving this win. I didn't get to enjoy my last win at Toho nearly as much as this one. Last month, after catching 32 pounds the first day, if I hadn't won that tournament, I would have had to tuck my tail and go home and find another profession. I was much more worried at that one than I was here. Here, I was pumped up and excited all week. I'm still pumped up about it."

That is a far cry from his frustrations of fall.

"Yeah, I've struggled since we started the TV show," Grigsby said. His show is now in its fourth season. "I put so much into whatever I do. I try to focus 100 percent on whatever it is. So when I do the TV show, my tournament performance really suffers. I especially don't do as well in the fall when I'm filming shows between every tournament."

"As soon as the filming ends, it seems like I get back to normal. It's not necessarily that I was sight-fishing (in the last two Top 150 tournaments), it was getting television off my mind," Grigsby said.

"It's nice to have some good tournaments and come back strong. It seems like the monkey's off my back. I'm really am. I hope the streak continues."

The welcome win at Lake Seminole lifts Grigsby into the upper echelon of bass pros. Along with notching his eighth BASSMASTER victory, he joins the elite BASS millionaire's club, along with Denny Brauer, Rick Clunn and Larry Nixon.

"It's nice to have some good tournaments and come back strong. It seems like the monkey's off my back."

—Shaw Grigsby

## YOUR SPORTS

# Paleontologists Hunt Quarry From the Past

By SANDRA PHINNEY

**A**bout 10 years ago, Brian Matthews discovered "some really neat things" while he was walking on a beach. Inquisitive by nature, he quickly found out that these "neat things" were plant fossils that could be up to 350 million years old.

The thrill of that discovery led him to read "Wonderful Life: The Burgess Shale and the Nature of History" by Stephen Jay Gould, where he learned that there is plenty of evidence of Precambrian life right here in North America. Matthews sought out one of the scientists mentioned in the book, Dr. Desmond Collins of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, who steered him toward the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, Alberta, which is known for its paleontology field program. As a result, for the past four years Matthews has spent his vacations hunting for "dem bones."

His first expedition took him to the remote Devil's Coulee in Alberta as part of a team excavating a bed of juvenile hadrosaurs, duck-billed plant-eaters that could grow as large as elephants. It was eye-opening.

"Once you go on a field experience, you have no choice but to accept what comes your way: the weather, heat, cold, sleeping in a tent, cooking your own meals, doing a hard day's work — and working with a group of people you don't know, but depend on for success," Matthews said.

The amateurs work under the direction of the field staff. Each person is assigned a square yard to excavate. This is done by removing the matrix (earth) in an orderly fashion in tiers of 1 to 2 inches with an awl or a small knife.

"In this endeavor, speed is not as important as thoroughness, and the staff are always willing to show the correct procedure," Matthews said. "In no time at all, an amateur becomes confident with the excavation process."

Matthews' first experience was so satisfying, he signed on the following summer for a dig in the wilderness of Hilda, Saskatchewan. One day, on his lunch hour, he started digging off-site and uncovered some huge bones from a centrosaur, one of the horned dinosaurs. The thrill of it all still resonates in his voice as he tells the tale. "Whenever we find a dinosaur bone, it is the first time that it has been seen in at least 65 million years, and the first time human hands have touched it." Exhilarating moments like that keep him coming back.

Last summer he had another exciting find. "While we were working at one end of the quarry, we came across what appeared to be a hard, round ball. It turned out to be a part of the skull of a centrosaur."

The excavation work is strenuous, but the fringe benefits — such as learning and fellowship — make it worthwhile to Matthews. And there are other, less tangible bonuses. He recalls waking once in the middle of the night. "As I looked outside of my tent, the sky seemed so full of stars in this lonely, dark spot that I don't think there would have been room for one more."

Down the road, Matthews looks forward to the day when he's able to retire from his bank manager's job and spend more time in a tent close to an excavation site. He's even considered buying a piece of land in Alberta with a friend, so they can excavate their own fossils in cooperation with the government. Meanwhile, he volunteers to teach the principles of paleontology to groups of young people in local schools and helps them explore the world of fossils. He dreams of going to the Gobi desert or to excavation sites in South America. At this point, you might truly say, it's in his bones.

Sandra Phinney is a writer in Tusket, Nova Scotia.



Brian Matthews excavates a centrosaur rib in Drumheller, Alberta.

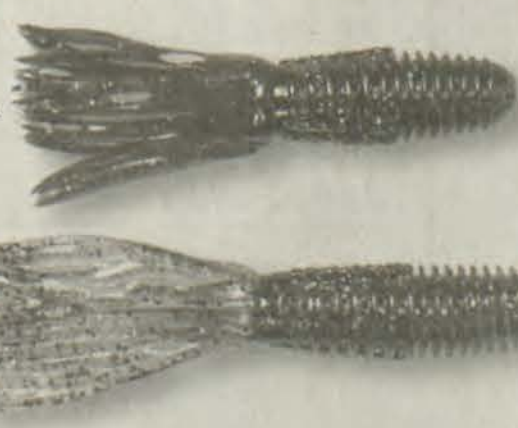
## GEAR AND GOODIES

### Riverside Improves Tried-and-True Tubejig

**W**hen it became popular in the mid-1980s, the tubejig changed the face of bass fishing. Here was a subtle, finesse-style lure that proved to be deadly for catching bass that were 30 feet deep, as well as those on shallow spawning beds.

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The Vibra King tubejig, available in 3 1/2- and 4 1/2-inch sizes, features fine ribs that create a unique feel



and vibration. The ribs also help with more precise alignment and rigging. Its head is solid, which enhances durability and accom-

modates corkscrew-type weights.

"The Vibra Kings are the best tube baits I've ever seen," said Zell Rowland, Texas pro and three-time BASS winner.

"The unique thing about these tubes is the ribs. It goes back to the old ring-style soft bait. When fish bite on this type of bait, I think it gives them a texture more like a real crawfish. So I think they hold onto it longer."

— Tim Tucker

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## TEERING OFF

## Best Golfers Match Expectations to Playing Conditions

Your golf score on any given day depends not only on your swing but also on the conditions in which you play. If you don't make adjustments accordingly in your expectations, you'll get upset when things don't go as they usually do. That's the quickest way to ruin your score.

The good player adjusts his or her expectations based on conditions such as the wind, the lies and the speed of the course (slow in wet weather, fast in dry weather).

If the course is "slow" and soggy, the conditions favor the long hitter because everyone's ball is going to plug. So if you're a short hitter, be prepared for

shorter tee shots due to the lack of roll.

A slow course also means you're going to be hitting longer shots into the greens — shots that are tougher than you normally face. Wet weather effectively widens the course, too, because the ball has a chance to stop short of trouble.

Fast course conditions generally favor the short hitter. If you're a long hitter and a bit wild, expect a little trouble on dry, baked-out fairways where the ball can find trouble on the run.

How you're playing the ball can influence your score also. There are three ways you can play it: "down," which means you play

the ball as it lies; "winter rules," where you adjust your lie in the fairway; "roll 'em everywhere," where you play preferred lies everywhere but in a hazard.

Usually, better players are more comfortable playing the ball down while most high handicappers are not. In wet and muddy conditions, playing the ball down has a big impact on the short game too. Golfers used to pitching and chipping from perfect lies with plenty of grass underneath the ball always struggle around the greens.

Wind is the other big factor that affects every player's game. The more side spin you put on

the ball, the more the wind exaggerates the mistake. Since most high handicappers slice the ball, they have trouble in the wind.

Wind also affects players with low clubhead speeds because they can't hit the ball hard enough to prevent the wind from knocking it around. Long hitters with a wild streak don't fair too well in the wind, either.

To keep your expectations under control, evaluate the conditions to determine how they will affect your game before you tee off. Then you'll be prepared to hang in there when the going gets a bit rough.

# insider golf

by t.j. tomasi

Director of the Players School at PGA National

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I thought I hit my ball out of bounds, so I hit another ball. I hit my second tee shot pretty good in the fairway, way past where my ball went OB, and then I hit my next shot on the green. But the guy I was playing with found my first ball in bounds after I

hit onto the green. I just hollered to him to pick it up and I played my second ball. Was that correct?

— J.S.  
from Daytona Beach, Fla.

**A:** You were correct. Here's how the rule reads: "The player may play a provisional ball until he reaches the place where the original ball is likely to be. If he plays a stroke with the provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a point nearer the hole than that place, the original ball is deemed to be lost and the provisional ball becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 27-1)."

But make sure you announce your intention to play a provisional by saying, "I'm going to play a provisional." If you just hit another ball, it becomes the ball in play.

To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

## Toe Tap Puts Ball Safely on the Green

One of the trickiest lies in golf occurs when your ball comes to rest against the fringe of the green, leaving you a short but quick downhill putt. The trouble here is behind your ball.

The thing that makes this shot such a challenge is judging how much the ball is going to roll. Anytime the grass gets between your ball and your clubface it's tough to judge how hard to hit it.

Normally from this position you'd either putt or chip, but in this case neither of those is a viable option because you can't get the clubface cleanly on the ball. The best way to play this shot is to give the ball a gentle tap with the toe of your putter.

Turn your putter so the toe faces the hole. Put all your weight on your left side and leave it there as you tap.

You don't need any body action for this shot, so keep everything as still as possible except for your wrists. In fact, your hands



With the ball snug against the collar of the green, making solid contact with the back of the ball will be difficult.

hardly move from their address position because you break your wrists only slightly, just enough to move the putter head away from the ball 8 inches or so.

Then all you have to do is uncock your wrists, focusing on making contact with the top half of the ball. In effect, you're topping the ball. This type of stroke puts maximum overspin on the ball so it gets more than the normal roll, which is just what you want for accuracy — maximum roll with minimum movement.



During the backswing, I hardly move my hands at all from their address position (at top above), but I do let my wrists cock so I can give the ball a tap. In the bottom photo, notice that because I contacted the ball above its equator there will be lots of overspin, so I don't need a lot of arm movement or a long follow-through.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I like his swing; it's very consistent because he has no moving parts."

—Ken Venturi's description of Jesper Parnevik's swing.  
Wait a minute, Kenny — "no moving parts"?

## BIRDIES &amp; BOGEYS

## Pop Quiz

Who's the best player in golf? Here are some stats: This player was the first tour player to win \$1 million in his/her rookie year. In 1999, this golfer won six times and finished in the top 10 in 22 of 25 tournaments. So far this year, this player has a winning streak of four in a row. Who is it? The answer is at the bottom of this page.

## Wait a Second

Who has the most unusual-looking swing on tour? Jim Furyk, you say? Try Sandy Lyle, who before his swing collapsed a few years ago was one of the best players in the world.

Lyle has always been haunted by taking the club much too quickly to the inside at the start of his swing, but most of the time he kept it under control. That changed just after he won the Masters in 1988 when the mistake got worse than ever.

About a year ago, the affable Scotsman was doing a drill where he stopped for about two seconds when his hands reached chest height on the backswing, then he started the rest of his swing from there. It worked so well he decided to swing that way and has done quite nicely in the last few months. The moral: Who cares how weird it looks if it works.

## TOUR STATS

## Sony World Rankings Top 30

1. Tiger Woods, USA
2. David Duval, USA
3. Colin Montgomerie, Scotland
4. Davis Love III, USA
5. Ernie Els, South Africa
6. Vijay Singh, Fiji
7. Lee Westwood, England
8. Nick Price, Zimbabwe
9. Jesper Parnevik, Sweden
10. Phil Mickelson, USA
11. Jim Furyk, USA
12. Tom Lehman, USA
13. Hal Sutton, USA
14. Sergio Garcia, Spain
15. Mark O'Meara, USA
16. Justin Leonard, USA
17. Carlos Franco, Spain
18. John Huston, USA
19. Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland
20. Jeff Maggert, USA
21. Fred Couples, USA
22. Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain
23. David Toms, USA
24. Chris Perry, USA
25. Stuart Appleby, Australia
26. Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain
27. Steve Stricker, USA
28. Steve Elkington, Australia
29. Kirk Triplett, USA
30. Stewart Cink, USA

## DON'T MISS IT

## Science in Golf

Don't Miss the first annual Golf Magazine Science in Golf Prize for the most interesting and exciting research in the game. The parameters are simple.

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The winner will be chosen based on its ability to help golfers improve their games. Five finalists and the winner will be featured in an upcoming issue, and the authors of the winning entry will receive a \$10,000 prize. Entries must be post-marked by Aug. 31, 2000. Requests for entry forms or questions should be addressed to: letters@golfonline.com or Science in Golf Prize, Golf Magazine, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016.

Quiz answer: Karrie Webb

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## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

## Low Ball/High Ball

Game where two points per hole are possible. The team with the player who has the lowest score wins a point, and the team with the player who has the highest score loses a point.

## SUPERSTARS

## Gary Player Displays Grand Slam Style

Gary Player has a golf swing that has held up for five decades of competitive golf, including 162 worldwide wins under all conditions. Player's swing is repeatable because his clubface is in perfect position at the top of his swing. Note the relationship between his clubface and his left arm in the photo — they are absolutely parallel (at the same angle) and this makes it easy to return the clubface to square at impact time after time.

At 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds, battling golf giants such as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus has always been right up Gary Player's alley. Player was born on Nov. 1, 1935, in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he has lived

all his life. He's won 21 times on the PGA Tour and is one of only four players to win the British Open, the Masters, the PGA Championship and the U.S. Open, golf's famous "Grand Slam." He's also won 19 times on the Senior Tour.

A renowned golf course architect with more than 100 design projects located throughout the world, he also operates the Gary Player Foundation whose objective is to promote education. The foundation built the Blair Atholl Schools in Johannesburg, South Africa, which provides educational facilities for more than 400 students from kindergarten through the seventh grade.



# TRACKS

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NASCAR Winston Cup Series through 3 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Bobby Labonte/\$522,681	490	1
2. Dale Jarrett/\$2,630,519	486	1
3. Mark Martin/\$593,281	477	0
4. Tony Stewart/\$467,166	442	0
5. Jeff Burton/\$1,293,209	427	1
6. Bill Elliott/\$754,306	418	0
7. Dale Earnhardt/\$304,931	417	0
8. Rusty Wallace/\$611,956	413	0
9. Ward Burton/\$358,681	406	0
10. Ricky Rudd/\$323,381	405	0

Leading Stats (through 3 races)

Driver	Miles led	Times led	Races won	Miles run
1. Mark Martin	238	7	3	1,120
2. Dale Jarrett	222	3	1	1,120
3. Bobby Labonte	136	2	1	1,121
4. Ward Burton	101	4	1	1,120
5. Johnny Benson	97	1	1	1,119
6. Jeff Burton	85	4	2	1,115
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	63	4	1	1,118
8. Bobby Hamilton	42	3	1	763
9. Rusty Wallace	37	2	1	1,119
10. Steve Park	34	3	1	1,029

Next Winston Cup race: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store 500, March 12; Atlanta Motor Speedway

NASCAR BUSCH through 3 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Matt Kenseth/\$154,525	473	1
2. Randy LaJoie/\$86,500	414	0
3. Ron Hornaday Jr./\$77,525	384	0
4. Todd Bodine/\$75,325	368	0
5. Jeffrey L. Green/\$95,350	362	0
6. Mark Martin/\$94,800	360	1
7. Jason Keller/\$76,615	348	0
8. Mike Dillon/\$54,860	347	0
9. Jeff Burton/\$102,450	340	1
10. Joe Nemechek III/\$99,100	340	0

Next Busch race: Aaron's 312, March 11; Atlanta Motor Speedway

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK through 2 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Mike Wallace/\$109,650	355	1
2. Andy Houston/\$89,251	350	1
3. Kurt Busch/\$64,075	308	0
4. Terry Cook/\$41,253	307	0
5. Greg Biffle/\$33,108	300	0
6. Joe Ruttman/\$33,168	276	0
7. Steve Grissom/\$25,500	269	0
8. Randy Totama/\$28,493	268	0
9. Randy MacDonald/\$28,440	253	0
10. Marty Houston/\$27,543	253	0

Next Craftsman race: Chevy Trucks NASCAR 150, March 18; Phoenix International Raceway

**By the numbers**  
These win-starved NASCAR drivers have the longest current dry spells:

Driver	Last Win	Races
Dave Marcis	2/21/82	469
Brett Bodine	4/22/90	298
Ken Schrader	6/2/91	272
Derrick Cope	6/3/90	271
Darrell Waltrip	9/6/92	225
Jimmy Spencer	7/24/94	171
Bill Elliott	9/4/94	164
Kyle Petty	6/4/95	146
Ward Burton	10/22/95	130
Sterling Marlin	7/6/96	117
Geoff Bodine	8/11/96	107
Bobby Hamilton	4/20/98	62

**Coming up**  
**March 19 -**  
**Mall.com 400**  
 Darlington Raceway  
 Darlington, S.C.  
**March 26 -**  
**Food City 500**  
 Bristol Motor Speedway  
 Bristol, Tenn.  
**April 2 -**  
**DIRECTV 500**  
 Texas Motor Speedway  
 Fort Worth, Texas  
**On the air**  
**Winston Cup:**  
 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store 500  
 Atlanta Motor Speedway  
 Sunday, March 12, 1 p.m.  
 ET; ABC  
 Radio: 12:30 p.m. ET; PRN

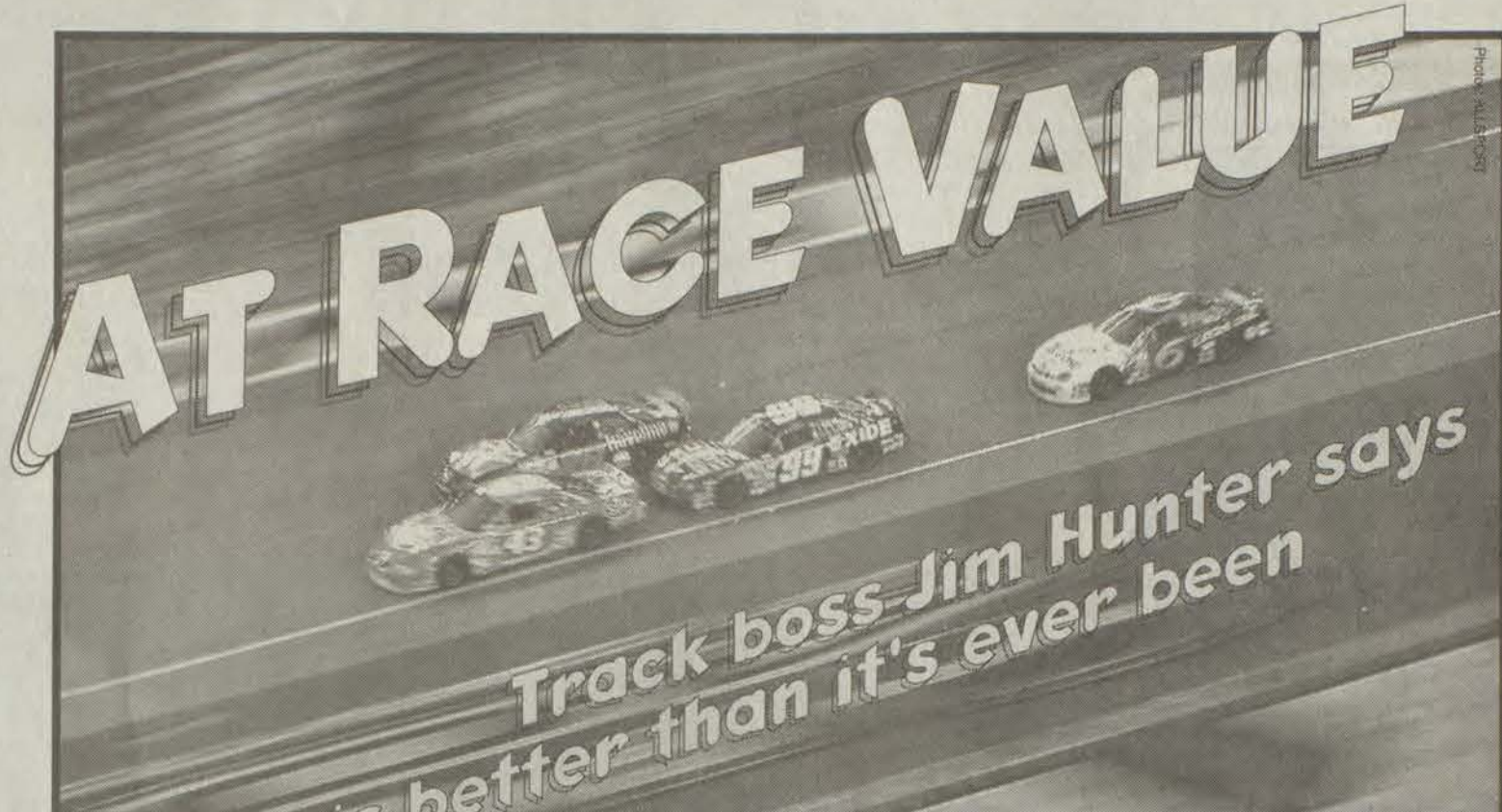
# TRACK & SPEED

## Fast Fact

Dale Earnhardt Jr. posted his third top-10 start of 2000 and his career-best NASCAR Winston Cup qualifying effort, third, at Las Vegas. Earnhardt Jr. and Ricky Rudd are the only drivers to qualify in the top 10 for all three races of 2000.



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By HENRY MILLER

**J**IM Hunter thinks NASCAR fans are hearing the wrong messages. After all, they've heard a pollster recently say that NASCAR is losing popularity. And others — from the media to certain track owners — are saying the racing isn't as exciting as it has been, that the sport is totally consumed with money and is forgetting its fans.

Hunter, the president of Darlington Raceway and a vice-president of International Speedway Corporation, which owns several NASCAR tracks including Daytona and Talladega, says NASCAR is better than it has ever been.

"It sort of rattles my cage a little bit when someone is putting a negative picture out there," Hunter said recently. "That's sort of like a doomsday picture. I've been in this business a long time, and they certainly don't speak for us in saying that the competition is no good and something needs to be

long enough, though, people begin to believe them. Things are good, not bad."

Hunter's concerns about negative perceptions peaked after Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte — owned by Bruton Smith, who also owns Bristol, Texas and Atlanta — put together a promotion called "Fans First." The promotion sells Winston Cup tickets at an incredibly discounted rate for the race in Charlotte.

Hunter said the promotion appears to be the result of tracks becoming too big.

"I remember Bruton saying about two years ago something to the effect that Bristol sold more tickets to a Busch race than Darlington sold to a Cup race, and if we didn't sell Winston Cup tickets, we shouldn't have a race," Hunter said. "I say this tongue in cheek, but I'm really surprised that Humpy [Wheeler] and Bruton have taken this long to realize that fans are first."

"No disrespect to our friends in Charlotte but fans have always been first with us. We have been doing things for the past 10 years — upgrade the facility, improve parking, improve restrooms, and it's simply a question, I think, that some of the tracks have overbuilt and are having trouble selling tickets.

to do something about competition, saying that more races needed to be like the ones in Bristol, with exciting side-by-side racing.

"NASCAR, they're the ones to do this, to make sure it (the racing) is exciting in the future, as it has been in the past," Smith said. "Some of the things that have been done maybe have lessened that. We have no complaints from Bristol, because it is exciting. It's what the people want."

Hunter counters Smith by saying that last year, with the exception of a few races, the competition was better than ever.

"We had more winners. Tony Stewart had a great year. I mean, what more can you ask for than to have a rookie win three races, which had never happened before? That's pretty good," Hunter said. "Now with all the talk about Fords this and Fords that, this sport is cyclical when it comes to manufacturers. Every race there's only one winner. Somebody's not going to be happy."

"Overall, the fans have it better, the competition is better, there's more money in the sport today. Our race alone is paying more than it has ever paid. Everybody has a right to disagree with that. Everybody's got an opinion."

Hunter is an advocate of "perception is reality" and says people will start believing something if they hear it often enough. If there are problems selling tickets at some tracks, he says, a large reason could be the fact that people believe they can't get tickets, and that events are sold out way in advance.

"A Winston Cup race doesn't just sell out when it's announced, and maybe we're to blame for people thinking that," Hunter said. "I don't know of any track today who can do that. If you look at the number of seats that are out there compared to five years ago, there's a heck of a lot more seats."

**"We had more winners. Tony Stewart had a great year. I mean, what more can you ask for than to have a rookie win three races, which had never happened before? That's pretty good."** — Jim Hunter

done.

"Yes you're going to have a ho-hum race from time to time. Some driver is going to hit the setup and buzz off in races. The sport, in my opinion, is healthier than it has ever been. If you say things

"I just think that if people have overbuilt their facility, then they should say 'We've overbuilt our facilities, and we're having trouble selling tickets.'" During the off-season, Smith challenged NASCAR

## New year, new team, new car, new streak: Rudd is out in front

By HENRY MILLER

**S**OMETIMES the grass is greener on the other side after all. It's a lesson Ricky Rudd is learning in the early part of the 2000 Winston Cup season.

It wasn't too long ago that Rudd was voicing his concerns about losing Tide as his team's sponsor, thus forcing him to sell his race team and look for a job as a driver after only six years as a driver/owner.

Now, as Rudd looks back on the situation, he can see that Tide actually did him a favor.

"I didn't see it at the time but that's exactly what it did," Rudd said. "It did me a tremendous world of good. I wouldn't say I was fighting a losing battle, but it was getting tougher and tougher."

"It just couldn't have happened at a better time. I know Cal Wells [the owner Tide teamed with, along with driver Scott Pruett]



Ricky Rudd

didn't do it to do me a favor, but as it turns out, it was sort of a blessing in disguise, because there was no way I'd have been smart enough to have created a plan for me to end up in the No. 28 Texaco car.

"That's exactly where I needed to be, but I wasn't smart enough to figure out how to get there. I needed a push."

That push has helped him start from the front row in the first three races of the year and has him looking for his fourth front-row start this weekend in Atlanta. The driver whose streak of winning at least one race for 16 straight seasons came to a close last year is making news again with his front-row streak.

"I hate to say it's a plan," Rudd joked. "Mike [McSwain, crew chief of the No. 28 Texaco Ford] and the guys just work hard at the shop, and there's nothing they don't try before we get to the track. The motor program is stout."

With few worries about qualifying, the

team can work on the racing program itself. While Rudd has qualified second twice (Daytona and Rockingham) and on the pole once (Las Vegas), he has yet to finish in the top five. He did, however, finish sixth at Rockingham.

"We basically have a new team that's coming together," Rudd said. "You can sit here and wish things to be one way, and they turn out another way, and you'd be disappointed. I think you've got to sort of let time take its course."

"[At Rockingham] we were passing our teammate for fifth at the start-finish line. We got beat by less than a foot at the start-finish line. I don't look at that as I should be disappointed or in a negative way; I look at it as, at least we're starting on the front instead of using provisionals."

And after last season, not knowing who he'd be driving for or if he'd be driving at all in 2000, Rudd has plenty to be positive about.

**In Brief**  
**The dot.coms are coming, the dot.coms are coming**

Jeff Burton just won the Carsdirect.com in Las Vegas. And you'll be seeing several dot.com race sponsors in the months ahead. But Kevin LePage will be spending the entire season driving the No. 16 Ford Taurus for Familyclick.com, which is both an Internet site and a service provider, like America Online. For \$21.95 a month, users can access the Internet and filter out information they would rather not see, such as pornography and violence. For those already signed up with another Internet service provider, Familyclick.com provides seven channels of family entertainment.

**This Week's Track**  
**Atlanta Motor Speedway: Hampton, Ga.**

**Length:** 1.54 miles

**Qualifying record:** Geoff Bodine, 197.478 mph, Nov. 16, 1997

**Race record:** Dale Earnhardt, 163.633 mph, Nov. 12, 1995

**Last year:** Cracker Barrel 500 March 14, 1999; Won by Jeff Gordon

Diagram labels: Weaver Grandstand, Winston Cup and ARCA Garage Area, Busch Series Garage Area, Quarter-Mile Legends Track, Pit Road, Richard Petty Grandstand, Champions Grandstand, Start/Finish

**Listen up**  
**We were on the way to a photo shoot and he passed me on the road one time, and I got nervous then.**

— Bobby Labonte on whether he gets nervous when he sees Dale Earnhardt in his rearview mirror

## 13-year-old AAU girls' Allen vs. South Floyd

The regular grade school basketball season is over until fall, but the AAU season is still in full swing.

On Saturday, Kenny Music and his Allen 13-year-old girls' team traveled to Wheelwright to take on Eddie Hall and his team from South Floyd.

South Floyd made a run in the fourth quarter and outscored Allen 10-4, but Allen held on to get the 25-19 win.

South Floyd's Tabatha Tackett led both teams in scoring with 12. Allen's Heather White was close behind with 11 points for her team.

Allen took a 5-1 lead at the end of the first quarter. Heather White had three points, while Chanel Music had the other two points for Allen. South Floyd's only point came from a free throw by Candice Hall.

Allen added to its lead in the second quarter by outscoring South Floyd 9-5. Again, White led the way for Allen, scoring five points in the second quarter, including a three-point basket. Kelly Key and Music each had two points to give Allen nine points for the quarter.

For South Floyd, Tackett hit a three-point basket and Miranda Gregory had a two-point basket for a total of five points in the second period. Allen went into the locker room with a 14-6 lead.

South Floyd continued to struggle in the third quarter, only scoring three points. Gregory had a basket and Tackett hit one free throw.

For Allen, White continued to do most of the scoring. White had four points, while Brittany Kinzer had two points and Music hit one of two free-throws. Allen enjoyed a comfortable 21-9 lead at the end of the third quarter.

But in the fourth quarter, behind Tackett's eight points, South Floyd made a comeback. Tackett had a three-point basket in the final period. South Floyd's other two points came from Pam Younce.

Allen only scored four points in the fourth quarter, but managed to hold on to claim the win, 25-19. Music and Alana Cline had two points each for Allen in the final quarter.

### Scoring Summary

#### Allen

Player	fg	3's	fta	ftm	tp
White	4	1	3	1	11
Key	1	0	0	0	2
Music	2	0	6	1	5
Cline	2	0	1	0	4
Kinzer	1	0	0	0	2

#### South Floyd

Player	fg	3's	fta	ftm	tp
Hall	0	0	3	1	1
Tackett	2	2	5	2	12
Gregory	2	0	2	0	4
Younce	1	0	6	0	2

Allen . . . .	5	9	7	4—	25
S. Floyd ..	1	5	3	10—	19

## Pikeville avoids Feds Creek upset bid

### Akers scores 23 as Panthers advance

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Feds Creek Vikings had the worst record of the eight-team field in the boys' 15th Region basketball tournament when it all began last Wednesday night, but the way the Vikes played heavily-favored Pikeville, you wouldn't have known it.

It was the Panthers surviving the scare and pulling out a 72-60 win to advance on to the semifinals of the tournament at Allen Central.

Jeremy Akers led the Pikeville scoring with a game-high 23 points. Matt Walls, in for the foul-ridden Chase Gibson, finished with 21 points. Nick Lynch chipped in with 10. Gibson, in spite of being in early foul trouble and spending much of his time on the pines, pulled in 10 rebounds and scored eight points.

Justin Chaffins led the Vikings with 20 points and he pulled down 11 rebounds for Coach Gary Walton. Chaffins was a force under

the boards and in the paint area. Josh Damron netted 14 points and Paul Hess finished with 10. Damron had 10 rebounds in the contest.

Just when the Panthers would pull away, the pesky Vikings would put together a run of their own.

Pikeville led 17-11 at the first stop. Gibson picked up his second foul with just over two minutes to play in the first period.

Pikeville doubled the score on the Vikings at the half, taking a 36-26 lead to the locker room. The Panthers outscored the Vikes 10-2 over a stretch of two minutes to take the 10-point lead.

Gibson had a tip-in basket and Lynch buried a trey in the spurt.

Gibson, playing with three fouls, opened the Pikeville scoring in the third with a basket underneath. Lynch followed with a three-point-er and Akers scored on a lay-in to give the Panthers a 15-point lead. Gibson then picked up his fourth personal.

With Gibson out of the game, Feds Creek went on a 13-5 run to narrow the margin to seven, 48-41. Chaffins and Damron led the charge for the Vikings. Lynch hit his third trey in the third quarter to give Pikeville a 53-43 lead after three

quarters.

After a blood delay, blood on the gym floor, the Panthers extended their lead to 14 points but, again, the Vikings came back to within nine but could get no closer.

The game was held up for more than 10 minutes while the officials awaited for someone to wipe the

blood. After the long delay, the simple process of getting a towel and wiping up the blood fell to tournament director Johnny Martin while everyone was waiting to "do it by the book."

Pikeville improved to 20-7 on the year while Feds Creek finished their season 9-18.



JOE BACK (CENTER) IS SHOWN AS A YOUNG SOPHOMORE with former KHSAA Commissioner Tom Mills (left) and his son Randy Mills (right). Back will be working at his 21st state tournament this week.

### JCHS

It was a game of spurts for both clubs as they battled on the hardwood. Central put the game in the win column with some solid free-throw shooting down the stretch. McKenzie hit six of six in the closing seconds.

The Wildcats trailed 53-46 entering the fourth quarter but made a run at the Eagles, getting to within one, 57-56, on a three-point basket by Jamie Bartley.

Shelby Valley stayed around from the free-throw line. The Wildcats had only eight field goals in the second half but hit 12 of 17 free throws.

It was Coleman and McKenzie operating in the final two minutes of the game. Coleman gave Johnson Central a three-point cushion on a basket underneath. A Fannin lay-in and two McKenzie free throws offset a three-point basket by Wright that tied the game at 65. The Eagles led at the 1:14 mark 67-65.

An offensive foul took the ball out of the hands of the Wildcats with a minute to play and proved to be a big turnover. In the final 45 seconds, Johnson Central connected on five of six free throws to put the game away.

There were two ties in the opening quarter but Johnson Central held a 12-10 advantage at the first stop. The Eagles had trouble taking care of the ball out of their up-tempo offense. Many were unforced turnovers. The Eagles turned the ball over 10 times in the first eight minutes.

Clint Hackney completed an old-fashioned three-point play at the onset of the second quarter to net the Eagles a 15-10 lead. Shelby Valley had only three field goals in the second period, but again, they stayed close from the charity stripe, hitting 10 of 17 attempts.

Johnson Central held a 30-29 lead as the two teams headed to the locker rooms at the half.

The biggest lead of the game was a seven-

point margin Johnson Central held after three quarters, 53-46. Shelby Valley never did hold the lead.

Johnson Central finished with 31 turnovers, while Shelby Valley turned the ball over 21 times.

The Eagles shot a decent 56 percent from the floor, while the Wildcats struggled at 34 percent.

Shelby Valley hit 25 of 39 free-throw attempts, while Johnson Central made 15 of 21 tries.

Valley outrebounded the Eagles 35-34.

Shelby Valley completed their season at 24-6.

Hackney finished with 11 points for the Eagles, while Fannin netted nine.

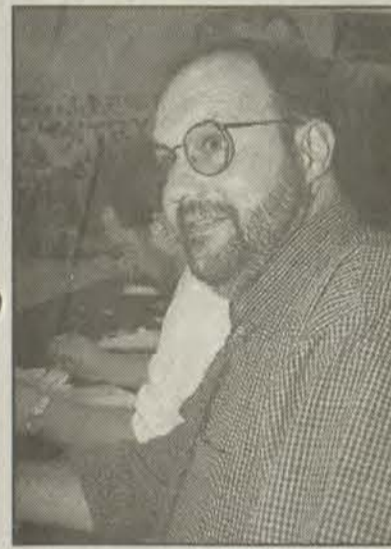
Bartley had five points for the Cats, with Bobby Collins scoring four. Brandon Stevens had two points.

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*"The Reds will win the NL Central if their pitching holds up. This is the best offensive team ever—including the Big Red Machine."*

— Rick Bentley



*"Look forward to seeing Ken Griffey Jr. play. Still miss the Big Red Machine of the 70's."*

— Harold Tackett



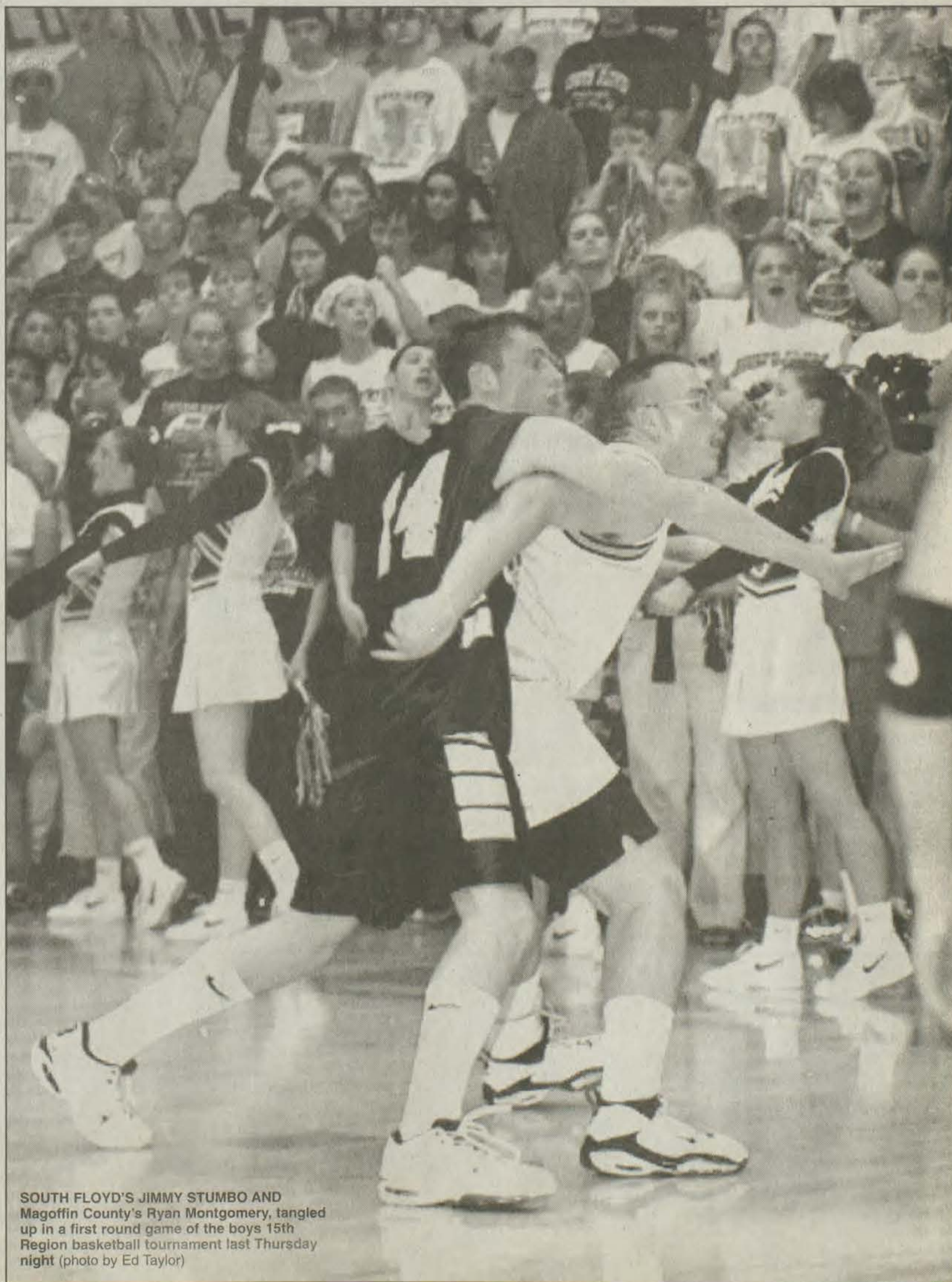
*"Contender to win division or wild card. Depend on pitching. Bichette will be solid."*

— Bill Watson



*"Pitching? With Junior and the rest of the players it could be a big year."*

— Jason Blanton



SOUTH FLOYD'S JIMMY STUMBO AND Magoffin County's Ryan Montgomery, tangled up in a first round game of the boys 15th Region basketball tournament last Thursday night (photo by Ed Taylor)



MAGOFFIN COUNTY COACH Danny Adams is very animated along the sidelines. Adams has earned the respect of fans around the region (photos by Ed Taylor)

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## Growing your own

### Locals learn about raising exotic mushrooms

Story and photos  
 by Pam Shingler  
 Lifestyles Editor

*I must be a mushroom. People keep me in the dark and feed me lots of b— s—.*  
 Words from a 1970s poster

A number of people in this area are avid mushroom hunters. This time of year, they begin to make excursions into the woods, to closely guarded spots held secret and passed along over generations.

Bob Shepherd of Pyramid, for instance, will go out over the next few weekends with his three sons to places he went when he was a boy with his father.

Shepherd looks for the pocked, cone-shaped morel mushrooms, called "dry land fish" by some. "They're unique. They say 'find me, take me.'"

Greg Davis of David is

also a self-described "big morel hunter." He boasts of the year he found more than 500 morels, a fairly large harvest by any standard. "I love it," he says, referring to mushrooming hunting.

Both Davis and Shepherd, however, are looking at augmenting their taste for the edible fungus. They don't plan to give up their hunting for wild mushrooms, but they are looking at growing their own stock at home.

On a recent weekend, they were among about 15 area participants in a workshop on growing shiitake mushrooms, sponsored by the Floyd County Extension Service.

Dr. Deborah Hill, professor in the Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, demonstrated how to start production of the shiitake (pronounced shee-TAH-kay), a Japanese

native with growing popularity in this country.

The brownish mushrooms, which are larger than the white button variety most often seen in American groceries, can be grown on pieces of logs, three to four feet long.

Many of the workshop participants brought their own logs which they injected with seeds, or spawn (spore with "feed"). Each got to go through the process of drilling holes around a log, hammering in small, cork-like dowels that held spores, and then sealing with cheese wax.

The most important factor then is water, Hill advised. "They are mushrooms, they like it damp," she said. "If the logs dry out, the shiitake will die."

The mushrooms can live and produce for about five years on a single log, Hill said.

Some of the people at the workshop said they are interested in raising the shiitake for their own use, but others intend to try to raise them to sell.

Suzanne Stumbo, who hosted the workshop at her farm off Ivy Creek Road at Ivel, is among those planning to try commercial production. The Prestonsburg High School agriculture teacher already grows organic vegetables to sell and raises "pasture poultry."

Joe and Patsy Ryan of Banner said they plan to grow the mushrooms "on a small basis," at least at first, as does Lois Bond of Hueysville, who brought only one log to start.

"We've been looking at natural and fresh ways to eat," said Teena Conley, who lives on her grandfather's 60-acre farm near Prestonsburg. "Commercial production is a possibility, but this will be for our own use for now."



Dr. Deborah Hill of the University of Kentucky's Forestry Department wears a mushroom shirt when she gives demonstrations on growing shiitake mushrooms.



Greg Davis of David holds up his hand to illustrate the size of a morel mushroom he found in the woods last year. An avid hunter of wild mushrooms, Davis hopes to cultivate shiitake mushrooms at home, but he's not planning to give up the hunt.



Dr. Fred Meece enjoys the shiitake fettuccini for lunch during the recent workshop on growing the Japanese mushrooms.



Kris Preston of Pike County drills holes in logs in preparation to grow shiitake mushrooms. She was a participant in a recent workshop sponsored by the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service.

## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
 Editor

### An elite group

Mine has always been the different drummer.

I've seemed to be in the minority for as long as I can remember, one of those folks who goes left when most everyone is turning right, generally because I think left is right. (Read however you wish.)

I found out last week just how select a crowd I'm in — at least in one respect.

Eddie McCoy, who conducts traffic school for the state, said only one percent of people who speed on the highways is caught.

I was in McCoy's class because I am one of the one percent. There were about 40 of us, most caught on some stretch of US 23, the only road in this region that's designed for

speed but doesn't allow it.

Those of us in the class from Floyd County are in an even smaller elite, since most of the people from here who get caught quickly get their ticket expunged simply by asking a judge or some other elected official to "take care of it."

In fact, you're thought to be a little "tetched" if you don't take advantage of this public service. Just before I left for the class, a co-worker looked at me incredulously and asked, "Why didn't you get (the ticket) fixed?"

I'm one of those peculiar people who believes in justice and in the old saw that if you do the crime, you do the time (almost four hours in class, in this case). To my dying breath, I will contend that justice must be the same for all.

Surprisingly, there was a local elected official in the class. I won't risk embarrassing him by naming him, but I will say that my respect for him increased by seeing that he did not use his influence to dodge the class.

To Mr. McCoy's credit, the class was inter-

esting and informative. For instance, I learned that every 10 miles a driver goes over the speed limit increases the chance of an accident by 10 times. After dark, the figure quadruples.

Did you know that in this region we're 10 times more likely to be involved in a crash than people in the rest of the state? It doesn't have so much to do with our being bad drivers as it does with the lay of the land and, perhaps, our use of alcohol.

Most of our roads are rural roads, and they're much more dangerous. McCoy said that 86 percent of the traffic fatalities last year occurred on rural highways. Think of how many roads we drive on that have no dividing lines, no shoulders, no guardrails and of how many that do have sharp curves, up-close hills and deep drop-offs.

Kentucky, McCoy said, is consistently in the top 10 among states in traffic fatalities. Once again, we in eastern Kentucky dispo-

cling" trees, she pointed out. She said homeowners can use limbs that have been trimmed from trees or that have broken off, either in their yards or in the woods. The best specimens are hard woods, including sweetgum, black locust, white ash, yellow

See **Mushrooms**, page three

## 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.*

This may be the shortest column we've ever done. It's being written on Tuesday night, and that isn't good. I ordinarily don't write this stuff till I have to, which is characteristic, and so it waits until Thursday noon or later. So you can see what I'm up against, this early in the week.

I am writing this on Tuesday night, because I plan to run out on the boys tomorrow. I am heading in the general direction of a basketball tournament. I can be rather foolish, even if I am of rather tender years.

Remember that "petition" thing printed in this column last week. I had indeed, as I somehow had an idea, printed it before. Appears that I'm going to have to keep the books on myself. Right now, I know several yarns about this section and some of its more colorful characters that I might write to fill this column, but I'm afraid they would be some more twice-told tales.

President Eisenhower is giving me the silent treatment, and I'm boined up. Maybe he doesn't read the Floyd County Times. Maybe he needs to read it. Anyway, I still snipe at him every time I think of his refusal to loosen the purse-strings to get dams built in a hurry in the headwaters of this river of ours.

This week I am in a stew after reading a report that \$18,500,000 have been appropriated for the use of a group of scientists at Brookhaven, N.J., who are making a study. Know what they are trying to learn?—What is matter? What is life?

I maintain that's money wasted. Unless they stick the article, "the," between the verb and noun in both those questions.

My partner in the nightcrawler business, Judge Hill, reports that he delved into the box where he kept our stock-in-trade, the other morning, and found not our original 200—but exactly two. And not a trace of the other 198...Now, if those two survivors were rabbits.

One more line or two. I refer you back to the opening paragraph. See what I mean?

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# Things to Ponder

## Recipe for happiness

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

As with most of the population, our search for happiness continues. Last time, some possible descriptors of "happy" included cheerful, content, ecstatic, exalted, glad, and joyful.

Research over the years has focused mainly on negative aspects of life—illness, fear, and aggression—even though one-third of Americans recently depicted themselves as happy.

No matter what others say, we make the final decision as to whether we are happy. Happy folks usually have mostly positive emotions, are less self-focused, less hostile, and have less disease — plus being more loving, energetic and sociable.

Hopefully, after reflecting on your characteristics regarding happiness, you are now more aware of your general state of being. How do you think you compare with others? Who is more likely to be happy?

Who is happy? You might have suspected that no time of life is notably happiest and most satisfying across the industrialized world. As emotionality changes with maturity, the predictors of happiness change—later in life, satisfaction with social relations and health become more important. Thus, every age group has many happy and some unhappy people.

Even though there are well-known gender "gaps" in misery, such as men more often act antisocial or become alcoholic and women more often keep worrying and get depressed or anxious, both sexes equally tend to view themselves as "very happy" and "satisfied" with their lives.

The relatively happy people are most often in the more well-to-do cultures with tendencies toward an increased satisfaction with life, not more positive emotions. As with cholesterol levels, happiness is genetically influenced, but not genetically fixed, so that about 50 percent of current happiness is heritable.

Some researchers felt that certain traits and temperaments also appear to predispose a person to experience happiness, notably extroversion—desiring to and freely interacting with others.

Another researcher found that personal happiness might be influenced and quality of life increased when work and leisure involve one's skills. In other words, people had reported the greatest enjoyment when they were unself-consciously absorbed in a mindful change.

An additional connection to happiness has been considered; even if money cannot buy happiness, an association between wealth and well-being has been studied.

Of 13 aspects of their lives, including friends, house, and schooling, Americans reported least satisfaction with "the amount of money you have to live on." "More money" was given as the most frequent response to concerns about improving quality of life, and the more the better.

One Gallup Poll (1990) found that one in two women, two in three men, and four in five people earning more than \$75,000 expressed a desire to be rich. The impression was that the modern American

dream seemed to be life, liberty, and the "purchase" of happiness.

While most people realized the happy lifestyle of the "rich and famous" was beyond their reach, "the good life" was imagined as being more likely when greater wealth was obtained.

Surveys of college students found that those feeling that "to make more money" was a "very important" reason for securing an education, rose from one in two in 1971 to three in four in 1998. "Very important or essential" and "very well off financially" climbed from 39 percent in 1970 to 74 percent in 1998.

In fact, "very well off financially" was number one above "developing a meaningful philosophy of life," "becoming an authority in my field," "helping others in difficulty," and "raising a family." Money does matter for the young ones. But, where do they get the notion?

Are rich people happier? According to a Lexus ad, "Whoever said money can't buy happiness isn't spending it right." Four in five of the 49 super-rich people agreed. "Money can increase or decrease happiness, depending on how it is used."

Internationally, during the 1980s, the Irish were greater than the doubly wealthy, but less than the West Germans, in regard to life satisfaction. In the U.S., Canada, and Europe, the relationships between income and personal happiness is surprisingly weak.

In reference to our human capacity for adaptation, which helps to explain subjective well-being, good and bad events do temporarily influence our moods. However, "thanks to our capacity to adapt to ever greater fame and fortune, yesterday's luxuries can soon become today's necessities and tomorrow's relics."

Guess this documents what we all have probably known all along: "The more you get, the more you want."

Another question has been, "Does economic growth improve human morale?" Reportedly, lottery winners have a temporary jolt of joy and then it fades, since such satisfactions have a "short half-life."

Based on a 1975 Census Survey, the number of "very happy" people declined slightly from 1957 to 1998; we are twice as rich and no happier. During the meanwhile, rates of divorce doubled, teen suicide tripled, violent crime nearly quadrupled, and depression soared, especially among teens and young adults.

Seems as people strive more for material riches, their problems increase and they have a less sense of well-being. "Economic growth in affluent countries has provided no apparent boost to human morale."

At this point, you will have another chance to reflect this week on just what is your value system in regard to financial resources and happiness. Is it designer jeans and shiny red pick-up trucks with a certain kind of tires?

What do you want for yourself and what message do you want to give to your youngsters about striving to make oneself happy? Next time, the focus will be on other factors that contribute to a satisfactory sense of well-being.

# Reader should see ear-nose-throat specialist about ear noise

Question: I have had a drumming noise in my left ear that sounds like my heartbeat. This has been going on for about one year, and it is about to drive me crazy. The noise stops when I push on the artery on the left side of my neck, and it speeds up when my heart speeds up.

My aunt, who is a nurse, said that it could be a blood clot or something like that in my head.

My primary care doctor doesn't have a clue and also doesn't seem concerned about it. I'm frustrated and concerned. Do you have any ideas about the cause and cure for my drumming noise?

Answer: As you probably know, the ear mechanisms amplify sounds from around us and, thereby, drown out the sounds we make — principally the sounds of our breathing and our heartbeat. The "drumming" sound you experience, since it changes its cadence with your heart rate and goes away when you press on the artery on the left side of your neck, is undoubtedly caused by your own heartbeat.

In one sense, I guess it is good to know that your heart is still working. On the other hand, I understand how annoying the persistent "drumming" must be.

By the way, the artery that you've been pressing on is called the left common carotid artery; there is a similar artery — the right common carotid — on the right side of your neck.

All of us hear our heartbeat when we engage in vigorous physical exertion. Actually, I only notice mine when I've stopped exercising and am cooling down. That's when my vigorous heartbeat



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is transmitted along the carotid arteries, which carry the "lub-dub" sound of my healthy heart on to my ears.

Your persistent "drumming" could be due to nothing more serious than this phenomena. However, I doubt that your cause is this simple for two reasons: first, it has only been going on for the past year; and second, you also notice it when you are at rest.

The medical term for a noise that you hear that does not have an external source is "tinnitus" and the word for beating or throbbing (or drumming) is "pulsatile." The sound you describe is, therefore, correctly called a pulsatile tinnitus. It can have many different causes.

The middle ear space can become filled with fluid, usually as a consequence of chronic middle ear infection. This fluid can transmit the sound of the heartbeat into the inner ear and, thereby, cause pulsatile tinnitus. In this situation, there is also a noticeable decrease in hearing in the affected ear. Since you didn't report hearing trouble, I think that it is unlikely that this is the cause of your symptoms.

A glomus tumor, which forms a

connection between small arteries and veins, can develop in the middle ear. This type of growth pulses with the heartbeat, and consequently could cause your symptoms. An unnatural swelling — called an aneurysm — in one of the arteries of the brain or even one in the carotid arteries could produce your symptoms. Even a partial blockage of the left carotid artery could be the culprit.

All of these causes are serious and deserve further evaluation.

I disagree with your primary care doctor. I think your pulsatile tinnitus is important and potentially the sign of a life-threatening yet correctable problem. I think you should see an Ear-Nose-Throat (ENT) specialist for an adequate evaluation of your symptoms.

I also disagree with your aunt. I don't think a blood clot is at fault.

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# 'Olmsted in Louisville' looks at architect's exceptional park system

Frederick Law Olmsted was a wanderer, a writer and ultimately the most influential American landscape architect of the 19th and 20th centuries. Best known for designing New York City's Central Park, Olmsted painted a green swatch across Louisville that has defined the city.

KET presents a look at the extraordinary life of Frederick Law Olmsted and his influence on Kentucky's largest urban center in "Olmsted in Louisville," airing Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m., on KET and KET2.

Born in 1822, in Hartford, Conn., Olmsted was raised a gentleman. He never finished college, however, and moved to New York when he was just 18 to work as a scientific farmer.

That venture failed, and it was during his subsequent travel abroad that Olmsted saw the beautifully landscaped gardens of England. They had a lasting impact on him and in turn on the United States.

After a stint as a reporter and a failed publishing venture, Olmsted took a chance and entered a contest

to design New York City's Central Park. He won.

As the superintendent of the project, Olmsted set a course for his life that would land him in the annals of American history and would forever make his name synonymous with planned landscape architecture.

His body of work spans the country, including New York's Central Park; the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.; Boston's park system, the Emerald Necklace; the Biltmore estate in North Carolina; and the 1893 Chicago World's Fairgrounds. Louisville's park system was the last project of Olmsted's distinguished career.

"Olmsted's influence made Louisville the city that it is," explains Vince Spoelker, producer and director of "Olmsted in Louisville."

This ambitious project, designed in Olmsted's twilight years and constructed just prior to the end of the 19th century, features a system of three parks—Cherokee, Iroquois and Shawnee—each highlighting the strength and individuality of that

particular part of the city.

Filmed over the course of all four seasons, "Olmsted in Louisville" captures the sheer beauty of Olmsted's vision. Interviews with Charles Beveridge, editor of the Frederick Law Olmsted papers; Arleyn Levee, co-chair of the National Association of Olmsted Parks; Susan Rademacher, executive director of the Louisville Olmsted Park Conservancy; and many others, as well as a bevy of archival photographs, flesh out this documentary on Louisville's bounty of outdoor tranquility.

"It was a real discovery for me to see how beautiful these places are," adds Spoelker. "As a Louisvillian, I didn't appreciate it until I moved away."

"Olmsted in Louisville," is a KET production, produced by Vince Spoelker. The program is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

## Postscript

portionately affect those statistics.

One of the main reasons for the high number of traffic accidents and deaths is the lack of driver's education. "The system has done a poor job in preparing us to drive," McCoy said, adding that Kentucky is considered the easiest state in the country to get a driver's license.

Right now, he said, a potential driver can take the written test as many times as it takes to pass it. Then, the actual driving test consists primarily of driving around the block and parallel parking.

Now, driving around the block is not the snap it's sometimes made out to be, but a slick driver can avoid parallel parking his whole life.

"Our training (of new drivers) has got to get better," McCoy said.

He also cautioned about alcohol. In 70 percent of all speeding fatalities, alcohol is involved, he said. Kentucky is a consistent national leader in the number of alcohol-related crashes among teen-agers.

McCoy also pointed out other stupid things we sometimes do that lead to serious accidents. For instance, when most of us come upon a motorist who is driving with his bright lights on at night, we flash our bright lights right back at him. If he doesn't dim his lights, then we say we'll show him and keep ours on bright, too.

The complication, McCoy said, is that about 60 percent of drivers

who don't dim their lights are drunk, so if we match bright for bright, we're just creating a "blind drunk," increasing our own chances of getting killed.

Bringing the statistics home, the instructor said that 40 percent of the population in eastern Kentucky will be involved in an alcohol-related accident at least once in 15 years.

I don't want to go back to traffic school, but I did learn some interesting stuff.

I am consciously trying to slow down. Please do the same.

Greetings to subscriber Clyde Jackson of Salyersville. Thanks for reading the Times.

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# 'DOL' star is fashion show guest

Spring is in the air, and if you are looking to find the hottest new fashions for the 2000 season, you won't want to miss attending the Fayette Mall Fashion Extravaganza on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m., in the North Center Court of the mall in Lexington.

The fashion show will feature something for everyone, including a guest appearance by soap opera star Kevin Spirtas and special bonuses from participating mall stores.

The Fayette Mall Fashion Council, comprised of outstanding youth from all over central Kentucky, will be singing and dancing their way across the North Center Court stage while introducing the latest styles for spring and summer.

Spirtas, who portrays the scandalous and deceptive Dr. Craig Wesley on the daytime soap opera "Days of Our Lives," will be master of ceremonies and performer during the show.

He will autograph "Days of Our Lives" pictures and t-shirts for sale following the fashion show. Proceeds raised during the show will be donated to Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

As an extra incentive to shoppers, customers who spend \$100 or more at participating Fayette Mall stores the day of the show will receive a \$10 gift certificate to shop for more.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, formerly the Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, is built on the premise that the more than 50,000 children abused and neglected in Kentucky, need love and support and often a voice to speak on their behalf.

The organization's mission is to prevent all forms of child abuse through the development of community programs and with the support of many caring individuals and corporations.



Dr. Craig Wesley (Kevin Spirtas), "Days of Our Lives"

The non-profit organization has developed several child abuse prevention and assistance programs, including Fathers and Children Together (FACT), support groups, a statewide prevention network, and public education services.

The agency lobbies for policy issues advocating the best interests of children and has administered a public awareness campaign on the hazards of shaking infants.

For more information on the Fayette Mall Fashion Extravaganza, contact Sandra Heymann at the mall, 606/272-3493 or toll-free 1-800-972-9874.

# Safety seats effective if used properly

Most parents believe they buckle their kids into their car safety seats correctly, 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 seat-belt is good enough.

In reality, any child who cannot sit with his or her 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 pounds and less than 4'9" tall.

Adult seatbelts 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 six 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 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 pillows, 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 only a lap belt across a child sitting in a booster seat.

- Infants, birth to one year (up to 20 pounds), should be placed in the back seat of the car in an infant only, rear-facing child safety seat.

- Toddlers (20 to 40 pounds) should be placed in the back seat of the car in a forward-facing child safety seat.

- Preschoolers (40 to 80 pounds, usually ages four to eight) should be placed in the back seat of the car in a forward-facing, belt-positioning booster seat.

- 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.

HRMC urges parents to be aware of the critical importance of proper child safety seat use. For more information, call 1-888-327-4236.

ANNIVERSARIES



50 years together

Elmer and Lexie Tackett of Weeksbury, will celebrate 50 years of marriage on March 18, 2000. They were married in Pike County on March 18, 1950. They have three sons, Elmer Douglas of Eastern and Edward Michael and Joey, both of Weeksbury. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandson. An anniversary party is planned for 2 p.m., at the Southeast Fire Department.

WEDDINGS/  
ENGAGEMENTS



Kinzer, Crum to wed

The engagement of Teri Lee Kinzer and Barry Alan Crum has been announced, with the wedding set for May 19, 2000. The bride-elect is the daughter of Terry and Elizabeth Kinzer of Pikeville. She is a graduate of Pikeville High School and attends Pikeville College. She is the granddaughter of Doris Clark of Allen and the late Joe A. Clark and of Lucy and J.W. Kinzer of Pikeville. The groom-elect is the son of Vickie and Barry Crum of Turkey Creek and the grandson of Emma Jean Cantrell of Big Creek and the late Herbert Cantrell, and of Betty and Connard Crum of Big Creek. A graduate of Belfry High School, he also attends Pikeville College. The open wedding will be at 7:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church at Allen.



June wedding planned

Dickie and Tammy Ousley of Prestonsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Ricky Branham Jr. of Berea, and Julie Allen of Broadhead. She is the daughter of Ruth Allen of Broadhead and the late Clinton Allen. The wedding has been set for June 2, 2000, at 7 p.m. at Ottawa Community Church in Broadhead. The custom of open wedding will be observed. (Rerun because of error)

ATLA Consumer News

Multi-purpose lighters trigger warnings

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

By the end of this year, multi-purpose lighters will be safer. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) will require these lighters to have child-resistant features to help prevent children under age five from using them.

According to the CPSC, from 1988 to October 1999, children under age five started 237 fires while playing with multi-purpose lighters. These fires killed 65 people.

"Multi-purpose lighters are more dangerous than cigarette lighters. They are actually more attractive to kids than a cigarette lighter. They look like toy guns, they make a larger flame, and they are easier to use," says Mark A. Cox, an Oklahoma City attorney. Cox was one of several lawyers who spoke with CPSC staff when the agency was drafting its multi-purpose lighter safety rules.

Safety investigators have found that because of the trigger mechanism (which creates the flame), kids play with multi-purpose lighters as if they were guns. Cox says boys—who typically play games involving toy guns or shooting—start 90 percent of all multi-purpose lighter fires.

The new federal standard for multi-purpose lighters is based on the CPSC's safety standard for cigarette lighters which went into effect in July 1994. The standard dictates that the child-resistant mechanism must operate safely, function for the expected life of the lighter, automatically reset after use, and not be easy to remove or deactivate.

The testing that led to the Commission's decision on multi-purpose lighter safety mechanisms revealed that those types of lighters have a low level of child-resistance (4 to 41 percent). The new safety standard would increase the level of child-resistance in multi-purpose lighters to a minimum of 85 percent.

Data from the National Fire Incident Reporting System and National Fire Protection Association indicates that the safety standard for cigarette lighters is working to reduce child-ignited fires.

In 1996 there were 3,400 fewer structure fires caused by child-play with lighters than in 1994, the year the cigarette lighter standard went into effect. By 1996 there were also significantly fewer structure fire injuries and deaths caused by child-play with lighters.

Even though safety standards for cigarette lighters have been in place for nearly six years, the CPSC continues to recall lighters

that don't have child-resistant mechanisms. In 1999, the Commission recalled approximately three million cigarette lighters. According to CPSC spokesperson Russ Rader, most recalled lighters are imports.

To prevent the dangerous lighters from making it to store shelves, the CPSC works with the U.S. Customs Service to monitor products entering the United States. CPSC field agents also investigate stores. Sometimes they discover retailers selling lighters with disabled child-resistant mechanisms, or witness clerks telling customers how to remove the mechanisms.

While most revamped multi-purpose lighters will not hit stores until later this year, there are at least two child-resistant, multi-purpose lighters already on the market for people trying to get a jump start on fire safety.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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Mushrooms

poplar, white oak and sugar maple.

Kathy Friend, who had participated in a previous workshop, added that once the logs are no longer used for mushrooms, they can be burned in a fireplace, completing the recycling.

Friend also shared information on the health benefits of eating shiitake mushrooms. She cited a magazine article that said three ounces of mushrooms would lower cholesterol 12 percent in one week.

Cooperative extension agent Theresa Scott prepared lunch for the participants, serving dishes that featured — naturally — shiitake mushrooms. Some of the recipes follow.

Anyone interested in growing mushrooms should call extension agent Ray Tackett at 606/886-2668, for information on the steps involved and where to buy the spores, cheese wax and other necessities.

Rigatoni with Shiitakes and Kielbasa

- 6 ounces rigatoni, or other large, tubular pasta
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 small onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, finely diced
- 1 ounce fresh shiitakes, thinly sliced
- 4 ounces kielbasa, cut into matchstick pieces
- salt

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the rigatoni and cook until the rigatoni is al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain.

While pasta is cooking, place the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute for about one minute. Add the shiitakes and kielbasa and saute for another two minutes. Season with salt to taste, then toss with the rigatoni and serve.

Variation: As the dish is completed, add 3/4 cup of heavy cream to the shiitake mixture and heat until the cream thickens. Keep on low heat and continue to heat for another five minutes, adding some milk if the mixture gets too thick. (This allows the shiitake essence to permeate the cream sauce.) This sauce is also good reheated.

Shiitake Fettuccini

- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 small onion chopped
- 1 pound cooked fettuccini
- 1 cup Alfredo sauce (homemade or from jar)
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter or olive oil (or half and half)
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated Parmesan cheese



The corridors of the Pentagon total 17 miles in length.

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Joe Ryan of Banner hammers spawn into drilled holes in a log. Kept damp, the log will soon sprout shiitake mushrooms all around, which Ryan can use in home cooking or sell to restaurants or groceries.



Lois Bond waits to inoculate a log with mushroom spores. A participant in the Extension Service's mushroom workshop, she hopes to grow shiitake mushrooms at her farm at Hueysville.

BIRTHDAYS



Derrick is six

Derrick Michael Moore, son of Peggy Lynn Johnson Moore of Langley, turned six on March 3, 2000. He celebrated on March 5, with a swimming pool party at the Ramada Inn, with family members and friends. He is the grandson of Jean Johnson of Langley and Levi Johnson Jr. of Weeksbury.



Turns one

Logan Bryan Layne celebrated his first birthday at his home at Dana, on February 26, 2000. He is the son of Bryan and Christene Layne. His grandparents are Clyde and Shelia Boyd of Banner, and William and Dorothy Layne of Harold.



Celebrates four years

Arthur Blake Dean, son of Caleb and Karla Stumbo Dean of McDowell, celebrated his fourth birthday on Saturday, February 12, 2000, at the home of his grandparents at McDowell. The party theme was "Pirates Searching for Lost Treasure." His paternal grandparents are Mary Dean of Florida and the late Arthur Dean. His maternal grandparents are Clark Stumbo of McDowell and the late Carolyn Hurst Stumbo. (Rerun because of error)



Highlands new Spiral CT Scanner images a slice of the brain revealing a severe stroke.

## HRMC spiral CT scanner cutting procedure time

Highlands Regional Medical Center has added a new Spiral CT scanner to its Radiology Department. The Picker PQ 6000 spiral CT (computed tomography) scanner offers the best in medical imaging, reduced patient radiation, and provides higher quality images in optimal speed for all CT applications.

Highlands Radiology Department performs an average of more than 300 CT scans per month. The new spiral CT scanner will allow physicians increased access to this "state of the art" technology. According to Dr. Nolan Sakow, staff radiologist at Highlands, "The helical (spiral) scanner will more accurately and efficiently diagnose cancer at an earlier stage, eliminate some surgeries, and with faster imaging time, provide more patient comfort."

CT scan (often referred to as a CAT scan) is a painless, non-invasive procedure and requires no sedation. During the procedure, the patient is positioned on a table which moves slowly through a large circle-shaped gantry.

As the patient passes through the gantry, internal body images are recorded by an x-ray beam. The beam is measured by a counter and the electronic impulses are recorded on a magnetic disc. The disc is processed by a computer and the images are then reconstructed by the computer to display the body in cross sections or slices.

MultiSlice Spiral Interpolation is the name given to this unique method of acquiring thin-slice

images and prospectively reconstructing thicker images to aid in diagnosis. These multi-dimensional image slices provide high definition anatomic visualization.

The spiral CT scanner's Voxel Q workstation offers superior speed visualization of vascular, soft tissue, and bony structures simultaneously. One of its most useful diagnostic applications is for CT angiography (vessel tracking) for vascular disorders and pulmonary (lung) embolisms.

CT procedures that previously required 30 minutes to an hour can now be performed with the spiral CT scanner in as little as 15 to 20 minutes. This shortened procedure time is a key factor for the Emergency Department and for critical care patients.

Highlands' Radiology Department offers 24-hour on-site CT scanning and all Highlands' radiology technologists are CT certified by the American Registry of Radiology Technology.

Physicians are also guaranteed the availability of outpatient CT scheduling within 24 to 72 hours. Diagnostic applications for adult and pediatric CT scanning include head trauma, abdominal and pelvic disorders, tumors/cancers, kidney stones, aneurysm, bowel obstruction, appendicitis, and others.

With all of these applications, it's easy to understand why spiral CT angiography is fast evolving as a primary diagnostic tool giving physicians a non-invasive, cost-effective method to get the right diagnosis sooner.

# Girl scouts grow strong in new millennium

The start of the 20th century marked a period of historic advancement for women. Female workers organized for better wages and working conditions in 1903, Jeannette Rankin became the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress in 1917, and suffragists gained women the momentous right to vote in 1919.

The early part of the last century also gave birth to a movement that helped to produce female leaders and to shape women's futures right up to the present. In 1912, a progressive woman from Savannah, Georgia, founded one of the most influential organizations in the lives of American women, the Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts from around the country will mark the 88th anniversary of the organization's founding Girl Scout Week, cele-

brated the year on March 11-17. Throughout nine decades, the Girl Scouts have stayed true to founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision: helping girls grow strong. Now, with 3.6 million members, Girl Scouting is giving more girls the opportunities they need to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

The Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council will dedicate the first Girl Scout Week of the new millennium to activities that reflect the strength and vitality of the contemporary Girl Scout program, while honoring Girl Scout heritage. Girls from across central and eastern Kentucky will do a variety of programs from a Volksmarch in Frankfort to an Overnight at the YMCA in Pikeville, where Girl Scouts will learn self-defense techniques.

"As we enter the 21st century, the timeless values of Girl Scouting ring as true today as they did in 1912—courage, strength, service and leadership," said Anne Weston, Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council executive director. "Now, as we celebrate the anniversary of the Girl Scouts' founding, we renew our commitment to helping today's girls become tomorrow's leaders."

Girl Scouting has helped produce leaders throughout its 88-year history. In fact, two-thirds of the current female members of Congress are Girl Scout alumnae.

A recent Louis Harris study, "Girl Scouts Grow Strong in New Millennium: Organization Celebrates 88 Years During Women's History Month," confirms that Girl Scouting has had an important influence on many of

today's women leaders. Two-thirds of the women of professional achievement surveyed reported that they were once Girl Scouts.

The study also showed that the Girl Scout organization had a positive impact on most adult women's lives including their ability to work with others and make friends, to develop moral values and self-confidence and to serve as volunteers.

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives—like strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential of girls together.

## Appalshop presents Old Time Singing Day

Appalshop in Whitesburg, presents the first Old Time Singing Day, on Saturday, March 18.

Workshops will include African American gospel singing, led by Ethel Caffie-Austin, and old-time harmony singing, led by Kay Justice and Amy Michels.

Registration for the workshops starts at 10:30 a.m., and singers of all ages are welcome.

That evening you can hear Ethel Caffie-Austin and Kay Justice and friends in concert at the Appalshop at 7:30, and live-broadcast on WMMT 88.7 fm.

The workshops are \$15, the concert \$6, \$20 for both. For reserva-

tions and more information, call the Appalshop at 606/633-0108.

Caffie-Austin, a daughter of the coalfields and the deep south, is West Virginia's "First Lady of Gospel Music." Her repertoire includes traditional spirituals, gospel hymns, anthems, and contemporary songs.

A dynamic performer, she is also a gifted singing teacher and choir leader, with an exceptional ability to lead even a beginning group through complicated arrangements. She has performed across the United States and Europe, and has appeared with Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, and Kathy

Mattea.

Justice, a native of West Virginia, is one of the most familiar voices in old-time music. She performs with the Herald Angel Band and with singer Ginny Hawker. She has taught singing workshops at Augusta, Mars Hill, and Ashokan.

She appears on two June Appal recordings "Signs and Wonders" and "Come All You Tenderhearted" and on Copper Creek's "Bristol: A Tribute to the Original Carter Family."

Michels, from Ashe County, North Carolina, performs with the Roane Mountain Hilltoppers. You'll get to hear her fine banjo

playing as well, at the evening concert. For the concert, Justice and Michels will be joined by Joyce Samples on bass and Kevin Ryan on guitar.

Appalshop's Old Time Days brings together students and master traditional artists for a day of teaching and interaction, followed by an evening of concert performances by the featured artists.

Previous Old Time Days have featured banjo, guitar, fiddle, dulcimer, and storytelling. Old Time Fiddle Day is scheduled for May 20. The series is supported by the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## A fresh start for spring

(NAPSA)-Spring is a great time for a fresh start. Get rid of the old and try something new, whether it's a hair cut or nail shade. Ernie McCraw, Sally Beauty Supply's Director of Beauty Education, provides the answers to your beauty questions.

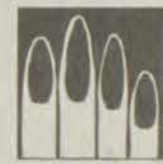
Q. "I love the new more colorful clothes for spring!" declares Dale from New Jersey. "Should I wear brighter makeup and nail shades with bolder colors?"

A. During the day and at work, you'll probably feel more comfortable wearing natural makeup shades with your more vivid clothing. You won't look washed out if your makeup is defined. For lips or nails, try one of the new high-shine Lip Luster glosses in Rosewood or Golden Honey. For nails, try new soft shades of pink, beige, and lavender with a satiny finish, or choose a classic French manicure. For evening, opt for more vibrant hues of copper, fuch-

sia or orchid, but don't overdo it. Check out Sally Beauty Supply for a full selection of new Savvy eye, lip and nail shades.

Q. Carolyn in San Diego asks, "How do I know when it's time to get rid of my makeup and beauty tools?"

A. Generally speaking, liquids are more perishable than powders, and should not be kept for more than a year. Mascara is particularly prone to bacterial buildup and should be discarded every few months. Toss out any makeup that smells "off," turns color or separates. Eliminate old sponges and puffs that have lost shape or resilience. To keep makeup brushes clean, wipe off after every use and store away from dust and heat. Once a month, wash brushes with a professional brush cleaner or mild soap and water. Then restock your makeup basics at Sally Beauty Supply where you'll save a bundle on salon-size makeup wedges, cot-



## Ask Sally...

ton balls, cotton swabs, powder puffs and makeup brushes. Use your savings to stock up on new Rush and Savvy eye, lip and nail shades!

Q. Kate in Minneapolis writes, "I'm tired of flat hair! What can I do to give my fine, shoulder-length hair more body?"

A. A chin-length bob might be a good option, but if you love your length, start with a trim to cut off split ends and reshape your style. Ask your stylist about enhancing your hair color or adding highlights. Hair color actually adds volume to fine hair as well as the illusion of depth. To add volume while styling, work a small amount of thickening cream

through your hair, flip your head over and blow dry with your head upside down, lifting hair from the root with a natural bristle brush. Try New Image Amplitude Thickening Cream from Sally Beauty Supply.

Ernie McCraw is Director of Beauty Education for Sally Beauty Supply, the world's largest distributor of professional beauty products. A licensed cosmetologist for more than 30 years, he is frequently called upon by newspapers and national beauty magazines for beauty advice. If you have a beauty question, please E-Mail Ernie at hart@onramp.net. To contact a Sally store near you, call 1-800-ASK-SALLY.

## Entertaining at home with a Caribbean touch

(NAPSA)-There's nothing like frost on the windows and snow on the ground to inspire dreams of escaping to islands in the Caribbean with sandy beaches and tropical drinks. Travel trends indicate a growth in themed vacations, but the reality is, the majority of people are still home with their fantasies during the winter.

Entertaining may be the one chance to live out those Caribbean fantasies. According to Dawn Wells, otherwise known as Mary Ann from Gilligan's Island and author of Mary Ann's Gilligan's Island Cookbook, "Festivities can go from traditional to exotic simply by adding some creative twists. Successful entertaining is all about being imaginative, and with a few easy additions to recipes and décor, guests can experience the carefree Caribbean."

To bring the spirit of the islands into your home, Wells offers the following tips:

### Get Into The Mood

The starting point when planning a party is to create a theme and add atmosphere with minimal effort. This will set the tone and put guests, as well as the host, in a vacation state-of-mind. Special touches include:

- Serve drinks in coconut shells
- Rest dishes on bamboo placemats
- Welcome guests with place cards shaped like palm trees
- Decorate the Christmas tree with garlands of sea shells and star



fish

- Use coconut-scented candles throughout the dining room
- Play Calypso music instead of traditional holiday tunes
- Use fresh flower leis and tropical fruit to garnish serving plates

### Entice Your Guests

The menu is another important way to maintain a Caribbean mood. You can add some small tropical enhancements to your favorite drinks and dishes. Enjoy the taste of the Caribbean by simply adding Malibu® Caribbean Rum with natural coconut flavor to traditional party recipes like coconut cream pie or punch. An easy-to-make island favorite:

### Malibu Party Punch

- 1.75 liter Malibu Rum
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- 36 oz. lime juice
- 3 liters seltzer or club soda

Mix in punch bowl. Serve well chilled.

### Have Fun

This season, add some vacation-inspired fun to your party planning by incorporating items that evoke the carefree fantasy of the islands, instead of feeling the obligation to follow the same entertaining routine.

For additional information on Dawn Wells and Mary Ann's Gilligan's Island Cookbook, visit her Web site [www.dawnwells.com](http://www.dawnwells.com). For additional recipes and more information on Malibu, visit [www.maliburum.com](http://www.maliburum.com).

## Prepare to care for Mom after childbirth

by Dr. Rosemary White-Traut, DNSc, RN

(NAPSA)-For nine months, we focus on the health of the expectant mom and it shouldn't end the day her baby is born. Newborns require a lot of love and attention, but it is important for new mothers to care for their own emotional and physical needs too. Following are several tips to help prepare moms for a healthy motherhood during this special time:

- Your health care professional will monitor your vital signs immediately following birth, including blood pressure, temperature and respiratory rate. You may want your birthing coach or partner to stay with you for emotional and physical support.

- You are sure to feel a bit sore when you sit up or walk around at first. Nonetheless, if you have had a normal delivery it is important to stand and walk as soon as possible after childbirth. This will help your blood flow return to normal and to prevent blood clots from forming in your legs.

- Over the next three months or so your uterus will return to normal size and your body will recover from giving birth. Also called "after pains," uterine contractions may continue for several days as the uterus shrinks.

- If you're breastfeeding, check with your healthcare professional before taking any medication.

- Make sure you consume enough calories, fluids and nutrients including fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

- If you find that coping with your new baby is sometimes difficult, you are not alone. Almost 70 percent of new moms experience a period of mood swings and anxiety after their babies are born. These

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feelings may last from a few days to a couple of weeks.

- These "baby blues" can be a normal part of the post-partum process. But, if they won't go away, don't keep your feelings to yourself. Talk to your partner, trusted family members or friends, and ask for help from a health care professional.

- Try to make time for yourself. It will help you stay physically strong and give you the chance to emotionally recharge. Rest when the baby sleeps and ask close family and friends to help out with the chores.

You are not expected to know

everything. Keep the communication lines open with your health care professional and partner. You will probably feel stronger each day although you may be tired. This is very common in the first few weeks. Monitor the changes in your body and be attentive to anything unusual. Feel well and enjoy your baby.

The Johnson & Johnson Pediatric Institute offers educational material about post partum care that can be obtained by calling 1-877-JNJ-LINK or visiting [www.jnjpediatricinstitute.com](http://www.jnjpediatricinstitute.com).

Dr. White-Traut is an associate professor and director of the



For a free booklet on post-partum healthcare and to receive other educational materials and videos, call 1-877-JNJ-LINK.

Pediatric and Prenatal Graduate Programs at the College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago; and an advisor to the Johnson & Johnson Pediatric Institute.

## Personalize interiors with rotating crafts displays

(NAPSA)-Individuality is the strongest overriding home-decorating theme for the years 2000 and 2001, according to Margaret Walsh, director of the Color Association of the United States (CAUS), an organization that tracks and forecasts decorating trends. What better way to personalize your home than through rotating displays of handiwork-your own or someone else's? The Hobby Industry Association reports that North American consumers' expenditures on crafts rose 37 percent between 1996 and 1997 and are still rising.

### Hang It All

Using 3M self-stick hooks, clips and other mounting products with Command adhesive make it easy to re-configure such displays quickly without creating nail holes or leaving sticky residue on walls, doors or other surfaces.

"Hang lightweight wreaths

depicting the season on doors throughout the house," suggests Deborah Harding, author of *Crafting with Flea Market Fabrics*, (Reader's Digest, 1998). Wrapped with a strand of virtually invisible clear fishing line, other dimensional objects, such as dolls and masks, can be similarly displayed.

### Be Hooked

"Attach drapery loops to the back of little quilts and hang them from hooks," adds Harding, who is at work on *Red and White: American Redwork Quilts*, to be published by Rizzoli this year.

Hang samples of needlepoint and embroidery from 3M spring clips. Change or rearrange these as often as you like. You can hang shadow boxes up to five pounds on picture hangers.

### Slip Sliding Along

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A man's heart weighs about 11 ounces and a woman's heart about 9 ounces.

## Allen Elementary...



Ted Frasure and Owen Wright, along with Frasure's son Trent, provided Allen Elementary with interesting information about the Civil War era. They met with grades four through eight during an assembly, and then went from room to room to give the students a chance to ask questions. Frasure is an Allen Elementary parent.



Melissa Conn and Rita Howell of Quality Kids' did classroom presentations for headstart-fourth grade at Allen Elementary on the importance of good hygiene. The presentation was entitled "It is great to be clean." They are shown here in Rita Crisp's second grade class.



Ashley Stewart and Jakob Elste, of Allen Elementary, had the pleasure of going shopping with a Kentucky State Trooper at K-Mart in Paintsville for Christmas. They enjoyed gifts, treats, and lunch at McDonald's.



Teachers dressed up for "The Polar Express" at Allen Elementary recently, and Deedra Gearheart volunteered to read to the students in Judy Halbert and Linda Wallen's rooms.

# YOUTH NEWS

## Floyd students earn degrees at Eastern

Eleven Floyd County students received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of the fall semester.

The university recognized 1,004 graduates at its campus-wide fall commencement, December 11, at Alumni Coliseum.

The commencement address was given by Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting, the founder and long-time leader of the Christian Appalachian Project who retired as CAP board chairman in 1999. Beiting also received an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

Kimberly Baker, an occupational therapy major from Fairborn, Ohio, spoke on behalf of the graduating class.

In addition to the university-wide ceremony, each of the academic colleges sponsored receptions for the new graduates. Also, all candidates for honors were recognized at a special breakfast tribute.

The new degree-holders

(bachelor degree, unless otherwise noted) join more than 80,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the United States.

Those graduates from Floyd County are Monica Louise Akers, master's, community nutrition, and Brandy Lee Compton, music, instrumental and vocal certified, both of Harold; Roy L. Duncan, corrections and juvenile service, Prestonsburg; Jenna Rene Hamilton, health care administration, Teaberry; Ronnie P. Leedy, agriculture/pre-veterinary science, Betsy Layne; Kimberly D. Meade, public relations, Printer; Amy Michele Miller, registered nursing, Ligon; Mary Faye Hunt, registered nursing, Lexington; Matthew B. Rose, occupational therapy, Berea; Derrick J. Newsome, psychology, and Amy Thomas, registered nursing, both Richmond.

(Some list addresses in other counties, but Floyd is their county of origin.)

## Pokémon mania makes over a favorite meal



Macaroni shaped like popular Pokémon characters may help win the battle over getting kids to eat.



(NAPSA)-If your child thinks Pokémon is cool enough to eat, you may soon be able to make his wish come true.

Kraft is introducing a Pokémon version of its Macaroni & Cheese Dinner that will feature six macaroni shapes of kids' favorite characters including Pikachu, Charmander, Poliwhirl, Jigglypuff, Meowth and Squirtle.

If you are the parent of a picky eater, Kraft Pokémon Macaroni & Cheese offers you a chance to harness the power of Pokémania for use in the daily struggle to get your kids to eat. And by now, most parents know there are few things more powerful in a kid's world than Pokémon.

Nintendo originally launched Pokémon in Japan for the world's best-selling Game Boy hand-held video game system, and watched the 150 creatures evolve into a cultural phenomenon. The franchise arrived in North America in September 1998 with the release of the Pokémon Blue and Red Game Boy games, and has grown into a \$5 billion dollar industry worldwide.

In the game, as in the movie and #1 rated TV show, kids are asked to find, collect and train different Pokémon characters who each have their own special power. The ultimate goal is to become a Pokémon Master, or someone who has caught and trained all of the elusive and mysterious characters.

So, while kids will see Kraft Pokémon Macaroni & Cheese as a fun, new cheesy way to collect Pokémon, parents can see it as a way to collect something even rarer—a clean plate.

Also, Pokémon characters in their macaroni form have a special power that should make parents happy, and that is calcium. Kraft Macaroni & Cheese is a good source of calcium that won't take much effort to get kids to eat.

But just in case you need some extra incentive, it comes in six collectible packages complete with unique sets of Pokémon collector coins on the back that kids are sure to want.

Look for Kraft Pokémon Macaroni & Cheese in your local grocery store.



Jonathan Lowe, fourth grader at Prestonsburg Elementary, was the winner of the school spelling bee held in January. He represented the school in the Floyd County Spelling Bee.



Anita Vanover's Kindergarten class and Donna Collins' first grade class of Allen Elementary, celebrated the 100th day of school with a 100th day party.

Carolyn Martin, a seventh and eighth grade teacher at South Floyd Middle School, held a competition in which she asked students to write an essay to explain the importance of reading. Here are the winning essays from both classes.

## Why Reading is Important

by Amber Swope  
7th Grade SFMS

I think reading is important in everyday life, because reading is a way to gain knowledge and also can be a source of great joy.

There are so many things in everyday life that require written directions. Cooking often requires the use of recipes that must be read and followed. Driving requires written tests and the ability to read road signs.

Even when buying something, reading is a great asset. It will be difficult to know what you are buying if you can't read labels or know all of the conditions of a contract they you might have to sign.

There are so many everyday things that require the ability to read. Whether using a computer, following directions on a map or baking a cake, these things among many others would be very difficult without the ability to read.

As I stated earlier, reading can also be a source of great joy. To see a child's face light up with joy and wonder while listening to a fairy tale is a wonderful thing. Or to be transported to another place and time, to be able to slay dragons, to live in the deep south, to travel to a foreign land or whatever your heart may desire is possible, at least for a while, in the midst of a great book.

Reading is one of life's greatest treasures and one that I will always cherish.

## Reading Is Important

by Adam Hicks  
8th Grade SFMS

Reading is important because if you can read, you can learn almost anything you want to learn. When you read, you take in words through your eyes and this enables you to feed your mind. You can learn what people thought, felt and did yesterday or thousands of years ago.

Reading is also a very good source of communication. The written word can help someone express inner thoughts and feelings that the reader can relate to. I found this to be true when I began reading. I am an avid reader and I can run the gambit of emotions from books. I have felt joy, fear, excitement and have even been brought to tears although I made sure no one saw that!

In this day of technology and computers, reading is fundamental. You need to read to function in our society — to do banking, to fill out job applications, to go to school and make good grades, to fill out medical forms to receive services, to keep up with current events in the paper, to be able to see if you are being paid fairly on your paycheck and many other aspects of modern-day events.

I just can't imagine not being able to read! Ever since I've been big enough to talk, I've been exposed to books. My mom and dad read bedtime stories to me every night when I was small and when I learned to do it myself, the world opened. I was able to discover worlds and planets I may never go to physically, but to pursue in my mind.

## Bank displays art

First Commonwealth Bank at Betsy Layne is the setting for the exhibit of art works by students at Betsy Layne Elementary School.

Now on display at the bank are pieces by Steven Burchett, Tyrel Harvey, Jeremy Howell, Dionna Jarrell, Dustin Layne-Lawson, Deloris McCoy, Sean Mullins, Kyle Rice, Heather Travis, Joshua Smith and Megan Willis.

The bank previously displayed art by Amanda Adkins, Jessica Bentley, Kim Clark, Dustin Layne-Lawson, Sean Mullins, Julian Murphy, Shania Parsons, Jeff Robinette Jr., Allison Spears, Courtney Thomas, Tabitha Witt and Jason Worrix.

George Anna Case and Garlene Layne are art instructors at the school. "We extend heartfelt appreciation to the First Commonwealth Bank, Betsy Layne Branch, for their support in allowing our school to show the creative abilities of our students," the instructors said.

"This, indeed, makes up proud that this business takes as much pride in our students as we do."



# Youth News



The students in Phyllis Allison's classroom at Prestonsburg Elementary show off the beaded necklaces they made in celebration of the 100th day of school. The students are (front) Megan Newsome, Leanna Goble, Donovan Lewis, Drew Diddle, Chelsea Yielding, Myles Minix, Ariel Ferrari; (middle) Chad Ousley, Andrew Adams, Brittany Hayden, Kierstin Woods, Victoria Hampton, Zachary Meade, Emily Hammonds; (back) Michael Watkins, Evan Bays, Hayley Stone, Kendall Jones, Cierra Sammons, Mick Roberts, and Hannah Hackworth.



During a study on Appalachian Heritage these students in Phyllis Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary made butter by shaking milk in a jar until it formed into butter. They were treated the next day with fresh hot bread and "home-made" butter. The students are Tearra Colgan, Hannah Hackworth, Emily Hammonds, Mick Roberts, Myles Minix, Chad Ousley, Ariel Ferrari, Kendall Jones, Donovan Lewis, and Chelsea Yielding around first table. Brittany Hayden, Megan Newsome, Victoria Hampton, Hayley Stone, Leanna Goble, Michael Watkins, Drew Diddle, Cierra Sammons, and Kierstin Woods are around the second table.



Students in Phyllis Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary shared songs with the residents at Mt. Manor Nursing Home at Halloween. The students made Halloween lanterns for each resident.



### Retired teacher is greatly appreciated

The fourth grade class of Allen Elementary showed their appreciation for their substitute teacher by throwing her a party. Sue Martin completed the number of days she is allowed to teach as a retired teacher. She has gained a fan club of fourth graders who didn't want to see her leave. Their wishes were granted when Mrs. Martin elected to come back as a volunteer to help the students with portfolio revisions. Her dedication is a credit to the education profession.

### Be My Valentine...



### PES Valentine

The students in Phyllis Allison's room recently made frog Valentine boxes to keep their Valentines in. The students are Megan Newsome, Leanna Goble, Kendall Jones, Michael Watkins, Hayley Stone, Drew Diddle, Ariel Ferrari, Zachary Meade, Brittany Hayden, and Evan Bays; and Hannah Hackworth, Myles Minix, Emily Hammonds, Donovan Lewis, Andrew Adams, Victoria Hampton, Chelsea Yielding, Cierra Sammons, Mick Roberts, Kierstin Woods and Chad Ousley.



### Ashley Tackett Honored

Ashley Nicole Tackett was inducted into the Golden Key National Honors Society in a ceremony on March 2, at Eastern Kentucky

University, where she is a junior. Membership is by invitation to students who are in the top 15 percent of their junior or senior class. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and has been a recipient of the Dean's Award. She is a senator in EKU's Student Government Association and is also a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is the daughter of Paul David and Anita Tackett of Teaberry, and the granddaughter of Walker and Mearl Tackett of Teaberry, and Purvis and Ruby Hamilton of Craynor.

**Ashley Nichole Tackett**

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**FOR LEASE:** Office space in rapidly growing McDowell, KY. Conveniently located to stores, bank, hospital and post office. Awesome traffic flow. 1250 sq. feet. Property has reception area, two bathrooms, and five offices. For information contact 606-377-0100 or 1-800-758-4869.

**Apartments**

**Apartments for Rent:** 1 & 2 BR. Executive suite also available. Call 349-5135 or 349-7285, leave message.

**1 BR APT.:** HUD approved, located on Haywood Ln. 874-9056 or 874-4462.

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**1 BR FURNISHED APT.:** McDowell. \$225 + utilities & security deposit. HUD acc. 377-6881.

**2 BR APTS.** 12 miles north of Pikeville & 16 miles south of P'burg. W/D hook-up. Kit. appl. incl., pool. 478-8000, www.mellowbrook.com.

**R & L APARTMENTS, Under new management:** We now have coin laundry for tenants. We have apts. available. One easy payment, all utilities & cable included. Call 886-2797.

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**HOUSE FOR RENT:** Happy Hollow, West Prestonsburg. LR, 2 BR, Kit., & BA. \$200 dep. & \$250 mo., Utilities not included. 886-9243.

**2 BR HOUSE:** Nice & clean, large bath, central air & heat, with carpet. Located next to Dizzy Tire Co., Rt.80, Garrett, Ky. \$400 month + \$250 deposit. 358-2000.

**2 BR HOUSE:** Garrett area, central air & heat, city water. \$350 mo. & \$300 dep. 358-2876.

**NICE BRICK 2 BR HOUSE** on US 23. Also MOBILE HOME LOT for rent. 874-2560 anytime.

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**Mobile Home Lots**

**TRAILER LOT FOR RENT:** On Cow Cr. \$80 month. Call 874-2802, J. Davis.

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**2 BR TRAILER:** \$150 deposit & \$300 month. In Allen. 874-8420.

**TRAILER FOR RENT:** At Spurlock Cr. 886-9134.

**2 BR TRAILER:** \$300/month. Call for more information 889-9793.

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**2 BR TRAILER** at Printer. Call 886-6857 leave message.

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**2 BR TRAILER FOR RENT:** Completely furnished. Also 1988 Blazer for sale. 886-9959.

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 The Rental Assistance Program assists, eligible families with rental payments to landlords on the private market. This assistance is available in Floyd County and the Prestonsburg area.  
 YOU MAY APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION AND TIMES:  
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**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Riverview Health Care Center Social Worker with a 4 year degree. Competitive wages. For more information call 886-9178

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**LOST:** Ping ISI golf clubs, copper. 10 irons. Reward for finder. Call 874-9367.

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- Electronics
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- Computers
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