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**Bond lowered, but McCann remains in jail**

Tarah McCann, 21, of Spring Hill, Florida is still being held in the Floyd County Detention Center and has observed a birthday since her incarceration on charges of first-degree criminal facilitation in connection with her involvement in a robbery that occurred at Lee's Famous Recipe on North Lake Drive.

During the early evening hours of October 24, Joe Lee Wells, 27, of Miami, Florida, allegedly committed the act of armed robbery by entering the restaurant through a back door and threatening the employees with extreme physical harm if they did not give him the cash being held on the site.

Wells ordered the restaurant manager to open the store safe or else he would "blow her f---g head off."

After committing the robbery, Wells fled from the restaurant by way of the same back door through which he had earlier entered.

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**Two Day Forecast...**

**Today**  
**Party cloudy**  
High: 46 • Low: 26

**Tomorrow**  
**Party sunny**  
High: 48 • Low: 34

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*Taking the oath ...*



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill swears in Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor as Taylor's wife, Georganne Brown Taylor looks on. The swearing-in ceremony took place on Thursday afternoon. Immediately following, Taylor said that he is sure that holding the office will be a "valuable experience" for him and that he feels that it is quite "significant that Floyd county will now have two full-time prosecuting attorneys". Commonwealth Attorney Brent Turner said that he is "excited" to have Taylor as his assistant and that he is sure that the area will benefit greatly from this addition to the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

**Bishop moved, assigned new attorney**

Times Staff Report

A man charged with the stabbing murder of his estranged wife has been transferred out of the Floyd County Detention Center to another state facility.

Dwayne Earl Bishop, 40, of Teaberry, has been transported to the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex at West Liberty, where he will await trial in connection with the death of Carolyn Ann Tackett Bishop, 32.

Bishop had originally been represented by Pikeville attorney, Stephen W. Owens, but Owens has since filed a motion to withdraw from the case based on Bishop's failure to make proper financial arrangements for his payment.

Harolyn Howard, assistant public advocate, now stands to represent Bishop.

On November 21, Howard filed a motion for review and modification of the conditions necessary for Bishop to be released. However, his bond still remains set at \$1 million.

According to court records, documentation exists attesting to a history of domestic violence in which Dwayne Bishop was the perpetrator.

Protective orders demanding that Bishop have no unlawful contact with his estranged wife exist, dating back to as early as 1994. Those records claim that Bishop had committed acts of violence involving both shooting and stabbing against Carolyn Bishop in the past.

A pre-trial conference has been scheduled for March 7.

**New surgeon journeys from Zimbabwe to Appalachia**

by KATHY J. PRATER  
STAFF WRITER

A Roman Catholic nun who has spent the last 12 years practicing medicine in an African missionary hospital has now arrived in Floyd County to begin work as a general surgeon.

Sister Patricia Cataldi came on staff at the Appalachian Regional Medical Center in McDowell on Monday.

Dr. Cataldi said that she feels that God is at work in her ministry because she has come "full circle" since the beginning of her medical career.

Dr. Cataldi was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Her family lived in the Connecticut River Valley on land there that they used to farm tobacco for cigar-making. She said that the weather there was often hot and humid, making for ideal conditions in which to raise tobacco. She said that in many ways, the geographics of this region remind her of Connecticut, "except for the mountains; we didn't have moun-

tain."

Dr. Cataldi said that she feels very comfortable in our area, that it seems familiar to her.

Dr. Cataldi professed her vows in 1963 at the Sisters of the Precious Blood missionary in Shillington, Pennsylvania. In 1967, she graduated from nursing school and began work as an intensive care and emergency department nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Reading. It was during this time that she decided to pursue a medical degree, citing the reason for this decision as believing that in becoming a doctor, she would be able to gain more independence in her missionary work.

In 1973, she completed her undergraduate degree at Temple University in Philadelphia, and went on to graduate from the city's Hahnemann Medical College, a teaching affiliate of Monmouth Medical

Center, in 1977.

From there, she was accepted into the surgical residency program at Monmouth, and she completed her surgical training there in 1982.

It was at this time that Dr. Cataldi said that she first contemplated the idea of serving in the Appalachian region. She said that she even had exchanged correspondence with McDowell ARH at that time.

Instead, she took an assignment in Africa, spending her five years of residency training in one of her order's missionary field hospitals, St. Jude's Hospital, located on the West Indies island nation of St. Lucia.

Dr. Cataldi said that she received valuable surgical experience at St. Jude's and also had the opportunity to work with many specialists, such as urologists and orthopedists.



Patricia Cataldi

**Church seeks to help 1,000 families during holidays**

by KATHY J. PRATER  
STAFF WRITER

Pastor Joseph Sloce, who ministers at the Praise Assembly Church located on Water Gap road, believes that God has blessed his life and his ministry in many ways. As a way of showing thanks, he has launched "Operation Christmas Blessing" here in Floyd County.

Pastor Sloce and his wife, Donna, came to the Floyd County area in September 1996 from Wise, Va. Prior to settling here, they had become familiar with the Floyd County area through evangelical services they had offered in the Wheelwright and Wayland areas.

Pastor Sloce says that they saw a great need in the area and decided to stay on a more permanent basis in order to minister to this need.

"Operation Christmas Blessing" was started in 1999 by Praise Assembly Church members.

Last year, the church received 130 applications for assistance from needy families in order to provide them with a means for celebrating the Christmas holiday.

They were able to serve 200 families the first year out. Pastor Sloce says that as they handed out baskets containing food and toys last season in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and saw firsthand the need and gratitude of those being served, that he and his

helpers vowed "on that very spot" to serve 1,000 families in 2000.

The church began taking applications for assistance on November 2. Already, they have received approximately 500 applications.

Pastor Sloce says that in order to meet the goal for the upcoming Christmas season, the church worked all summer holding car washes, bake sales and carnivals in order to raise funds to purchase the various food items needed for the baskets.

In order to assist the church in its endeavor, Food City of Paintsville arranged a special purchase price on Armour canned hams, canned sweet potatoes and cake mix. Save-A-Lot of Martin has given the church a special purchase price on canned vegetables.

In addition, many area businesses have pitched in to assist Pastor Sloce in meeting his goal. Some of the businesses that quickly came to his mind were the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, which donated a percentage of their total sales taken in from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. Saturday morning, Big Lots of Prestonsburg, Cato's, Tranco and Statewide Press. The pastor says that there are many more and that he will give full credit to all those who helped on the day of the giveaway.

Located in the church sanctuary is a brightly

(See **BLESSING**, page two)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Standing, Pastor Joseph Sloce assists his wife, Donna, seated in front of him, along with Priscilla Sampson and Terrie Stevens in taking applications for "Operation Christmas Blessing". Applications for assistance will be taken at the Praise Assembly Church, located on Water Gap road, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. each day.

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### Cataldi

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area, and so there was always an ample supply of "natural resources" at hand.

Dr. Cataldi said that among the illnesses she treated, she saw a lot of disease and infection among the Zimbabweans that was caused from the consumption of contaminated water, especially during the rainy flood season. She said that the people of the area would sometimes have to travel for miles to find safe drinking water from area "bore-holes" that reached far down into the water table. As a result of this inconvenience, they would sometimes take chances using more readily available surface waters and, as a result, would fall prey to various illnesses brought on by various micro-organisms that would be present in the water.

Cataldi said that the hospital and health workers in the area spent a great

deal of time educating the people on the dangers of using unsafe drinking water. Many times, though, said Dr. Cataldi, what would make an American seriously ill, a native Zimbabwean would have a developed resistance to.

Also, said Dr. Cataldi, a great deal of her time was spent in maternity service, performing emergency caesarean sections. In times such as these when emergency surgical procedures were needed, the hospital's generator would be turned back on.

Dr. Cataldi said that people often traveled for miles by bus, foot and donkey cart to reach the hospital, sometimes arriving well into the night. She said that St. Jude's operated a hostel where rooms could be rented, but that often the people would simply wait the night out under the shelter of the hospital building.

Cataldi said that the people of Zimbabwe are very hardy and have the ability to withstand various discomforts and inconveniences. She said that it is not uncommon for them to stand and wait for hours for a bus to pick them up.

A distressing circumstance, said Dr. Cataldi, is that during her service in Zimbabwe, she saw AIDS grow to epidemic proportions, even affecting the population that consisted of the young children.

"Many times, I would see an adult, perhaps a woman, who would have come in for any number of various services and a child would be accompanying them," Cataldi said. "In a visual assessment of the adult, I would see no apparent sign of AIDS infection, but when I looked at the child, I would see a wasted appearance that was indicative of AIDS. Then I would test both for the virus."

All too often, the tests would prove positive for AIDS.

"When I first arrived in Zimbabwe, I would see about five new cases of AIDS each year, but today, the hospital diagnoses nearly 500 cases annually." As a result, the average life expectancy of a Zimbabwean stands now at about 38 years, as opposed to an earlier life expectancy of as much as 78 years and beyond.

Dr. Cataldi said that even with the presence of the hospital and five rural

outreach clinics, people would still very often seek care from traditional healers before deciding to use the hospital services. As a result, the people would generally have developed complications before she ever had a chance to first see them.

One of the more common occurrences, according to Cataldi, was the use of a traditional healing practice referred to as "smoking." When an infant or small child became sick with congestion or a cough, the family would hold blankets over a small fire and contain the child therein in order to "smoke" out the sickness.

Of course, Dr. Cataldi said, the procedure only served to complicate the condition and make the child's illness worse. She said that very often, the mothers would not want to admit to her that they had "smoked" the child when she asked them, and so, after a while, she learned to ask the mothers, "How many times did you smoke the child?" as opposed to asking, "Did you smoke the child?"

Dr. Cataldi said that although many Christian churches are making progress in conversions of the people of the small African country, many still believe in the notion that "spirits" make one ill and that these "spirits" can be cast out in order to cure the person of the illness. So, many people would first seek out the help of traditional "nyangas," or "witch doctors,"

who would say chants and throw bones in an attempt to rid the ill person of the evil spirit(s).

Ironically, said Dr. Cataldi, the "nyangas" would come to the hospitals first when they themselves became ill.

The hospital staff also found competition from area "herbalists," who Dr. Cataldi said were pretty much "bona fide," but still at times would use herbs in toxic proportions. In particular, she recalled one time an herbalist was administering an herb to young infants that was causing necrosis of the liver. One of the infants died, but two others were able to be saved. Dr. Cataldi believes that the amount administered was probably the problem and that the first baby received far too much of the herb.

Dr. Cataldi said that she and the hospital staff held a meeting with several of the herbalists and informed them, "without pointing fingers," of the dire situation that had come about from the administration of these herbs. She said that the situation improved after the meeting was held.

Dr. Cataldi said that the people of Brunabeg had very little money and so her fees were often paid with eggs, chickens and sheep.

"Eggs were to them like gold is to us," said Dr. Cataldi.

Even though Dr. Cataldi said that she felt that the time had come for her to leave Zimbabwe, she said that her departure was bittersweet.

"I delivered many children who I watched grow up, and even though I

was excited at the prospect of returning home, I still experienced some sadness," the surgeon said.

She said that upon her return to the United States, she again returned to Monmouth Medical Center to brush up on recent surgical advances and techniques. She began corresponding with McDowell ARH for a second time in March of this year. She said that it looked for a short while as though ARH was going to have to hire a new surgeon before she would be available for work, but as it turned out, just as God had brought her "full circle" back to Monmouth, He had also brought her "full circle" back to her original desire to serve in the Appalachian area of our county.

She arrived in McDowell on November 20, and said that her first general impressions of the area are that "everyone is very friendly and very helpful, they make me feel very welcome." She said that she is also impressed and pleased with the number of female doctors on staff at ARH.

Cataldi said that she is looking forward to being able to develop a good rapport with her patients because it will be "so much easier to communicate" with her patients here than with the patients she encountered in Africa. She smiled as she admitted to having "a little trouble" with the local accent, but she said she is "not too worried."

Dr. Cataldi is scheduled to begin duties as a general surgeon at ARH in the near future, and she said that she is looking forward to serving the people of our area.



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### Blessing

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decorated Christmas tree that the church members call their "Angel Tree". On the tree hang tags that bear information concerning the children of the families who have applied for Christmas assistance. Information pertaining to the sex and ages of the children are listed on the tags. Church members can select a tag and then purchase a suitable gift according to the information given.

The gifts will then be distributed to the various families in the food

baskets that they will receive. The baskets will then be tagged in order to assure that each family receives gifts appropriate to their children.

Pastor Sloce says each basket will contain a canned ham, two cans of corn, two cans of beans, canned sweet potatoes, cake mix and rolls.

On Friday, December 22, each applicant may pick up a ticket that they will then present at the giveaway that will be held on December 23 in the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart parking lot.

Pastor Sloce says that workers will be available at the church all day on the 22nd, and that on that same evening, a Christmas Cantata will be performed at the church.

Pastor Sloce says that he and his followers believe that the second coming of Christ is soon at hand and that they are committed to preparing themselves and others for that day by ministering to the needs of the people, "both spiritually and physically."

For more information concerning how to apply for assistance from "Operation Christmas Blessing" or to offer your help, you may call Pastor Sloce at 874-3650. Applications will be taken Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the church.

### Super Crossword

Answers

WACKY	VALTA	OBES	SET
ENCORE	EVILAN	PROUTAN	
SHEGOLDING	ALLOCCATE		
TET	WATSE	ALGO	WRES
EVIL	AMASS	ACORNS	
COBRAS	MARTIAN	DAOP	
ESKIAN	OTIC	BITAFRESHWA	
ASL	FABULA	EDU	WIE
OBTIVIOUS	GRAM	BAVEIN	
AREN	SAVOY	BENE	
BAKERY	BACON	PEQUANT	
TEAM	ESTER	FOXES	
EDICT	REAL	ABOLISHED	
RED	OPEN	GARRATE	RAI
INWOOLSTE	BAR	BERIAN	
AACN	DREARY	EVELYIN	
CLASBY	QATIRN	AMEL	
GORE	PRAM	SOULI	PAR
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### CHANGE

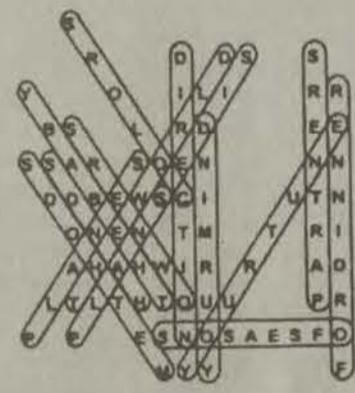


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Ken Carriere was recently named bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Martin Ward, located on Highway 80, Martin. Carriere succeeds longtime bishop E.P. Grigsby.

## A holiday blowout—of a different kind

While holiday blowouts within the retail industry are becoming commonplace this time of year, many allergy sufferers are experiencing a blowout of a different kind. Holiday allergies.

Yes, typically allergy sufferers look forward to the first cold, hard, frost of the season to clear the air of allergens, and Kentucky has definitely experienced that type of frost this season.

But what many allergy sufferers don't take into account this time of year is the plethora of allergies brought on by the holiday season.

Take for instance that Christmas tree you've just brought into the house. It's nice and plump and full of pollen and ragweed.

"Evergreen trees generally are not thought to cause allergies, because their pollen is heavy and not easily windborne, therefore exposure is limited. But as the pollen dries inside your house it breaks off and floats into the air. Christmas trees are also thought to carry pollen from other allergy producing plants, such as ragweed, into the home," said Dr. Amy Mashburn of Vivra Asthma and Allergy in

Lexington.

And what about those lovely Christmas decorations, packed away in the basement or attic. As those dusty boxes are unpacked a variety of allergens are released into the air. Grandma's old Christmas quilt and needlepoint pillows are fluffed and beaten into an allergy frenzy.

Also, don't forget about the warm, cozy fires you plan to burn all season. The ash and soot from the fireplace can blacken any allergy sufferers' spir-

it. Then, there are the wonderful treats of dips, casseroles, and cookies of this joyous season. Those with food allergies need to be aware of the holiday hives they may get from hidden nuts, seafood, milk, eggs, and soy.

"All in all, this is a wonderful time of year, and allergy sufferers don't need to dread the season. They just need to be aware of the things that may cause allergies in order to avoid symptoms. Keep your house well dusted, clean out fireplaces after each use, and be aware of all ingredients in food dishes," Mashburn said.

## Stumbo to be honored at MSU

Brandi Lee Dent of Jeanette, Pennsylvania, will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

About 400 graduate and undergraduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. Also during the ceremonies, the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree will be presented to William R. Seaton of Ashland, a retired chief financial officer of Ashland Inc. and Janet L. Stumbo of Prestonsburg, the first woman elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Dent, a dean's list student, is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in special education P-12 from the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. She is completing her professional semester of student teaching in the fourth and fifth grade resource room at Olive Hill Elementary School.

Once degrees are conferred, the new graduates will be greeted by the MSU Alumni Association president-elect Joyce LeMaster of Morehead.

Dr. Ted Pass II, professor of biology and recipient of the 2000 Distinguished Teacher Award, will be the grand marshal, with Dr. Frances Helphinstine, professor of English, and Mary Jo Netherton, associate professor of French, serving as faculty marshals.

Student marshals will be Stephanie M. Black of Clearfield, representing Graduate Programs; David Little, Hazel Green junior, and Mary Klein, Erlanger senior, College of Science and Technology; Juliana Peterson, Alexandria freshman, College of Business; Erin Collins and Deborah Ingle, Morehead seniors, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Jason Lee Johnson, Pikeville junior, and Barbara J. Waller, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, senior, Caudill College of Humanities.

A reception for graduates and their families, co-sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, will be hosted by each of the college's deans and faculty, following the ceremony.

Additional information on the commencement exercises is available by calling the Office of the Registrar at 606/783-2008.

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# Viewpoint

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Editorial

### All kids deserve a chance

The pampered baby boomers grew up deprived in comparison with today's crop of kids, awash as they are in such electronic marvels as cell phones and virtual games, DVD players and TV sets with gobs of channels and sharp pictures on big screens. Today's young people spend like never before. And, they get their own rooms.

What's more, they know the value of an education. They attend college in higher numbers than did their boomer parents and, thus, are better prepared to make the big bucks. So, outside of typical adolescent anxieties — the pimples, the first date — today's young people have little reason to worry, right?

Actually, the complete picture — as painted by researchers at the Urban Institute, a leading think tank — is not so bright. Yes, many young people are growing up in more luxurious circumstances than the nation has ever seen before. But many others are eking out lives in the vise grip of poverty — often without dads to help out. In fact, fathers far too often are stewing in prison.

And, between rags and riches, there is a third group of children, who live in families that barely make ends meet and who get high school diplomas but no solid academic or vocational skills. Some in this group will eventually gain enough know-how for middle-level jobs, but others won't. They will forever flounder on the lower rungs of the job ladder.

What's more, even the kids steeped in affluence occasion worries, notes the 124-page Urban Institute report, titled prosaically "Youth in 2010: Trends and Policy Implications." They face the draw of gangs and drugs and sex. And, because of a rise in working parents and a decline in siblings, today's young people don't interact with their families as much as the boomers did.

Well-off parents do enjoy resources to help ward off the demons that threaten their children, though. The challenge such parents face is communication.

They must talk with their kids. Parents must warn their children of the dangers that lurk out there and must hear what's on the minds of their offspring.

But the plight of poor and near-poor kids demands better public focus. Leaders of both the public and private sectors must step up efforts to help such kids so that the three categories of children identified by the Urban Institute won't harden into three hostile social classes in tomorrow's America.

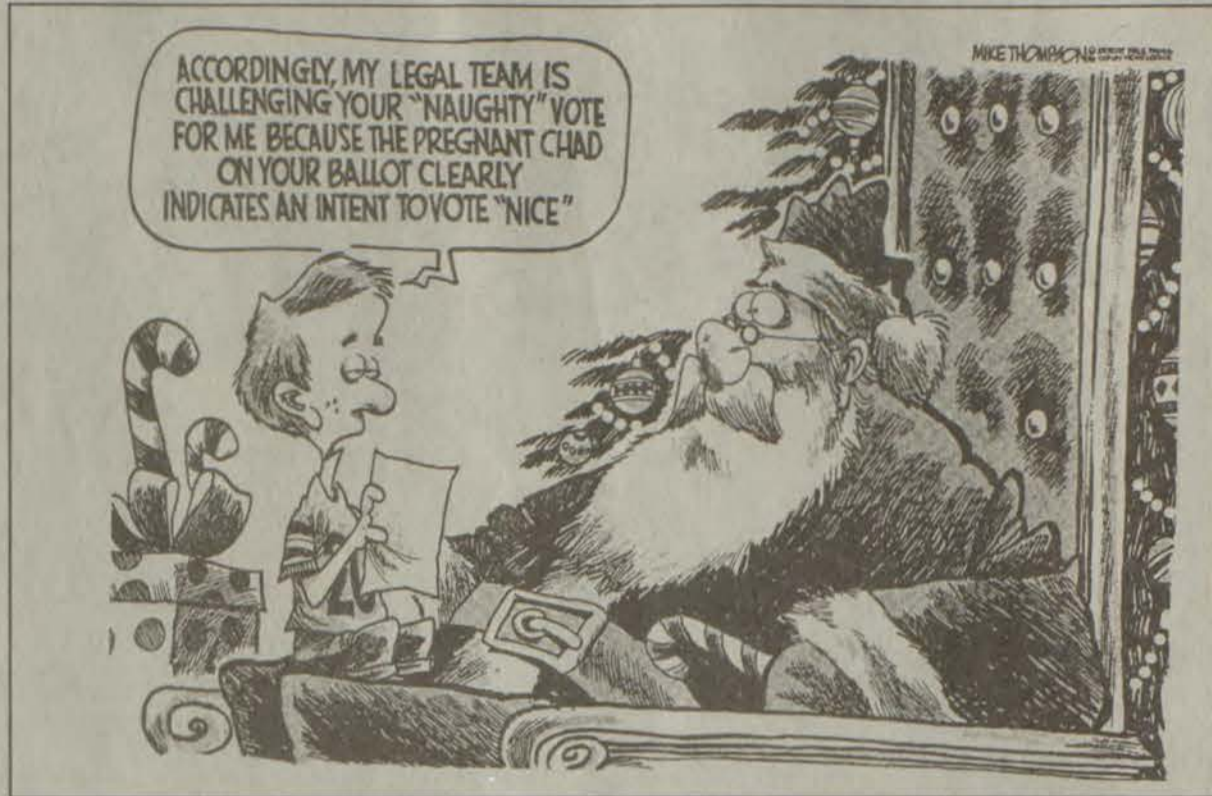
A problem that sorely needs addressing is the continuing rise in the number of children living in single-parent families — almost half of all the nation's children by 2010, based on the current trend. Some of these families prosper, but most suffer. So-called welfare reform has not eased this problem. In fact, the reform repeats a mistake of the original by targeting almost all the help, now often in the form of jobs, at mothers.

Public policy must aim much more employment help at men so they can gain the wherewithal to support families.

And policy-makers must keep trying to better link education to the job market and to otherwise upgrade schools. Learning has become even more crucial to decent pay than when the boomers were toting book bags.

These are mere examples of the sorts of initiatives America must consider to improve prospects for those kids with futures that are anything but bright.

— Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



## Letters to the Editor

### Give basketball players a chance

Editor:

I'm writing this letter concerning the coaching staff at Prestonsburg High School. Coaches, our kids need encouragement, not to be put down, called names and told what bad players they are. We have some very talented basketball players at Prestonsburg High. If given a chance, we could have a winning season.

Coaches, football is over. We sit and watch you play players who played for you on the football team make mistakes over and over and they're kept in the game, just because they are your football players. Face it, some kids are more talented in football. I'm not putting any child down, but some are not cut out for basketball.

To say Prestonsburg is a football school is so very wrong. The problem is, coaches, everything goes into football. You actually teach them the game, unlike basketball. Every school has five starters, then the second-best five. You only play kids from the football team. If we are a foot-

ball school, where is our state title?

Prestonsburg High has some of the best basketball players in Floyd County. Give our kids a chance. Encourage them and teach them the game. Someone needs to take over the basketball program or else we are going to lose these very talented basketball players to other schools. I'm sure these schools would love to have them.

Talk to our kids. I'm sure they will tell you how they feel, maybe not if they think it will be held against them. They already have very low self-esteem.

To our players, hold your heads high because we are very proud of you. Hang in there and give it your best.

To our football players, we are proud of you. You had a great season.

Coaches, let's help our basketball players have a winning season.

Debbie Crum  
Allen

### Choosing a candidate with character?

Editor:

We all remember the indignation of the public when the president lied to a court of law and obstructed justice in the Lewinsky affair. Many voters chose George W. Bush as their man in this election in hopes of electing a president they could trust. Many saw Al Gore as a man who has a reputation of stretching the truth and lying about the Buddhist Temple fund raiser scandal.

A Mr. Salvador De Vicchio, a retired New York police officer and who now is a private detective did a voice analysis of both Bush and Gore during the three presidential debates. He used a software device developed for Israeli military intelligence. The device created by Trust Tech, a software developer detects when a person is lying by the stress in the voice patterns. The device is used in the legal and governmental arena.

The findings are as follows. Bush lied 57 times to the public and Gore lied 23 times. Its clear from these findings that the American public has lost out again no matter who is declared the winner in Florida.

The public cannot expect anything else from its elected

officials in today's political system. As long as politicians sell off their policy positions to vested interests, as long as running campaigns involve huge media expenses, as long as campaigns depend on bribes in exchange for support, this is what America has to deal with. We have devolved into a situation where politicians have become paid liars.

One candidate in this presidential election told the truth. He was free of all vested interests because he didn't accept any corporate monies. He raised all his monies from the sale of tickets to his rallies and individual contributions. He was the guy who was escorted off the campus of Boston University when he attempted to just watch the Gore-Bush debate.

Ralph Nader said all through his campaign, "It is no longer acceptable to vote for the lesser of the two evils." When the next elections come up, I hope the public has the intelligence to realize what the two major parties have become and vote for a candidate who has not sold out their interest for campaign contributions.

John Burgess  
Louisa

## Guest Column

### Community and Technical College Coordination: Cornerstone to Kentucky's Economic Success

by KEN OILSCHLAGER, PRESIDENT  
KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For people who don't play a role in Kentucky's educational system, the link between education and business success may not be readily apparent. For those of us who spend time trying to grow awareness of education's link to success at work, it's as easy as a simple math equation: inspire a life-long love of learning, add it to broad and diverse educational opportunities, and the sum will be individual and organizational success stories.

The institutions of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) are essential to this equation in Kentucky — gateways to a more prosperous future for Kentucky citizens and key players in Kentucky's economic future.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce supported the original design of KCTCS as the best way to help our community and technical colleges flourish. It set the stage for improved coordination and afforded the community and technical colleges opportunities to combine individual strengths. It also allowed the entire system to be a full partner in determining how best to meet Kentucky's broad spectrum of educational needs.

Today, the equation appears to be working. In every corner of the Commonwealth, thanks to KCTCS and the individual institutions that comprise it, access to education and training has been improved, and with it has come the increased realization that "Education Pays." We can already tell that the whole is indeed greater than the sum

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## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity.

Opinions expressed in letters and other voices are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper. Send letters to: The Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

## Through My Eyes

by Kathy Prater  
Staff Writer



### Remembering what's truly important

It appears that the holiday season is in full swing all around us. The city is gaily decorated with festive lights aglow all around town and I have even noticed that the hanging baskets have been filled with holly leaves and berries and evergreen cuttings.

I especially enjoy the colored lights that I see around the city. I know that the "white lights" tend to be the more popular nowadays, and they are really attractive, especially when they are hung in a swag or as "icicles." But still, the blues, greens and reds remain my favorites.

I especially like to see the big, oversized colored bulbs — they were popular when I was a child and you don't often see them anymore, so when I do spot them, it brings back pleasant childhood memories.

And, if you haven't checked out Archer Park yet, please take some time to do so. If you are one of those who typically travel to Ashland or Lexington to see the displays of their area parks, I think that you will be quite tickled to see what our own park has to offer this year. It has been a nice sight in years past, but I think this year the park personnel have added a few new sights.

And, how are you all doing with your Christmas shopping? I visited Wal-Mart and Kmart this past weekend, mostly in a hunt to find the better buys on toys. I was surprised to note that many items I had seen on the shelves in earlier weeks were now in short supply or even gone completely. I did, however, find two items that I had previously been unable to find, although I paid \$10 more for one of the items than I would have if I had gotten in gear a little earlier. As my daughter likes to say, "Oh, well..."

It's nice to see presents wrapped in shiny, bright papers under the Christmas tree and to make plans for the arrival of the "big day." But, you know, once the day arrives and all the gifts are opened, I always feel a little let down. So much thought, planning and money, and then, all of a sudden, it's over. Guess life is like that a lot. Seems like the anticipation of any big event is always the part that is most fun.

Which brings me to a comment that I heard on television as I was getting ready for work this morning. An ad for a mortgage loan company came on, and a remark was made that this company could help "if you find yourself without the money you need for the holidays." What I paid special attention to was the word "need." We would all "like" to have extra money for holiday gifts, but where does the notion that we "need" to spend money come from? I think we know the answer.

As for me, this isn't what I want to teach my children and it isn't what I want to fall prey to. I have spent past Christmases feeling stressed and pressured to meet the standards imposed upon me by the retail industry. This year, I will purchase gifts and spread cheer.

(See REMEMBERING, page seven)

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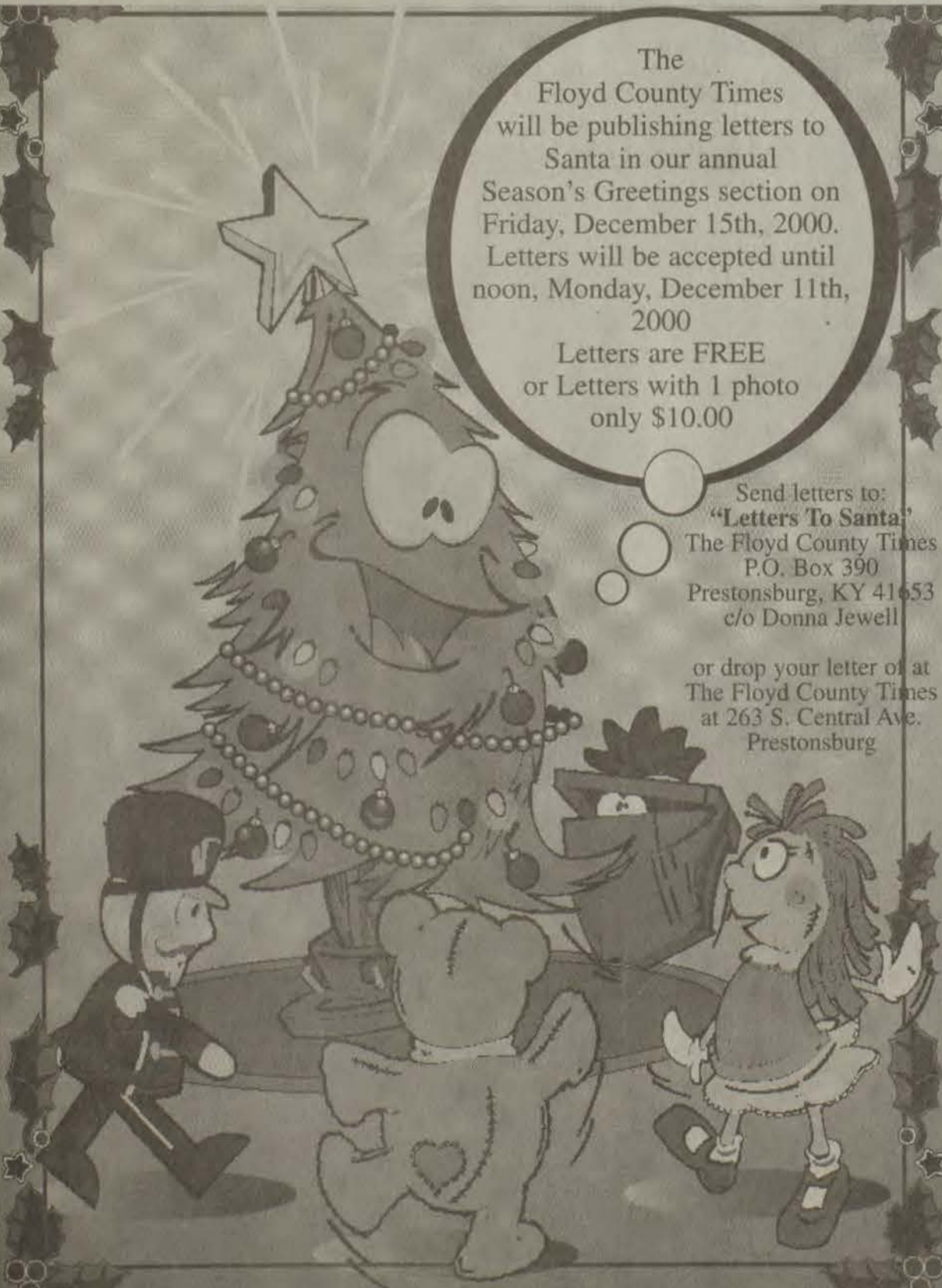
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### Knott County

Louise Roark Raleigh, 73, died Monday, November 27, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, November 30, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

John H. Smith, 65, of Jenkins, died Monday, December 4, at the Golden Years Rest Home of Jenkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Irene Blair Whitaker, 82, of Blackey, died Wednesday, November 29, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 1, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

### Pike County

Mae Williamson Owens, 98, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 2, at the home of her daughter. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Arnold Everett "Slim" Tackett, 67, of Pikeville, died Friday, December 1, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Wade Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Clarence Sublett, 85, of Phelps, died Monday, December 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Eulis Clell Johnson, 55, of Paynesville, West Virginia, died Tuesday, December 5, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home, Grundy, Virginia.

Charles Howell, 39, of Pikeville, died Sunday, December 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

John Roberts Jr., 82, of Lexington, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, December 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Irene Coleman Roberts. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of W.R. Milward Mortuary.

Don Roger Ratliff, 68, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, November 30. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Roy Blackburn, 85, of Belfry, died Monday, December 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Essie Faye Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Sturgill, 83, of Meathouse Fork, Canada, died Sunday, December 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Thacker Thornsby Sturgill. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Billy Lee Akers

Billy Lee Akers, 28, of McDowell, died Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at his residence, following a sudden illness.

Born on April 12, 1972, in McDowell, he was the son of George Lee Akers of Prestonsburg, and Verlene Evans Collins of McDowell. He was a disabled coal miner and was a member of the Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church at Beaver.

Survivors, other than his parents, include one son, Billy Lee Akers of Beaver; three daughters, Keisha Akers, Whitney Akers and Kelsey Akers, all of Beaver; one brother, Mickey Akers of Cumberland; three sisters, Vicki Hurst, and Lyla Frasure, both of McDowell, and Connie Spears of Langley.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 9, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Tivis Caudill and Johnny Caudill officiating.

Burial will be in the Evans Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

### Wayne Davis

Wayne Davis, 91, of Allen, died Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at his residence, following a brief illness.

Born on December 7, 1908, in Breathitt County, he was the son of the late Lee and Rose Clemons Davis. He was a retired mining inspector, and was a member of the Praise Assembly Church of God at Prestonsburg. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Maycel Dunaway Davis.

Other survivors include three daughters, Linda James, and Waynette Keebaugh, both of Prestonsburg, and Ocie May of Allen; one step-sister, Myrtle Cornette of Hindman; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 8, at 11 a.m., at the Praise Assembly Church of God at Prestonsburg, with Pastor J. M. Sloce officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

### James Wilber Baldrige

James Wilber Baldrige, 77, of East Point, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, at his residence.

Born on January 15, 1923, in Bays Branch, Floyd County, he was the son of the late George Baldrige and Lettie Harmon Baldrige. He was a self-employed carpenter and coal miner.

Survivors include one sister, Myrtle B. Burchett of Prestonsburg.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the George Baldrige Cemetery, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Vincent A. Vaughan, 88, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Louisa, died Wednesday, November 15, at St. Mary's Hospice. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Vaughan. Graveside services will be conducted Friday, November 17, 1 p.m., at Halls Memory Garden, under the direction of Mynatt's Funeral Home.

Nita Gail Thomas Ramsey, 39, of Columbus, Ohio, died Sunday, December 3. She is survived by her husband, Jack Ramsey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Louise Kendrick, 75, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, November 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Elmer Belcher, 70, of Clay City, Pike County native, died Friday, December 1, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Inis Daugherty Belcher. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Phelps Chapel.

Audrey Mae Damron, 81, of Shelby Gap, died Thursday, November 30, in Washington Township, Mich. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Clyde Damron. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Charles S. "Tunk" Adair, 60, of Slaters Branch, died Thursday, November 30, at Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn. He is survived

by his wife, Charlene Anderson Adair. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Flonnie June Mullins Burke, 83, of Myra, died Saturday, December 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Viola Lavern Estep, 35, of Freeburn, died Sunday, December 3, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

### Martin County

Ruth Porter Maynard, 50, of Inez, died Sunday, December 3. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Patricia Kobliska Samwick, 60, of Tarboro, North Carolina, died Saturday, December 2. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Jerry Williams, 42, of Thelma, died Friday, December 1, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Steele, 70, of Louisa, died Wednesday, November 29, at Three Rivers Medical Center.

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24	2	TBS	(3:45) ★★½ "Malice" (1993)	★★ "The Presidio" (1988, Suspense) Sean Connery.	★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Richard Gere.				★★½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) Jackie Chan.				Air America					
3	3	NBC	(4:00) Golf (In Stereo Live)	News	NBC News	College Basketball: Niagara at Marshall. (Live)				★★ "Atomic Train" (1999, Action) Rob Lowe. [R]				News	Saturday Night Live (N) (In Stereo) [R]			
4	5	PBS	Law	Religion	Lawrence Welk Show: Alps	Red Green	Robot Wars	Kentucky	Ky Life	Keeping Up	Romance	Wait for God	Time Goes	History Bites	History Bites (Off Air)			
8	8	ABC	Cosby [R]	Cosby [R]	News	ABC News	Hollywood	Powerball	Mickey	★★★ "Junior" (1994, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (In Stereo) [R]				News	Queen of Swords "Fever" Relic Hunter			
23	9	WGN	Xena: Warrior Princess [R]	Andromeda (In Stereo) [R]	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Bulls Eye [R]	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at San Antonio Spurs. (In Stereo Live) [R]				News [R]	"Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects" (1989)					
6	10	CBS	(4:00) College Basketball	Dance Championships	KASP	Tobb Media	That's Life "Pilot" [R]	Walker, Texas Ranger [R]	District "Pot Scrubbers" [R]	News	Sports	New York Undercover [R]						
11	11	FOX	(4:00) College Basketball	3rd Rock	Spin City [R]	Friends [R]	Drew Carey	GQ's Men of the Year Awards (N) (In Stereo) [R]				News	Mad TV (N) (In Stereo) [R]		WCW World			
13	13	CBS	(4:00) College Basketball	News	CBS News	Sheena (In Stereo) [R]	That's Life "Pilot" [R]	Walker, Texas Ranger [R]	District "Pot Scrubbers" [R]	News	Cleopatra 25	Jack	Xena					
14	46	ESPN	NFL Films	Sportscenter [R]	Baseball	NFL 2Night	Heisman Trophy	College Basketball: Michigan at Duke. (Live)				Sportscenter [R]	Rodeo					
33	30	DSC	Great Siberian Explosion	Avalanche-Dan.	Prosecutors-Justice	On the Inside "Hard Time"	Spacewalkers	Justice Files	New Detectives				On the Inside "Hard Time"					
16	31	TNT	(3:30) "Trading Places"	★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)				★★★ "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray.				★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler.						
31	32	A&E	American Justice: Blueprint	City Confidential [R]	Behind Closed Doors [R]	Biography: Chce	"Catherine the Great" (1995) Catherine Zeta-Jones.				Sherlock Holmes							
27	33	TNN	Inside NASCAR (In Stereo)	★★ "Eight Is Enough: A Family Reunion" (1987) [R]				Backstage	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour	Country Homecoming	Backstage	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour				
19	34	NICK	Hey Arnold! Spongebob	Pinky	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold! Rugrats [R]	Spongebob	Amanda	Eddie	All That	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	I Love Lucy	Andy Griffith		
17	35	USA	Huntress "Springing Tiny"	Cover Me: FBI Family				★★ "The Cowboy Way" (1994) Woody Harrelson. [R]				★½ "For Richer or Poorer" (1997, Comedy) Tim Allen. (In Stereo) [R]						
28	36	FAM	Richie-C'mas	Without Santa				Freaks and Geeks [R]	Fearing Mind (In Stereo) [R]	"Like Father, Like Santa" (1998) Gary Coleman. [R]				★★½ "The Man in the Santa Claus Suit" (1979, Fantasy)				
48	48	LIFE	(4:00) "Driving Miss Daisy"	★★ "The Ring" (1996, Drama) Nastassja Kinski, Linda Lavin. [R]				Beyond Chance [R]				Strong Medicine (In Stereo) Any Day Now (In Stereo) [R]						
45	45	ESPN2	Auto Racing	Auto Racing	Heisman	College Basketball: Texas at South Florida. (Live)				NFL Great	50 Greatest	NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers. (Live)						
29	49	AMC	The Fly II	Backstory "Fly Papers"	★★★ "The Fly" (1958) Vincent Price.				★★★ "The Fly" (1986, Science Fiction) Jeff Goldblum.				★★½ "The Fly II" (1989, Science Fiction) Eric Stoltz.					
50	50	HGTV	Srprse Gardner	Appraisal	Appraise II!	At-Auction	Collect	Design	Decorating	Room	Room	Interiors	Bed-Bath	Design	Decorating	Room	Room	
10	51	SCIFI	★★ "The Craft" (1996, Horror) Robin Tunney. [R]				★★½ "The Hidden" (1987) Kyle MacLachlan.				★½ "Nightwatch" (1998, Suspense) Ewan McGregor.				★½ "Return of the Living Dead III" (1993) Mindy Clarke.			
32	52	HIST	Tales of the Gun (N) [R]	Big House: Alderson				Gold Mines [R]	Death Row Diaries (N) [R]				Tora, Tora, Tora: The Real Story of Pearl Harbor (N) [R]					
55	55	TOC	Fishin'	Paid Prog.	Outdoor	Bluegrass	Hunter	Show Me	Turkey Call	Outdoor	Out There	Outdoors	Prospectng	Outdoor	Hunting	Outdoors	Better Hunt	Spirit
20	14	HBO	For Love or Country: Arturo Sandoval	Vertical	★★½ "Lean on Me" (1989) Morgan Freeman. 'PG-13' [R]				★★½ "Disappearing Acts" (2000) Wesley Snipes. [R]				Boxing: World Championship Boxing					
15	HBO2	Simply	Curb	★★★½ "Green Card" (1990) Gerard Depardieu. 'PG-13'				★★½ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (1994) 'R' [R]				★★★ "Rasputin" (1996, Drama) Alan Rickman. 'R' [R]						
16	HBO3	The Big Chill	★★★ "A Merry War" (1997, Satire) 'PG-13'				★★★ "I.Q." (1994, Comedy) Meg Ryan. (In Stereo) 'PG' [R]				★★★ "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992, Adventure) 'R'				★½ "Oxygen" (1999) Maura Tierney. 'R' [R]			
21	17	MAX	(4:30) "Beautiful Joe" 'NR'	★★½ "Life With Mikey" (1993) Michael J. Fox. 'PG' [R]				★★½ "Wolf" (1994, Horror) Jack Nicholson. 'R' [R]				★ "Active Stealth" (1999) Tim Abell. 'R' [R]						
18	DISN	Jersey [R]	Even	Jett Jackson	BoyWorld	Heartbeat	★★★ "The Borrowers" (1998) 'PG' [R]				"Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves" (1997) [R]							
22	SHOW	(4:30) "The Truman Show"	★★ "What Dreams May Come" (1998) Robin Williams. [R]				★★★ "Double Jeopardy" (1999) Tommy Lee Jones. [R]				Queer as Folk							
25	TMC	★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983) Sean Connery. [R]				★★½ "With Honors" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Joe Pesci.				★★½ "Payback" (1999) Mel Gibson. [R]				★ "Belly" (1998, Drama) Nas, DMX. (In Stereo) [R]				

# Bluegrass at the Sipp

J.D. Crowe and The New South, along with 5 Miles From Nowhere, will be in concert at the Historic Sipp Theatre in Paintsville, Saturday, December 9.

The Grammy Award winning Crowe and his band are among the top in the bluegrass music world and were the first band to perform in the Bluegrass at the Sipp concert series back in 1994.

In the late '60s, J.D. Crowe became a band-leader, forming the Kentucky Mountain Boys to play a steady engagement at the Holiday Inn North, in Lexington. The band evolved from relatively traditional into a more contem-

porary unit, and in the early '70s became known as the New South.

With material from country and rock sources, a stellar array of sidemen (including Doyle Lawson, Ricky Skaggs, Tony Rice, Keith Whitley, and Jerry Douglas), and flawless picking and harmony singing, the New South became an important trendsetter in bluegrass music.

Starting in the mid-'70s, Crowe's interest in modern country sounds and their commercial possibilities has at times led the New South away from bluegrass, with a corresponding downplaying of the banjo's role.

However, in the '80s, he reaffirmed his roots by collaborating with Lawson and Rice on a series of albums of strictly traditional bluegrass.

Crowe's style is unmistakably Scruggs-derived, but includes many bluesy single-string ideas and occasional use of the melodic styles as well. His clarity, absolute solidity, and distinct, deep tone set him apart from the legions of Scruggs-based players.

Despite his strong, silent stage personality, he is approachable and willing to help aspiring players, always encouraging them to work on their "timing, sepa-

ration, and solid drive."

Anita Belhasen, music coordinator at The Sipp, said that additional concerts are already booked for year 2001, including Larry Sparks in January and Dave Evans & River Bend in March.

The Sipp Theatre is operated by The Sipp Theatre Foundation, a non-profit organization, established for the purpose of restoring the theatre and providing quality entertainment to the citizens of eastern Kentucky.

Tickets for the December 9 show are available at Wilma's Restaurant, Court Street, Paintsville; WRLV Radio, Church Street,

Salyersville; Custom Cleaners, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, and The Sipp Theatre, Main Street, Paintsville. Ticket prices are \$8 for advance tickets, \$9 for advance reserved tickets, and \$10 at the door.

## BLHS chorus to participate

Betsy Layne High School Chorus is among nearly 60 choral groups from central and eastern Kentucky that will participate in the annual Kentucky Christmas Chorus on Tuesday, December 12, in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

The Lexington Philharmonic, conducted by George Zack, and the Lexington Singers, directed by Jefferson Johnson, will lead in singing holiday favorites, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tenor Norman Reinhardt and the University of Kentucky Blue Steel Ensemble will also perform. Reinhardt is an Asbury College student who recently received first place at the Metropolitan Opera National Council District Auditions at UK's Memorial Hall, and second place in the regionals at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The concert, which is free, will be televised live on WKYT-TV in Lexington and on WYMT-TV in Hazard from 8 to 9 p.m. The program will be replayed on both channels on Christmas Day from 5 to 6 p.m.



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24	2	TBS	*** "Forever Young" (1992, Fantasy) Mel Gibson.			***½ "The Dirty Dozen" (1967, Adventure) Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine.			** "The Presidio" (1988, Suspense) Sean Connery.			*** "McLintock!" (1963)					
3	3	NBC	Paid Prog.	Van Impe	Kenneth C.	Brkthrhg	Meet the Press (N) [R]	Michael	3rd Rock	Frasier [R]	DAG (N) [R]	Figure Skating: World Professional Championship. [R]		Golf (In Stereo Live) [R]			
4	5	PBS	Barney	Teletubbies	Dragon	Clifford-Red	Zoboomafoo	Arthur [R]	Uncommon	Comment	Women of Kentucky		Rocking the Barriers	Tony Brown	To Contrary	MotorWeek	Kentucky
8	8	ABC	Old Time Gospel Hour		In Touch Ministries		Mortors	This Week (N) [R]	Baywatch Hawaii (N) [R]		Taxi	PGA Golf: World Golf Championship/World Cup		Figure Skating [R]			
23	9	WGN	Full House	Clueless [R]	Mallibu, CA	Parent	Parent	Fresh Prince	Beastmaster "Manlinks" [R]	*** "March of the Wooden Soldiers" (1934, Fantasy)			**** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara.				
6	10	CBS	Time of Praise		Church	Century 21	Gateway Gospel		NFL Today [R]		NFL Football: Cincinnati Bengals at Tennessee Titans. (In Stereo Live) [R]					Andy Griffith	
11	11	FOX	Fox News Sunday (N)		Queen of Swords "Fever"		Tri-State	WV Works	Fox NFL Sunday [R]		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Cleveland Browns. (In Stereo Live) [R]				NFL Football [R]		
13	13	CBS	Sunday Morning (N) [R]			Face Nation	Franklin (E)	Kipper (E)	NFL Today [R]		NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at New York Giants. (In Stereo Live) [R]					Skiing [R]	
14	45	ESPN	Sportscenter	Lines	Reporters	Sportscenter	NFL Countdown (N)			College Soccer: NCAA Division I Championship			Cheerlead	Cheerlead	Dog Show	Rodeo	
33	60	DSC	Savage Sun	Mars	Cosmic	Rocketships	Blast Off! (N)		Seized at Sea: Critical		Beneath Alcatraz		Shipwreck - Edmund		Indianapolis		Dangerous Sea
16	61	TNT	*** "Support Your Local Sheriff!" (1969, Comedy)			**½ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.			*** "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd.			*** "Scrooged" (1988)					
31	62	A&E	Breakfast With the Arts: Canadian Brass Christmas			House Beautiful [R]		Top 10 [R]		Unexplained		Justice	Justice	*** "About Last Night..." (1986) Rob Lowe.			
27	63	TNN	Inside NASCAR (In Stereo)		WWF Superstars		Raceday (In Stereo)		NASCAR	Trucks!	Car	ClassicCar	Horsepower	Mechanic	Crank	Trucks!	Motor Madness (In Stereo)
19	64	NICK	Rugrats [R]	Rugrats [R]	Spongeb	Spongeb	Catdog	Catdog	Beavers	Beavers	Nicktoons TV (In Stereo)		GAS (In Stereo)		Spongeb		Amanda
17	65	USA	(8:30) "Sub Down" (1997, Suspense) [R]		*½ "Contagious" (1997, Suspense) Lindsay Wagner. [R]			"Dirty Little Secret" (1998, Drama) Tracey Gold. [R]		** "Every Mother's Worst Fear" (1998) Cheryl Ladd. [R]		Fighting					
28	68	FAM	Flint	Flint	Digimon	Digimon	Zack Files [R]	Big Wolf	Weird Sci.	Two-Kind	Scary	Zack Files [R]	** "Babes in Toyland" (1986, Fantasy) Drew Barrymore.		"The Christmas List" [R]		
48	LIFE	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"When Andrew Came Home" (2000) Park Overall. [R]		"Range of Motion" (2000, Drama) Henry Czerny. [R]		"Small Sacrifices" (1989)					
45	ESPN2	Trout Unlim.	Outdoors	Sportsman's	Expeditions	Fishing	Rodeo: PRCA National Finals - Ninth Round.			Lines	Women's College Basketball: Michigan State at Alabama					Basketball	
29	49	AMC	Three Stooges			*** "Battle of the Bulge" (1965, Adventure) Henry Fonda.			***½ "Cabaret" (1972, Musical) Liza Minnelli, Michael York.			*½ "The Secret Life of Girls" (1999)		Cool Women			
50	HGTV	Help Around	Fix It Up!	Dream	Designers	Landscape	Garden-Yard	Old House	Old House	Fix	Fix It Up!	Room by Room-Holidays		Wrld Grdn	Gardens	Journal	Gardeners
10	51	SCIFI	Battlestar Galactica [R]		Star Trek (In Stereo) [R]		Dark Skies (In Stereo) [R]		Burning Zone (In Stereo) [R]		Dune (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 3)		Dune (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)				
32	62	HIST	Automobiles		Hardcover	History	Human Bondage [R]		This Week in History [R]		History	History IQ	Most [R]		Wrath of God		Wrath of God [R]
55	TOC	Outdoors	Hunting	Outdoors	Remington	Woods	Heartland	Prospectng	TBA	Outdoors	Paid Prog.	Hanley	Paid Prog.	Hunting	Cooking	Tree Lounge	Paid Prog.
20	74	HBO	(8:30) "Stuart Little" (1999)		"In the Line of Duty: Kidnapped" (1995)		**½ "The Karate Kid" (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio. (In Stereo) 'PG'			*** "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995) [R]		***½ "The Love Letter" (1999) 'PG-13' [R]					
45	HBO2	(8:15) "Strictly Ballroom"		** "Stella" (1990, Drama) Bette Midler. 'PG-13' [R]		"If You Only Knew" (1999) Johnathon Schaech. 'PG-13'			**½ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood. 'R' [R]		"Executive Power" (1997)						
46	HBO3	Waking Ned Devine (1998)		*** "S.O.B." (1981, Comedy) Julie Andrews, William Holden. 'R' [R]			*** "Arlington Road" (1999, Suspense) Jeff Bridges. 'R'			***½ "Nobody's Fool" (1994) Paul Newman. 'R' [R]		Nick of Time					
21	17	MAX	*½ "Bad Company" (1994, Drama) Ellen Barkin. 'R' [R]		**½ "The Fury" (1978, Horror) Kirk Douglas. 'R' [R]			*** "Jefferson in Paris" (1995, Drama) Nick Nolte. 'PG-13' [R]		*** "Bye Bye, Love" (1995) 'PG-13' [R]							
18	DISN	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Totally	Jersey [R]	Jersey [R]	BoyWorld	Even	**½ "Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988)		MusicVids	Totally	Emperors	Smart Guy	BoyWorld	
22	SHOW	**½ "High Spirits" (1988, Comedy) Peter O'Toole.			*** "The Devil's Arithmetic" (1999) Kirsten Dunst. [R]			** "The Last Debate" (2000, Drama)		***½ "The Right Stuff" (1983, Drama) Sam Shepard. (In Stereo) [R]							
25	TMC	A Matter	**½ "Night of the Comet" (1984)			** "Doom Runners" (1997) Tim Curry.		** "The Rugrats Movie" (1998) [R]		**** "Oliver Twist" (1948, Drama) Alec Guinness.		Rescuer:Stories					



Smile Awhile

Sara Wheeler Blair

### You never said it so good

This past Sunday, my husband and I traveled to Grundy, Virginia, to visit my son, J.R., who is going to the Appalachian School of Law. It had snowed the night before so the white-capped mountains and the cotton-limbed trees shone in the sun as we drove over the winding road to the Virginia border.

The purpose of our trip was to take some items to J.R. and look at his apartment. Although I had seen the apartment building when he was considering entering law school, I had never seen his actual living quarters. And since I had heard some horror stories about his living conditions from him, I wanted to see for myself. I can still remember when he called a few months ago and told me that he needed a shower head.

"Well, you can go to a hardware store and buy one of those," I said. "Or tell

your landlord. They'll replace it won't they?"

"But I don't have a shower!" he shouted.

"I just told you," I sighed. "You can buy one at Wal-Mart."

"You don't understand," he gasped. "I don't have a shower at all!"

In his own unique way, he was trying to tell me that the bathroom was equipped only with a bathtub. And J.R. hadn't had a bath since he started playing sports in grade school.

"You mean, you're reduced to submerging your entire body into water to get clean?" I laughed.

"It's not funny," he huffed. "I need a shower, particularly since I don't have an air-conditioner."

I wasn't as amused by his last statement as I was by his first one so I asked, "You really don't have air-conditioning?"

"No, and it gets really hot in here when I'm trying to study," he groaned. "It causes my asthma to act up sometimes. Do you have a fan?"

Now I was starting to sweat. But since the summer was nearing an end, I tried to convince myself that cool weather was just around the corner. However, all this information was in the back of my mind as we headed toward Grundy last Sunday. What if he was living in squalor? What if he had to fend off rats and roaches in the middle of the night?

He hadn't painted a very nice picture and I kept thinking, "What if I've put his health in jeopardy? What kind of mother am I?"

"Ronnie, if he doesn't have air-conditioning, what kind of heat do you think he has?" I asked tearfully.

"Oh, Sara," Ronnie said in a comforting manner as he patted me on the knee. "I'll bet he's probably rubbing two sticks together right now trying to start a fire so it will be warm by the time we get there. He probably just came in from killing a squirrel for breakfast."

"That's not funny, Ronnie," I cautioned. "I'm afraid he's living in a bad place and I should have come with him when he rented it. And if his apartment is cold, I'm moving him someplace else today!"

When we finally arrived in Grundy, we had no trouble locating his apartment, but I was apprehensive about actually going inside. And while it looked very nice from the outside, I knew that structures could be deceiving, so I was reserving my judgment to the final minute. As we got out of the car, I saw someone peek through a slit in a blind in an upstairs window.

"Are you ready?" Ronnie asked as he steadied me to my feet.

I took a deep breath and shook my head as we maneuvered our way up the steep, icy metal steps to J.R.'s apartment. The door was ajar, so we walked on in.

"Hi, Mom," J.R. said, as we walked into a spacious, uncluttered, warm apartment.

"Here are my telephone and electric bills. Let's go eat."

By the time Ronnie had affixed a shower attachment to J.R.'s bathtub (all the while expounding upon horror stories about his apartment in Detroit 30 years ago when he worked in the car factories), it was time to leave. As we started back home, I was relieved to know that J.R. would be warm, but best of all, I knew I could sleep easier just knowing that he wouldn't have to sit down in a tub to bathe.

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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by CHUCK SHEPHERD

Doctors in England are under criticism, according to a November report in Canada's National Post, for having performed a leg-stretching surgery on Emma Richards, 16, apparently only for the purpose of making her happier about her height. She had aspired to be a flight attendant (minimum height, 5-foot-3), but had stopped growing at 4-foot-9. Surgeons fractured her femurs and inserted pins to gradually separate the pieces so that bone material would grow internally to fuse the pieces back together. (In the 10 months since the operation, she has grown five inches but also has endured a bad infection and two unintentional fractures.)

### Number One in the News

In September, engineers reported that the mecca of Brazilian "futbol," Maracana stadium, is corroding in places because so many fans, unwilling to miss a few minutes' action by queuing up at the restrooms, relieve themselves on the terraces. Also in a September international incident, Macedonian soldiers captured a very modest Albanian border officer who had wandered across the line; he said Macedonia-side trees provided better cover to answer nature's call than the sparse vegetation on his own side.

### Cultural Diversity

Critics of China's one-child policy say it has produced the country's most overindulged generation ever, a symptom of which is the Jin Duoba camp in Shanghai,

famous for its tough-love regimen for overweight kids. According to an October story in the Chicago Sun-Times, the camp is modeled after military training, including requiring kids to crawl on their bellies while fake bullets fly overhead.

In September, The New York Times reported on a rhinoplasty fad among upscale Iranian women. Since Islam requires almost every part of women's bodies to be covered in public, getting a nose job has become virtually the only way in which Iran's conspicuous consumers can effectively avail themselves of plastic surgery. According to the Times, even the post-surgical bandages are seen as indicators of wealth.

Rome hairdresser Vittorio Giunta has created a stir this year by defiantly keeping his salon open past the decades-old, mandated closing time of 7 p.m., which he does sometimes in order to offer his customers haircuts during a full moon, which some believe is part of the same superstition by which crops grow faster during a full moon. According to a June New York Times report, the hours of operation of hairdressers and dozens of other artisans are rigidly controlled, which opponents say limits competition and proponents say allows Italians the luxury of not having to work so hard.

### Crisis in the Dog Community

Wilton Rabon told reporters in Seattle in September that he had no intention of dropping his seven-year-long appeal (that would be 49 in canine years) to get his Lhasa apso dog back. The dog, named Word, was declared vicious and impounded on "death row" in May 1993, but the matter has been

tied up in court since then, with Rabon visiting Word's pen periodically yet unwilling to accept a compromise (exiling Word to far-away, but wide-open, spaces).

### Elect Me, and I'll Fight for You!

Joe Brown, a challenger for district attorney, got into a fistfight with the incumbent's brother at a restaurant in Sherman, Texas, the day before the election (lost the fight, won the election). And on the night of the primary election in September, two members of the Florida legislature got into a fistfight at a Miami radio station when one's father called the other's father a drug dealer. And Robert Votava, running for the Rhode

Island General Assembly, was arrested the week before the election for throwing nine punches at a state tree-trimmer in his neighborhood (South Kingstown).

### Update

News of the Weird reported the January 2000 arrest of Samuel Feldman after a three-year, \$8,000 spree of squeezing and smashing packages of bread and cookies in various Bucks County (Pennsylvania)-area supermarkets (and who was finally caught in the act by a hidden camera). Though Feldman argued that he was simply a finicky shopper,

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## Kentucky Life celebrates holidays with special from Fort Harrod

With Christmas lists including everything from laptop computers and digital televisions to PDAs and DVDs, Kentucky Life offers viewers a break from the modern world with an old-fashioned holiday celebration.

Airing Saturday, December 23 at 8:30 p.m. on KET, Kentucky Life, with host Dave Shuffett, travels to Fort Harrod to experience traditional Christmas festivities at one of the state's earliest settlements.

The annual holiday gala features carolers, a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and Christmas trees decorated by a number of different organizations. During Shuffett's

tour of the fort, Kentucky Life cameras capture the sights and sounds of the holiday celebration, including the beautifully decorated mansion museum directly across from the fort and the hundreds of luminaries throughout the fort's grounds.

Kentucky Life is produced and directed by Joy Flynn. Series writer is Ellen Ballard. Craig Cornwell is executive producer. 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.

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24	2	TBS	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Cosby	Matlock		Hunter			Movie				Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
3	3	NBC	Today Cont'd	Live With Regis	Divorce	Divorce	News	Attorney	Days of Our Lives			Passions		Montel Williams		Oprah Winfrey		
4	5	PBS	Varied Programs	Body Elec.	Varied Programs	Lions	Teletubbies	Arthur	Varied Programs					Mr Rogers	Clifford-Red	Zoom	Wishbone	
8	8	ABC	Brown	Brown	Maury		The View	News	Port Charles	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Sally		
23	9	WGN	Parent	Wayans	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	MacGyver	Matlock	News			Caroline	Caroline	Change	Street	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
6	10	CBS	Andy Griffith	Paid Prog.	Live With Regis		Price Is Right	News	Young and the Restless	Bold & B.		As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Nanny	Uncovered	
11	11	FOX	7th Heaven		Judge Lane	Judge Lane	People's Court		Ricki Lake		Jerry Springer	Real World	Sabrina	Digimon	Rangers	X-Men	Digimon	
13	13	CBS	Dr. Laura		Family Feud	Family Feud	Price Is Right	News	Young and the Restless	Bold & B.		As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Rosie O'Donnell		
14	46	ESPN	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter			Varied Programs						
33	30	DSC	Assignment Discovery		Home Matters		Design		Christopher Lowell			Home Matters	Design		Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	
16	31	TNT	ER		ER		Movie							Due South		Psi Factor: Chronicles		
31	32	A&E	L.A. Law		Murder, She Wrote		Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order		Northern Exposure		L.A. Law		Murder, She Wrote		
27	33	TNN	Varied Programs					Starsky and Hutch		Waltons		Bloopers-Jokes		McCoys	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard		
19	34	NICK	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Franklin	Dora	Maggie	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin		Varied Programs				
17	35	USA	Something	Hearts Afire	Jesse	Ned-Stacey	Wings	Wings	Veronicas	Working	Larroquette	Doctor				Baywatch		
28	38	FAM	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club		Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Rotten	Bobby	Bad Dog	Mega Babies	Camp Candy	Kids	Angela	Addams	Goosebump	Big Wolf
	43	LIFE	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries		Lifetime Live							Movie		
	45	ESPN2	Bodyshape	Training	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	Varied Programs									
29	49	AMC	Movie Cont'd		Movie	Varied Programs			Movie			Movie		Varied		Movie		
	50	HGTV	Carol Duvall	Our Place	Decorating	Room	Typical Mary	Solutions	Appraisal	Appraise It!	Auction	Collect	Carol Duvall	Quilts	Varied Programs	Decorating	Varied	
10	51	SCIFI	Sentinel		DarkShad	Crossing	Varied Programs									Quantum Leap		
32	52	HIST	Weapons at War		20th Century		True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron	History	History IQ	20th Century		True Action	Great Blind	
	55	TOC	Varied Programs								Paid Prog.	Varied Programs		Paid Prog.		Varied Programs		
20	14	HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														
	15	HBO2	Movie	Varied	Movie		Varied Programs											
	16	HBO3	Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs													
21	17	MAX	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs												
	18	DISN	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Winnie-Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline	Rupert	GrowPains	GrowPains	Flash	Brotherly	GrowPains	BoyWorld
	22	SHOW	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs			Movie			Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs				Movie	
	25	TMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs													Movie	

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Judge David Heckler found him guilty in September and told him to get help for this urge to mutilate bakery products. At a November sentencing hearing, Heckler exploded when informed that Feldman was continuing to deny guilt, but after a lawyer-client consultation, Feldman admitted he had "a problem" and promised that his wife would monitor his supermarket visits.

inhabitants in October. They were done in by Allen, who was assigned to be the lookout despite being legally blind; he failed to notice approaching police officers and then mistakenly thought he was talking confidentially to his brother when he was actually talking to a neighbor.

911, but arriving attendants assumed she was already dead and walked out, requiring her to call 911 again to have the attendants sent back inside the house (Shawnee County, Kansas). A 15-year-old girl pleaded guilty to assault for beating up her 18-year-old ex-boyfriend (blackening both eyes) because she was mad that he wouldn't kiss her after their prom last May (Skokie, Illinois).

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#### Least Competent Criminals

According to police in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Eugene Allen, 29, and his brother, Kenneth Bartelson, 35, were caught robbing an apartment's

Two cousins clubbed each other in the face with farm tools (including a scythe) in a dispute over combread, jelly and chitterlings (Evergreen, Alabama). A suicide-attempting woman changed her mind and called

## Bank One Lonesome Pine opener gets a kick out of Paris Combo

One of Europe's most eclectic, and electric, bands, Paris Combo, will kick off the Bank One Lonesome Pine Specials' season at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, Friday, January 19, at 8 p.m. in Bomhard Theater in Louisville.

The band performs energetic jazz influenced by French cabaret, Spanish and Gypsy rhythms, with a healthy dose of American pop and classic chanson.

Founded by vocalist Belle du Berry, a chanteuse who has been compared to Edith Piaf and Marlene Dietrich, Paris Combo spent years playing the

Parisian cafe circuit before recording.

Their first European release, Living Room, garnered them an enthusiastic, if largely underground, following. With the release of their self-titled first North American CD, Paris Combo is finding fans in cities as far-ranging as Los Angeles, California, and Bloomington, Indiana.

Joining du Berry are drummer Francois-Francois, trumpeter David Lewis, guitarist Potzi and bassist Mano Razanajato. Newsday says Paris Combo "takes the chanson music of France and twirls it into the arms of flamenco, jazz and Middle Eastern

music." And Las Vegas weekly says, "Paris Combo is the sexiest, smartest and most invigorating jazz band to hop the Atlantic in a long time."

Single tickets for this Bank One Lonesome Pine Specials concert are \$20 and \$25. A limited number of student tickets are available for \$10. Tickets can be purchased after January 6 at the Kentucky Center for the Arts Box Office, or charge by phone at 502/584-7777 or 1-800-775-7777, or visit the web at www.kentuckycenter.org. For group sales or to subscribe to the complete series for \$87, call 502/562-0152.

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# WEEKLY FORECAST

## ACCU WEATHER 7-DAY FORECAST FOR PRESTONSBURG

Friday	Fri. Night	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>UV Index: 1</b> High 46	<b>Low 26</b>	<b>UV Index: 2</b> 48/34	<b>UV Index: 1</b> 50/42	<b>UV Index: 1</b> 54/42	<b>UV Index: 1</b> 50/36	<b>UV Index: 1</b> 48/32	<b>UV Index: 2</b> 50/36

UV Values indicate the sun's ultraviolet rays. The higher the UV index the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-1, minimal; 2-3, low; 4-6, moderate; 7-9, high; 10 or above, very high.

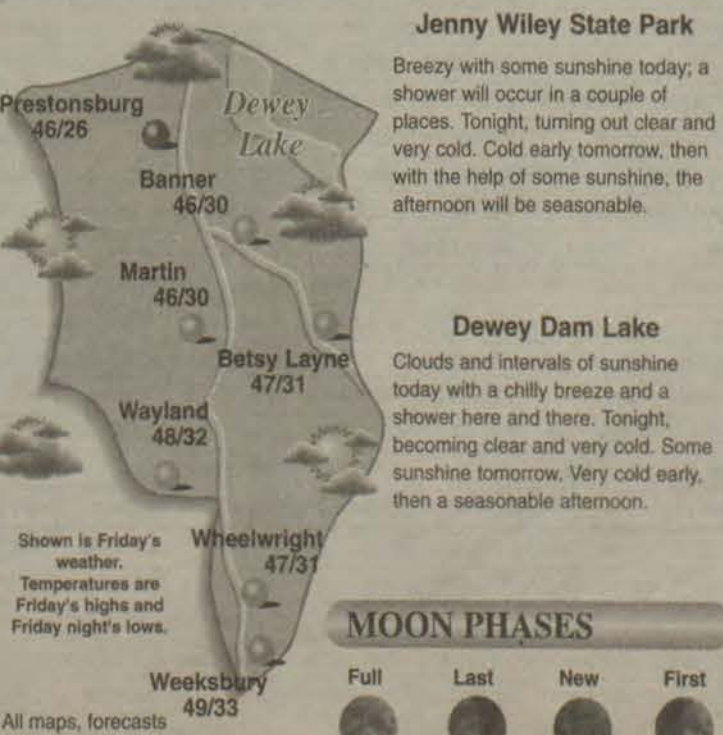


### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Alexandria, VA	44	32	pc	45	31	s	46	36	pc	50	41	r	57	44	c
Beckley, WV	42	29	c	42	31	pc	48	38	c	53	38	c	49	37	sh
Bristol, TN	47	31	c	49	34	c	53	39	c	53	39	c	54	39	sh
Charleston, WV	45	31	c	47	32	pc	52	39	c	58	38	c	53	39	sh
Cincinnati, OH	40	28	sn	40	30	pc	42	34	c	46	36	r	48	37	c
Clarksville, TN	47	32	c	49	40	c	53	43	c	54	40	c	54	39	c
Evansville, IN	45	28	c	44	36	c	47	37	c	48	34	c	47	37	c
Frankfort	46	31	c	45	35	c	49	39	c	50	36	c	52	39	sh
Huntington, WV	46	30	c	46	32	pc	50	38	c	53	37	c	55	39	sh
Indianapolis, IN	40	27	c	39	31	c	42	35	c	44	30	c	43	33	c
Jackson	46	29	c	46	33	c	48	38	c	50	35	c	52	41	sh
Knoxville, TN	50	34	pc	50	38	c	51	41	c	57	42	c	55	41	sh
Lexington	45	31	c	45	34	c	48	39	c	50	36	c	52	39	sh
Louisa	46	30	c	46	32	pc	50	38	c	53	37	c	55	39	sh
Marion	45	31	c	46	38	c	50	39	c	50	36	c	49	39	c
Memphis, TN	50	38	pc	52	43	c	56	42	c	53	39	c	55	46	c
Nashville, IN	48	33	c	50	41	c	55	44	c	56	41	c	56	42	c
Paintsville	47	31	c	47	34	c	50	39	c	54	38	c	55	40	sh
Peoria, IL	37	23	c	34	28	c	36	25	c	34	21	c	31	18	c
Portsmouth, OH	45	30	c	45	32	c	49	38	c	52	36	c	53	38	sh
Salyersville	47	31	c	47	33	pc	50	39	c	54	38	c	55	40	sh
Tazewell, VA	45	30	c	46	32	c	51	39	c	53	39	c	52	39	sh
Valley Station	47	31	c	46	36	c	50	39	r	51	36	sh	52	40	c
Wheeling, WV	36	22	c	36	30	pc	44	34	c	48	34	c	46	36	sh
Williamson, WV	48	33	c	49	34	pc	52	40	c	55	39	c	57	42	sh
Winchester	45	31	c	45	34	c	48	39	c	50	36	c	52	39	sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

### COUNTY OUTLOOK



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### ALMANAC

Jackson for the week ending Dec. 5.

**Temperatures:**

High for the week	53°
Low for the week	17°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	34°
Average temperature	32.8°
Normal average temperature	42.1°
Temperature departure	-9.3°

**Precipitation:**

Total for the week	0.38"
Total for the month	0.32"
Total for the year	41.96"
% of normal this month	43%
% of normal this year	91%

### SUN AND MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	7:34 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Sat.	7:35 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Sun.	7:35 a.m.	5:13 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri.	3:33 p.m.	4:12 a.m.
Sat.	4:11 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
Sun.	4:55 p.m.	6:31 a.m.

### MOON PHASES



MONDAY EVENING

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DECEMBER 11, 2000

Table listing TV programs for Monday evening (Dec 11, 2000). Columns include time slots (5:00-12:30), network logos, program titles, and descriptions. Rows include shows like 'Full House', 'Roseanne', 'Fresh Prince', 'Titanis', 'Dateline', 'Third Watch', etc.

TUESDAY EVENING

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DECEMBER 12, 2000

Table listing TV programs for Tuesday evening (Dec 12, 2000). Columns include time slots (5:00-12:30), network logos, program titles, and descriptions. Rows include shows like 'Full House', 'Roseanne', 'Fresh Prince', 'NBA Basketball', 'Michael', '3rd Rock', 'Frasier', etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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DECEMBER 13, 2000

Table with 17 columns (time slots 5:00-12:30) and rows for various TV channels including TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, and TMC.

THURSDAY EVENING

TVData

DECEMBER 14, 2000

Table with 17 columns (time slots 5:00-12:30) and rows for various TV channels including TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, and TMC.

FRIDAY EVENING TV SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 15, 2000. Columns include time slots from 5:00 to 12:30 AM, channel numbers, and program titles such as 'Full House', 'Roseanne', 'Fresh Prince', 'Jeopardy!', 'Providence', 'Dateline', etc.

CRITTERS CORNER

by CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

I recently read a really cute story that I think most of you will enjoy. This is really not meant to be sacrilegious. It has, to me, more of the quality of a charming fable. Of course, as in all good fables, there is an element of truth embedded in the tale.

And God created dog

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?" The setting is the period of time following Adam's banishment from the Garden of Eden.

Adam prayed, "Lord, when I was in the garden, You walked with me every day. Now I do not see You any more. Even with my wife and all the other creatures, I am lonesome here without You and it



is difficult for me to remember how much You love me."

And God answered, "No problem! I will create another companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of My Love for you, so that you will love Me even when you cannot see Me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you

may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam, and it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam, and he wagged his tail.

Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of My love for you, his

name will be a reflection of My own Name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted, and God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "No problem! I will create for him another companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. This companion will remind him of his limitations so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam.

And Cat would not obey Adam.

And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the Supreme Being.



With the holidays so close, we often want to include our pets in the festivities. Since many of the traditional foods are not good for animals, how about whipping up a batch of cookies just for Fido? (Sorry, I don't have any cat treat recipes, but if anyone out there has some, send them to me, and I'll pass them on.)

PEANUT BUTTER DOG COOKIES

2 Cups whole wheat flour
1 Teaspoon baking powder
1 Cup natural peanut butter
1 Cup skim milk
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Combine flour and baking powder in one bowl and peanut butter and milk in

another. Add liquid to dry ingredients and mix well. Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead. Roll out to 1/4" thickness and cut out desired shapes. Place on greased baking

sheet and bake for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on rack and store in an airtight container. I haven't tried these. Let me know how yours turn out.

'Seinfeld' Ice Cream

(NUE) - You're familiar with the traditional winter holidays — Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa. But have you heard of Festivus?

"Seinfeld" loyalists know that this is the time of year for Festivus, an annual holiday created by George Costanza's father. Festivus is a time for families to gather 'round and air their grievances, perform feats of strength and admire the requisite Festivus pole (no tinsel, we find it distracting).

Leave it to the folks at Ben & Jerry's to invoke the ghosts of Festivus' past with an ice cream by the same name - a limited edition flavor that debuts on grocery store shelves and in Ben & Jerry's scoop shops for the more traditional holiday season.

"We set out to be Seinfeld-worthy," maintains Ben & Jerry's flavor developer, Rob Douglas. "We pondered long and hard about what a holiday ice cream flavor should be — and yadda, yadda, yadda — Festivus was born."

Not that there's anything wrong with that. Each pint of Festivus contains a sassy batch of brown sugar ice cream loaded with gingerbread cookies and a ginger caramel swirl.

Is Ben & Jerry's Festivus flavor a worthy addition to the "Seinfeld" Food Hall of Fame that contains Marble Rye, Babka, Big Salad, Junior Mints and Mutton?



# BASIC AND PREMIUM CHANNELS

- |                                   |                                    |                                  |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. TVN Previews (Digital only)    | 11. WVAH 11 - FOX Hurricane, W.VA  | 22. Cinemax*                     | 32. Cartoon Network      |
| 2. WSAZ 3 - Huntington, W.VA      | 12. ESPN                           | 23. USA                          | 33. AMC                  |
| 3. HBO*                           | 13. WOWK 13 - CBS Huntington, W.VA | 24. CNN Headline News            | 34. WGN - Chicago        |
| 4. WCHS 8 - ABC Charleston, W.VA  | 14. ESPN2                          | 25. TNT                          | 35. The Learning Channel |
| 5. Cable Ch. 5 - West Van Lear    | 15. VH-1                           | 26. The Discovery Channel        | 36. The Weather Channel  |
| 6. CNN                            | 16. QVC                            | 27. MTV                          | 37. TV Land              |
| 7. WTBS - Atlanta                 | 17. The Family Channel             | 28. Country Music TV             | 38. A & E                |
| 8. WPKY - KET Pikeville, KY       | 18. TNN                            | 29. Nickelodeon                  | 39. The Outdoor Channel  |
| 9. WPBY 33 - PBS Huntington, W.VA | 20. Lifetime                       | 30. Sci-Fi Channel               |                          |
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