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Briefs

Bailey pleads guilty to drug charge

by GRETA FIELDS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A Floyd County man has pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking charges.

Donald Ray Bailey, 50, appeared in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Monday. During the hearing, Bailey entered a guilty plea a charge of conspiracy to traffic in marijuana.

According to the indictment against Bailey, the charge was related to his sale of two pounds of marijuana to an undercover informant. Bailey also allegedly conspired with the informant to find a grower to supply marijuana.

Following his plea, Bailey was released on bond pending sentencing. He will be sentenced March 12 in Pikeville.

Two Day Forecast...

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Cloudy
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Help for the holidays ...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Tracy Thacker, Sykes team manager, is surrounded by Christmas gifts, holiday food baskets and fellow team members as employees busily readied parcels for delivery on Monday morning.

Employees lead charge to help needy during holidays

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

'Tis the season for giving and the employees of Sykes Enterprises of Pikeville are doing just that.

The employees at Sykes have banded together in an all-out effort to ensure that Christmas will be a merry time for those area children and senior adults who might otherwise be left out of the seasonal festivities.

According to Tracy Thacker, team manager, he and his wife were talking one evening about what to get one another for Christmas. They

both agreed that there was nothing that they really needed and that it was senseless to buy gifts "just because."

Thacker said he mentioned this conversation to fellow team members and they in turn felt the same way. A little brainstorming later, the idea to help needy area children and seniors was born.

The word spread throughout the other departments, and before you could say "Happy Holidays," plans were underway to make the idea a reality.

The 750 employees of Sykes have thus far taken on six area

schools and two nursing homes. That translates to approximately 200 people — 150 children and 60 seniors.

Thacker is working in conjunction with the family resource centers of the schools. The resource centers are able to give needed information about sex age, and clothing sizes of the schoolchildren, and they are also providing the same information for younger brothers and sisters who are not yet enrolled in school. Sykes wants to assure that no children in a targeted

(See SYKES, page three)

Wayland man arrested after incident in Pike hotel

Times Staff Report

A Wayland man was arrested over the weekend in Pikeville and charged with threatening two Pikeville police officers and assaulting one of them.

Kevin Hall, 29, who was a guest at the Landmark Inn,

allegedly became extremely intoxicated during his stay there. Management at the Landmark had asked him to leave the hotel premises on Sunday and Hall had refused.

Officers Chris Edmonds and Paul Kimberlain were summoned to the scene. The

officers asked Hall to leave the hotel at the request of the management, but Hall allegedly began to curse the officers.

The officers then grabbed Hall in an attempt to escort him out, and at that point,

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Coroner: Woman killed by cold

Times Staff Report

A Grethel woman who had recently been suffering from an impaired memory disorder and bouts of disorientation was found dead from exposure on the evening of December 10.

The body of Ethel Branham Hamilton, 91, was discovered around 11:30 p.m. Sunday evening in a creek bed about 175 yards away from her home, according to Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Hamilton's body was found lying in a small amount of water, and although she had suffered a fractured shoulder and ribs, a preliminary autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was hypothermia.

It was reported that Hamilton was last seen alive on Sunday morning.

Later that same day, a granddaughter-in-law went to her home to administer medication to her. Hamilton could not be found.

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Man arrested for conduct at Martin fire

Times Staff Report

Along with burning buildings comes agitation, frustration and the need to concentrate on the business at hand — in other words, fire department personnel need to put the fire out.

And, they don't need unwanted distractions.

That is the message that was given to a young Martin man on Friday evening by fire department personnel and local law enforcement officials.

A message that the young man allegedly failed to heed. As a result, Norman E. Lewis, 22, was arrested by Lt. Herman Morris of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on a charge of disorderly conduct.

According to the citation issued, Lewis was a bystander at the fire that occurred in downtown Martin on Friday evening. The fire began at approximately 9:30 p.m. and was not fully extinguished until around 2 a.m., with fire personnel remaining on the scene to monitor "hot spots"

(See ARREST, page two)

Tourism officials planning for leadership meet

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission held its regular meeting at the Samuel May House on Thursday afternoon to discuss, among other things, the East Kentucky Leadership Conference that is tentatively slated to be held in Prestonsburg in April of the upcoming year.

Fred James, executive director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, said that Mayor Jerry Fannin is very pleased with the prospect of the conference being held in the city, and that he will help with the necessary preparations in whatever way possible.

Mark McLemore, Jenny Wiley State Park manager, said that he believes that bringing the conference to Prestonsburg will prove to be a great promotion of tourism in the area.

The East Kentucky Leadership Conferences are widely publicized and receive extensive coverage from the news media. The East Kentucky Leadership Conferences serve eastern Kentucky leaders in all areas of leadership in government and service areas.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Fred James, executive director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, exchanges ideas on the nation's politics with Dr. Paul Blanchard, director of the Eastern Kentucky University Center for Kentucky History and Politics. The discussion was videotaped by LJ Productions and will be shown at a later date on local public access channel 7. Among some of the more notable comments made by Dr. Blanchard were that he feels that "the electoral college should be abolished" and that there is a "need to make a civics lesson" available to the general public. The discussion was put together as a service of the Floyd County Democratic Women's Association.

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Tourism

Plans are being made to hold the conference at the Mountain Arts Center with special sessions being held that focus on youth and women. A breakfast, lunch and formal banquet will be served during the length of the conference, with plans also including a reception and an awards ceremony.

A band and disc jockey are scheduled to perform on the Friday evening of the conference meet.

There will be a \$30. registration fee for those who register to attend before March 15, and a \$35 registration fee for those who register to attend after March 15.

The possibility of an added attraction of a performance at the Mountain Arts Center on the Saturday evening following the meet is also being discussed.

Jim Ousley, general manager of Comfort Suites, and Sharon

Schoolcraft, guest service manager of Holiday Inn, said that they will be ready to serve out-of-town conference attendees and to offer attractive rates at their hotels. Likewise, McLemore said that he too would be ready to be of service in whatever way that would help to make the conference go smoothly.

Another agenda item that received extensive discussion was a proposal to renovate the old Prestonsburg Post Office, located on South Central Avenue, into a new office for the Tourism Commission.

James said that he had already discussed the proposal with Mayor Fannin and that the mayor was interested in preserving the building as a historical landmark.

James said that he and Fannin had discussed the possibility of using the structure to house a museum that would display the history of the

region. The idea would be to have offices for the tourism commission on the first floor, and to the rear of these offices to house the museum.

James said that he and Fannin talked of a walk-through in which the story of local history would begin with the days of the first pioneer settlers, continuing with the story of Jenny Wiley, the Battle of Middle Creek and on up to the legacy of the "Highway 23 Country Music" Corridor, highlighting the Kentucky Opry.

James said that they also discussed ways to incorporate modern technology into the museum in order to create

a unique experience different from the usual walk-through displays of historical artifacts, possibly with the use of digital technology that would create an interactive experience for the visitor.

James said he would also like to use the area as a showcase to highlight the artwork and crafts of the artists in our area.

First on the agenda, according to James, is a major clean-up of the building in order to assess what repairs and renovations would be necessary and to arrive at an estimate of the cost that would be encountered to complete the project.

Exposure

The granddaughter-in-law called for help, and Hamilton's body was later located by members of the Grethel Fire Department.

Hamilton apparently had fallen over an embankment and into the creek bed where she lay unseen for several hours.

According to Nelson, an earlier "wandering" incident had occurred

a few days earlier.

Hamilton was a former postmaster at the Grethel post office. She was a widow of Vernie Hamilton.

Services were held at 11 a.m. December 13 at Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Grethel. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Arrest

throughout the remainder of the night up until approximately 11:30 a.m. the following morning.

The Martin Pawn Shop and a neighboring building that once housed June's Dress Shop were completely destroyed. Martin Fire Chief William Petry has said that

arson is suspected.

Lewis was dangerously close to an area that contained one of the burning structures and was asked to leave that area by various members of the attending fire departments. Lewis answered that he was a member of the Allen Fire Department, which, along with the Maytown Fire Department and the Left Beaver Fire Department, also answered the call, offering their assistance to the Martin Fire Department.

Upon questioning by Lt. Morris, a member of the Allen Fire Department informed Morris that Lewis was not a member of their department.

Lewis allegedly continued to behave in a disorderly fashion, causing alarm to fire department personnel who were trying very hard to perform the duties of their job. He was arrested and taken into custody at 11:40 p.m.

According to the report, Lewis was also alarming nearby bystanders.

He remained in custody until December 12, when he was released on his own recognizance.

Lewis is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on Monday to answer to the charge.

James said that he had contacted Jailer Roger Webb and Tom Harris, of the city maintenance department, and that both had promised to provide manpower to aid in the clean-up after the first of the year.

James also added that there are three office spaces on the second floor that can be renovated and leased.

Commission members agreed to hold more discussions concerning the project in the months to come and voted to approve an initiative proposal to be presented to the Prestonsburg City Council for their approval.

Among other business conducted was:

the approval of the minutes of meetings held on September 14 and

October 26; further discussion of the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association and the initiation of the 40-county "Corridor" region, specifically, the appropriation of a \$50,000 grant that will be used to create a staff whose primary focus will be to promote tourism development;

and the approval to accept a bid from Excalibur Graphics of Pikeville for the printing of the new city brochures.

In attendance at Thursday's meeting were Fred James, executive director, Jim Ousley, Mark McLemore, Sharon Schoolcraft, and Sam Blankenship.



Family Court Judge Julie Paxton looks on as Chuck Gibson, district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons, presents a cellular telephone to Margaret Rice, Floyd County's domestic violence advocate. Gibson's organization has founded the "Call to Protect" program, which grants cellular telephones to victims of domestic violence. The telephones are offered by BellSouth Mobility and are wired to transmit calls only to 911 offices. The objective of the program is to deter further acts of domestic violence. For more information about the "Call to Protect" program, you may contact Gibson at (606) 886-0926 or (606) 285-2665 or Margaret Rice at (606) 889-0511 or toll-free at 1-888-273-1928.

Two additional marketers approved to participate in Columbia Gas customer CHOICE™ program

Two additional natural gas marketers have been approved to participate in the Columbia Gas of Kentucky Customer CHOICE Program. Energy.com and MXEnergy.com may now sell natural gas to Columbia Gas of Kentucky residential and small commercial customers.

"This approval opens the door for both MXEnergy.com and Energy.com to begin marketing to our residential and small commercial customers," said Stephen R. Byars, director of external affairs for Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

The CHOICE Program, which became available on September 18, allows residential and small commercial customers to have some control over the natural gas cost portion of their monthly bill by purchasing the commodity from a third-party supplier, or 'marketeer,' and potentially lowering their bill.

As a regulated utility, Columbia Gas buys the gas and sells it to its customers at the same price. "We do not mark-up the price of the gas or make a profit on it," Byars said.

Marketers have more flexibility in their pricing and can offer special pricing options, which may mean savings for residential customers. There is no deadline for marketers to apply to participate in the program. Others may enter the program at a later date. Likewise, there is no deadline for customers to enroll with a marketer.

The Customer CHOICE Program is voluntary. For those who choose to purchase their natural gas from a marketer, Columbia Gas will continue to deliver the gas and provide other services, including 24-hour emergency service, billing, pipeline maintenance and customer service.

And for those who choose not to switch suppliers, Columbia Gas of Kentucky will continue to supply and deliver their natural gas, just as it does now.

Although this concept may be

new to Kentucky consumers, competition within residential markets is not new, according to Joseph W. Kelly, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

"Almost 23 million Americans—including 1.8 million Columbia customers in other states—already have the opportunity to take control of their gas bills through some type of choice program, and the results have been positive," said Kelly.

Industrial customers in Kentucky have had the ability to choose their natural gas supplier for almost 20 years. This program—the first such initiative approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission—opens the door for a similar opportunity for savings to be offered to the company's residential customers.

MXEnergy.com can be reached toll-free at 800-785-4373 and Energy.com can be reached toll-free at 877-289-7401. Other marketers currently approved to participate in the Customer CHOICE Program in Kentucky are: IGS Energy, 877-444-7427; Nicole Energy Services Inc., 800-651-8927; Stand Energy Corporation, 800-598-2046; Kentucky Natural Gas Service (KNG), 866-330-0679.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky customers may contact the company at 800-866-4GAS with questions about the Customer CHOICE Program. Program information and links to each marketer's web site are also available on the company's web site at www.columbiagasky.com.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, a NiSource company, currently serves more than 141,000 commercial, industrial and residential customers in 60 Kentucky communities. Headquartered in Lexington, Columbia Gas of Kentucky has area offices in Ashland, Maysville, Winchester, Frankfort, East Point and Paris.

Eagle Scout reunion banquet planned

The Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in conjunction with the National Eagle Scout Association, is holding the first Eagle Scout Reunion Banquet for central and eastern Kentucky, on Saturday, January 6, at 6 p.m., at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Only a few young men have the qualities it takes to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a life-long achievement, which distinguishes a man throughout his lifetime.

This Eagle Scout reunion will

enable these men from all over central and eastern Kentucky, who share a common bond, to fellowship, learn about what's going on in Scouting today, and learn about volunteer opportunities that will allow them to give back to Scouting.

If you are an Eagle Scout, from any time or place, you are invited to attend this event.

For more information, contact Eagle Reunion, Blue Grass Council, 415 N. Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508; call 859/231-7811, or e-mail bgbsa@hotmail.com.

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Kentucky compliance rate improves for selling tobacco to minors

The results are in for the annual buying survey designed to track unauthorized sales of tobacco to minors, and they show Kentucky has improved significantly over last year.

The 2000 survey conducted in late summer revealed a 6.4 percent drop in illegal sales of tobacco products to persons under age 18. The rate for 2000 is 13.3 percent, down from 19.7 percent in 1999.

"We are very proud of our progress in this area. Statewide, the effort to reduce the availability of illegal tobacco products to minors is a significant area of emphasis for the Cabinet for Health Services and this administration. The collabora-

tive effort by our cabinet, local tobacco control programs in health departments, Kentucky ACTION, regional prevention centers, local organizations and many other coalitions and agencies have made this 6.4 percent reduction possible," said Jimmy Helton, Secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services.

Federal law authorizes the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant and requires states to enact and enforce laws designed to reduce the availability of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18.

The states are required to conduct random, unannounced inspections of tobacco vendors to demonstrate compliance with the law. The state must conduct the annual buying survey using a scientific random sample study protocol approved by the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and must demonstrate that its non-compliance rate does not exceed the target of 20 percent for illegal tobacco sales to minors.

Failure to meet the 20 percent target would result in forfeiture of about \$7.5 million of the more than \$19 million block grant. The SAPT block grant, administered by the Cabinet for Health Services, Division of Substance Abuse, is the single largest funding stream supporting prevention and treatment in Kentucky.

The 2000 survey, administered cooperatively by the Division of

Substance Abuse, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Kentucky Research Services, was designed differently this year to give a scientifically sound non-compliance rate for each of the 14 Mental Health/Mental Retardation service areas. This approach allows the Division of Substance Abuse to better target prevention efforts and resources.

Correction

In the Friday, December 8, edition of The Floyd County Times, it was incorrectly stated that Food City of Paintsville was offering assistance to the Praise Assembly "Operation Christmas Blessing" project. Credit for assistance should have gone to Save-A-Lot of Prestonsburg and manager John Plummer. Incorrect information was given to The Times and those church members who are involved in the project deeply regret the error and extend a heartfelt apology to the Prestonsburg Save-A-Lot.

Clarification

The Brent Clark listed as being charged with flagrant non-support in "For the Record" in Sunday's Floyd County Times is not the same person as Dr. Brent G. Clark who operates a dental office in Betsy Layne.

Hotel

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Hall allegedly struck Kimberlain in the head with his fist.

Hall also allegedly threatened both officers, saying that he was going to kill them. He allegedly further threatened the hotel management, saying that he would kill them also.

According to the officer's report, Hall exhibited signs of extreme intoxication, those being red, glassy eyes and slurred speech.

Hall was arrested and charged with terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and third-degree assault. The officers then transported him to the Pike County Detention Center.

Sykes

family are left out. In addition to individualized gifts, each family will also receive a food basket bearing various holiday food favorites such as canned hams, cookies and nuts.

Geraldine Thacker, resource

coordinator at Millard Elementary, said the help received from Sykes has been "wonderful." She said each year her program helps to provide for needy families and that Sykes offered their help and took on the last 35 families she needed to serve.

Geraldine Thacker said the project "is a lot of work, but it's worth it" to know that the children will be happy. She gives credit to Tracy Thacker for working hard to bring needed help to the area.

As for the seniors, Tracy Thacker is working with two area nursing homes and they are putting together baskets that will contain such items as socks, lotions, personal care items and "beanie babies." Thacker said that they want to give items

that will help make the seniors more comfortable plus items that will put a smile on their faces.

Sykes employs workers from Pike, Floyd, Magoffin, Johnson and Martin counties, and that they even have employees that reside in neighboring Virginia and West Virginia.

Sykes Enterprises offers technical support for internet service providers and has been in operation since October 1999.

This is the first year Sykes employees have worked on a Christmas giveaway project, but Thacker said he believes a holiday tradition has been born and Sykes employees will continue to work on Christmas giveaways in the years to follow.

Super Crossword

Answers for Super Crossword puzzle. Includes a grid with letters filled in.

Magic maze

Answers for Magic maze puzzle. Includes a maze grid with letters.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday notice for Christopher Richmond Schoolcraft, 10 years old on December 13th, 2000. Lists parents and grandparents.

Rising heating prices are reminders to winterize

We may not be returning to the long gasoline lines of the 1970s, but rapidly rising natural gas and heating oil prices are causing home and business owners to revisit energy savings ideas.

William E. Murphy, a mechanical engineer who has studied and written extensively about energy needs and costs as a University of Kentucky cooperative extension specialist, says this year may attract more attention to energy, since natural gas and propane prices have nearly doubled in some places over the past year.

"In the early 1990s, nobody thought about energy when prices were declining," said Murphy, who now directs UK's Engineering Extended Campus Program in Paducah. "Some things do change."

Murphy, who has written extensively about heating costs and savings and increasing the safety of heating systems, offered some helpful hints to home and business owners:

Insulation: The attic of a home usually is the place to start with at least R-30 on the floor of the attic, which is about 10 inches of blanket or blown-in insulation.

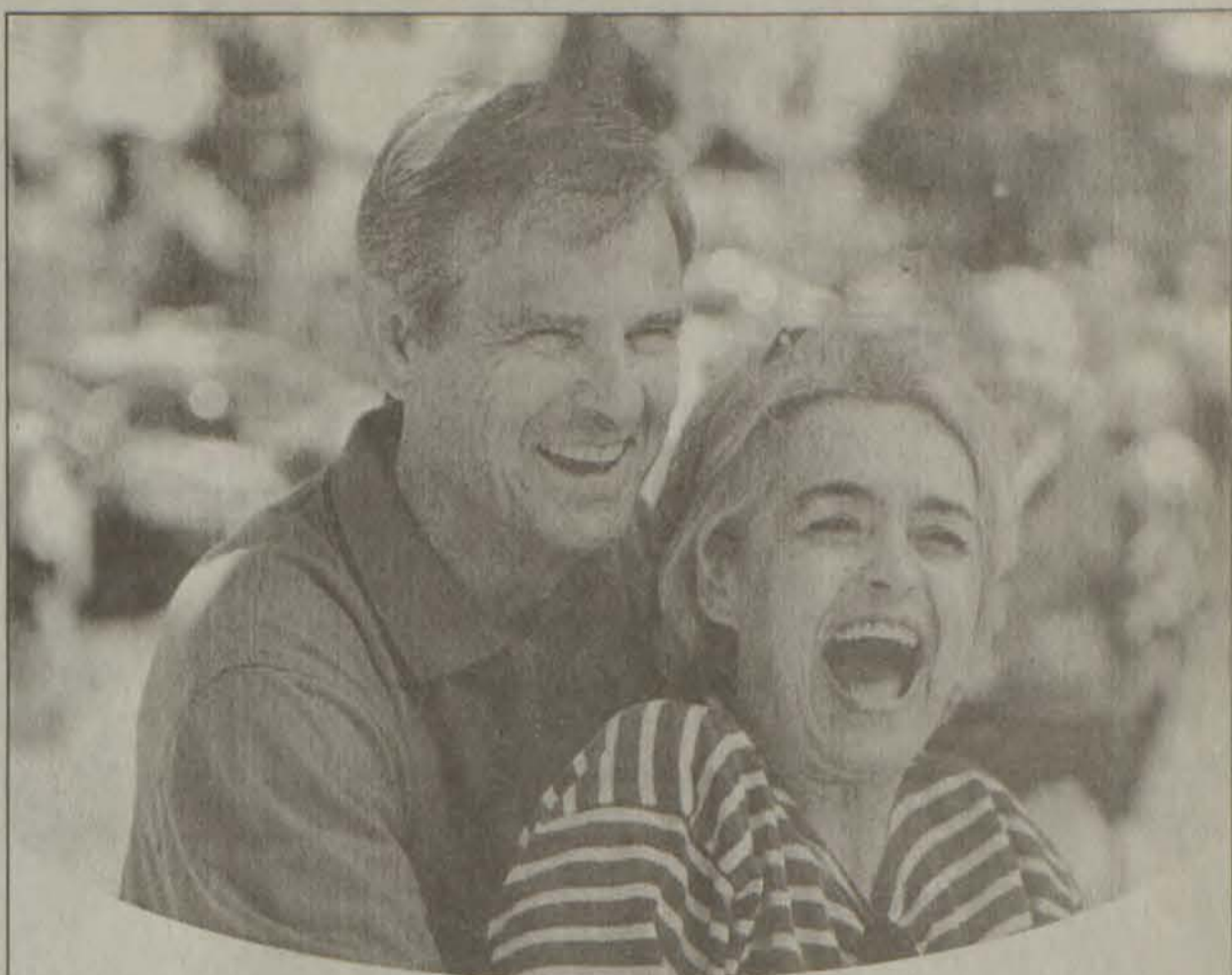
homeowners should get at least double-pane windows with coatings.

Furnace filters. Furnace filters will not keep dust from settling on furniture and plants, Murphy said, but are designed to keep the furnace system's heat exchanger clean so the proper amount of air flows through it for maximum efficiency. You should replace or clean filters monthly.

Weather-stripping. Cold outdoor air leaking into houses accounts for 25 to 50 percent of our heating expenses in winter. Weather-stripping on doors and windows should be checked, as should insulation around electrical outlets in outside walls.

Heat pumps. A common reason for an auxiliary heater light coming on when the outside temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer is that a cartridge fuse in the outdoor disconnect box has failed. If the thermostat is set to "auto fan" and the fan on the outdoor unit does not run when the indoor fan is operating, the fuses are the first things to check. You should keep spare fuses on hand, particularly in the event this breakdown occurs on weekends or holidays.

If you have questions about a particular heating or insulation condition, contact William E. Murphy at 270/534-6341 or email: lwmurphy@engr.uky.edu.



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Funny Faces puzzle results. Includes 'Your Clue' (He's A Real Gem), 'Last Week's Winner' (Diane Akers), and 'Guess Who' (Theresa Tackett). Lists prizes from The Fiesta Place Mexican Restaurant and Hoberts Pizza.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The earliest poets and authors made fools wise. Modern authors try to make wise men fools.

— Joseph Jobert

Friday, December 15, 2000 A4

Editorial

An honorable end

After many Americans had grown weary of the seemingly endless election saga gripping our nation, the controversy came to a screeching halt Wednesday night with two speeches which proved to be the finest moment of a campaign which began more than a year ago.

In his concession speech, Vice President Al Gore shrugged away the "sore loser" criticism he has withstood the past five weeks and proved himself before the nation to be a statesman. While his ego must obviously still sting from his defeat at the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, he used his last moment in the limelight not for partisan bickering, but to promote healing. His calls for the nation to close rank behind his former opponent — and his vow to do the same — were a voice of calm and reason following a period which has seen little of either.

Likewise, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, in his first speech to the nation as president-elect, successfully embodied the image of a president. His message to the nation with its calls for unity reminded us that America remains strong, that the storm we've weathered since Election Day has not undermined our system of government.

Just rhetoric? Perhaps. But for at least one evening, America was given the opportunity to see these two men at their very best. Taken together, their addresses did much to close the gap the campaigns created and to renew a sense of national pride.

And that is something which truly needed to happen. The U.S. has been a bit roughed up in the 36 days it took to declare a winner.

Our detractors overseas took particular delight in ridiculing us. Suddenly, we were declared the "banana republic." Mighty America, the most powerful democracy in the world, couldn't even elect its own leader, they said.

And they were wrong. It's been awhile since we've had to wait more than a day for a presidential election to be decided, but we made it through just fine.

There was no crisis. We were not accustomed to uncertainty, but we had confidence in our system that everything would work out in the end.

For the average joe, filling the space under the Christmas tree has been a higher priority than filling the Oval Office. The financial markets have been all over the charts, but that has become a matter of routine this year. And there were people in the streets, but instead of hurling rocks or Molotov cocktails, they mostly tossed insults and corny slogans.

In short, America is fine. And if there was any uncertainty on that point, Bush and Gore proved it Wednesday night.

—Ralph B. Davis



Letters to the Editor

SGA thanks supporters

Editor:

The Student Government Association of Prestonsburg Community College expresses appreciation to the community for your continued support of the College, its students and their efforts.

The Student Government Association is comprised of elected student representatives, as well as representatives from the various organizations on campus.

Activities undertaken during this semester have included having a continental breakfast for all students; purchasing candy for distribution during Safe Halloween; and donating a \$100 gift certificate to

help a nontraditional student have a brighter Christmas for her family.

Individual student organizations, such as the Law Enforcement Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Community Biology Club and KANS have been active in parades, environmental cleanup, collecting gifts for area children, attending state conferences, and being visible on the campus and in the community.

On behalf of the Student Government Association, happy holidays to you and your family.

Jonathan Salisbury
President, SGA

Guest Column

Holiday season calls for putting work, life in perspective

by REX MARTIN

Ah, the holidays: A wondrous time filled with great food, gifts, and thoughts of good will toward men. It's also the season when you have to dig like a gopher to find those decorations stored back behind all that other stuff. And, it's the season that makes you feel like an aging salmon as you fight your way through the river of shoppers at the local mall.

Yes, the holidays certainly fill the heart with joy, the wallet with receipts, and the soul with stress. We are, at times, left wondering what it's all about: We know we're supposed to be as jolly as old St. Nick and as loving as Tiny Tim, but we find ourselves identifying more with Ebenezer Scrooge. Getting into the holiday spirit can seem like one big hassle.

At such times, putting our work, and our lives, in perspective can help. Try walking outside some evening and looking up at the night sky. Centuries ago the Psalmist did this and was moved to ask, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

That brilliant strip of stars spread across the heavens is the Milky Way galaxy. Our home. And, it's big. Real big. So big, in fact, that light-traveling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second—takes 100,000 years to cross from one side of the galaxy to the other.

Meanwhile, here on planet Earth, we are hurtling around the sun at a speed of about 67,000 mph, while at the same time the planet is spinning like a top on its axis at a speed of 1,000 mph at the equator. Feeling dizzy?

The sun and our solar system are halfway to the edge of the Milky Way, out along a spiral arm called Orion. The sun revolves around the center of the galaxy at an impressive speed of—fasten your seat belts, please—half a million miles an hour. Even so, one revolution of the sun around the galaxy takes 220 million years.

Because the sun is five billion years old we can estimate that it has revolved around the galaxy about 23 times during its relatively young life. The Milky Way itself is about 10 billion years old in a universe estimated to be around 14 billion years

old. The Milky Way is not the only galaxy, of course. Some 100 billion galaxies exist in the visible universe. Each galaxy has a couple of billion stars and, probably, planets. Scientists say that if the universe is infinite, there could be an infinite number of galaxies. If it is not infinite, there could be a few trillion galaxies, give or take a billion here and there.

All these galaxies are moving away from each other through space at incredible speeds. How incredible? Well, astronomers measure these velocities in kilometers per second per megaparsec, where a megaparsec is equivalent to 3.26 million light years. Go figure.

Astronomers also believe the universe's expansion is actually accelerating. They base this theory on the observance of supernovae, or exploding stars, that are about five billion light years from Earth. Which means, I believe, that their theory is based on information that's five billion years old, but, hey, who's counting?

The closest galaxy to the Milky Way is Andromeda, which is 2.5 million light years away. Just one light year equals six trillion miles, and here's some big news: Astronomers say the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies are going to slam into each other about three billion years from now. When they collide, the galaxies could tear each other apart and throw millions of stars, not to mention the Earth, into space, so be prepared.

When we stop to consider the grand scheme of the universe—with its trillions of stars, billions of galaxies, light-year distances and megaparsec speeds, which our human minds can calculate but cannot truly comprehend—our daily concerns at work and at home absolutely pale by comparison. It may help to keep that in mind when all those holiday bills come due in January.

Happy Holidays!

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Through My Eyes

by Kathy Prater
Staff Writer



"Season less than merry for some"

The holiday season progresses and things seem to be relatively quiet and calm. Many worthwhile projects are underway throughout the county in an effort to ensure that all of our area folk have a merry Christmas.

County Attorney Keith Bartley has begun distribution of the food items that have been collected in his office. He says that, surprisingly, the food donations have not come so much from the targeted traffic offenders but, rather, from good-hearted folks who just want to help. That's okay, says Keith, at least the drive has been successful and the various food pantries are on their way to being re-stocked.

When I last talked with Keith, he said that the shocks on his truck were getting a good workout from hauling the canned items around to the various distribution points. He seemed to have his hands full with the project and was quite busy attending to the business of keeping count and paying mind to a fair division of the items. He said he felt a little like "those guys in Florida, with all this counting," but his usual good-natured attitude was still intact.

As I said, things seem to be going along rather smoothly with food drives and Christmas give-away collections. I've seen many food baskets and gaily wrapped gifts awaiting distribution. It is truly a wonderful time of the year.

But, as many of you probably already know, the holidays can be a time of great stress and many people suffer severe depression during this time. Suicide rates increase and domestic violence tends to escalate.

And ... the drunk drivers like to hit the roads.

I saw a woman in court this week who had a really nasty gash on her forehead. I'm pretty sensitive to private issues and so I didn't approach her to ask any questions, but considering the people I did see talking to her and offering words of comfort and encouragement, I came to the conclusion that she was a victim of domestic violence. I could be wrong.

I hope, even, that I am. But, as I mentioned before, I know that these sort of happenings tend to heighten during the holiday season.

There is a lot of frustration and misplaced aggression out there in our world. I don't know the reason for this, but I suspect it has a lot to do with a love of temporal things and a quest for immediate gratification. You know, "I want to feel good and be happy and I want it to happen now." This attitude is steeped in selfishness and leads almost always to destruction of something — a car, a marriage, a body, a mind.

It's a major problem in our society and one I don't profess in any way to have the answer to. Maybe just looking beyond our own selfish wants and desires could be a good place to start. At any rate, enjoy the season, but be aware.

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Season

Some good news — "Pearl" has been adopted! For those of you who may not have seen the story we did on Pearl, I'll fill you in. Pearl was a sweet little dog at the Floyd County Animal Shelter that for some reason or another kept getting overlooked by those who came to the shelter to adopt. She's cute, she's sweet — she just wasn't what they were looking for.
So, the entire fourth grade class at Betsy Layne Elementary imple-

mented a "Pennies for Pearl" project and raised enough money to pay her adoption fee. All they needed was a person, or family, to take Pearl in.
Well, Rhonda Castle, the manager of the shelter, called this week to tell me that Pearl had been adopted and was at that moment on her way to see Rudy Ousley for a surgical appointment. So, a happy ending for Pearl. Since Kidd, a teacher at Betsy Layne, is the adoptive "parent."

Here's a brain teaser for you to think on this week: "What is greater than God, more evil than the Devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and, if you eat it, you will die?"
The statistics we got with this said that 80 percent of the kindergarten students who were asked to solve the riddle did so successfully, but that only 7 percent of the Stanford University students who

were asked the question got the answer correct.
That's all I'm going to say about it for now — I'll tell you the answer next week. (Here's a good hint — ask a kid. My 12-year-old son got the answer correct — I didn't!).

Thanks to all of you nice folks who have had nice things to say about my writing. I sorta like compliments ... see ya!

Secret Santas provide toys for area children

For the first few days after the bright red sleigh arrived on the Pikeville College campus, there was no sign of Santa, no reindeer and no presents. Then, little by little, Santa's sleigh was filled with toys. There were old toys and new toys, red toys and blue toys, even a shiny bicycle or two.
After a few days in Santa's workshop, the toys will be delivered to needy children in the area. The Christmas project is a joint effort between the Appalachian Association for Justice, a student organization at Pikeville College, and the Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright.

Dr. Lori Kepford, assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice at Pikeville College, said the students, who are interested in community service and awareness of social and justice issues, welcomed the opportunity to participate.

"We do a lot of things with Otter Creek educationally," Kepford said. "This campus really accepted the project and has been most generous in donating gifts."

Inmates at Otter Creek built the sleigh, which was at Pikeville College for several weeks. The inmates cleaned, painted and repaired items, taking great care to make the old toys new again. Officials at the correctional facility work with local churches and organizations to deliver the gift-wrapped toys to children in the community. Officials also try, in advance, to learn something about the children who receive



the toys, which are grouped according to age and interest.

When the sleigh first arrived, Kepford said it just looked like a big, empty box.

"They've had to empty the sleigh four times," she said. "I would have been happy if we'd filled it up once."

More than 30 large bags of toys, five bicycles, wrapping paper and batteries were collect-

ed, as well as electronic toys, a dollhouse and Bibles. A number of people brought large garbage bags full of old toys, but probably just as many brought in bags of new toys.

"I'm really grateful folks think that much of others," she said. "This also gives the inmates a chance to try and restore their

relationship with the community."

Officials at Otter Creek were ecstatic about the response from the college and appreciated the generosity of the campus community, Kepford said, noting that one of the inmates was overheard to say, "We got everything but a partridge in a pear tree."

A View from the Hill



by CHANDRA K. ARTS

As each semester comes to a close, everyone on the hill is usually filled with a mixture of joy, stress and relief. This semester is no different as people rush around during exam week, studying, grading and preparing for the holiday season. The close of any year makes me reflect on my many blessings.

At a small college, like Pikeville College, close bonds form between students in classes. As they go home for the holidays, I see many exchanging gifts and celebrating the end of another semester.

As a professor, I often dread the end of courses because my students mean so much to me. Thanks to the small class size, I have an opportunity to personally know each and every one of my students by name. Classes have a way of creating their own personalities, and I feel it is this unique feeling that makes Pikeville College so special. I have had a number of classes that I know I

will never forget. As advisor of the student newsletter, I have had the joy of working with a number of talented, gifted and devoted students this semester. Their dedication to the college and publication was unwavering, and I appreciate their many long hours of work.

At the close of any semester, some students are excited to be finally graduating. This December is no exception as Pikeville College bids farewell to some special students. Their lives will be changing soon. I am happy to have played a role in their development, and I am pleased to see them achieve their goals. Yet, one chilly January morning, the rest of us will return to hit the books and their faces will be absent. They will be missed.

One of the best things about working and teaching on the hill is the constant support and encouragement from our small extended family. No matter what is happening in my life off the hill, I can always count on a smile, friendly face and a word of encouragement from my students or other faculty and staff members. During the holidays and throughout the year, these special relationships carry me through.

I am honored to be a small part of the warm and inviting atmosphere here on the hill, where everybody knows your name. From our family to yours, happy holidays.

Chandra K. Arts is an assistant professor of communication at Pikeville College.

Blood drive at Wal-Mart

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, to honor the thousands of people who care enough to help the sick and injured by making sure blood is there when it is needed.

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Obituaries

Barnett pallbearers listed

Those serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Edman "Beaver" Barnett were Adrian Rector, Dr. Lowell Martin, Ben J. Spradlin, Glenn Patrick, Bill Woods, Jimmy Branham, Joe Moore, Phillip Sparkman, Herman Joseph, Frank Hall, S.L. Reed, Raymond Martin, Mert Dupoy and Don Spears.

Birchie Case

Birchie Case, 81, of New London, Ohio, died Tuesday, December 12, 2000, after a brief illness.

She was born in Honaker, August 4, 1919, the daughter of the late Johnnie and Rhoda Harvey Kidd. She moved to New London in 1952, and was a member of the Fitchville Church of Christ.

Her husband, Joshua Case, preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Gwean Anderson of New London; one son, Orbie Case of New London; two sisters, Oma Ricer and Oval Bolen, both of Willard, Ohio; three brothers, Russell Kidd and Frank Kidd Jr., both of Dana, and Truman Kidd of Honaker; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 15, 2 p.m., at the Fitchville Church of Christ.

Burial was in the Fitchville Cemetery, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, New London.

Mary M. Goble

Mary M. Goble, 93, of Findlay, Ohio, died Monday, December 11, 2000, at Fox Run Manor.

Born September 9, 1907, in Waynesburg, she was the daughter of the late James S. and Amanda Routon Wilson. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loie Goble Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Loie Goble Jr. and Doug Goble, both of Findlay, Ohio; three daughters, Geneva Vincent of New Castle, Indiana, Loretta Helton of Arizona, Pauline Sizemore of Findlay, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 15, at 2 p.m., at the Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, Ohio, with Rev. Juan J. Salinas officiating.

Burial will be in Knollcrest Gardens, East of Findlay, under the direction of Coldren-Crates Funeral Home.

Regional Obituaries

Pike County

Madeline Annette Ramsey, 85, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Edward Leon Fouts, 59, of Virgie, died Sunday, December 10, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Jean Varney Layne, 52, of Racoon, died Sunday, December 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Robert Layne. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Anna Marie Holland, 51, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, December 8, at her home. Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Rosie Marie Chapman, 71, of Ashcamp, died Monday, December 11, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Eldon M. Chapman. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Launie Ruth Reed Farley, 65, of Turkey Creek, died Monday, December 11, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Andrew J. Farley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Joe B. Justice, 67, of Cave Run, died Sunday, December 10, at the Mary Chiles Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Hattie Justice. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Jammee Annette Smith Collins, infant daughter of Bobbie and Teresa Collins of Jackhorn, died Thursday, December 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

James M. Chapman, 68, of Hardy, died Saturday, December 9, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Carey Charles, 90, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 9, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Sadie Chaffin, 94, of Chattaroy, West Virginia, died Saturday, December 9, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Knott County

Delzy McCray, 80, husband of Corida Niece McCray, died Tuesday, December 5, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Eckell Rowland, 90, died Saturday, December 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his

wife, Virginia Rowland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Archie Jackson, 95, died Friday, December 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Robert Dwayne Brooks, 23, died Sunday, December 10, at U.K. Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Verna Marshall, 96, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, December 9, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Virginia Lee Blanton, 85, of Greenwich, Ohio, formerly of Johnson County, died Friday, December 8, at Fisher Titus Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Garvin Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, at Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich.

Martin County

Arnold "Tony" Mills, a U.S. Air Force retiree, died Friday, December 8, at the VA Medical Center, West Palm Beach, Fla. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Joyce Lee Crawford, 55, of Pedro, Ohio, died Thursday, December 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Ethel Louise Wellman, 91, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Monday, December 4, at Wayne Continuous Care Center, Wayne, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 8, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Everett Henry Webb, 86, of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 5. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Ernest Hunt, 84, of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 5, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Crum Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Mary Jane Anderson, 84, of River, formerly of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Wednesday, December 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Mary E. Parks, 55, of Dayton, Ohio, died Thursday, December 7. She is survived by her husband, Willie Parks. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, under the direction of George C. Martin Funeral Home.

Donald Kise, 70, of Indianapolis, Indiana, a native of Louisa, died Saturday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, under the direction of G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Estan Vanover, 71, of Martha, died Friday, December 8, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Lewis and Ferguson Funeral Home.

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.

PMH to open new tower

Pikeville Methodist Hospital's new 11-story, 332,000-square foot tower will be dedicated on Monday, December 18. The ceremony begins at the hospital's main entrance at 3 p.m., with guest speakers US Cong. Hal Rogers and Gov. Paul Patton. Shuttle bus service will be available to the Riverfill parking lot. Tours will begin immediately following the program and continue until 6 p.m. WYMT-TV will broadcast its 6 p.m. news from the second floor atrium.

Center to host special day

The McDowell Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring its Craft and Homemade Baked Goods Day on

Wednesday, December 20, beginning at 10 a.m. It is open to the public.

Theatre audition workshop set

Young people in grades 7-12 who are interested in learning how to audition for community or regional theatre productions may attend a Theatre Audition Workshop on December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. The free workshop is sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H program and the MAC. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper at 606/886-2668.

Conservation meeting

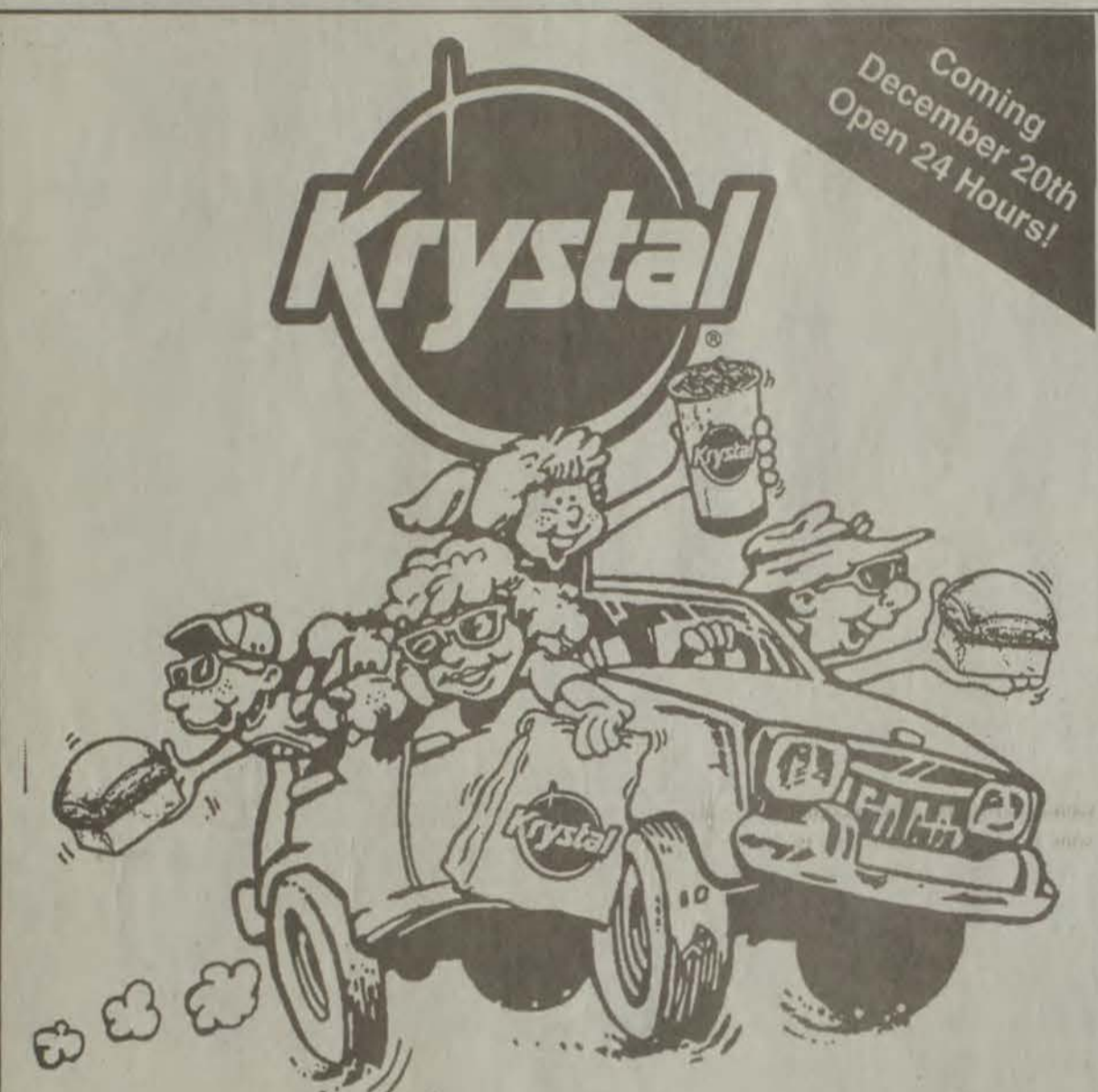
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 10 a.m., at the District Office. The public is invited to attend. If anyone has

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A Very Special Thanks

We, the family of Charles Edgel Henderson, want to say, "Thank You" for all the love and kindness shown to our family during our time of loss. Thank you for the flowers, the food, love and support. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, especially to Omery Chuck Hall and Glen Frazier, for their comforting words and kindness shown to our family. Thanks to the Old Time Regular Baptist Church ministers, and to all who took part in the services. To all my neighbors in McDowell, words can never say "thank you" enough, not only for this time, but throughout all the years. Thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

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- Always be prepared
- Have your car serviced before you start out on the road. The heater must work and the car needs antifreeze, wiper fluid, oil, gas, etc.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit that includes a first-aid kit, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight and batteries, blankets, candles and matches, bottled water and snacks.
- A bag of sand or cat litter stored in the trunk will add extra weight to minimize sliding and may be used for traction on icy roadways, sidewalks, steps, etc.
- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Watch for any weather advisories, and do not drive during hazardous conditions.
- Should you lose control
 - Steer into the direction of the skid.
 - Drive slowly and carefully.

Rotate steering wheel gently going into a turn.

- To apply brakes, repeatedly tap the pedal gently, so you don't lose traction between the wheels and surface.
- Remember, always leave enough room between you and the car in front of you. Stopping in snow may take up to four times your normal stopping distance.
- Should you become stranded or your vehicle disabled
 - Stay with the car. Do not walk in freezing temperatures to get help.
 - Tie a bright-colored piece of cloth to the antenna, so rescuers may see you are stranded.
 - Keep arms and legs moving as you sit, to keep warm.
 - Turn on the car and use the heater for 10 minutes each hour. Don't allow fumes to back up into the car and keep the exhaust pipe clear.
 - Keep one window slightly open to let in air.
 - Use any extra source, such as maps and removable car mats, for insulation.

New equipment helps consumers at the pump

As gasoline prices continue to rise, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is using the latest technology for testing gas pump accuracy, increasing efficiency and ensuring consumers are getting what they pay for.

The department recently purchased two "provers" for testing gas pump calibrations. Each prover sits in the back of a pickup truck, allowing state inspectors to check the accuracy of fuel pumps for all three grades of gasoline in a very short time.

"In the past, our inspectors had to fill a five-gallon can, one grade at a time," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith. "Now we can inspect all three grades at once before moving on to another set of pumps."

The two provers each contain three calibration testers, one for each grade of gasoline. "Each calibrator is attached to a 60-gallon tank," said Larry Hatfield, director of the Division of Regulation and Inspection. "This allows our inspectors to check all pumps at a retail outlet before returning the gasoline

samples back to the seller's underground storage tanks, and that saves time and labor."

Currently, Louisiana is the only other southern state utilizing this new technology. "We're constantly looking for ways to improve the efficiency of our department and upgrade the many services that we provide the citizens of the Commonwealth," Smith said.

By statute, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is required to check every gas pump in the state for accuracy at least once a year. KDA inspectors also check the octane levels of gasoline to ensure that buyers receive good gasoline.

In addition, state inspectors check all scales for accuracy, including scales used by pharmacists to weigh medicines. All scanners used by grocery stores and other outlets are checked by KDA inspectors for accuracy at least once a year.

For more information, check out the department's web site at www.kyagr.com or contact the Division of Regulation and Inspection at 502/564-4870.

Calendar

any questions, or is interested in attending, call 606/889-9800.

Vet rep available

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 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. Contact him at 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

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Fibromyalgia support group

Fibromyalgia support group has monthly meetings in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens building, the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 606/478-5224, or Phyllis, 606/874-2769.

Martin County history being published

Orders are being taken for the Martin County Pictorial History, sponsored by the Martin County Historical Society. For information, call Evelyn Cassady at 606/298-7278.

Free smoke detectors available

All fire departments in the county are installing smoke detectors in the home of anyone who wants one, free, regardless of income. The detectors have a 10-year battery, so they are maintenance-free. To receive a free smoke detector, call 886-9193.

MCVFD sets giveaway dates

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department will give away clothing and toys to needy families from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: December 11, 13, 15, 18, and 20. The department is located on KY 114, Mountain Parkway extension. Call 606/886-3606 or 886-0017.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

December 28—US TOO! Prostate Cancer Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.

8th graders may be Robinson Scholars

The University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars program is informing 8th grade students in Floyd and surrounding counties that they may be eligible for a fully

paid scholarship to UK or an area community college. If the parents of an 8th grade student in these counties do not possess a four-year college degree, the student is eligible to apply for the scholarship. Counselors and principals have nomination forms. Students can self-nominate. Call Brian Campbell at Prestonsburg Community College at 606/886-3863.

Social Security rep to visit Mud Creek clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of December. 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. Pick up booklets on Social Security, and get questions answered.

Group sets meeting

The Ups of Down Syndrome support group now has a permanent meeting place and time. The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside Pikeville Independent School. Call 606/377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

Domestic violence

Are you in an abusive relationship and feel as if there is no way out? Call our 24-hour crisis line and talk to Certified Domestic Violence Counselors, discuss ways you can remedy the problem, call 886-6025 or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605, because "Love Doesn't Have To Hurt."

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Earn while you learn

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Agency is taking applications for the senior training program. For information, call Tammy Jervis, 606/886-2929. The program's primary goal is to create employment for those 55 and over. SCSEP helps prepare older workers to compete for jobs by providing minimal training and placing eligible applicants into permanent employment. Training sites are expected to develop the participant's skill and hire or release them.

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 Ethel Tipton, formerly of Harold, is very sick in Chicago. She is over 80 years old, living under very poor conditions, is a leg amputee and has lost most of her family (mother Martha Collins, husband Kermit, daughter Brenda and son Phil.)
 Although she left in the late 1950's with her family when coal mining slowed down, her heart has always been here in east Kentucky. "Words from home" would certainly help ease her suffering.
 Please send a holiday card or note to this lady at:
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MINNIE TACKETT (23) of South Floyd scored 11 points against the Millard Lady Mustangs Monday night.

A Look at Sports
Tracking county sports!!



by **ED TAYLOR**
 SPORTS EDITOR

I took in the Millard at South Floyd girls game Monday night, a place I enjoy going to. In a time when coaches try to see how bad their team can beat another, that didn't happen on this night.

A very, very, very young Millard girls team faced a more experienced South Floyd team and no doubt were underdogs from the time the schedule was made out.

Coach Melenda Osborne earned my respect (she already had it) when she chose not to embarrass the Millard team although her team did post a 82-16 win.

She played her entire team and often. She could have pressed, trapped, and just driven the younger team to the court but she did not. I appreciate that.

Although the Lady Raiders did put 82 points on the board, it could have been much, much worse. No coach is going to tell his or her team not to score. Everyone wants to score.

Millard is the youngest high school basketball team I have ever seen. I mean, I have been following the game for a long, long time. Can you imagine as a coach, going to practice with just three high school players and the rest made of the junior high variety. I mean all the way down to the sixth grade.

I admire coach Dave Spradlin and the effort he is putting forth with his team. Now, I must say, if these girls stick together, they are going to be hard to beat in two to three years. Just mark these words down.

The 15th Region has an abundance of "weaker" teams this year, which is highly unusual. But every team, at some time, has to go through a rebuilding season or two. Not everyone can just reload.

A Belfry fan had to be escorted out of the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse Tuesday night when the Pirates faced Betsy Layne. Seems he was in a very disorder away because of the officiating. The official, from Matewan, W. Va., asked he be removed.

The disgruntled fan was hesitant in leaving and had not so nice words for the officials as he left the gym.

Coach Brent Rose has his team running the court and the Bobcats played as good half-court defense as I have seen them play this year.

Brock Keathley took an elbow and lost a tooth because of it. He left the game early in the fourth quarter.

Allen Central's Jeremy Hayes continues to burn the nets in having a great season for the Rebels. Hayes hit four three-point baskets against Lawrence County last Saturday.

What a welcome sight to the Allen Central line up is Shawn Newsome. This kid is awesome and to think he did not get to play last year because of a football injury.

"When I practice I have to wear a brace," he said. "Not when I play. The shoulder feels good."

If you are going to beat the South Floyd Raiders, and not many teams are, you will have to do what Magoffin County did — stop Michael Hall. Hall, one of the team's leading scorers, was held to just five points in the game and all those came in the first period.

I don't remember too many five point games for Hall and I bet there will not be too many in the future.

Oh yeah, Rusty Tackett likes those NBA three's. He can shoot the ball.

I remember Tony Isaac called me up one day and said, "Ed, you have to come and see this kid play." That was when Rusty played at Melvin Elementary. So, I did and I must have jinxed him because he had an off night with only 17 points. But that was the last time I jinxed him. He is a tremendous ball player.

What about Prestonsburg's Ryan Martin? Not only can he play the greens but he can shoot the basketball as well. The state golfer had a strong outing against East Carter last Saturday with four three-point baskets and 18 points. He was named Player of the Game for Prestonsburg afterwards.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats have not been on the hardwood much of late and it can't be good for the team. The Ladycats have only played three games

(See **SPORTS**, page two)

■ **Phelps at Allen Central**
Majakey scores 18 as Allen Central picks up first win

by **ED TAYLOR**
 SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central coach Cindy Halbert is always looking at the silver lining behind every dark cloud and she got another glimpse of that this past Monday night.

Coach Halbert had three players out, two starters, and that allowed younger players the opportunity to perform on the court and they made the best of it in a 60-49 win over visiting Phelps.

The win was the first of the season for Allen Central who improved to 1-4.

Sophomore Erin Majakey stepped in to

fill a roll at the two-guard, a spot usually occupied by Jennifer Risner, and drilled three three-point baskets and scored a team high 18 points to lead Allen Central.

"Erin played very well for us," said the Allen Central coach. "I believe it might have been a career high."

The 18 point performance was definitely a high for Majakey whose previous high was 12 points in the All "A" last year against Paintsville. In that game she hit four three-point baskets.

While the game appeared to be a foul-prone affair, still Coach Halbert appreciated the effort of her team.

"I was pleased with our effort," she said. "We have had some of our starters out with injuries and that has allowed the younger players playing time."

Risner, Kari Osborne and Jackie Martin all sat out the game due to injuries but, according to Coach Halbert, have been cleared to play this Friday night.

"Both Risner and Kari have been released to play," she said. "Jackie could have played against Phelps, but we will need all three of them when we start district play this week. We have South Floyd and Betsy Layne this month."

Returning to the starting line up for the

Lady Rebels was Barb Prater, and she responded with 10 points, hitting two three-point baskets. Shannon Sizemore finished with 10 points as well. Jessica Isaac, a freshman, got a start and finished with a strong effort and eight points.

"Isaac and Majakey played well," said Coach Halbert. "Well, all of the girls played well."

Allen Central held an eight-point lead, 18-10, after the first quarter. Sizemore scored six of her 10 points in the opening period with both Prater and Majakey drain-

(See **ALLEN CENTRAL**, page two)



SOUTH FLOYD'S Megan Ousley (30) scored two of her 14 points on this lay up against Millard Monday night. Ousley finished with 14 points in her team's 82-16 win. The Lady Raiders will host Allen Central tonight.

■ **Millard at South Floyd**
South Floyd collects second win

Lady Raiders ambush Millard 82-16

by **ED TAYLOR**
 SPORTS EDITOR

When you talk about youth, inexperience but a good future, you have to talk about Millard girls basketball.

Coach Dave Spradlin's ballclub played hard but could not overcome the play of South Floyd in dropping an 82-16 decision last Monday night. It was the second consecutive win for South Floyd who earlier defeated Elkhorn City.

But look at the roster of the Lady Raiders and you will find only one senior, Minnie Tackett. The majority of players for the Lady Raiders are freshmen.

Now take notice. There are only three high school players on the Millard team, all freshmen. The rest of the roster is made up of six eighth-graders, five seventh-graders and one sixth grade player. Young and inexperienced is the only way to describe the Millard team.

However, on the floor, they do not play like a put together squad and they show a lot of promise for the future. Millard is a team, although young, which has paid attention and can play the game.

Kelly Scott, a freshman, stands at 6'1" and gives the Lady Mustangs some inside game. The outside shooting is handled by Erica Elswick, also a freshman.

Elswick led Millard in scoring against

(See **SOUTH FLOYD**, page two)

Next Game:

Allen Central vs. South Floyd

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

■ **Betsy Layne at Paintsville**
Betsy Layne downs host Paintsville, 54-41

Parsons and Reynolds net 13 apiece to lead Lady Cats

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

It was a sea of blue and white this past Monday night, as the Betsy Layne girls basketball squad hit the road, traveling to Paintsville to take on Coach Mark Baldwin's Lady Tigers.

A good crowd of Betsy Layne and Paintsville fans made their way out to witness what would be a close game at times, and a blowout at others.

Baldwin's Paintsville team is a squad without a single senior on the roster. The Lady Tigers were hoping to down Betsy Layne once again early on this season. Paintsville went into Betsy Layne last season and squeaked out a one-point win over the host Lady Cats, but such would not be the case in this contest.

The Lady Tigers put the first score on the board with a run-out shortly after the opening tip. However, it was a very short-lived advantage as the visiting Lady Cats would have their ups and downs in the contest before closing out with a convincing win.

At one point late in the game, Betsy Layne led by as many as 27 points. The Lady Tigers had some runs of their own in the contest.

(See **BETSY LAYNE**, page two)

BETSY LAYNE (54)				
player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Parsons	5	0	5-3	13
Reynolds	2	3	5-0	13
Roberts	2	1	2-1	8
Tackett	3	0	2-1	7
Stratton	3	0	2-1	7
Lykens	0	0	4-3	3
Keathley	1	0	2-1	3
Witt	0	0	2-0	0

PAINTSVILLE (41)							
Stanford	Hall	Shafer	Haney	Music	Preston	Chafin	Moore
6	4	2	2	1	2	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-0	2-0	2-1	0-0	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
12	8	5	4	4	4	2	2

Betsy Layne	18	8	19	9	54
Paintsville	10	10	3	18	41



WHITNEY LYKENS (5) fires up a shot against Paintsville. Lykens was three-of-four from the free throw line in the Paintsville game. All three of her points came in the second half of Monday night's contest.

NASCAR this week

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TOP TEN

■ Car owner rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Joe Gibbs | What a team |
| 2. Jack Roush | Getting less top-heavy |
| 3. Robert Yates | A few more wins needed |
| 4. Roger Penske | Both drivers won races |
| 5. Rick Hendrick | May move up next year |
| 6. Dale Earnhardt | And he doesn't even drive for the team |
| 7. Richard Childress | Skinner team needs some shoring up |
| 8. Bill Davis | Distracted by Dodge move |
| 9. Andy Petree | Still looking for wins |
| 10. MB2 | Nearly off the chart |
- (Bowers/Beard/Morton)

2001 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 11	Daytona International Speedway (Bud Shootout)	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 15	Daytona International Speedway (Gatorade 125s)	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 18	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 25	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 4	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas
March 11	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 18	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 25	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 1	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 8	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 22	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
April 29	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 5	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 19	Lowe's Motor Speedway (The Winston)	Concord, N.C.
May 27	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 3	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 10	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 17	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 24	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 7	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 15	Chicagoland Speedway	Joliet, Ill.
July 22	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 29	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis
Aug. 12	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 19	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 25	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 2	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 8	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 16	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 23	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Sept. 30	Kansas Speedway	Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 7	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 14	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 21	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 28	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 4	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 11	Homestead-Miami Speedway	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 18	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

2001 BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 17	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 3	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas
March 10	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 17	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 24	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
March 31	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 14	Nashville Speedway	Nashville, Tenn.
April 21	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
April 28	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 4	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 12	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
May 20	Nazareth Speedway	Nazareth, Pa.
May 26	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 2	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 16	Kentucky Speedway	Sparta, Ky.
July 1	The Milwaukee Mile	West Allis, Wis.
July 8	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
July 14	Chicagoland Speedway	Joliet, Ill.
July 21	Gateway International Raceway	Madison, Ill.
July 28	Pikes Peak International Speedway	Pikes Peak, Colo.
Aug. 4	Indianapolis Raceway Park	Indianapolis
Aug. 18	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 24	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 1	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 7	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 22	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Sept. 29	Kansas Speedway	Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 6	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 13	Memphis Motorsports Park	Memphis, Tenn.
Oct. 27	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 3	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 10	Homestead-Miami Speedway	Homestead, Fla.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ Some experts consider Curtis Turner, who died in a plane crash in 1970 near DuBols, Pa., as the best stock-car racer ever, but his career numbers were hardly notable. He is officially credited with 17 victories and 16 poles in NASCAR's highest division. But Speedway Motorsports CEO Bruton Smith, once a business partner of Turner, said: "You had to see Curtis Turner. He could move anybody out of the way without ever changing the line he was driving his car. He was the best."

NASCAR cuts back to one round of qualifying; Rudd finds ride in IROC

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

NASCAR took a long overdue step forward Dec. 7 when new president Mike Helton announced there would be only one round of time trials in 2001.

The entire 43-car field will be set following one round, with the first 36 positions determined on the basis of speeds and seven provisionals added based on car-owner points. The lone exception, as in the past, will be the Daytona 500, where a pair of 125-mile qualifying races are used to partly determine the starting order.

"There's not a lot of activity around second-round qualifying

anymore," Helton said, "so it was that, in part. It's also to streamline things to be more prepared for race day."

At most tracks, the final round of qualifying had become "a joke." All but the most desperate drivers "stood" on opening-round speeds. Others opted to settle for provisional spots.

Seldom did more than one or two cars make the field based on a final-round run.

"Wow," driver Johnny Benson said, "I guess this means you only have one lap to get it right now in qualifying. That's going to be kind of exciting, but I think NASCAR made the right decision. I think everyone noticed there weren't that

many cars that made it into the field during second-round qualifying last year."

READY TO IROC: Ricky Rudd, who won the International Race of Champions series title in 1992, will return to the series for the first time since 1995 and for the fourth time overall.

"I really enjoyed the IROC series in the years I raced in it," said Rudd, who finished fifth in the 2000 Winston Cup points standings. "It gives me another chance to race and also a chance to compete against drivers from other series. The 1992 championship is something I have always been proud of, and it's a real honor

to be back." In 12 career IROC starts, Rudd has finished in the top-five eight times. He previously competed in the series in 1992, 1993 and 1995.

RAVES FOR RAY: When Ray Evernham debuts his two-car Dodge team in February at Daytona, he will not be underestimated.

"They (DaimlerChrysler) couldn't have picked a better guy," Rudd said. "He's definitely 'track knowledgeable.' He's savvy. He's developed race cars before. They'll come out of the box being competitive. I'm worried about them being too competitive." "It's not just talk," Mike Skinner

added. "He's backed it up everywhere he's hung his hat. I think Dodge was very smart in retaining Ray to get their program off the ground."

Evernham, of course, served as crew chief during Jeff Gordon's three Cup championships: 1995, 1997 and 1998.

HE'S A PEPPER: Bobby Hamilton Jr.'s Busch Grand National team, Carroll Racing, has successfully recruited Dr Pepper as the primary sponsor of the team's No. 26 Chevrolets.

The company plans to conduct a marketing promotion in 2001 titled "A Taste for the Race."

PROFILE

Geoffrey Bodine

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Geoffrey Bodine, honored as one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers during the sanctioning body's 50th anniversary in 1998, is hoping to continue his career as a driver in the Winston Cup Series.

The 2000 season was a tumultuous one for Bodine, who was seriously injured at Daytona in February in a frightening Truck Series crash. He returned to action two months later but later



Bodine

lost his ride in the No. 60 Chevrolet owned by Joe Bessey. That team's future is uncertain. Bodine, the

1982 rookie of the year, has won 18 times in the Winston Cup Series, most recently Aug. 11, 1996, at Watkins Glen.

Age: 51
Hometown: Born in Elmira, N.Y., grew up in Chemung, N.Y., now lives in Cornelius, N.C.

Marital status: Divorced
Children: Matthew (29), Barry (23)

Car: Plans uncertain for 2001

Career statistics: 551 starts, 18 wins, 99 top-five finishes, 188 top-10 finishes, 37 poles, \$14,714,432 in winnings

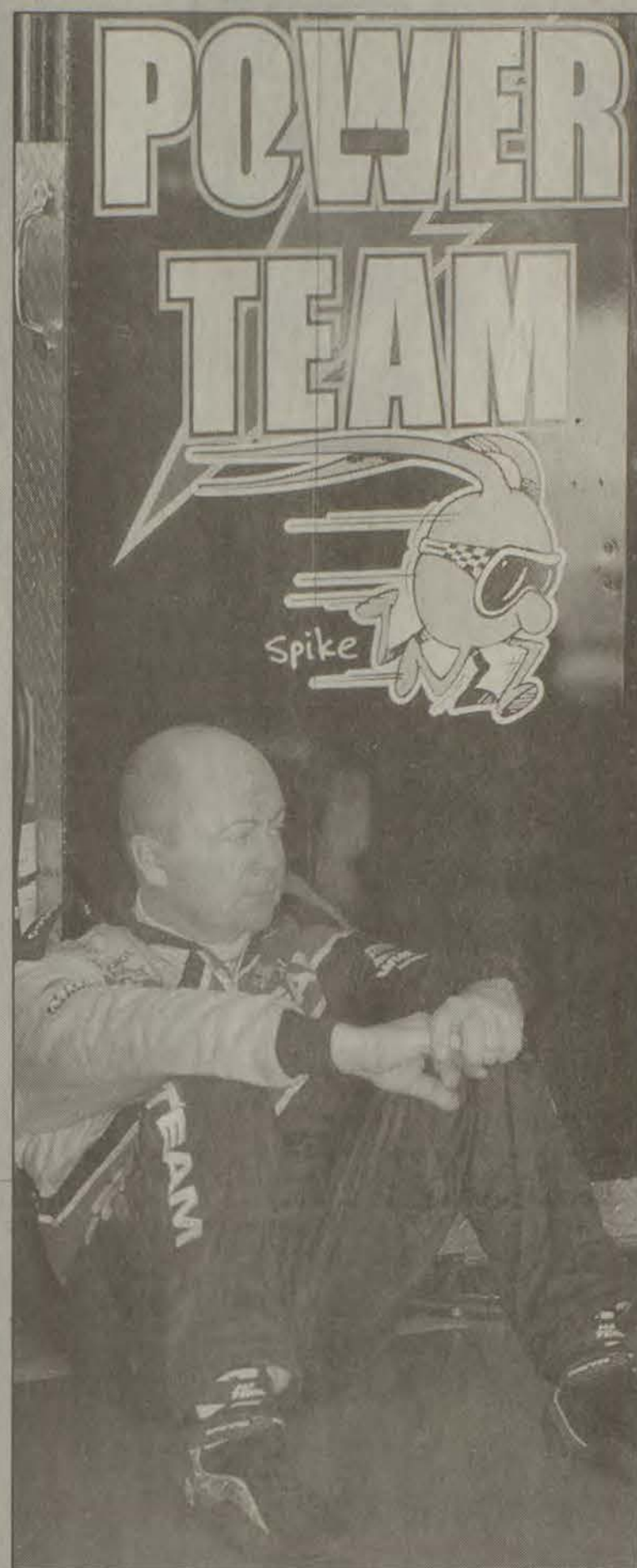
Firsts: Start (Feb. 18, 1979, at Daytona), pole (July 2, 1982, at Daytona), win (April 29, 1984, at Martinsville)

Did you think you would be getting back into a race car only two months after the Daytona crash? "I really didn't know how long it was going to take to recover. I worked hard to get back into shape, and now I feel really good when I'm in a race car."

How did you pass the time during your recovery? "I watched races and went to Texas and Martinsville. I started paying attention from a different viewpoint of what goes on in the sport. I learned a lot more about it."

Does a wreck like that make you think of retirement? "Not at all. I never thought about retiring before or after the accident. I don't think about it now. I'm as determined to succeed as I ever was."

Did the crash change the



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

For most of the 2000 season, Geoffrey Bodine drove the No. 60 Power Team Chevrolet owned by Joe Bessey. But Bodine was fired late in the season, and the former Daytona 500 winner is looking for a ride.

way you look at life? "There's no doubt in my mind that, in Daytona, God looked down and saved me. I believe that would change anyone's life. It hasn't changed my approach to racing, though. I've always tried to win."

Fast fact

Geoffrey Bodine, then called Geoff, was named 1982 Winston Cup rookie of the year and went on to win the 1986 Daytona 500.

Trackside Trivia

1. When Dick Brooks scored Plymouth's last victory at Talladega in 1973, what cartoon character was painted on the hood?
2. Who piloted Dodge and Mercury to their last Winston Cup victories?
3. What NASCAR driver was once signed to a recording contract by RCA Records?

1. Minnie Mouse; 2. Neil Bonnett; 3. Kyle Petty.

ANSWERS

AROUND THE GARAGE

Fan Tips

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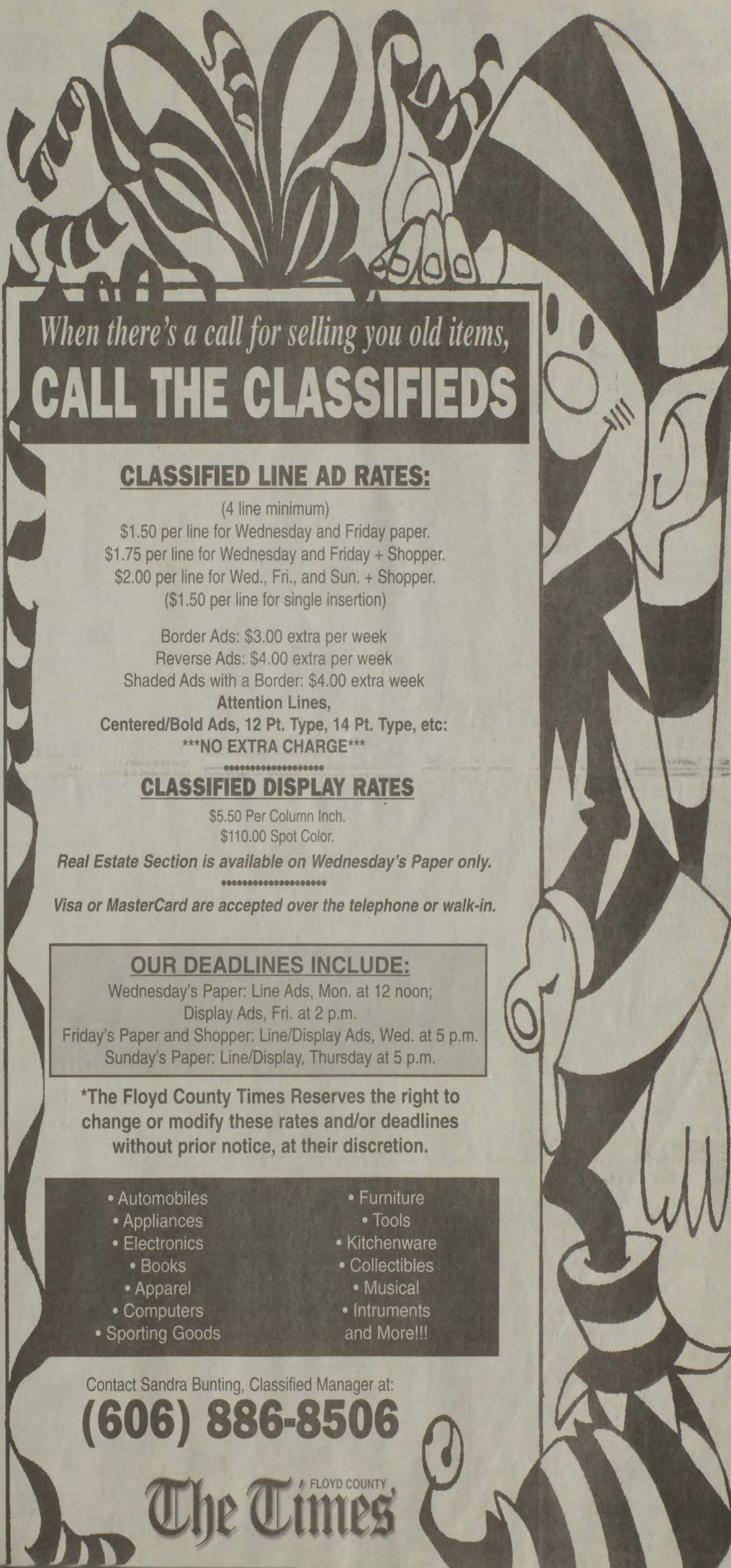
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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 — it the truth?
 - 5 Restrain
 - 10 Conduit fittings
 - 14 Active volcano
 - 18 "The Green —" ('56 hit)
 - 19 Victorian ornament
 - 20 Rachel's sister
 - 21 TV's "The Wonder —"
 - 23 Guns n' Roses hit
 - 26 — nous
 - 27 Soprano Gluck
 - 28 — a day's work
 - 29 Sleuth Nancy
 - 31 Herriman's "Krazy —"
 - 32 Mythical monster
 - 34 In flight
 - 37 Adjective suffix
 - 38 One of "The Three Tenors"
 - 43 Rock's — & the Gang
 - 44 Pine
 - 46 Kimono cummerbund
 - 47 Interrogates
 - 49 Cranny's companion
 - 51 Toomey or Philbin
 - 54 Rose Nylund's portrayer
 - 58 Okelakenoe, for one
 - 61 Skin problem
 - 62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter"
 - 63 '78 Peace Nobelist
 - 65 Pesticiferous person
 - 67 Unmatched
 - 68 Went like hotcakes
 - 71 Apprehend
 - 72 Cumin or coriander
 - 73 Stretch the truth
 - 74 Health concern
 - 77 Billy Rose song
 - 80 Organ of equilibrium
 - 81 Poetic pot
 - 82 Reference volume
 - 83 Patriotic org.
 - 84 Prepare prunes
 - 86 Bar supply
 - 87 Linguist
 - 88 Scope
 - 90 Unbroken
 - 94 "Divine Comedy" figure
 - 96 Caroline, to Ted
 - 98 "The Name of the Rose" author
 - 101 Send the money
 - 103 Salt serving
 - 105 — Alto, CA
 - 106 Dover's st.
 - 107 Fight site
 - 110 Temporary wealth?
 - 112 Butcher's offering
 - 115 "The — and I" ('47 film)
 - 117 "Fait —"
 - 119 Ending for "auction"
 - 120 Sought office
 - 121 Penny or peseta
 - 122 Wrong
 - 126 Architect Saarinen
 - 129 Conductor Seiji
 - 131 Rose McGowan movie
 - 136 Murcia mister
 - 137 Take — the chin
 - 138 Spring for
 - 139 Actress Ward
 - 140 Live on lettuce
 - 141 Bean on the bean
 - 142 Hope's "The Prisoner of —"
 - 143 North Carolina campus
- DOWN**
- 1 Pitches
 - 2 Where the tall corn grows
 - 3 Gallagher of Oasis
 - 4 Aftershock
 - 5 New Deal agcy.
 - 6 "Very funny!"
 - 7 Runner Zatopek
 - 8 Room without a view?
 - 9 Alaskan bear
 - 10 Shady character?
 - 11 Wahine's wreath
 - 12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn"
 - 13 '62 Four Seasons hit
 - 14 Glasses
 - 15 Dress size
 - 16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer
 - 17 Stage backdrop
 - 22 Clockmaker Thomas
 - 24 Grocer's measure
 - 25 Tearjerker?
 - 30 Vane letters
 - 33 Gullet
 - 35 Perch
 - 36 Run through
 - 38 Male swans
 - 39 Help a hood
 - 40 Formal ceremony
 - 41 — blond
 - 42 Goes downhill fast?
 - 45 Stephen of "Interview with the Vampire"
 - 48 Loses a lap
 - 50 Phi Beta —
 - 52 79 Down's homeland
 - 53 Passover meal
 - 55 Watching machines?
 - 56 Petty officer
 - 57 Dairy-case purchase
 - 59 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
 - 60 Ornamental loop
 - 64 Gulf
 - 66 Most revolutionary
 - 69 Divulge
 - 70 — Lama
 - 72 Cocktail ingredient
 - 74 It makes candy dandy
 - 75 Austen title start
 - 76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress
 - 78 Christened
 - 79 "Elephant Boy" star
 - 85 Wine and dine
 - 88 Moral man?
 - 89 Stowe sight
 - 91 A swan was her swain
 - 92 Summer-time treats
 - 93 Lamebrain
 - 95 Russian space station
 - 97 Tranquil
 - 99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
 - 100 Morning wear
 - 102 4 p.m. vehicle?
 - 104 Muslim dietary term
 - 108 Sgt. or cpl.
 - 109 Like lemons
 - 111 WWII admiral
 - 113 Shorten a sail
 - 114 Threat words
 - 115 Desire deified
 - 116 Looked longingly
 - 118 — a customer
 - 123 Concerning
 - 124 Lightweight gun
 - 125 Large herring
 - 127 Whirl
 - 128 Christiania, today
 - 130 Affliction
 - 132 Wolfram —
 - 133 Squid's squirt
 - 134 "Wings" abbr.
 - 135 Solo of "Star Wars"

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

- Al Lopez
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- Estée Lauder
- John Mills
- Arlene Francis
- De Bakey
- G. Burns
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- Artie Shaw
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Flashlight is missing. 2. Ladder is shorter. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Hat is different. 5. Moon is reversed. 6. Bag is missing.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A3

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TO

SANTA

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old. My name is Nicole Burchett. I would like a Barney Doll for Christmas and a Teletubbies Dolls. I really like Santa. Well, see you later Santa.
Love Nicole Burchett
P.S. Write back Santa.

Dear Santa,
I love you. This is what I want for Christmas. Kelly Palace, Baby Doll, Barbie Beetle Car, movies. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. Remember no clothes. I've tried to be good!!!
Alli Rae Burke
Age 4
McDowell Head Start

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie Beettle Car, Mary Kate Doll, Dorthy Doll, Barbie Radio House, Boots, Clothes, Play Station and Games, Lava Lamp, Computer, 30 second Cotton Candymaker. I will leave you milk and cookies under

the tree.
Cheslie Conn
Age 9, McDowell Ele. School
P.S. I've tried to be good. So please no coal!!!

Dear Santa,
My name is Amber Rae Kidd. I'm 3 years old. I've been a good girl today. I would like to have a Barbie cash register for Christmas. And anything else you would like to bring me and my nephew Drake.
Merry Christmas,
Amber Rae Kidd
Auxier, Ky.

Dear Santa,
My name is Latasha Louise Bryant. I am 8 years old. I want Amizin Ailly and her beast friend. I live in at Dixie Apt. 120.
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Tackett. I am 3 years old and I have been a very

good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Power Wheels Ninja four-wheeler and a helmet to go with it. I would also like an Elmo remote control train set, a talking Shaggy, a roller skating Mickey Mouse and a talking Chuck fire truck.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree for you.
Love,
Dustin
McDowell

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie rocking roll radio house, and a Barbie Shop with me cash register.
Love, Mika Hackworth
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Mika Hackworth
Age 8, Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie rocking roll radio house. I want a 2000 Barbie and a play station and

a Blue Boom Box.
I love Santa.
P.S. I will leave milk and cookies.
Tori Hammonds
Prestonsburg
Age: 6

May Valley School

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Zachary Butler
Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my toys up almost every day. I fed my dogs and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like math and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A trike, clothes like shirts and pants, and a wrestling movie.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the table.

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Victoria Marshall
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my toys up almost every day. I fed my dog and gave him lots of playing and

fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like writing my name and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at Daddy when he turns by T.V. shows.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A Barbie Cash register, the Barbie Beach Bungalow, Baby I Know, An Amazing Ally, and a Butterfly Barbie.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Charles Patton
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my dog/cat/fish froggie and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like calendar, and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my brother or dad when they fight with me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A new beast machine, some talking rescue rangers, some puzzles, a brand new Poke'mon movie, and some dinosaurs. I also want a brand new rescue rangers truck because my rope broke off.

P.S. I'll leave yor favorite cookies and milk by the couch!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,

Megan Layne
Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my dog CoJack, and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like computers and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my brother or my sister when they pinch and hit.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! Baby Cabbies, a baby doll and a Barbie car, a Barbie Jeep, a motorcycle, a new baby sister, a baby doll that talks.

Christmas in the Park

Children up to 12 years of age are invited to Christmas in the Park on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Archer Park skating rink.

The public event is free and features face painting, ornament making, and talks with Santa Claus, along with cookies and punch.

The annual activity is co-sponsored by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, the City of Prestonsburg and Archer Park, with assistance from the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Operation Sharing and the Prestonsburg Fire Department.

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**City of
Prestonsburg
Mayor Jerry Fannin
and
City Council
Members**

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the living room!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Courtney Hodge
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my cats and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like math and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my sister when she hit me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A real Dalmatian dog, a pet bunny rabbit, a horse, and a reindeer.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the fire!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Rocky Crisp
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher says so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned the tables almost every day. I fed my dogs and gave them lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like counting to 100 and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my brother when he jumped on my back.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A horse (a real one), a scooter, a toy helicopter, a seesaw, and a new swing set. I need some pieces of wood for my playhouse roof.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the door!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Courtney Tucker
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned the floor almost every day. I fed my dog and fish and gave them lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school.

like math and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I don't even get mad at my brother or dad when we wrestle.



Dear Santa,

My name is Kimbra Dawn Akers and I'm 10 months old and I live at Grethel, Ky. This is my first Christmas and I have been very good.

Santa, will you please bring me a Princess Barbie, a baby doll and a toy telephone. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Love,
Little Kimbra

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A baby doll that cries, I want it to snow, I wish my brother would stop fighting with me.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the coffee table!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Aaron Castle
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned the toys up almost every day. I fed my dog and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like math and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at Seth or Megan when they kick or hit me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A Play Station II game, a space ship, a new swing set, a new teacher named Kathy Williams, a movie called Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island, and something for my Mamaw and Papaw. I want Mamaw a robe to sleep in.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the table!

To: The North Pole

From: The World's Best Kid,
Johna Pack
Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my

mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my bedroom almost every day. I fed my dog and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like spelling and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my bubby or Jordan when they pick at me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! An amazing baby, a Kelly dolly, the Barbie Cash Register, the sweeper and mop set, a flip flop baby, and the kitchen set with the toothpicks, a real baby doll by Lee Milton.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the refrigerator!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Molly Thornsberry
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my dog and fish and gave them lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like calendar and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at daddy or my sissy when she pinches me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long. Dolls for my stairs, and all kinds of baby doll clothes, and a play kitten.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the coffee table.

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Nathan Salisbury
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my bedroom almost every day. I fed my dog and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like how to read and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at Thomas or Sam when they hit me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! Keyboard, drums, guitar and a toy hot rod truck.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the door!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Morgan Sizemore
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my rabbits and duck and gave them lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like run and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my brother when he kicks me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A game boy, Who Let The Dogs Out CD, and a CD player.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the Christmas tree!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Christopher Reffitt
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my

mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned garbage almost every day. I fed my fish and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like math, spelling, writing and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my daddy when he spanked me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! CD about deer hunting, a skateboard with a lion on top of it, a video about bear hunting, a remote control motorcycle, and a train with Santa on top of it, a Teddy Bear for Tessa, a Godzilla dinosaur for me.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the living room!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Hannah Spurlock
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy, daddy and school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my toy box almost every day. I fed my dog, Bandit, and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like Reading and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my little sister when she played with my toys.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A little Sniff baby doll, some new movies, some new clothes and a game.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the door!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Colt Dudley
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy, daddy and school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my bike almost every day. I fed my cat, Butterscotch, and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like Reading and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my cousin when he punched me in the nose.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A water bottle to clip on

my bike, a punching bag, and a new bike for my little sister Hollie.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the fireplace!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Katerina Halbert
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my toys almost every day. I fed my cats, Spunky and Nash, and gave him and her lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like Reading and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my bubby when he wouldn't let me in my room.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! Little ferris wheel, radio, Nickolodeon goo you can blow up, a toy horse.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the Christmas village!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,

Morgan Kidd
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy says so. I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my toys almost every day. I fed my dog, Sugar, and gave her lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like Math and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at sissy or daddy when they went somewhere without me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! Nickolodeon goo blow er, a computer, a party Barbie, blow-up chair, a pooh bear with clothes and a book, and a pooh bear puzzle.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the couch!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Corey Terry
Dear Santa,

I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy and daddy say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and helped mom almost every day. I fed my

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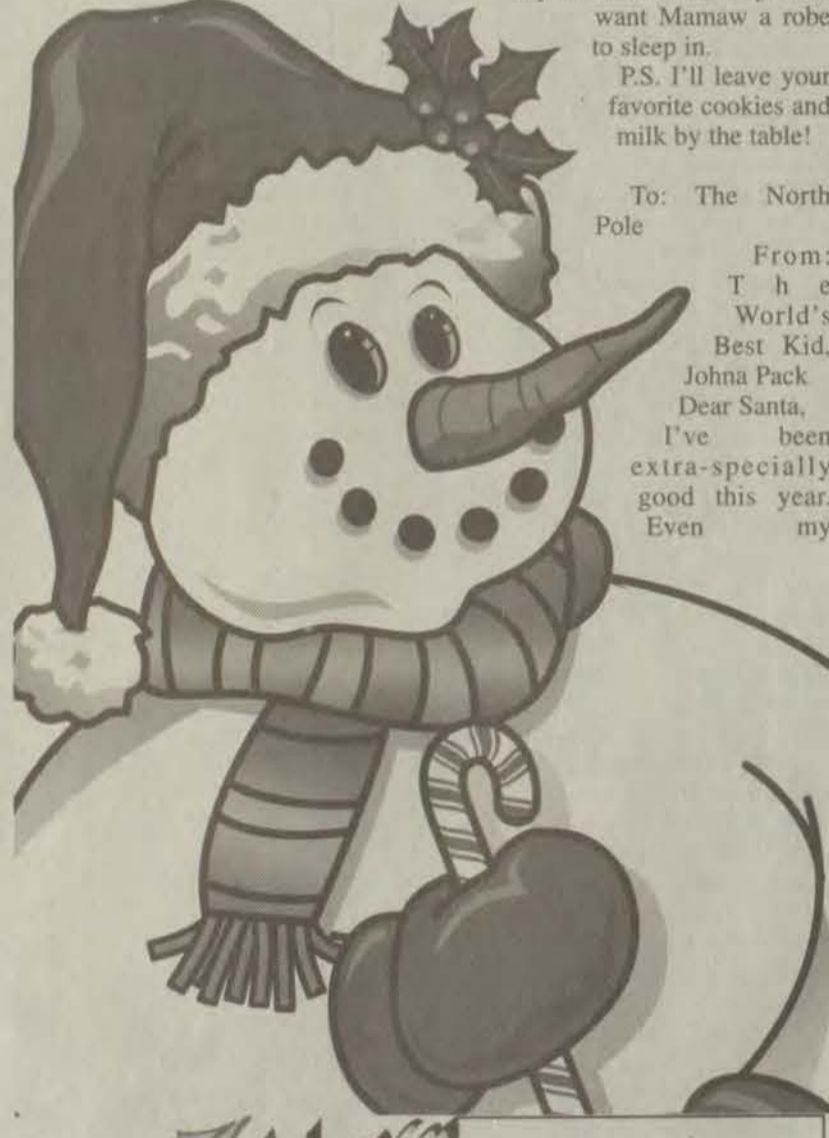
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- Implementation of the Strategic Plan Initiatives
- Added five new members to HRMC's Board of Trustees- Dr. Alan J. Hyden, Dennis Dorton, Dr. David Jenkinson, Dr. James Campbell and Dr. Lon Lafferty
- Received approval by the American Osteopathic Association as an official Osteopathic Internship Training Program Site
- Received an \$8,000 grant from the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to provide breast screening and education to women in lower incomes
- Added a new Spiral CT Scanner
- Added a new "state of the art" lithotripsy machine for kidney stone treatment
- Opened the outpatient geriatric psych program, Turning Point
- Recruited a new family physician and others
- Reopened chemotherapy and oncology services
- Opened a new retail pharmacy
- Renovated and opened a new Outpatient Registration Area
- Helped raise over \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Walks
- Helped support the Jenny Wiley Summer Theater and the Mountain Arts Center's children's series

And, most importantly, positioned the Medical Center for a successful 2001!

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dog, Smokey, and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like working puzzles and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my cousin when she bent my thumb back.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A scooter, a motorcycle, a viper strike game, a pinball game, a pool table game and some new clothes.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the front door!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Laken Tackett

Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy/daddy/school teacher say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my kitten and dog and gave them lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like reading and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and I didn't even get mad at my brother or my mom when he says he will beat me down to a pulp.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A Power Puff Girl lunch-box, a Pokemon covers, Pokemon the movie 2000, Rudolph movie, and a shadow dog.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the North Pole!

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have all kinds of Power Ranger toys, a dump truck w/ a crane that has blocks, a Barney toy that's remote control, videos and a new train set.

Tyler Blake Hurd
4 years old
Betsy Layne

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is William Scarberry. I live in Langley, Ky. I am two years old.

Please bring me Blue Clues toys. I like Scooby-Doo too.
Merry Christmas
From William Scarberry

Dear Santa Claus,
I am going to list the things below for what I want for Christmas. The following will be from the American Girl Company: (Activity Books)

1. Hair
 2. Crafts for Girls
 3. Check Under the Bed
 4. The Care and Keeping of You
 5. Oops (The Manners Guide)
 6. Paper Clip Jewelry
- Amelia's Easy As Pie Drawing Guide (from American Girl)
The following now is Department 56 from Hallmark:
(The Original Snow Village)
Jingle Bells
And I last thing; I want a surprise gift from you!

Your believer,
Charlotte Hale
Blue River

Hello Santa,
My name is Olivia Rae Setser. I live at Little Paint Creek Road, East Point, Ky. 41216. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at Porter Elementary School and my teachers name is Sandy Howard. I would like a Gameboy and some games that go with it and I would like a computer and a boom box for Christmas and I hope that it has a CD player on it. And I would like some CD that goes in it and I would like a Alicgaica doll that you can sing along with and Santa I have been a pretty good girl this year and I will leave you a Coke and some cookies under the Christmas tree. And please bring mom and dad something for Christmas.

Love,
Olivia Rae Setser
6 years old

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Katie Dingus

Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy and daddy say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like how to swing myself, and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family, and I didn't even get mad at Jenny when she played with my toys.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long!

Hair-a-gomie and blue ice-skates. Don't forget my little sister, Jenny.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies and milk by the chimney!

To: The North Pole
From: The World's Best Kid,
Alex Carraway

Dear Santa,
I've been extra-specially good this year. Even my mommy and daddy say so! I've been planning all year long and have lots to tell you about. I made my bed and cleaned my room almost every day. I fed my dog and gave him lots of playing and fun time. I learned tons of new stuff at school, like being good, and did all my homework on time. I gave out bunches of hugs to my family and, I didn't even get mad at John or Benji when they beat on me.

Here's my list of toys 'n stuff that I've been working hard for all year long! A scooter, a Toy Story II tape, a bike, and a skate board.

P.S. I'll leave your favorite cookies, cheese and milk by the Christmas tree.

**Ms. Renee & Ms. Kathy's Class
Stumbo Headstart A**

Dear Santa,
My name is Glenn David Conn. I have been a good boy. I am 4 years old. I want a coal truck, and a CD player for Christmas.

Thank you,
Love, Glenn David

Dear Santa,
My name is Katarina Conn. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I want a Barbie all phone and a Barbie.

Thank you,
Love, Katarina

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a race car for Christmas.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Casey Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a Rug Rat movie for Christmas.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Rebecca Williams

Dear Santa?
How are you?
This year I have been really good girl. I would like a 4-wheeler, a bicycle and a baby doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brandy Marrow

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a new bicycle for Christmas.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Carly Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a really good boy. I would like a motorcycle, and a rug rat movie

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dalten Maldonado

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a bicycle for Christmas and a baby doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,



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Amanda Tackett

Dear Santa?
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a set of boxing gloves and a motorcycle.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Trenton Reynolds

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll and a high chair.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Whitney McGuire

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a game Sonic the Hedgehog.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Mitch Wells

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle and play station for Christmas.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jeremiah Vance

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a Dinosaur toy, Play Station and a dirt bike.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Harley Bryant

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Christin Mays

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a Toy Story Movie and toys.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dusty Ray

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll house and Bible.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Alona Neece

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a Doll-Bear, toy car and other toys.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brittany Ray

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a Bicycle, Remote control car.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Matthew Kidd

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I

would like a new 4-Wheeler and other toys.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dylan Kidd

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a train, bicycle and other toys.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ben Akers

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a 4 wheeler, bicycle and games.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Tyler Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a doll baby, stroller and doll house.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dakota Howell

Dear Santa,
My name is Bethany Dayle Kimbler. I am 21 months old. Please bring me a Barbie Jeep for Christmas. I have been very good this year. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree for you.
Love,
Bethany Kimbler
Honaker

Dear Santa,
My name is Sheanah and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a Dancing Baby Doll and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Sheanah Adams
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Allyson and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a Scooby Doo, Pogo stick, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Allyson Akers
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendra and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kendra Evans
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is James and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me firefighters and suit, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
James Frasure
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is J.T. and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a Tornado Twister, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Jon Tate Greene
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Byron and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a truck and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Byron Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a sled, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Brady Slone
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a Barbie, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kayla Swiney
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a choo-choo train, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kevin Swiney
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Larry and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a bicycle, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Larry Tackett
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a baby doll, and remember all the

Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Houston and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a Tornado Twister and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Houston Hall
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Presley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me toys, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Presley Jones
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Micheal and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a dump truck, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Micheal Johnson
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsea and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me Barbie furniture, and remember all the children in the world
Love,
Chelsea Newsome
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Megan Newsome
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Breeanna and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a Barbie, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Breeanna Parks
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Benjamin Jacob Perry
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Lance and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Lance Phillips
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaytlyn and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a doll house, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kaytlyn Short
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a sled, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Brady Slone
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a Barbie, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kayla Swiney
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a choo-choo train, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kevin Swiney
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Larry and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a bicycle, and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Larry Tackett
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me a baby doll, and remember all the

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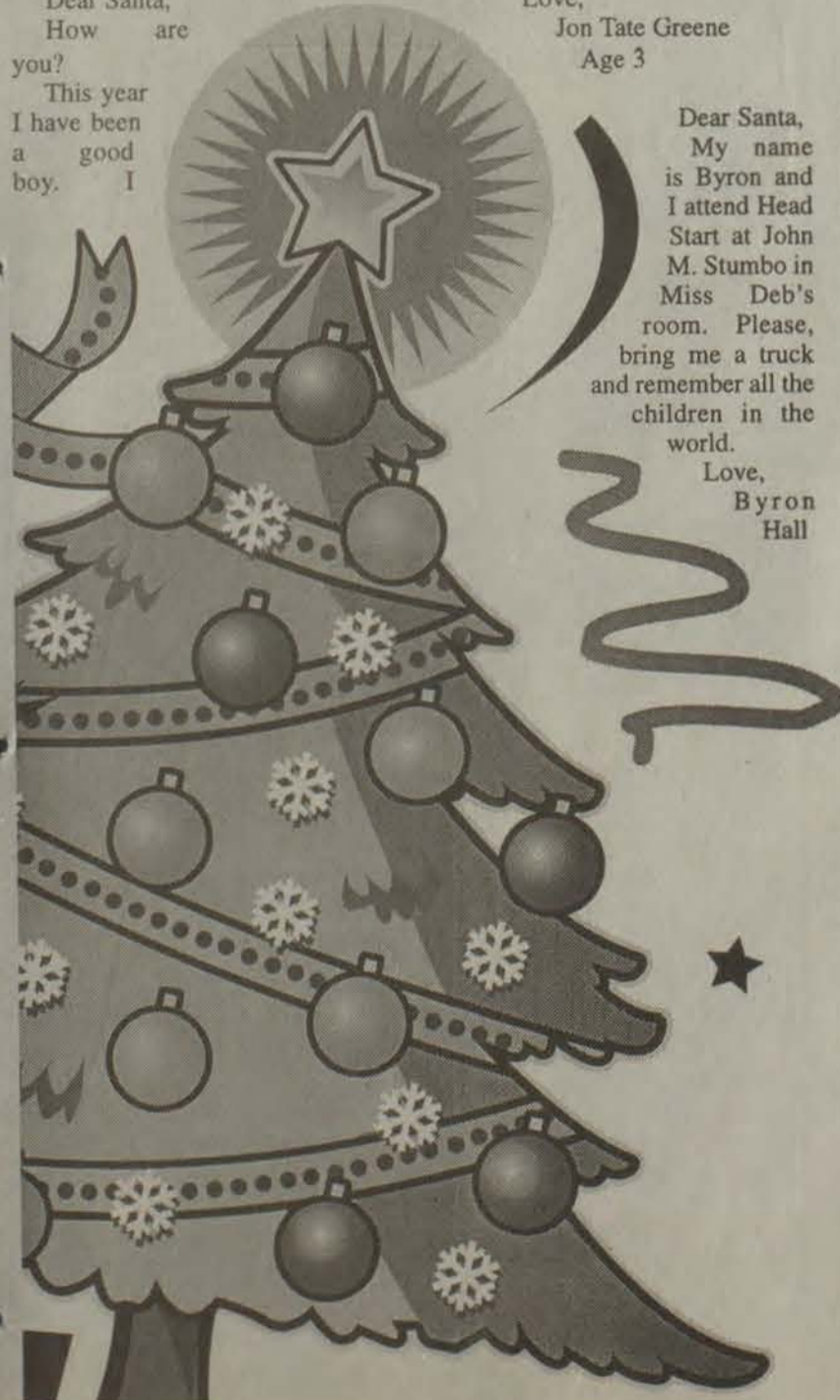
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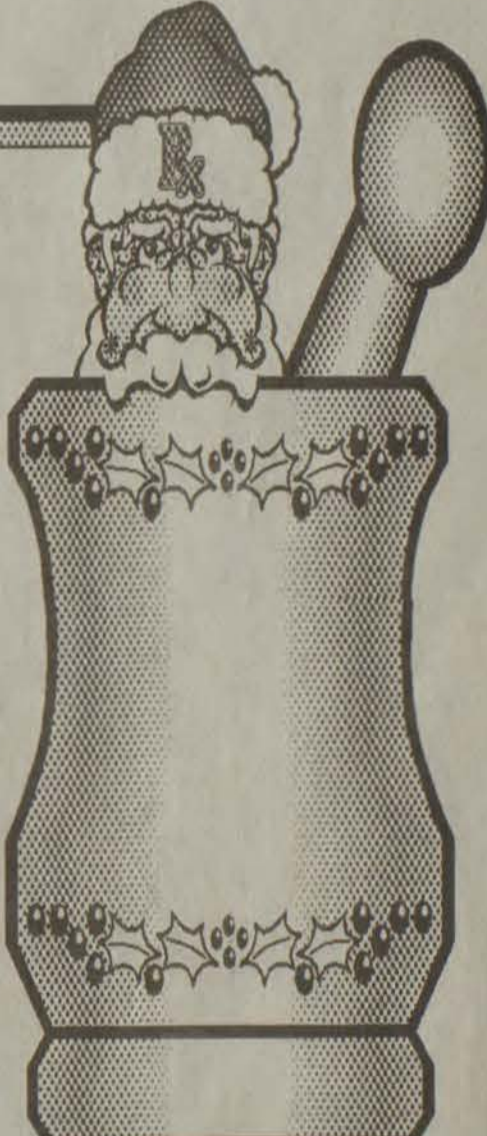
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children in the world.

Love,
Angel Scott
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathaniel Chase. Please bring me a firetruck, Scooby Doo and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Chase
Age 2 years

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a yellow Power Ranger and Chuckie doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Chris Spradlin

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a toy coal truck and a toy bus.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Nathaniel Adkins

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie doll house, dragon tale doll and a com-

puter.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brooke Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl. I would like a baby doll and Barbie doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Katrillya Hackworth

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl. I would like a Barbie doll and a toy boat.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Veronica McNeil

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a vaccum and fire truck.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Darv Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl. I would like a Barbie doll and a bike.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jenisse Akers

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a toy dump truck and a toy dozer.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Leo Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a model car and a Pokemon game.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Shawn Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been very good. I would like a toy car and a 4-wheeler.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a Robot Power Ranger and the Blue Ranger.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Mason King

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl. I would like a skateboard and Barbie doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Rhiannon Salisbury

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a 4-wheeler and motorcycle.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Barry Marrow

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl. I would like a Rugrat Tent and a Barbie doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Tiffany Isaac

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been very good

girl. I would like a Dalmation pup.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Antonia Vance

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a 4-wheeler and a Jeep.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Austin Dotson

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl. I would like a Diva Stardoll and a Barbie doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kacy Newsome

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year have been a very good girl. I would like a Swimming Barbie and a Stroller Baby.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kayla Gillespie

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachery Hall. I am 4 years old. I want a Power Wheels motorcycle, snow cone machine and a Scooby Doo game for my 64. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Merry Christmas,
Zachery Hall
Beaver

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year, so has my brother, Kurkland. I want a horse, games for my computer, a soccer ball and some school clothes.

My brother wants a truck, a dog and some school clothes, and a Bible just like mine.

Please bring my cousin Haley some games, a cat and a play station.

I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

I love you,
Taylor Adams
Prestonsburg

**Osborne Elementary
Mrs. Vance's class**

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Tackett and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a remote control 4-wheeler, and games. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Dustin
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Moore and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a rabbit, cat and trampoline. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk, cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Brittany
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Valerie Henson and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a doll, bicycle and clothes. Have a safe trip and I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree.

Your friend,
Valerie Henson
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Hall and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a remote control 4-wheeler and Nintendo. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Ryan
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Weston Little and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a Power Rangers Scooby Truck and outfit. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Weston
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is John Meade and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms.

Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a steering wheel game and truck. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
John
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan Forman and



Dear Santa,

My name is Mariah Dawn Ratliff. I am 3 years old. I live at 29 North Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. Santa I have been a good girl. I would like a bicycle and Angelica doll for Christmas.

I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
Mariah D. Ratliff

I am 6 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie plane, Amazing Babies and toys. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Megan
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendra Meade and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll, clothes and toys. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Kendra

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah Johnson and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary.

I would like for you to bring me a computer, dog and cat. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
My name is Glenn Jones and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a remote control nintendo dozer. Have a safe trip and I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree.

Your friend,
Glenn
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Erik Hill and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a remote control motorcycle and wrestler. Have a safe trip and I will leave you juice and milk under the tree.

Your friend,
Erik

Dear Santa,
My name is Billy Reynolds and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a 4-wheeler, games and cars. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Billy
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Morgan Branham and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a train set, dump truck and car. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Morgan
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Sydney Little and I am 5 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll, computer and makeup. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Sydney
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,

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Your friend,
Latasha
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Tackett and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a remote car, tackle box and holt wheel game. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Austin
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex Slone and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a Jeep, bicycle and stereo. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Alex
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex Wade Mullins and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I am in Ms. Evans class at Osborne Elementary. I would like for you to bring me a soldier, bicycle and airplane. Have a safe trip and I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Alex
I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlan Daniels and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Kelly doll, a computer and books for Christmas. Would you also bring Ashley a toy. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah Johnson and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a puppy, Barbie and a battery car for Christmas. Would you also bring daddy a new car. Santa I will leave you some Santa cookies and present under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Hall and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Dragon Ballz, WWF game and Donkey Kong game for Christmas. Would you also bring TJ a country music CD. Santa I will leave you some biscuits and gravy under the tree. I love you

Santa.
Dear Santa,
My name is Misty Henderson and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a baby doll, bottles for baby dolls and clothes for Christmas. Would you bring my mommy a new pair of shoes. Santa I will leave you some shoes under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Bailey and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a remote control motorcycle and a scooter for Christmas. Would you also bring my sister a doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn Thompson and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Batman, Robin figure and the Joker for Christmas. Would you also bring Dakota the same things. Santa I will leave yo some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Little and I am 6 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a truck, a bulldozer and a trailer for Christmas. Would you also bring daddy a bulldozer. Santa I will leave you some milk and a sandwich under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Johnson and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Pink stuff, something for bubby and Scooby Doo clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring my sissy a Scooby-Doo doll. Santa I will leave you some lemonade and cake under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaliyah Sanders and I am 6 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me skates, bike and a movie for Christmas. Would you bring

Dreshaun a Star War. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ronnie Johnson and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Pac Man, a toy motorcycle and some cookies for Christmas. Would you also bring daddy a new couch. Santa I will leave you

a Sit and Spin doll and a Merry go round for Christmas. Would you also bring Cody and Josh a remote motorcycle. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ms. Jeanice Hall. I teach first grade at Osborne Elementary. My students have been pretty good. Bring the gifts they asked for. I have also been a little good—All I want for Christmas is LOTS OF SNOW!!! Merry Christmas Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra Henderson and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me dolls, baby blanket for my little cousin, and Barbie car for Christmas. Would you also bring a car. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Sierra Henderson
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Game Boy, red cars, and cd player for Christmas. Would you also bring Cody a car. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.

Jordan Vance
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Emilee Scott and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me toys, Barbies and clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring Sarah a baby, a Barbie. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bridgette Caudill and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me new crayons, a little doll and a Barbie for Christmas. Would you also bring Bubbie a toy dog. Santa I will leave you some milk and chocolate cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gary Johnson and I am 6 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a BB gun, 18 wheel truck and a toy coal truck for Christmas. Would you also bring daddy a breathing machine. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Hall and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a dump truck, cars and a talking dog for Christmas. Would you also bring daddy a new doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and turkey under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota Justice and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a scooter, a pet dog and bike for Christmas. Would you also bring mommy a collector Barbie. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniele Barnett and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a computer, some bubbles and some new clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring my baby sister a Barbie doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Johnathan Newsome and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a BB gun, toy animals and some games for Christmas. Would you also bring my sisters a baby doll. Santa I will leave you sme milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlin Bates and I am 5 years old. I attend Kindergarten at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Vance's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me

Emilee Scott
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Ray and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me playcar, CD player and notebook for Christmas. Would you also bring Tyler a car. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Cody Ray
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Ray and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me playcar, CD player and notebook for Christmas. Would you also bring Tyler a car. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Cody Ray
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Celeste Hall and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Barbies, Barbie Jeep, and Powerpuff girls for Christmas. Would you also bring Gabarelle a Barbie. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Celeste Hall
1st Grade
Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke Rhea and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bike, a ball, and a home for Christmas. Would you also bring Dylan a ball. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the



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tree. I love you Santa.
 Luke Rhea
 1st Grade
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Dear Santa,
 My name is Isaac Thompson and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle and stone cold toys for Christmas. Would you also bring Coby a motorcycle. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Isaac Thompson
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Sarah Spears and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a balloon, Barbie, and dolls for Christmas. Would you also bring Heather a tea set. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Sarah Spears
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Coby Ray and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have

been very good this year. Please bring me 4-wheeler car, and motorcycle for Christmas. Would you also bring Cody a car. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Coby Ray
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tyler Compton and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Blue Game Boy, CD player and games for Christmas. Would you also bring a bike. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Tyler Compton
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Dakota Meade and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me motorcycle, remote control truck and bike for Christmas. Would you also bring Tyler a bike. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dakota Meade
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Brittany Little and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a necklace, a ring, and makeup for Christmas. Would you also bring Brandon a balloon. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Brittany Little
 1st Grade

Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Branda Hamby and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me dolls, ball, and cat (a real one) for Christmas. Would you also bring Allyson a Barbie. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Branda Hamby
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Zachary Hill and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me race track car, and motorcycle for Christmas. Would you also bring Allyson a balloon. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Zachary Hill
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Cheyenne Tackett and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Powerpuff Girls, Barbie car, and Barbie Bike for Christmas. Would you also bring Sarah a Barbie. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Cheyenne Tackett
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Gabrielle Malayne Bailey and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me dolls, dolls clothes and Powerpuff girls for Christmas. Would you also bring Kiana Hall a Nsync top. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.

Gabrielle Bailey
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kiana Shanice Hall and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me toys, clothes, and Powerpuff girls for Christmas. Would you also bring Gabrielle a Barbie doll. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.

Kiana Shanice Hall
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Allyson Tufts and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me dolls, dollhouse, and Barbie dolls for Christmas. Would you also bring Kiana Hall a doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Allyson Tufts
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Dylan Clark and I am 7 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me cars, basketball and a C.D. N-Sync for Christmas. Would you also bring Dakota a tricycle. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Dylan Clark
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Dear Santa,
 My name is Faith and I am 6 years old. I attend Primary at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Hall's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Barbie walkie talkies, Barbie car, and Barbieplan for Christmas. Would you also bring my cousin Sarah a C.D. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.

Faith Johnson
 1st Grade
 Jeanice Hall, teacher

Osborne Headstart

Dear Santa,
 Ms. Ruth and Ms. Bobbie wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Shiann. I am in Ms.

Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me a Barbie doll and some more toys.

We will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
 Shiann

Dear Santa,
 My name is Sierra. I am in Ms. Ruth and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me some dolls, Barbie dolls, clothes and lots of toys.

We will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree. Love,
 Sierra

Dear Santa,
 My name Jarhett. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good boy. Santa will you bring me some trucks, cars and my brothers some toys too.

We will leave you some cookies under the Christmas tree. Love,
 Jarhett.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Savannah. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me a Baby doll, Barbie, Barbie clothes and Barbie car.

I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree. Love,
 Savannah

Dear Santa,
 My name is Dakota. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good boy. Santa will you bring me a big truck, cars and a whole lot of toys.

Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
 Dakota

Dear Santa,
 My name is Danielle. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me a baby doll, and my mommy something too.

Love,
 Danielle

Dear Santa,
 My name is Erica. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me a baby doll, clothes and toys.

I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree. Love,
 Erica

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tesa. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you bring me a Barbie telephone, Barbie truck, Barbie, and my little brother Kyle a little bicycle and I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
 Tesa

Dear Santa,
 My name is Amber. I am in Ms. Ruth and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good girl. Santa will you please bring me a Barbie Cash Register, Barbie, Barbie shoes and Barbie clothes, and I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
 Amber

Dear Santa,
 My name is Brett. I am in Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Bobbie's Headstart at Osborne A.

I have been a good boy. Santa will you bring me a play station, and cars and trucks.

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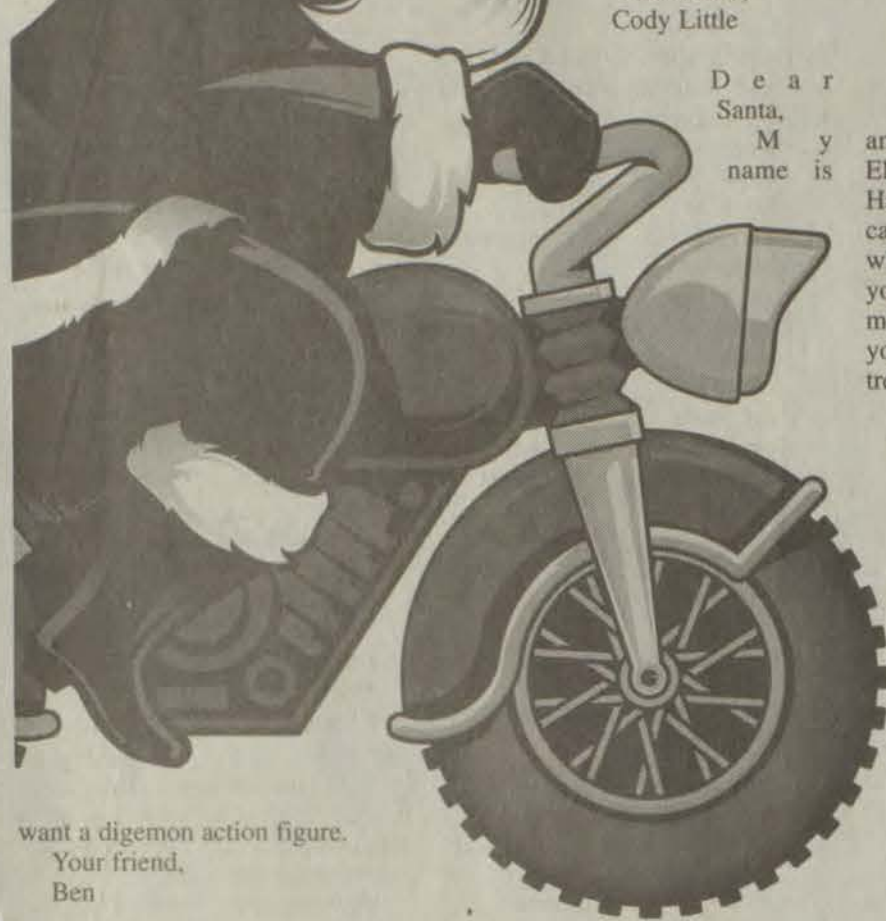
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Your friend,
Dylan

Dear Santa,
I want a Pokemon game for my N64.
I also want a digemon game. Sometimes I am a good boy. I



want a digemon action figure.
Your friend,
Ben

My name is Cameron Butler and I am in 3rd grade at Osborne Elementary. I want a puppy and Nintendo 64 game called the Grinch. Please bring my mama Shrlat a diamond ring and my papa a new fishing rod. I will leave some eggnog and cookies for you and Rudolph.
Your friend,
Cameron Butler

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Little. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a very good boy this year. This is what I would like for you to bring me for Christmas... a Scooter.
Your friend,
Cody Little

Dear Santa,
My name is

My name is Kandase Vicars. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me computer, a doll house, cash, for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for Mummy. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.
Love,
Kandase Vicars

Dear Santa,
My name is Latitia Carr. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me computer, Barbie doll for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for Amy, play horse. I love you Santa. I will leave you some pizza under the tree.
Love,
Latitia

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas Johnson. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a Race car or truck, robot, arrow, four-wheeler for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for mom. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and pizza under the tree.
Love,
Nick

Dear Santa,
My name is Mickeah Johnson. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a Barbie cash register, and skates for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Mickeah

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Akers. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me the Hardy Boys and Dudley Boys for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my sister. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Farmer. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me some robots for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my mom. I love you Santa. I will leave you some pizza under the tree.
Love,
Cody Farmer

Dear Santa,
My name is Byron Johnson. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me motorcycle, toy motorcycle for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Byron

Dear Santa,
My name is Christian Burchett. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a motorcycle and four-wheeler for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Christian B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberly Little. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a fake cat and a scooter for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my mother. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies under the tree.
Love,
Kim

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathaniel Johnson. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a computer, Dreamcast Arro, four-wheeler for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my dad. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Kasey Hall. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary

School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a Radio, four-wheeler, motorcycle for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for mother. I love you Santa. I will leave you some Oreos and milk under the tree.
Love,
Kasey

Dear Santa,
My name is Tabitha Allen. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a computer, a Ron Carter CD for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Tabitha

Dear Santa,
My name is Christina Jones. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a dollhouse and some dolls for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my mom. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.
Love,
Christina

Dear Santa,
My name is Bridgett Slone. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a computer and a dollhouse for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Bridgett

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan Barker. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a Barbie cash register for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my brother. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Megan Barker

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Tackett. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me cash, and motorcycle for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my brother. I love you Santa. I will leave you some pizza under the tree.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Moore. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me some nice toys for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my family. I love you Santa. I will leave you some pizza under the tree.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan Conn. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a radio, and motorcycle for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for my sisters. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanesha Hood. I am in first grade at Osborne Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Hall's class. Please bring me a computer, and four wheeler for Christmas. Also would you please bring something nice for me. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Tanesha

P'burg Santa letters

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake Lemaster and I want a remote control motorcycle. I have been good and hope you can find me one.
Also remember my mom and dad.
Thank you Santa.
P.S. I will leave you chocolate milk and cookies.
Blake Lemaster
Age: 4
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan Rice and I want some Barney toys and tele-tubies and cars.
Thank you Santa.

Love, Jordan Rice
Age: 2
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Lauren Davis and I am 3 years old. I want some Barbie dolls and please bring my dog Petey a bone because he likes to chew my toys
Thank you Santa.
I will leave you some cheese and crackers by the tree.
Lauren Brook Davis
Age: 3
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is John Ryan Rice and I want a big monster truck and some cars for Christmas. I will leave you some biscuits and gravy and orange juice under the tree.
Thank you
Love, Ryan Rice
Age: 3
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Crider and I am 4 years old and I go to Daycare at Karen's Kare and I would like to have a motorcycle and a race car for Christmas, and Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Thank you, Santa.
Love, Joshua Crider
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheyenne Clifton and I am 5 years old. I am writing you today from Karen's Kare. There was no school today because of the snow.
I have been really good and I want a Nintendo 64 and a little bear. Also don't forget my mom and my boyfriend Austin.
Thank you, Santa.
I will leave you warm milk and cookies under the tree.
Cheyenne Clifton
Age: 5
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Kirkland Adams and I am 2 years old. I want some trucks and teletubies.
Thank you, Santa.
P.S. I will leave you some Poptarts under the tree.
Kirkland Adams
Age: 2
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett and I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy and all I want for Christmas is a Talking Fire Truck and a dump truck. Also anything else you would like to bring me.
Also Santa, please remember my sister Victoria. She has been really good.
Thank you, Santa.
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Garrett Hammonds
Age: 3
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Blanton and I am 5 years old. I go to school at Prestonsburg Elementary and I have been a very good boy all year and that's a long time. I would like to have a skateboard, a yellow bike and also a kite.
Thank you, Santa.
P.S. I would like to leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Austin Blanton
Age: 5
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Zackary Blanton and I want a skateboard and a basketball. I have been very good.
Thank you,
Zackary Blanton
Age: 4

Prestonsburg
Dear Santa,
My name is Phil Cornell and I am 14 months old. I love talking toys and balls, so they will be fine. You can't miss my home because I have a big chimney and a Rudolph flag by it.
Look for your Egg-Nog
Love,
Phil Cornell
Age: 14 months
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristen Williamson, I am 4 years old. This year for Christmas I would like to have a alphy bear, Summer the diva starz, diamond earrings and anything else you would like to leave me. Me and my sister will leave a special treat for you.
Love,
Kristien

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlyn Williamson, I am 5 years old. This year for Christmas I would like to have a leap pad, Alexis the diva starz, diamond earrings and anything else you would like to leave me. Me and my sister will leave you a special treat.
Love,
Kaitlyn

Mrs. Wanda Johnson's Primary Class McDowell Elementary Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. You are nice to me and I am nice to you because last year I left you cookies and milk and when I came down the steps to open presents the cookies and milk were gone from the table and one cookie was left. I ate it and I got some milk to wash the cookies down.
Your friend,
Mark York

Dear Santa,
The first thing I wanted to tell you is I have been good, you can ask my teacher about that. If you can the most important thing I want for Christmas is for my family to be home with me on Christmas Eve.
How are you, Mrs. Clause, the elves, and the reinder doing?
I will leave you cookies and milk under my tree and my mamaw's too. You will have to come through our front door. Santa unless if you want to burn yourself don't come down my mamaw's chimney.
I made Christmas ornaments for my tree. I put something special on the tree for you.
Merry Christmas!
Ariel Salisbury

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy Santa. I can't wait until you come because I love you and I want some good presents too. I will always be good because bad boys don't get anything for Christmas and I want something for Christmas so I will be good.
Your friend,
Craig Shepherd

Dear Santa,
I know its close to Christmas and I have been good since last year. I have been waiting for this Christmas.
I hope



to get a lot presents like clothes and toys. I can not wait to see how many presents I got and what they are. I think my whole class has been good and they all should get a lot of presents like clothes, toys, and games. My teacher Mrs. Johnson has been nice to so make her something too.
 Your friend,
 Makenzie

Dear Santa,
 I love you. You are nice to me. I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. I have been good. I have been at school everyday. I hope you have a good Christmas. Can you come to my house? Please come to my house and bring me presents. Don't bring my brothers any thing for Christmas because they are mean.
 Your friend,
 Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
 I hope you bring me everything I want. Please bring my sisters everything they want too. Don't worry I don't mind if I don't get everything I want. But here is one thing I really want. I really want a bookbag.
 I have not been naughty but I have been nice. My sisters have been nice too!
 Your friend,
 Bridget Stone

Dear Santa,
 Christmas is on December 25th. When Jesus was born. It is almost that time of year. That is why we celebrate Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Brittany Spears watch and a password journal. Watch over my family, especially my daddy, because he is a truck driver. I will leave you a treat on my breakfast nook. Bring my teacher a nice gift too.
 Your friend,
 Dorsa

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want presents like a new bike, cd case, and a Kajo Scooter. How are you doing at the North Pole? Are you making a list for the kids that have been good or bad. I have been good this year (the y2k year). Please bring my brother something too.
 Your friend,
 Bailey H.

Dear Santa,
 I have not been perfect but I have been good. I want three games for Christmas. They are called Banjo-Toieo, Frogger 2, and Buzz Lightyear of star command. I hope that's not too much.
 Can I ask you some questions? If I can here they are: How cold is it up there at the North Pole? Where did you meet Rudolf? Where did you come from? Please write back.
 Your friend,
 Corey Tyler Paige

Dear Santa,
 I hope you bring me some presents. I'm trying to be good. Do you really have magical powers? If you try to go down my chimney you can't because there is a piece of wood nailed to it. My main present I want is a new scooter. Try not to skip my house. I do not want a lot of gifts because I want have enough room. Merry Christmas Santa!!!
 Your friend,
 Shannon

Dear Santa,
 I hope you Rudolf and Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas.
 I think Donder and Blitzen have very pretty names. My favorite reindeers are Blitzen and Rudolf.
 This year I have been good but not perfect.
 I would like to have four cd's. They are Creed's Human Clay, Baha Men's Who Let the Dogs Out, Aaron Carters Aaron's Party,

and N'Sync's No Strings Attached. I would also like to have WWF Smackdown for my Playstation and Nascar Legends. Tell the reindeers I said Hi!!!
 Clyde Hamilton

Dear Santa,
 Christmas is nearly here. I know you and your elves do a lot of work. I want to ask you one question. Tell me what some of the elves names are. I love Christmas. I also want to tell you some things that I want for Christmas. First and especially I want clothes. Second I want new school supplies. Third I want new cd's and the last thing I want is a good Christmas. I really hope we get a good Christmas. Christmas is a good holiday because it's a time to spend time with your family.
 Your friend,
 Megan Slone

Dear Santa,
 I love you Santa. You are nice to me and I am nice to you because last year I left you cookies and milk and when I came down the steps to open presents the cookies and milk were gone from the table and one cookie was left. I ate it and I got some milk to wash the cookies down.
 Your friend,
 Mark York

Dear Santa,
 I would like:
 • toy
 • Lop top
 • Phone
 Have a safe trip. Have fun going down the chimney.
 Brittany Peppi
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd grade, Mrs. Walker

Happy Holiday!!!!

I know you're busy making toys up there in the North Pole, but here's what I want for Christmas.
 • Skateboard
 • Scooter
 • A sagadream cast
 • Sonic Adventures (for dream-cast). Tell your reindeers that I said good luck!!!
 Alex Reed
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd grade, Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 Hi! Santa how is it going down there.
 This is what I would like for Christmas.
 • New pair of shoes
 • Rolar blades with three wills
 • A new pack of pencils @ 15 pencils
 • 1 more pair of red gloves
 Sincerely,
 Ashley Yates
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd Grade Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 I really want these toys for Christmas. So will you get them?
 • Sonic the Hedgehog stuff
 • Snowboard
 • Sonic CD (PC)
 • Portable CD player
 P.S. I'm Rudolph's biggest fan.
 Cody
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd Grade, Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph doing. This is what I want for Christmas.
 • New dirt bike
 • New spotted puppy
 • New four-wheeler
 • New scooter and that is all.
 I hope the rein deer have enough strength to make it around the world this year.
 Your friend,
 Bradley Little
 Prestonsburg Elementary, 3rd grade

Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 My name is Latasha Bryant. I am 8 years old. I would like:
 • Scooter
 • Amazing Allie
 • Amazing Debbie
 • My Dream Baby
 Latasha
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd Grade, Miss Walker's room

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want:
 • Scooter
 • Brittany Spears Watch
 • Baby Bron
 • Baby So rail
 Your friend,
 Kayla Cooly
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 Walkers 3rd grade class

Dear Santa,
 How are the reindeer doing? Do you use Rudolph any more? For Christmas I would like:
 • Nintendo 64
 • Puppy Magic
 • Poo-Chi
 Be careful on the ride around the earth.
 Your friend, Audrianna Smith
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd Grade, Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 How have you been doing? I'm doing great. Heirs what I want for Christmas:
 • A hand bike
 • A finger board
 • New skate board
 • New bike
 I hope you bring these toys.
 Anthony
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 Do you use Rudolph as a light or Christmas eve? Here are the things I want for Christmas.
 • Tomb Raider 12 and

Chronicles game and strategy guide
 • Banjo tooie game and strategy guide
 • Nascar Heat and 2001
 • Poo-chi
 • Laptop computer and case that is all I want.
 Your friend,
 Nicholas Conn
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd grade, Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing?
 For Christmas I would like:
 • A real telephone with a dial tone
 • My Size Barbie
 • New bike 15 inch
 • Barbie doll van for my Barbie dolls
 Cady
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 Third grade, Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,
 I want these things for Christmas:
 • Tekno
 • Snowboard
 • Remote control 4-wheeler
 • Scooter
 I hope you bring me these toys.
 Bye. Your friend,
 Bradley Stanley
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like to get:
 • Cristina Algara Barbie doll
 • Dancin Debie doll
 • Scooby Doo stuff
 • Posters of Brittansy, Cristina Algara.
 How are you doing?
 I hope you get around the world safely.
 Tell Rudolph I said Hi.
 And I have a niece that loves Rudolph.
 Jessica Pennington
 Prestonsburg Elementary
 3rd grade, Mrs. Walker's room

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December 16 thru December 22, 2000

Star light, star bright, which star did the Wise Men see that night?

Ray Shubinski, director of the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics, & Technology (EKCSMT), will discuss several theories about the star that led the Wise Men to Jesus during a Star of Bethlehem presentation on Saturday, December 16, at Maggard's Furniture, Court Street, Prestonsburg.

There are many different theories as to what the Wise Men may have seen, according to Shubinski, a noted astronomer.

"Some (scientists) have suggested it was a comet, a supernova, a gathering of planets, or a UFO," he said.

Shubinski will present the program inside EKCSMT's portable planetarium, SKYLAB. The presentation will include slides of the winter sky projected inside the planetarium dome and will include portions of "A Season of Light," a slide show written by Shubinski that explores the various traditions of the Christmas season.

In "A Season of Light," Shubinski first looks at the changing of the seasons and the dwindling of daylight hours.

"Oddly enough, the earth is about three million miles closer to the sun in December than in June. But, because of the earth's tilt, this change in distance has very little effect on the seasons," the astronomer writes.

The changing of seasons also brings an "ever-changing panorama" to the night sky, according to Shubinski.

"With winter, the starry vault takes on a new and entirely different aspect. Like diamonds scattered across a velvet sky, the stars of winter seem to outshine those of all other seasons," he says.

During the Star of Bethlehem program, Shubinski will discuss "the greatest of all the constellations," Orion. "This giant of heavens is marked by three stars of almost equal brightness that form his belt."

Follow Orion's belt to the south to find Sirius, the Dog Star. "Sirius is ranked as the second brightest star in the sky. Only the sun itself outshines it. Sirius is also the principle star in Canis Major, Orion's hunting dog," Shubinski says.

The local astronomer will also discuss Polaris, which is actually "not the brightest star in the sky." Polaris is better known as the North Star because it is placed almost directly over the North Pole, according to Shubinski.

The star, though, that has intrigued people over centuries is the Star of Bethlehem.

The question that has lingered is what star led the three Wise Men to Bethlehem. To find the answer, astronomers have tried to pinpoint the date of Christ's birth. Shubinski will present opinions about how December 25 became the birthday for Christ.

"(December 25) is obviously close to the winter solstice, but the Gospel of St. Luke seems to indicate a spring rather than a winter birth for the Christ child," he says and refers to the shepherds watching over their flock at night.

"It is customary in the Middle East to keep flocks of sheep in the pastures during spring. It is a time when new lambs are being born, and as such, they need to be watched at all hours."

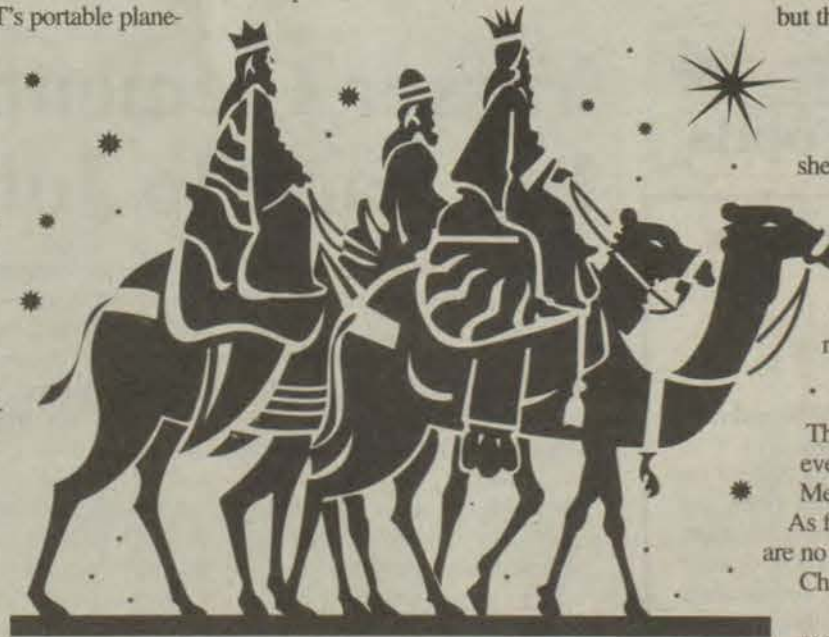
Shubinski discusses several theories as to the date of Christ's birth by astronomers who looked at celestial events and facts uncovered over the years. Those theories, including comets and supernova, do not match the description of the Star of Bethlehem given by Matthew in the Bible, according to Shubinski.

The EKCSMT director explains that comets are visible to everyone for a period of weeks or months. "Only the Wise Men reported seeing the object in the sky," Shubinski says. As for supernova, which occurs when a star explodes, "there are no records of such an event around the time of the birth of Christ."

The astronomer also examines conjecture about a star map found on the ceiling of the tomb of Priscilla, a friend of the Apostle Paul, that leads some astronomers to wonder if

Venus is the Christmas star. Other explanations during the presentation include a triple conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, an extremely rare event, which took place in 7 BC.

The Star of Bethlehem program will last about 35 to 40 minutes. Shows will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Space in the SKYLAB Planetarium is limited to around 25 people per show. Admission is free. Bring a pillow for comfortable seating.



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Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'Fam. Mat.', 'City Guys', 'Sewing', 'NFL Pregame', etc.

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Documentary explores importance of data for writing history of the 20th century. The 20th century is now a finished chapter of history, comprised of a thousand tales of heroism and hardship.

Vassar Clements brings Little Big Band to Jubilee. Vassar Clements is considered one of the world's most talented and versatile living fiddle players. His phenomenal ability to play virtually any kind of music—bluegrass, country, pop, rock, jazz and swing—has garnered him numerous awards, including five Grammy nominations and a track record that involves more than 2,000 recording performances.

KET airs European vacation tips. Whether first-time travelers or seasoned veterans, most Americans approach the prospect of a European vacation with a mixture of anticipation, excitement—and measured confusion. Just how best to go about finding an affordable hotel room, renting transportation or choosing which sites to see are tricks of the trade that can easily become stumbling blocks for the ill-informed traveler.

SATURDAY EVENING		TVData														DECEMBER 16, 2000			
TIME	CHANNEL	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30		
24	TBS	(4:05) "Christine" (1983)	*** "Splash" (1984, Comedy) Tom Hanks.				*** "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks.				*** "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal.								
3	NBC	(4:00) Gymnastics [R]	News	NBC News	Fortune	Cash Exp.	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Fantasy) James Stewart. (In Stereo) [R]				News	Saturday Night Live (In Stereo) [R]							
4	PBS	Law	Religion	Lawrence Welk Show	Red Green	Robot Wars	Kentucky	Ky Life	Keeping Up	Romance	Wait for God	Time Goes	History Bites	Short List	(Off Air)				
8	ABC	(4:00) Golf (Live) [R]	News	ABC News	Hollywood	Powerball	*** "The Preacher's Wife" (1996, Fantasy) Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) [R]				News	Queen of Swords [R]	Relic Hunter						
23	WGN	Xena: Warrior Princess [R]	Andromeda [R]	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Bulls Eye [R]	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls. (In Stereo Live) [R]				News [R]	* "Bloodfist IV: Die Trying" (1992)							
6	CBS	NFL Football: Oakland Raiders at Seattle Seahawks. [R]	KASP	Highlanders	That's Life (In Stereo) [R]	Walker, Texas Ranger [R]	District "The Santa Wars"		News	Sports	Christmas Starfest								
11	FOX	Andromeda [R]	3rd Rock	Spin City [R]	Friends [R]	Drew Carey	Cops (N) [R]	Cops [R]	America's Most Wanted	News	Mad TV (N) (In Stereo) [R]	WCW World							
13	CBS	NFL Football: Oakland Raiders at Seattle Seahawks. [R]	Sheena "Rites of Passage"	That's Life (In Stereo) [R]	Walker, Texas Ranger [R]	District "The Santa Wars"		News	Cleopatra 25	Jack	Xena								
14	ESPN	(3:00) College Football	Sportscenter [R]	College Basketball: Missouri at Iowa. (Live)				College Basketball: Tulsa at Kansas. (Live)				Sportscenter [R]	College Basketball (Live)						
33	DSC	Haunted Houses	Dangers of the Ice Age	Prosecutors-Justice	On the Inside: Poker	Why We Lie (N)	Justice Files		News	New Detectives	On the Inside: Poker								
16	TNT	(4:00) "David Copperfield"	*** "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler.				*** "The American President" (1995) Michael Douglas.				*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey.		"Hairspray"						
31	A&E	Amer. Justice	City Confidential [R]	Behind Closed Doors [R]	Holiday at Pops! (N)				Live by Request Starring k.d. lang				Holiday at Pops!						
27	TNN	Inside NASCAR (In Stereo)	*** "Johnny Belinda" (1982, Drama) Richard Thomas.				Backstage	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour	Country Home	Backstage	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour						
19	NICK	Rocket	Rocket	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	USA	Huntress "Scattered" [R]	Cover Me: FBI Family	** "Mr. Baseball" (1992, Comedy) Tom Selleck. [R]				** 1/2 "Necessary Roughness" (1991) Scott Bakula. [R]				Silk Stalkings (In Stereo) [R]		Farmclub.com (In Stereo)					
28	FAM	** Christmas Every Day	Drummer	Drum II	Freaks and Geeks [R]	Fearing Mind (In Stereo) [R]	* "Special Delivery" (2000, Comedy) Andy Dick. [R]				"Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus" (1991, Drama)								
43	LIFE	*** "Echoes in the Darkness" (1987, Drama) Peter Coyote, Peter Boyle. [R]				Beyond Chance [R]				Strong Medicine (In Stereo)		Any Day Now (In Stereo) [R]							
45	ESPN2	Volleyball	EXPN 2Day	NHL Hockey: Florida Panthers at Buffalo Sabres. (Live)				College Basketball: Auburn vs. Oregon				NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL 2Night					
29	AMC	Friendly	Backstory	**** "The African Queen" (1951)				*** "El Dorado" (1967, Western) John Wayne, Robert Mitchum.				** 1/2 "Ski Party" (1965, Comedy) Frankie Avalon.		Backstory	African Q.				
50	HGTV	Home and Garden	Appraisal	Appraise It!	Auction	Collect	Design	Decorating	Room	Room	Interiors	Bed-Bath	Design	Decorating	Room	Room			
10	SCIFI	** 1/2 "Slaughterhouse Five" (1972) Michael Sacks.				** "The Langoliers" (1995, Suspense) Patricia Wettig.				** "The Langoliers" (1995, Suspense) Patricia Wettig.				** 1/2 "Sometimes They Come Back" (1991, Horror) [R]					
32	HIST	Tales of the Gun [R]	Big House: "Leavenworth"	Combat Training [R]	Chain Gang Breakout [R]	Chain Gang Breakout [R]	Raise the Monitor! [R]	Raise the Hunley [R]	Chain Gang Breakout [R]										
55	TOC	Fishin'	Paid Prog.	Outdoor	Bluegrass	Hunter	Show Me	Turkey Call	Outdoor	Out There	Outdoors	Prospecting	Outdoor	Hunting	Outdoors	Better Hunt	Spirit		
20	HBO	Boxing: KO Nation 6. (Live) [R]	** 1/2 "Star Trek Generations" (1994) Patrick Stewart. [R]				*** "Galaxy Quest" (1999, Comedy) Tim Allen. 'PG' [R]				Shock Video 2001: A Sex		Sex Bytes [R]	Bev. Cop II					
15	HBO2	Jack Frost	Curb	*** 1/2 "Poltergeist" (1982, Horror) JoBeth Williams. 'PG'				** "Goodbye Lover" (1998, Comedy) 'R'				** "Flashback" (1990, Comedy) Dennis Hopper. 'R' [R]		Mr. Show	Inside the NFL [R]				
13	HBO3	* 1/2 "The Settlement" (1999, Comedy) 'R'		*** "A Perfect World" (1993, Drama) Kevin Costner. 'PG-13' [R]				*** "Analyze This" (1999, Comedy) Robert De Niro. 'R'				** 1/2 "The Muse" (1999) Albert Brooks. [R]		Without Pity					
21	MAX	*** 1/2 "Braveheart" (1995, Drama) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. (In Stereo) 'R' [R]				** 1/2 "Magnum Force" (1973, Drama) Clint Eastwood. 'R'				** "Screamers" (1995, Science Fiction) Peter Weller. 'R'				Bedtime	Dark Pasn				
18	DISN	Jersey [R]	Even	Jett Jackson	BoyWorld	Heartbeat	* "Leave It to Beaver" (1997) 'PG' [R]		** 1/2 "Flash" (1997, Adventure) Lucas Black. [R]				Heartbeat	So Weird [R]	Zorro [R]	Spin-Mrty			
22	SHOW	"Police Academy: Mission to Moscow"				* 1/2 "Surf Ninjas" (1993) Ernie Reyes Jr..				* 1/2 "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon. [R]				Extras-What	Boxing: Joe Calzaghe vs. Richie Woodhall. (In Stereo) [R]		Resurrection		
23	TMC	** Cherry	** 1/2 "Star Trek: Insurrection" (1998) Patrick Stewart. [R]				** "The Seventh Sign" (1988, Horror) [R]				** 1/2 "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999, Comedy) [R]				*** "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1998)		Frogs		

MSU students to perform in Ireland

Some Morehead State University students, faculty and alumni involved in the university's OperaWorks Ensemble will end the year by traveling to Ireland to perform "A Kentucky Mummer's Play."

"This is the first international tour ever taken by an MSU vocal ensemble," said Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music and founder of OperaWorks. "We're very proud of all of the participants and the opportunity to make this overseas pilgrimage."

The trip, which was organized by the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, runs December 26 through January 6. Performances are scheduled in Cork, Kerry and Dublin.

The student participants and their roles are Aaron Bowling, Hazard senior, as Farmer's Man and an understudy of Father Christmas; Stephen Brashear, Viper senior, as Finn McCool; Melody Burcham, Hazard sophomore, as Little Devil Doubt; Ben Caldwell, Danville senior, as Musician; Chris Conley, Mt. Sterling junior, as The Fool;

Tim Conner, Mowrystown, Ohio, junior, as Big Head; Megan Cottongim, London sophomore, as Mary Breckinridge; Tim Deaton, Jeff freshman, as Samuel Howard; April Garvin, Catlettsburg sophomore, as Cora Wilson Stewart; Melissa Harper, Frankfort, Ohio, sophomore, as Johnnie Funnie; Jeremy Howard, Oak Hill, Ohio, freshman, as Dame Jane.

Erin Jones, Aberdeen, Ohio, sophomore, as Rebecca Boone; Hannah Leitz, Morehead sophomore, as Room and Hobby

Hoss; David Little, Hazel Green junior, as Bee-L-Z-Bub and Gov. Bert Combs; Brad Poer, Winchester sophomore, as The Dragon; J.K. Seals, London freshman, as Jim Jack Straw; and Andrea Trusty, Mize freshman, as Dr. Quizer.

Appearing in the role of Father Christmas will be Dr. Mark Minor, chair of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy. Dr. John Secor, associate professor of romance languages, will play the role of Uncle William Creech. MSU alumni Janean Freeman and Jennifer Hughes will share the accompanist's duties.

"Tales of death and regeneration, Mummer's Plays were brought to the Kentucky highlands by immigrants from the British Isles," Prindle said. "Our play is a holiday celebration of the state's rich musical and cultural heritage."


The performance features traditional Celtic and Appalachian music and dance, with special guest artists the White Horse String Band. Traditional mummer's characters such as Father Christmas, The Fool and Bee-L-Z-Bub are mixed with real people from Kentucky's history, such as Cora Wilson Stewart, Gov. Bert Combs and Mary Breckinridge.

Now completing a three-year cycle of performances, the play has evolved each year to meet the needs of its changing audiences, said Prindle, who authored the work. The current tour is being funded in part by the E.O. Robinson Mountain Foundation.


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24	2	TBS Planet	★½ "Over the Top" (1987, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.	★★ "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.			★★½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) Jackie Chan.			★★½ "Bloodsport" (1988, Adventure)							
3	3	NBC TMT Media	Van Impe	Kenneth C.	Brkthrg	Meet the Press (N) [E]	Prophets	V.I.P. "V.I.P. - R.I.P."	New Day	Women's Gymnastics: International Team Championship.			Figure Skating (In Stereo)				
4	5	PBS Barney	Teletubbies	Dragon	Clifford-Red	Zoboomafo	Arthur [E]	Uncommon	Comment	Reflections on Vatican II (In Stereo) [E]			Tony Brown	To Contrary	MotorWeek	Kentucky	
8	8	ABC Old Time Gospel Hour	In Touch Ministries		Morter	This Week (N) [E]	Baywatch Hawaii (N) [E]		Cosby [E]	Figure Skating: I.S.U. Grand Prix - Trophée Lalique			Golf (Live) [E]				
23	9	WGN Full House	Clueless [E]	Malibu, CA	Parent	Parent	Fresh Prince	Beastmaster "Iara" [E]	"How the Toys Saved Christmas" (1997, Fantasy)			★★ "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott.					
6	10	CBS Time of Praise	Church	Century 21	Gateway Gospel			NFL Today [E]	NFL Football: Tennessee Titans at Cleveland Browns. (In Stereo Live) [E]			NFL Football [E]					
11	11	FOX Fox News Sunday (N)	Queen of Swords [E]		Tri-State	WV Works	Fox NFL Sunday [E]	NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings. (In Stereo Live) [E]			NFL	Skating					
13	13	CBS Sunday Morning (N) [E]	Face Nation		Franklin (E)	Kipper (E)	NFL Today [E]	NFL Football: Tennessee Titans at Cleveland Browns. (In Stereo Live) [E]			NFL Football [E]						
14	49	ESPN Sportscenter	Lines	Reporters	Sportscenter	NFL Countdown (N)			Thrill-Spill	Thrill-Spill	Timber	X-Games	Formula One	Thrill-Spill	Golf		
33	30	DSC Zooventure	Boneheads	A.R.K.	Hunter-Croc	Ultimate Guide "Octopus"			Sabretooth	Inside a Black Box			Behind Enemy Lines	On the Inside "Test Pilots"	Inside Air Force One		
16	31	TNT *** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971)	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey.			Figure Skating: Canadian Open - Short Program. (In Stereo) [E]			*** "The Wedding Singer" (1998)								
31	62	A&E Breakfast With the Arts	House Beautiful [E]			Top 10 "Animal Adventures"			Unexplained	Justice	★★½ "The Dead Pool" (1988, Drama) Clint Eastwood.			Against			
27	39	TNN Inside NASCAR (In Stereo)	WWF Superstars		Raceday (In Stereo)			NASCAR	Trucks! [E]	Car	ClassicCar	Horsepower	Mechanic	Crank	Trucks!	Motor Madness (In Stereo)	
19	84	NICK Rugrats [E]	Rugrats [E]	Spongeb	Spongeb	Catdog	Catdog	Beavers	Beavers	Pinky	Pinky	GAS (In Stereo)			Spongeb	Amanda	
17	35	USA *** "Death Wish" (1974, Drama) Charles Bronson. [E]	★ "Death Wish II" (1982, Drama) Charles Bronson. [E]			★★ "Firewalker" (1986, Adventure) Chuck Norris.			★★ "Asteroid" (1997, Science Fiction) Annabella Sciorra.								
28	38	FAM Flint	Flint	Digimon	Digimon	Zack Files [E]	Big Wolf	Weird Sci.	Two-Kind	Scary	Zack Files [E]	We Wish You	O Christmas Tree [E]	"Like Father, Like Santa"			
43	LIFE	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Deadly Medicine" (1991, Drama) Veronica Hamel. [E]			"Willing to Kill: The Texas Cheerleader Story" (1992) [E]			★★ "Texas Justice" (1995)			
45	ESP2	Trout Unlim.	Outdoors	Sportsman's	Expeditions	Fishing	Rodeo: PRCA National Finals - Championship Round.			Lines	Wakeboarding		Auto Racing				
29	49	AMC Three Stooges	★★½ "Dracula" (1931) Bela Lugosi. [E]			"Dracula - Prince of Darkness" (1966) [E]			★★½ "The Brides of Dracula" (1960) Peter Cushing. [E]			★★½ "A Touch of Class" (1973) Glenda Jackson.					
60	HGTV	Help Around	Fix It Up!	Dream	Designers	Landscape	Garden-Yard	Old House	Old House	Fix	Fix It Up!	Country at Home-Holiday	Wrid Grdn	Gardens	Journal	Gardeners	
10	51	SCIFI Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	Batman [E]	★★★ "THX-1138" (1971, Science Fiction) Robert Duvall.			
32	62	HIST Automobiles	Hardcover	History	Circus Freaks			American History Quiz	History	History IQ	Most [E]			World War II in Color		World War II in Color	
65	TOC	Outdoors	Hunting	Outdoors	Remington	Woods	Heartland	Prospecting	TBA	Outdoors	Paid Prog.	Hanley	Paid Prog.	Hunting	Cooking	Tree Lounge	Paid Prog.
20	14	HBO Iron Giant	Real Sports (In Stereo) [E]		Vertical	★½ "Omen IV: The Awakening" (1991)	★★★ "I.Q." (1994, Comedy) Meg Ryan. (In Stereo) 'PG' [E]			★★½ "Lean on Me" (1989) Morgan Freeman. 'PG-13' [E]			Iron Giant				
15	HBO2	(8:30) ★★ "Victory" (1981, Adventure) 'PG'	Boxing: KO Nation 6. [E]			Unitas (In Stereo) [E]			★★ "The Thin Red Line" (1998, Drama) Sean Penn, Adrien Brody. (In Stereo) 'R' [E]			Chill Factor					
16	HBO3	Daughter of Sulicide (In Stereo) [E]	★★½ "The Dinner Game" (1998) 'PG-13'			★★ "Rogue Trader" (1999, Drama) 'R' [E]			★★½ "Guilty as Sin" (1993) Rebecca De Mornay. 'R' [E]			★★½ "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985) Rob Lowe.					
21	17	MAX The Man With Two Brains	"In the Line of Duty: Blaze of Glory"			★★★½ "The Naked Gun" (1988) 'PG-13'			★★★½ "Norma Rae" (1979, Drama) Sally Field. 'PG' [E]			★★½ "You've Got Mail" (1998) Tom Hanks. 'PG' [E]					
18	DISN	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Totally	Jersey [E]	Jersey [E]	BoyWorld	Emperors	★★ "Life Size" (2000) Tyra Banks. [E]		MusicVids	Totally	Jett Jackson	Smart Guy	BoyWorld	
22	SHOW	Excalibur	★★ "In the Doghouse" (1998, Comedy) [E]			★★★ "Guilty by Suspicion" (1991) Robert De Niro. [E]			★ "Murdercycle" (1999) Charles Wesley.			"Mermaid" (2000) Jordelle Ferland. [E]		Princess-Barrio			
25	TMC	(8:35) ★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Adventure)	★★★ "The Millionaire" (1960, Comedy)			★★★ "The Whales of August" (1987)			★★½ "Tea With Mussolini" (1999) Cher. (In Stereo) [E]			"Looking for Lola" (1997)					



I told you I was sick

The last two times I can remember feeling good (physically) was the day after Christmas in 1978 when I was working for George Auxier at Ramco Trucking, and at Claude and Naomi Christian's 50th wedding anniversary in August of 1999. That's why I wasn't a bit surprised to find out (after all these years) I was actually sick.

And since those of you who have read this column through births, deaths, weddings, and the raising of my son, J.R., it is only fitting that I share my latest life adventure with you. Let me bring you up-to-date.

In 1984, my father succumbed to lung cancer at age 62. Up until that time, no one on either side of our family had been diagnosed with the disease so we felt that since Daddy

had smoked, we blamed that for his untimely death.

Fast forward 14 years.

It's a Saturday morning in December 1997. My 42 year-old sister, Jenny, calls from a Cincinnati hospital and casually announces the shocking news that she has had a lung removed due to cancer. After endless radiation and chemotherapy treatments, and numerous hospital stays, Jenny dies on January 2, 1999.

It is June 2000 and mother and I are sitting in Dr. Amett's office in Prestonsburg. Mother complains of a nagging cough, and he immediately sends her for a chest X-ray. He takes one look at my horribly bloodshot eyes and makes me an appointment with an ophthalmologist in Pikeville.

On July 12, mother and I have

biopsies and wait anxiously for the results. In August, mother is diagnosed with bronchioalveolar carcinoma. While, as it turns out, I have a rare form of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma of the conjunctiva in both eyes — the bad one and the good one. Within the space of one week, we were both diagnosed with cancer.

I celebrated my 50th birthday with a CT scan and an MRI. (The good news is that it is contained to the eye area.)

In October, mother begins chemotherapy. She travels to Pikeville every three weeks for treatments and then every day for shots to counteract the effects of the chemotherapy. In November, I start radiation treatments and drive to Lexington every day for 10 days where both eyes are radiated. There were days when our treatments overlapped, and we were forced to drive to Pikeville and to Lexington on the same day.

What I have discovered from all this traveling and talking with doctor after doctor is that mother and I are not alone in our quest for a cure to this hideous disease. Every hematologist, radiologist, ophthalmologist and every general practitioner's office we have visited has been filled with people who are seeking the same answers and have undergone the same ordeals that we have experienced.

In waiting rooms, we have seen people in the most compromising situations, smiling through their pain and laughing through their tears; hus-

bands holding their wives, wives comforting their husbands, parents hugging their children, and children embracing their parents. It was hard to feel sorry for yourself when others were suffering, and I have come to think of these people as my "allies."

One afternoon while I was having a treatment and my husband sat in the waiting room, he overheard a young lady, who looked to be in her mid 20s, talking about her two year-old and five-month-old. She was wearing a denim cap with a bow that was hiding the fact that she had no hair. Ronnie told me later that incident had put things in perspective for him real quick.

While I was getting chummy with my "allies" in Lexington, Mother

was forming relationships in Pikeville. Before each treatment she was (and is) met by smiling, happy nurses (Margo and Sherrie are two of them) who intravenously administer all types of high-powered chemicals to the patiently waiting patients.

And, though mother dreads the treatments that make her sick, she never leaves the hospital without a smile and a hope for the future.

At this time of year, when we hold our families close and cherish our friendships, we need to remember how precious life is and how we can make it more precious for others. And, at this holiday season, we need to remember that every day we are alive and healthy is a day to be celebrated.

Classic Brit-com series features wit, escapades of husband, wife opposites

She was a clueless debutante with dreams of writing children's books; he was a wry struggling actor with dreams of earning a living. In the classic 13-part British comedy "No, Honestly," airing Saturdays at 7 p.m. on KET, beginning December 23, comic sparks fly as the happily married Charles and Clara Danby reminisce about the early days of their improbable romance.

Sitting side by side, exchanging witty repartee and flashbacks, they relive their chance meeting and sometimes dizzying process of falling madly in love.

Together, Charles and Clara weather comic misadventures ranging from in-law relations and mistaken identity to Clara's unique decorating ideas—she paints everything white, including the garden—and Charles' attempts to redo her wardrobe.

Like a British George Burns and Gracie Allen the duo end each

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TV schedule table for Sunday Evening, December 17, 2000. Columns include time slots from 5:00 to 12:30 and various channels (TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, etc.).

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by CHUCK SHEPHERD

The Los Angeles Times reported in December that a scammer had recently rented out as many as 20 rooms in an abandoned inner-city hospital as apartments...

Latest Herculean Self-Litigators

In September, Linda Wallace, a former resident of Rocky River, Ohio, and who during two years there was the object of a dozen neighborhood noise complaints...

false arrest. And several Los Angeles contractors petitioned a court in July to restrict lawyer Robert W. Hirsh from filing lawsuits because of the 82 personal lawsuits he has initiated in 18 years against his home contractors...

Least Competent People

Luis A. Chavarria, released from prison in 1999 after serving 10 years for murder, was charged in Bonita Springs, Florida, in October with possessing a firearm...

A 43-year-old man was hospitalized in Richmond, Virginia, in October after being blown off the top of a van at about 50 mph. Police said the man was trying to hold down some wooden fencing...

First Things First

The Knoxville News-Sentinel reported in October that a recent University of Tennessee Medical Center memo directs that UT athletes be treated in the emergency room ahead of all other patients...

In October, after a Detroit judge allowed four high school rape suspects back to school pending trial, the River Rouge School Board permitted them back on the football team, too, just in time for the team's final-game push for a perfect 9-0 season...

Ironies

According to calculations by the Albuquerque Journal in October, all 18 of the public schools around the city that were named among the state's 94 high-improve-

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IMD	CH	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	
24	2	TBS	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Cosby	Matlock			Hunter		Movie				Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
3	5	NBC	Today Cont'd	Live With Regis	Divorce	Divorce	News	Attorney	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Montel Williams		Oprah Winfrey			
4	5	PBS	Russia	Varied	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	Bzzz!	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			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			Movie			Due South		Psi Factor: Chronicles			
31	62	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	63	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	Movie			Baywatch		
28	33	FAM	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club		Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs	Angela	Addams	Goosebump	Big Wolf	
43		LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Knows You	Operation	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live		Movie			Movie					
45		ESPN2	Bodyshape	Training	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	Varied	NFL 2Night	Varied Programs							
29	49	AMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs									Movie	Varied	
50		HGTV	Carol Duvall	Our Place	Decorating	Room	Typical Mary	Solutions	Appraisal	Appraise It!	At-Auction	Collect	Carol Duvall	Quilts	Decorating	You're Home	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						Movie			Varied Programs					
15		HBO2	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs						Movie			Movie	Varied	
16		HBO3	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs											Movie			
21	17	MAX	Movie	Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs	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	Movie		MusicVids	Even	BoyWorld	
22		SHOW	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs				Movie	
23		TMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs				Movie	

News of the Weird

ment schools (based in part on math scores) actually had scores that decreased from the year before. The state school superintendent, when asked about his poor arithmetic, blamed the errors on a traditional bane of test-takers: "working too quickly."

Too Clever for Their Own Good: In Akron, Ohio, a 10-year-old boy hiding from his mother in leaves he had just raked was hospitalized in October with minor injuries after his mother drove off (and over the leaves) in the family's minivan. And four days earlier, near Ashby, Minnesota, a teen-age boy playing a prank put some logs across a road just to make a relative have to stop and remove them in order to drive on; however, the relative chose instead to drive around the logs and accidentally ran over the boy, who was hiding in the grass, and he had to be hospitalized.

Recurring Themes

In 1999, News of the Weird reported on the rare Sumatran titan arum plant, one of which was about to blossom in a California library despite being thought by many to be the world's most putrid "flower" (resembling rotting flesh). In August 2000, another of the Sumatran plants blossomed before hundreds of disgusted visitors (as usual, blooming for one day, after 13 years' cultivation) in the University of Leiden in the Netherlands.

In 1990, News of the Weird reported on a man playfully testing a bullet-proof vest by having a friend stab him with a knife, which was not supposed to penetrate the lining but did (sending

him to the hospital). In October 2000, a 20-year-old man in Swan River, Manitoba, tested his bulletproof vest by having his roommate shoot him. The vest stopped the first shot (by a .22-calibre rifle), but even with a telephone book inserted underneath the vest, the second shot (with a 12-gauge shotgun) cracked the man's ribs, sending him to the hospital.

Thinning the Herd

A 41-year-old Air Force Reserve pilot was killed near Tulia, Texas, in August when he lost control of his F-16 while aerobically buzzing the farmhouse of his in-laws. And a 32-year-old man was killed on Interstate 26 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, in September when, riding without authorization atop a tractor-trailer, he was wiped out by an overpass. And a 29-year-old man driving in a Ventura County, California, recreation area in his off-road vehicle was killed in October; he was using a flashlight to substitute for his failed headlights when he accidentally drove over a cliff.

Also, in the Last Month ...

An Australian research company, Autogen, purchased the exclusive right to use the genes of all 107,000 citizens of the South Pacific island of Tonga. To substitute for a broken fire alarm system at a courthouse, the government hired 20 people to roam the building daily from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at \$8.90 an hour, to do nothing except look for fires (Phoenix). Officials finally mailed \$8 million in settlement checks to 502 inmate-victims of New York's Attica prison riots, which occurred in

1971. A woman purchasing chicken wings at McDonald's (offered during a trial promotion) discovered one of her "wings" was actually a fried chicken head, with clearly visible beak, eyeballs and red comb (Newport News, Virginia).

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Brit-com

half-hour episode with "Say goodnight, Clara."

Originally produced in 1974, "No, Honestly" stars the real-life married couple Pauline Collins—Tony Award-winner and Academy Award-nominee for her one-woman show and its film adaptation, "Shirley Valentine"—and John Alderton, who appeared with her in "Upstairs, Downstairs."

The series is based on the novels "Coronet Among the Weeds," and "Coronet Among the Grass" by Charlotte Bingham, who created the series with her husband, Terence Brady. "No, Honestly" is produced by LWT. 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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WEEKLY FORECAST

ACCU WEATHER 7-DAY FORECAST FOR PRESTONSBURG

Friday	Fri. Night	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Increasing cloudiness.	Cloudy; chance of rain.	Morning rain, then some sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Increasing cloudiness; it may rain or snow late.	Snow possible early.	Partly sunny.	A mixture of clouds and sunshine.
UV Index: 1 High 42	UV Index: 1 Low 38	UV Index: 1 42/28	UV Index: 2 42/28	UV Index: 1 40/24	UV Index: 1 38/24	UV Index: 2 34/20	UV Index: 2 36/22

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	30	s	42	36	r	47	34	s	52	36	pc	47	26	sh
Beckley, WV	44	31	pc	43	31	r	45	34	pc	44	35	pc	42	15	sh
Bristol, TN	52	36	pc	48	32	r	49	34	s	56	36	c	46	17	c
Charleston, WV	48	33	pc	46	32	r	51	36	pc	41	37	sh	49	16	r
Cincinnati, OH	41	29	pc	39	31	sn	43	31	pc	45	31	r	39	17	pc
Clarksville, TN	52	36	c	49	36	r	53	39	s	53	37	sh	46	20	pc
Evansville, IN	45	29	c	43	32	sn	50	36	s	45	31	sh	40	22	pc
Frankfort	45	32	pc	44	32	sn	48	37	pc	48	34	sh	41	19	pc
Huntington, WV	46	32	pc	45	31	sh	48	36	pc	45	36	sh	45	17	sh
Indianapolis, IN	39	26	c	37	28	sn	45	33	pc	38	27	sh	35	18	pc
Jackson	46	31	pc	44	31	r	48	36	pc	50	33	sh	42	19	pc
Knoxville, TN	52	38	pc	50	35	r	53	39	s	54	39	c	50	20	pc
Lexington	45	32	pc	44	32	r	47	37	pc	47	34	sh	41	18	pc
Louisa	46	32	pc	45	31	r	48	36	pc	45	36	sh	45	17	sh
Marion	48	32	c	45	34	sn	53	38	s	50	33	sh	42	21	pc
Memphis, TN	46	38	sh	48	36	sh	50	36	s	56	38	sh	47	25	c
Nashville, IN	54	38	c	50	37	r	54	40	s	54	38	sh	48	22	pc
Paintsville	48	34	pc	46	32	sh	49	37	pc	52	37	sh	46	18	sh
Peoria, IL	32	19	c	35	26	sf	43	29	pc	36	22	i	33	21	s
Portsmouth, OH	45	31	pc	44	31	sn	47	35	pc	46	35	sh	43	16	sh
Salyersville	47	33	pc	46	32	sh	49	37	pc	52	37	sh	46	18	sh
Tazewell, VA	48	34	pc	46	32	r	47	34	pc	53	36	pc	44	18	c
Valley Station	45	32	c	45	33	sh	48	36	pc	49	34	sh	42	21	pc
Wheeling, WV	36	26	pc	38	30	sn	32	24	sn	38	28	sh	40	24	pc
Williamson, WV	49	34	pc	47	33	r	51	38	pc	50	38	pc	47	19	sh
Winchester	45	32	pc	44	32	r	47	37	pc	47	34	sh	41	18	pc

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

COUNTY OUTLOOK

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Friday's highs and Friday night's lows.

Location	High	Low
Prestonsburg	42	38
Banner	47	33
Martin	47	33
Betsy Layne	48	34
Wayland	49	35
Wheelwright	48	34
Weeksbury	50	36

Jenny Wiley State Park

There will be some sunshine early today, but clouds will increase as the day progresses. An approaching storm system may bring a chilly rain tonight and into tomorrow morning. Some sun will return later tomorrow.

Dewey Dam Lake

Clouds will increase today. Winds will be from the east-northeast at 7-14 knots. The lake surface will have a light chop. Visibility will mainly be clear to the horizon.

ALMANAC

Jackson for the week ending Dec. 12.

Temperatures:

High for the week	55°
Low for the week	19°
Normal high	48°
Normal low	32°
Average temperature	35.7°
Normal average temperature	39.7°
Temperature departure	-4.0°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.22"
Total for the month	0.54"
Total for the year	42.18"
% of normal this month	30%
% of normal this year	89%

SUN AND MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	7:39 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Sat.	7:40 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Sun.	7:40 a.m.	5:14 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri.	10:17 p.m.	11:33 a.m.
Sat.	11:26 p.m.	12:12 p.m.
Sun.	none	12:47 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Phase	Date
Last	Dec 17
New	Dec 25
First	Jan 2
Full	Jan 9

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WEDNESDAY EVENING			DECEMBER 20, 2000																	
(TM)	CV		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30		
24	2	TBS	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW Thunder					Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW Thunder				
3	3	NBC	News	Edition	News	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Ed "Losing Streak" (N)	West Wing (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Narcosis"	News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)	Late Night						
4	5	PBS	Reading	Dragon	World	Business	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Mark Russell	First Measured Century (N) (In Stereo)									World News	(Off Air)
8	8	ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	Hollywood	Ent. Tonight	Be a Millionaire		Drew Carey	Spin City	Gideon's Crossing (N)	News	Nightline	Politically	Ricki Lake			
23	9	WGN	7th Heaven "Yak Sada"		Full House	Clueless	Fresh Prince	Suddenly	★½ "Reach the Rock" (1998) William Sadler			News (In Stereo)	In the Heat of the Night		Matlock "The Picture"					
6	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Amen	Divorce	Bette (N)	★★½ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Suspense) Kevin Costner (In Stereo)			News	Late Show (In Stereo)						
11	11	FOX	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Spin City	Friends	Drew Carey	"How to Marry a Billionaire: A Christmas Tale" (2000)			News	Spin City	Suddenly	Jamie Foxx	Jenny Jones				
13	13	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Seinfeld	Frasier	Bette (N)	★★½ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Suspense) Kevin Costner (In Stereo)			News	Late Show (In Stereo)						
14	46	ESPN	NHL-Shots	Up Close (N)	Sportscenter	College Bowl Kickoff		NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at New Jersey Devils. (Live)						Sportscenter	Hoops	Baseball				
33	30	DSC	Your New House		Wild Discovery		Wild Discovery: Meerkats		On the Inside: Derby	Japanese Fleet		Supercarrier Is Burning		Justice Files	On the Inside: Derby					
16	61	TNT	Pensacola: Wings of Gold		ER (In Stereo)	Pretender "Nip and Tuck"		NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Philadelphia 76ers. (In Stereo Live)						NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Clippers.						
31	32	A&E	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court		Newsradio	Law & Order "Confession"	Biography: Nicolas Cage		American Justice		Investigative Reports		Law & Order "Indifference"	Biography: Nicolas Cage					
27	33	TNN	Waltons (In Stereo)		Starsky and Hutch		Martial Law (In Stereo)	Holiday Celebration on Ice		Kenny Loggins December		18 Wheels of Justice		Martial Law (In Stereo)	Fishing	Secrets				
19	34	NICK	Rocket	U Pick	Pinky	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Ginger	Rugrats	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	Jeffersons		
17	35	USA	Martin	Martin	Walker, Texas Ranger	JAG "Shadow" (In Stereo)	Nash Bridges "El Diablo"		★★★ "Scent of a Woman" (1992, Drama) Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell. (In Stereo)						Martin	Nikita				
28	38	FAM	Jack Frost		Rudolph's Shiny New Year		Robbie	Christmas	Santa Is Coming to Town		Christmas Miracles		Early Edition (In Stereo)		700 Club		Boss?	Boss?		
	43	LIFE	Knows You	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries				★★½ "For the Love of Nancy" (1994) Tracey Gold.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Murphy	Murphy		
	45	ESPN2	ESPNNews	Extreme	Auto Racing	Car Show	NFL 2Night	Cheerlead	College Football: Mobile Bowl -- Southern Mississippi vs. Texas Christian. (Live)						NFL 2Night	NFL 2Night	Motocross			
29	49	AMC	(4:00) "Rock-a-Bye Baby"		Hollywood Lives		Three Stooges		★★★½ "Bullitt" (1968, Drama) Steve McQueen.			★★★ "The King of Comedy" (1983) Robert De Niro.			Backstory	Mickey One				
	50	HGTV	Kitchen	Homes	Dream	Help Around	Old House	BeforAft	Christmas	Christmas	White Hse	Small Space	Holiday Gardens		Christmas	Christmas	White Hse	Small Space		
10	51	SCIFI	Xena: Warrior Princess	Sliders "A Current Affair"	Babylon 5 "Ship of Tears"		Terrors of the Deep		★★ "The Beast" (1996, Horror) William Petersen.				Crossing	Twilight Z.	Friday the 13th: The Series					
32	52	HIST	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron	History	History IQ	Death of Marilyn Monroe		Body Shop				Big House: "Attica Prison"		Death of Marilyn Monroe				
	55	TOC	Outdoor	Paid Prog.	NW Hunter	Fly Fishing	Fishing	Spur	Rodeo Roundup		Bird Dog	Hunting	Whistle	Outdoors	Outdoors	Outdoor	Buzzardite Classics			
20	14	HBO	StarTrek	★★★ "Stuart Little" (1999) Geena Davis.		★★★ "Another Stakeout" (1993) Richard Dreyfuss.		Playing the Field: Sports			Oz "A Word to the Wise"	★★½ "Disappearing Acts" (2000) Wesley Snipes.								
	15	HBO2	Rasputin 'R'	★★½ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, Drama) Clint Eastwood. 'R'		★★½ "Perfect Witness" (1989) Brian Dennehy. 'R'		Sanders	Sanders	Women Who Love Killers	★★ "The Thin Red Line"									
	16	HBO3	Cast Away	Daughter of Suicide (In Stereo)		"For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story"		★½ "Oxygen" (1999) Maura Tierney. 'R'	★½ "Exception to the Rule" (1997) 'R'	★★½ "The Muse" (1999)										
21	17	MAX	Dying to Be Perfect-Ellen Hart Pena			★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999) 'PG-13'		★★½ "Brokedown Palace" (1999) Claire Danes. 'PG-13'		"Contaminated Man" (2000) William Hurt.	Bedtime		"When Passions Collide"							
	18	DISN	So Weird	Smart Guy	Jett Jackson	BoyWorld	"Up, Up and Away" (2000, Comedy)		"Quints" (2000) Kimberly J. Brown.		★★★ "Cool Runnings" (1993, Comedy) Leon. 'PG'		Zorro	Mickey						
	22	SHOW	(4:15) "One Hell of a Guy"		★★★½ "The Truman Show" (1998) Jim Carrey.		★★ "Amos & Andrew" (1993, Comedy) Nicolas Cage.		Soul Food "Truth Be Told"	Resurrection Blvd.		"Open Your Eyes" (1997)								
	25	TMC	Fine Rom.	★★ "The Dell" (1997, Comedy) Mike Starr.			★★ "For Hire" (1997) Rob Lowe.		★★★ "Mean Streak" (1999) Scott Bakula.		★★½ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) Mel Gibson.		My Brother's							

THURSDAY EVENING			DECEMBER 21, 2000																
(TM)	CV		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	
24	2	TBS	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	★★½ "Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				★★ "Pink Cadillac" (1989, Comedy) Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters.			Vegas Vac			
3	3	NBC	News	Edition	News	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Friends	Cursed	Will & Grace	Just Shoot	ER (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)	Late Night			
4	5	PBS	Reading	Dragon	World	Business	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		Mystery! "A Certain Justice"		Jubilee	World News	Truth	(Off Air)			
8	8	ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	Hollywood	Ent. Tonight	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Primetime Thursday (N)	News	Nightline	Politically	Ricki Lake		
23	9	WGN	7th Heaven (In Stereo)		Full House	Clueless	Fresh Prince	Suddenly	★★½ "Kundun" (1997, Drama) Tenzin Thuthob Tsarong.			Hawaii Five-0 "The Box"		In the Heat of the Night		Matlock "The Picture"			
6	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Walters Auto Report		A Home for the Holidays	City of Angels (In Stereo)		48 Hours: Face		News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late			
11	11	FOX	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Spin City	Friends	Drew Carey	★★½ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)			News	Spin City	Suddenly	Jamie Foxx	Jenny Jones			
13	13	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Seinfeld	Frasier	A Home for the Holidays		City of Angels (In Stereo)		48 Hours: Face		News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late		
14	46	ESPN	PGA Tour	Up Close (N)	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Wake Forest at Temple. (Live)			College Basketball: Illinois at Missouri. (Live)			Sportscenter	Hoops	NHL 2Night					
33	30	DSC	Your New House		Wild Discovery "Wild Style"		Wild Discovery		On the Inside		UFOs Over Phoenix		Atlantis Found?		Justice Files "Hard Time"	On the Inside			
16	61	TNT	Pensacola: Wings of Gold		ER (In Stereo)	Pretender "Past Sim"		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks. (In Stereo Live)			NBA			★★ "The Ref" (1994, Comedy) Denis Laary, Judy Davis.					
31	32	A&E	Magnum, P.I.	"Paper War"	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order "Divorce"	Biography: Wayne Newton		Behind Closed Doors		Investigative Reports		Law & Order "Vengeance"	Biography: Wayne Newton				
27	33	TNN	Waltons "The Reunion"		Starsky and Hutch		Martial Law (In Stereo)	Classic Christmas		★★ "The Man Upstairs" (1992) Katharine Hepburn.			Martial Law (In Stereo)	Shooter	DucksUnl				
19	34	NICK	Rocket	U Pick	Pinky	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Spongeb	Kenan & Kel	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	Jeffersons	
17	35	USA	Martin	Martin	Walker, Texas Ranger	JAG "Desert Son"	Nash Bridges (In Stereo)		★★½ "I Come in Peace" (1990) Dolph Lundgren.			Martin	Martin	Strip Poker	Nikita				
28	38	FAM	Toys	Angel	Stingiest Man in Town	Polar Bears	Frosty's		★ "Special Delivery" (2000, Comedy) Andy Dick.		Early Edition (In Stereo)		700 Club		Boss?	Boss?			
	43	LIFE	Knows You	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries			"Change of Heart" (1998, Drama) Jean Smart.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Weddings of a Lifetime			
	45	ESPN2	ESPNNews	Extreme	Motorcycles	Street Rod	NFL 2Night	Football	College Football: Las Vegas Bowl -- Arkansas vs. Nevada-Las Vegas. (Live)						NFL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL 2Night		
29	49	AMC	(4:15) "Kidnapped" (1948)		Hidden Hollywood II		Three Stooges		★★★ "Love With the Proper Stranger" (1963)			★★★ "Dragonslayer" (1981, Fantasy) Peter MacNicol.			Lot	Days-Wine			
	50	HGTV	Bed-Bath	If Walls	Homebuil.	Fix	Old House	Lofty Ideas	Christmas	Christmas	Designing	Designer's House	House	Christmas	Christmas	Designing	Designer's		
10	51	SCIFI	Xena: Warrior Princess	Sliders (In Stereo)	Babylon 5 (In Stereo)		Sharks-Feeding Frenzy		★★ "The Beast" (1996, Horror) William Petersen.			Crossing	Twilight Z.	Friday the 13th: The Series					
32	52	HIST	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron	History	History IQ	History of Prostitution		Tool Bench		Suicide Missions			History of Prostitution				
	55	TOC	Prospecting	Prospect	Outdoors	Outdoors	Fishing	Outdoors	Gene Percy	Outdoors	Sportsmans	Traditions	Buckmstr.	Turkey Call	Hunting	Birdhunter	Spur	Hunting	
20	14	HBO	(4:30) "Practical Magic"		★★★ "I.Q." (1994, Comedy) Meg Ryan. (In Stereo) 'PG'		Inside the NFL (N)			★★ "Jakob the Liar" (1999) Robin Williams. 'PG-13'		GString	Inside the NFL	Curb					
	15	HBO2	(4:00) "Stakeout" (1987) 'R'		★★★ "Free Enterprise" (1998, Comedy) Rafer Weigel. 'R'		★★★ "Galaxy Quest" (1999) Tim Allen.		Robert Klein: Child in His	★★½ "Broken Vessels" (1998, Drama) Todd Field. 'R'			Cast Away						
	16	HBO3	★★ "Revolution" (1985, Drama) Al Pacino. (In Stereo) 'PG'		★½ "The Suburbans" (1999) Craig Bierko.		★★★ "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" (1968) Alan Arkin.		★★ "Among Giants" (1998) Pete Postlethwaite. 'R'										
21	17	MAX	(4:45) ★★★½ "Braveheart" (1995, Drama) Mel Gibson. (In Stereo) 'R'			★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Drama) Bruce Willis. 'R'		★★★ "The Last Seduction" (1993) Linda Fiorentino. 'R'		Warlock III: The End									
	18	DISN	So Weird	Smart Guy	Jett Jackson	BoyWorld	"The Ultimate Christmas Present" (2000)		"The Other Me" (2000) Andy Lawrence.		★½ "Model Behavior" (2000) Kathie Lee Gifford.		Zorro	Mickey					
	22	SHOW	(4:45) "Scandalous" (1984)		"Once a Thief: Brother Against Brother" (1993, Drama)		★★ "The Wood" (1999, Drama) Omar Epps. (In Stereo)		RudeAwak	★★★ "Election" (1999) Matthew Broderick.		★½ "The Visitors" (1972)							
	25	TMC	★★½ Believe		"Home Movies" (1980) Kirk Douglas.		★★★ "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1998)		★★ "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama)		★★★ "Strange Justice" (1999, Drama) Delroy Lindo.		Playhouse						

FRIDAY EVENING			DECEMBER 22, 2000														
TV	CV	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
24	2	TBS	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	** "Sister Act" (1992, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.				** 1/2 "Sixteen Candles" (1984, Comedy) Molly Ringwald.		Blue Lagoon		
3	3	NBC	News	Edition	News	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Providence (In Stereo)	Dateline (N) (In Stereo)	Law & Order	News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)	Late Night			
4	5	PBS	Reading	Dragon	World	Business	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Comment	McLaughlin	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Austin City Limits	World News	European	(Off Air)		
8	8	ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	Hollywood	Ent. Tonight	Two Guys	Dot Comedy	Norm	Madigan	Hype (N)	News	Nightline	Politically	Ricki Lake
23	9	WGN	7th Heaven "With Honors"	Full House	Clueless	Fresh Prince	** 1/2 "Superman III" (1983, Fantasy) Christopher Reeve, Richard Pryor.				News (In Stereo)	In the Heat of the Night	Matlock "The Scrooge"				
6	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Divorce	Divorce	Fugitive "Gull" (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Nash Bridges (In Stereo)	News	Sports OT	Late Show	Late Late		
11	11	FOX	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Spin City	Friends	Drew Carey	* 1/2 "Home Alone 3" (1997, Comedy) Alex D. Linz.		News	Spin City	Suddenly	Jamie Foxx	Jenny Jones		
13	13	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Seinfeld	Frasier	Fugitive "Gull" (In Stereo)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Nash Bridges (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late			
14	46	ESPN	XBS (N)	Up Close (N)	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Tennessee at Syracuse. (Live)				College Basketball: Indiana at Kentucky. (Live)			Sportscenter	NFL	NHL 2Night		
33	80	DSC	Your New House	Wild Discovery	Wild Discovery "Lost!"	On the Inside: Marine			Hospital (N)		Hospital "A New Beginning"		Justice Files "Murder One"	On the Inside: Marine			
16	61	TNT	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	ER (In Stereo)	Pretender (In Stereo)	*** "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turner.				Very Special Christmas-Washington			*** "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986)				
31	82	A&E	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order "Remand"	Biography			Competition (N)		Poirot	Law & Order "Savages"	Biography			
27	63	TNN	Waltons "The Minstrel"	Starksy and Hutch	Martial Law "Blue Flu"	Championship Rodeo			Rollerjam (In Stereo)		Motor Madness (In Stereo)		Martial Law "Blue Flu"	Championship Rodeo			
19	34	NICK	Rocket	U Pick	Pinky	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Cousin Skeeter "New Kids on the Planet"		Skeeter	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	Jeffersons
17	65	USA	Martin	Martin	Walker, Texas Ranger	JAG "Deja Vu" (In Stereo)	Nash Bridges "Cop Out"	* 1/2 "Hush" (1998, Suspense) Jessica Lange.			Farmclub.com (In Stereo)		** "Firewalker" (1986)				
28	63	FAM	Munsters Scary	** "Babes in Toyland" (1986, Fantasy) Drew Barrymore.				Life of Santa Claus		All-Star Winter Celebration: The Nobel Concert				700 Club	Fearing Mind (In Stereo)		
43	LIFE	Knows You	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	American Teacher Awards (N)				Figure Skating: NHK Trophy.		Once and Again (In Stereo)		Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
45	ESPN2	ESPNews	NFL's Greatest Game (N)			NFL 2Night	NFL Films	NFL	Drill	Boxing: Friday Night Fights -- Ray Oliveira vs. Vincent Phillips. (Live)		NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL 2Night			
29	49	AMC	Return-James	Moviemakers		Three Stooges			*** "The Seven-Ups" (1974, Adventure) Roy Scheider.		Cinema	**** "The Invisible Man" (1933)			The Invisible Man Returns		
50	HGTV	Kitchen	Homes	Dream	Help Around	Old House	BeforAfr	Christmas	Christmas	Kitchen	Homes	Dream	Open House	Christmas	Christmas	Kitchen	Homes
10	51	SCIFI	(4:00) ** "Impulse" (1984)	* "Dark Planet" (1997, Science Fiction) Paul Mercurio.				*** 1/2 "The Day After" (1983, Drama) Jason Robards, JoBeth Williams.				** "The Amityville Horror" (1979, Horror) James Brolin.					
32	52	HIST	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron	History	History IQ	Most (N)	This Week in History (N)		Haunted History		Holy Grail	Most			
65	TOC	Better Hunt	Paid Prog.	Outdoors	Outside	Am. Archer	Fisherman	Outdoor	Call of Wild	Water Craft	Outdoors	Adventure	Hunting	Prospectng	Fishing	Adv. Bound	Outdoors
20	14	HBO	(4:30) ** 1/2 "Who Am I?" (1998) 'PG-13'	Cast Away	Inside the NFL	* 1/2 "Substitute 3: The Winner Takes All"			"Second Skin" (2000, Suspense) 'NR'		Shock Video 2001: A Sex		*** "Miami Blues" (1990)				
15	HBO2	(4:30) "The Winslow Boy"	*** "Strictly Ballroom" (1992) Paul Mercurio. 'PG'			** "Jack Frost" (1998, Fantasy) Michael Keaton. 'PG'		Sopranos "College"		Sopranos "Pax Soprana"		Curb	Second				
16	HBO3	The Muse	* 1/2 "The Settlement" (1999, Comedy) 'R'	*** "A Merry War" (1997) Richard E. Grant. 'PG-13'			Sex and-City	Sex and-City	** 1/2 "Prelude to a Kiss" (1992) 'PG-13'		*** "I.Q." (1994) Meg Ryan. 'PG'						
21	17	MAX	(4:15) "Risky Business" 'R'	*** "True Crime" (1999, Suspense) Clint Eastwood. 'R'			* 1/2 "Mercy" (1999, Suspense) Ellen Barkin. 'R'		** 1/2 "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) 'R'		Bedtime	"Embrace the Darkness"					
18	DISN	Jersey (N)	Even	Jett Jackson	BoyWorld	Heartbeat	"The Brainiacs.com" (2000, Comedy) Michael Angarano.		Honey We Shrunk	MusicVids	Heartbeat	So Weird	Zorro	Mickey			
22	SHOW	(4:35) "Surf Ninjas" (1993)	** "Yellowbeard" (1983, Comedy) Graham Chapman.			* 1/2 "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon.		Extras-What	Stargate	Outer Limits "The Nest"	Beggars and Choosers	RudeAwak					
25	TMC	Black Rbw	** "Dead Cert" (1974) Scott Antony.		** 1/2 "Tea With Mussolini" (1999) Cher. (In Stereo)			* 1/2 "Stigmata" (1999) Patricia Arquette.	** 1/2 "The Hi-Lo Country" (1998) Woody Harrelson.			The Adjuster					

CRITTERS CORNER

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I have mentioned before that the field of animal behavior and training is undergoing tremendous changes. Methods that have been accepted for years have either been discarded outright or have become just some of the many tools available.

No longer are terms such as "positive reinforcement," "operant conditioning," and "behavior modification" used only by psychology majors. They have become the language of trainers and behaviorists and are starting to crop up in mainstream literature and television shows.

When my husband and I were taught to train dogs, our instructor, Chuck Justice, was a stickler for using only what is allowed in the competitive obedience ring—a slip training collar, a six-foot lead, and absolutely no food rewards. And

his methods worked, for him; he had a gift for adapting them to different dogs and different handlers.

After several years of classes with him, he hounded us (no pun intended), along with a couple of other students, to begin



teaching in this area. Tragically, Chuck died of a massive heart attack, just as we were finishing our first class, and we lost our mentor.

Although Pat was determined to carry on Chuck's methods, we were beginning to have problems. When something just wasn't coming together for a dog and/or handler, lacking Chuck's experience, we sometimes were at a loss for what to do. I had decided to leave my general veterinary practice to concentrate on behavior medicine and I was beginning to be exposed to many different training methods. I was starting to see opportunities to use some of the new techniques.

Some of my eagerness to take advantage of them also stemmed from the fact that I have dyslexia; the knowledge that different animals and people learn in different ways is very much on my mind. Although I knew I had some sort of problem, my disability was never formally diagnosed. My college roommate, a special education major, recognized and pointed it out. If the new methods of teaching the learning disabled had been available when I was younger, I am sure things would have been much easier.

Pat, however, felt strongly that we had been entrusted to carry on a legacy, and he could not shake the feeling that any deviation from the way we were taught was a betrayal of Chuck's trust.

This sounds crazy, but the only really heated disagreements we have had in our marriage have been over dog training meth-

ods. The really big blowup occurred the first night I put a Gentle Leader halter on an unruly dog in class.

Yes, Pat was right, this dog would have eventually settled down using the traditional methods, but my view was, why spend two or three weeks getting this done when the halter accomplished the same thing in 30 minutes? A few days later, after we both calmed down, we finally sat down and had a rational discussion.

Pat's argument was that these new types of equipment and other aids, such as food, were not allowed in the obedience ring. (He is right, only a plain collar and specific commands and hand signals are legal in competition obedience. Even such minor things as an extra movement of a hand can be penalized as an extra command.)

My position was that some of these dogs would never see the inside of an obedience ring if we didn't get them under control first. In addition, we routinely use extra commands and body movements that would not be allowed in the ring when teaching new exercises; we later drop them when the dog no longer needs the extra help.

We finally came to a compromise. We would try some of the new stuff if it was warranted, but primarily as a teaching aid. We would phase the additional things out as the dog and handler progressed to where it was no longer needed.

In addition, in the more advanced classes, which were aimed primarily at those handlers who wanted to compete, we would stick to the basics.

The fear that we were doing something terrible by trying new things was dispelled when I talked to Chuck's widow, Jan. Her view was "You are not Chuck, and you may as well forget doing everything just like him. Do what you feel you need to do and what works for you, and don't worry about it."

This removed a huge amount of pressure from me, although I suspect it took Pat much longer to feel better about it. Truth be told, it still bothers him a little, and he has embraced some new ideas much more easily than others.

We try all sorts of new things now in class. One week we even set up a "mini-agility course" when the dogs became bored with the routine. Jumps, tunnels and slightly elevated boardwalks seemed to restore some enthusiasm in both dogs and handlers; also, the dogs were having to really think again, instead of going through the rote exercises.

In one of our classes, almost every dog was using a Gentle Leader; in another, we needed nothing but the traditional approach and equipment—everything depends on the individuals. In one class we even experimented with "clicker training," which I intend to devote an entire article in the future.

While we are certainly not churning out the obedience trial competitors that Chuck did, I like to think that there are some dogs' lives in this area that have been made better. By learning the manners they need to be good companions, hopefully, these dogs have better relationships with their human families, regardless of what method it took to get them there.

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