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Dreaming of a white Christmas? There is a slight chance

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

JACKSON — With Christmas trees and mistletoe, candy canes and shiny bows, families gather to celebrate the holidays. But for many Eastern Kentucky residents, Christmas just doesn't seem like Christmas without a blanket of snow on the treetops.

Those hoping to see a white Christmas this season may get their wish, according to reports given this week by the National Weather Service in Jackson.

The weather service announced a cold front moving into the region beginning Saturday and continuing through Sunday, with chances of rain on both days topping at 60 percent.

On Monday, with temperatures expected to range from the 20s to upper 30s, the rain could possibly bring a "light" chance of snow to the area both Monday and Tuesday nights. Temperatures are predicted to stay within the 20- to 30-degree range until Thursday, the service reported Friday.

Although conditions are favorable for a light chance of snow on Christmas

morning, hopeful holiday goers shouldn't get overly excited just yet, said one weather forecaster Friday.

"Basically, we just have a cold front coming in and with it the transition of much colder air," said Hal Klinenberg, meteorologist and forecaster for the National Weather Service in Jackson.

"What happens a lot of times is that there is moisture left in the low levels of

the atmosphere that forms snow showers, but we usually don't get much snow in that type of situation."

A significant amount of snow would fall, said Klinenberg, in a atmospheric situation that included an "upper level disturbance."

According to Klinenberg, there is an

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\$2 million headed to UK Rural Health Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers says the final version of the appropriations bill that provides funding to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services includes \$2 million for a major addition to the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health in Hazard. Rogers worked to secure funding for the 10,000 square-foot project.



Rogers

"This \$2 million federal investment is now official, and is the final piece of the funding puzzle for this important project in Hazard," Rogers said. "This expansion of the UK Center for Rural Health will include a new dental clinic, dental training programs, as well as classrooms and lab facilities to serve the center's physical therapy program and other course work.

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Over \$200,000 found missing at Jackson City School

by RENEE SNOWDEN
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON — This past week Jackson City School Superintendent, Dr. Taylor Collins announced that over \$200,000 had allegedly been embezzled from the school by one of its own employees.

Collins said that he discovered the funds missing from the general fund and food service budget during a bookkeeping inspection that occurred on December 11.

Collins contacted Kentucky State Police,

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Floyd County Extension Homemakers hand-crafted the ornaments adorning this majestic Christmas tree that stands in the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Among the beautifully crafted items are smiling snowmen, mittens, Santa elves, sleds, icicles, ice skates and friendly messages welcoming snow. The Homemakers meet once a month at the Floyd County Extension Service office on North Lake Drive. For more information about joining, call 886-2668.



Pair face charges from shootout

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two men who were allegedly involved in a shootout just outside Martin on Stephen's Branch May 12 were indicted by a grand jury Thursday.

Thomas Howard Bartrum, 47, and Marty Glenn Tackett, 43, both of Martin, were indicted Thursday in connection to the shootout which took place, according

to Martin city police, at a railroad crossing on Stephen's Branch.

Police said at that time that the men had argued heatedly during a telephone conversation earlier that morning and agreed to meet to settle their differences at the junction of Route 80 and Route 1210.

The two men met at the determined location at approximately 2 a.m. and gun-

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Cops shop with heart

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Months of planning, gathering and sheer "brute labor" culminated Thursday with the Prestonsburg Police Department's third annual "Shop with a Cop" program.

In the spirit of the season, officers shared their softer side with several Floyd County families during the event, which was topped off with singing, food and plenty of shopping.

Eighteen kindergarten through fifth grade students were chosen by elementary school family resource centers in the area to participate, all of which received ample surprises

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photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg Police Patrolman Steve Little was on hand Thursday for the department's third annual "Shop with a Cop" program. The program, said Little, is one of the ways the department reaches out to needy families in the area.

Wheelwright commissioner gives up position, but not fight

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — According to Arlene Hall, the Wheelwright utility commissioner who, along with fellow commissioner Marsha Johnson, was saved from being ousted by a controversial 2-2 vote by city councilmembers at a special-called meeting Monday evening, resigning her

position the following morning was simply a decision to face the inevitable.

"I resigned yesterday (Tuesday) morning ...," said Hall. "Eventually they were going to get rid of me because they have that 'at will' clause and where Ruby (Johnson) got there late, I knew they were going to call another meeting and vote me

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The Perry County Library celebrated 30 years on Tuesday, December 18. This exhibit, which appears to be a painting, was actually constructed from styrofoam by a local artist.

Martin mayor gives support to police

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — An "unfortunate mishap" which led to the dismissal of charges in a drug trafficking case last week may have brought a bit of embarrassment to the six-man Martin city police force, but officials say it won't keep them down.

Less than 24 hours before a trial for Martin resident Larry Edward Greer, 56, was slated to begin on Tuesday, the Martin Police Department contacted the Commonwealth Attorney's office

to inform them that the evidence in the case — three hydrocodone pills, generic for Lorcet, used in a "buy" operation — were missing.

"Police are just like everybody else — we're just human," said Martin City Police Assistant Chief Fred Mynhier, who headed the investigation. "This is a small police department and we work with what we got. This setback will not stop us from trying to eliminate drugs from our community."

Although Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson said she recognizes the mistake within the

police department, she says she still stands behind her employees, who are now searching relentlessly for the pills.

"We're going through everything with a fine-tooth comb," said Robinson Wednesday. "The chief of police is a straight A person, and I stand behind him 100 percent. I stand behind the entire department, they're all good officers. We will find this."

During the interview Robinson noted that the department will also take preventative measures to assure a similar incident does not occur again. However, she did not

disclose any specifics during the interview.

No disciplinary measures are expected to be taken against any Martin police officer, said Robinson.

As reflected by statements from Police Chief Jeff Powell Tuesday, Robinson said that there were no confirmations of the exact sequence of events which led to the lost evidence. However, Robinson is satisfied that there was no criminal intent on behalf of any police officer in relation to the

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A passion for poinsettias

by LAURA SKILLMAN
UK COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

SPRINGFIELD — Brilliant reds, soft pinks and muted whites have Country Place

Greenhouses awash in color. Inside the Washington County greenhouses, workers dance around the brightly colored poinsettias like bees as they ready them for holiday deliv-

ery.

The plants — some 170,000 — will make their way to groups across the state who have sold them as fund-raisers. 4-H clubs, FFA, bands, soccer teams, Boy Scouts, cheerleaders, church and civic groups across the state order from Bernie Bourbeau's supplies. The business also helps supply some Kroger stores with poinsettias and sells a few retail.

Bourbeau began his business in 1972 growing tomatoes for the fresh market and his wife started growing some plants. The plants started to sell better than the ripe tomatoes so they made the move over to more plants and out of vegetables.

"Of course, I also worked as a county agent for 4-H at that

time, and as the business grew we started growing poinsettias and then started lining up business with band groups and other groups," he said.

After 16 years, Bourbeau left the Cooperative Extension Service to devote his attention to Country Place Greenhouses.

"I had the contacts and knew 4-H clubs were always looking for ways to make money. Poinsettias turned out to be an excellent one in that it provides a very useful plant to people during this time of the year and did not maybe cause as much of a sales problem as other items you might try to sell," he said. "So we tried to key in on groups across Kentucky. We started with 4-Hers and have gone across the state from one end to the other and we've got

one county in Ohio where an agent from Kentucky moved. So, it's spread that way, from one group to another."

The poinsettia is the largest single fund-raising plant the greenhouse grows with about 80 percent of its plants going to fund-raising groups.

"It's been a good fund-raiser for all the groups," he said. "We have a 100 percent replacement policy if there's a problem, but we replace very few."

Reds are still the most popular poinsettia making up about 50 percent of the orders. Then, there's the pinks, whites, marble and the jingle bells. Jingle bells, a red plant with sprinkles of pink is waning some in popularity, he said, probably because of the new varieties coming into the market such as winter rose, plum pudding, carousel, and silver star.

"The whole nature of the business has changed, people want something different than

what they may be able to get from other sources and that is what the groups supply them. We provide a lot of different varieties which can be somewhat of a headache, but it gives them the opportunity to sell to people something that nobody else has to a great degree."

There are 21 poinsettia varieties in the Country Place greenhouses, said Kathleen Smith, head grower. Several of those are new this year.

"The trend runs with the decorations in the homes," she said. "It depends on what colors they are using. And it changes every year."

The business generally use the previous year's orders to determine the bulk of what it will grow the following year, she said.

In determining varieties, they look for ones that people like, that's the key to it. "We try to move with the varieties that

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Snow

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upper level disturbance expected in the area with a low pressure system passing by that could possibly bring snow showers this evening and Monday night with lingering flurries remaining for Christmas. However, a significant accumulation of snow, he said, is "highly unlikely".

"If we do, it will be light and will not effect the entire area," said Klinenberg. "It will possibly fall here and there — have to rule out anything other than light accumulation."

If it does snow come Christmas morning, it will be a change for the region, as hardly any snowfall has been noted at the Jackson Weather Service Station this season. Klinenberg said Jackson received a "trace" of snow in October, around the same time small amounts of snow were reported on higher elevations in the southeast parts of the state.

Reports from the Climate Prediction Center in Washington also indicate nothing out of the ordinary for January, February and March.

"For this part of the country, there is currently no inclination that it will be either warmer or colder than it normally is this time of year, nor will it be wetter or dryer than it normally is," said Klinenberg.

Some parts of the nation, such as areas surrounding New England and the Great Lakes, have a "better chance" that it will be colder this season than usual, said Klinenberg. Other parts of the nation are expected to be slightly warmer than normal.

For up to the date weather forecasts contact the National Weather Service in Jackson at (606) 666-8000.

Mayor

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missing evidence.

Although Powell indicated earlier this week that the pills could have accidentally been tossed in the trash, Robinson said she feels the pills were more likely just misplaced.

According to Robinson, the pills were returned from the lab in a box which was full of "little tiny papers." It's likely, she said, the pills were accidentally taken out of those boxes and placed with evidence from other cases.

Robinson also concluded that the incident which led to the dismissal of the Greer case may be affiliated with limited space in the small police department building. She says the city plans to find a solution to "correct" that problem, but did not disclose how officials would approach a remedy. A possibility, she said, might include purchasing more storage cabinets.

"We do not approve of drugs

in this city," said Robinson. "We do not tolerate it and we will do anything in our power to convict anybody selling drugs."

Because of the lack of evidence, Circuit Judge Danny Caudill dismissed the charges against Greer without prejudice, meaning he can be tried at a later date if the evidence is found. If convicted by a jury, Greer, who at the time of his arrest was employed as a bus driver for Mountain Christian Academy, could have faced five to 10 years.

During the interview earlier this week concerning the lost evidence, Chief Powell informed the Times that every member of the department had keys to the evidence locker at the police department, a statement he retracted during an interview on Thursday. Powell said he is the only member of the force with a key to the locker.

School

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the Kentucky Department of Education, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and the district's auditor.

On December 12, Susan Brown Noble, 42, food service and finance director for more than 14 years, was relieved of her duties after officials said they allegedly discovered several checks that shouldn't have been written.

Noble is well known throughout Breathitt County, and she is also the daughter of former Breathitt County Sheriff Jack T. Brown.

"I wish to reassure our students, their families, our staff, and our citizens that everything will turn out all right," said Collins. "We will make it through this and will continue to march forward to greatness."

On December 17, Collins confirmed the missing funds total \$206,230.40.

Kentucky State Police Detective Steve Thomas, the investigating officer, announced that all of Noble's bank, savings and loan records have been subpoenaed.

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lt. Gov. Steve Henry stopped in Prestonsburg Dec. 15 on his way through the state as part of the "Project Homesafe" program to distribute gun locks to Christmas shoppers with Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn.

Henry and Blackburn set up a table just outside Prestonsburg's Wal-Mart to give away the gun locks, a location which was picked carefully, according to Blackburn.

"We're giving these away right now because during the Christmas season children will be home more and the need for safety increases," said Blackburn, adding that the decision to set up the location at a busy shopping center would better enable him and Henry to reach a substantial number of gun owners.

Henry, who was named national co-chair of Project Homesafe in September, explained the timing of the gun lock giveaway in much the same way, saying gun purchases tend to peak, as with most other purchases, during the holiday season.

"More guns are purchased during this time of the year," said Henry. "This way those people who may be buying a gun will have this (gun lock) in addition."

Henry's stop in Floyd County was his 91st county visited since initiating Project Homesafe. Before stopping at the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center Dec. 15, Henry had visited Magoffin County and went on to visit Inez and Paintsville later in the day, giving away gun locks in each county.

Henry and county sheriffs across the state hope to distribute a total of 100,000 gun locks, and have managed since that tentative goal in September to reach a mid-point with their consistent efforts.

As of Friday, Henry and Kentucky sheriffs across the state had given away an estimated 50,000 gun locks, a precaution that is not about "gun control," but rather "gun safety," Henry said.

"This isn't about gun control," Henry said Saturday, citing the importance for safety by pointing the number of children killed by guns last year. "This is to promote safety."

The statistics speak for themselves, said Henry, when stressing the importance of keeping privately owned firearms as safely as possible.

According to the Harris Poll, conducted in May, two in five Americans live in gun-owning households, and an average of 115,000 firearm-related injuries occurred resulting in the death of 35,200 children between 1993 and 1998.

Another statistic Henry points to for reinforcement in his safety message is that eight children die from gunfire every day, with 3,024 children dying from gunfire every year — this according to research done by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Henry and Blackburn were both met with mixed emotions from those who stopped by outside Wal-Mart shopping center during the weekend giveaway. Some citizens flatly refused the free offer, saying they owned no firearms, while others asked for the locks and were eager to submit questions and learn more about how to use them effectively.

Henry said the effort is worth the time invested if one life is saved or one child is educated about the dangers of firearms.

"There was a young boy at a school in Western Kentucky who found a gun out behind the school," said Henry. "He took

the gun directly to his teacher who turned it over to the principal. Someone had apparently just tossed it there, but the point is that the student had been educated enough about firearms that he didn't mess with it ... that's the kind of educated reaction we're working toward."



photo by Sheldon Compton

Lt. Gov. Steve Henry and Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn set up shop during a gun lock giveaway at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart on December 15. Henry and Blackburn offered free gun locks to visitors for most of the afternoon. According to Blackburn, his office has given away approximately 400 locks as part of Project Homesafe's efforts to promote gun safety.

Center

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With President Bush's signature on this bill, the entire funding package for the project will be complete, and the project can get underway. I was happy to lend my support to this worthwhile project."

The Rural Health Center, a project of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, is the home to a number of academic and residency programs from Appalachia and other rural Kentucky counties. The program returns 80 percent of its graduates to rural communities.

Rogers secured \$2 million in federal funding for the \$13.1 million project. The University of Kentucky will provide \$6.1 million, with an additional \$4 million secured through an appropriation by the state. The balance of the funding, \$1 million, was collected in local cash contributions.

"This center's primary mission is to improve the availability of quality health care in our most rural areas," Rogers said.

Rogers is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Shootout

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fire followed, resulting in Tackett being shot an undetermined number of times.

Authorities could not determine the exact source of the disagreement during early investigative efforts, but were, however, seeking Bartrum as a lead suspect in the shooting. Tackett was taken first to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin shortly after the incident before being flown to and treated for injuries at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.

Kentucky State Police reports in May held pending charges of first-degree assault in the investigation, but only one of the two shooters was indicted Thursday on that charge.

Bartrum was indicted on one count of first-degree assault, a class B felony, for allegedly shooting Tackett during the course of the gunfight.

Tackett, on the other hand, considering he did not succeed in his alleged attempt to shoot Bartrum, was indicted Thursday on one count of first-degree wanton endangerment, a class D

felony.

Other indictments handed down Thursday include:

■ Jackie L. Woods, 43, of Allen, first-degree criminal mischief.

■ Carl Campbell, 39, of Norwood, Missouri, flagrant non-support.

■ Crystal Dawn Blair Newsome Shepherd, 23, of Prestonsburg, bigamy.

■ Michael Dewayne Hoover, age unlisted, address unlisted, fraudulent insurance acts.

■ Steve L. Lemaster, 34, of Allen, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, four counts of theft by deception.

■ Dennis James Meredith, 41, of Prestonsburg, second-degree persistent felony offender.

■ Kenneth Doug Roberts, 51, of Harold, fourth-degree assault.

■ Marvetta Brackett, 38, of Hager Hill, first-degree bail jumping, first-degree forgery.

■ Gregory Scott Crace, 37, of Allen, trafficking in marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.



photo by Sheldon Compton

Prestonsburg Wal-Mart manager Greg Salyers and fellow Wal-Mart associates presented a check for \$1,624 to J.M. Sloce, pastor of the Praise Assembly of God Church near Watergap, at the shopping center Friday morning. The charity efforts last year provided food for approximately 400 families. The money will be used again this year to provide food and gifts to needy families during the holiday season.

Resigns

off. They just want to get rid of me."

Council member Ruby Johnson arrived late to Monday's meeting, but in time to convince mayor Marlee Sammons that her presence legally constituted the need for a revote, saying that Ruby

Johnson was a member of the council and that her vote should be recognized as long as she "was in the building."

A second vote was brought to the table, even while council member Andy Akers was busy disputing Sammons' reasoning, leaving the matter deadlocked at

2-2, with Akers and councilman Bruce Johnson voting for Hall and Marsha Johnson's removal while Ruby Johnson joined Sammons in voting against implementing the "at will" removal clause.

As a result, neither Hall or Marsha Johnson were removed

from their positions as commissioners, and the matter was slated to go before city attorney Tim Parker for further consideration.

But Hall didn't stop with a decision to resign and save the Wheelwright council the trouble of arranging another meeting to take care of unfinished business,

she said.

In addition to making public her intentions to resign, Hall said she also filed a formal complaint against Mike Tackett, the Wheelwright Utilities Superintendent against whom she has made numerous accusations since hearing of an alleged plan to remove her from the commission sometime last week.

Hall would not, however, disclose the nature of the complaint Wednesday, saying only that it was coupled with her decision to step down from her appointed position.

Based on various accusations Hall has issued against Tackett, the complaint could have been any number of things.

In statements made earlier, Hall claimed several violations against the Wheelwright city government including claims of personal loans being taken from public funds by Tackett when he allegedly borrowed \$800 to buy a truck for personal use, the use of city equipment after hours not covered by city insurance and buying vacation time so that city employees would be able to draw benefits while not working.

As for some council members reasoning that Hall would be at fault as opposed to Tackett for having authorized the \$800 loan, Hall maintains

she has done nothing illegal.

"They can't get me for anything," said Hall. "I didn't do anything illegal except for the \$800 loan check, but I didn't know it was illegal until after I talked to the attorney."

Hall said it was after she realized the illegal nature of the loan that she requested a meeting to discuss giving loans.

During that meeting, which was held on October 16, Hall prompted the commission to retire to closed session to discuss personnel, according to minutes taken.

When the commission returned, city attorney Tim Parker, who had joined the commission in executive session, informed the group of a directive stating that legally, no loans could be made to individuals from utility funds and that from that moment forward, no loans could be issued.

But this attempt to come to a legal understanding has not helped curb the issue, said Hall.

"They might have got rid of me for the time being," said Hall. "But they've done so much illegal stuff that eventually they'll get exactly what they deserve."

Repeated attempts to reach various Wheelwright officials for comment on Hall's resignation were unsuccessful.

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Cops

this holiday season.

"All of the policemen say to me — and I agree — that doing this makes us feel good about ourselves," said Patrolman Steve Little, who coordinated the event. "We go to some homes when we answer complaints and we see that some families don't have a lot of stuff. Everybody knows somebody that needs something. Some kids just can't have things like some of us can give to our kids. It warms our hearts to be able to give like this, to know you've done something good, even just one time a year, to someone who needs it."

The program began Thursday morning at the Mountain Arts Center, where each child and their families received gifts, lunch and a few laughs as they watched 12 members of the Prestonsburg Police Department, accompanied by members of the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and Mayor Jerry Fannin, receive their "Christmas

present" from Little. Instead of wrapping gifts with bows this season, Little opted to give them the opportunity to participate in a humorous rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," where each wore a silly hat or wig and sang in outrageous accents for the children laughing across the room. The children seemed particularly moved by Fannin wearing a multi-colored clown wig and Patrolman Mike Conn in a blonde curly top hairdo.

The program at the MAC also included a father and son piano duet by Keith and Cory Caudill, a Kentucky Opry Junior Pro, as well as a welcomed visit from Santa Claus who handed out presents after lunch.

With donations tripling amounts received for the program last year, each student received a brand new bicycle, two complete outfits, hats, gloves, new winter coats, shoes, a couple of toys, as well as a gifts for their siblings, a stuffed

stocking and a basket with enough food to cook a festive meal. Officers even included an instant camera for the children to capture some holiday memories of their own.

Following the program at the MAC, students gathered their things and began a \$100 shopping spree at Prestonsburg Walmart, where they loaded their carts with toys, clothing, and electronic goodies. Their parents were also given \$50 to buy gifts for other children in the family. Children, parents, and officers alike were all smiles as they crowded the aisles to select the purchases.

"This is a great program," said Police Chief D.J. Conley. "We're tickled to death that it continues to grow each year. It's a good time of the year for law enforcement."

Conley extended a "whole-hearted thanks" to all businesses and individuals who participated or donated in the program, a list too numerous to recognize in its

entirety.

"We couldn't do it without their help," Conley said.

The Department collected more than \$9,000 for the program this year, said Little. Some of the money used in this year's program was allotted through "drug money" collected with the Floyd County Court system. Other donations came from individuals or businesses who gave voluntarily throughout the year. Among the many volunteers that donated, Little pointed out the determination of Prestonsburg resident Allan Rose, who donated 16 bicycles to the children who participated.

"He saw the program last year on TV," said Little. "After he watched us give away one bike, he wanted to buy bicycles for the rest of the kids, so he went out and bought enough for the nine other children."

Rose's spirit of giving must be catching, according to Little, who said Janie Patton of Pro Fitness in Prestonsburg also donated 2 bicycles to the program this year.

"This is a wonderful program," said Margie Smith, grandmother of Osborne Elementary student Margie Beth Mullins. "Without this, she wouldn't have had a good Christmas. Now, she has everything she needs, even enough food for Christmas dinner."

Other children who participated in the program this year included:

Johathon Holbrook and Johnathon Hunt from Betsy Layne; Andy Cochran and Regina Craft from Prestonsburg; Larry Tackett and Amanda Deline from John M. Stumbo; Lottie Howard and Brandon Conn from Clark; Angela Rose and Jeffrey Burchett from Allen; Traci Newsome and Thomas Howell from McDowell; Randy Duncan and Jessica Martin from J. A. Duff; Christopher Sherman and Shawn Carroll from May Valley; and Jordan Dunn from Osborne Elementary.

Anyone wishing to donate to the program, which is expected to continual annually, can contact the Prestonsburg City Police Department for more information at (606) 886-1010.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Melissa Forsyth, a member of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, helped keep children busy Friday evening during "Christmas in the Park" festivities held at Archer Park. A record crowd turned out for the annual event and throngs of children awaited a turn each in Santa's lap. The children fashioned ornaments from construction paper, had Christmas decorations painted on their faces, took rides around the gaily decorated park on the city's "mini-fire engine," and were treated to cookies and punch, as well as receiving a gift each from Santa Claus.

Snowfighters for Highway District 12 are ready for winter!

PIKEVILLE—Hugh Sammons, PE., operations branch manager, announced that all maintenance personnel have completed the required annual "Snow and Ice Training" and all equipment throughout District 12's seven-county service area has been calibrated and readied for winter weather emergencies.

District 12 includes Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Knott, Floyd, Pike and Letcher counties. Sammons said there are more than 2,000 miles of state highway included in the district's maintenance area.

To prepare for winter weather, District 12 maintenance garages have 28,157 tons of rock salt on hand and 48,639 gallons of calcium chloride (liquid salt). In addition, the district manufactures its own salt brine, which is used for anti-icing, a procedure where salt brine in a water base is applied to roads when weather conditions indicate that freezing rain or snow are imminent in the area. "This prevents the precipitation from freezing on impact with the roadways," Sammons explained. "It is a much more economical method than using salt alone. Most people don't realize this, but a ton of rock salt costs more than a ton of asphalt. Of course, we stockpile and use salt regularly, but in situations where we know several hours in advance that freezing rain or snow is headed our way, we can use the anti-icing salt brine and save the taxpayers a considerable amount of money, not to mention the inconvenience and hazards associated with driving on icy roads."

snowplow/salt spreader trucks. All feature state-of-the-art electronics, including two-way directional plows and ground speed control units that monitor the quantity and speed by which salt is released onto the road surface. All the vehicles have two-way radio communications with their county garages and District 12 headquarters in Pikeville. The storm team crew at the district office has electronic and satellite communication with the Transportation Cabinet's winter storm command center in Frankfort. In addition, the district office is equipped with weather radar monitors much like those used on television weather reports, and all foremen's vehicles have devices to measure ground temperature.

A total of 206 local men and

women comprise District 12's Snowfighters. They are committed to working long nights and weekends to keep the people of District 12 safe on the roads. "The Department of Highways recognizes how important the roadways are to Kentucky businesses and motorists. We are dedicated to keeping these roadways clear and safe for travel," said Chief District Engineer Linda Wagner-Justice.

Snow and ice are not the only obstacles on the road during winter months. Sammons cautioned that people need to be patient when following a snowplow. "The operators of these vehicles are making it possible for you to get through," he pointed out. "Please, please, for your safety and theirs, do not try to pass a snowplow or in any way challenge the snowplow operator.

To do a proper job of anti-icing and de-icing, these vehicles must travel at specific speeds and in certain patterns."

Sammons reminded motorists that the most heavily traveled roads are the first to be cleared during snow removal. Roads with less traffic count are cleared as quickly as possible, he said, "and the citizens of District 12 can be sure that our crews will be out working diligently as long as there is a state road left to clear."

For a snow removal priority map which shows the order in which the roads will be cleared in a specific county, or to keep up to date on the latest weather conditions, call 1-800-4KY-ROAD or look on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's website homepage at www.kytc.state.ky.us.

-NOTICE-

Due to Christmas, The Floyd County Times will be temporarily adjusting deadlines for the Wednesday Paper, December 26.

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Friday, December 21, at 2:00 pm

-NOTICE-

In observance of Christmas, The Floyd County Times will be closed Monday Dec. 24 & Tuesday Dec. 25, 2001

St. Martha Catholic Community

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Guestview

Open Records Act shouldn't be tampered with

It would be nice if government always made the right decisions, was consistently forthcoming about its operations and could be counted on at all times to put the public's interest ahead of its own wants or a campaign donor's needs.

Since Sept. 11, people seem desperately to want this to be the case. So much so that the simple questioning of government's actions — particularly on the national level — is deemed as unpatriotic.

The rebirth of patriotism and the rebuilding of faith in government no doubt make us a stronger nation. But turning a blind eye toward government is not the making of a patriot.

The public has a right to know its government's business, and every concerned citizen should want to exercise that right. But a handful of state legislators — including two locally — are seeking to weaken those rights.

Three bills have been prefiled for next month's General Assembly that would strip power from the Kentucky Open Records Act — legislation passed in 1976 that requires government agencies to make various records available to the public.

In and of themselves, the laws may seem like minor changes, necessary to protect the privacy of grieving families or to reduce the burden of overworked office personnel. And that's exactly how these legislators hope the public views the changes.

Don't be fooled. This is an incremental first step to closing access to government. If these bills are passed into law, where will the restrictions end?

One of the bills, prefiled by Sen. Dick Adams, D-Madisonville, whose district includes Muhlenberg and McLean counties, would give government agencies seven days to respond to an open records request. The current deadline is three days. Adams told the Lexington Herald-Leader that he proposed the law because many offices complain of the workload it imposes to compile the requested records.

If records are filed in an orderly fashion — or better yet computerized — three days seems more than enough time to pull a file and make copies.

It's a thinly veiled stall tactic — make it more difficult for people to obtain records and maybe they'll quit asking for them.

The other two bills — including one filed by Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville — pertain to the release of autopsy records. They make it a crime for coroners and medical examiners to make autopsy records public. The impetus behind the bills stems from controversy created after the death of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt.

We, along with most other newspapers, understand the sensitivity of autopsy records. In reporting on deaths, the goal is never to add more pain to a grieving family, but rather to answer the public's questions, address their concerns, over what are almost always tragic circumstances. Concerns over publishing grisly photos are legitimate, but restricting all autopsy records goes too far.

Consider last year's shooting death of Tyrone Clayton Jr. The initial statement issued by Owensboro police was that Clayton had been shot one time. It was only after the medical examiner looked at the body that it became clear Clayton had been shot twice. In a case where many were looking for answers, should the coroner have been punished for making that information public? Of course not.

The Open Records Act is often portrayed as a tool for the media, when in fact it is a right given to every citizen of Kentucky, and locally, private citizens have availed themselves of the open records acts. Citizens shouldn't let government take away these rights so that it can do business behind closed doors.

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— guest column

The holiday season — grounded at zero

by TIM BLIXSETH

As our driver made his way through the streets, I wondered what to expect when I got there. How would I feel? Would it be as I had imagined? All my questions were about to be answered.

City officials who presented us with hardhats and face masks met us at the front gates of City Hall, now shielded behind fences with armed guards. A strong stench that felt thick, although invisible, surrounded us. I felt fear, anticipation, overwhelming sadness, and anger all at once. I was about to be escorted, along with the rest of our party of eight, to the lowest place in Manhattan. I was about to go to ground zero.

I had been on a non-stop crusade for the past five weeks on a project called, Pray for Peace — Freedom has Its Price. It is a healing anthem I wrote for our country and to help the 15,000 plus children who lost one or both parents in the September 11, 2001 attacks on America. We had crisscrossed the country for those five weeks, working harder than I have in many years. I felt so much resolve, and at the same time comfort in my secure, pleasant life, far removed from terror. Improving my golf game and anticipating the first powder of winter, could wait for now. Then just the day before going to ground zero, I witnessed yet another fireman's funeral outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the first car, eight children got out; all grieving for their lost father and my five

weeks of work, for them, seemed still not enough.

Right then, knowing where I was about to go, all that had seemed so important faded away like the fine ash that filled the morning air. The buildings lining our path were covered with that same gray ash one had seen on television, but now, I could taste it. The looks on the faces we passed were more like those in a war torn third world country, dazed, longing for explanation and peace. At the last place the public was allowed our identifications were checked at a security checkpoint by some of New York's remaining finest. This area granted a slight peek of what I was about to see. As we made our way toward the river, around the backside of the remaining buildings, evidence began to show of damage from falling steel and concrete. A side of one building was ripped open, and I marveled how it could possibly still be standing. The wind began to blow a bitter winter chill off the river as we went through yet another security checkpoint. Could this really be America?

And then I saw a lady standing alone, braving the chilling wind. I recognized her, as my immigrant father had many years earlier. I raised my right hand and saluted this great lady, the Statue of Liberty.

Walking along the river we approached the third security area manned by weary souls, coughing from the inhalation of not so pure morning air. We walked past a closed restaurant.

The tables still set for lunch customers that would never arrive. In the window you could see drooping, dying plants, all leaning face down against the storefront window, as though they knew.

The last site before getting to ground zero was a makeshift memorial for the lost police and fire personnel. I slowly approached to see thousands of wilted flowers and faded pictures; notes from young and old trying to reach out in any way possible to their lost loved ones. As we read their words, tears ran down all of our faces and we choked back the growing lump pressing against our throats. How could anyone rejoice in the loss of these innocent lives?

Back out on the street making our way along yet another wall of potted plants, flowers, teddy bears, and pictures with notes we proceeded to the final security checkpoint manned by our military. Our city official declared, "Congressional delegation." The young soldier still made us all show proper ID and then nodded his head in acknowledgment, and we entered ground zero.

The city had built a viewing stand not unlike a backyard deck in rural America. We all stared in awe as the large equipment, loaded dump truck after dump truck, with the remnants of what once was a community. The stubborn smoke still challenging the non-stop surge of water continued to show that there was a fire under ground. Seeing ground zero on TV and seeing it

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Profits over principles...

by CONGRESSMAN HAL ROGERS

Rod Maggard is the former police chief of Hazard and a lawman for 34 years, but in all that time he says he has never seen anything like the utter devastation that OxyContin has brought to his community.

"It has demoralized, bankrupted — spiritually, morally and financially — families all over our area," Maggard told a congressional committee last week. "The abuse is so widespread that small town and rural police departments have become completely overwhelmed."

If the OxyContin epidemic has stretched law enforcement to the brink, just imagine what it is doing to families. At the same December 11 hearing, Donnie Coots and his family, also from Hazard, came to publicly reveal their difficult story about drug abuse, desperation and deliverance.

Donnie Coots is the pastor of Mason's Creek Church of God in Hazard. He told our committee of his own personal experience: his son had struggled with drug addiction, abusing

OxyContin and other drugs and turning to a life of crime to support his habit. In a moment that was at once inspiring and dramatic, the troubled father invited his son, Joshua — now a recovering addict — to join him at the witness table. Together, they put a human face on the tragedy of drug addiction. It was an amazing expression of personal responsibility.

The Coots family is one story that's part of a much bigger — and grimmer — picture. The staff of Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard says they treated at least 10 OxyContin overdoses a week last year. Across Kentucky, there were 69 deaths in which autopsies revealed the presence of oxycodone — the active ingredient in OxyContin. Nationwide, 296 overdose deaths have been linked to OxyContin. The epidemic began in Appalachia, but it has now spread far and wide. Over the past two years, for example, there were more than 100 overdose deaths in southern New Jersey and Philadelphia linked to OxyContin.

The head of the Drug Enforcement

Administration, Asa Hutchinson, was the first to testify at Tuesday's six-hour hearing on the epidemic. Hutchinson told us his agency had never seen such an aggressive marketing strategy for a pharmaceutical as it had with Purdue Pharma's high-pressure pitch for OxyContin.

Earlier this year, DEA agents expressed alarm over a clinic in South Carolina that handed out OxyContin like candy — addicts were frequently lined up 30 to 40 deep outside the clinic door, many having traveled 100 miles or more. The DEA said Purdue Pharma had turned a blind eye to the unprecedented spike in OxyContin sales at this clinic and others and did nothing to curb the problem. In fact, DEA said the company instead continued its aggressive marketing and promotion of the narcotic through the medical community. The DEA says the high level of abuse of OxyContin is linked, in some degree, to the company's marketing tactics.

After hearing the challenges facing

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This and that: Pictures of the heart

by BILL R. FRANCIS

"Tis the season to be jolly." It is easier said, than to do for many of us. Christmas should be like the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." Everything that brings sorrow to us should only be a bad dream. We will wake up, wipe our eyes and everything will be all right. I think everyone should watch that movie every Christmas or when you are feeling sorrow for yourself. But that is not the way of life, and we miss our loved ones that have passed into another life.

The warm colored Christmas lights should give us some inner

Damron proposes honor for firefighters and emergency personnel

FRANKFORT — Kentucky and the nation have never been more proud of our firefighters and emergency medical personnel, and never more grateful for the sacrifices they make for us.

When the General Assembly convenes in January, Rep. Robert B. Damron, D-Nicholasville, will ask fellow lawmakers to pass a resolution setting aside a day to honor them for their dedication and service.

Damron's concurrent resolution would proclaim September 11, 2002 as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day in Kentucky. The commemoration would continue on that date each year thereafter.

In addition to Kentucky's 3,500 professional firefighters and 18,000 volunteer firefighters, the special day would honor more than 10,000 emergency medical technicians, 3,500 first responders and 2,000 paramedics, Damron said.

He noted that the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and the subsequent heroic action of emergency personnel, hundreds of whom lost their lives while attempting to rescue others, "have acted as a lens bringing into focus the dedication and desire of service that these individuals provide in the smallest of communities as well as the largest cities," said Damron.

The 2002 session of the General Assembly will begin January 8 and end April 15.

warmth. Many lives we take for granted until they are taken away from our midst. We take for granted our parents, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, and grandchildren. We expected them to be with us today and tonight. We expect the ones that we love to go on living, even when we have been told that the grim reaper is at the door. We never really think death will happen, and a Guardian Angel will let them endure a little longer. Then sometimes we want them out of the tormenting pain of a disease that eats away at their life. It is sad when it happens to others, a neighbor's passing. When someone that we love and shared secrets of the heart and mind passes, it's then that the reality of death opens the door to our hearts and shakes our souls. It becomes very hard to be happy at "tis the season to be." This the time of year when want to be the most joyous.

We turn through pictures of the heart of loved ones like looking through a photo-album. The sparkle of the colored lights

remind many of us of the sparkling eyes of loved ones that will not be with us this Christmas or any future. The beauty of a smiling face and the sound of laughter will be absent from our eyesight and ears, but not from our hearts. The only thing we see is the grim reaper that entered the hospital, bedroom or car and took our loved ones. Our hearts are burdened and heavy. No one knows how you feel, everyone experiences the loss of someone they love differently. We don't ever want to forget them. We loved them and we don't intend to ever forget them. They were a part of our love and we will always have a corner of our mind and heart reserved for only them. The secrets that we shared with them and no one else comes to our mind. The little jokes, the laughter of a child and adult will never be heard again. We miss the telephone talks of just hearing a caring voice. We miss the relaxation of throwing ourself down in a comfortable chair, with a cup of

coffee with them. We could share each others troubles no matter how large or insignificant. They were always a good listener. It didn't have to be a mountain of worries or troubles, just some things that you didn't share with anyone else.

It is now at Christmas, that we should pull the pictures of them out of the secrets of our heart and mind. We should remember the happy times we shared together. We all are here for just a heartbeat. We must release some grief and we do for them. But maybe now would be a time to get their pictures out of our mind and display them on the coffee table. Remembering their laughter and how happy it was just to be around them. They made your day while they were alive and they can now. So thumb through the wonderful pictures of the heart and they will be with you this Christmas to make you happy and not sad. Just think how blessed you were to have had someone as sweet and precious to be a part of your life. No matter how many heartbeats, it was a short time we shared with them.

Let them be a part of your Christmas this season. They were happy when they were alive and shared Christmas with us. It seems they enjoyed it the most, and helped us enjoy Christmas the more.

We all agree it is hard to get into the true meaning of Christmas. Every store is having sales with 50 percent off, even the government wants us to spent more to drive the economy and pull us out of the depression that the country is going through. The hurry up, or race toward Christmas is definitely for the young.

Giving from the heart is relief. We feel good when we think we have made someone happy and shared a part of our little world. Share a heartbeat, it could be someone you love last, or it could be your last heartbeat!

We will remember those we have lost, we will not forget them. But be happy and have a Merry Christmas, as they would want you to have.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Prestonsburg High School Forensics Team held a fundraiser at Prestonsburg Foodland on Thursday morning to raise funds to be used for for a January 19 competition event. The team sold baked goods and sold chances on a hand-made, signed and dated wooden basket filled with gifts and a "Spirit of America" comfort throw. The team needs to raise \$400 to help cover expenses for the January 19 trip. For more information, contact Barbara Williams, coach, at 886-2352.

Volunteers needed to help with flood relief

East Kentucky Churches and Organizations Responding to Emergencies (EK-CORE) is seeking volunteer laborers — skilled and unskilled — to assist elderly and disabled victims with cleanup and repair needs created by the August 3 flash flood.

"We're hoping churches and other organizations will offer to adopt some of these projects," said EK-CORE member Gwen Hall. "In some cases, money isn't enough to meet needs. Several of the victims are unable to pick up debris because of their health conditions. Others have been able to purchase supplies needed for home repairs, but don't have funds to hire skilled carpenters, electricians or plumbers."

Several projects have been identified by EK-CORE's Disaster Relief Coordinators Todd Goodman and Renee Thornsbury that could be accomplished in a weekend by a committed group. They are:

- A person with lung cancer needs help removing and hauling off flood damaged items from a storage building.
- A diabetic undergoing dialysis needs brush and trash cleaned out from under her bridge and along the waterway that fronts her home.
- A retiree needs debris removed from the garden.
- An elderly couple caring for a family member with cancer needs help cleaning an outbuilding.
- A disabled woman needs her heating system repaired.

Groups are encouraged to select a project and contact the EK-CORE office at 587-2802, or 452-2802 to volunteer. The coordinators will work with volunteers to arrange dates, tools needed (if any), food, lodging, ect.

EK-CORE is a local, not-for-profit, tax-exempt coalition of government, public and private agencies and churches formed in response to this year's August 3 flash food which destroyed more than 1,100 homes in a five county area. It's office is located behind the Mud Creek Clinic at Grethel. Individual households are eligible to receive up to \$500 worth of building supplies and whatever volunteer labor is available to complete their repair projects. Donations can be sent to EK-CORE, P.O. Box 61, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605.

Georgetown student returns from England

GEORGETOWN — "It's been the opportunity of a lifetime," said Nea Renee Rogers, upon returning home Dec. 1 from a semester of study at Oxford University in England.

A native of Hazard, Rogers is a senior at Georgetown College majoring in economics.

"My time abroad passed in the blink of an eye," Rogers said. "I left on Aug. 30 and I remember it like it was yesterday." She visited 10 countries before arriving at Oxford. "I scaled the highest mountain in the Alps, was serenaded on a gondola ride through Venice, tried my hand at poker in the world's richest casino in Monte Carlo and had a taste of the Moulin Rouge in Paris," she said. "There was initial shock being in a totally new and different environment," she added. "At Georgetown, I was two and a half hours from home and I was now 10 hours away, and that was on a jumbo jet! Although I had had three years of college, I felt the 'freshman fear' all over again. Another Georgetown student, Luke Nowell, was there at the same time and I quickly made new friends."

Arriving at Oxford in early October, Rogers had eight weeks of intense study at Regent's Park, the university's Baptist college. Her fields were microeconomics, which is the study of an individual unit, like a company, and macroeconomics, which concerns the production, employment and pricing of a country. "The learning was intense but I felt prepared after a semester of tutorial training at Georgetown," Rogers said. She studied with Dr. Nancy Lumpkin,



Nea Rogers, a graduate of Hazard High School is among friends in England during her semester of studies at Oxford University.

assistant professor of economics and finance, who had studied at Oxford herself. "My Regent's Park tutor, Ben Irons, challenged me and made me push myself to another level. You only meet with your tutor once or twice a week so you're really on your own."

"Being in England on Sept. 11, I can't say what was being felt at home but it made my life a little more difficult knowing that Americans were being targeted. I didn't necessarily worry about my safety but I certainly didn't put myself in any situations that could possibly turn sour. "Overall, my experiences were wonderful," she said. "If I had it to do all over again, I would."

After graduating from Georgetown next May, Rogers plans to attend graduate school. She has been getting practical experience in her field with Whitaker Bank Corp. She's

worked as a teller and in customer service and currently is in mortgage loans.

A star basketball player in high school, Rogers considered playing on the collegiate level but decided against it. In her junior year, Hazard High School won both the Kentucky High School championship and the Class A title. They repeated the Class A win the following year. Rogers' parents are both medical administrators, mother Audrey at the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health in Hazard, and father Leslie at Appalachian Regional Hospitals. Her grandmother, Marie Rogers, also lives in Hazard.

When asked about naming their daughter Nea, Audrey Rogers said "we just wanted something different. We were thinking about Mia, as in Farrow, and it ended up Nea."

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Floyd County

Evan Akers, 57, of Galveston, died Friday, December 14, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Sue Hamilton Akers. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Home.

Reginold Gayheart, 65, of Claypool, Indiana, native of Floyd County, died Sunday, December 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Glendean Case Gayheart. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 20, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

Jerry M. Hackworth, 86, died Thursday, December 13, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Graveside services were conducted at the Johnson Family Cemetery, at Blue River, Saturday, December 15.

Ethel Kendrick, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, December 13, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Newton Martin, 72, of Allen, died Wednesday, December 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Danny Wheeler Mayo, 55, of Hager Hill, died Monday, December 17, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Laverne Reedy Stone, 62, of Bevinsville, died Friday, December 14, following an extended illness. Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gobel Stephens, 75, of Ashland, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, December 20, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Ethel Stepp, 82, of Delbarton, West Virginia, died Wednesday, December 19, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Adren Jack Stepp. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 21, under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home.

Mary Nelson Wiley, 93, of

Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 19, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Denzil Yates, 74, of Printer, died Sunday, December 16, 2001 at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Mary Francis Daniel, 89, died Wednesday, November 28, at Highland Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Darrell Gretchel Estep, 85, died Sunday, December 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Estep. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 20, under the direction of Pantsville Funeral Home.

Goldie Nichols, 54, died Monday, December 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Grover Nichols. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Jake Allen Pennington, 61, died Saturday, December 15, at his home at Daniel's Creek.

Theodore Waller, 50, Johnson County native, died Monday, December 10, in Tazewell, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

William "Randy" Fluty, 64, of Inez, died Saturday, December 15, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Conn Fluty. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

George W. Jude, 56, of Lovely, died Friday, December 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Jude. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Carl Douglas Allen, 50, of Hazel Green, native of Johnson County, died Wednesday, December 12. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Faye Dyer Arnett, 66, of Salyersville, died Sunday, December 16, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Elsie Kelly Collier, 82, of Louisa, died Sunday, December 16, at Three Rivers Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Collier. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Knott County

Essie Ousley, 84, of Carrie, died Thursday, December 20, after an extended illness. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 24, 1 p.m., at the Montgomery Baptist Church, Carrie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hoffman proposes landfill cleanup legislation

FRANKFORT — Old landfills that were closed before the adoption of stronger regulations can cause devastating environmental problems, but Rep. Charles Hoffman, D-Georgetown, has proposed legislation designed to help identify troublesome landfills and clean them up.

Hoffman, who represents the state's 62nd District in the Kentucky House of Representatives, has prefiled a bill that would help local government entities locate the sites of abandoned landfills, investigate potential problems, and rank them by priority. For example, an old landfill site where housing and drinking water supplies are now located would be ranked as a higher priority than a site with no nearby development.

To pay for the program, current landfill users would pay a fee of \$5 for each ton of waste they deposit in a Kentucky landfill, establishing the Local Government Landfill Assistance Fund. The state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet would administer the fund, disbursing money to cities and counties according to the priority rankings of their out-of-service landfills.

Hoffman's legislation was prompted by problems that occurred in Scott County after high levels of lead were found in the soil of a subdivision built over the old Briar Hill landfill. As a result, the city of Georgetown has been forced to purchase, evacuate and demolish 19 homes at a cost of more than \$2 million, Hoffman said.

"The problem in Scott County isn't unique," said Hoffman, noting that he has already found broad early support for the legislation. "All across Kentucky, there are old landfills with potential for causing environmental damage and health hazards long after they've stopped operating. This legislation will give local governments the funding and clout they need to take care of the problem and protect our communities from those unhealthy situations."

Hoffman's bill will be considered during the upcoming session of the General Assembly that will begin January 8.

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have the most acceptance as well as are strong with the ability to withstand movement that has a nice flow down appearance," Bourbeau said.

Bourbeau maintains a strong relationship with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"The university has been invaluable in providing us information on cultural practices and they have a great plant pathology lab. The work with the university has been a neat deal over the years, it's been very positive," he said.

Bob Anderson, a University of Kentucky Extension horticulture specialist, said poinsettia varieties have changed and expanded in the past couple of decades since the time when there were only three varieties of poinsettias available in Kentucky. Today, more than 100 varieties

exist. The new varieties are what drives the market, he said.

Anderson said he has known Bourbeau for more than 20 years and visits his Springfield operations two to four times a year. The two discuss problems and Bourbeau uses Anderson to bounce ideas off.

UK only does pieces of the activities taking place at Bourbeau's facilities, Anderson said. To stay up-to-date on the latest information, he said, he visits with growers and other states. "That's what is great about extension," Anderson said.

Growing poinsettias and other horticulture crops is more difficult than growing tobacco, Anderson cautions. With tobacco, a farmer has a guaranteed market whereas with poinsettias if it doesn't meet muster, it is thrown away.

The plants inside Bourbeau's greenhouses are started from rooted cuttings brought in from a California company in August. They have to be pinched and cared for from there.

"This is the critical time, because everybody wants them right now," he said. "This year we were concerned that we wouldn't get them colored up as much as we wanted, but we've managed to stay just ahead of the storm."

Thanksgiving was earlier than usual this year resulting in the shipping process being moved up one week which really is too early, he said. Normally, shipping starts Nov. 30.

Poinsettias are temperamental. The right temperature and fertilizer program must be maintained.

"Just when you think you really are smart and

know all you need to know about them, you find out you're not very smart at all," Bourbeau said. "They are a plant that will prove to you that you still have a lot to learn in life. It's not like a hanging basket where you have two months to sell in and can correct yourself, but with poinsettias you've only got two weeks."

There are a number a small growing operations in the state, in addition to Bourbeau, that grow poinsettias in large quantities for the wholesale market. In addition, a Louisville grower produces about three quarters of a million of the rooted cuttings for other growers as well as finishing some 80,000.

For more information on growing poinsettias or caring for them in your home, contact the local county Extension office.



Clockwise from top left: Caramel Marshmallow Brownie Torte, Cranberry Pear Cobbler, Death by Chocolate Cookies, Chocolate Chunkoholic Cookies, Molten Mocha Cakes and Golden Raisin and Apple Pie

Caramel Marshmallow Brownie Torte

Prep: 25 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks or 1-1/2 pkg. (12 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, coarsely chopped, divided
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped (optional)
- 25 caramels
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

HEAT oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9-inch round cake pan. Line bottom of pan with waxed paper.

MICROWAVE 1 cup of the chocolate chunks and butter in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

STIR sugar into chocolate mixture until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and salt until well blended. Stir in nuts. Pour into prepared pan. BAKE 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Run small knife around side of pan to loosen edge. Invert cake onto serving platter. Remove waxed paper. Cool slightly.

MICROWAVE caramels and milk in medium microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until caramels begin to melt. Stir until mixture is smooth. Sprinkle marshmallows and remaining chocolate chunks over torte. Drizzle with caramel mixture. Makes 12 servings.

Cranberry Pear Cobbler

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes

- 5 cups sliced peeled pears
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3 tbsp. Minute Tapioca
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 cup water
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, chilled, cut into pieces
- 1/4 cup milk

HEAT oven to 375°F.

MIX pears, dried cranberries, 2/3 cup sugar, tapioca, ginger and water in large saucepan. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to full boil. Pour into 8-inch square baking dish. Dot with 2 tbsp. butter.

MIX flour, 2 tbsp. sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk until mixture forms soft dough. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls onto hot pear mixture.

BAKE 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Serve warm with thawed whipped topping or ice cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Cranberry Apple Cobbler: Substitute apples for pears and 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon for the ginger.

Molten Mocha Cakes

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 16 minutes

- 1 pkg. (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup flavored instant coffee, any flavor
- 5 eggs
- 4 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup flour
- Raspberries (optional)

HEAT oven to 425°F.

BUTTER 8 (6-oz.) custard cups or soufflé dishes. Place on cookie sheet.

MICROWAVE chocolate and butter in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir with wire whisk until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in powdered sugar and flavored instant coffee until well blended. Whisk in eggs and egg yolks. Stir in flour. Divide batter among prepared custard cups.

BAKE 15 to 16 minutes or until firm around edges but soft in centers. Let stand 1 minute; run small knife around cakes to loosen. Carefully invert cakes onto dessert dishes. Sprinkle lightly with additional powdered sugar. Garnish with raspberries. Makes 8 servings.

Make Ahead: Prepare and bake as directed; cool slightly. Cover custard cups with plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 2 days. Place custard cups on cookie sheet. Reheat in 425°F oven for 15 minutes or until warmed.

Golden Raisin and Apple Pie

Prep: 30 minutes
Bake: 50 minutes

- 6 cups thinly sliced peeled Golden Delicious apples
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 2 tbsp. Minute Tapioca
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 pkg. (15 oz.) refrigerated pie crust
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine

HEAT oven to 400°F.

MIX apples, sugar, raisins, tapioca, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. Let stand 15 minutes.

PREPARE pie crusts as directed on package for two-crust pie, using 9-inch pie plate. Fill with fruit mixture. Dot with butter. Cover with second pie crust; seal and flute edge. Cut several slits to permit steam to escape.

BAKE 45 to 50 minutes or until juices form bubbles that burst slowly. Cool. Makes 8 servings.

How To Make Lattice Top Crust: Cut second pie crust into 10 (1/2-inch) strips with pastry wheel or knife. Place 5 of the strips over filling. Weave lattice crust with remaining strips by folding back alternate strips as each cross strip is added. Fold trimmed edge of lower crust over ends of strips. Seal and flute edge. Bake as directed.

Baking Tips for the Time-Starved

Here are some holiday baking tips from Marcel Desautniers, renowned chef and author of *Death by Chocolate*, that can help put time on your side:

Keep it simple. During hectic holiday times, choose familiar recipes—but enhance them with different add-in ingredients. For example, if a recipe calls for peanuts, substitute pecans. Give new life to a familiar sugar cookie recipe or brownie batter by adding chocolate chunks.

Choose recipes that have "make-ahead" steps. In addition, most raw cookie dough can be frozen and used at a later date. Just wrap it in plastic wrap and store in a sealed container in the freezer.

If your recipe calls for melted chocolate, use the microwave. It typically takes one-third to one-quarter less time than using a double-boiler. For best results, microwave the chocolate in a glass bowl at medium power, stirring the chocolate every minute or two until melted.

Make cleanup easier by using non-stick baking sheets. If those are not available to you, try lining your baking sheets with parchment paper instead of greasing them.

Jazz up ordinary baked goods for serving. Guests will surely love sugar cookies served with a bowl of melted semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate for dipping. Turn a traditional pumpkin pie into something worth feasting on—pour a layer of ganache (a rich chocolate icing made of semi-sweet chocolate and whipping cream that's been heated then stirred together) on top, sprinkle it with pecans and refrigerate until the ganache is firm.

As the traditional carol goes, "There's no place like home for the holidays." And, there's nothing more satisfying than baking homemade holiday desserts that elicit "oohs" and "aahs" from family and friends.

Amid the hustle and bustle of the season, however, it can be difficult to find enough time to bake batches of brownies, cascades of cookies and perfect pies. That's why these six recipes are perfect for today's holiday baker. Each takes less than 30 minutes to prepare, but the results are so rich and indulgent, people will think you spent hours in the kitchen.

So this holiday season, treat your family and friends to home-baked goodies from scratch—without the hassle! For additional recipes like these, be sure to visit

www.bakerschocolate.com or
www.minutetapioca.com.

Death by Chocolate Cookies

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 14 minutes

- 1 pkg. (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder
- 1 pkg. (8 squares) Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, coarsely chopped or 1-1/2 cups Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
- 2 cups walnuts, chopped (optional)

HEAT oven to 350°F.

MICROWAVE chocolate squares in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir until chocolate is melted and smooth. Stir in sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla with wooden spoon until well blended. Stir in flour and baking powder. Stir in chopped chocolate and nuts. Drop by scant 1/4 cupfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.

BAKE 13 to 14 minutes or until cookies are puffed and feel set to the touch. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely on wire racks. Makes about 18 large cookies.

Note: If omitting nuts, increase flour to 3/4 cup to prevent spreading. Makes about 15 large cookies.

Variations:

Everything-But-The-Kitchen-Sink Cookies: Prepare as directed, substituting 2 cups total of any of the following for the nuts: raisins, toasted Baker's Angel Flake coconut, dried cherries, chopped macadamia nuts, dried cranberries, toasted slivered almonds, dried chopped apricots or dried mixed fruit bits.

Bar Cookies: Spread dough in greased, foil-lined 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 22 to 24 minutes. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Makes 2 dozen.

Smaller Cookies: Drop by heaping tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350°F for 12 to 13 minutes. Makes about 2-1/2 dozen smaller cookies.

Make Ahead: After cookies are completely cooled, wrap in plastic wrap and place in an airtight plastic container or zipper-style freezer plastic bag. Freeze cookies up to 1 month. Bring cookies to room temperature before serving.

How To Freeze Cookie Dough: Freeze 1/4 cupfuls of cookie dough on cookie sheet 1 hour. Transfer to airtight plastic container or zipper-style freezer plastic bag. Freeze dough up to 1 month. Bake frozen cookie dough on ungreased cookie sheet at 350°F for 20 to 23 minutes.

Chocolate Chunkoholic Cookies

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 15 minutes

- 1-3/4 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 pkg. (12 oz. each) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks

HEAT oven to 375°F.

MIX flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl; set aside.

BEAT butter and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chunks. Drop by scant 1/4 cupfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.

BAKE 14 to 15 minutes or just until golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely on wire racks. Makes about 22 large cookies.

Make Ahead: After cookies are completely cooled, wrap in plastic wrap and place in an airtight plastic container or zipper-style freezer plastic bag. Freeze cookies up to 1 month. Bring cookies to room temperature before serving.

Quitline available for pregnant women who smoke

FRANKFORT - A national toll-free quitline that offers help to pregnant women who want to quit smoking is now available.

Great Start is the first national quitline designed to reduce smoking during pregnancy. The quitline is sponsored by the American Legacy Foundation and managed through the American Cancer Society.

The toll-free number is 1-866-66-START.

"I would encourage any pregnant woman who smokes to call this number and seek help," said First Lady Judi Patton. "This quitline is a valu-

able service for women and will make a great addition to the efforts already underway in Kentucky."

According to statistics gathered from new mothers in Kentucky, 23.6 percent of women who gave birth during the year 2000 reported they used tobacco during pregnancy. Smoking during pregnancy can increase the risk for many health problems for mothers and babies, including a low birthweight baby, respiratory problems, colds and coughs, ear infections, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and miscarriage. The

U.S. Surgeon General has reported that eliminating smoking during pregnancy could prevent 10 percent of all infant deaths and 12 percent of all deaths due to perinatal conditions.

The quitline will complement several other programs underway in Kentucky to encourage pregnant women to quit smoking.

The Department for Public Health's Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program, funded with tobacco settlement money, oversees efforts to help pregnant women

quit smoking. Among them is a program called "Make Yours a Fresh Start Family," a counseling program for pregnant women and new mothers offered through some local health departments.

A new "Healthy Babies" campaign that begins in January will encourage young women not to smoke during pregnancy. And Gov. Paul Patton's Early Childhood Initiative KIDS NOW, also funded with tobacco settlement money, includes a home visitation program for new parents that encourages anew parents to quit smoking.



Profits

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state and local law enforcement professionals who are left to deal with the aftermath of prescription drug abuse, and the unbelievable bravery of the Coots family, I was shocked to then hear the arrogant and detached testimony from an executive of Purdue Pharma. Armed with slick charts and sanitized corporate talking

points, we were told that the company just couldn't be expected to be held accountable or enlisted to adequately fight against OxyContin abuse.

This profits-over-principle attitude is a new low in the annals of corporate irresponsibility, but a recent Louisville Courier-Journal editorial raises fears that I want to make Purdue Pharma "a scapegoat" ["Excusing the Homefolks," December 13, 2001]. Curiously, the Courier-Journal believes I 'heaped abuse' on the company at last Tuesday's hearing. On the contrary, I was just doing what, so far, the DEA, local law enforcement and Donnie Coots could not. I was just trying to get them to pay attention.

The people I represent have been on the front lines of this epidemic for quite some time now. Last Tuesday, we discussed solutions that would help our small communities deal with the problem. Our committee, which provides federal resources to law enforcement agencies nationwide, is clearly positioned to help. We can help by providing funding to state law enforcement agencies so they can follow Kentucky's example and expand a prescription drug monitoring program into a nationwide system that is fast, effective and can instantly reveal that the same person has recently filled a similar prescription somewhere else. This would stop the main reason so many pills are available — doctor shopping by addicts.

Rev. Coots responded to his family tragedy by forming an organization to help other families dealing with the ravages of drug abuse. He encouraged us to embrace faith-based programs to treat drug abuse — an idea that has real promise to augment the limited availability of drug treatment centers.

At the end of the hearing I wondered one thing: If Purdue Pharma faced up to its own responsibilities like Donnie Coots and his family has, would we have an OxyContin abuse epidemic at all?

Holiday

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in person is not one in the same.

My hands were firmly gripping the wood railing and then I looked down to see a message written with a pen on the wood, "Dad, I miss you, but I know you are in heaven where all heroes go. I will see you there. Love, your little girl, Amy." There were hundreds of such messages shouting louder to our hearts than the roar of the equipment.

As we looked at the rubble, a word so over used and yet the only one to describe what we were seeing, we saw a steel I-beam left standing that formed a perfect cross. I have to say that I held that as a sign of hope.

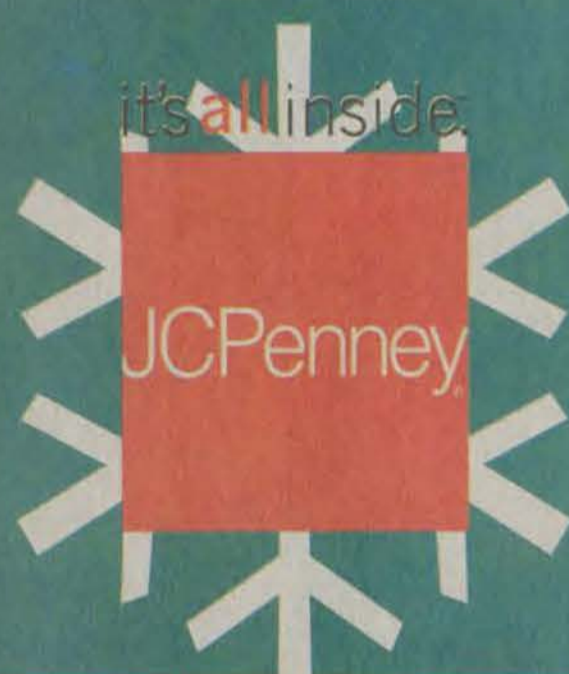
I watched the firemen shaking hands and hugging as they changed shift. One saw how moved we were and offered us his only bottle of water. They looked soiled but not defeated. There was a sad determination in their eyes that let you know how they had the strength to come back here day after day, knowing that they were not going to find anyone left alive, but they still had a job to do. My eyes connected with one, I gave thumbs up, and he smiled and nodded. I knew the heart of America was still strong.

As we started to leave, one woman, not in our group, which was the only group there, stood alone and sobbed. We all thought of trying to comfort her and realized that she just needed to grieve and there would be no comfort yet. I took my wife's hand and felt the warmth and comfort in the simple fact that I could.

I will forever be changed, as will America, and I will never forget what I felt and saw. So now the bad golf swing, the hope of improving my skiing, my "secure" good life seems not so important. More than ever, I pray for peace and now more than ever I realize that freedom has its price. So this Holiday season, for this one American, I was truly grounded at zero.

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SPORTSLINE

The rankings
game...by TOM LEACH
TIMES COLUMNIST

As sports fans, we like to rank things. Top five players, top five games, top 10 arenas, etc. Since becoming a member of the sports media, my most memorable moments in which I've been involved include my first broadcast of a University of Kentucky football game, and then my first one in basketball a little later. Covering my first Final Four was a treat and the same goes for my first Kentucky Derby. But somewhere near in any top 10 would have to be the chance to sit at courtside and cover the 1983 Kentucky-Louisville basketball game.

The venue was the Stokely Athletic Center in Knoxville and the stakes were high—a spot in the Final Four. But most important was that fact that it was the first meeting between those two neighboring powers in almost a quarter of a century.

For me, Rick Pitino's return to Rupp Arena this Saturday won't top that. But it is probably a clear number two in terms of moments to savor from the series between the Wildcats and the Cardinals.

And for some, it will be number one on the hit parade.

"I think this will be bigger than

(See SPORTSLINE, page four)

BASEBALL

Reds announce
2002 spring
training dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI - Tickets for Cincinnati Reds 2002 spring training games will go on sale January 21 at the club's spring training complex in Sarasota, FL and on-line at www.tickets.com. Special holiday gift certificates are on sale now at the complex.

Pitchers and catchers will report to the City of Sarasota Sports Complex on February 16, followed the next morning by physical examinations and an afternoon workout. Position players will report on February 21. After a morning of physicals, the first full-squad workout is scheduled for the afternoon of February 22.

The Reds will play home games in Ed Smith Stadium during their

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NCAA

Morehead
State falls to
IUPUI in OT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Morehead State could not stop the nation's top three-point shooting team, as IUPUI hit 45 percent from beyond the arc, while their bench poured in 40 points in a 90-81 overtime win over the Eagles, who fall to 5-3 on the year.

IUPUI junior Brian Buchanan returned to the starting lineup in emphatic fashion, connecting for the Jags' first 11 points of the contest. He hit six treys in the opening half, en route to 20 points, as the Jaguars took a 40-37 lead into the break.

IUPUI connected on 7-of-13 treys in the first half.

MSU wouldn't go away though, as Ricky Minard and Kyle Umberger both got hot. Minard threw down a ferocious dunk off a lob to give the Eagles a lead midway through the second half, Morehead State then pushed the lead to six when Casey Lowe

(See MOREHEAD, page two)

Scott leads June Buchanan past Buckhorn

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The June Buchanan Lady Crusaders began the Jenkins Christmas Tournament with a 59-51 first round win over Buckhorn on Thursday night. Floyd County product Amber Scott scored a game-high 29 points, pulled down three rebounds and recorded three steals to lead the Lady Crusaders to the opening round win.

Scott, a junior guard, went 4-for-4 from the three-point line. Jenilee Stepp

added 11 points and eight rebounds for the Lady Crusaders. June Buchanan helped to seal the win by going 12-for-15 from the free-throw line at the crucial end of the game.

Julia Gay and Brenda Walk each scored 13 points for Buckhorn.

June Buchanan led Buckhorn 18-11 at the end of the first quarter and led 34-23 at the break. But Buckhorn was able to battle back in the third frame, outscoring the Lady Crusaders 15-6. June Buchanan outscored the Ladycats 18-13 in the final period en route to the

eight-point win.

The win pushed June Buchanan's record to 5-2. With the loss, Buckhorn fell to 7-2.

In other first round action, host Jenkins drubbed Riverside Christian 77-40. Riverside had 39 turnovers in the loss. Eighth-grade guard Beth Branham scored 16 points to lead Jenkins. Five Jenkins players scored in double figures.

Riverside Christian guard Amanda

(See SCOTT, page three)



Prestonsburg resident Curt Fannin has fared well on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour.

Operation
Bass
becomes FLW
Outdoors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GILBERTSVILLE —

Operation Bass, the world's leading marketer of competitive fishing tournaments, is expanding beyond fishing with a new name, new television series, new magazine and new Web site destined to capture the hearts and minds of America's 77 million outdoor enthusiasts.

Operation Bass is now FLW Outdoors.

"FLW Outdoors is more than a name. It embodies a wholesome way of life that we support," said Irwin L. Jacobs, chairman of FLW Outdoors. "We are 100 percent committed to competitive fishing, which has been the cornerstone of our organization, but as FLW

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Lady Colonels
add Alabama
prep star
Garrett to roster

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - Eastern Kentucky University head women's basketball coach Larry Joe Inman has announced the addition of Pam Garrett from Lineville High School in Lineville, Ala., to the Lady Colonels roster.

Garrett, a 6-1 forward, averaged 22.8 points, 13.8 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 3.8 assists for Lineville High School as a senior. A four-year

(See GARRETT, page three)

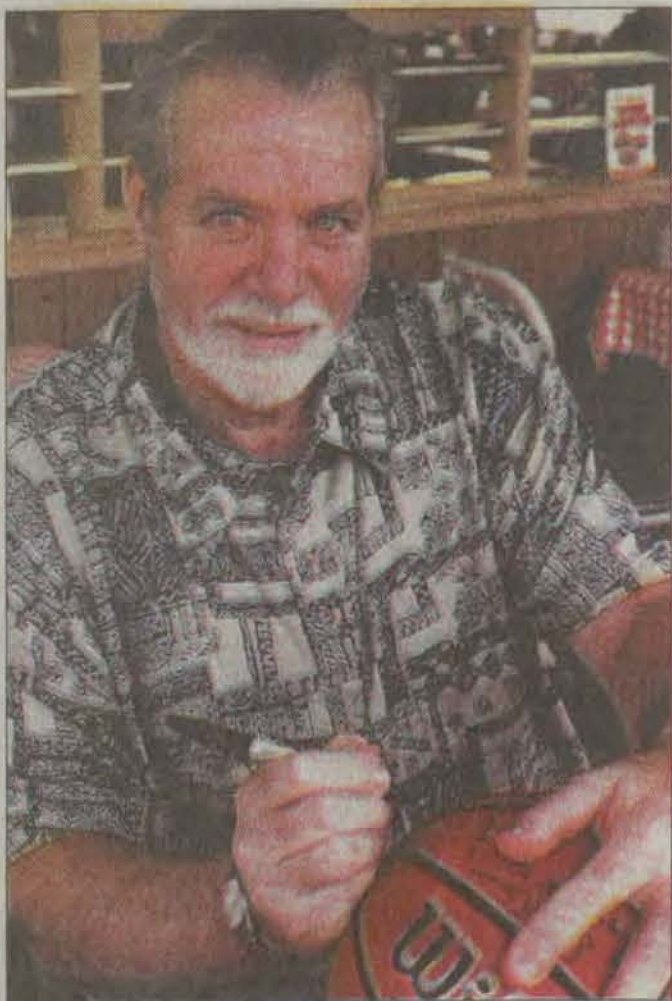
Colonels fall
to Western
Illinois

MACOMB, Ill. - The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team moved its record to 3-6 on the year tonight, Dec. 19, with a 70-57 loss at Western Illinois (5-4). The Colonels were unable to avenge a loss to WIU earlier this season, Nov. 20, in the second showdown of the season.

The Colonels kept it close in the first half and took a two-point lead (17-15) with 8:35 remaining on a Spanky Parks layup. EKU did not score again until the 2:18 minute mark when Ben Rushing nailed two free throws, making the score 23-19 in favor of Western Illinois. The Colonels cut the lead to three with 46 seconds to go in the opening set, but WIU's Karl Petersen connected for a three-point play when he was fouled on a layup by Chris Carswell to give the Leathemecks a 30-24 lead at halftime.

EKU returns to action next week, Dec. 26, when it travels to take on the Louisville Cardinals in Freedom Hall.

King Kelly Coleman...



Times columnist Bob Watkins will devote a column to Wayland legend King Kelly Coleman in his next Sports in Kentucky column. This week's Sports in Kentucky column appears on page 3.

Perry County
Central
Commodores

Region: 14

District: 54

Nov. 30

at Montgomery Co., 50-58(L)

Dec. 4

at Jenkins, 77-69(W)

Dec. 7

Evarts, 93-67(W)
Commodore Classic

Dec. 11

at Hazard, 60-48(W)

Dec. 14

at Leslie County, 82-67(W)

Dec. 15

Magoffin Co., 85-57(W)

Dec. 19

Cordia, 79-51(W)

Dec. 22

Greenup County
(Greenup Co. Shootout)

The South Floyd Lady Raiders were off and running at the end of week in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Raiders,
Lady Raiders
drop gamesby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - The South Floyd Lady Raiders dropped to 4-3 on the season with an opening round setback in the Great Smokey Mountain Classic at Gatlinburg, Tenn. Fellow

(See RAIDERS, page two)

Lady Tigers edge
Morgan County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Host Paintsville didn't break 30 in the scoring column Thursday but did score enough to hold off visiting Morgan County. The Lady Tigers held the ball for close to six minutes in the final quarter to secure a 28-26 win over the visiting Lady Cougars. Heather Staniford and

(See TIGERS, page two)

S P O R T S I N K E N T U C K Y

America: A place where sports is allowed to be important

by **BOB WATKINS**
TIMES COLUMNIST

Christmas spirit has been slow arriving.

Amid television reports from dusty, treacherous Afghanistan, along with smoky images at Ground Zero, tattered American flags, bruised hearts and tear stains.

Still, we live in the greatest country on the planet. A place where sports is important enough that — while bombs drop on caves and we become familiar with a place called Camp Rhino — a one-eyed, bald-headed guy makes a basketball game seem as important as catching an assassin; a daily newspaper publishes a countdown to a college

game three weeks off; and fans throw beer bottles onto fields in Cleveland and New Orleans.

It's Christmas. I'm reminded of a few of the late Jim Valvano's last words. "Every day of your life, every day, take time to laugh, time to think, time to cry. Do all these things everyday."

There is no helium in adding: hug somebody. Especially this year. Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones.

Kentucky-Duke

The Wildcats won, didn't they? Three point game in overtime with defending national champion in December is a victory isn't it?

Last week's clash in the Meadowlands was as delicious as it gets in regular season and 2.5 million watched it on television.

Don't waste energy on weak officiating (both ways). Whining about referees favoring the defending champion Dookies could have been muted easily enough.

If only UK had kept the same poise and performance maintaining its 10-point lead as it did building it, then referees would have been irrelevant.

Tubby Smith master-strokes were substitution pattern, and inserting Jules Camara as a

starter. The junior center's 10 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots are an investment, a confidence-maker for conference play and the NCAA Tournament.

Footnote: The ongoing buzz that Duke 'gets the critical calls' is reminiscent of another team in another time being tattooed as receiving 'favorite' treatment. Coaches and fans at Tennessee, Notre Dame, Michigan State to mention a few complained that Kentucky got away with karate defense. But nobody could beat the Wildcats who marched to the NCAA title in 1978.

Observations...

■ Too bad UK could not apply dagger-to-the-heart when Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski benched his starters with the Devils trailing 50-40.

■ UK's Cliff Hawkins was mostly brilliant despite taking one too many shots and making one too few passes in overtime. Hawkins somehow forgot that an All-American teammate (Prince) ought to touch the ball a time or two at the end of close games.

Rashaad Carruth's 7-for-10 shooting and 17 points was Tony Delk-like. But his defense was rookie-like.

Kentucky-Duke should play every year. At least once.

Joe B. Hall's gamble

Sports Illustrated lauded retired coach Dean Smith when Duke's Mike Krzyzewski pulled his starters against Kentucky after they bumbled their way to a 40-50 deficit.

SI credited the motivational stratagem to Smith. In fact, Kentucky's Joe B. Hall took a bigger gamble with a wholesale lineup change in an NCAA tournament first round game against Florida State in Knoxville in 1978. Hall then started three subs in the second half and his gamble brought a comeback win and UK marched on to another NCAA title.

Christmas n' Things

■ Kentucky's J.P. Blevins would have a chance to 'rethink' his answer to a question put to him last summer. "If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be ... George Bush," Blevins said.

■ More starts and clutch play chances for one of my favorite college players, Larry O'Bannon, Louisville.

■ Good News Dept. — Western Kentucky U. will sell naming rights when its basketball arena is refurbished, but the word 'Diddle' will be kept ... always.

■ More please Dept. —

Emergence of WKU's Patrick Sparks as the brightest freshman on the college hoops scene in the Commonwealth.

■ More, please Dept. II. Far from the madding crowd ... kid named Brett Meredith, junior point guard at Edmonson County High in Brownsville, playing the game he loves, scored 44 points in a game last week. For the season Meredith averages 24 ppg, has made 58 per cent of 3-point tries and 27 of 28 foul shots.

■ Kudos Dept. — Reece Gaines arrival as Da Man in the Clutch for the charging Louisville Cardinals.

Real NBA for Louisville

Those in favor of or still straddling the fence on the issue of an NBA franchise in Louisville, should consider L. Jon Wertheim's piece in Dec. 24-31 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Writing about the Portland Trail Blazers, a regional franchise much as Louisville would be, Wertheim offers a stark look at where all NBA franchises may soon find themselves. Titled Losing Their Grip, he writes: "Bad management, bad actors and bad basketball have alienated fans in many NBA cities, but Portland offers a compelling case study."

Summing up, Trail Blazer guard Bonzi Wells: "We're not really going to worry about what the hell the fans think about us. They really don't matter to us.

They can boo us every day, but they're still going to ask for our autographs if they see us on the street, that's why they're fans and we're NBA players."

Read and consider Losing Their Grip.

Scott

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Gross scored 30 of her team's 40 points. She also pulled down 22 rebounds in the setback.

Both 14th Region teams were back in action Friday night.

JENKINS CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

June Buchanan 59, Buckhorn 51

Jenkins 77, Riverside Christian 40

Reds

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fifth season in Sarasota. Beginning January 21, single-game tickets will be sold at the third-base ticket window on the east side of Ed Smith Stadium. The holiday gift certificates are on sale now in the ticket office, located inside the administration building.

Beginning January 21, tickets can be purchased by phone through Tickets.com at (800) 955-5566 or on-line at www.tickets.com. Mail orders, including \$5 per order for postage and handling, should be sent to 1090 N. Euclid Ave., Sarasota, FL, 34237. Tickets also can be purchased in person at Ed Smith Stadium, located at 12th Street and Tuttle Avenue, in Sarasota. For information regarding spring training tickets or Ed Smith Stadium, call (941) 954-4464.

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Feb. 26Intrasquad Game, Sarasota, 11 a.m.
Feb. 27Minnesota Twins, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Feb. 28New York Yankees, Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
March 1Texas Rangers, Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
March 2Texas Rangers, Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
March 3Boston Red Sox, Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
March 4Kansas City Royals Baseball City 1:05 p.m.
March 4Pittsburgh Pirates (SS), Sarasota, 7:05 p.m.
March 5Philadelphia Phillies Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.
March 6Toronto Blue Jays, Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
March 7Pittsburgh Pirates, Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.
March 8Boston Red Sox, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
March 9Minnesota Twins(SS), Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.

Garrett

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starter, she averaged 22.4 points and 13.8 rebounds as a freshman, 28.3 points and 15.8 rebounds as a sophomore, and 24.3 points and 15.3 rebounds as a junior.

Garrett also holds a county record after scoring 52 points in a single game and participated in the Alabama North-South All-Star Game. She was also chosen as the Most Valuable Player in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game.

"Pam is a great player," said Inman. "She is so versatile and has the ability to play all five

positions. She's a solid offensive and defensive player, and she's extremely quick for a player of her size. Pam is a big-time player and will be a great addition to our program."

Garrett earned First-Team All-State honors four times and earned team Most Valuable Player honors three times during her high school career. She also earned All-County and All-Area honors five times and was a three-time finalist for the "American General" Player of the Year, as well as a two-time Anniston Star Player of the Year selection.



Pictured, left to right: Brandon Staten, Donald Collins and Kevin Runyon. All three were honored at the recent Tug Valley Bass Anglers banquet.

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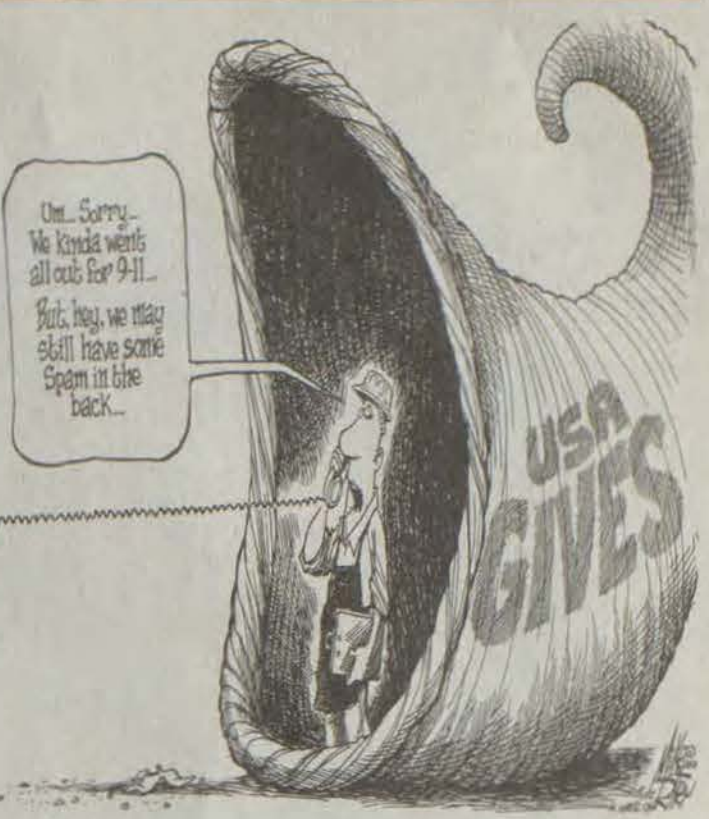
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Owsley County	6-3
Cordia	6-3
Whitesburg	5-0
Breathitt County	5-2
Powell County	5-3
Hazard	4-1
Knott Co. Central	4-2
Leslie County	4-3
June Buchanan	4-4
Buckhorn	4-4
Letcher	3-4
Jenkins	2-3

Wolfe County	2-5
Fleming-Neon	1-7
Lee County	1-8
Jackson City	0-7
Riverside Christian	0-7

Girls

Leslie County	7-1
Buckhorn	7-2
Knott Co. Central	7-4
Perry Co. Central	6-2
Breathitt County	6-2
Powell County	6-3
Jenkins	5-2
June Buchanan	5-2

Owsley County	5-4
Whitesburg	4-1
Cordia	4-2
Wolfe County	4-2
Hazard	4-4
Fleming-Neon	3-5
Letcher	3-5
Riverside Christian	2-7
Lee County	1-6
Jackson City	0-5

15th Region

Boys

Paintsville	7-3
Shelby Valley	6-0

Prestonsburg	4-2
Pike County Central	4-2
Sheldon Clark	4-2
Elkhorn City	4-3
South Floyd	4-4
Allen Central	3-3
Johnson Central	3-5
Belfry	2-1
Millard	2-3
Pikeville	2-5
Betsy Layne	2-5
Phelps	1-3
Feds Creek	1-4
Magoffin County	1-5
Piarist	0-6

Girls

Sheldon Clark	6-1
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Motor City Bowl

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any (other) UK-U-of-L game," said Cameron Mills. The former Wildcat star brings a unique perspective to this topic, since he grew up the son of an ex-Wildcat (Terry Mills) and since he played on national title teams for both Pitino and current UK head man Tubby Smith.

"I actually don't remember the '83 game. The first game I remember was in Rupp, when Swoop, Cedric Jenkins, tipped it in at the buzzer to beat Louisville," Mills recalled during a recent conversation. "For people around Kentucky, this will probably be the biggest college basketball game, just because of the circumstances. I can't imagine the tension that is going to be surrounding coach Pitino's walk in. He'll wait until right before the game starts before he even walks into the Rupp Arena and the tension is just going to be building out in Rupp."

Mills doubts either Pitino or Smith will be distracted by the hype surrounding this game, but it could be a different story for the players.

"I don't think either one of them will. I think it'll be more of a distraction for their players—I think especially the Louisville players. I think especially the Louisville players could be, because everywhere they go this year, it's somewhat of a distraction who their coach is, but when they come here (it will go to new heights)," Mills observed.

Louisville's players may feel more pressure, if Mills is right, but from the coaching perspective, Pitino is clearly in the best position—few if any people will expect him to win and Smith can't be the

Cardinals by enough points to suit many Big Blue fans.

"To beat them at all is going to be great. But if we only beat them by 10, there are going to be people saying 'what's wrong', 'how could we only beat them by 10'. We're going to have to beat them by 40," said Mills.

For some members of the UK faithful, Pitino taking the job at U-of-L was akin to a traitorous act. Others, like Mills and many other former Pitinera players from UK, it was no problem.

"I don't think it's a bad thing at all. It's done nothing but good for (the state of) Kentucky basketball as a whole. It brings an excitement back to the Kentucky-Louisville rivalry.

It's been there but it hasn't been there at this feverish pitch that you remember," Mills noted.

"I don't have a problem with it. I've said before that I hope coach Pitino has all the success in the world and Louisville loses every single game and that's impossible. I don't want to cheer for Louisville because I'm a Kentucky fan (but I like coach Pitino)."

Mills knows the Wildcats well, and he recently had a chance to watch Pitino's team practice.

"I've seen practice and they didn't look very good. I don't think they're a very good team right now, but they play hard," he said, "and when you play hard and you play his system, you can beat some good teams."

And Mills believes Pitino is back in his natural element as a coach of college players.

"Over the five years that he

was there (with the Boston Celtics of the NBA), he just physically deteriorated. He was miserable up there. To see him back with the college kids, and he realizes he's a college kid, and being his old self, ranting and raving, it was fun. It was a joy to see him teach these guys. In the NBA, I don't think he felt like he could teach," Mills said.

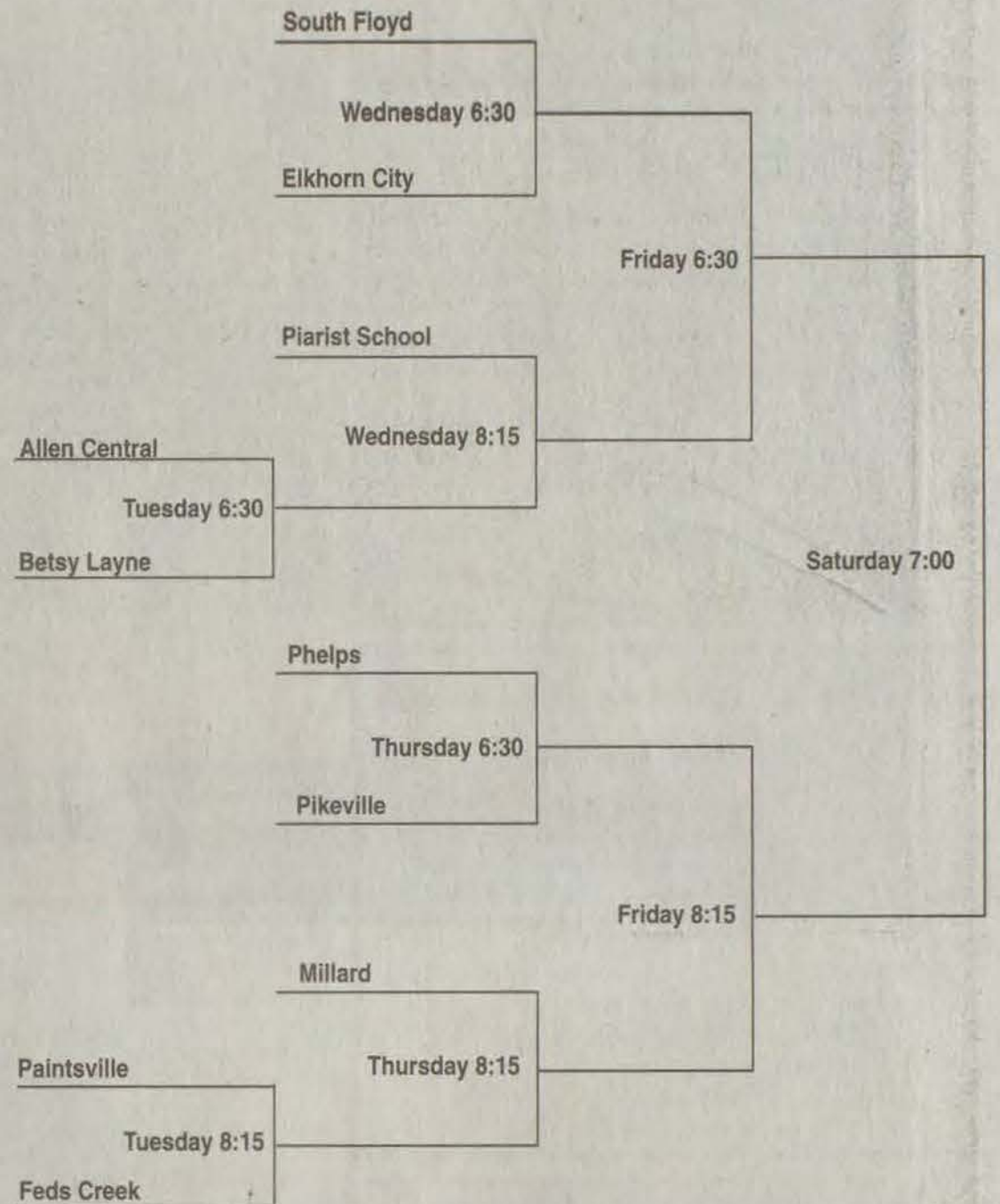
Having played for both Pitino and Smith, Mills brings a unique perspective to this matchup. He says it's not a matter of one coach being better—they're just different, albeit slightly.

"I think coach Pitino is a master motivator. He can get the most out of you more than anybody. I think Tubby has an overall grasp of the whole team atmosphere and what it means to be part of a team and I think Tubby can pull together certain aspects of ego and talent, kind of like what Phil Jackson has done with the Lakers. He can take those 'I's' and make a team better than anybody can," said Mills.

"I think there is a difference in the type of game they play. Coach Pitino's is more press and up and down. I think the misconception is that Tubby's idea of defense is different.

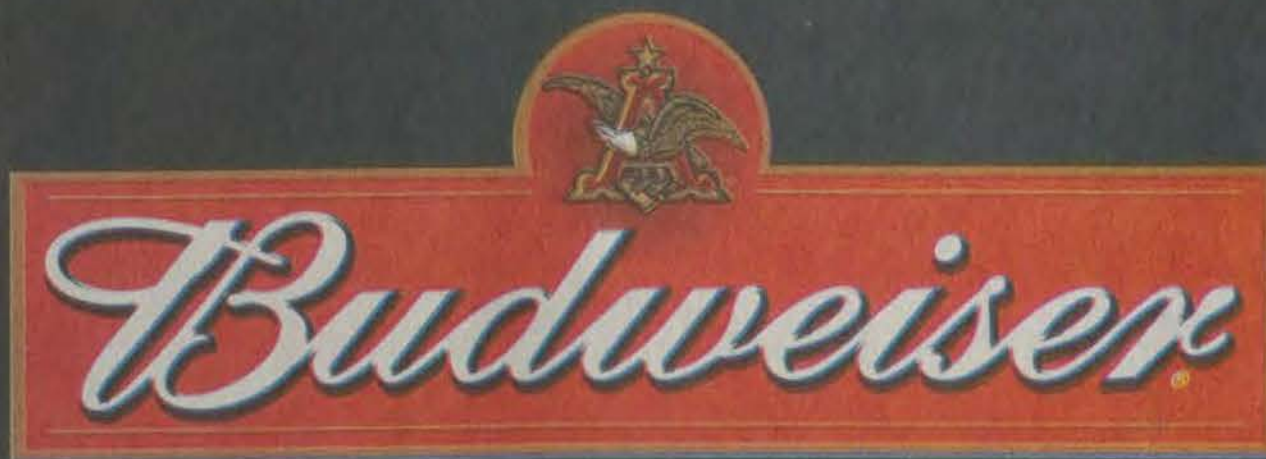
I think we saw in the North Carolina game that if these guys will go out and play defense, we don't need to press. You can get just as many steals from a halfcourt defense as you can a fullcourt defense," he continued. "I think the misconception is that Tubby's brand of basketball isn't as much fun as coach P's brand. That isn't true at all. And we saw that in the North Carolina game."

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- Who you contact to request a review.

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Be sure to read next week's column for information about the other types of Hospital Issued Notices of Noncoverage!

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Kentucky unemployment rates stays at 5 percent

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's unemployment rate remained at 5 percent from October to November as most major job sectors in the state recorded small employment gains during November, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The U.S. jobless rate increased from 5 percent in

October to 5.3 percent in November.

"The number of Kentuckians unemployed climbed above 100,000 in November for the second time this year, but the number of people employed also increased and that kept the jobless rate steady," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst. "The 5 percent unemployment rate reported in November 2001 was

1.2 percentage points higher than the 3.8 percent recorded for November 2000. The last time Kentucky had a November jobless rate as high as 5 percent was in November 1996, when the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent."

Seven of the nine major job sectors had employment increases in November, while two sectors recorded decreases in employment.

The trade sector regained its footing in November with 6,800 additional jobs. Holiday shopping boosted retail trade employment in general merchandise, including department stores (up 2,900), apparel and accessory stores (up 1,000), miscellaneous retail stores (up 900), and eating and drinking establishments (up 500).

For only the second month this year, the manufacturing

sector added jobs. The sector had 2,000 more positions because many workers who had been temporarily laid off in October returned to work in November, said Cracraft. The nondurable goods category of manufacturing gained 2,200 jobs while the durable category lost 200 positions. Most of the increase came in the textiles

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BGFH Case Manager Stephanie Rambicure, Seth Fannin, Corey Fannin, Kerry Fannin, and Susie Fannin.

'Miracle child' thriving thanks to 'Team Hope'

STANVILLE — He's a healthy, thriving 2-and-a-half-year old with a quick, sweet, easy smile, mischievous eyes and an ornery disposition who likes to quote from Winnie the Pooh.

His mother, Susie Fannin, while dressing or changing him, will ask, "What does the sign in the book say, Seth?" And, he responds emphatically, "Do not ... feed ... the bears!"

He is Robert Seth Fannin, a survivor, a multiple miracle baby, a \$1.4 million dollar child whose incredible ordeal is a testimonial to family, faith, friends, co-workers, community and an HMO that said, "Go!" — Bluegrass Family Health.

Seth, his mother and father, Kerry, and older brother, Corey, live in the small Floyd County community of Stanville. Kerry is assistant principal at Pike Central High School, and a former history teacher. Susie is a media specialist at John's Creek Elementary.

The family's ordeal began in

March 1999 when their doctor, Dr. John O'Brien of Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, did some tests on Susie in her 17th week of pregnancy.

"It was the most miserable, traumatic experience of our lives," said Kerry Fannin.

"We checked often with ultrasound to see if the baby was still moving, and each time we wondered, 'Will this be the last time we see our child, alive?'"

cy and found a problem. That problem turned out to be "congenital diaphragmatic hernia - right side."

"It was a death sentence for Seth," said a teary-eyed father recalling the first indications of their "long roller

coaster ride of incredible highs and a lot of terrible lows."

"CDH-right side" was almost always fatal. It involves a hole in the diaphragm, in Seth's case a large hole on the right side. The liver had moved up into his chest cavity forcing a lung and his heart over against his ribs, putting them under tremendous pressure. The other lung could not be seen. Any lung development under this condition is severely restricted.

The most common approach at the time was to "hope to get" the child to full term, and then operate to make repairs immediately after the child was born. But this type of critical condition usually resulted, "90 percent of the time," in death before full term and huge challenges if the child actually survived to be born.

"It was the most miserable, traumatic experience of our lives," said Kerry Fannin. "We checked often with

(See **MIRACLE**, page two)

**401(k)
investment
choices**

by RONNIE SPENCE

Retirement planning used to be relatively easy. All you had to do was work with a good company for a large part of your career and then collect your pension checks in retirement. In recent years, the traditional employer-provided pension plan has undergone a transformation. Previously, most pension plan investments were directed by the employer or a trustee. Today, most employers have adopted or are in the process of adopting 401(k)s or a similar type of retirement plan. These plans give more of the retirement planning responsibility back to the employee. If you participate in such a plan, generally you must decide how your 401(k) plan assets will be diversified and invested.

Basically, a 401(k) plan allows you, the employee, to defer a percentage of your income—typically 1 percent to 15 percent up to a maximum amount. Many employers match your deferrals in some way, and your contributions and those of your employer are placed in a special retirement account for your benefit. You choose how you want your retirement account money invested.

Choosing Your Investments

Usually you will have the opportunity to make choices from among a number of investments ranging in style from conservative to aggressive. Some financial advisors believe that a conservative approach to retirement planning may not provide sufficient funds for retirement over the long term. That's why many professional advisors recommend a growth or a moderate growth approach to investing when you are young, with a gradual shift to a more conservative outlook as you move closer to retirement age. Of course, your investment strategy depends not only on the number of years to retirement, but also on your individual goals and risk tolerance.

As a hypothetical comparison between a growth investment approach and a conservative one, assume that you earn \$50,000 a year and wish to retire in 15 years. Assuming you defer 10 percent of your income (\$5,000) into a 401(k) plan each year and assuming that your employer matches 50 cents on every dollar you defer (\$2,500), you will accumulate \$7,500 annually in the plan. Assume you choose more conservative investments with a return of 6 percent annually; in this case your 401(k) account will grow to \$185,044 in 15 years. If inflation averages 4 percent a year, your 401(k) money will grow just slightly faster than inflation. If, however, you selected more growth-oriented investments and were able to earn a 10 percent annual return, our 401(k) assets would grow to \$262,123 in the same

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MSHA, Massey and W.Va. develop innovative training

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), in a strategic partnership with the state of West Virginia and Massey Energy, has developed a new training course on mine safety designed specifically for Massey coal mine supervisors in West Virginia. Massey supervisors in Kentucky and Virginia also will participate.

"Compliance assistance is a crucial part of our strategy to reduce

mine injuries and fatalities," said Dave D. Lauriski, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're pleased that Massey recognizes the importance of well-trained supervisors to maintaining a safe and healthful mining operation, and we are pleased to form this cooperative arrangement."

Representatives of MSHA, the state of West Virginia and Massey Energy have been meeting over the past several months to develop a safe-

ty curriculum, create instructional materials and activities, and identify personnel for serving as instructors. The resulting curriculum includes topics such as general mining methods, MSHA and West Virginia mine safety regulations, hazard and task training, pre-shift and on-shift responsibilities, and Massey Energy's own structured safety program. MSHA expects nearly 800 supervisors, section foremen and mine managers will take part in the new train-

ing program at MSHA's National Mine Health and Safety Academy near Beckley, W.Va.

"One unique feature of the program is the hands-on training these supervisors will receive in the academy's mine simulation lab," said Lauriski. Participants will perform examinations inside the academy's simulated underground mine. These include longwall, retreat and development mining situations, as well as evaluation of bleeders.

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Hazard Community College receives accreditation

HAZARD — The Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has announced the continued accreditation of Hazard Community College and 11 other colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The decision to grant the continued accreditation to Hazard Community College was announced to the College Delegate Assembly during its annual business session on December 11. Donna Combs, chair of SACS at Hazard Community College, was in attendance and represented the College at the College Delegate Assembly when the announcement was made.

Central to the accreditation process is the self-study. Each institution seeking renewal of accreditation is required to conduct a comprehensive study of its purpose, programs, and services using the SACS Criteria for Accreditation. The Criteria for Accreditation provides consistent guidelines for peer review on standards appropriate for the assurance of quality in higher education.

On each campus of Hazard Community College, faculty, administrators, staff, students, trustees, and others served on committees to study all aspects of the institution, report their findings, and offer advice on improvement.

This process resulted in a document evaluating the institution's effectiveness in reaching its stated goals and its compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation.

At the culmination of the self-study, the Commission on Colleges

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PCC continues Martin County services

INEZ — Prestonsburg Community College is continuing its offerings in the Martin County area during the spring 2002 semester.

To assist those who plan to pursue either a two-year degree or to transfer to a four-year public university,

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For additional information, call Mazola Salmons, PCC's interim director of admissions and records, at 886-3863 or toll-free at 888-641-4132, ext. 249.

three courses will be offered at Martin County Works in Inez.

General psychology (PY 110) is a survey course which will meet on Tuesday evenings. History of the U.S.

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SACS reaffirms PCC accreditation

PRESTONSBURG — Dr. George D. Edwards, president of Prestonsburg Community College, took part in the 106th annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in New Orleans, La., December 8-11.

Accompanying him were PCC colleagues Dr. Nancy B. Johnson, executive dean of academic affairs, and Chris

Conley, interim director of planning and research. More than 3,000 delegates attended workshops and seminars on more than 100 topics, took action on accreditation issues, and set policy for the regional accrediting agency.

At the meeting, PCC was reaffirmed for accreditation by the Commission on Colleges. Accreditation is a process of

helping institutions improve through a systematic program of evaluation. It assures not only that an institution meets minimum standards, but also that it demonstrates a commitment to providing quality education programs. The association is a non-governmental agency and membership is voluntary.

Delegates attending the annual meet-

ing included faculty, administrators and educational professionals representing the more than 12,000 accredited public and non-public early childhood centers and kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, vocational-technical schools,

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Left to right, Transylvania University President, Charles L. Shearer, Dr. Mina Majmundar, Monica Majmundar, and Dr. Gopal Majmundar. The Majmundars joined President Shearer in the NMR Spectrometer Dedication Ceremony held recently on the university's campus.

Majmundars provide matching donation to help strengthen science education

MARTIN — Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar of Martin, Ky., recently donated \$193,000 to Transylvania University. One hundred-thousand dollars of the Majmundars' gift provided the matching funds required to claim a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. With the gift, Transylvania was able to purchase a new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer.

"One-third of Transylvania's entering class plan to major in the natural sciences," said President Charles L. Shearer. "An NMR spectrometer holds the potential for enhancing science education at

Transylvania in a very broad way by more fully preparing students for teaching and research opportunities in the 21st century."

The Majmundars have a medical practice in Martin, Ky. Dr. Gopal Majmundar has served as a pediatrician and a family practitioner in Martin and Prestonsburg for the last 23 years. Dr. Mina Majmundar has practiced as an anesthesiologist in Prestonsburg for the last 23 years.

They have two daughters, Mamata and Monica. Mamata, a 1995 Transylvania graduate is in her second year of residen-

cy at the University of Kentucky. Monica, a Transylvania senior and president of the Student Government Association will attend medical school next fall.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Transylvania is included in the selective national publication Peterson's Top Colleges for Science, which recognizes colleges with "very strong track records in the sciences and mathematics."



After a few days in the workshop, these toys collected in Santa's sleigh will make Christmas brighter for children in the area. The Santa's Sleigh project is a joint effort between the Appalachian Association for Justice, a student organization at Pikeville College, and Otter Creek Correctional Facility. The sleigh served as a drop off point for several weeks for new and used donations from the campus community. Inmates at Otter Creek clean, paint, and repair the used toys, including bicycles, microscopes, dolls, games and stuffed animals. Officials at the correctional facility work with local churches and organizations to deliver the gift-wrapped toys to children in the community and try, in advance, to learn something about the children who receive the toys, which are grouped according to age and interest. Gathering the toys were, from left, Pikeville College students Misty Billiter and Heather Williams, along with Mark Kilburn and Chris Hall, who work as counselors at the Otter Creek facility.

Enrollment offers students an early college start

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Community College continues to offer college dual enrollment classes to area high school students. Spring 2002 is definitely no exception.

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Classes are taught on high school campuses for academically qualified students at Magoffin, Pike Central, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley and South Floyd high schools. Students can choose from general education classes, includ-

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G. Edward Hughes

KCTCS appoints Hughes as interim

HAZARD — Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), has appointed a longtime employee of Hazard Community College as interim president of HCC.

G. Edward Hughes resigned recently as president of HCC and chief executive officer of the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District to take a similar position in Northern Kentucky.

McCall has appointed Keith W. Bird and Anthony L. Newberry, KCTCS chancellors, to serve as interim CEOs of the Kentucky River District, which includes HCC and Hazard Technical College (HTC). The chancellors will meet regularly with college leaders to guide the district until permanent local leadership is in place.

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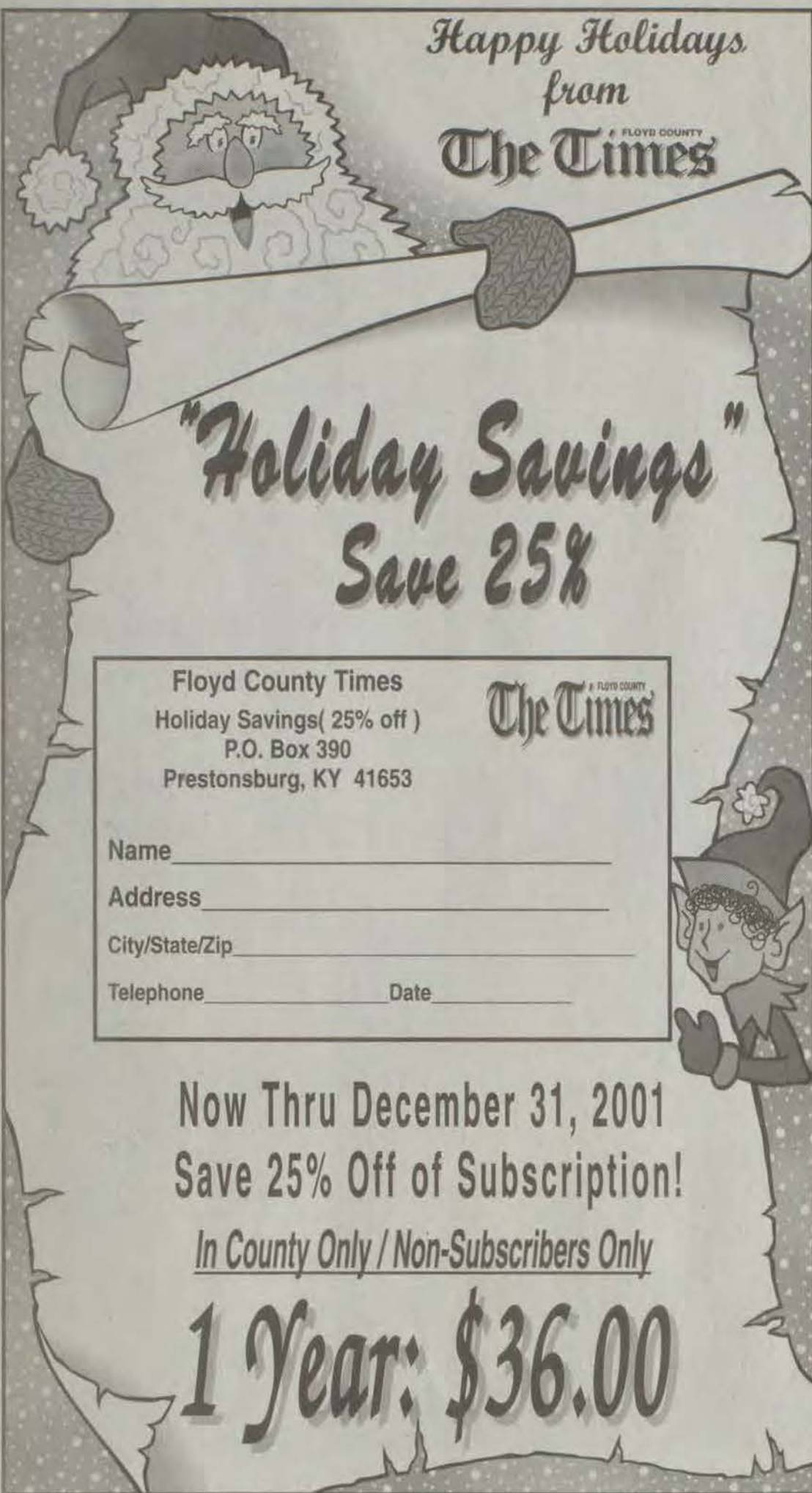
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MSU offers free classes to students

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will offer a variety of classes in several programs this spring, including tuition-free courses to some high school seniors so they may get a jump-start on their college education.

While completing that last year of high school, students may enroll in a one-to-three hour course, at no charge, on MSU's main campus, in Mt. Sterling or at the West Liberty center.

To be eligible, high school students must have at least a 3.0 high school grade point average and approval from their high

school guidance counselor. To complete the process, an admission/registration application form must be submitted and signed by the student's high school guidance counselor.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in a college course at MSU this fall, complete your paperwork before Jan. 11. Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 14.

Additional information and application forms are available from Tina Stafford on the main campus at (800) 585-6781 and select option 3; Dr. Jonell Tobin in West Liberty at (800) 648-

5371; or Louise Summers at the Montgomery County Community Education Program in

Mt. Sterling at (859) 497-8784.

Anyone wishing to learn more about MSU's programs may check out the spring listing of classes online at www.moreheadstate.edu.

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military schools, colleges and universities.

Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Decatur, Ga., the Southern Association is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States and covers 11 Southern states from Virginia through Texas, as well as American-type schools in Central and South America and in the Caribbean.

"Prestonsburg Community College has benefited from the SACS visit to its campuses and the recommendations made by the visiting team," said Dr. Edwards. "As a result, the college has implemented processes and changes that will enhance our service to the residents of Eastern Kentucky."

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since 1865 (HIS 109), which meets on Thursday evenings, is a course open to all college students interested in United States history. Both of these courses fulfill general education requirements at PCC and other Kentucky public colleges and universities.

Pre-algebra (MAH 060) will be offered on Wednesday evenings. This course is a developmental class in which students enhance their understanding and manipulative skills in the arithmetic of rational numbers.

All three courses are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Abell named to new post

MOREHEAD — A new associate vice president for graduate and undergraduate programs has been appointed at Morehead State University.

Dr. Deborah Burkich Abell, chair of the University's Department of Leadership and Secondary Education since early last year, will move to the administrative position on Jan. 2.

"I am looking forward to this challenge," said Dr. Abell, "because I feel like my teaching and administrative experiences have prepared me to provide progressive leadership in these new areas of responsibility."

"I am particularly excited about the opportunity to work with curriculum, assessment and faculty development. I also look forward to my involvement with international education."

In her new role, Dr. Abell will implement and monitor the academic policies of graduate and undergraduate programs with a particular emphasis on program assessment.

"Dr. Abell also will be responsible for international education, the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Testing Center," said Dr. Michael Moore, MSU provost. "She will work with all units within academic affairs and all divisions within the University to facilitate the success of all students."

Raised in Campbell County and a graduate of the University of Louisville, Dr. Abell received her master's degree in clinical/school psychology from MSU in 1977. She completed her Ph.D. degree in school psychology at Indiana State University in 1986.

She has worked as a special

education consultant for Fayette County schools and a special education teacher, school psychologist and administrator for Rowan County schools.

At MSU, she taught as an adjunct faculty member from 1979 until becoming a full-time assistant professor of educational psychology, counseling and leadership in 1995. She also served two terms as interim chair of the Department of Leadership and Secondary Education.

As a faculty member, Dr. Abell has helped obtain various educational grants and authored numerous research publications on such topics as the needs of disadvantaged gifted students and healthy school environments.

For the past year, she has served as director of the Appalachian P-16+ Council, one of several regional councils throughout Kentucky created to help local school districts and post-secondary institutions identify and solve common problems to facilitate a seamless transition for students moving from kindergarten through postsecondary settings.

Additional information is available from Dr. Abell at (606) 783-2004.

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ing college algebra, writing I, writing II and general psychology. For additional information on dual enrollment classes and registration, contact Dr. Thomas Vierheller by calling (606) 886-3863 or toll-free (888) 641-4132, ext. 316.

Academically qualified high school students may also take late afternoon or evening classes at Prestonsburg Community College and extended campus sites. For example, MA 109, college algebra, is offered for the convenience of high school students on Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Mayo Technical College in Paintsville.

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Fred Landrum, dean of business affairs at the college, becomes interim president of HCC. Michael Dixon will continue to serve as director of HTC.

"I want to express my thanks to the district leadership team, the chancellors and all of the employees and students of the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District for their support of this transition," McCall said.

A search will begin immediately to determine the next president of HCC and CEO of the Kentucky River District. McCall will make the appointment after receiving input from college and community leaders and faculty and staff.

Landrum has worked for Hazard Community College for more than 12 years. He also worked at Lees College before it became part of HCC. At Lees, he served as dean of the faculty, executive vice president and dean of the college, and vice president for business affairs. He lives at Quicksand in Breathitt County.

Landrum received his associate's degree from Lees College; his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University; his master's degree from Michigan State University; and his education specialist credential from Morehead State University.

Dixon, HTC director since 1999, earned his bachelor's degree from Morehead State University and his master's degree from Northern Arizona University. He has worked at HCC and HTC in various academic and administrative capacities.

Dixon lives in Letcher

County.

Landrum said he appreciates the support that college employees have shown for the leadership team.

"During the next few months we have a very busy agenda," Landrum said. "In addition to our routine duties, we have the important tasks of developing a budget and strategic plan for next year."

"We also will be heavily involved in preparation for our reaccreditation visit; in the selection of a new presi-

dent and CEO; occupying the new Challenger Center; beginning the construction of the Knott County Branch Center; getting bids and contracting for the Kentucky School of Crafts renovation; as well as many other challenges.

"We need to maintain our momentum toward enhancing education and community development in the Kentucky River District. I am confident that the presidential selection process will provide us with a good leader."

Hazard

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(SACS) sent a visiting committee of professional peers to Hazard Community College to assess the educational strengths and weaknesses of the institution. A written report completed by the visiting committee helped Hazard Community College to improve its programs and also provided the basis, on which the Commission decides to grant, continue, reaffirm, or withdraw accreditation.

During the four-day visit in April 2001, the committee members examined data and conducted interviews in order to evaluate the quality and accuracy of the self-study and ascertain whether Hazard Community College was in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation. Finally, the committee presented an oral summary in an exit report to Dr. G. Edward Hughes, then president of Hazard Community College and other invited institutional officials on the last day of the visit.

The departure of the committee from the Hazard Community

College campus did not mark the end of the accreditation process. The Committee on Criteria and Reports, a standing committee of SACS, reviewed the visiting committee report and Hazard Community College's response to the findings of the committee. The Committee on Criteria and Reports recommended action on accreditation to the Executive Council of the Commission. The Executive Council in turn recommended action to the Commission on Colleges, which made the final decision.

SACS has accredited Hazard Community College for more than three decades. Accreditation by SACS allows students attending Hazard Community College to receive federal funds for student grants and loans. Accreditation also demonstrates that Hazard Community College is an institution that provides a quality education. It can also be important to students who wish to transfer credits to another college or university.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun
by Donna Erickson

Cookies and Kids

For most of the year, my three kids associate cookies more with symmetrical rounds packed on a sheet of cardboard in shrink-wrapped plastic from the supermarket shelf than with the melt-in-your-mouth, straight-from-the-oven variety. But when it's the holiday season, the sweet aroma of dozens of fresh-baked cookies wafts throughout the house. They're so tempting to look at on the cooling racks, they seem to disappear in a twinkling! There's no question that some of our best family memories are built around mounds of cookie dough, colored frosting and candy sprinkles strewn all over the counter and kitchen floor!

Here are some creative ideas and hints for family memory-making and baking. First, prepare a basic sugar-cookie recipe from a standard cookbook with your school-age kids. Let them practice their math and reading skills as you show them basic measuring techniques.

Once baked and cooled, make your own favorite frosting recipe in several colors for decorating cookies. Spoon each color into a separate zipper-style plastic bag. Seal the bag closed, and twist like a pastry bag, pushing the frosting to a bottom corner of the bag. Snip the corner with scissors to allow the frosting to flow freely. Or, simply use prepared icing in squeeze tubes in a variety of colors. Check out tubes with screw-on tips to make clever designs. Raisins, nuts, coconut, colored sugars and tiny candies make tempting additions to your cookie art.

Hang decorated cookies on branches of mini Christmas trees for holiday guests to take home. Before baking, make a hole with a drinking straw at the top of each cookie. Squeeze frosting to write on the names of guests. Thread ribbon through the holes and hang the cookies.

Make cookie "lollipops." Before baking, insert popsicle sticks in dough that has been cut out in circle shapes. (Use the rim of a round drinking glass for a cookie cutter.) Bake, and when cool, decorate them as self-portraits.

Spread holiday cheer! Arrange your prettiest cookies in a box and deliver to a shut-in or relative at a senior-citizen residence.

Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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DAVID LAROCHELLE



Ripe Tomatoes are Bursting with Flavor

The average American, we're told, ate almost 18 pounds of tomatoes in 2000. I must be above-average, because I'm sure I eat more than that. There's always at least one ripening on my counter.

I use tomatoes often because they provide vitamins A and C, potassium and fiber and are very rich in lycopene, that antioxidant we're hearing so much about today, which may help guard against heart disease and certain cancers.

But aside from their health benefits, tomatoes boost the flavor of almost any sandwich, salad or cooked dish. What's more, because Florida supplies us with great tomatoes from November to May, when your local farmlands are resting, they're always available.

Remember this: Don't refrigerate unripe tomatoes. Bring them to their full rosy red maturity on the counter, not on a windowsill, or place them in a brown paper bag or closed container to release the ethylene gas that hastens ripening.

Enjoy fresh tomatoes blended with vegetable and cheese in a tart worthy to be served to guests and family.

FRESH TOMATO AND SQUASH TART

2 large, fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes (about 1 pound)
1 large zucchini (about 8 ounces)

1 large summer (yellow) squash (about 8 ounces)
1 large potato (about 6 ounces), peeled
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese, divided
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 eggs, lightly beaten



by Philomena Corradeno

Preheat oven to 400 F. Butter a 9-inch pie plate or shallow casserole. Remove stem ends from tomatoes; cut in half through stem ends; thinly slice crosswise. Cut zucchini, summer squash and potato in half lengthwise; thinly slice crosswise. In a large bowl, combine zucchini, summer squash, potato, onion, 3/4 cup of Swiss cheese, eggs, salt, Italian seasoning and pepper until well-mixed. Arrange half of the tomato slices on bottom of pie plate. Evenly spoon vegetable mixture over tomatoes, pressing slightly to flatten. Arrange remaining tomato slices on top; sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake until vegetables are tender and glazed, about 40 minutes.

Makes 8 portions.

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Chocolate and Christmas

These chocolate treats are so yummy, you'll think your BEST holiday gift is enjoying a couple of these without guilt!

S'MORE CAKE BROWNIES

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup fat-free yogurt

1/3 cup fat-free mayonnaise
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup water
1 cup miniature marshmallows
6 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch cake pan with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar sub-

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by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

Don't give up your dreams of college

DEAR DIANE: I am 17-years-old, and I am totally in love with my girlfriend, "Chrissy."

After school (I'm a senior) I work construction for my Uncle Jim. I've been doing this for two years. I have saved-up a lot of money so I can go to college next year to be an architect — or maybe an engineer. I like building things.

Last week, I started researching the different universities I'd like to attend so that I can get my applications out on time. When Chrissy saw me doing this, she freaked out.

Chrissy is a junior and won't graduate next year with me. She said I should take the money I've saved for college and buy us a house so we can get married and live in it together.

She said I make enough money working construction with my uncle to support the two of us, so what's the use of wasting my money on a piece of paper from some college.

Diane, I've been wanting to go to college for as long as I can remember. But, I love Chrissy with all my heart, and I'm afraid that if I go off to college without her, I'll lose Chrissy forever. What should I do?

— COMMITTED IN CARSLBAD

DEAR COMMITTED: Go on with your plans to attend college. The reason Chrissy is telling you to stick around is because she's afraid that if you go away, you'll find someone else — and she's probably right.

However, if the two of you are truly in love and committed to each other, a few months apart shouldn't destroy your relationship. After she graduates, she can always move to whatever state you're living in.

Don't give up your dreams of college for this girl. If you do, someday you will resent her for it and your relationship will be over anyway — and you'll be stuck without a college degree to boot. Press on. And good luck.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail her at DearDianeV@aol.com.

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Pass the Shrimp, Please

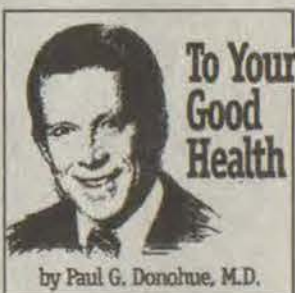
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am confused about shellfish — shrimp, mussels, etc. What is their effect on cholesterol? Do they have any negative effect on arteries? — H.C.

ANSWER: A logical conclusion from looking at the cholesterol content of shellfish would be that they are bad for arteries since they do carry a hefty amount of cholesterol.

Shrimp and crayfish have twice the cholesterol content of meat.

Crabs, scallops, mussels, clams and lobster have less cholesterol than meat, but their cholesterol content is not a puny amount.

The reason why shellfish, including shrimp, don't raise blood cholesterol lies in their very low content of saturated fat. This is an important point in choosing a diet that keeps cholesterol in the normal range. Saturated fat in foods raises blood cholesterol more than food with a high cholesterol count does. Saturated fats prod the liver into all-out production of cholesterol. Saturated fats are the fats in and around meat, in dairy products and in shortenings that are solid at



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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THE HEAVENLY SALESMAN

By Joan Wester Anderson

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL CHRISTMAS TREASURY")

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It was going to be a lean Christmas, Barbara and Ray Thill realized as they surveyed their budget in December of 1973. Unexpected medical bills, major repairs on their house and the ongoing needs of a family of nine young children left nothing extra for holiday presents. All of the kids needed pajamas, so Barbara and Ray decided they could afford those and maybe some candy. The children would just have to understand.

"This Christmas we're going to give instead of receive," Barbara explained to the children the next day. Her brother, a father of four, had been out of



work for many weeks, and it would be a rough holiday for his family, too. "Why don't each of you choose one of your toys and wrap it up for Uncle Dick's family?" Barbara suggested. "Otherwise, they won't have any celebration at all."

Everyone agreed. The oldest child,

Ray Jr., hid his disappointment at not receiving a longed-for sled and decided to buy some small gifts for his cousins out of his paper-route earnings. Barbara was proud of her children, but her heart still ached at the thought of disappointing them.

After the children went to bed on Dec. 24, Barbara and Ray laid out nine pajama-filled packages, stuffed nine stockings with candy and smiled at each other. Their family was together, safe and well, and there was even a collection of gifts for Uncle Dick's kids. Tomorrow would still be a good day.

An hour later a neighbor called. Her husband was on his way home from a business trip and had just telephoned from a highway oasis. He'd stopped for coffee and struck up a conversation with the man sitting next to him — a toy salesman and bachelor with a station wagon full of beat-up samples and no

place to donate them at this late hour. "My husband thought of you," the neighbor told Barbara, "so if you can use the toys, we'll drop them off when he gets home."

If she could use them! "Yes, thank you!" Barbara heard herself saying. Soon the doorbell rang. Ray went out to help the neighbors unload, and as the pile of "beat-up samples" grew on the porch, Barbara's eyes filled with tears.

The toys were beautiful, much nicer than anything they'd have been able to afford, even in a good year. But even more amazing, there was one perfectly-suited toy for each of her children. There were dolls for the girls, a fire engine almost as large as Larry, even a red sleigh for Ray Jr. There were nine toys for her brood and — incredibly — four extras, ideal for her brother's four kids. It was as if God had gone shopping just for them.

Nearly 20 years later, the Thill family still wonders about the toy salesman. How strange that he should have been on the road so late, waiting until the last moment to dispose of his samples. Perhaps, they think, he was not a salesman at all, but a Christmas angel, sent from heaven to reassure a faithful family that God keeps his promises.

"Give and it shall be given unto you," the Scriptures tell us. The Thills gave from loving hearts and were blessed in abundance.

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Sunday Comics

AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



MAMA'S BOYZ



JERRY CRAFT



MAGIC MAZE • SALTY

E B Y V T Q O L I G D B Y P W
T R P M K B I F D B Y W I U S
Q O M K I F L D Y B Z H X W U
S P Q O C N L O S J C H F D C
A R D E A D S E A O Y W S V T
S E Q P V N A A T T L W K I Y
H T N F I W L A L R E P P I K
E Z C I A A T I R A G R A M R
B E Z T R O I Y T W M V U S E
R L E Q P B N O C A B I P N J
Y R F H C N E R F M L J I H F

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

- Bacon Dead Sea Margarita Sea water
- Bloater French fry Potato chip Soy
- Brine Jerky Salami Sweat
- Caviar Kipper Saltine

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



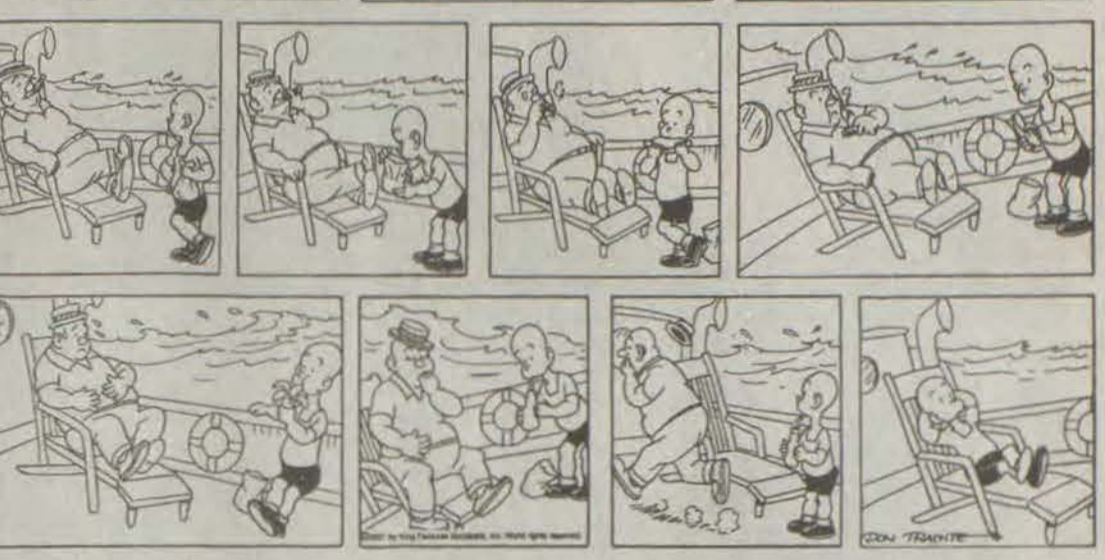
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on flag is missing. 2. Mustache is gone. 3. Yase is missing. 4. Drawer knob has been added. 5. Letter on shirt is different. 6. Plant has fewer leaves.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

Henry BY DON TRACHT



Super Crossword WELL-ROUNDED

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Existed
 - 4 Obscure
 - 9 Apply lightly
 - 12 Fashionably nostalgic
 - 17 Choir member
 - 19 City on the Mohawk
 - 20 Actor
 - 21 Tognazzi
 - 22 Shrivel up
 - 23 Joe Hamell hit
 - 25 In distress
 - 26 Actress Shire
 - 27 Individual performances
 - 28 Asta's father
 - 30 Police hdqrs.
 - 31 Profited
 - 34 NATO member
 - 37 Churchill's successor
 - 38 Jason Biggs film
 - 41 Coasted
 - 42 Fugue composer
 - 46 — Bator
 - 47 Grab all the goodies
 - 48 Anthony Quinn role
 - 50 Pennsylvania port
 - 51 Crack up
 - 53 Taxi
 - 55 Condemns
 - 57 Where to find a tennec
 - 59 Parasite
 - 61 Casserole cover
 - 63 Place of origin
 - 65 Pack peppers
 - 67 New Deal agcy.
 - 68 Reggae's Marley
 - 69 "Roots" Emmy winner
 - 70 Blanc or Brooks
 - 72 The Cyrkle hit
 - 76 Narcs' org.
 - 77 Sheepish sound
 - 79 Sandra of "A Summer Place"
 - 80 Neighbor of Tenn.
 - 81 Tracking tool
 - 83 Singer
 - 84 Spud bud
 - 85 Vote in
 - 87 Dull
 - 90 Time and again
 - 92 It may be fake
 - 94 Stringed instrument
 - 96 Machu Picchu native
 - 97 Tolkien character
 - 99 Attained
 - 101 Football's Van Brocklin
 - 102 Like kids at Christmas
 - 103 Drescher of "The Nanny"
 - 104 Hollywood award
 - 108 Banister
 - 109 Cheeseboard choice
 - 110 Jet of yore
 - 114 Fury
 - 115 Encounter
 - 116 — Lama
 - 119 Dropped the ball
 - 121 "Blue Velvet" singer
 - 123 Merv Griffin creation
 - 128 Salad veggie
 - 129 "— Man" ('67 hit)
 - 130 Senator Hatch
 - 131 Mix
 - 132 Cafe vessel
 - 133 Craggy hill
 - 134 Peter of Herman's Hermits
 - 135 Lady lobster
 - 3 Type
 - 4 Except
 - 5 Monty's milieu
 - 6 What the shoe does
 - 7 — Rios, Jamaica
 - 8 Ancient tongue
 - 9 Couple
 - 10 Past
 - 11 Tiny tree
 - 12 Indian export
 - 13 Archaic ending
 - 14 Gary Lewis & the Playboys hit
 - 15 Let
 - 16 Phantom instrument
 - 18 Skip
 - 21 Beaver's dad
 - 23 "I could — horse!"
 - 24 Biblical book
 - 29 "Mocking-bird" singer
 - 30 Fox
 - 32 Attempt to equal
 - 33 Oscar — Arden
 - 35 Tennyson's Arden
 - 36 Green org.
 - 37 Wades through a crowd
 - 39 Julia of "Havana"
 - 40 Babe in the woods
 - 41 Theater sign
 - 42 Arthur of "Maude"
 - 43 Griffon greeting
 - 44 Minnie
 - 45 Driver film
 - 49 Successor
 - 49 Bizarre
 - 52 Rosemary or basil
 - 54 Hunk of gunk
 - 56 Hook's henchman
 - 58 Transport
 - 60 Plot
 - 62 Bridge support
 - 64 Bikini part
 - 66 Whirlpool
 - 68 Like mountain air
 - 69 With 117
 - 70 Down, Italian
 - 71 Actor
 - 73 Shorten a sail
 - 74 Hgt.
 - 75 '59 Ritchie Valens hit
 - 78 Starry
 - 82 Peerce piece
 - 84 Remnant
 - 85 Carve a canyon
 - 86 Implement
 - 88 Member of the mil.
 - 89 Joke
 - 91 Tons of time
 - 93 Hard on the eyes
 - 95 Author Hubbard
 - 98 Brute
 - 100 Pied-a—
 - 103 Breakfast food
 - 105 Get the better of
 - 106 Kevin of "SNL"
 - 107 Part of EMT
 - 108 Shipbuilding need
 - 109 Passed-on item
 - 111 Fleming and Linkletter
 - 112 Consequences alternative
 - 113 Skater
 - 114 Sonja
 - 115 Budge
 - 117 See 69
 - 118 Down
 - 118 Fluffy coil
 - 120 Bruce of "Coming Home"
 - 122 "Whether — nobler in the mind..."
 - 124 Medical grp.
 - 125 Corn portion
 - 126 Perch part
 - 127 Waugh's "The Loved —"

Grid for the Super Crossword puzzle with numbers 1-135 indicating starting positions.



Santa gives Ralph and Paul Davis, son of Managing Editor Ralph Davis, one of their first gifts of the holiday season.



Bobby and Patty Wilson come dressed for the evening sporting matching red shirts and a santa cap for good measure.



Cindy Collins, wife of publisher Rod Collins, took her place in line for Christmas wishes.



SEASON'S GREETINGS



Door prizes were available for employees lucky enough to have their names drawn after dinner.



Business Manager, Angela Judd with her son Christopher, gave a big smile.



Sales representative Landon Frazier shows his wife Betsie their new color television won moments earlier in a door prize drawing.



Publisher Rod Collins set up entertainment for the evening.



This hungry room full of employees wasted no time on their way to the dinner buffet of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, not to mention banana pudding.



Composing Director Heath Wiley's first look at Santa



Chris Judd and his son, Christopher, gave mom a break to help Santa give out presents.



Santa kept busy bringing Christmas joy during most of the evening.



It was presents all around from Santa as one youngster got an up close look at the man in the red suit.



Rod and Cindy get Santa's attention for a special Christmas wish, a picture with the head elf himself.

THE TOTAL Package

Your Television and Entertainment Guide

Mac, a king of comedy,



reigns
in sitcom,
movie and book

By Jacqueline Cutler
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Bernie Mac was 4 years old when he decided upon a career. He watched Bill Cosby make his mother laugh, and he instantly knew what he wanted to do.

It's been 40 years, a string of workaday jobs and countless nightclub gigs, but Mac has hit the big time now. His participation in the most successful stand-up tour in history, "Kings of Comedy," led to his Wednesday Fox sitcom, *The Bernie Mac Show*; he recently published a book called *Bernie Macon HowLife Is: I Ain't Scared of You*; and he has a role in *Ocean's Eleven*, the much-hyped film starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts.

Though he's not a trained actor, Mac has an excellent ear for mimicry. He's been imitating people since he was a child on the South Side of Chicago. His first official performance was at the age of 8 at the Burning Bush Missionary Church, where his grandparents were parishioners.

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Lana (Kristin Kreuk) heads to Metropolis for a date with a classmate on *Smallville*, airing Tuesday on The WB Network.

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Mac

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"I had this tight suit and this bald head with a part on the side," Mac recalls. "I started, 'Good evening. How are you doing? Praise the Lord. I want to do a demonstration of my family at dinner.'" With that, he imitated his grandfather's voice, "Woman, I'm waiting on those greens."

"I didn't know I was telling family business," Mac says. "My grandmother snatched me while I was doing it. She pulled me to the back and whipped me." The church grew silent while his grandmother exacted her punishment.

"Then she said 'Finish.' And with tears streaming down my face and in complete silence, I picked the microphone up and did it again. I did, 'Woman, get me the corn bread.' I wanted to make people laugh at all expense."

This need to tell jokes no matter the consequences sums up Mac's life. He used to pretend he was performing by talking into a bottle of liquid shoe polish, because it was shaped like a microphone. "That was one of my toys," he says without a trace of bitterness. "I didn't have toys from the store. I had inventor's toys."

Through many lean years, Mac never lost sight of his goal. For a while, he played on a fast-moving stage, Chicago's elevated train. He would board and start telling jokes. Commuters assumed he was crazy, but came to know him.

"I would go from car to car," Mac says. "I used to make \$400 to \$500 a day. I also used to do the parks in the projects ... (But) I was shamed because I felt like I was begging. I wanted to be legitimate. I wanted to go to the comedy clubs and walk through the smoke-filled room and have them call my name."

Finally he landed a paying gig in 1979. "I bombed," Mac says. "I got booed off." But he earned \$750.

He was hired at Chicago's Cotton Club to emcee, but needed a tuxedo, which he did not own. His brother had a black suit and Mac figured that would suffice. His brother, however, is a larger man. "It was too damned big, and people were laughing at me," he says. "I was so ignorant. I didn't pay no attention. I was so ecstatic about being at the Cotton Club. Sometimes ignorance takes you a long way."

His paychecks did not, though. Like most comics, he struggled. And he worked hard at a variety of less glamorous jobs. By his own admission, he was a lousy house painter. He also was a janitor, a laborer, a gardener and a mover. He drove a bus for handicapped school children, managed a fast-food restaurant, and was a sales representative for WonderBread. He also worked as a dishwasher and did inventory at a library.

"I was doing comedy all during that time," Mac says. "On the weekend, I was doing six or seven shows a night. During the week, I could get off (work) go home, argue with my wife, sit on the bus, go do comedy, come home, argue with my wife, and go to sleep and get up and go to work."

In 1990, he won a comedy contest, which brought a \$3,000 check. He deposited that into a college fund for his only child, daughter Je'Niece. The next year, he quit Wonder Bread, "started making a living and never looked back."

(See MAC, page fifteen)

CABLE CONVERSION CHART

		(M) Inter Mountain Cable	(CC) Charter Communications	DIRECTV						
WSAZ-3	NBC	Huntington	9 (1)	TBS	WTBS Superstation	69	38	247		
WCHS-8	ABC	Charleston	9 (1)	TLC	The Learning Channel		27	280		
WOWK-13	CBS	Huntington	9 (1)	TNN	The National Network	99	11	325		
WKPI-22	PBS	Lexington	9 (1)	TNT	Turner Network Television	62	31	245		
WLPX-29	PAX	Hurricane	9 (1)	TOON	Cartoon Network	68		296		
WHCP-30	WB	Portsmouth	9 (1)	TOONDIS	Toon Disney		57	292		
WTVQ-36	ABC	Lexington	9 (1)	TRAVEL	The Travel Channel		55	233		
WYMT-57	CBS	Hazard	9 (1)	TVLAND	TV Land	67	48	301		
A&E	Arts & Entertainment		9 (1)	TVH DIR	TVN Direct		54			
ANPLAN	Animal Planet		47	282	TWC	The Weather Channel	63	56	362	
BBCAM	BBC America		9 (1)	264	USA	USA Network	67	25	242	
C-SPAN	House of Representatives		69	(1)	350	VH1	69	42	335	
CNBC	Cable News and Business		44	355	WE	Women's Entertainment	409		260	
CNN	Cable News Network		62	37	202	WGN	IND	66	(1)	307
CSPAN2	Senate		23	351	HOT CH	Hot Choice	106			
DSC	Discovery Channel		17	278	IN01	In Demand 1	100			
DSCHALTH	Discovery Health Network		9 (1)	313	IN02	In Demand 2	101			
DSCK	Discovery Kids Network		9 (1)	294	IN03	In Demand 3	102			
DS CSCN	Discovery Science Network		9 (1)		IN04	In Demand 4	103			
EITV	E! Entertainment		28	236	IN05	In Demand 5	104			
ESPN	Entertainment and Sports Network		10	44	206*	IN06	In Demand 6	105		
ESPN2	Entertainment and Sports Network 2		15	45	209*	SPICE	Spice Channel	202		
ESPNCISC	Espn Classics		304	208	ACTION	Action from Encore	403		532	
ESPNEWS	Espn News		502	207	AMC	American Movie Classics	50	48	254	
EVENTS	Pay-Per-View Events		18	101*	BRAV	Bravo	509		273	
FAM	Fox Family Channel		62	(1)	211	DISN	Disney Channel	58	28	290
FMC	Fox Movie Channel			258	ENCORE	Encore Channel	401		526	
FNC	Fox News Channel			360	HBO	Home Box Office	204	(1)	501	
FSWO	Fox Sports World		301	613	HBOFAM	HBO Family	201		507	
FX	FX Channel		10		HBOPLUS	HBO Plus	210	(1)	502	
GAC	Great American Country		15	36	HBO SIG	HBO Signature	211	(1)	503	
GAME	Game Show Network		9 (1)	309	IFC	Independent Film Channel	504		550	
GOLF	The Golf Channel		9 (1)	605	LOVE	Love Stories from Encore	408		528	
HEAD	CNN2 Headline News			204	MAX	Cinemax	205	(1)	512	
HGTV	Home & Garden Television		410	229	MOMAX	More Cinemax	202		513	
HIST	The History Channel		62	52	269	MYSTERY	Mystery Channel from Encore	405		530
LIFE	Lifetime Channel		62	41	252	SHOW	Showtime	206	(1)	537
MM	Much Music		54	329	SHOW2	Showtime 2	212		538	
MSNBC	Microsoft and NBC Channel		65	356	SHOW3	Showtime 3	217		539	
MTV	Music Television		65	41	331	SHOWEX	Showtime Extreme	309		542
NICK	Nickelodeon		60	34	299	STARZ	The Starz Network	404		520
NOGGIN	Noggin Television		610	298	STARZ2	Starz 2	406		522	
OLN	Outdoor Life Network		300	608	TMC	The Movie Channel	213	(1)	544	
OUTD	Outdoor Channel		61	35	TMC2	The Movie Channel 2	215			
OVC	OVC Network		62	(1)	317	TRUEST	True Stories from Encore	409		531
SCIFI	Sci Fi Channel		63	51	244	WATCH7	Community Bulletin Board		(7/3)	
SPEEDV	Speedvision		28	607	WESTERN	Westerns Channel from Encore	407		529	
TBN	TBN	Tustin	67	372	WPRG	Local Origination	5			
TCM	Turner Classic Movies		608	225						

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Celebrity Extra

by EVELYN GREEN

Q I see that Adrian Paul is back with a series ("Tracker"). Will he ever do another "Highlander" series? Also, my friend says his wife was a teen-ager when he married her. Is this true? — Denys T.

A Adrian Paul says he doubts that he'll do another "Highlander" project because of other commitments. Besides starring in "Tracker," which he also produces, he's also writing screenplays.

Paul's 1990 marriage wasn't to a teen-ager. However, his wife, actor/singer/model Meilani Paul, had been a cover model for Seventeen magazine at one time. She was also part of the successful Ray Charles Diet Pepsi ad

campaign as one of the "Uh-Huh" girls. Among her acting credits is an episode of "Highlander." The couple separated in 1997. There is one report that they have since divorced.

Q I've been researching my family and discovered that we have "Brolins" among our ancestors in Ireland. I would like to know how to contact James Brolin, the actor, to see if we might be related. I've been told that sometimes the people who open mail for the stars never pass it on. So, could I please have his home address? I would be willing to supply any information on myself if that's what it takes. — T.K.

A First, this column does not provide personal contact information on anyone.

Second, James Brolin, the actor, was born James Bruderlin. This means that your Brolin connection in Ireland is not likely to be linked to the actor.

Q Is it true that Madonna plans to fight a bull in Spain? I know that

sounds like a weird question, but I got the information from a pretty sensible friend. — Ann R.

A With Madonna, anything can be true. But all the information I have indicates she won't be doing any bullfighting. I did learn, however, that animal-rights groups are furious with her for telling the press that she hunts her own game fowl because it gives her an appreciation of how food can be obtained in the wilderness. (Her "wilderness" is a carefully maintained woody area of an English estate.) These groups pointed out that if she wanted more "appreciation" of the food-chain process, she might consider fighting bulls since the animals killed in the arena are then butchered for consumption.



SUNDAY EVENING

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DECEMBER 23, 2001

CH	TIME	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		
23	48	TBS	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976, Western) (PA) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George.			** "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker.			** "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker.			* "Cobra" (1986, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone.							
3	3	NBC	(4:00) Figure Skating: Aretha Franklin's Soul and Ice. (N)	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Lost (N) (In Stereo) (N)	** 1/2 "Beloved" (1998, Drama) (PA) Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover. (In Stereo) (N)			News (N)	Practice "The Pursuit of Dignity" (In Stereo) (N)	V.I.P. (In Stereo) (N)							
4	5	PBS	This Old House (N)	New Yankee Workshop (N)	Victory Garden (N)	Handyma'am (In Stereo) (N)	Antiques Roadshow UK "Selby" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Nature "Extraordinary Birds" (In Stereo) (N)	In Performance at the Governor's Mansion (N)	In Performance at the Governor's Mansion (N)	This Is America (N)	(Off Air)							
6	8	ABC	(4:00) Golf: Three-Tour Challenge -- Final Day. (N)	News (N)	ABC World News-Sunday (N)	** "Jingle All the Way" (1996, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad. (In Stereo) (N)			Alias "So It Begins" (In Stereo) (N)	Practice "Public Servants" (In Stereo) (N)	News (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Buffy Vampire (N)						
40	9	WGN	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984, Fantasy) George C. Scott, Edward Woodward. (In Stereo) (N)			Mutant X "Russian Roulette" (N)			Andromeda "Heart for Falsehood Framed" (In Stereo) (N)	Earth: Final Conflict "Seduction" (In Stereo) (N)	News (In Stereo) (N)	Instant Replay (N)	In the Heat of the Night "My Name is Hank" (In Stereo) (N)	Matlock "The Black Widow" (In Stereo) (N)					
6	10	CBS	(4:00) NFL Football: Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Packers. (Live) (N)	60 Minutes (In Stereo) (N)			Education of Max Bickford "Herding Cats" (In Stereo) (N)			"One Special Night" (1999, Romance) Julie Andrews, James Garner. (In Stereo) (N)			News (N)	Coach Tubby Smith (N)	Practice "The Pursuit of Dignity" (In Stereo) (N)				
11	11	FOX	** 1/2 "King David" (1985, Drama) Richard Gere, Alice Krige. (In Stereo) (N)			King of the Hill (In Stereo) (N)	King of the Hill (In Stereo) (N)	Simpsons (In Stereo) (N)	Malcolm in the Middle (N)	That '70s Show (N)	Futurama (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News (N)	Seinfeld "The Race" (N)	Seinfeld "The Scofflaw" (N)	Cheaters (In Stereo) (N)				
13	13	CBS	(4:00) NFL Football: Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Packers. (Live) (N)	60 Minutes (In Stereo) (N)			Education of Max Bickford "Herding Cats" (In Stereo) (N)			"One Special Night" (1999, Romance) Julie Andrews, James Garner. (In Stereo) (N)			News (N)	Extra (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Hollywood (N)				
14	46	ESPN	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Sportscenter NFL Primetime (N) (N)			NFL Football: New York Jets at Indianapolis Colts. (Live) (N)			Sportscenter (N)			NFL (N)			
33	30	DSC	Escape From Death Row			I Survived!-Terror			Jesus: The Complete Story			FBI Files "Deadly Obsession" (N)			Jesus: The Complete Story (N)				
18	31	TNT	*** "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) (PA) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. (N)			*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. (N)			*** "48 HRS." (1962, Comedy-Drama) (PA) Nick Nolte. (N)			"Running Scared" (1986) (N)							
37	32	A&E	(3:00) ** 1/2 "Longitude" (2000, Drama) Michael Gambon. (N)	100 Centre Street (N)			Nero Wolfe "Christmas Party" (N)			City Confidential (N)			Law & Order "Remand" (N)			Nero Wolfe "Christmas Party" (N)			
27	33	TNN	Star Trek: Next Gener.			Star Trek: Next Gener.			Fame for 15 "To the Rescue" (N)	Ultimate (N)	Small Shots (N)	*** "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman. (In Stereo) (N)							
20	34	NICK	(4:00) Movie All That	Kenan & Kel (N)	Amanda Taina (N)	Ginger (N)	Caitlin's Way (N)	Garcia (N)	Family Ties (N)	Family Ties (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)	All in Family (N)	All in Family (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)			
17	35	USA	(4:30) **** "Rain Man" (1988, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) (N)	*** "Crimson Tide" (1995, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Gene Hackman. (In Stereo) (N)			JAG "Ghosts of Christmas Past" (In Stereo) (N)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ridicule" (N) (N)			JAG "Ghosts of Christmas Past" (In Stereo) (N)						
28	2	FAM	Rudolph's Shiny New Year			** 1/2 "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July" (1980) (N)			*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) Richard Attenborough. (N)			** 1/2 "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1988) Hal Holbrook. (N)			Lake Church "Feed Children" (N)				
22	43	LIFE	"Born Into Exile" (1997, Drama) Gina Philips. (N)			"Lucky Girl" (2001, Drama) Elisha Cuthbert, Sherry Miller. (N)			** 1/2 "The Christmas Wish" (1998) Neil Patrick Harris. (N)			** "Unlikely Angel" (1996, Drama) Dolly Parton. (N)							
15	45	ESPN2	Thrill-Spill	Thrill-Spill	Thrill-Spill	Thrill-Spill	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live) (N)			RPM 2Night (N)			World Cup Skiing (N)	Jet Nationals (N)	2-Minute Drill (N)				
28	49	AMC	Cool Women (N)	*** "Downhill Racer" (1969, Drama) Robert Redford, Gene Hackman. (N)			The Lot "Detox" (N)	** 1/2 "Four for Texas" (1963, Western) Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin. (N)			Behind the Screen (N)	*** 1/2 "A Shot in the Dark" (1964, Comedy) Peter Sellers, Elke Sommer. (N)			The Lot "Detox" (N)				
41	50	HGTV	White House Christmas	Old Homes	Lofty Ideas	This Old Hse. (N)	Dream (N)	BeforeAft (N)	Extreme Hms (N)	Small Town Christmas (N)	If Walls Could (N)	Modern (N)	BeforeAft (N)	Extreme Hms (N)	Small Town Christmas (N)				
65	51	SCIFI	(4:00) ** "Cube" (1997) (N)	** 1/2 "Virus" (1999, Science Fiction) Jamie Lee Curtis. (N)			*** 1/2 "Blade Runner" (1982, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) (N)			** "Hackers" (1995, Drama) Jonny Lee Miller, Angelina Jolie. (In Stereo) (N)									
62	52	HIST	Jesus of Nazareth			Digging for the Truth: Archaeology and the Bible (N)			Color of War "Why We Fight" (N)			Winter Warriors (N)			Color of War "Why We Fight" (N)				
67	55	TOC	Whistle Stops	Sportfishing	Hunters	Outdoors	Hunting With (N)	Traditions (N)	Fishing (N)	Hunt-America (N)	Outdoor (N)	Hunting (N)	Buckmasters (N)	NW Hunter (N)	Gold Fever (N)	Outdoor "Fever" (N)			
14	14	HBO	** "Ladybugs" (1992, Comedy) Rodney Dangerfield, Jackie. (In Stereo) (N)			** 1/2 "If Looks Could Kill" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Richard Grieco. (In Stereo) (N)			Sopranos "Big Girls Don't Cry" (In Stereo) (N)			Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Project Greenlight (N)	** "Proof of Life" (2000, Action) Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe. (In Stereo) (N)				
20	15	HBO2	(4:00) "Joe Gould's Secret" (N)	** "Congo" (1995, Adventure) Dylan Walsh. (PG-13) (N)			Iceman Confesses: Secrets (N)			** "Under Suspicion" (2000, Mystery) Morgan Freeman. (N)			Creature Features: "Earth vs. the Spider" (N)			Shock Video (N)			
21	16	HBO3	** "Eye for an Eye" (1996, Drama) Sally Field, Kiefer Sutherland. (In Stereo) (N)			Ocean's Eleven (N)			*** "All the Little Animals" (1998, Drama) John Hurt, Christian Bale. (In Stereo) (N)			*** "RKO 281" (1999, Drama) Lioy Schreiber, James Cromwell. (In Stereo) (N)			*** "Finding Forrester" (2000, Drama) Sean Connery, Rob Brown. (In Stereo) (N)				
20	17	MAX	** 1/2 "The Karate Kid" (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. (In Stereo) (N)			*** "Gladiator" (2000, Action) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. (In Stereo) (N)			*** "The Contender" (2000, Drama) Joan Allen, Gary Oldman. Premiere. (In Stereo) (N)			** "A Simple Wish" (1997, Fantasy) Martin Short, Mara Wilson. (PG) (N)			So Weird "Singularity" (N)				
65	29	DISN	Boy Meets World (N)	Even Stevens (N)	Proud Family (N)	Boy Meets World (N)	Proud Family (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Santa Claus Brothers (N)	** "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves" (1997, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Eve Gordon. (PG) (N)			** "A Simple Wish" (1997, Fantasy) Martin Short, Mara Wilson. (PG) (N)			So Weird "Singularity" (N)			
22	22	SHOW	(4:30) ** "Staying Alive" (1983, Drama) John Travolta. (N)	** 1/2 "One Kill" (2000, Drama) Anne Heche, Eric Stoltz. (N)			** 1/2 "Autumn in New York" (2000, Romance) Richard Gere, Winona Ryder. (In Stereo) (N)			Queer as Folk (TV) (In Stereo) (N)			Soul Food (N)	** 1/2 "Enslavement: The True Story of Fanny Kemble" (2000) Jane Seymour. (N)					
25	25	TMC	** 1/2 "Tea With Mussolini" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Cher, Judi Dench. (In Stereo) (N)			** 1/2 "The Next Best Thing" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Rupert Everett, Madonna. (In Stereo) (N)			** "Boys and Girls" (2000, Comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr., Claire Forlani. (In Stereo) (N)			** 1/2 "Soldier Boyz" (1995, Adventure) Michael Dudikoff, Cary-Hirokyu Tagawa. (In Stereo) (N)			** "Los Locos" (1997, Western) Mario Van Peebles. (N)				

••• Tuning IN •••

IN FOCUS:

by Sally Stone

Emmy nominee Alan Rosenberg ("L.A. Law," "Chicago Hope"), co-stars with Simon Baker and Dabney Coleman on the CBS series, "The Guardian." Rosenberg plays Alvin Masterson, the head of a child-advocacy office that handles cases dealing with people in desperate circumstances.

Rosenberg says besides the good writing, the fine cast and the smart people behind the scenes, "The Guardian" also appealed to him for its social conscience.

"This is a series that shows some of the ugly things that can happen even in an enlightened society," he says. "But what it also shows is that

there are people who will not accept these deplorable situations. They will work to prove that abuses can be dealt with effectively and the system can be made to be accountable."

Rosenberg agrees that some viewers might see Masterson as overly rough on Baker's character, Nick Fallin.

He explains, "You have to understand that Nick originally came into his office as part of a community-service deal to avoid disbarment for drug possession. Masterson wasn't sure he could trust Nick to do the job right and not just coast until his sentence was up. It's only now that he sees that Nick has become genuinely interested in the people he's supposed to help that he's willing to let up on him. And for Masterson, that's what it's all about: Giving your all to help others in need of help."

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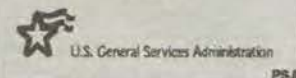
THY THIS WEEK: On Dec. 18, A&E airs "Healing and Prayer: Power or Placebo," hosted by Bill Kurtis. Interviews include patients, doctors and medical educators, some of whom believe in the healing power of prayer, and some who are skeptics.

On Dec. 21, Mariah Carey headlines the CBS special, "A Home for the Holidays," celebrating the joys of adoption. Guest stars include Destiny's Child, Enrique Iglesias and

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24	38	TBS	*** "McLintock" (1963, Western) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara.						** 1/2 "Big Jake" (1971, Western) (PA) John Wayne, Richard Boone.			*** 1/2 "The Sons of Katie Elder" (1965, Western) (PA) John Wayne, Dean Martin.			** 1/2 "Rio Lobo" (1970).			
3	3	NBC	Children's Charities	NBA on NBC (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at New York Knicks. (In Stereo Live)			NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers. (In Stereo Live)			News	Tonight Show (In Stereo)		Late Night (In Stereo)				
4	5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	Everyday Voices	Business Rpt.	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Nova "Flying Casanovas" (N) (In Stereo)	National Geographic: "Inside the Vatican" (In Stereo)		People and Planets: 300 Years (N) (In Stereo)	BBC World News	Standard Deviants TV	(Off Air)			
6	6	ABC	(3:30) College Football: Las Vegas Bowl -- Southern California vs. Utah. (Live)	News		Entertainment Tonight	Dharma & Greg	Spin City (In Stereo)	Dharma & Greg	Spin City (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "Lie Like a Rug" (In Stereo) (PA)	News	Nightline	Paid Program	Paid Program			
40	8	WGN	7th Heaven "Here Comes Santa Claus" (In Stereo)	Full House (In Stereo)	Family Matters	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	** 1/2 "Santa Claus" (1985, Fantasy) Dudley Moore, John Lithgow. (In Stereo)			News (In Stereo)	In the Heat of the Night "Trudell's Will Be Done" (In Stereo)		Matlock "The Christmas Show" (In Stereo)				
6	10	CBS	Kentucky Christmas Chorus	News	CBS Evening News	Ultimate Hunting	Amen (In Stereo)	JAG "Mutiny" (In Stereo)	Guardian "Paternity" (In Stereo)	Judging Amy "The Last Word" (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Show					
11	11	FOX	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	King of the Hill (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Beard" (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Everybody-Raymond	That '70s Show	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Bernie Mac (In Stereo)	Malcolm in the Middle	News	Everybody-Raymond	Drew Carey (In Stereo)	Eliminate	Paid Program	
13	13	CBS	Christmas With the Stars (N)	News	CBS News	Extra (N)	Frasier	JAG "Mutiny" (In Stereo)	Guardian "Paternity" (In Stereo)	Judging Amy (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late					
16	46	ESPN	Strongman	Strongman	Sportscenter	2001 World's Strongest Man			NFL's Greatest Game (N)	NFL's Greatest Game (N)		Sportscenter	Billiards					
33	30	DSC	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Condor and the Coyote	Wolves at Our Door		Dinosaurs-America	Discovery Channel Week	Valley of the T-Rex	Justice Files	Dinosaurs-America						
46	51	TNT	(4:40) *** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy)		*** "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) (PA) Bill Murray.			Charmed "Charmed Again" (In Stereo)		*** "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) (PA) Bill Murray.							
31	32	A&E	(4:00) Nero Wolfe	Nero Wolfe "Door to Death"		Nero Wolfe "Christmas Party"		Biography "Irving Berlin: An American Song"		Investigative Reports (N)	Law & Order "Matrimony" (In Stereo)	Biography: Irving Berlin						
27	33	TNN	(2:00) **** "The Godfather Saga" (1977, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. (Premiere) (In Stereo)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Ultimate		Mad TV										
20	34	NICK	Doug	Catdog	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Ginger	Oddparents	Spongebob	Rugrats	Brady Bunch	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	3's Company	Jeffersons
17	35	USA	** 1/2 "The Little Rascals" (1994, Comedy) Travis Tedford, Bug Hall. (In Stereo)	** 1/2 "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy) John Goodman, Elizabeth Perkins. (In Stereo)		** 1/2 "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy) John Goodman, Elizabeth Perkins. (In Stereo)			Smush (In Stereo)	Martin "Swing Thing" (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	"B.A.P.S." (1997)						
23	2	FAM	(4:00) "Must Be Santa" (In Stereo)	Polar Bears	Robbie	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) Richard Attenborough.			"A Thousand Men and a Baby" (1997) Richard Thomas.		700 Club (N)	Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?					
22	43	LIFE	(4:00) "Stolen Miracle"	** "A Christmas Romance" (1994) Olivia Newton-John.			* "Holiday Affair" (1986, Drama) Cynthia Gibb.		"Zoya" (1995, Drama) Melissa Gilbert, Bruce Boxleitner.									
45	45	ESPN2	NFL Great	Legends	Motoworld	NFL Great	Season (N)	Sidelines	Sidelines	Sidelines	Sidelines	Season (Part 1 of 2)	NBA 2Night	Interruption				
29	49	AMC	(4:15) **** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy)	**** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn.			**** "The African Queen" (1951, Adventure) Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn.		Backstory	*** "An Affair to Remember" (1957, Drama) Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.		*** 1/2 "Hello, Dolly!" (1969)						
100	50	HGTV	Christmas Across America	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas Castles	White House Christmas	Small Town Christmas	Christmas: Behind	White House Christmas	Small Town Christmas							
65	51	SCIFI	Young Indiana Jones	*** "The Thing" (1982, Horror) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)			*** 1/2 "Alien" (1979, Science Fiction) Tom Skerritt. (In Stereo)		* 1/2 "The Lost World" (1992, Adventure) John Rhys-Davies.		Return							
62	52	HIST	Loch Ness Monster	Pompeii	Lost City of Atlantis	Real Spartacus	In Search of Christmas (N)	Holy Grail	Real Spartacus									
67	55	TOC	4x4TV	Outdoors	New Gold Fever	Hunting With	Outdoors	Adv. Bound.	Primos' Truth	Hunting	Spirit of Wild	Hunting	Hunting	Outdoor	Outdoors	Outdoors	Bill Rock USA	
34	14	HBO	1/2 "Feds" (1988, Comedy) Rebecca De Mornay, Mary Gross. (In Stereo) PG-13	*** 1/2 "Green Card" (1990, Comedy) Gerard Depardieu, Andie MacDowell. (In Stereo) PG-13			Beautiful Mind	1/2 "Red Planet" (2000, Science Fiction) Val Kilmer, Caine Anne Moss. (In Stereo) PG-13	Project Greenlight	*** "Finding Forrester" (2000, Drama) Sean Connery. (In Stereo) PG-13								
230	15	HBO2	My Dog Skip	*** "Jefferson in Paris" (1995, Drama) Nick Nolte. (In Stereo) PG-13			1/2 "Anna and the King" (1999, Drama) Jodie Foster. (In Stereo) PG-13	All-Frazier 1: One Nation...	*** "Weapons of Mass Distraction" (1997)									
271	16	HBO3	(4:30) ** 1/2 "Center Stage" (2000, Drama) Amanda Schull. (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "Maverick" (1994, Western) Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster. (In Stereo) PG			** "Proof of Life" (2000, Action) Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe. (In Stereo) R	*** "Body Heat" (1981, Suspense) William Hurt, Kathleen Turner. R										
265	17	MAX	Demolition Man (1993) R	** 1/2 "The Arrival" (1996, Science Fiction) Charlie Sheen, Ron Silver. (In Stereo) PG-13		** 1/2 "Vertical Limit" (2000, Action) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Big Momma's House" (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13		"Women of the Night" (2000, Adult) Shawnee Free Jones. (In Stereo) NR									
64	29	DISN	Boy Meets World	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	"The Ultimate Christmas Present" (2000, Comedy) Hailee Hirsh, Brenda Song.	"Twas the Night" (2001, Fantasy) Bryan Cranston, Josh Zuckerman.	** 1/2 "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas" (1989, Fantasy) Charles Durning, Ted Lange.	So Weird "Lost"	Famous Jett Jackson							
300	22	SHOW	(4:15) "They Call Me Sir" (2001, Drama) Kenie Scott.	*** "Return to Me" (2000, Romance) David Duchovny, Minnie Driver. iTV. (In Stereo) R			** "Reindeer Games" (2000, Action) Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise. iTV. (In Stereo) R	Resurrection Blvd. "Con Cuidado - Be Careful" (In Stereo)	Queer as Folk (iTV) (In Stereo)	*** 1/2 "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks.								
238	25	TMC	(4:00) ** "Delirious"	** 1/2 "The Nephew" (1998, Drama) Hill Harper, Aislin McGuckin. (In Stereo)		** "Slow Burn" (2000, Drama) Minnie Driver, James Spader.	*** "Steel Magnolias" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Sally Field, Dolly Parton. (In Stereo)		"Running Red" (2000, Action) Jeff Speakman, Angie Everhart. (In Stereo)	"You Can't Hurry Love"								

••• Critter Corner •••

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS,
DVM

While I often have trouble coming up with a topic for the column, this week I went completely blank, so I turned to surfing the net. I was hoping to find a topic that was relevant, interesting, and could be turned into a full-length article with very little brain input on my part! No luck. What I did discover, however were several new animal-related sites and search-engines that may come in handy in the future.

Since most of us are now experiencing full-blown pre-Christmas anxiety, here is something to sit down and have a good laugh over (if only because it is a little too close to the truth!) Honest, I couldn't find any author to credit with the piece, and nothing that said it shouldn't be reprinted. The web site where I found it is **HYPERLINK** <http://www.nanceestar.com/Dog> www.nanceestar.com/Dog

HOW TO WRAP PRESENTS WITH A PUPPY

Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor. Get tape back from puppy. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth. Open box. Take puppy out of box. Remove tape from older dog's mouth. Take scissors away from puppy. Put present in box. Remove present from puppy's mouth. Put present back in box after removing puppy from box. Take scissors from older dog and sit on them. Remove puppy from box and put on lid. Take tape away from older dog. Unroll paper. Take puppy OFF box. Cut paper, being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in

the way as she "helps."
Let puppy tear paper remaining to be cut.
Take puppy off box.
Wrap paper around box.
Remove puppy from box and take wrapping paper from her mouth.
Tell older dog to hold tape so he will stop stealing it.
Take scissors away from puppy.
Take tape older dog is holding.
Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog and sitting on them again.
Fend off puppy trying to steal tape and tape another spot.
Take bow from older dog.
Go get roll of wrapping paper that puppy ran off with.
Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
Remove puppy from present and hurriedly slap tape on to hold the

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20	38	TBS	Full House	Full House	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Friends	Friends	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	*** "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John				Ripley's Believe It or Not!	*** "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta								
5	3	NBC	News	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! "Kids Week"	Ed "Changes" (In Stereo)	West Wing "Bad Moon Rising" (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Endurance" (In Stereo)		News	Tonight Show (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night (N) (In Stereo)							
4	5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	Everyday Voices	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Jubilee		Great Performances "The Nutcracker From the Royal Ballet"				BBC World News	Junction 301-Crossroads	(Off Air)							
8	8	ABC	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	News	ABC World News Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Entertainment Tonight	My Wife and Kids	According to Jim	Drew Carey (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	20/20	News	Nightline	Paid Program	Paid Program						
40	9	WGN	7th Heaven "Drunk Like Me" (In Stereo)	Full House	Family Matters	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	"The Care and Handling of Roses" (1996, Drama) Ann Jillian, Lea Horsley. (In Stereo)					News (In Stereo)	In the Heat of the Night "The Leftover Man" (In Stereo)	Matlock "The Ambassador" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)								
5	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS Evening News	Chicken Soup for the Soul	Divorce Court (In Stereo)	60 Minutes II (In Stereo)				Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of the Performing Arts (N) (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late Show							
11	11	FOX	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	King of the Hill (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Doorman" (In Stereo)	Friends "The One in Vegas"	Everybody-Raymond	That '70s Show	Grounded for Life "Loser"	Bernie Mac "Pilot"	Grounded for Life	News	Everybody-Raymond	Drew Carey (In Stereo)	E!midate	M*A*S*H						
13	13	CBS	News	News	News	CBS News	Extra (N)	Frasier	60 Minutes II (In Stereo)				Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of Arts	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	Late Late							
14	46	ESPN	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter		Dale Earnhardt Sr.		NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars. (Live)					Sportscenter		College Hoops 2Night (N)							
33	30	DSC	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Whales Down Under		Free Willy-Kelko's		Air Jaws: Sharks	Supervolcanoes		Fireballs From Space		Justice Files		Air Jaws: Sharks							
15	31	TNT	Psi Factor: Chronicles		NYPD Blue "Twin Pates" (In Stereo)		Pre tender "Unsinkable" (In Stereo)		NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Charlotte Hornets. (Live)			Inside NBA		*** "Feeling Minnesota" (1996) (PA) Keanu Reeves.									
31	32	A&E	Magnum, P.I. "Mac's Back" (In Stereo)	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order "Paranoia" (In Stereo)		Biography: Sally Field	American Justice		City Confidential (N)		Law & Order "Harvest" (In Stereo)	Biography: Sally Field									
27	33	TNN	Real TV	Real TV	Baywatch (N) (In Stereo)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	*** "Missing in Action 2: The Beginning" (1985, Adventure)				Star Trek: Next Gener.	Mad TV	Mad TV								
20	34	NICK	Spongebob	Spongebob	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongebob	Rugrats	Brady Bunch	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	Cheers	Cheers					
17	35	USA	Smush (In Stereo)	Smush (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "The Wedding" (In Stereo)	JAG "Front and Center" (In Stereo)	JAG "Front and Center" (In Stereo)	Nash Bridges "The Javelin Catcher" (In Stereo)	***½ "Nothing to Lose" (1997, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Tim Robbins. (In Stereo)				Smush (In Stereo)	Martin "Old School Lovin'" (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	"House Party IV" (2000)							
23	2	FAM	S Club 7	Two of a Kind	Growing	Step by Step	Step by Step	Wonder Yrs.	*** "The Reluctant Astronaut" (1967, Comedy) Don Knotts.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	700 Club (N)		Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?								
22	43	LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Intimate Portrait "Wynonna"	Unsolved Mysteries	*** "On the Second Day of Christmas" (1997)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing	Designing							
15	45	ESPN2	ESPNNews	Legends	Car Show	NFL 2Night	NFL's Great.	NFL 2Night	Sidelines	Sidelines	Sidelines	Sidelines	Sideline	Sidelines	Season (Part 2 of 2)	NBA 2Night	NHL 2Night						
23	49	AMC	(3:45) "The Far Country"	Hollywood Lives and Legends	Little Rascals	Three Stooges		***½ "True Grit" (1969, Western) John Wayne, Glen Campbell.	*** "The Natural" (1984, Drama) Robert Redford, Robert Duvall.					"Angel and the Badman"									
410	50	HGTV	Kitchen	Homes	Dream	New Spaces	This Old Hse.	BeforeAft	Flea Market	Appraisal Fair	You're Home	CountryHome	Threads of Our Heritage	Flea Market	Appraisal Fair	You're Home	CountryHome						
65	51	SCIFI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Star Trek "Obsession" (In Stereo)	Babylon 5 (In Stereo)			Farscape "Beware of Dog" (In Stereo)	***½ "The Hidden" (1987, Science Fiction) Kyle MacLachlan.				Crossing	Crossing	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)								
32	52	HIST	In Search	In Search	Black Sheep Squadron	Great Ships "The Whalers"		Gold "The Gold Wars" (In Stereo)	Gold "Gold Fever" (In Stereo)			Gold "The Stuff of Dreams" (In Stereo)	Gold "Cold Hard Cash" (In Stereo)	Gold "The Gold Wars" (In Stereo)									
57	55	TOC	Hunting With	Paid Program	NW Hunter	Muzzle Blasts	Outdoors	Spur-Moment	Rodeo Roundup	Pointers	In Pursuit	Team	Whistle Stops	Fishin'	Outdoor Univ.	Buzzardite Classics							
204	14	HBO	(4:00) ***½ "Center Stage" (2000) Amanda Schull. "PG-13"	***½ "Ghostbusters II" (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. (In Stereo) "PG"				"Good Advice" (2001, Comedy) Charlie Sheen, Angie Harmon. (In Stereo) "R"	Project Greenlight	Six Feet Under "The Fool" (In Stereo)			Oz "Even the Score" (In Stereo)	Def Poetry (In Stereo)	Creature Features								
210	15	HBO2	Making-Titan	***½ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. "PG-13"	Majestic-Look	Sanders	Sanders	*** "Congo" (1995, Adventure) Dylan Walsh. "PG-13"	Majestic-Look	***½ "Black and White" (1999) Scott Caan.													
211	16	HBO3	*** "Perfect" (1985, Drama) John Travolta, Jamie Lee Curtis. (In Stereo) "R"	***½ "The Drowning Pool" (1975, Mystery) Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward. "PG"				***½ "Jagged Edge" (1985, Drama) Glenn Close, Jeff Bridges. (In Stereo) "R"	*** "Invasion of Privacy" (1996, Suspense) Mili Avital. (In Stereo) "R"	"The House of the Spirits"													
206	17	MAX	*** "The Last Patrol" (2000, Science Fiction) Dolph Lundgren, Sherri Alexander. "PG-13"	***½ "Another You" (1991, Comedy) Richard Pryor, Gene Wilder. (In Stereo) "R"				*** "Perfect Prey" (1998, Suspense) Kelly McGillis, Bruce Dern. (In Stereo) "NR"	*** "The Contender" (2000, Drama) Joan Allen, Gary Oldman. (In Stereo) "R"	Nightcap (In Stereo)	"The Beneficiary"												
64	29	DISN	Boy Meets World	Even Stevens	Smart Guy	Boy Meets World	"Motocrossed" (2001, Adventure) Aiana Austin, Mary-Margaret Humes.		*** "Wish Upon a Star" (1995, Comedy) Katherine Heigl, Danielle Harris. "PG"	"A Kid in Aladdin's Palace" (1997, Adventure) Thomas Ian Nicholas.				So Weird	Famous Jett Jackson								
256	22	SHOW	(4:30) *** "Morgan's Ferry" (1999, Drama) Billy Zane.	*** "The Freshman" (1990, Comedy) Marlon Brando, Matthew Broderick. (TV, In Stereo)				*** "Scream 3" (2000, Horror) David Arquette, Neve Campbell. (TV, In Stereo)	Soul Food "Fly Away Home" (TV) (In Stereo)	Resurrection Blvd.	*** "Ruthless People" (1986, Comedy) Danny DeVito, Bette Midler. (TV, In Stereo)												
213	25	TMC	(4:15) *** "Dance With a Stranger" (1985, Drama)	***½ "That Sinking Feeling" (1979, Comedy) Robert Buchanan, John Hughes.	***½ "New York Cop" (1995, Drama) Toru Nakamura, Chad McQueen. (In Stereo)			"The Inspectors 2: A Shred of Evidence" (2000, Suspense) Louis Gossett Jr.	"Primary Suspect" (2000, Suspense) William Baldwin, Brigitte Bako. (In Stereo)	"The Auteur Theory"													

Among other INS problems: INS's fingerprint system has been, and is still, unconnected to the FBI's fingerprint system; and its electronic database to track foreign students, created following the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, now covers students in only 21 colleges.

To resolve a problem unknown in American governments, state authorities in Queensland, Australia, decided in October that local bureaucrats were taking too much time to process applications to open legal brothels and thus decided to adopt a fast-track program to jump-start the industry. The state government announced it would appoint an independent official to get more brothels up and operating, thus

stymieing town officials who are opposed to having them in their neighborhoods.

In August, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection pleaded guilty to two felony counts, acknowledging that the agency itself had polluted the city's water (and that of Westchester County) with mercury and the suspected carcinogen PCB that leaked for years through its water-circulation equipment. According to testimony in federal court, the agency had known of several dozen leaks since 1988 but disregarded them. In one incident, six pounds of mercury was left in the system three years after the agency promised to clean it up, and the deputy director's excuse was that the area

involved "is dark and is difficult to see."

A September Associated Press review of Department of Agriculture records revealed that more than 60 percent of federal farm subsidies given out last year went to just 10 percent of farmers, almost all of them well-to-do in the first place. Among the recipients were farms owned by David Rockefeller, Ted Turner, Sam Donaldson and basketball star Scottie Pippin. Asked one farmer, "Why are we giving millions of dollars to millionaires?"

People With Issues

In Singapore in September, Shahul Hameed Kuthubudeen, 17, had agreed to a favorable sentence on his conviction for obsessive hand-kissing of girls: He had been enrolled by his family into a religious school in India to break him of his habit, which in the latest case involved seven counts of extending his hand to girls, receiving her hand innocently in his, and then kissing the back of her hand repeatedly while refusing to let her go. Two weeks after the schooling was arranged but before he had left town, Kuthubudeen was arrested again for a similar attack on a 16-year-old girl in an elevator.

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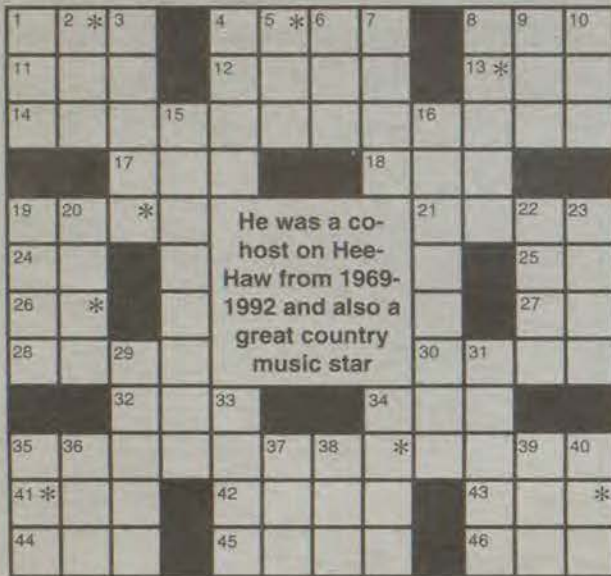
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FRIDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 28, 2001											
TV Data												TV Data											
CH	CD	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30						
24	34	TBS	Full House "Radio Days"	Full House (In Stereo) (E)	Roseanne (In Stereo) (E)	Roseanne (In Stereo) (E)	Friends (In Stereo) (E)	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (E)	*** "Thunderheart" (1992, Drama) (PA) Val Kilmer, Sam Shepard.			*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976, Western) (PA) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George.											
3	3	NBC	News (E)	News (E)	News (E)	NBC Nightly News (E)	Wheel of Fortune (E)	Jeopardy! "Kids Week" (E)	Providence "Love Story" (In Stereo) (E)	Dateline (In Stereo) (E)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Manhunt" (E)	News (E)	Tonight Show (N) (In Stereo) (E)	Late Night (In Stereo) (E)									
4	5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	Everyday Voices (E)	Business Rpt.	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Comment on Kentucky (E)	McLaughlin Group (N)	Washington Week (N) (E)	Wall Street Week (N) (E)	Life 360 "Food" (In Stereo) (E)	BBC World News (E)	European Journal	(Off Air)								
8	8	ABC	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (E)	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (E)	News	ABC World News Tonight	Hollywood Squares (E)	Entertainment Tonight	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (E)	Domino Day (N) (In Stereo) (E)	Why Don't the Kids Have a Voice? (E)	News	Nightline (E)	Paid Program	Paid Program								
40	9	WGN	7th Heaven "Cutlers" (In Stereo) (E)	Full House (E)	Family Matters (E)	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (E)	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (E)	*** "Pottergeist" (1982, Horror) JoBeth Williams, Craig T. Nelson. (In Stereo) (E)	In the Heat of the Night "Last Rights" (In Stereo) (E)			Matlock "The Other Woman" (In Stereo) (E)											
6	19	CBS	News	News	News	CBS Evening News	Divorce Court (In Stereo) (E)	Divorce Court (In Stereo) (E)	Yes, Dear (In Stereo) (E)	Ellen "Missing the Bus" (E)	That's Life "The Devil and Miss DeLuca" (In Stereo) (E)	48 Hours (In Stereo) (E)	News	Sports Overtime	Late Show (E)	Late Late Show (E)							
11	11	FOX	Simpsons (In Stereo) (E)	Simpsons (In Stereo) (E)	King of the Hill (In Stereo) (E)	Seinfeld "The Beard" (E)	Friends (In Stereo) (E)	Everybody-Raymond	*** "Big" (1988, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. (In Stereo) (E)	News			Everybody-Raymond	Drew Carey (In Stereo) (E)	Eliminate	Paid Program							
13	13	CBS	News (E)	News (E)	News (E)	CBS News	Extra (N) (E)	Frasier (E)	Yes, Dear (E)	Ellen (E)	That's Life (In Stereo) (E)	48 Hours (In Stereo) (E)	News (E)	Late Show (In Stereo) (E)	Late Late Show (E)								
16	48	ESPN	College Football: Music City Bowl -- Boston College vs. Georgia. (Live) (E)	College Football: Holiday Bowl -- Texas vs. Washington. (Live) (E)							Sportscenter (E)												
30	30	DSC	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Riddle of the Rays	Extreme Hawaii	Behind the Terror	Weapons of the New War	Stealth Secrets	Justice Files "Psycho Killers"	Behind the Terror												
31	31	TNT	Psi Factor: Chronicles	NYPD Blue (In Stereo) (E)	Pretender (In Stereo) (E)	*** "The Mask" (1994, Fantasy) (PA) Jim Carrey. (E)	*** "Crocodile Dundee" (1986, Comedy) (PA) Paul Hogan.	*** "Conan the Barbarian"															
32	32	A&E	Magnum, P.I. "Under World"	Night Court	Newsradio (E)	Law & Order "Wager" (E)	Biography: von Trapp Family	Pride and Prejudice (Part 2 of 3) (E)	Law & Order "Jeopardy" (E)	Biography: von Trapp Family													
33	33	TNN	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Baywatch "Red Wind" (N) (E)	Mad TV (E)	Mad TV (E)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Fame for 15 (In Stereo) (E)										
20	24	NICK	Spongebob	Spongebob	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Spongebob	Oddparents	Ugly Martians/Invader Zim	Cheers (E)	Cheers (E)	All in Family	All in Family	Cheers (E)	Cheers (E)						
35	35	USA	Smush (In Stereo) (E)	Smush (In Stereo) (E)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Trackdown" (In Stereo) (E)	JAG "Rogue" (In Stereo) (E)	Nash Bridges "Aloha, Nash" (In Stereo) (E)	*** "Cutthroat Island" (1995, Adventure) Geena Davis, Matthew Modine. (In Stereo) (E)	*** "Jane Austen's Mafia!" (1998, Comedy) Jay Mohr, Billy Burke. (In Stereo) (E)														
2	2	FAM	Da Mob (E)	So Little Time	Growing	Step by Step	Step by Step	Wonder Yrs.	"Casper Meets Wendy" (1998, Fantasy) Shelley Duvall. (E)	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	700 Club (N) (E)	Who's Boss? (E)	Who's Boss? (E)									
43	43	LIFE	"Victim of Love: The Shannon Mohr Story" (1993, Drama)	"In My Sister's Shadow" (1999, Suspense) Nancy McKeon.			*** "The Deliberate Stranger" (1986, Drama) Mark Harmon, Frederic Forrest. (E)																
45	45	ESPN2	Unscripted	Interruption	Sportscenter (E)	Interruption	NFL 2Night (E)	NFL Matchup	NFL Films	Boxing: Friday Night Fights. (Live) (E)	NFL 2Night (E)	Interruption	NFL Matchup	NHL 2Night									
49	49	AMC	** Paratroop Command	Hollywood Lives and Legends (Part 2 of 2) (E)	Little Rascals	Three Stooges (E)	*** "The Greatest!" (1977, Biography) Muhammad Ali, Ernest Borgnine.	Cinema Secrets (E)	*** "Dr. Terror's House of Horrors" (1985, Horror) Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee.	*** "Island of Terror" (1967)													
50	50	HGTV	Kitchen	Homes	Dream	New Spaces	This Old Hse. Before/After	Look-Parade	Collect	Kitchen	Interiors-Des.	Homes	Dream Drives	Look-Parade	Collect	Kitchen	Interiors-Des.						
51	51	SCIFI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo) (E)	Star Trek (In Stereo) (E)	Chronicle (In Stereo) (E)	Invisible Man (In Stereo) (E)	*** "House of Frankenstein 1997" (1997) Adrian Pasdar. (E)	Invisible Man (In Stereo) (E)	*** "Slaughterhouse Five"														
52	52	HIST	In Search	In Search	Black Sheep Squadron (E)	Great Ships: The Riverboats" (E)	Rockies: Great Explorers (E)	Rockies: Striking It Rich (E)	Rockies: War & Disaster (E)	Rockies: Taming	Rockies: Great Explorers (E)	Adv. Bound	Good Fishing										
55	55	TOC	Hunting	Paid Program	Outdoor Mag. Fishin' (E)	Am. Archer	Fishermen	Outdoor Adv.	Gone Hunting	Cabin	Fever	Fishing	Hunting	Prospecting	Fishing	Adv. Bound	Good Fishing						
14	14	HBO	** "Kung Fu: The Movie" (1988, Drama) David Carradine. (In Stereo) (E)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo) (E)			Majestic: First Look (E)	*** "Heal" (1995, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert De Niro. (In Stereo) (E)	Project Greenlight (E)			R. Simmons Def Poets	** "Proof of Life" (2000)										
15	15	HBO2	Mommie	*** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crudup. (R) (E)	*** "Little Buddha" (1994, Drama) Keanu Reeves. (PG) (E)			** "Rock the Boat" (2000, Suspense) (R) (E)	*** "Velocity Trap" (1998) Oliver Gruner. (R)														
18	18	HBO3	Regeneration (1997) (R) (E)	*** "The Five Senses" (1999, Drama) Mary-Louise Parker, Philippe Volter. (In Stereo) (R) (E)	** "Woman on Top" (2000, Comedy) Penelope Cruz. (In Stereo) (R) (E)			Sex and the City (E)	Sex and the City (E)	*** "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993, Biography) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne. (In Stereo) (R) (E)	** "V.I. Warshawski" (1991) Mystery) Kathleen Turner. (R)												
17	17	MAX	"When Justice Falls" (1997, Suspense) Jeff Fahey, Marlee Matlin. (In Stereo) (R) (E)	** "Night Shift" (1982, Comedy) Henry Winkler, Shelley Long. (In Stereo) (R) (E)			"RPM" (2000, Action) David Arquette, Emmanuelle Seigner. (In Stereo) (R) (E)			** "Road Trip" (2000, Comedy) Tom Green, Breckin Meyer. (In Stereo) (R) (E)			Nightcap "Discovers"	"Marilyn Chambers' Little Shop of Erotica" (1998) (R) (E)									
28	28	DISN	Boy Meets World (E)	Even Stevens (N) (E)	Proud Family "Spelling Bee" (E)	Boy Meets World (E)	Proud Family "Romance" (E)	Lizzie McGuire (E)	"Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century" (1999, Science Fiction) Kirsten Storms, Raven-Symone. (E)	"The Other Me" (2000, Comedy) Andy Lawrence, Brandon Jefferson. (E)			Bug Juice 3!	So Weird "Drive" (E)	In a Heartbeat "Star Struck" (E)								
22	22	SHOW	(4:30) ** "Believe" (2000, Horror) Christopher Heyerdahl.	"One Hell of a Guy" (1998, Comedy) Rob Lowe, Alexandra Powers. (TV, In Stereo) (E)			* "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" (2000, Horror) Kim Director. (TV, In Stereo) (E)			Extras: Neutron	Stargate SG-1 "Ascension" (E)	Going to California "Fodder Figures" (TV) (In Stereo) (E)	Love Street "X-Girlfriend" (E)	Rad Shoe Diaries (E)									
25	25	TMC	(3:50) ** "Delirious" Berson.	** "Harry and Son" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman, Robby Benson.			** "Where the Money Is" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Paul Newman. (In Stereo) (E)			*** "The Color of Money" (1986, Drama) Paul Newman Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) (E)			** "Married People, Single Sex" (1993, Drama) Chase Masterson. (In Stereo) (E)			** "Essex Boys" (2000)							

Crossword...



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Melina Kanakaredes' role
4. Role on *Maverick* (1957-62)
8. First name for a bald actor
11. Big foot?
12. Acting award
13. Consumed
14. Actress on *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* (2)
17. *The ___ of Violence*; '97 Gabriel Byrne movie
18. Prefix for natal or classical
19. Role on *All in the Family*
21. Ranger John Smith's nemesis
24. ___ *American Romance*; '44 Brian Donlevy film

25. ___ *the Rocks* ('75-'76)
26. Roger E. Mosley's role on *Magnum, P.I.*
27. Ossie's initials
28. ___ *Girl* (1966-71)
30. ___ *Blue* (1985-86)
32. Monogram for a '63 assassin
34. Commercials
35. Actress on *That's Life* (2)
41. Vicki Lawrence's age
42. Mr. Gowdy
43. Smallest \$ amount on the *Jeopardy!* board
44. Craving
45. ___ of an *Angel*; '94 John Travolta movie
46. *The Flying ___* ('67-'70)

DOWN

1. Bit of time, for short

2. "Amen!"
3. John or Bo
4. *The ___ Ones* (1969-73)
5. Stat for Piazza, for short
6. German article
7. Doogie Howser, for one
8. Search engine
9. Beehive State athlete
10. ___ Thompson
15. ___ *Boys*; '89 sitcom
16. *Evening Shade* star
19. ___ *Houston* (1982-85)
20. Part of a foot
22. ___ *Times* (1974-79)
23. ___ 500
29. ___ *the Family*
31. *The Addams Family* actor
33. ___ *an Eagle* ('76-'77)
34. Martial ___
35. Actor Ron

36. Whopper
37. ___ & *Cell*; '89 Robert Carradine film
38. Suffix for advent or depart
39. *Mad About ___*
40. Prefix for plus or profit



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SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON

TVData

DECEMBER 29, 2001

CH	TIME	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	38	TBS	Family Matters	Family Matters	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	★½ "Real Men" (1987, Comedy) (PA) James Belushi, John Ritter.		★★ "Hiding Out" (1987, Comedy) Jon Cryer, Keith Coogan.		★★½ "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Hal Holbrook.		★½ "Problem Child" (1990)						
3	3	NBC	City Guys "Red Dawn"	All About Us (In Stereo) (E)	Just Deal "Low Fidelity"	City Guys (In Stereo) (E)	Skate "Frontin' Poser" (N)	NBA Inside Stuff (N)	Coach Tubby Smith	Coach Greg White	Fast Media	Quick Cooker	Inside Edition Weekend	Blue 2	NASCAR 2001 - Review	Golf: Skills Challenge. (In Stereo)		
4	5	PBS	(8:00) Bookworm Bunch (In Stereo) (E)	Anne of Green Gables	Zoom (In Stereo) (E)	Sewing With Nancy	Martha's Sewing Room	Just One Night	Bookclub at KET	History of the Future: "Technology/The Global Village" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)		History of the Future: "The Environment/Medicine" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)		2001: Hal's Legacy (In Stereo)				
8	8	ABC	Recess (In Stereo) (E)	Recess (In Stereo) (E)	Lizzie McGuire (E)	Even Stevens (E)	Lloyd in Space	Weekenders (In Stereo) (E)	New Winnie the Pooh	House of Mouse	★★½ "Three Men and a Little Lady" (1990, Comedy) Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg.		Roseanne (In Stereo)	College Basketball: Regional Coverage -- San Diego State at Duke or Texas at Utah. (Live)				
40	9	WGN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Asseenontvpc.com		Soul Train (N) (In Stereo)	★★½ "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Robert Townsend, Michael Wright. (In Stereo)		Lost World "The Travelers" (In Stereo)	Earth: Final Conflict "Seduction" (In Stereo)					
6	10	CBS	(8:30) Saturday Early Show	Little Bill (In Stereo) (E)	Franklin (E)	Oswald (E)	White Mobile Homes	With Style	American Athlete	Power Pro	Triathlon: X-Terra World Championship.	Bear: The Legend of Coach Paul Bryant		College Basketball: Louisville at Kentucky. (Live)				
11	11	FOX	Digimon-Digital	Medabots (In Stereo)	Ripping Friends	Digimon-Digital	Mon Colle Knights	Alienators: Evolution	NFL Under the Helmet	SEC Preview	Snowbound		Pretender "Donoterase" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)	Mutant X "Fool for Love"				
13	13	CBS	(8:00) Saturday Early Show	Tri State Auto	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Tiger 49	Sheets	Apex Media	Paid Program	Triathlon	Bear: The Legend of Coach Paul Bryant		College Basketball (Live)				
14	46	ESPN	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	College Football: Motor City Bowl - Cincinnati vs. Toledo. (Live)			College Football: Iowa vs. Texas Tech									
33	30	DSC	Why Dogs Smile and Chimpanzees Cry		Tarantulas-Relations		Neanderthal		Deadline Discovery		Miracles of Faith		Between Life and Death					
16	31	TNT	Conan	★★★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito.		★★½ "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) Chevy Chase.		★★★ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) Matthew Broderick.		"Crocodile Dundee" (1986)								
31	32	A&E	America's Castles	House Beautiful	Incurable Collector	Travels-Harry	Travels-Harry	Murder, She Wrote	★★★ "Columbo: Grand Deceptions" (1989) Peter Falk.		Investigative Reports							
27	33	TNN	Shooter	Csonka	Buckmasters	Outdoors	Outdoor	Remington	Hunting	Outdoor Mag.	Secrets-Hunt	Horsepower	Hot Rodding	Trucks!	Monster Jam (In Stereo)	Baywatch (In Stereo)		
20	34	NICK	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Spongeb	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Oddparents	Oddparents	Rugrats	Nicktoons TV	Ginger	Nicktoons TV	Thornberrys	Nicktoons TV
17	35	USA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Living Single	★★★ "The Portrait of a Lady" (1996, Drama) Nicole Kidman, John Malkovich. Premiere. (In Stereo)		★★★ "Far and Away" (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman. (In Stereo)		"Cutthroat Island" (1995)								
23	2	FAM	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	Braceface	★★½ "Rent-a-Kid" (1995, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen.	"Other People's Money"		
22	43	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Lifetime Now	Women	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Legacy of Sin: The William Coit Story" (1995, Drama)		"Gone in a Heartbeat" (1996, Suspense) Michael Tucker.						
15	45	ESPN2	Sporting Life	Photo Safari	Outdoors	EXPN 2Day	In. Skating	In. Skating	Wtr. X-Games	Wtr. X-Games		Cheerleading	Cheerleading	Sailing	Timber Series	Timbersport		
29	49	AMC	Three Stooges	Cinema Secrets	★★★ "The Fighting Seabees" (1944, Adventure) John Wayne, Susan Hayward.	Hollywood Fashion Machine "Futurama"		★★★ "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" (1956, Drama) Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones.		★★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Comedy) Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn.								
410	50	HGTV	Dream	New Spaces	Ground	Designer's	Landscape	Garden-Yard	This Old Hse.	This Old Hse.	Help Around	Fix It Up!	Carol Duvall	Carol Duvall	Inside Dirt	Winter	Journal	Gardeners
35	51	SCIFI	Mystery Science Theater 3000		★★ "The Legacy" (1979, Horror) Katharine Ross, Sam Elliott.		★★ "Night of the Creeps" (1986, Horror) Jason Lively.		★★½ "Waxwork" (1988, Horror) Zach Galligan. (In Stereo)									
32	52	HIST	(8:00) History at Year's End	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	History's Crimes & Trials	
37	55	TOC	Raceline	USA Outback	4x4TV	New Gold Fever	Chasing	Outdoors	Tree Lounge	Outside	Paid Program	Outdoors	Fishing	ATV TV	Paid Program	Pure Country	Fishing	
204	14	HBO	(8:30) ★★★ "Finding Forrester" (2000, Drama) Sean Connery, Rob Brown. (In Stereo) PG-13	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)		★★½ "Crazy in Alabama" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Melanie Griffith, David Morse. (In Stereo) PG-13		★★★ "Conspiracy" (2001, Drama) Kenneth Branagh, Stanley Tucci. (In Stereo)		★★ "Turk 182!" (1985, Comedy-Drama) Timothy Hutton. (In Stereo) PG-13								
210	15	HBO2	(8:00) ★★ "The Air Up There" ★★ "After the Shock" (1990, Drama) PG	★★ "Above Suspicion" (1995) Christopher Reeve. 'R'		★★½ "The Nephew" (1998) Hill Harper. 'NR'		★★½ "The Perfect Tenant" (2000, Suspense) Linda Purl. 'R'										
211	16	HBO3	(8:30) ★★ "Up at the Villa" (2000, Drama) Kristin Scott Thomas. (In Stereo) PG-13	★★ "Eye for an Eye" (1996, Drama) Sally Field, Kiefer Sutherland. (In Stereo) 'R'		Ocean's Eleven	★★★ "Red Rock West" (1993, Suspense) Nicolas Cage. (In Stereo) 'R'	★★★ "Invasion of Privacy" (1996, Suspense) Mili Avital, Jonathan Schaech. (In Stereo) 'R'		Making-Storm		"Maverick" (1994) PG						
205	17	MAX	(8:45) ★½ "Hudson Hawk" (1991, Adventure) Bruce Willis, Danny Aiello. (In Stereo) 'R'	★★½ "Vertical Limit" (2000, Action) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. (In Stereo) PG-13		"Say Nothing" (2001, Suspense) William Baldwin, Nastassja Kinski. (In Stereo) 'NR'		★★★ "Circle of Friends" (1995, Drama) Chris O'Donnell, Minnie Driver. (In Stereo) PG-13		★★★ "Wall Street" (1987, Drama) Michael Douglas. 'R'								
34	29	DISN	Rolie Polie Olie	Rolie Polie Olie	Stanley "Little Dog Lost"	Stanley	Doug	Pepper Ann (In Stereo)	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids	Boy Meets World	Lizzie McGuire	"Horse Sense" (1999, Drama) Joey Lawrence, Andrew Lawrence.	Pepper Ann	So Weird	Famous Jett Jackson			
206	22	SHOW	(6:45) ★★½ "The Right Stuff" (1983) Sam Shepard.	★★ "Mad About Mambo" (2000, Comedy) William Ash, Keri Russell. ITV. (In Stereo)		★★ "Snow Day" (2000, Comedy) Chris Elliott, Mark Webber. ITV. (In Stereo)		★★★ "The Freshman" (1990, Comedy) Marlon Brando, Matthew Broderick. ITV. (In Stereo)		★ "Teen Wolf Too" (1987, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Kim Darby. ITV. (In Stereo)		Quick Flick Mn						
213	25	TMC	(8:20) ★½ "The Next Best Thing" (2000) Rupert Everett.	★★½ "That Sinking Feeling" (1979, Comedy) Robert Buchanari, John Hughes.		★★★ "Get Real" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Ben Silverstone, Brad Gorton. (In Stereo)		★★★½ "Dead End" (1937, Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Sylvia Sydney.		★★½ "Everybody's All-American" (1988, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange.								

BEST BETS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2001

7:30 p.m. FOX

King of the Hill

It's not exactly the happiest of holidays in the encore of "Twas the Nut Before Christmas." The return of Christmas thrusts Bill into a depressed state, since all he can do is recall the happier Decembers he spent with Lenore, who's now his ex-wife. He thinks about ending it all, alarming Hank, Dale and Boomhauer. They then spend their Christmas maintaining a suicide watch over Bill.

8 p.m. HBO

The Sopranos

Tony (James Gandolfini) finds himself on fresh territory in this repeat, as he begins to learn how his new underworld associates operate in "Big Girls Don't Cry." One in particular (Federico Castelluccio) concerns him, since the fellow has quite a temper. Personal concerns also come to the fore for Tony, when he discovers some shocking things he didn't know about his father.

9 p.m. ABC

Alias

In the repeat "So It Begins," Sydney (Jennifer Garner) starts to crystallize her plan to even the score with her boss (Ron Rifkin). She and Dixon (Carl Lumbly) are sent to Moscow, and in the course of the mission, she unwittingly reveals how others can get their hands on nuclear arms. Sydney gets shocking information about her fellow-spy father (Victor Garber).

9 p.m. CBS

Movie: One Special Night

Moments after their first meeting, two very different people -- one recently widowed, the other with an ailing spouse -- are trapped together in an empty cabin during a snowstorm. The forced friendship gets off to a chilly start, but things warm up predictably toward a happy ending. Julia Andrews and one of her favorite co-stars, James Garner (Victor/Victoria, The Americanization of Emily), star in this drama.

9 p.m. HBO

Sex and the City

While on a trip to the countryside with Aidan (John Corbett), Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) tries to prove she's not too citified to handle a more rustic lifestyle. Samantha (Kim Cattrall) also takes a liking to rural ways, thanks mainly to a handsome farmer (Christopher Braden Jones). Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) shows Steve (David Eigenberg) her softer side. Kristin Davis also stars in the encore of "Sex and the Country."

10 p.m. ABC

The Practice

Bobby (Dylan McDermott) and his law cohorts have had many reasons to question their line of work before, and they get a new one in the repeat "Public Servants." A drug-related case has resulted in Richard Bay's (Jason Kravits) murder, leaving Helen (Lara Flynn Boyle) particularly upset. Rebecca (Lisa Gay Hamilton) defends an accused strangler, though she is certain he is guilty.

10 p.m. HBO

Project Greenlight

Initiated by Oscar winners Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, this documentary series follows novice filmmaker Pete Jones as he makes his directing debut with his own script. He was selected from more than 10,000 entrants to be showcased in the venture. His finished movie, Stolen Summer, will be released theatrically by Miramax Films.

MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 2001

7:30 p.m. ESPN

Best of Sportscenter

With one week left in 2001, ESPN's signature sports news program comes forth with its most memorable stories of the past year. Leading the list is the impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the sports world and how it responded. Also included are segments on the dramatic World Series, the Los Angeles Lakers' repeat as NBA champions, Tiger Woods' second win in the Masters, the return of Michael Jordan and the retirements of Cal Ripken Jr., Tony Gwynn and Mark McGwire. Fans can also vote on espn.com for Peak Performer of the Year and watch a special tribute to the winner. Chris Berman and Stuart Scott host.

8 p.m. CBS

The King of Queens

Carrie (Leah Remini) is pleased as punch with the camera Doug (Kevin James) got her for Christmas. But her holiday wish apparently got a little overexposed, because her boss gives her a camera, too. And to poor Doug's dismay, it's a nicer one. All Arthur (Jerry Stiller) wants for Christmas is for the new neighbor, Lou Ferrigno (The Incredible Hulk), to read his script -- and he's being rather pushy about the issue. Ferrigno guest stars as himself in "Better Camera."

8 p.m. FOX

Boston Public

Lipschultz (Fyvush Finkel) is fighting the war on drugs from the inside -- his insides -- after someone slips Ecstasy into his coffee. Drugs also have Senate (Nicky Katt) occupied, albeit indirectly. A student (Rick Gonzalez) wants to quit school and go to work because his mother has been arrested on drug charges, and Senate is doing his best to keep the youngster's mind on his studies. Jessalyn Gilsig and Chi McBride also star in "Chapter Eight."

8 p.m. HBO

Game of Their Lives

The pre-television era of the National Football League is recalled in this documentary. At the start of the 1950s, without cameras broadcasting the games -- which kept the monetary considerations low -- players had to hold additional jobs to make a living, and the post-season amounted to a single game. Pat Summerall and Art Donovan are among the former players interviewed.

8 p.m. WB

7th Heaven

Simon (David Gallagher) is mortified when very personal information about him begins circulating at school in the repeat "Sympathy." A conversation

between Annie (Catherine Hicks) and the mother of Simon's former girlfriend yields the fact that Simon is a virgin. He's not very happy when word of that spreads among peers, who start taunting him.

9 p.m. check local listings PBS

Utah Symphony and Mormon Tabernacle

Choir: The Gift of Music

Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart takes up his baton to lead the title artists in this new holiday offering from Salt Lake City. The program includes portions of a work that was a seasonal television staple for many years, Amahl and the Night Visitors. Also featured are Beethoven's "Hallelujah" chorus from Christ on the Mount of Olives, and a capella renderings of several selections by the choir.

9 p.m. USA

Movie: Prancer Returns

This new holiday drama features Gavin Fink as a youngster who befriends a baby reindeer. The boy keeps its presence a secret from his mother and brother (Stacy Edwards, In the Company of Men; Robert Clark) after it follows him home. Jack Palance plays a neighbor who helps maintain the ruse.

9:30 p.m. CBS

Becker

If you're coming down with a case of holiday overload, you'll appreciate Becker's (Ted Danson) plight in "Dr. Angry Head." He hurts his back in a crowded store on Christmas Eve and lands, unable to move, in the Santa display. You can just imagine the reaction of the grouchy doctor stranded amid hyper youngsters, goofy costumed characters, intrusive toys and the noise, noise, noise! Back in the real world, Reggie (Terry Farrell) is driven more by the competitive spirit than the holiday kind when she organizes a toy drive to show up an obnoxious collector of goodies for kiddies. Hattie Winston also stars.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25, 2001

10 a.m. ABC

Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade

Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa do extra daytime duty on the holiday as they preside over coverage of the annual event at the Florida theme park. Comic and improv master Wayne Brady is also on hand, along with many of the most popular Disney characters. Charlotte Church, Mandy Moore, Aaron Carter and country star Aaron Tippin are among the music performers.

6 p.m. NBC

NBA Basketball

For many NBA fans, it wouldn't be Christmas without NBC's annual doubleheader. In the early game, the New York Knicks -- who endured their share of early season woes thanks to a slow start and the surprise resignation of coach Jeff Van Gundy -- take Latrell Sprewell and Marcus Camby north of the border to take on the formidable Toronto Raptors, who are led by Hakeem Olajuwon and the high-flying Vince Carter. The second game is a rematch of last June's NBA Finals, as Allen Iverson, Dikembe Mutombo and the Philadelphia 76ers who struggled in the early going, face Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and the

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TV Words: Bill Cosby, Mike Farrell, Brooke Shields, Charmed, Answer: Rick Schroder.

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Merry Christmas!

Carols	Lights	Scrooge
Elves	Presents	Shopping
Family	Ribbons	Stocking
Fruit cake	Rudolph	Toys
Holiday	Santa	Tree

defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, who own the NBA's best record.

8 p.m. CBS

JAG

Mac (Catherine Bell) flashes back more than 150 years in "Mutiny." The impetus is a talk she's preparing about the Somers, a ship on which three young sailors were hanged for mutiny in 1842. It was a politically thorny case back then; one of those executed was the son of a Cabinet member who ordered the ship's captain, Cmdr. Alexander MacKenzie, tried for murder. Mac reconstructs the events in her mind, with herself and her colleagues filling the roles of the participants — Mic (Trevor Goddard) as MacKenzie, for starters. And as the daydream unfolds, Mac realizes the case actually has some bearing on her own situation with Mic and Harm (David James Elliott). Patrick Labyorteaux also stars.

8 p.m. LIFETIME

Movie: Holiday Affair

A remake of the 1949 classic that starred Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh, this 1996 comedy-drama casts Cynthia Gibb as a young widow who finds herself torn between two suitors at Christmas. Though she envisions security for herself and her son in her lawyer boyfriend (Tom Irwin), she is drawn to a department store sales-man (David James Elliott, JAG).

8 p.m. WB

Gilmore Girls

The holiday season takes a drastic turn for the show's characters in the conclusion of the two-part episode "Forgiveness and Stuff." Richard (Edward Herrmann) is stricken during a Christmas party, causing mixed feelings for Lorelai (Lauren Graham), who was excluded from the celebration by her own mother. At the hospital, she struggles to come to grips with the discord that has long existed among the three of them.

8:30 p.m. ABC

Spin City

Rena Sofer (Melrose Place, General Hospital) guest stars in this repeat as Caitlin's (Heather Locklear) new acquaintance. Charlie (Charlie Sheen) takes an immediate interest in her, leading Caitlin into a competition with him for the woman's time in "Lost and Found." The mayor (Barry Bostwick) has to pick someone to accompany him to New Orleans.

9 p.m. WB

Smallville

Clark (Tom Welling) seemingly has the ideal situation in the repeat "Cool," as he escorts Lana (Kristin Kreuk) to Metropolis thanks to Lex's (Michael Rosenbaum) scheming. The plan is marred by a cold-hearted villain (Michael Coristine) targeting Chloe (Allison Mack) for her body heat.

10 p.m. check local listings PBS

People and Pianos: 300 Years

The effects the piano has on the world are examined in this new special. The stories of individuals inspired either to compose or perform piano pieces are told, weaving a tapestry that is essentially a history of the instrument itself. Evgeny Kissin, Daniel Barenboim, George Gershwin and Duke Ellington are among the talents showcased.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26, 2001

8 p.m. ESPN

NHL Hockey

The Colorado Avalanche's sluggish start this season after winning the Stanley Cup last year had some alarmed. But the strong play of goal-tender Patrick Roy and center Joe Sakic pulled the defending champs out of their funk and put them where they should be, vying for the top spot in the NHL's Northwest Division. They meet the Dallas Stars, whose center, Mike Modano has led his team in points and goals since returning from injury. He and the Stars are fighting for the top spot in the Pacific Division with the San Jose Sharks and the Phoenix Coyotes.



Sean (Donal Logue) is concerned about Lily's (Lynsey Bartilson) part in the school talent show in *Grounded for Life*, airing Wednesday on Fox.

8 p.m. NBC

Ed

Though he believes heard Carol (Julie Bowen) have reached a new threshold, Ed (Tom Cavanagh) fears she is attracted to the new school principal (John Slattery) in the repeat "Changes." So Ed decides to change his image — with unfortunate results. Mike (Josh Randall) finally reaches the end of his rope with his cantankerous boss.

8 p.m. UPN

Enterprise

A colony of humans that vanished under mysterious circumstances provides the crew with its latest intergalactic mystery in "Terra Nova." Archer (Scott Bakula) and his peers meet the apparent descendants of the missing people, but they seem to have acquired alien trait. Mary Carver (Simon & Simon) guest stars.

9 p.m. CBS

Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of

the Performing Arts Walter Cronkite returns as host, as the 24th edition of the yearly ceremony pays tribute to another group of talents who established themselves as legends in their respective fields. Stage and screen staple Julie Andrews, master pianist Van Cliburn, music impresario Quincy Jones, three-time Oscar winner Jack Nicholson and opera great Luciano Pavarotti are this year's honorees.

9 p.m. FOX

The Bernie Mac Show

Based on its title star's own life, the comedy repeats its genuinely amusing "Pilot." Mac's fictionalized alter ego becomes a reluctant surrogate parent to the three children of his drug-troubled sister. They often see him as fearsome, especially when

he's instructing them about being careful with his prized electronic equipment. Kellita Smith (Kingdom Come) plays Mac's wife.

9 p.m. TBS

Movie: Grease

John Travolta trades his Saturday Night Fever disco duds for slicked-back hair and a leather jacket in this 1978 film version of the Broadway musical. He plays a tough 1950s high-school student who is reunited with the shy Australian exchange student he met the previous summer. Songs include "You're the One That I Want" and "We Go Together." Olivia Newton-John and Stockard Channing also star.

9:30 p.m. FOX

Grounded for Life

Sean (Donal Logue) is concerned about Lily's (Lynsey Bartilson) participation in her school's talent show in the repeat "Mrs. Finnerty, You've Got a Lovely Daughter." He learns she might do some risqué things during her act, and though he tries to prevent it, the bit is a hit with the audience. The episode was directed by veteran choreographer Kenny Ortega (Dirty Dancing).

10:05 p.m. HBO

Six Feet Under

The relatives debate whether to let their funeral home be swallowed up by a rival in the repeat "The Foot." A large conglomerate wants to purchase the business, but they're not sure they like the changes that would be implemented. Claire (Lauren Ambrose) comes up with an appropriate way to even the score with a loud-mouthed ex-boyfriend.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 27, 2001

7:45 p.m. CINEMAX

Movie: Space Cowboys

Clint Eastwood, James Garner, Donald Sutherland and Tommy Lee Jones show they still have the right stuff in this lighthearted 2000 adventure. They play former astronaut wannabes who were cheated out of their chance to go into space back in the late 1950s. But an old satellite is on a collision course with Earth, and engineer Frank Corvin (Eastwood) is the one guy who knows how to save the day. He rounds up his old fly boy buddies, along with a couple of "kids" (Courtney B. Vance, Loren Dean), to boldly go where no senior citizen — except John Glenn — has gone before. James Cromwell and Marcia Gay Harden also star.

8 p.m. A&E

Biography

Vivien Leigh: A Delicate Balance remembers the convent-educated British beauty who achieved her greatest fame — and two Oscars — playing very American characters. Her personal life was as turbulent as those of Scarlett O'Hara and Blanche DuBois. Her relationship with Laurence Olivier, whom she eventually married, began while both were wed to others. She had two miscarriages and suffered from insomnia and manic-depressive disorder, which, compounded by Olivier's workaholicism, put a fatal strain on their storybook marriage. Tuberculosis claimed her at age 53. This profile includes rare home movies of Leigh as a child and later with Olivier, and interviews with actors John Gielgud, Kim Hunter and Juliet Mills.

8 p.m. check local listings PBS

Antiques Roadshow UK

"Birmingham" becomes the next stop for host Michael Aspel in this new episode of the popular show's British version. While

a pop-up book might seem like a relatively simple and inexpensive form of entertainment, viewers may get a new appreciation of it upon learning the worth of one such item here. A bust also gets a high price tag assigned to it by appraisers.

8 p.m. TCM

Marlene Dietrich: Her Own Song

The life and times of the legendary actress are recounted in this new documentary, co-produced by her grandson (J. David Riva) and narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis. Being shown to mark what would have been Dietrich's 100th birthday, the program recalls her involvement in politics as she was building her career in 1920s Berlin, and her visits to troops at the front lines during World War II.

9 p.m. NBC

Will & Grace

Veteran actress Eileen Brennan (Private Benjamin) appears in this repeat, playing an acting teacher Will (Eric McCormack) consults. He is concerned about the way he appeared in an interview on a TV newscast, and the instructor's advice uses a non-nonsense approach. Karen's (Megan Mullally) husband is arrested for tax evasion.

10 p.m. CBS

The Agency

In "In Our Own Backyard," a repeat co-written by series producer Shaun Cassidy, a man's murder reveals information about the project he was working on. He was constructing a nuclear bomb at his New Jersey home, and the resulting investigation suggests that Pierce (Ronny Cox) knew about it. A detective trails Terri (Paige Turco) for divorce-related information.

10 p.m. NBC

ER

In a repeat set on New Year's Eve, James Belushi appears as a car-accident victim in "Piece of Mind." Though injured himself, he is more upset about the injuries sustained by his son (Jared Padalecki) in the mishap. Dr. Corday (Alex Kingston) lends her full support as Dr. Greene (Anthony Edwards) undergoes risky, experimental brain surgery in New York.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, 2001

8 p.m. ABC

America's Funniest Home Videos

A cheerleader faces work-related injuries when the basketball squad she is encouraging to win gets a bit rowdy. Another segment surveys several unusual inventions devised by a variety of people, some of whom have rather big mishaps while attempting to demonstrate them. Tom Bergeron hosts.

8:30 p.m. ESPN

College Football

The Holiday Bowl is a matchup of two teams who ended their seasons on a disappointing note: No. 9 Texas, with its loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game, and No. 20 Washington, with an embarrassing 65-7 blowout at the hands of Miami in their season finale. Texas brings plenty of weapons into this game, starting with quarterback Major Applewhite, who earns the start over Chris Simms based on his performance against the Colorado. Washington takes to the air with its pair of excellent wide receivers, Paul Arnold and Reggie Williams, and stays away from the Longhorns' stellar run defense. The action comes from Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

8:30 p.m. HBO

Movie: Heat

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO

(July 23 to August 22)

You'll get news that will make you glow



brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22)

That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22)

Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21)

Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21)

All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19)

Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18)

Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES

(February 19 to March 20)

That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.



Justin Torkildsen is "Rick" on "The Bold and the Beautiful"

Soap updates

All the latest on your favorite daytime dramas

ALL MY CHILDREN

Hayley overheard "Proteus" talk about Mateo's involvement in his ("Proteus") organization. Erica pleaded not guilty in Frankie's death. She was released on bail and had to wear an ankle bracelet. Jackson accused Erica of committing a hate crime because she couldn't deal with Bianca being gay. Erica later told Opal how she planned to keep suspicion off Bianca. David opened up to Anna about his father's suicide. Anna later told Ryan she doubted Chris' account of how his (Ryan) father died. Wait to See: Edmund gives Dixie chilling news.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Jack's confession caused Carly to lose much of her determination. Molly turned to Hal to urge him to help get answers to what was going on. A note caused Paul's suspicions to rise. Simon and Katie decided to legitimize their love for one another. Wait to See: Jake, Molly and Holden band together. Adam reaches out to Abigail. Lucinda and Barbara have a confrontation.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Sally told Massimo she overheard him and Stephanie discuss the fact that he, not Eric, was Ridge's father. Rick and Amber reconnected after learning that her pregnancy was threatened by an infection and that having only one kidney made the problem worse. Tony and Kristen met Zende, an African child whose parents died of AIDS. Wait to See: Stephanie gets upsetting news.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jennifer was stunned to see Colin at Lexie's party. Lexie struggled to keep her emotions in check when Glenn and Barb showed up. Victor accidentally let Kate learn that she'd been drugged when the fire started at the Kiriakis mansion. Philip tried to crash Lexie's party. John performed emergency surgery on Hope just as Rolf administered the final dose of Princess Gina's memories to her. Wait to See: Bo's world crumbles as he witnesses a shocking sight at the party.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Roy helped Luke with a plan to reunite him (Luke) with Laura by letting her believe she'd be helping Luke with a spy case. Stefan introduced Kristina as a Cassadine. Meanwhile, Nikolas considered giving up his Cassadine inheritance. Monica was upset with Alan's decision to let Rae visit for Christmas. Sonny rejected Mike's warnings about Janine. Wait to See: Lucky asks Nikolas for help.

(See SOAPS, page fifteen)

TOP TEN



- Jewel new entry "This Way" (Atlantic)
- Nickelback No. 6 "Silver Side Up" (IDJMG)

Top 10 Hot Country Singles

- Toby Keith No. 1 "I Wanna Talk About Me" (DreamWorks)
- Travis Tritt No. 2 "Love of a Woman" (Columbia)
- David Ball No. 4 "Riding with Private Malone" (Dualtone)
- Reba No. 3 "I'm a Survivor" (MCA Nashville)
- George Strait No. 6 "Run" (MCA Nashville)
- Aaron Tippin No. 10 "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagles Fly" (Lyric Street)
- Tim McGraw No. 5 "Angry All the Time" (Curb)
- Trace Adkins No. 11 "I'm Tryin'" (Capitol)
- Garth Brooks No. 12 "Wrapped Up in You" (Capitol)
- Brooks & Dunn No. 7 "Only in America" (Arista Nashville)

TOP TEN MOVIES

- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
- Monsters, Inc. (G) Billy Crystal, John Goodman
- Spy Games (R) Robert Redford, Brad Pitt
- Black Knight (PG-13) Martin Lawrence, Tom Wilkinson
- Shallow Hal (PG-13) Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow
- Out Cold (PG-13) Jason London, Lee Majors
- Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) John Travolta, Vince Vaughn
- Heist (R) Gene Hackman, Danny DeVito
- The One (PG-13) Jet Li, Delroy Lindo
- K-PAX (PG-13) Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges

Top 10 Video Rentals

- Shrek (PG) animated (DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
- Legally Blonde (PG-13) Reese Witherspoon (MGM Home Entertainment)
- Swordfish (R) John Travolta (Warner Home Video)
- The Animal (PG-13) Rob Schneider (Columbia TriStar Home Video)
- Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG) Eddie Murphy (FoxVideo)
- Baby Boy (R) Tyrese (Columbia TriStar Home Video)
- Cats & Dogs (PG) animated (Warner Family Entertainment)
- A Knight's Tale (PG-13) Heath Ledger (Columbia TriStar Home Video)
- The Mummy Returns (PG-13) Brendan Fraser (Universal Studios Home Video)
- Along Came a Spider (R) Morgan Freeman (Paramount Home Video)

Top 10 DVD Sales

- Shrek — Special Edition (PG) (DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
- Legally Blonde (PG-13) (MGM Home Entertainment)
- Swordfish (R) (Warner Home Video)
- Baby Boy (R) (Columbia TriStar Home Video)
- Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace (PG) (FoxVideo)
- The Sopranos: The Complete Second Season (NR) (HBO Home Video)
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (G) (Walt Disney Home Video)
- The Animal (PG-13) (Columbia TriStar Home Video)
- Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG) (Fox Video)
- The Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (PG-13) (Columbia TriStar Home Video)

Top 10 Pop Singles

- Mary J. Blige No. 1 "Family Affair" (MCA)
- Usher No. 2 "U Got It Bad" (Arista)
- Enrique Iglesias No. 3 "Hero" (Interscope)
- Nickelback No. 5 "How You Remind Me" (Roadrunner)
- Nelly Furtado No. 6 "Turn Off the Light" (DreamWorks)
- Jennifer Lopez No. 4 "I'm Real" (Epic)
- Ginuwine No. 9 "Differences" (Epic)
- Ja Rule feat. Case No. 8 "Livin' It Up" (Murder Inc./Def Jam)
- Alicia Keys No. 7 "Fallin'" (J)
- Destiny's Child No. 12 "Emotion" (Columbia)

Top 10 Albums

- Garth Brooks new entry "Scarecrow" (Capitol-Nashville)
- Britney Spears No. 1 "Britney" (Jive)
- Shakira new entry "Laundry Service" (Epic)
- Michael Jackson No. 3 "Invincible" (Epic)
- Enya No. 5 "A Day Without Rain" (Warner Bros.)
- Enrique Iglesias No. 4 "Escape" (Interscope)
- Madonna new entry "GHV2: Greatest Hits Volume 2" (Maverick)
- Rob Zombie new entry "Sinister Urge" (Geffen)

Soaps

GUIDING LIGHT

Danny and Michelle accomplished their mission. Sam's health caused concern all around. A secret drew Camille closer to Alonzo. Catalina learned about Ben's true intentions. Josh learned the truth by listening to what his heart told him. Wait to See: Alan plans revenge. Frank sets out to find his missing daughter.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Fearing Blair would leave him if he told her he had lied about their child being dead, Todd instead lied about the baby he brought home, saying he wanted them to adopt the infant. But Blair refused, and insisted the baby had to be sent back. Jessica told Roxy of Natalie's plan to possess all of Jessica's possessions, and watched as Roxy's mood changed from motherly to menacing. Alex found Asa alive and well. Wait to See: Cassie confronts Todd about the baby.

PASSIONS

"Diana" (Sheridan) tried to convince Brian to reconnect with the people who love him. Father Lonigan's holy water caused havoc for Kay, Tabitha and the spell book! Luis was sure that the woman on the phone was Sheridan and tried to have the call traced. Aware that she should probably tell Ethan she's pregnant, a still-confused Theresa looked for other options. Wait to

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See: David has another "trick" up his sleeve.

PORT CHARLES

Rafe realized he and Alison were growing closer, but Victor inadvertently reminded him that he would be leaving Port Charles soon. Valerie told Jamal she hoped the two of them could provide a good home for baby Hope. Livvie was overjoyed about Lucy and Kevin's possible reconciliation, but Lucy had other thoughts when she learned Kevin might be seeing another woman. Wait to See: Jamal sees Rafe and Alison kissing.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Nick told Victor that things were still tense between him and Sharon. Meanwhile, Sharon told Doris she believed Nick was relieved that the baby had died. Dr. Thompson, in the meantime, filed away the unopened results of the paternity test done on the baby. Nikki and Jack continued searching for the widow of the man who switched his and Victor's sperm samples. Nikki later got a call from the Robertson Reproductive Lab, and went there with Jack. J.T. overheard Mac tell Billy that she trusts him (J.T.). Wait to See: Neil reacts to Alex's warnings about his drinking.

••• This is a Hammer •••

Start with Basics to Build Home Repair Kit

by SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

Q I'd like to get a complete set of tools for my home. What makes up a basic tool set? — Jamie B., Valdosta, Ga.

A Most home-improvement and hardware stores sell "starter" sets for first-time tool buyers. These include many of the basic items you'll need for minor home repairs, such as pliers, standard and Phillips-head screwdrivers, and assorted sizes and types of wrenches. However, you will need a few more things to complete your home repair kit:

- A curved claw hammer and nails. Make sure the hammer is at least 12 ounces in weight and comfortable to hold. Buy a variety of nails in different sizes and types; most stores offer nail sets.

- Adjustable wrench. A 10-inch adjustable wrench (or a plumber's wrench) is a versatile tool around the house. Make sure the worm gear operates smoothly and doesn't wobble.

- Rotary power drill. More important than a power screwdriver and probably the most convenient decorating accessory you will ever have. Make sure the drill has variable speeds, a reverse switch and can hold drill bits up to 3/8ths inch.

- Steel tape measure. The model should have a lock button to hold the extended tape in place; purchase one with at least 25 feet of tape. A 1-foot ruler and a yardstick also make good companions.

- 24-inch carpenter's level. It should have two bubbles: one for measuring horizontal level, and the other for marking vertical plumb.

- Handsaw. Buy a saw marked "general purpose" to handle any variety of wood. Look for a steel blade, about 26 inches long, with a wooden handle.

- Hacksaw. This thin saw cuts metal; the blades are replaceable and come in several grades for cutting different strengths of metal.

- Pocketknife and utility knife. The pocketknife comes in handy for all sorts of tasks; the utility knife has a retractable (and replaceable) blade.

- Putty knife. Used to apply and work plaster, spackle, or — yes — putty. You should have two sizes: a 1-inch blade and a wide-blade wall scraper.

- Sandpaper, steel wool, metal file and wire brush. These come in handy for a variety of cleaning and sharpening tasks.

- Duct tape, electrical tape (yes, they're different) and three types of glue: epoxy, white (PVA) and wood glue.

- Spackling compound and wood putty. These make filling holes and gaps in walls and wood easy.

- Finally, having both a stepladder and an extension ladder will allow you to tackle hard-to-reach repairs, both indoors and out.

HOME TIP

Sharpen small garden shears and scissors by cutting them through a piece of sandpaper, folded grit-side out. Repeat several times.

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Mac

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Today, he and his wife, Rhonda McCullough, live in a rural enclave not far from Chicago. He spends time working on the show, planning another tour with the "Kings of Comedy" and hanging out with his buddies of 30 years. He does not spend time puffering in the garage or fixing things around the house.

"All my life was physical labor," he says. "If my hands get dirty now, you better believe I fell down."

Mac says he hopes people get his TV show, which is a far cry from Cosby's perfect-dad persona. Even when Mac threatens his on-screen nieces and nephew, there's a very real love that shines through the humor.

"I let my work speak for itself," Mac says.

"Whether you like it or don't like it, once you get familiarized with it, I think you will love it ... I'm just looking to entertain the audience."

Anything for a laugh, same as it was back at the Burning Bush Missionary Church. Only this time, Mac's not letting anyone pull him offstage.

Comic Bernie Mac, star of *The Bernie Mac Show* Wednesdays on Fox, says, his favorite comedy club is one with a microphone.

"I never met a mike I didn't like," Mac says.

"Everybody's talking about one nation, one body, one soul, one color," Bernie Mac says about comments since Sept. 11. "We should have been that way. We are called the United States for along time."

Best Bets...

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A top-notch criminal and a dedicated police detective face off in this crime drama starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. The crook (De Niro) is about to retire, and New Zealand looks good to him. But the police officer who has been chasing him for years wants to put him away before he can escape. Val Kilmer and Jon Voight also star.

9 p.m. CBS

That's Life

In "The Devil and Miss DeLucca," Lydia (Heather Paige Kent) brings a pro hockey player around to the restaurant one night and, to the sheer delight of her family, she starts to date him. But as soon as things heat up, they cool off. He asks Lydia to accompany him on the road, but his reason is that he believes she's the lucky charm responsible for his team's winning streak.

9 p.m. check local listings PBS

Life 360

"Food" is the subject of this encore episode, which finds host Michel Martin (Nightline) in Miami. The Little Havana section of that city is toured by Cuban-American talent Carmen Pelaez, who samples the local cuisine. Journalist Robert Krulwich does the same in New York, where he spotlights several of the Big Apple's top restaurants.

10 p.m. ABC

Why Don't the Kids Have a Voice?

In a repeat of one of his recurring documentaries, veter-

an news correspondent John Stossel (20/20) probes an issue that isn't as clear as it used to be. Children's rights are examined, and though advocates and critics discuss the topic -- as do parents and their offspring -- they acknowledge that recent times have complicated the matter of who some youngsters should live with.

10 p.m. TNT

Movie: Crocodile Dundee

An American reporter (Linda Kozlowski) travels to Australia to interview a well-known safari guide and poacher (Paul Hogan) who earned the nickname "Crocodile" after defeating one of the reptiles with his bare hands. She is so taken with him, she brings him back to New York. Directed by Peter Faiman, the 1986 comedy also stars John Mellon and David Gulpilil.

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4 p.m. NBC

Golf

Ten of the world's most accomplished golfers make up the expanded field for the 10th anniversary of the EMC Golf Skills Challenge. Taped Oct. 22 at the Naples Grande Golf Club in Naples, Fla., the event tests players' skills in nine areas, encompassing drives, chips and putts, as well as iron and bunker play. The field, which expands from its previous total of eight, is comprised of Vijay Singh, Greg Norman, Jesper Parnevik, Mike Weir, Scott Verplank, Nick Price, Jim Furyk, Billy Andrade, Peter Jacobsen and defending champion Lee

Janzen. Dan Hicks, Roger Maltbie and Gary Koch cover the action.

8 p.m. TNT

Movie: Footloose

Kevin Bacon stars as a rebellious teenager with a passion for dancing. When he and his mother move from Chicago to a small Midwestern town where dancing is prohibited, he rallies the towns people to get the ban lifted. Lori Singer, John Lithgow and Dianne Wiest also star.

9 p.m. ABC

NFL Football

For the second week in a row, Monday Night Football offers a Saturday night edition. Tampa's Raymond James Stadium is the show's destination, as Brad Johnson and the Buccaneers play host to the Baltimore Ravens. Victorious in the last Super Bowl, the latter team is quarterbacked by Elvis Grbac, while wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson has been one of the most notable members of the Tampa Bay squad.

9 p.m. CBS

The District

Mannion (Craig T. Nelson) puts himself on the line to solve a housing-project murder in the repeat "The Project." Frustrated when no witnesses come forward with information, he believes living among them for a while will convince them to help him with the investigation. However, he could end up becoming the next target of the killer.

9:35 p.m. HBO

Movie: Lethal Weapon

Danny Glover and Mel Gibson are pure magic as mismatched police partners in this 1987 action drama, which was followed by three (so far) sequels. Glover's Murtaugh is 50 and ready to slow down; Gibson's Riggs is all wound up and not afraid to die. A prostitute's death leads them to a drug ring with ties to Vietnam, site of the war that's one of the few things our heroes have in common. Gary Busey also stars.

10 p.m. SHOWTIME

Movie: Nurse Betty

Renee Zellweger won a Golden Globe Award as the star of director Neil LaBute's (In the Company of Men) offbeat 2000 comedy. The title character is a woman who witnesses her husband's murder, mentally sending her into a fantasy world where she thinks she's in her favorite soap opera. Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock portray the killers. Greg Kinnear is also featured.

10 p.m. TNT

Movie: The Breakfast Club

Writer-director John Hughes' 1985 comedy-dramas simply one of the best youth films ever. It focuses on five diverse high-school students (Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Ally Sheedy) who learn a great deal about one another -- and themselves -- during Saturday detention.

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