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briefs

Two killed, three hurt as men flee police

The Associated Press

Two Tomahawk men died, and three others were hurt early Tuesday morning from injuries sustained in a car accident, Kentucky State Police said.

According to police, Christopher and Phillip Butcher, 23 and 27 respectively, fled in their 1982 Cutlass Oldsmobile after being pulled over on Kentucky 40 just before 6:30 Monday morning.

Police said Christopher Butcher fled from police onto U.S. 23, where the car collided with Dana S. Houston's 2002 Nissan Sentra, traveling south on U.S. 23.

According to Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby, the Butchers were both pronounced dead at 7:15 a.m., and their two juvenile passengers were transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center where they are listed in stable condition. Houston, 31, of Wittenville, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

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Today



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Tomorrow



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Prestonsburg resident David Jenkins spent the afternoon following Sunday morning's snowstorm shoveling snow from the sidewalk leading to his neighbor's house on Graham Street.

photo by Sheldon Compton

First substantial snow of season grinds life to halt

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County residents found themselves homebound for the most part Sunday morning as several inches of snow fell, covering roads throughout the county and region.

The snowstorm, which had been forecast nearly a week before by the National Weather Center in Jackson, puts Kentucky in the company of other East Coast states which have been hit hard in the past couple of weeks with significant snowfall such as New York, Virginia, and even as far south as Georgia and South Carolina.

Approximately five inches of snow rendered most roadways impassable as of Sunday evening, with an additional wet sleet falling during the late evening

hours which, by Monday morning, gave roadways a dangerous, icy covering.

Despite the poor driving conditions, weather-related accidents were non-existent, according to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, which said that as of Sunday morning, when the first wave of the storm came through, that department had not handled or been informed otherwise of any car accidents coming as a result of hazardous weather conditions.

However, that office expected the roads to become increasingly more hazardous as the icy sleet and snow continued to fall, and remained on the lookout as Monday morning forced several drivers onto slush and ice covered roadways en route to work and other weekday destinations.

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Sheriff candidates spar over drug sweep

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A drug roundup initiated by the Kentucky State Police in August which resulted in the arrest of 20 suspected Floyd County drug dealers, many of whom have now entered guilty pleas to charges brought against them, has become the jumping off point for a dispute between candidates for sheriff.

Gary Rose, the former KSP

Commissioner who filed to run for sheriff late last year, is taking issue with statements made by incumbent Sheriff John K. Blackburn over Blackburn's role in the investigation which led to the drug sweep.

At the time, Blackburn was quoted during an interview with The Floyd County Times as saying his office had "been working on (the) investigation with the state police seven or eight months."

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INSIDE

Seven more candidates file for spots on next year's local ballot.
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Rosenberg's career a long record of helping poor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS



John Rosenberg

While his Justice Department colleagues were chasing federal judgeships and jobs with law firms in New York and Washington, John Rosenberg moved to Appalachia 30 years ago to take up the fight for the poor.

As a Jew who fled Nazi Germany with his family, Rosenberg has

always said he's witnessed too many injustices in life to ignore the plight of people who couldn't help themselves.

Appalachian residents needed a champion, and Rosenberg stepped forward to organize a group of lawyers in an effort to right an assortment of wrongs that people in the mountain region faced.

"I think it's fair to say he could have done anything he wanted to,"

said Steven Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta and one of the nation's top death penalty attorneys. "What he did I've always considered remarkable. A lot of people wouldn't have gone to the heart of Appalachia, or wouldn't have stayed."

Rosenberg, now 70, is retiring this month as director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, a federally funded organiza-

tion that serves 37 eastern Kentucky counties.

"I wouldn't change a thing," he said, sitting in a cluttered office in a storefront building in downtown Prestonsburg. "We've made an impact for the better on the lives of people in Appalachia."

Known for his tenacity and grit, Rosenberg, has become one of the

(See ROSENBERG, page six)



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Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, is surrounded by reporters during the opening day of the 2002 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

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Odds and Ends

■ **MOUNT CARBON, Pa.** — Jeffrey Dunkel isn't old enough to pop open a bottle of champagne yet, but that didn't stop the 18-year-old mayor — or his councilwoman mother — from celebrating his inauguration Monday.

Dunkel, who got involved in politics after studying local government for a high school class, was elected to a four-year term in November.

He ran unopposed and won with 43 votes in this Schuylkill County borough of around 300 residents.

The mayor is paid a stipend of \$50 per month, and has no office and no budget.

Dunkel said he is taking the job seriously. He said his biggest goal is to hire a neighboring community's police

department to patrol the borough.

"Speeding is a major problem here, and there's a lot of vandalism," Dunkel said.

He will also have to deal with his mom, Kathleen Dunkel, who was elected to a Borough Council seat with 22 write-in votes. Dunkel swore in his mother Monday immediately after his own ceremony.

■ **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — A roofer at Cape Canaveral Air Station who won the \$6 million Lotto jackpot on Dec. 15 kept it secret to surprise his wife at Christmas.

"I asked her what it felt like to be married to a millionaire," Juan A. Gonzalez explained Monday as he and his wife Sandra picked up their Lotto

winnings. "She did not know what was going on. She said to me: Are you sure? How many zeros is that?"

The Gonzalezes could have received annual payments of approximately \$200,000 for 30 years. Instead they opted for a cash payout of \$3,422,125.

Gonzalez said he would use the winnings to pay off bills and care for his family.

He said he selected five of the winning numbers, 10-19-27-33-48-53, using his birth date, Oct. 27, 1948; his current age, 53; and Christ's age, 33, at his death. He didn't explain where the 19 came from.

■ **JOLIET, Ill.** — While bipartisan rancor occasionally erupts at Will County Board meetings, two commissioners

are determined disagreements will be left in the board room when they head home.

Republican Mary Ann Gearhart, 50, who has served on the board since 1985, and Democrat Lee Deutsche, 60, who was first elected in 1998, juggled dating and their political partisanship for three years. They expect their balancing act will continue now that they are married.

The pair tied the knot Saturday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Monee and left Monday for a honeymoon in Texas. When they return home, they are bound to face a few tricky political situations. Besides votes on county business, they could be pitted against each other in the November election if they both

win their March primary races.

More often than not, they vote against each other. But both oppose a proposed airport at Peotone, which would swallow up Deutsche's family farm in eastern Will County.

"We don't vote with each other on a lot of things," he said. "But when it comes to the airport, we're in complete agreement."

■ **WESTBORO, Mass.** — Brendan Moss made sure his family had a white Christmas, despite a lack of snow in this central-Massachusetts community.

Brendan made his own snow gun, similar to those found at ski resorts.

For Christmas, the 16-year-old had asked for — and

received — an air compressor, a hose and some plumbing accessories. It took him an hour to assemble his snow maker.

He connected a long hose to the air compressor and to a nozzle with two fittings on the end. A hose from the front of the house goes into the other fitting. In the nozzle, water and air mix, shooting snow into the yard when the air temperature is 30 degrees or below.

The result: the Moss home had a pile of snow on its front lawn.

The family enjoyed it only briefly: they vacationed in the Dominican Republic for a week after Christmas.

— The Associated Press

Lobbyists given state-issued security badges to Capitol

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Visitors trickling into the Capitol on Tuesday had to clear security checks, while lobbyists were issued state badges that will allow them to bypass the delays as if they were employees.

Hours before the opening gavels fell for the 2002 General Assembly, lobbyists gathered in the Capitol basement and chatted while waiting to have their photos taken for the identification badges.

Ronny Pryor, a veteran lobbyist at the front of the line, said he saw nothing inappropriate about the state issuing badges to lobbyists, which lumps them with state employ-

ees. "It helps to expedite the access we have anyway," said Pryor, whose clients include agriculture, restaurant, tobacco and health-care interests.

The start of the legislative session ushered in heightened security measures at the Capitol and the adjoining Capitol Annex. The once open-door policy for visitors now comes with some restrictions.

Visitors had to sign in, show photo identification and pass through metal detectors. Security officers were posted at entrances. The delay was brief for visitors coming to the Capitol for the opening of the legislature, a day traditionally set aside for more pomp than substance.

Robert Sherman, director of the Legislative Research Commission, said it was his decision to issue identification badges to lobbyists, which clears them from having to sign in or show a photo ID.

Each lobbyist paid a \$6 fee to cover the cost of the tags.

Sherman said the lobbyists already are registered with the Legislative Ethics Commission and are an identifiable group.

"We do consider them to be part of the process," Sherman said.

Magnetic strips on the ID badges can unlock entrances not accessible by the general public. But Sherman said the badges would not give lobbyists special access to legislators.

"I hope the perception is not that it's inappropriate," Sherman said. "I can tell you it has nothing to do with coziness. It has everything to do with practicality. They are here everyday. We know who they are and they are registered."

For visitors, the security measures should be only a slight inconvenience to safeguard security, said Kentucky State Police Capt. Steve Wright.

"It shouldn't delay people that long," Wright said. "This is not as in-depth as what you see

at the airports."

Officials have taken steps to minimize the wait for large groups visiting the Capitol. Wright said a list of each group's members can be presented at the doorway, clearing their entry without signing in or presenting a photo ID. They still must pass through a metal detector.

Visitors should also benefit by entering the Capitol more quickly since the lobbyists won't have to sign in and show ID, Sherman said.

"It was no big deal," said David Bondurant of Lexington, who had his camera bag searched before entering the Capitol to attend an anti-gambling rally in the Rotunda.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and an organizer of the anti-gambling rally, said she was not concerned by the issuance of badges to lobbyists.

"Lobbyists have always had that special access," she said.

Jeff Vessels, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, raised concerns about preferential treatment. He said people who come to the Capitol to press their causes, but who aren't lobbyists, would still have to go through the security checks.

The security measures cost about \$200,000, said Glenn Mitchell, deputy secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. It includes metal detectors, issuance of ID badges and the system enabling the cards to unlock doors. Also, security cameras were installed at some entrances.

Eight state police troopers will be assigned to the legislative security detail, about the same number as usual, Wright said.

However, the number of Facilities Security officers on duty will be bolstered to 12, about four times the number a year ago, he said.

The security measures stem from a Secret Service review of security at the Capitol, Mitchell said. The recommendations were issued shortly before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The attacks prompted state officials

to speed up implementing some recommendations, he said.

Vessels agreed that reasonable security measures are appropriate.

"But we have to be careful about putting up barriers between people and their elected representatives," he said. "I haven't heard of anything that tells me we have crossed that threshold."

Car dealer served with lawsuit by customers

The Associated Press

LOUISA — After a year of trying, Lawrence County Sheriff Bobby Workman has served notice of a lawsuit to former Louisa car dealer Ron Perry.

Perry was the owner of the now defunct Ron Perry Century Auto Mall, which closed abruptly in November 2000. Since then, 125 former customers have filed a \$5 million lawsuit, claiming Perry reneged on his promise to "pay off your trade no matter how much you owe."

They also accuse Perry of "fraud, fraudulent misrepresentations and violations of the Consumer Protection Act."

Workman served Perry with the lawsuit in late December after working out a meeting on U.S. 23 in Louisa.

Several law enforcement agencies had attempted to serve Perry over the past year, but were unable to locate him.

Workman said Perry told him

he was working out of town when officials tried to serve him.

Just days before Perry was served, he filed for bankruptcy protection in Southern California, where he reportedly now lives.

Michael Endicott, the Paintsville attorney who represents the plaintiffs in the case against Perry, said Perry's bankruptcy filing could have a significant impact on the case, possibly further delaying it, but he did not want to comment further.

Perry's bankruptcy filing could result in the lawsuit being dismissed, said James Stavros, an Ashland attorney who handles a large amount of bankruptcy cases. Endicott said he had not seen the bankruptcy filing.

Now that Perry has been served, Workman said he hopes the lawsuit can move forward.

"It has gone on long enough," he said.

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Churches say slot machine idea potential 'rape' of economy

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Opponents of expanded gambling said Tuesday they would take to the pulpits to stop any attempt to let racetracks have slot machines.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, a leader of the group Citizens Against Gambling Expansion, said the idea was "a potential billion-dollar rape of Kentucky's economy" by track operators and casino companies.

"It is pure greed that is driving this push for expanded gambling at the racetracks," Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, said during a news conference in the Capitol Rotunda. It preceded the opening of the 2002 General Assembly.

Those backing Kemper included the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Rev. Harold Greenfield of Princeton. He vowed that the state's largest Protestant denomination would be "campaigning against any gambling

expansion."

The Kentucky horse industry is floating the idea of allowing racetracks to operate "video lottery terminals," which are electronic slot machines. Proponents say the tracks need slots in order to compete with casino boats floating on the Ohio River, off the shorelines of Indiana and Illinois.

A letter sent to legislators in recent days over the names of owners or ranking officers of all Kentucky tracks said casino boats are making \$1 billion a year from Kentucky patrons while horse industry revenues have declined.

Video slots "are simply a second product line at an established gaming destination," rather than a gambling expansion, the letter said.

It also predicted that most Kentuckians would support video slots at tracks if part of the money went toward prescription drugs for low-income seniors, health insurance for children or technology for public schools.

The opponents, who claim gambling is bad social and eco-

nomics policy, disagreed. Greenfield, the Baptist leader, said the idea of video slots was "trying to get something for nothing at the expense of somebody else."

"It's really a redistribution of money from nonwhite, noneducated, lower-income people to white, educated, higher-income people," Greenfield said.

Several horse industry lobbyists watched from a mezzanine as the news conference unfolded.

Five legislators, all from the House, showed up to stand with Kemper and Greenfield. Kemper said she believed most legislators were keeping an open mind.

Senate President David Williams said there is "a lot of sympathy in the General Assembly about what's happened to the racing industry. ... We cannot turn a deaf ear toward that."

Nevertheless, he currently sees little enthusiasm for gambling legislation and believes legalization of slots would require a constitutional amendment, Williams said.

Longer school year, other education issues

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A minimalist budget makes it unlikely that the General Assembly will undertake substantive developments in elementary and secondary education.

Gov. Paul Patton said he will try to carry out "past commitments of the legislature," including some funding of school construction. But "we will not be expanding any existing program," Patton said in an interview.

Nonetheless, the Kentucky Board of Education intends to press for ahead.

Its priorities for the upcoming legislative session include extension of the school year from 175 instructional days to 177, though not right away. The change would take effect in the

2003-2004 fiscal year, the second year of a biennial budget that figures to be unusually tight.

Every dollar will be precious, and a longer school year won't be cheap. The tab for two extra instructional days: \$28.4 million. For that reason, Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit and his staff advised asking the legislature for a phase-in rather than an immediate change.

"These were very tough decisions, trying to balance the realities of the budget and yet holding onto our priorities," Wilhoit said.

Patton said he agreed the school year should be longer. If he had his way, it would be extended by five days instead of two, Patton said.

"That would have been one of the things I would have liked to achieve," he said. "It would

have been high on our list for this year had there been new money."

There is nothing very philosophical about the school-calendar issue, nor about anything else that smacks of education. Everything boils down to money.

Public schools now consume a bit less than half of the state's General Fund. The budget for elementary and secondary education is \$2.8 billion this year.

The state board also wants to increase base funding for all school districts by 4 percent next year and 5.5 percent in the second year of the budget. Patton said chances of that are "nonexistent."

On other fronts, a pair of House-Senate subcommittees have recommended raises for certified school employees — administrators, teachers and

counselors — and for classified employees, like teacher aides, bus drivers and cooks.

A longer school year would have that effect. The argument is that two additional instruction days would increase student learning. But it also would mean two extra days of pay for teachers and other school employees.

Patton said he wants the General Assembly to require school districts to give teachers a 2 percent cost-of-living raise, "but they don't get 2 percent more money."

There seems to be little disagreement that raising teacher compensation is a must if Kentucky is to avoid a loss of quality in its teaching force. How to bring about raises is open to debate.

Some education advocacy groups want districts to be able to pay more to teachers who

have demonstrated exceptional classroom performance or whose specialties are most in demand.

The Kentucky Education Association, the statewide teachers' union, is defending the traditional system in which salaries are based solely on years of experience and levels of educational attainment. The KEA also wants the state to pay more of the cost of teachers' health insurance, which has taken a quantum leap in some counties.

Then there is the plight of 48,470 classified school employees, who are nearly 4 to 1 female. Average pay is \$13,449 on a statewide payroll of nearly \$652 million. But a House-Senate education subcommittee found that many classified employees are part-timers making minimum wage.

Nearly 2,700 work more than one job.

"The compensation was pitiful, to say the least," said state Rep. Hubert Collins, a co-chairman of the subcommittee. "Some reported that they had to pay the board of education to work in order to have health insurance." The subcommittee calculated that a 1 percent raise would cost \$6.5 million. A 5 percent increase — the raise state government employees receive in most years — would cost \$32.6 million. The subcommittee said classified workers should at least get the same cost-of-living raise accorded certified employees.

"This would be a year you don't ask for a lot of money," said Collins, D-Wittensville. But classified employees need assistance "in some manner," he said.

Lean times to be reflected in Patton budget

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — In the vernacular Gov. Paul Patton likes to use, the budget he will propose to the 2002 General Assembly will "flat fund" state government for the coming two fiscal years.

What that would mean in practice is state agencies getting the same amount of money to operate their programs as they are getting this year — after the \$533 million budget cuts. There could be some exceptions, about a dozen, Patton said; to cover obligations. Those include such items as operating new courthouses that will be opening, higher health insurance premiums for public employees, some new school construction and an extension of the "Bucks for Brains" endowment programs at

universities, though with a twist.

What it will not mean is a tax increase proposed by the administration and any expectation the state will be taking any more money in from expanded gambling, such as slot machines at race tracks or casinos.

It is ultimately up to the General Assembly to set the state's spending plan for the two fiscal years that begin July 1, 2002, but given the realities of divided majorities in the House and Senate and legislative elections, there appears little likelihood of a tax increase.

More gambling could be another matter.

"There is a growing sentiment for accepting some type of expansion of legalized gambling in this state," said House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg.

The most common scenario

would involve slot machines at race tracks, a proposal preferred by horse interests. Patton said he believes the horse industry needs some assistance, but said he will not take the lead on more gambling.

Stumbo, however, said there is also a segment of the legislature that does not think gambling should be left to the tracks. Instead, he envisions a system where local referendums determine how much gambling to allow and where.

"I am not a proponent of just allowing the race tracks to have these licenses unless the referendum shows that's what communities want," Stumbo said.

He compared the referendums to local option elections for the sale of alcoholic beverages. "It at least gives the people the right to choose their own destiny to some extent," Stumbo

said.

While racing interests believe more gambling could be allowed under the auspices of the Kentucky Lottery Corp., a more widely held view is it would require an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution.

Gambling opponents fear the state's fiscal problems will be invoked as grounds to support slots or even casinos. And they are beginning to question the poor-mouthing by racing interests.

"I think it is a set up to move into more forms of electronic gambling," said the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

Kemper also suspects Patton is not as detached as he claims.

"I think the Patton administration is right smack in the middle of this, behind the scenes," she said.

Kemper hopes to move the

debate away from dollars and cents.

"What I want is for us to think about what kind of society we want to be," Kemper said.

Historically, the debate over the budget is more muted in lean times than when legislators gather to feast at an overflowing state trough.

Of the items on Patton's plate, the most controversial could be the \$120 million he proposes to turn over to the universities for research and endowments. It would be the third installment of "Bucks for Brains," but the first where the state would raise the money by selling bonds, and their accompanying 30-year repayments.

Patton already has his argument in place for legislative opponents. "If they want to take that away from our universities then they are backing down on their commitment," Patton said.

Patton initially said it would

take \$300 million more each year than the state expects to take in to meet its obligations. Patton said in an interview he has found more than two-thirds of that sum, but declined to be specific.

"We're scraping the bottom of every barrel in this town," he said.

But if the budget is as lean as envisioned, and the balances are to be made up with nonrecurring receipts, is Patton leaving his successor with a budget time bomb?

"We're making it right out in public," he said. "We're telling the people about it. It's not hidden. That's better than going backwards."

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Accused killer arrested near Tulsa

The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A Pawnee County sheriff's deputy on Saturday arrested a man suspected of killing an elderly

Oklahoman, ending a three-state manhunt.

J.B. Cole was taken into custody in Terlton, about 30 miles west of Tulsa, after Tulsa police received a tip that he had been spotted in the vicinity of another nearby community, Sand Springs.

Cole, who escaped June 4 from a Tennessee prison work-site, was seen sometime after 4 p.m. at a convenience store near the house where police believe Donald Green Sr. may have been killed, police Capt. Karen Rován said. The 71-year-old Tulsa was reported missing shortly after Christmas.

Cole had been driving a vehicle that Kentucky police had reported stolen earlier Saturday, police said. Around 6 p.m., a Tulsa Police helicopter spotted Cole near Terlton, running from the car and alerted Pawnee County sheriff's deputies, Rován said.

Cole's former wife lives in Terlton, officers said. When police used the helicopter's spotlight, Cole raised his hands and surrendered.

"We guess he decided it was best to surrender," she said.

Three of Green's four adult children waited outside police headquarters to see Cole, who is charged with first-degree murder in their father's death.

"We are here so we can finally have some closure and an end to this," said Jerry Green Zellers, one of the victim's daughters. "This feels like a bad movie that you can't get out of." Zellers said she and her siblings were glad to hear the police had apprehended Cole, so that "her father could finally rest in peace."

Another of Green's daughters, Terri Sasseen, said the family lost their mother six months ago and relatives are now preparing for another funeral.

"I bought a suit for my daddy to wear to my mother's funeral

and now he is going to wear it for his funeral," said Sasseen, who wept.

Green's body was found Wednesday in a creek near Fishtrap in Owsley County by Kentucky State Police. Prosecutors filed first-degree murder charges Wednesday against Cole, alleging that he "strangled (Green) about the neck and struck him multiple times about the head ... inflicting mortal wounds" at Green's Tulsa home on or about Dec. 24, according to Tulsa County District Court records.

The state medical examiner in Kentucky ruled that blunt force trauma was likely the cause of Green's death, but it had not been determined when or where Green died, Kentucky State Police Detective David Jude said.

First-degree murder charges also were filed Friday against Cole's 15-year-old stepson, Mitchell Roberts, for acting "in concert" in the murder of Green, according to court records.

Cole and his girlfriend, Kim Gilbert, had been staying with Green in December before Green's disappearance. Green's relatives said Cole "moved in or invited himself in" because his brother had been staying with Green off and on for some time.

After getting statements from Gilbert, Cole's 18-year-old daughter, Brandy Roberts, and Mitchell Roberts, police charged that Cole allegedly strangled and wounded Green and then left for Kentucky with Gilbert, his daughter and stepson in Green's car.

Kentucky police found the abandoned vehicle in Woodford County on Dec. 28.

Cole's two children were arrested earlier this week in Kentucky, while Gilbert was arrested in Adams County, Ohio, after police received a tip that she and Cole had been spotted in the area.

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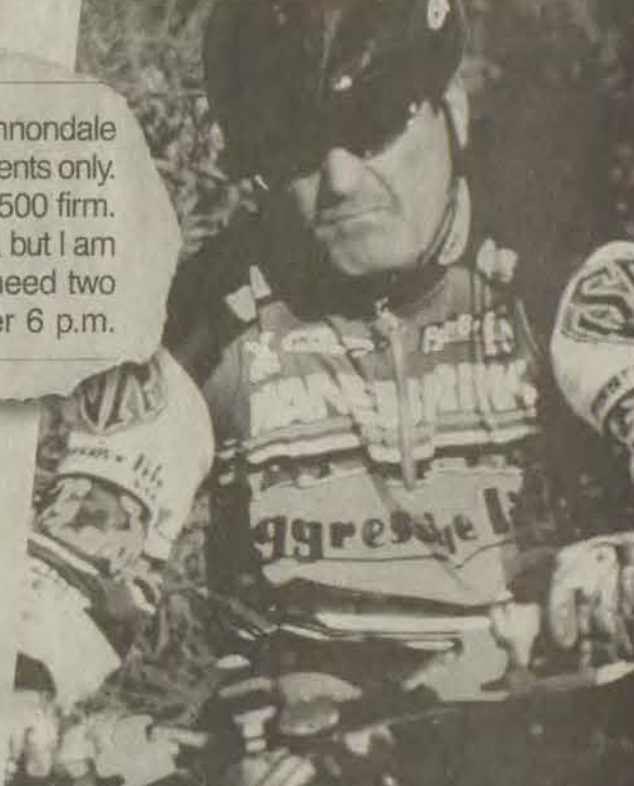

by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

THE HOLE STORY

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Guest View

Delay worthwhile to get it right

It comes as no surprise that the much-anticipated renovation of the Capitol, construction of a new Executive Office Building and Capitol Annex extension will not be included in Gov. Paul Patton's 2002-2004 capital construction budget.

Because of the sharp drop in tax revenues this and last fiscal year and the likelihood future revenues won't rebound sufficiently to make up the difference, there won't be much of a capital construction budget anyway. ...

A two-year delay in the Capitol renovation and construction of a new office building for the governor's office and other executive agencies won't be the end of the world. The Capitol is old, creaky and crowded well beyond its original intent. But the most serious structural problems with the building — trees growing out of the dome, for example — already have been resolved. And Patton's staff will survive to complete his term in office from their carved-out cubicles.

But the renovation of the Capitol in particular must be given top priority when tax revenues grow sufficiently to allow for budgeting capital construction projects in the future. It is too fine a building to put off for much longer the complete, top-to-bottom restoration. If nothing more, it only increases the already high renovation cost of \$90 million.

And it is possible that a two-year delay will give consultants and architects of all the proposed projects on the Capitol grounds time to develop plans for the best possible renovation and new construction. The Capitol will be around long after all now alive are gone, and we have a responsibility to pass on a seat of state government to those future Kentuckians every bit as fine as that given us by its original builders nearly a century ago.

Because they are adjacent to and thus a part of the Capitol, the Annex extension and new Executive Office Building also must be every bit as important as the Capitol itself.

A two-year wait, then, is worthwhile if the final projects are what the capital city deserves — the best possible.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



Poison Pen Changes

Those of you accustomed to reading Mary Music's column in this space each Wednesday are probably disappointed to find this ugly mug glaring at you today, but you're just going to have to settle for me.

In case you missed it during the hectic holidays, Mary decided to leave us to pursue other interests. She will certainly be missed, but I and everyone else at The Times wishes her the best of luck.

But Mary's departure did leave a sizable hole in this page, and since the tremendous growth of our Sunday paper left me no time to continue my column in that paper, it only seemed natural for me to move to Wednesday.

Of course, I'm not Mary. Replacing her column with mine may be the equivalent of shoving a square peg in a round hole, both in style and substance, but I'm sure we'll get used to each other eventually.



RALPH DAVIS

is getting off to quite an eventful start here at The Times.

We're not only hiring someone to fill our vacant reporter's spot, but we are also increasing our news staff by adding one more. This will allow us to give you even more local news coverage, just by having more people assigned to the job.

But the biggest change is one which we unveiled last week. Six days ago, The Floyd County Times became a member of the Associated Press, giving us the ability to provide top-notch coverage of regional, state and national news and sports, in addition to our award-winning local coverage.

With the addition of AP, the value of your Floyd County Times grew. Now, not only can you trust us to report to you what is happening in your backyard, we can bring you the rest of the world, as well.

In these times, having a well-rounded news source is more crucial than ever. The definition of local news changed in 2001, with events around the world having immediate impact at home.

This year looks no different. With our armed forces engaged in war overseas,

mounting economic troubles here at home, and a half-billion budget shortfall greeting legislators who returned to Frankfort this week (hold on to your wallets!), it is more important than ever for all of us to keep our ears to the ground to learn what's coming down the pike.

That is how the addition of AP coverage will make a difference in The Floyd County Times. Plus, when you factor in the increased local news coverage, you'll quickly see that these changes mean more news of all kinds ... and we have begun to add pages to accommodate that growth.

But we're also asking for your help. The AP produces 20 million words a day, and no matter how many pages we add, we can't fit them all in the paper. So we're asking our readers — and even those who aren't regular readers — what they would like to see in their paper. Tell us what you like, what you don't like and what is important to you. The more we hear from you, the better able we'll be to provide you with a newspaper that best suits your needs.

I am eager to hear any input you have to offer. I prefer to receive your comments by email, which you can send to web@floydcountytimes.com, but I'll also be more than happy to take your calls at (606) 886-8506, or your letters at P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Guest Column

KCTCS alumni express satisfaction with education

by MICHAEL B. McCALL
PRESIDENT, KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Recent news articles addressing alumni satisfaction with postsecondary education primarily have focused on the commonwealth's esteemed universities.

Virtually overlooked in the discussion is a remarkable endorsement expressed by graduates of Kentucky community and technical colleges. A survey commissioned by the Council on Postsecondary

Education revealed the following facts:

- 69 percent of graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) would recommend their college to someone else - a rate that exceeded that of any university.

- 74 percent said their education prepared them for work, a higher percentage than at all public postsecondary institutions except one.

- 86 percent of KCTCS grads were satisfied with the quality of their teachers - a higher rate than at any public postsecondary institution.

- 74 percent expressed satisfaction with student services - again, a figure higher than that of any public postsecondary institution.

It's not just alumni who say that KCTCS colleges changed their lives - current students endorse the education they are receiving as well. A survey conducted last year showed that KCTCS students are significantly more satisfied with their educational experience than are students who attend two-year colleges across the nation.

While KCTCS and its colleges are responding to the needs of students, students are responding by enrolling in record numbers. Our enrollment this fall exceeded 63,000, which represents an increase of more than one-third since

1999.

Here's how are colleges are expanding options and opportunities to promote the success of students:

KCTCS provides ready access across the commonwealth to postsecondary education and workforce training. With 50 campuses, we are within easy reach of any Kentuckian and thousands of people who live in surrounding states. Our partnership with the Kentucky Virtual University gives KCTCS a 51st location in cyberspace.

KCTCS focuses on quality in the classroom. Our community colleges and technical colleges regularly go through an accreditation process that ensures excellence. KCTCS also continually assesses academic and technical programs to stay relevant to society and the workplace. The colleges in our system take pride in the personal attention that faculty members provide to students.

KCTCS is the best value in postsecondary education in Kentucky. While students receive a quality education at our colleges, they don't pay a premium price. And our statewide network of campuses allows students to take advantage of courses offered in many locations.

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Guest

KCTCS is responsive to the needs of students. Over the last three years, our colleges have established more than 450 new programs that culminate in certificates, diplomas or associate degrees. Some of the most popular programs offered by KCTCS colleges include nursing, office and computer skills, electronics and automotive technology.

KCTCS programs are relevant to the workplace. Our colleges assist students in preparing for every one of the hottest jobs in America (as defined by Money magazine) - exciting

careers in fields such as health care, computers and business.

KCTCS is education that pays. Two-thirds of the jobs created in Kentucky over the next five years are projected to require the type of postsecondary education and training that our colleges provide. The credential that our colleges typically confer upon graduates - the associate degree - pays off decade after decade. On average, an employee with an associate degree will earn in excess of a half-million dollars more over a lifetime than will a high school

dropout.

KCTCS is creating seamless partnerships across the commonwealth. Our single most popular program is liberal arts studies, through which students earn associate degrees and transfer with full credit to four-year universities. We are establishing relationships as well that allow secondary students to earn college credits before they finish high school.

By promoting student success, Kentucky's system of two-year colleges is working together to change lives, and the future of

the commonwealth, for the better.

KCTCS comprises 50 campuses that operate in 16 seamless districts. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning. For more information, visit www.kctcs.net.

Asteroid passes half-million miles from Earth days after discovery

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An asteroid large enough to wipe out France hurtled past the Earth at a distance of a half-million miles just days after scientists spotted it.

The asteroid, dubbed 2001 YB5, came within 520,000 miles of Earth on Monday, approximately twice the distance of the moon.

Dozens of asteroids pass close by the Earth each year, though 2001 YB5 was closer than most. On Friday, for instance, an asteroid known as 2001 UU92 will pass with 11 million miles of Earth.

Asteroid 2001 YB5, estimated to be 1,000 feet across, was traveling about 68,000 mph relative to the Earth when it zipped past.

"It's a fairly substantial rock. If it had hit us at that sort of speed, you would be taking out a medium-size country, France, I suppose, or Texas, or something of that order," said Jay Tate, director of the Spaceguard Centre in Wales.

Astronomers with the NASA's

Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking program discovered 2001 YB5 on Dec. 26. Soon after, astronomers calculated the asteroid's orbit and determined there was no danger it would strike Earth.

Had it been on a collision course, it would have created "one of the worst disasters in human history," said Steven Pravdo, the NEAT project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"What could we have done about it? The answer is not much," Pravdo said.

As astronomers become aware of more asteroids passing close to the Earth, they seek a standardized way of alerting the public to the hazard they might pose. Among programs already in place is the Spaceguard Centre's Comet and Asteroid Information Network, which began work Jan. 1.

Judge declines to take up redistricting

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A judge said Monday he is unwilling to get in the middle of the redistricting squabble that threatens to paralyze the General Assembly. And the legislature

appears ready to act, even if no real resolution seems likely anytime soon.

"I do not see at this point anything other than civic-minded anxiety, which may be well-founded, well-motivated and justifiable. But I do not see a case," said Franklin County

Circuit Judge William Graham.

Boundaries for electoral districts have to be drawn after every census to account for population changes and ensure that each person's vote is proportional. How and when the reapportionment takes place is much more than simple mathematics. The process often consumes the General Assembly, which draws its own representative and senatorial boundaries along with congressional district lines.

Former Kentucky Republican Chairman Robert Gable filed suits in state and federal courts in December seeking to set a deadline for the legislature to act or have the courts step in. The critical piece in the short-term is the Jan. 29 filing deadline for the May primaries, which the lawsuit also seeks to suspend.

The legislature, though, does not convene until Tuesday and, when boundaries were last drawn in 1996 it acted in the first seven days of the session.

Some activity could take place that quickly this week, but it could be of more political than practical significance.

House Speaker Jody Richards said two bills — one for the state House and Senate and another for congressional districts — will be introduced on Tuesday and could come to a floor vote as early as Friday.

The House can act because of the 66-34 numerical advantage held by Democrats. Senate Democrats, who hold only 18 of

the 38 Senate seats, have been counting on the House to protect their interests from the majority Senate Republicans.

Faced with a package that is halfway through the legislative process could force Republicans, who have made most of the noise for redistricting to take place quickly, to compromise more readily. Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has hinted there would be no legislation moving in the Senate until redistricting passes.

At the same time, though, Williams said it was insulting for the House to presume to pass a Senate redistricting bill.

Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, the GOP point man on redistricting, said Monday he is still unsure of strategy.

Robinson said there was a tentative agreement on redistricting among senators, a claim disputed by his Democratic counterpart, Sen. Ernesto Scorsone of Lexington.

"There was no agreement," Scorsone said.

Louisville attorney Victor Maddox, who is representing Gable, said courts have a duty to make sure that elections are held with due regard for the notion of one-person, one-vote. And Maddox indicated that if the state court declined to act, the suit would go off to the federal courts, where an identical case is pending.

Credit union members protected from losses that may come soon

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The more than 8,000 members of the Kentucky Employees Credit Union are protected from losses as the Frankfort savings and loan awaits a report from the company where funds were invested.

The credit union in Kentucky's capital city invested \$7.12 million with a failed Philadelphia firm and now faces a "worst case scenario." That would be insolvency and merger with another credit union if any loss exceeds its \$5.9 million in capital reserves.

Most of the more than 8,000 members of Kentucky Employees Credit Union are protected from losses, because each of their accounts is federally insured up to \$100,000.

Ella Robinson, state commissioner of financial institutions, said KECU is unlikely to become insolvent.

Federal regulators say they expect to recover at least 90 percent of the nearly \$320 million that Bentley Financial Services had invested for banks, credit unions and nonprofit groups before it was placed in receivership, Robinson said Monday.

KECU has about \$40 million in assets and primarily serves

state government employees.

Two other Kentucky credit unions, Metro Employees in Lexington and C&O United in Edgewood, also invested with Bentley. Executives of those two credit unions have declined to disclose the amounts, but Robinson said they were much smaller than KECU's investment and posed no threat to the survival of Metro or C&O.

Bentley had invested more than \$4 billion for 3,200 clients since 1986, records show. It went into receivership Oct. 24 after the company and its founder, Robert L. Bentley, were accused of fraud and securities violations.

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged that Bentley was selling uninsured "privately issued notes" to investors who were told the notes were federally insured.

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My parents were the late Orville and Myrtle Greene Rose of Hi Hat, KY. My father was a UMWA coal miner for over forty years, and my mother was a housewife.

I have two brothers, the Elder Orville Vernon Rose of Price, and Jim Rose of Caney Fork of Middle Creek. I have two sisters, Ms. Dimple Crawford of Hi Hat, and Ms Shirley Hall, formerly of Wheelwright, now living in Monticello.

My wife is the former Yulanda Lucas, of Ligon, and we have been married for thirty-three (33) years. We have three children, Brent Rose of Prestonsburg, Matthew Rose of Harold, and Launa Rose, a student at Eastern Kentucky University. We have two daughters-in-law, Amy Rose and Tina Rose, and one beautiful granddaughter, Anna Elizabeth Rose.

I was born and raised at Hi Hat, KY, and graduated from Wheelwright High School in 1964. I volunteered for the Army shortly after high school and served three years, one year of this being with the First (1st) Infantry Division (The Big Red One) in the Republic of Vietnam. While in Vietnam, I served as an Automatic Rifleman and Squad Leader in an Infantry Company. I was honorably discharged in 1967, with the rank of Sergeant, and began my career in law enforcement with the Lexington Police Department. In 1968, I joined the ranks of the Kentucky State Police, where I served for thirty-two (32) years.

My decision to leave retirement and seek the office of Sheriff in motivated solely by my distress over the ever-increasing crime and drug problems our communities are suffering from. I have the experience and commitment to make our county a better and more decent place. A place, where everyone is treated equally and with respect, and our families are protected from those who would do them harm by violence, theft or drug dealing.

I ask for your vote and support.

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Drug arrests made in Johnson

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Two suspected drug dealers were arrested hours apart Thursday, Jan. 3, in Johnson County, according to reports from the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

At approximately 5:51 p.m., Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten and deputies arrested Scott F. Moore, of Hager Hill, following a controlled buy set up by the sheriff's department.

Moore was arrested shortly after allegedly selling approximately one ounce of processed

marijuana, 16 Lorcet, nine Soma and eight Xanax tablets to an undercover informant during investigative efforts.

Witten and deputies, along with Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Hall, surrounded the location after the transaction took place, at which time Moore fled on foot, according to police, but was apprehended immediately afterwards in a thick, wooded area near the location.

Once placed in custody, Moore was transported to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, where he was lodged and charged with trafficking in less than eight ounces of marijuana, trafficking in a schedule II narcotic, two counts of trafficking in a schedule III narcotic and controlled substance not in original container.

Roughly two-and-a-half hours later, at 8:30 p.m. the same evening, Witten and accompany-

ing deputies, along with Hall and the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center's K9 Unit arrested a second Johnson County man, Paintsville resident Roger D. McGuire, as a result of an undercover drug investigation.

Like Moore, McGuire is accused of having sold prescription drugs — nine Lorcet tablets — to an undercover informant, which led police to initiate a search warrant at his residence on Main Street.

During their search, authorities discovered and confiscated 35 Lorcet tablets, wrapped in cellophane packaging, and the marked bills used during the controlled buy.

Canine handler Will Lampert and assistant Jeremy Cordial, using a dog named "Aston," proved helpful during the execution of the search warrant, finding two Lorcet tablets through their efforts.

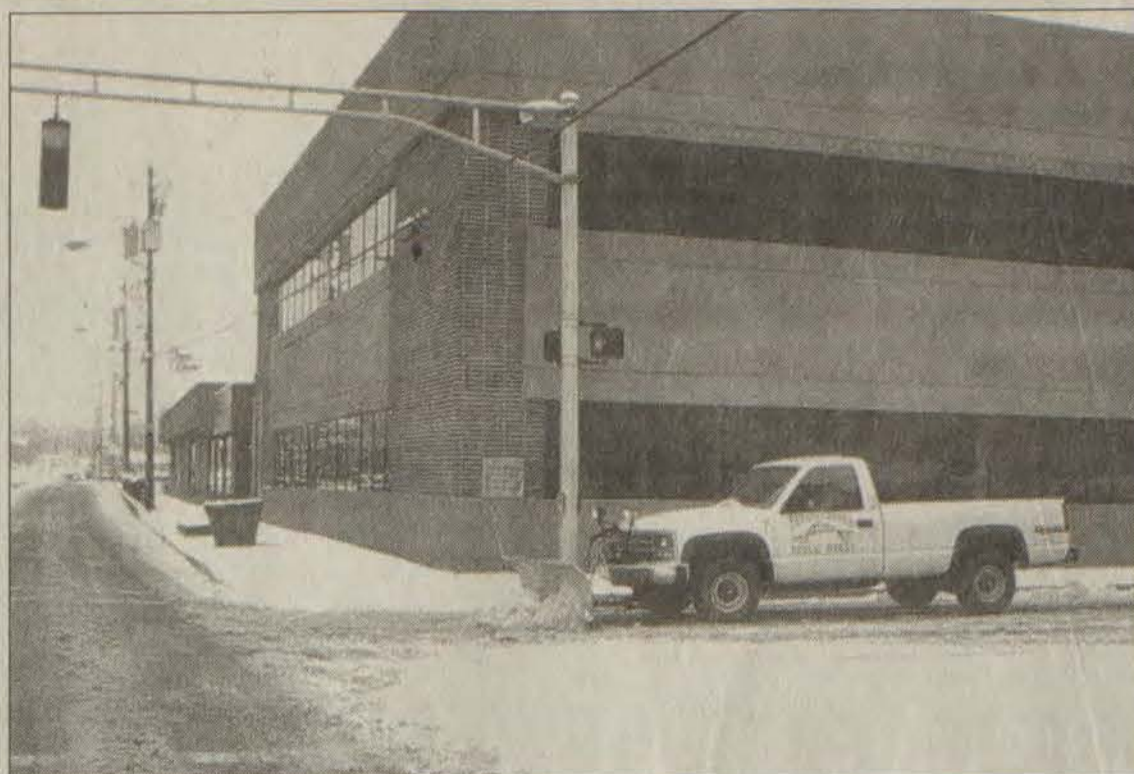


photo by Kathy J. Prater

The city of Prestonsburg's Public Works Department was hard at work early Sunday morning clearing streets of snow and ice. The predicted winter storm hit the city sometime after dawn, canceling many local church services and prompting early closings of local grocery stores and other business establishments.

Rosenberg

most respected lawyers in the mountains of Kentucky.

Bright, who teaches law at Harvard and Yale, often tells his students about the man who put aside lofty career ambitions and made a difference for the underprivileged in the mountains.

"He's had a much broader impact than just the region," Bright said. "John is known throughout the country. He has been an inspiration and a hero to a whole generation of public interest lawyers."

As director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, Rosenberg has helped to stop coal operators from strip mining private property without permission. That historically had been the norm in Kentucky where companies often owned the coal reserves beneath homesteads and were entitled to rip up the surface to get to the minerals. Rosenberg's legal aid group also took on the state park system to stop discrimination against blacks, and helped halt the federal government from building a dam that would have made the scenic Red River Gorge — a major tourist destination in Kentucky — the unseen floor of a lake.

Larry York of London heard about Rosenberg while a lawyer in training at the University of Kentucky. York, too, wanted to serve the poor, and he was awestruck by Rosenberg's John Wayne-like reputation.

"What I expected was some sort of giant, just from what I had heard," York said.

That's why York, now deputy director of the organization, was surprised by the lean, soft-spoken 5-foot-5-inch man he met

for a job interview at the Dairy Cheer in Prestonsburg in 1978.

"He reminds me of a bulldog on a bone," York said. "As a lawyer, once he gets hold of you, you're not going to be left alone. He's a really fine litigator."

Rosenberg was 6 years old in 1938 when he, his parents and younger brother were driven from their home next to the synagogue in Magdeburg, Germany. It was Kristallnacht — the "night of broken glass" when Nazis began destroying many of the things the Jews held sacred.

"We stood in the courtyard and watched as they went into the temple and brought out the Torahs and books, and built a bonfire with them," Rosenberg said. "I was just a child, holding onto my mother and father."

The next day, Rosenberg's father, Rudolph, a teacher, was taken to Buchenwald, one of the Nazis' most notorious concentration camps, where he was held for about a week until city officials and Jewish leaders were able to get him released.

The family fled to Holland and spent a year in a Dutch internment camp before making it to the United States. The family settled in North Carolina, where Rosenberg saw the injustices that blacks faced in the segregated South.

Before attending the University of North Carolina law school, Rosenberg did a four-year stint as an aviator in the Air Force. It was during that time, Rosenberg said, that his career choice was sealed. He was traveling by train with a black radar operator who was relegated by the societal norms

of the time to the rear compartment. Rosenberg was exasperated.

In 1962, he went to work in the civil rights division of the Justice Department, hoping to right such wrongs. He was assigned to a team of prosecutors that tackled one of the formative cases in the civil rights movement — the murders of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Miss.

After eight years, Rosenberg joined the Appalachian Research

and Defense Fund. With 28 lawyers now on staff, the organization handles a variety of cases, from helping residents avoid eviction from their homes to issues involving coal mine safety.

Every one of the organization's 120,000 cases, Rosenberg said, has been important, even those that affected only one person.

"If you are able to stop the foreclosure of a client's home, nothing is as important to that

person," he said.

In its heyday in 1981, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund had 48 lawyers. With reductions in federal funding for public interest law, the organization has had to cut 20 positions — leaving about one lawyer for every 9,000 Eastern Kentucky residents living below the federal poverty line.

Retirement, Rosenberg said, will allow him more time to lobby for more federal and state funding for legal services to the

poor. He said he also will continue taking some cases for the Appalachian Citizens Law Center, a newly formed public interest law firm in Prestonsburg that will concentrate on mining issues.

Rosenberg said he also will reflect on his career in Appalachia with pride.

"I've just been very fortunate to have a career in which I've been able to do some helpful work, providing equal access to justice for low-income folks."

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Seven more candidates file for next year's election

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

The pace of political filings picked up in the first full week following the holidays, even as debate in the state legislature cast the dates of the filing deadline and primary election into doubt.

A total of seven people filed to be candidates in next year's election, bringing the total number of people running so far to 48.

Included in the past week's filings was Jailer Roger Webb of Prestonsburg, who is seeking re-election. To gain another term, however, Webb will first have to fend off a primary election challenge.

Webb faces two challengers so far — Johnny Ray Pack of Drift and Lowell T. Samms Jr. of Banner.

Upon filing, Webb released a short statement, saying, "I am honored and proud to serve as jailer for the people of Floyd County, and with the help of my many friends, I hope to continue my work as jailer."

In fiscal court races, new candidates filed in three of four magisterial races on the

ballot.

In District, which has seen little action so far and none since mid-November, Bert Layne of Eastern threw his hat into the ring. Layne will face former Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens and Bobby Whitaker, both of Hueysville, in the May primary.

The remaining candidates to file for magistrate all filed for seats representing either District 3 or District 4, which have already attracted a multitude of candidates.

In District 3, Donald Meade of Drift filed to run for magistrate, becoming the seventh person to do so. He faces Clinis Hall of Drift, incumbent District 2 Commissioner Larry Foster Stumbo of McDowell, Roger Johnson of Bevinsville,

Russell Hamilton Jr. of Hi Hat, Michael "Sam" Newsome of Weeksbury and Glennis Ray Caudill of Melvin.

The race for magistrate in District 4 attracted two new candidates — Den Hunter of Harold and Gary Ray Jarrell of Dana. They face six others in that contest, including Paul D. Tackett of Teaberry, incumbent District 3 Commissioner Ernal Tackett of Harold, Derek Kane Hale of Betsy Layne, Paul Stilton of Betsy Layne, Marty Keith Hamilton of Betsy Layne and Vickie Hamilton Bryant of Beaver.

One race saw its first candidate file, that of District 1 constable, Billy Ray Jarvis of Prestonsburg filed for that office on Monday.

Finally, the city of

Prestonsburg gained its second early filer for the next fall's city council race. Carolyn Ford filed her candidacy papers on Monday. The only other person to file for that eight-person panel has been incumbent Roy Lee Compton.

The deadline for candidates to file is currently Jan. 29, but that could change as the result of a bill filed Tuesday in the General Assembly.

Because of the controversy surrounding the redrawing of legislative districts (see story, this page), Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, has offered a bill that would delay the filing deadline for this year's primary from Jan. 29 to April 15. Under his proposal, the primary itself would move from May 28 to June 18.

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Sparks

Senate Republicans countered that if the House proceeds, they might tinker with House districts on their own. The result would likely be gridlock and courts drawing new district boundaries for the legislature.

If nothing can be done, Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, offered a bill that would delay the filing deadline for this year's primary from Jan. 29 to April 15 and the primary itself from May 28 to June 18.

The Senate, which teeters on a 20-18 Republican advantage, broke out into a partisan fight almost immediately after the session began at noon.

At issue was the Senate Education Committee, which for a time was evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats. That was before Republicans gained control, and the committee's makeup now is 7-6 Republican.

Democrats on Tuesday tried to have the Senate's operating rules written to require an even split once again. The Senate should "institutionalize bipartisanship on schools," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington. Senate President David Williams blocked Scorsone's proposed rule change. Scorsone appealed Williams' ruling, which had to be put to a vote of the full Senate. Williams, R-

Burkesville, was upheld on a party line vote, 20-18.

"It's not fair and it's not a good note to start the Senate on," Scorsone said.

Williams said Democrats needed to get accustomed to Republican control. "They're having majority withdrawal," he said.

Redistricting, though, has the attention of nearly every legislator.

House Republican leader Jeff Hoover, of Jamestown, said he has not seen details, but believes the House plan would place four GOP incumbents into districts with other Republican legislators — Bob Heleringer and Ron Crimm in Jefferson County and Johnnie Turner and Howard Cornett in the Harlan-Letcher counties area.

"I think we'll fight it with all we've got," Cornett said.

Cornett said the House Democratic redistricting plan would divide more counties than necessary. The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled after the 1990 redistricting that a minimum number of counties should be split among districts.

The one plan that did actually make it onto paper Tuesday would redraw Kentucky's six congressional districts to keep up with population shifts.

The plan, sponsored by Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, reverses a long tradition and would take Daviess and Hancock counties from the 2nd District and place them in the 1st District. In exchange, Allen, Monroe, Cumberland and Adair

counties would go into the 2nd District. Russell and Clinton counties would go into the 5th District.

The 2nd District would also pick up Lincoln, Boyle and most of Garrard counties, which are now in the 6th District.

The 3rd District would remain entirely within Jefferson County. The leftover portions of Jefferson County would remain in the 2nd District, as now.

The Democratic plan differs markedly from the one preferred by the Republican-dominated congressional delegation. Third District Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., wants to pick up part of Oldham County.

Rep. Ed Whitfield, whose 1st District would be most changed, said Monday he might not like it, but there is little he can do about it.

"What my thoughts are on redistricting are inconsequential because I simply don't have any input in it," Whitfield said in a telephone interview.

Geveden, chairman of the House State Government Committee that will get first crack at redistricting, said the congressional plan is compact and constitutional.

While some counties are split, notably Grayson, Garrard, Menifee and Shelby, the six districts vary from the mathematical ideal by no more than seven votes. Alternatively, the plan preferred by congressional Republicans vary more than 5,000 from the ideal population.

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Water

have done a fine job in making progress toward this goal." The court, hearing the request, readily agreed with the two legislators' intentions to lobby for the tax to be put to use for waterline extensions.

"Yes, we would like to request that you pursue this with all vigor," said Thompson, who added that the court is currently awaiting word on an additional \$2 million bond anticipation note that would further help to continue work

throughout the county. Stumbo and Turner will both draft letters to Patton concerning the funding, they said, which will highlight the fiscal court's "massive project to provide drinking water" throughout the county as well as pointing out Patton's interest and commitment to extending water lines to every Kentuckian as part of his administration.

With 65 percent of the appropriated funding, or approximately \$1.2 million, slated for county

water expansion and upgrade, there would be 35 percent, or \$665,000, which would be available for use in other areas.

Thompson, Stumbo and Turner met briefly after the meeting Monday to discuss where the additional 35 percent could best be used in terms of county projects, but were unsure at the time of tentative plans.

"We've still not talked much about what we're going to do with the additional 35 percent," said

Thompson. "We'll have to get with Greg (Stumbo) and Johnny Ray (Turner) here and see what might be done. There will be a lot of people who will need the money, but as of right now, we don't know what we're going to do with it."

During Monday's meeting, the fiscal court also:

- Issued a second reading of an ordinance relating to an amendment of the annual budget for unbudgeted receipts for a bond anticipation note for water lines in

the amount of \$2,001,147.47 and an additional \$160,845.95 from FEMA for road materials.

■ Authorized Thompson to issue a check for rental payment to Transamerica Public Finance for 4117,045.73 for continued work on projects for the upgrade and expansion of the water system projects in Jacks Creek, Abner Mountain and Branham's Creek.

■ Repealed a 1995 resolution limiting the term of county road supervisor to a two year term and adjusted current road supervisor Mike Jarrell's term to a four-year, retroactive term dating back to last January, giving Jarrell three more years under his current contract.

All members of the fiscal court were present or represented during Monday's meeting.

Local board to decide how to spend emergency food money

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Gwen Hall, chair of Floyd County's Emergency Food and Shelter Board, will soon find herself helping organize a group faced with the task of determining where recent funds awarded to the county by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board will be given.

The Floyd County board announced Monday that \$20,569 had been awarded for use throughout the year, a figure that Hall said is significant, but is less than the amount given last year.

"Although Congress again appropriated \$140 million nationwide as it did last year, Floyd County's portion is \$5,947 less than it was in 2001," said Hall. "Awards are based on relative unemployment rates and apparently other parts of the country are having unemployment and poverty problems similar to or worse than ours."

A newly-convened, local board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the various Floyd County agencies that may be eligible for funding. Members of the board include Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, or his designee, who has been in recent years Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis, as well as local repre-

sentatives of national social service agencies.

In addition, interested citizens are offered the chance to serve. To do so they need only contact Hall to volunteer services by calling 874-9170.

Under the terms of the national board's grant, local organizations chosen to receive funds must be private, voluntary non-profit organization or units of government, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, and have the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs. In addition, the prospective agencies must have a voluntary board if a private voluntary organization.

How the money will be utilized could be the most important detail to determine even before disbursements are considered, according to the county board. In order to develop a more precise picture of where needs may exist, an assessment of local needs was conducted by the Phase 12 county board. Those assessments found that 92 percent of the awarded money will be spent on food, 6 percent will be set aside for meeting shelter needs and the remaining 2 percent will be used for administration.

Last year some organizations who were successful in receiving portions of the funding were St. Vincent's Mission, the Mud Creek Community Health Corporation, the Christian Service Ministry, the

Wayland United Methodist Church Food Pantry, the Betsy Layne Church of God Bread of Life Food Pantry and the Garrett Church of God Food Bank, among several others.

Agencies who would like to apply to receive food and shelter funds should do so by contacting Hall at 874-9170 for an application packet. Completed applications are due by 3 p.m. Thursday,

Jan. 17, and can be dropped off or mailed to the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office at 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Individual funding awards for the organizations who have applied will be determined by the local board at a public meeting to be held Friday, Jan. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Martha Church in Prestonsburg.

Sweep

But Rose claims Blackburn's role in the roundup was much smaller and included no investigative work, saying that Blackburn had been contacted by state police officials and asked only to help serve warrants and provide manpower during the roundup.

"What I'm doing — and I'm doing this honest and above board with the good people of Floyd County in running this race — I'm telling them that my number one priority is drugs and the reason for it is that the sheriff's department is not addressing the problem," said Rose. "And he's not — according to what I'm getting from the circuit court records ... but these articles come out and it looks like I'm lying to the people and I'm not

lying to the people ... It's not accurate and that reflects on my credibility."

In comments Monday, Blackburn said that his office had no part in actually "making buys" during the investigation, but did help in serving warrants and on a number of occasions engaged with at least one undercover KSP officer in discussions directly related to the investigation.

"I had talked with (officer's name omitted) about some cases," said Blackburn. "We had talked before ... I had showed him some places he could make buys, but as far as going out and making buys — no. We did help on the drug roundup, on the warrants and so forth. I don't know whether or not you'd call all that a part of the investigation or not, but it sounds like to me this is just a political thing. I've always worked well with the state police, and I have no complaints."

During post-roundup interviews in August, former Post 9 Captain Mike Luttrell characterized the investigation as a joint effort between the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Unit and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. However, in press releases from KSP Post 9 in Pikeville after the August roundup, no mention was made of the sheriff's department, other than to explain that the office had provided manpower during the arrests.

Luttrell, who has since been made Captain of KSP Post 13 in Hazard, could not be reached for comment to better explain his inclusion of the sheriff's department during those post-roundup interviews in August.

Snow

None of those travelers were on their way to school Monday morning as the blanket of wet, heavy snow forced school cancellations countywide. Both private and public schools throughout the county were closed Monday morning, many having called off classes as early as Sunday afternoon due to the mounting accumulation.

Despite police records reflecting no accidents occurring since early Sunday morning, reports from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet did note that by Sunday afternoon there had been accidents along U.S. 23 at Dorton in Pike County and on Route 80 near Martin, as well as reports of several vehicles spinning out of control in neighboring counties.

The Transportation Cabinet advised motorists to stay home Sunday, warning travelers that approximately a half-inch of ice had formed beneath the snow, adding that even highway department drivers who were traveling roadways with snowplows and salt trucks were using extreme caution.

Those road crews worked all night Sunday, according to cabinet spokesperson Sara George, and were still busy Monday morning as more snow and ice fell.

"The snowfall started again heavy about 2 o'clock this morning and right now it's still snowing pretty good in Floyd, Letcher and Pike counties," said Tim Dye, point man at Highway District 12's headquarters in Pikeville. "Our crews have fought all night just to keep the A and B roads passable and they will work around the clock throughout this winter storm."

Snowfighter team members at District 12 have worked split shifts since the storm began earlier in the week, rotating in 12-hour shifts to keep fresh teams available.

With those efforts, the highway department was able, for the most part, to clear or make passable, most of the primary and secondary roads throughout the county. With the new snowfall Monday morning, teams remained busy attempting to

keep those roads clear and, as a result, have not been able to give a great deal of attention to off roads, or C roads, which remain hazardous for travel, according to reports from the Transportation Cabinet.

District 12 had, as of Monday, over 200 local men and women working to keep the district's 69 snowplows working 24 hours a day for the duration of the storm.

Dye reminded those who must travel to practice patience with snowplows or other equipment they meet along the way.

"The operators of these vehicles are making it possible for you to get through," said Dye. "And for your safety and theirs, we ask motorists not to pass a snowplow or in any way challenge the snowplow operator. To do a proper job, these vehicles must travel at specific speeds and in certain patterns."

Jerry D. Lowe, point man for District 12's Operations Command Center in Pikeville, also warned drivers to watch for

trees and power lines that may fall due to the weight of the snow as afternoon turns to evening and snow accumulation takes it toll.

"This is a heavy, wet snow," said Lowe, "and that means tonight we could have problems with tree limbs breaking and power lines under the weight of the snow."

In the first full day of the snow storm, the Transportation Cabinet dispensed 190 tons of salt and 1,400 gallons of liquid calcium to area roads, said George, who added that those figures were probably a little below average, due to the fact that weather conditions have not been exceedingly cold during the course of the storm.

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

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Obituaries

Christine Rosetta "Black" Stewart

Christine Rosetta "Black" Stewart, age 79, of McDowell, Ky., wife of Revella F. Stewart, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2002, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard, Ky., following an extended illness.

She was born June 28, 1922, in Minnie, Ky., the daughter of the late Ellis V. Martin and Virda Martin. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, Thornton Union.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Larry Delmas Stewart of McDowell, Ky., Revella Dean Stewart of Jacksonville, Fla., Benjie Ellis Stewart of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother, Wendell Martin of Prestonsburg, Ky., seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Johnny Martin, and one sister, Anna Rose Little.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the clergyman, Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Dode Calhoun

Dode Calhoun, 94, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Sunday, January 6, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on November 9, 1907, in Boyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late Bill and Agnes Scott Calhoun. He was a retired coal miner. He was a member of New Hope United Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky., and a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Wills Calhoun.

Survivors include four sons, Doug Calhoun of Warsaw, Ind., Clarence Calhoun of Sidney, Ohio, David Calhoun, and Wallace Calhoun, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; four daughters, Donna Jean Muncy, Mary Agnes Dawson, Patricia Gibson, and Beulah Seals, all of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Wallace Calhoun of Prestonsburg, Ky.; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Bill Calhoun, and Gordon Calhoun; one brother, Denver Calhoun; two sisters, Mima Dickerson, and Stella Stephens.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Brothers Reubin Lycans, Chester Adkins, and Wallace Calhoun officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Randall Calhoun, Greg Calhoun, Jimmy Seals, Charlie Burns, Steve Parsell, Don Patton, John Calhoun, Larry Nelson, and Wallace Jr. Calhoun. (Paid obituary)

Christopher Alan Ratliff

Christopher Alan Ratliff, 38, of Delaware, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Ky., died Friday, January 4, 2002, at his residence in Delaware, Ohio, following a sudden illness.

Born on August 25, 1963, at Pikeville, Ky., he was the son of Wayne Wendell and Sonja Ratliff Ousley of Allen, Ky., and Carolyn Cerneus and Roger Smith of Aurora, Ill. He was a mechanical engineer for Honda.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Stephens Ratliff.

Other survivors include one son, Zachary Ryan Ratliff of Delaware, Ohio; one daughter, Emily Nicole Ratliff of Delaware, Ohio; paternal grandparents, Ethel May Ratliff and the late Wayne Ratliff of Allen, Ky.; maternal grandparents, Goldie Emerine and the late Joe Emerine of Louisville, Ky.; step-grandparents, Lucille Ousley of Allen, Ky. and the late Curtis Ousley; one brother, Wayne Ratliff III of Charleston, West Virginia; father- and mother-in-law, Ernest Stephens and the late Ruth Ann Stephens; one half-sister, Monica Purdo of Sarasota, Florida.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 7, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Rev. James Harmon officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Ratliff Children Scholarship Fund at Citizen National Bank.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Dixie Watts Johnson

Dixie Watts Johnson, age 93, of Hueysville, Ky., widow of Mosey Johnson, passed away Thursday, January 3, 2002, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, Ky., following an extended illness.

She was born August 17, 1908, in Garner, Ky.; the daughter of the late John Watts and Rosie Short Watts. She was a owner and operator of the Johnson Cash Store, Garrett, Ky., from 1937-1976.

Survivors include one son, Ralph Johnson of Eastern, Ky.; one daughter, Aileen Osborne of Hueysville, Ky.; two sisters, Lovella Johnson and Violet Carson, both of Milan, Ind., 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Farris Johnson, Grayson Johnson, and one daughter, Barbara Johnson Turner.

Funeral services for Dixie Watts Johnson were conducted Sunday, January 6, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed in the Johnson Cemetery, Hueysville, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Michael Johnson, Rodney Osborne, Ronnie Johnson, Paul Jeffrey Johnson, David Johnson, James Fairis Johnson, James Robert Turner, and Bee Hall.

Honorary: Matthew Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Jason Osborne, Jeremy Osborne, and Jordan Osborne. (Paid obituary)

Opal Marie Orsborn Greer

Opal Marie Orsborn Greer, 81, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Thursday, January 3, 2002, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born April 22, 1920, in Martin, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Hiram Orsborn and Nannie Hamilton Orsborn. She was a former nurse for Dr. George P. Archer, M.D., a member of the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky.; and Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Shannon Greer, June 22, 2001.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Jo (Dr. Alan) Hyden of Prestonsburg, Ky.; two sisters, Geneva Boyd of Huntsville, Ala., Mary Ellen Osborne of Roseville, Mich.; two grandsons, Seth (Amy) Hyden, and Josh Hyden; one granddaughter, Kate Hyden; one great-grandson, Jake Hyden.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 5, 2002, at 11:00 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Randy Polk and Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky.

Active pallbearers: Josh Hyden, Seth Hyden, Dr. Alan Hyden, John Greer Hunt, John Earl Hunt, Robbie Risner, James DeRossett, Glenn David May, David A. Layne, and Johnny Burke Jr.

Honorary pallbearers: Dewey Greer, Donald Hunt, Joe T. Hyden II, James Reed, Brent Reed, Estill Carter, Paul Nunn and Louie P. Lafferty. (Paid obituary)

Helen Prater

Helen Prater, age 85, of Hueysville, Ky., widow of Temp Prater, passed away Friday, January 4, 2002, at the Crestmark of Rose Lawn, Rose Lawn, Indiana.

She was born December 17, 1916, in Hueysville, Ky., the daughter of the late Oak Cooley and Rosetta Osborne Cooley. She was a former cook for the Floyd County School System, and was a member of the Bethel Regular Baptist Church, Maytown, Ky.

Survivors include three sons, Gene R. Prater of Prestonsburg, Ky., Charles Walker Prater of Langley, Ky., Darwin Prater of Inez, Ky.; three daughters, Loretta Frasure of Crown Point, Ind., Erma Jackson of Eastern, Ky., Diana Watts of Hueysville, Ky.; three brothers, Toby Cooley and Iris Cooley, both of Hippo, Ky., Dorlan Cooley of Hueysville, Ky.; one sister, Geneva Prater of Hueysville, Ky., 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Helen Prater were conducted Monday, January 7, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Pallbearers: Tom Pritt, Matthew Pritt, Joshua Pritt, Jacob Pritt, Steve Prater, Josh Martin, Jeremy Nichols, Tyler Adkins, and Kevin Frasure. (Paid obituary)

Mary Magdaline Osborne

Mary Magdaline Osborne, age 64, of Eastern, Ky., wife of Romie Gene Osborne, passed away Monday, January 7, 2002, at her residence in Eastern.

She was born September 13, 1937, in Martin, Ky., the daughter of the late Denver Amburgey and Oma Melton Amburgey Mullins.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra McGarey and Debbie Steffey, both of Eastern, Ky.; one sister, Martha Combs of Raven, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Derek Kyle McGarey, and Ashley Nicole Steffey.

Funeral services for Mary Osborne will be conducted Thursday, January 10, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Clergyman Gary Mitchell officiating.

Burial will follow in the Osborne Cemetery, Eastern, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Sharon R. Casebolt

Sharon R. Casebolt, 45, of Wayland, Ky., died Sunday, January 6, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on May 18, 1956, at Glo, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Okie Collier Sr. and Leavodis Williams Collier. She was a homemaker and a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Rickey Casebolt.

Other survivors include one son, Eric Shane Casebolt of Wayland, Ky.; one daughter, Leavodis Ann Casebolt of Wayland, Ky.; six brothers, Ronnie Collier of Columbus, Ohio, Charles Collier of Rock Camp, Ohio, Robert Collier of Stone, Ky., Bill Collier of Wayland, Ky., Johnnie Collier and Denver Collier, both of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Allene Amburgey of Shelby, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lou Stone, Jaculene Collier; and one brother, Okie Collier Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Estill, Ky., with James (Red) Morris officiating.

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

Visitation is at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

Vicki Watkins

Vicki Watkins, age 53, of Worthington, Ky., formerly of Harold, Ky., passed away Sunday, January 6, 2002, at her residence in Worthington.

She was born February 4, 1948, in Harold, Ky., the daughter of Ezella Boyd Watkins of Worthington, Ky., and the late Oscar Watkins.

Vicki was a bookkeeper and was a member of the Vogel-Day United Methodist Church, Harold, Ky.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one sister, Nina Watkins of Worthington, Ky., and two aunts, Addie Bea Hall of Harold, Ky.; and Arcolas Allen of Banner, Ky.

Funeral services for Vicki Watkins will be conducted Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the clergyman, Dennis Love, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Alice V. Williams

Alice V. Williams, age 84, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Sunday, January 7, 2002, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., after an extended illness.

She was born October 21, 1917, at Betsy Layne, Ky., a daughter of the late O.J. and Oneida (Howse) Williams. She was a teacher and librarian at Betsy Layne High School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Prestonsburg, Ky.

She is survived by one son, John Stewart of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Jackie Collins of Toledo, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 11 a.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Wendy's founder Dave Thomas dies at home in Florida, company says

by MARK WILLIAMS
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dave Thomas, the portly pitcher whose homespun ads built Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers into one of the world's most successful fast-food enterprises, died Tuesday of liver cancer. He was 69.

Thomas died around midnight at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the company said.

Thomas had been undergoing kidney dialysis since early 2001 and had quadruple heart bypass surgery in December 1996.

"He was the heart and soul of our company. He had a passion for great tasting hamburgers, and devoted his life to serving customers great food and helping those less fortunate in his community," said Jack Schuessler, chairman and chief executive of Wendy's,

based in the Columbus suburb of Dublin.

The founder and senior chairman of Wendy's International became a household name when he began pitching his burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989. The smiling Thomas, always wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and red tie, touted the virtues of fast-food in more than 800 humorous ads, sometimes featuring stars such as bluesman B.B. King and soap opera queen Susan Lucci.

"As long as it works, I'll continue to do the commercials," Thomas said in a 1991 interview. "When it's not working any longer, then I'm history."

Industry analysts and company officials said the ads helped the company rebound from a difficult period in the mid-1980s when earnings sank.

"He's given Wendy's a cor-

porate identity ... a down-homey type image. The lack of sophistication is a real benefit for the company," Diane Mustain, a financial analyst, said in 1991.


"Although Dave was wildly popular, he was never very comfortable as a celebrity. He kept reminding us he was simply a hamburger cook," Schuessler said.

But burgers weren't his first love. Thomas, who was adopted as an infant, became a national advocate for adoption.

He created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a not-for-profit organization focused on raising public awareness of adoption. The profits from his books, "Dave's Way" and "Well Done!" go to the foundation.

He once testified before a Congressional committee

(See DAVE, page eleven)

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Study says nearly all Kentucky private schools out of reach

Some schools say report is misleading

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A report that tries to build a case for more state and federal aid to students says most of Kentucky's private colleges are priced beyond the reach of low- and median-income students.

The exceptions are Berea

College and Mid-Continent College, the latter a comparatively new institution in Graves County. Mid-Continent was listed as "affordable" for median-income adults. It was rated "affordable with loans" for low-income adults and for low- and median-income students dependent on parental support.

All of Kentucky's public universities were classified as affordable to low-income students. Only four other states got such a rating.

The report, by the year-old Lumina Foundation for Education, based in Indianapolis, belies what private schools do to bring down costs, said Gary Cox, director of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities.

The schools annually hand out about \$90 million of aid on their own in discounts, grants and work-study jobs, Cox said. "Our folks work so hard at making our schools affordable," he said.

Among those most indignant about the report were officials at Alice Lloyd College at Pippa Passes in Knott County.

Only a fraction of students pay tuition, according to the college. The average student pays less than \$1,100 per year — mostly fees for parking, insurance, Internet service and the like. Yet, the report rates Alice Lloyd "unaffordable" for dependent students and "affordable with loans" for adults.

"I don't think they're taking into account the kinds of grants and packages we're putting

together for students," spokeswoman Stephanie Damron said in a telephone interview.

Of Alice Lloyd's 565 students this year, all but 17 paid no tuition, she said. They were covered by a tuition grant that is automatically available to students from 108 Appalachian counties in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, Damron said.

"We will not turn someone away because they cannot afford to pay. We will find a way for them to come to school," Damron said.

The Lumina Foundation report says ratings are based on a formula. The report used 1998 federal statistics on income, enrollment and financial aid, among others.

In Alice Lloyd's case, the report assumed a cost of \$11,555 to educate one student for a year. Rolled into that figure were tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies and transportation costs. Maximum aid to a student totaled \$10,694, leaving a difference of \$861, according to the foundation.

For all private colleges in Kentucky, the median "cost of attendance" was \$15,421 per student in the 2000-2001 academic year, according to figures from Cox's association. The actual cost usually is lower, often drastically lower, according to the association.

However, 54 percent of freshmen took out loans that averaged \$3,017 in the 1999-2000 year, the most recent available from the association.

Girls and Boys Town offering patriotism books to schools

by MARGERY BECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOYS TOWN, Neb. — A national institution for wayward children is planning a new workbook featuring speeches and biographies of American icons to help schools teach patriotism in the classroom.

Geared toward students in grades seven through 12, the book by Girls and Boys Town will be touted as a teaching tool this spring in a brochure that will be sent to 112,000 school systems across the nation.

"After Sept. 11, a lot of educators had looked at what they were doing and said 'This isn't working very well, is it?'" said the Rev. Val Peter, who leads the institution started by Father Edward Flanagan in 1917 and made famous by the 1938 film "Boys Town."

Because of the terrorist

attacks, patriotism is being stressed in the classroom for the first time in decades. Education boards from Virginia to Washington state are calling on schools to incorporate the Pledge of Allegiance in their daily activities. In Nebraska, the state Board of Education recently renewed a 1949 requirement for schools to teach the lyrics to patriotic songs and reverence to the American flag.

The first 3,000 copies of "The Girls and Boys Town Book on Patriotism" will be the basis of a new class offered this spring at the institute's 13 campuses from Los Angeles to New York. More books will be printed and distributed to other schools for \$3.95 each.

The book's first image is a photo of teen-agers wearing labels showing their ethnic backgrounds — African-

American, Mexican-American, Japanese-American. Above them are the words, "Before September 11, 2001."

In a second photo, they all bear the same label — American.

The 76-page book features brief biographies of Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and includes comments from former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani at the site of the World Trade Center.

It also includes snippets on Adolf Hitler, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin and Cambodian prime minister Pol Pot.

"We wanted to spell out the difference between healthy patriotism and patriotism gone awry," said Tom Dowd, the institution's curriculum training specialist, who helped develop the book.

Thirty-one pages are set aside for student writings, prompted by a range of questions, including the definition of a hero and of a unified country.

"There is a time for everything under heaven, and this is a time for patriotism," Peter said.

State gets 'A' for school accountability effort

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky got an "A" for its learning standards and school accountability on a state-by-state comparison of public schooling released Monday.

It was part of an annual "report card" by Education Week. Two other states — Maryland and New York — also got A's for standards and accountability.

Each was cited for having "clear and specific standards" for what students at different levels are expected to know in core academic subjects and for holding schools accountable.

Kentucky's other grades were lower: a B-minus for adequacy of funding, C-plus for equity of funding and a C-minus for improving teacher quality.

The report — Quality Counts 2002 — shows Kentucky spending an average of \$7,639 per student, which was \$560 above the national average. Comparatively affluent districts skew the average, however. Statewide, only two students in five is in a district in which per-pupil expenditures equal or exceed the national average.

As for equity of funding from district to district, Kentucky was tied for ninth among the 50 states and District of Columbia — even at C-plus.

Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross said complained that "we don't get any credit for how far we've come" in school funding. "Twelve years ago, we didn't

have equity in this state," she said — a reference to a lawsuit by "property poor" districts that led to the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990.

On teacher quality, Kentucky was marked down because its teacher certification requirements are not as extensive as those in some other states. Beginning teachers have to pass written exams. After that, a local team evaluation is required for the second stage of certification.

The report also noted that Kentucky requires no clinical training beyond student teaching and that its teacher training programs are not held accountable for teachers' assessment scores.

No state was given an A in the category. Of six states above Kentucky, Arkansas includes classroom observation as part of its assessment. North Carolina and Connecticut include videotaped lessons and portfolios.

The report also examined "early learning," covering day care, preschool and kindergarten. It singled out Kentucky and four other states — Texas, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey — for "paying for large-scale initiatives aimed at reaching as many 4-year-olds as possible, especially those from poor families."


The report also identified Kentucky as one of 13 states that require children to attend kindergarten. Three-fourths of the state's elementary schools offer all-day kindergarten, though the state pays only for a half-day program, the report noted.

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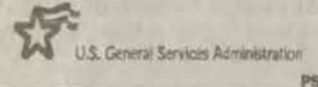
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Dave

about the importance of creating incentives for adoption.

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Born July 2, 1932, Thomas was 12 when he got his first restaurant job — as a counter-man in Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1956, he was working at a barbecue restaurant in Fort Wayne, Ind., when Col. Harland Sanders of KFC fame stopped in on a promotional tour. Thomas's boss bought a KFC franchise, and six years later, Thomas came to Columbus to take over four

failing Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

He sold them back to the founder in 1968 for \$1.5 million, making him a millionaire at 35.

He opened his first Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in Columbus a year later. He named the restaurant after his 8-year-old daughter Melinda Lou, nicknamed Wendy by her sibs.

The chain now has 6,000 restaurants worldwide. In 1996, Wendy's acquired the Canadian-based Tim Hortons, the coffee and fresh-baked goods chain which has grown to more than 2,000 stores. Both have combined sales of

more than \$8 billion.

Thomas was a forgiving businessman.

The city of Philadelphia in 1994 wanted to fine Wendy's \$98,400, claiming the restaurant was selling quarter-pounders that were up to a quarter of an ounce short. The city later announced it made an error and withdrew the fine.

"I understand what happened," said Thomas, who visited the city shortly after the controversy. "Things happen. Mistakes happen. As far as we're concerned, we just want to go to the future. A bright future."

He tried to retire in 1982, but came back in 1989.

"They took the focus off the consumer," he said of the executives who took over the company.

Despite his success, it wasn't until 1993 that Thomas earned a high school equivalency certificate.

That year, he told 2,500 Columbus public school seniors his biggest mistake was not finishing high school.

"We have 4,000 restaurants today, but if I had gotten my high school diploma, we might have 8,000," he said.

*Associated Press Writer
Kate Roberts
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Transportation Department to begin study to encode data on driver's licenses

by TED BRIDIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government is working with the states to develop a new generation of drivers' licenses that could be checked anywhere and would contain electronically stored information such as fingerprints for the country's 184 million licensed drivers.

Privacy experts fear the effort may lead to national identification cards that would allow authorities to track citizens electronically, a backdoor way to establish federal ID cards despite strong opposition from many Americans.

Supporters said it was predictable after Sept. 11, and after a briefly raucous debate over U.S. identity cards, that officials would turn to improving existing identification systems. With careful use, they say, these new licenses could alert authorities to an attempt by a suspected terrorist to board an airliner, withdraw cash or enter the country.

Under instructions from Congress, the Transportation Department is expected to develop rules for states to encode data onto drivers' licenses to prevent criminals from using them as false identification. Under a national standard, a license from California could be verified and recorded using equipment in

Texas or Florida.

In a report accompanying spending legislation, Congress told the department it would strongly encourage officials there to develop guides quickly with states for electronically storing information on licenses. "This could benefit the nation's efforts to improve security," lawmakers wrote, and could cut down on financial fraud and underage drinking.

Transportation officials told The Associated Press the department's new security administration probably will take charge of the project, still in its early stages. Already, 37 states store information on licenses electronically, often using bar codes or magnetic stripes, but few are known to have included fingerprints or imprints of retinal- or facial-scans. Georgia, for example, includes a digital thumbprint on its licenses.

"What you're seeing here is sort of a hardening of the driver's license that could lead to development of a national ID system without creating a national ID card," said Marc Rotenberg, head of the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

"If they start scanning these things, they can track where I go," said Richard Smith, former chief technology officer for the Privacy Foundation, an advocacy

organization in Denver. "If we do this, come up with a national standard, there's no difference between a driver's license and a national ID card."

Nathan Root, standards director for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, said, "When you look at the expense of improving what we have already versus implementing a new national ID document, the hassle and expense just don't compare." He said, "It would be a better idea just to work with what we have."

The association, based in Arlington, Va., has already developed detailed guides for storing information on licenses. Its current rules do not require states to include biometric data, such as fingerprints or retinal scans, but that could change. "It was not practical, not before Sept. 11," Root said. "It wasn't popular to include anything like that."

The association represents all the state motor vehicle agencies in the United States and Canada and counts as associate members the U.S. and Mexican governments.

Privacy experts said a broadly adopted new standard for machines to check state ID cards could allow authorities easily to track citizens nationwide, using state licenses people already carry.

"The debate after Sept. 11

showed that Americans are instinctively suspicious of a single federally issued card, but they might be more sympathetic to identifications issued by businesses or perhaps states," said Jeffrey Rosen, a leading privacy expert and associate law professor at George Washington University.

Even supporters admit the impact of a national tracking network could be significant, especially if groups as diverse as retailers, sports stadiums, banks and movie theaters begin to demand ID checks using licenses.

"They're giving these systems too much credit in even assuming that somebody would be able and interested to track everybody's whereabouts and doings," Root said. He said, however, that critics' warnings "aren't totally without merit. There should be some controls placed, some kind of accountability."

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Red Cross moves to new location

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

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PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info, call 886-2668.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) January, February and March. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

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Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2955.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pke-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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Program for disadvantaged contractors shows little results

The Associated Press
 FRANKFORT — A state program for minority- and female-owned road contractors has done little to help businesses build independence from the program since it was begun in 1983. Only two Kentucky companies have gotten enough business to go out on their own, and both re-

entered the program after business dropped off. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, under which \$37 million in state roadwork was awarded in the fiscal year ending June 30, is intended to make participating firms successful enough to "graduate" from it. In 1999, two longtime firms in the program — Matsuda Inc. of

Bullitt County and H&G Construction of Lyon County — graduated when their gross receipts exceeded the program's limit, then a \$16.6 million average per year over the most recent three years. The limit has since increased to \$17.4 million. The following year, revenues for both firms dipped, and they applied to get back in. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet re-certified them. There is no restriction on how long a company can participate.

Currently, there are 67 companies certified as disadvantaged for highway work, including the two firms that re-entered the program. The fact that no Kentucky road contractor has permanently graduated illustrates a problem, said Maurice Sweeney, who headed the program from 1992 to 1996.

"There should be some time limit for this program and similar programs, and within that time limit you sink or swim," he said. "The program should help open a door and let people see your capabilities, but not be a program for life."

Jose Sepulveda, head of the Federal Highway Administration's office in Kentucky, agreed and pointed to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations for the program. One objective is to "assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace" outside the program.

"The whole idea of the program is to help disadvantaged businesses become viable," Sepulveda said. "I don't think it was ever intended to become a lifetime thing."

The FBI is investigating Kentucky's program following two recent reports that found mismanagement and possible fraud. One report was from the Federal Highway Administration, and the other was by a private attorney asked to examine the program by Transportation Secretary James Codell III.

Codell fired Norris Beckley as

the top official over the program and has taken other steps to overhaul it.

The program began as a way to give a larger share of federally funded contracts to minorities and women in a business dominated by white men.

Under the program, a percentage of money paid under federally funded road contracts awarded by the Transportation Cabinet must go to companies certified as disadvantaged.

Cabinet records and people familiar with the history of the program indicate that only one con-

struction company working as a disadvantaged firm in Kentucky has ever graduated — Oglesby Construction, based in northern Ohio.

Cabinet officials ruled in 1999 that both Matsuda and H&G had exceeded the limits of the program. Both firms appealed but later dropped them. Then, last year, they reapplied, and cabinet officials said the financial data they submitted showed receipts had fallen below the threshold.

The financial data is not subject to release under the state open records law.

Postal chairman says agreement for higher rates on June 30 looks promising

The Associated Press
 WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal that would raise mail rates by June 30 seems likely, the chairman of the Postal Service's board of governors said Tuesday.

The increase would boost the price of a first-class stamp three cents to 37 cents and raise other rates as well.

"A settlement looks promising," Robert F. Rider said, not-

ing that a majority of major mailers have agreed to accept the proposed rate increase.

Rider said he believes those who have not yet accepted the deal will either agree to it or at least will not formally oppose the new rates.

The post office announced plans to raise rates Sept. 11, a complex process that generally takes about a year to take effect.

Because of losses suffered by the agency due to the terrorist attacks and sluggish economy, the post office and major mailers have been negotiating a speedup that would put the rates in effect three months early in return for a promise not to seek another increase this year.

State waiving GED fee

FRANKFORT — The state is waiving the usual \$30 test fee for Kentuckians taking the GED exam through June, it was announced Monday.

The idea is to encourage more Kentuckians to sign up for the program that would enable them to complete a high school education.

The national GED Testing Service will introduce a new testing series on Jan. 21.

The waiver applies to people taking the 2002 tests for the first time. They also must take all five parts — reading, writing, social studies, science and math.

But before that, they must pass the 2002 official practice test, said Cheryl King, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Adult Education and Literacy.

Dept. for the Blind to hold forums

FRANKFORT — The state Department for the Blind plans to hold six forums around Kentucky for public comment on the agency's services to people with disabilities.

The schedule:

- Louisville — Jan. 22, 10 a.m., Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road.
 - Florence — Jan. 22, 10 a.m., Department for the Blind, 8020 Ewing Blvd.
 - Paducah — Jan. 22, 10 a.m. CST, 20 N. Eighth St.
 - Bowling Green — Jan. 24, 10 a.m. CST, 400 E. Main St., Suite 302.
 - Lexington — Jan. 24, 10 a.m., 153 Patchen Drive.
 - Pikeville — Jan. 24, 6 p.m., Record Memorial Hall, Pikeville College.
- Comments also can be submitted in writing, Braille, by cassette tape or computer disk to the Charles McDowell Center, an agency statement said.

UK breaks ground on \$67 million biomedical research building

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky broke ground Monday on a \$67.2 million, state-of-the-art building to house many of the school's biomedical and biological science research programs.

Construction on the 185,000-square-foot building, which will have four floors of research space and a basement, is scheduled to begin this spring with completion expected during spring 2004.

The Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building represents the largest capital project in the university's history. The Kentucky General Assembly has approved \$39 million for the building with the school providing the remainder of the funding.

The building will house a new Neurosciences Institute, which will include the school's Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center, as well as research space for other areas, including genetics and genomics and vaccine development and host resistance.

Supreme Court limits disability law in case of worker with carpal tunnel syndrome

by ANNE GEARAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court narrowed the reach of a landmark disability rights law Tuesday, ruling that an assembly line worker with carpal tunnel syndrome was not entitled to special treatment on the job.

A unanimous court ruled that Ella Williams' partial disability did not obligate her employer, car manufacturer Toyota, to tailor a job to suit her wrist, arm and shoulder problems.

The 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act guarantees equal treatment on the job and elsewhere for people whose disabilities "substantially limit" their ability to perform what the law calls "major life activities," such as caring for oneself.

Williams' disability did not prevent her from doing many tasks at home and at work. A federal appeals court found that she was disabled under the ADA because her physical problems substantially limited her ability to perform manual tasks at work.

"This was error," the Supreme Court noted in an opinion written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In cases like Williams', "the central inquiry must be whether the claimant is unable to perform the variety of tasks central to most people's daily lives, not whether the claimant is unable to perform the tasks associated with her specific job," the court wrote.

Disability cannot be assessed by looking only at someone's fitness to work, the court said.

The court reversed the opinion of the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and sent the Williams case back with instructions to reconsider it.

The ruling does not mean that anyone with carpal tunnel syndrome or similar partial disabili-

ties is automatically excluded from protection by the ADA. It probably will make such claims harder to prove, since the court makes clear that disability must affect a range of manual tasks or duties.

Williams and advocates for the disabled had argued that her case was emblematic of just the kind of discrimination the ADA was supposed to prevent.

A partially disabled person who wants to work should be able to do so, with modest accommodation by an employer, rather than being forced to sit home, her lawyers have argued.

Williams claimed that her work on a Toyota engine assembly line so damaged her hands and arms that she has trouble brushing her hair and buckling her shoes. Her doctor said she cannot lift more than 20 pounds, repeatedly flex her wrists and elbows or keep her arms extended at shoulder height for long periods.

Williams' problems began within months of taking a job at the Georgetown manufacturing plant in 1990, she claimed.

At oral argument in November, the justices focused on how employers and courts should classify people who may be unable to do some tasks, but are perfectly capable of doing others.

"Don't you have to look at both what they can do and what they can't do?" O'Connor asked Williams' lawyer then.

Toyota did try to accommodate Williams for a time, with a job inspecting paint, but that truce broke down when the company required her to swab cars with an oil that highlighted paint flaws. The task, which involved keeping her arms extended, aggravated her symptoms, Williams said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups backed Toyota. Several civil rights, legal and labor interests supported Williams.

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Firing Shots

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

If you believe Kentucky's state motto — "United we stand, divided we fall" — then you'll have to admit that the commonwealth is doomed to fail.

The cultural divide between Louisville, the state's largest city, and the rural part of the state, especially the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, is so wide it may never be closed. Unfortunately, the Kentucky-Louisville basketball game brought all this strife bubbling to the surface again.

The first shots were fired by Oscar Combs of The Cats Pause newspaper.

In the issue mailed Monday, Dec. 24, Combs, a native of Hazard, articulated the hate that many rural Kentuckians feel toward Louisville, its university's basketball program, and mens' head coach Rick Pitino, who formerly worked in Lexington.

Combs referred to the U of L coach as Rick "Benedict" Pitino. He stopped just short of recommending that the Rupp Arena crowd pelt Pitino with debris ("Hopefully, any healthy redbirds in the Lexington area will be smart enough to stay out of harm's way prior to the game... We don't want to see any harmless creatures becoming unnecessary victims.") He also claimed that Big Blue fans hate Pitino far worse than Ray Mears, Dale Brown, and Denny Crum.

"So it's no wonder Pitino doesn't have a clue about how painful this (his coaching U of L) must be for most UK fans," wrote Combs. "And how equally exciting it must be for UK's archrivals, the Cardinal fans in Louisville who obviously are willing to win at any cost..."

In his most thought-provoking comment, Combs wrote, "Welcome back, Rick. Regardless of the rivalry, you're back where you belong, coaching in the college game where you once again will be one of the

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KHSAA

Annual delegate meeting, first Student Leadership/Sportsmanship Conference today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The KHSAA Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting is set for today at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. At this time, 11 proposals will be presented and voted upon by delegates. Registration for the meeting begins at 7:15 a.m.

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Records

15th Region records

Boys	Record
Shelby Valley	10-3
Paintsville	10-5
Allen Central	8-5
Belfry	7-4
South Floyd	7-5
Pike Co. Central	6-6
Betsy Layne	6-7
Sheldon Clark	5-4
Millard	4-5
Johnson Central	4-7
Elkhorn City	4-7
Prestonsburg	4-8
Phelps	3-4
Pikeville	3-6
Magoffin County	2-8
Feds Creek	1-8
Piarist School	0-8
Belfry	

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Prestonsburg girls turn back Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a game of familiar foes. The South Floyd Lady Raiders, defending 58th District Champions, took the court Friday night, taking on the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, the team they beat last year for the district title. Both squads got off to a

slow start, scoring in single digits in the first quarter. Or maybe, in this always-important district game, maybe the defense was just turned up a notch of two. But in the end the Prestonsburg girls would score a 63-44 victory thanks in big part to a balanced scoring attack led by an 18-point performance from senior Megan Hyden. Hyden hit four

three-pointers in the game. Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 18-13 in the second period to lead 25-19 at the half. The Lady Blackcats led 39-30 after three quarters as they went on for the pivotal conference/district win. Ramanda Music finished with 15 points for Prestonsburg. Music was nine-of-10 from the charity

stripe. Molly Burchett added 14 points in the win and Heather White, who connected on two treys of her own, finished with 12 points. Starting center Abby Shaffer, Prestonsburg's only other scorer, finished the contest with four points on a pair of free-throws and a field-goal.

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Meetings: 2001

January 5, 2001
P'burg 61, South Floyd 55

February 9, 2001
P'burg 63, South Floyd 53

March 1, 2001
South Floyd 42, P'burg 38

COCA-COLA CLASSIC

Rebels pound Belfry 68-50

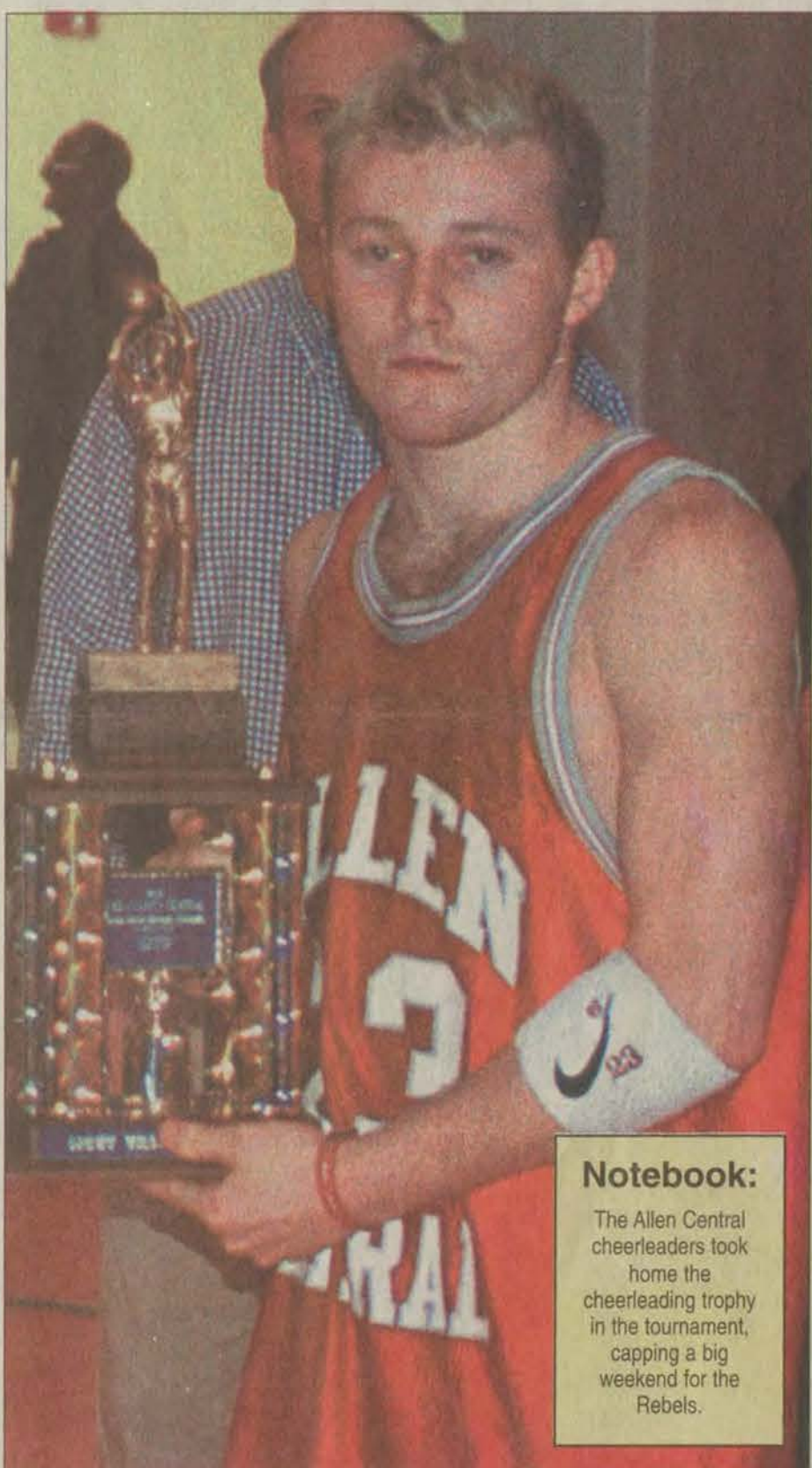
by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The 2001-02 Allen Central Rebels have enjoyed reward and success on the hardwood this season, and their hard work really paid off Saturday evening as the Rebels captured the Coca-Cola

On Friday in the semifinals, the Rebs put away the 9-2 Shelby Valley Wildcats in what most called an upset, and advanced to the championship game against the 7-3 Belfry Pirates.

Hoops Classic in grand fashion. Coach Johnny Martins' team was coming off a dismal performance in the recently completed Hobert Potter Classic and looked to be in trouble this year, but in only a few short days the Rebels went from a team struggling to find its identity to a

(See REBELS, page six)



Notebook:

The Allen Central cheerleaders took home the cheerleading trophy in the tournament, capping a big weekend for the Rebels.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic: Consolation games

Hazard downs Feds Creek, 88-74

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Hazard Bulldogs broke open a close game in the fourth quarter to defeat the Feds Creek Vikings 88-74 and earn seventh-place in the Coca

Cola Hoops Classic. Hazard led 44-43 at the half and 60-58 after three quarters of play.

In the final stanza the Bulldogs proved to be tough as they outscored Feds Creek 27-15 to pull away and earn their first victory in the tournament. Hazard placed five players in double figures, led by Jeremy

(See GAMES, page six)



file photo

The Allen Central Lady Rebels and South Floyd Lady Raiders will meet again on Jan. 29. In between for the two teams is next week's 15th Region All 'A' Classic. Coach Cindy Halbert's Lady Rebels are scheduled to return to action Friday night against Betsy Layne. South Floyd's next game is slated to take place in the

Alice Lloyd men top Ohio Southern, 81-71

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

IRONTON, Ohio — Alice Lloyd College's men's basketball team got back on the winning side of things on Saturday by beating Ohio Southern on the road in Ironton, Ohio, 81-71.

ALC, coming off a home loss to Virginia-Wise earlier in the week

on Thursday, led Ohio Southern by 13 at the break, 44-31. Ohio Southern did manage to outscore the Eagles 40-37 in the second half but for the host team, it was too little too little.

ALC head coach Gary Gibson had three players score in double figures led by Jason Collins. For

(See ALICE, page six)



National briefs

NFL
PONTIAC, Mich. - Emmitt Smith surpassed the 1,000-yard mark against the Detroit Lions...

OLYMPICS
PARK CITY, Utah - Tristan Gale clinched an Olympic berth and Lincoln DeWitt tightened his grip on a likely spot in the Salt Lake Games...

GOLF
KAPALUA, Hawaii - The birdie putt was still a couple of feet away from the hole when Sergio Garcia dropped his putter...

BASEBALL
NEW YORK - The New York Mets, Texas Rangers and Anaheim Angels were among the teams that bid to obtain the rights to Japanese left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii...

HOCKEY
CANONSBURG, Pa. - The Pittsburgh Penguins must wait a little longer for Mario Lemieux's latest comeback...

World briefs

TENNIS
ADELAIDE, Australia - Tim Henman broke Mark Philippoussis' serve in the final game, and the top-seeded player went on to a 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3 win...

Football

Table with columns for American Conference, National Conference, East, Central, West, and various team statistics.

SPORTSBOARD

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 27
NFC Championship: 12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.
AFC Championship: 12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans: 6:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 10
At Honolulu

Basketball

NBA standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Central Division

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Pacific Division
Sunday's Games
Tonight's games

College Men

Table with columns for Record, Pts, Pp, and various college basketball team statistics.

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 144, N.C. State 94, Oregon 80, Southern Cal 70, Connecticut 53...

College's scores

Table with columns for Men's (Monday's games), SOUTH, and various college basketball game results.

High school scores

Boys
Jan. 5
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 5
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 6
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 6
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 7
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 7
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 8
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 8
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 9
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 9
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 10
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 10
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 11
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Girls
Jan. 11
Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

Boys
Jan. 12
Adair County 66, County 63
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Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

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Adair County 66, County 63
Allen Central 68, Beltry 50

11th Region: Paul Dunbar, Tales Creek
12th Region: Somerset
13th Region: Caswood
14th Region: Perry County Central
15th Region: None
16th Region: Ashland

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Agreed to terms with OF Reggie Sanders on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA - Suspended New Jersey F Kenyon Martin for two games and fined him \$15,000 for throwing a punch at Orlando G Tracy McGrady in a Jan. 4 game.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES - Placed F Chris Dingman on injured reserve. Recalled C Byron Ritchie from Lowell of the AHL.

COLORADO AVALANCHE - Reassigned F Kelly Fairchild, F Steve Moore and F Vaclav Nedorost to Hershey of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS - Recalled D John Erskine from Utah of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS - Recalled LW Kip Brennan from Manchester of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS - Recalled D Evgeny Korolev from Bridgeport of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS - Activated C Eric Lindros from injured reserve. Placed D Dale Purinton on injured reserve.

PHOENIX COYOTES - Recalled C Sebastian Bordeleau from Springfield of the AHL. Placed RW Mike Johnson on injured reserve.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS - Recalled F Alexei Ponikarovsky from St. John's of the AHL.

Auto racing

Sirius Satellite Radio to sponsor Atwood
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
CONCORD, N.C. - The high-dollar, high stakes realm of NASCAR Winston Cup Series sponsorships has added a new dimension in 2002.

Casey Atwood
Sirius Satellite Radio, an in-car satellite radio broadcasting company that offers more than 60 commercial-free channels from three satellites directly above the U.S., announced its plans Monday to join the Everham Motorsports/Ultra Motorsports Dodge racing team as sponsor of Casey Atwood's No. 7 Dodge.

"Sponsoring a NASCAR team is a perfect fit for Sirius as we launch our service to consumers," Clayton said. "Not only is NASCAR one of the most exciting and fastest growing sports in the United States, but its fans are loyal supporters of brands that sponsor their favorite drivers."

It is a two-year deal, debuting at the Daytona 500 on February 17 at Daytona International Speedway. Sirius' president and CEO Joseph Clayton said the company plans to launch a regional advertising campaign on Feb. 14, and a nationwide campaign beginning in the second half of the year.

The exact dollar amount of the deal was not disclosed, but Everham did say it, "was plenty enough that Casey will be competitive."

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Sirius to NASCAR and the Everham Motorsports team," said Ray Everham, president and CEO of Everham Motorsports. "2002 will be a great season for us and Sirius' support will be invaluable to our operation."

Atwood drove the No. 19 Dodge for Everham as a rookie in 2001, but despite having made every race with the first year team he will be replaced by Jeremy Mayfield this season. In order for Atwood to remain under the Everham umbrella, EMS joined forces with Smith's Ultra Motorsports program, thereby giving Atwood the keys to Smith's No. 7 Ultra Motorsports machine.

"I wanted to be with Ray when we started this thing, and this is a way to do it," Atwood said. "I've been really pumped up about this season for a long time."

Atwood is excited about the prospects of working with a sponsor new to the NASCAR landscape. Atwood will be in the No. 7 Dodge in 2002. "I'm anxiously looking forward to Daytona and the unveiling of the No. 7 Dodge Intrepid R/T car as well as my debut on Sirius Satellite Radio," commented Casey Atwood. "The addition of Sirius to our team guarantees even more excitement as we kick-off the 2002 season."

As part of the relationship, Everham and Atwood will be featured on Sirius' music and talk channels. Everham, Atwood and Smith unveiled the new-look No. 7 Dodge at the International Consumer Electronics Show held in Las Vegas. The car will be on display at Sirius' booth during the week. (See ATWOOD, page five)

NBA Roundup

(Monday night games)

Timberwolves 109, Pistons 93

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and Gary Trent had a season-high 20 as the Minnesota Timberwolves won their fifth straight game, 109-93 over the Detroit Pistons.

Garnett added 12 rebounds and Trent 10 as the Wolves dominated the boards, outrebounding the Pistons 51-30. Minnesota had six players in double figures.

The Wolves erased an early seven-point deficit with their

most productive quarter of the season. Minnesota scored 38 points in the second quarter, with Trent scoring eight during a decisive 27-10 run.

Trent's three-point play with 3:21 left in the third quarter gave the Wolves their biggest lead, 85-62.

The Pistons closed the quarter on an 11-2 run to cut the deficit to 87-73, but could get no closer.

Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 24 points and 10 assists.

Magic 98, Celtics 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Mike

Miller had 27 points, nine rebounds and five assists as the Orlando Magic defeated the Boston Celtics 98-87 on Monday night for their third straight win.

Tracy McGrady added 21 points for Orlando (18-18), which reached the .500 mark for the first time since Dec. 13. McGrady was limited by the flu, but still shot 9-for-18 with seven rebounds and six assists.

Paul Pierce had 20 for Boston, which lost for the fifth time in eight games. Antoine Walker added 19 points and nine rebounds.

Boston closed within two points on Walker's layup with three minutes remaining, but Orlando closed the game on a 12-3 run. Miller started the breakout with a 3-pointer and two free throws.

Orlando took the lead for good in the third quarter behind an 18-7 run over the period's final five minutes. Darrell Armstrong keyed the outburst with four steals, tying a team record for steals in a quarter.

Hornets 94, Nuggets 80

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — P.J. Brown welcomed himself back into Charlotte's lineup in a big way.

Brown, who missed Charlotte's previous game with

a sprained ankle, had a career-high 22 rebounds Monday night as the Hornets dominated the glass in a 94-80 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Elden Campbell added 21 points and 18 rebounds.

Brown grabbed 11 of his rebounds in the first quarter when the Hornets made it clear they were going to use their sizeable height advantage to send Denver to its fourth consecutive loss.

The Hornets scored 44 points in the paint, held the Nuggets to just nine offensive rebounds and held big men Raef LaFrentz, Scott Williams and James Posey to a combined 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Charlotte outrebounded the Nuggets 61-35, and Brown wasn't given a chance to reach the franchise record of 23 rebounds. Leading by 15 points with under three minutes to play in the game, Brown was taken out to rest his ankle.

Spurs 90, Knicks 79

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan sank four free throws in the closing minutes and scored a team-high 21 points Monday night as the San Antonio Spurs held off the New York Knicks, 90-79.

A 3-point basket by Charles Smith put the Spurs up 81-68

with fewer than five minutes remaining, but the Knicks charged back with nine straight points to pull within four with 2:35 left.

Duncan's foul shots reignited the Spurs, who finished the game with a 9-2 run. The back-breaker for the Knicks was a 3-pointer by Bruce Bowen that put San Antonio's edge back into double-digits with 43 seconds left.

Four other Spurs scored at least 10 points for San Antonio, led by rookie guard Tony Parker with 14 and Malik Rose with 13. Duncan collected a dozen rebounds and David Robinson had a season-high seven blocked shots.

Allan Houston paced the Knicks with 22, while Marcus Camby had 21 points to go with 22 rebounds. Latrell Sprewell had 17 points.

SuperSonics 100, Bulls 88

CHICAGO — Gary Payton scored 26 points Monday night, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to their eighth win in nine games, 100-88 over the Chicago Bulls.

Vin Baker added 13 points and Rashard Lewis had 12 for the Sonics, who scored 32 points off of 25 Chicago turnovers. The Sonics also dominated the Bulls inside, getting

48 points in the paint.

Ron Artest scored 26 points and Ron Mercer added 16 for the Bulls, who have lost four straight after winning their first two under coach Bill Cartwright.

The Bulls led by as many as nine in the first quarter and shot 63 percent from the field on their way to a 25-20 lead.

A pair of dunks by Tyson Chandler extended Chicago's lead to 31-20 early in the second before Seattle scored on eight straight possessions and went on a 17-2 run to take a 43-38 lead with 4:38 left in the half.

■ H.S. BASKETBALL

Rebels stun Shelby Valley

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Runnin' Rebels returned to the hardwood on Friday night in the Coca Cola Hoops Classic at Pike central High School and came away with an impressive victory over 15th Region power Shelby Valley. By winning the game, the Rebels moved on in the tournament to the championship game to face the Belfry Pirates. Belfry made it to the final by defeating a good Pike Central squad in the other semifinal game. Allen Central came into the game on a high note after winning their opening round game against Hazard on Tuesday night. Rebel coach John Martin stated, "sometimes we can be pretty bad, and other times pretty good." Allen Central picked a good time to play good as they looked like a totally different team than the one that dropped two games in the recently completed Hobert Potter Classic at Shelby Valley. Shawn Newsome led the Rebels in the contest with 22 points. Shelby Valley put the clamps on Newsome in the first half by holding him to just six first half points. In the first half of play, Shelby Valley jumped out to the early lead led by the play of senior Jeremy Akers. The inside game of Shelby Valley looked as if it may be too much for the smaller Rebels, but Allen Central would make adjustments at the half and take control in the second half.

Allen Central held a slim one point lead at the half at 26-25 but as all great players do, Shawn Newsome would get on track in the third quarter scoring seven points in the period including a three-point bomb that would build the Rebels lead to eight at 47-39. Justin Hall would come off the Allen Central bench to add 12 points for the Rebs hitting two longrange shots in a row. Shelby Valley would make a run at the Rebs in the fourth quarter as Jeremy Akers scored 12 points in the quarter to cut the lead to four

at 59-55. Rossi Samons would come off the bench to help close the door on Shelby Valley late by hitting two three-pointers in the fourth quarter. The Rebels connected on 9-of-13 from the charity stripe in the contest compared to Shelby Valley's 56. Shelby Valley was led in scoring by Jeremy Akers with 28 points followed by Kelsey Friend with 11 points. Allen Central would make their free throws late and hold no for the 63-57 win and move on to the finals on Saturday. Allen Central scoring was as follows: Shawn Newsome 22, Justin Hall 12, Neil Allen 11, Rossi Samons 9, Mike Slone 9. Shelby Valley scoring was as follows: Jeremy Akers 28, Kris Prater 2, Tyler Branham 2, Seth Kiser 6, Kelsey Friend 11, Phillip Akers 8.

In the other semifinal, Belfry took on the host school Pike Central and came away with the two point win 71-69. The score was tied after one period at 15-15, but Belfry would outscore the Hawks 21-10 in the second quarter to build an 11-point halftime lead of 36-25. The Pirates were led in scoring by Boo Hager with 30 points on the strength of six three-pointers. The Pirates led 54-44 after three quarters and had to hold off a furious Pike Central rally late as Adam Prater let fly a three pointer at the buzzer that would have won it, but the shot bounced off the rim and Belfry advanced on to the championship game to take on the Rebels. Pike Central was led in scoring by Jason Gillespie with 18 points. Belfry scoring was as follows: Boo Hager 30, Paul Howard 10, Daniel Wright 10, Josh Duruttya 6, Stephen Duty 5, Adam Reed 6, Tony Spence 4. Pike Central scoring was as follows: Jason Gillespie 18, Jordan Blackburn 8, Michael Boyd 9, Adam Prater 5, Justin McCarry 8, Ben Pugh 4, Barry Sanders 13, Bobby Mullins 4.

Saturday's final would pit Allen Central against Belfry at 8:00 and in the consolation game it would be Shelby Valley against Pike Central at 6:15.

■ MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Jose Rijo returns on minor league deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Right-hander Jose Rijo agreed to a minor league contract Monday with the Cincinnati Reds, hoping to continue his remarkable comeback from five elbow operations.

Rijo, 36, returned last season after a six-year layoff and had a 2.12 earned run average — best in the Reds' bullpen — in 13 relief appearances.

The Reds also signed right-hander Elmer Dessens to a one-year contract, avoiding arbitration. Outfielder Robin Jennings and minor league pitcher Chris Booker agreed to one-year contracts, and right-hander Joey Hamilton accepted a minor league deal.

The Reds have until midnight Tuesday to agree on a contract with right-hander Pete Harnisch. If they miss the deadline,

Harnisch won't be eligible to pitch for the Reds until May 1.

Rijo provided some of the best moments in the Reds' 96-loss season, returning to the team that he led to the 1990 World Series sweep of Oakland. He hadn't pitched in the majors since 1995, when he had his right elbow rebuilt for the first time.

At the end of the season, Rijo indicated he wanted to keep pitching for the Reds, who have a full roster and a tight budget.

Dessens went 10-14 in 34 starts last season with 4.48 ERA, leading the staff in wins, innings, starts and strikeouts. His signing leaves five Reds eligible for arbitration: third baseman Aaron Boone, first baseman Sean Casey, outfielder Juan Encarnacion and relievers Danny Graves and Scott Williamson.

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■ NCAA BASKETBALL

Huffman hits 3 with seven-tenths to win over Marshall

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.— Trevor Huffman took an inbounds pass from Demetric Shaw into the corner of the court with only seven tenths of a second remaining and connected on a three pointer to give Kent State University a thrilling 73-70 win over Marshall University in Mid-American Conference basketball action Saturday.

"Obviously its a tough loss," Marshall Head Coach Greg White said. "You have to give Kent State a lot of credit for coming in here and getting the win. I thought it was a tale of two halves. I want to congratulate Stan (Heath) and his team for the job they did tonight."

Trailing for the entire game and by 12 at the half (38-26), Marshall used a phenomenal three-point attack to pull the game back into reach and with only 19 seconds to play, the

Thundering Herd's Tamar Slay capped it off with a three from the top of the key to tie the score for the first time since the opening tip at 70-70.

Following Slay's bucket, Kent State took a time out to set up a potential game winning play, only to see a heavily defended Trevor Huffman shot, with only two seconds left, miss the basket. The Thundering Herd's Richard Wilson quickly grabbed the rebound in a mob of players and was called travel, giving KSU a second chance with only seven tenths of a second remaining on the clock. Following a slight delay, Semetric Shaw fired an inbounds pass from beneath the basket to Huffman who found himself open from the right corner and managed to nail the shot before the buzzer sounded.

Huffman, a senior guard, finished with a game-high 21 points. Kent State (9-4, 2-0

MAC) was aided by Andrew Mitchell's 19 points and Antonio Gates' 14. Gates also added a game-high 10 rebounds. Marshall was led by true

freshman Ronny Dawn's 18 points and six assists. The six-foot-three guard from Ft. Thomas, led a spirited second-half Thundering Herd rally by

hitting five of six three-point attempts in the final 20 minutes. In addition to Dawn, MU's Ronald Blackshear hit four of six second-half three attempts

and Tamar Slay hit two of three. Blackshear and Slay both fin-

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■ NCAA BASKETBALL

Jayhawks back atop poll

by DOUG TUCKER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Many believe Kansas deserves its No. 1 ranking. Jayhawks coach Roy Williams isn't so sure.

"If I were voting, I'd still vote Duke," Williams said. "Duke lost on a last-second shot on the opponent's court of a conference team. Whatever it comes out, that'll be fine. We still have to play in college basketball. There's no BCS to worry about."

Kansas extended its winning streak to 12 games and took advantage of a weekend of upsets to become No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll on Monday.

The Jayhawks (12-1) moved up one spot to replace Duke (12-1), which had been on top of the rankings all season, the last five weeks as a unanimous No. 1.

The Blue Devils had their 22-game winning streak snapped Sunday by Florida State, the sixth loss by a Top Ten team over the weekend and the 15th by a ranked team last week.

This is the ninth season in which Kansas has been ranked No. 1 and all but two — 1951-52 and 1956-57 — have been under Williams. The last time the Jayhawks were No. 1 was for 15 polls in the 1996-97 season.

Still, Williams was unimpressed.

"I really do not pay any attention to it whatsoever," he said. "I don't care at all."

The Jayhawks, however, did-

n't share Williams' apathy.

"Winning 12 games in a row is a big-time thing," Big 12 player of the week Drew Gooden said. "Yeah, we deserve to be No. 1. Kansas is a program that can always sneak up there and be No. 1."

Kansas received 34 first-place votes and 1,722 points from the national media panel.

Duke, whose run as a unanimous No. 1 was the longest

since UNLV did it for the final six weeks of the 1990-91 season, received 26 first-place votes and 1,697 points, 11 more than Florida (12-1), which was No. 1 on the other 11 ballots and remained third.

Maryland moved up four places to fourth, while Oklahoma made the week's biggest jump, moving from No. 10 to fifth.

Oklahoma State, Virginia and

Kentucky — three of the other Top Ten teams to lose over the weekend — were sixth, seventh and eighth and were followed in the Top Ten by Illinois and Cincinnati.

UCLA moved up three places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Iowa and Alabama and Stanford, which

(See POLL, page five)

■ H.S. BASKETBALL

Shelby Valley downs Pike Central in Hoops Classic

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

In the consolation game of the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic Saturday evening the Shelby Valley Wildcats defeated the Pike Central Hawks and claimed third place in the tournament by a score of 66-63 in overtime. Shelby Valley led 17-13 after one and 32-28 at the half only to see the Hawks tie the game late and send it to overtime. Tyler Branham led the Wildcats with eighteen points four of those came in the overtime period.

Barry Sanders led the Pike

Central attack with 26 points. Shelby Valley went to the line 26 times connecting on 13 of their attempts. The poor free-throw

shooting almost cost the Wildcats the game as they only shot 50-percent from the line. With the victory, Shelby Valley finished the tournament 2-1 and ended up in third-place. Scoring was as follows, Shelby Valley: Tyler Branham 18, Josh Goad 16, Jeremy Akers 15, Kelsey Friend 5, Paul Terry Fleming 6, Kris Prater 2, Phillip Akers 2, Seth Kiser 2.

Pike Central: Barry Sanders 26, Jason Gillespie 12, Bobby Mullins 7, Jordan Blackburn 6, Justin McMurry 4, Michael Boyd 3, Ben Pugh 3, Jason Williamson 1, Adam Prater 1.

Pike Central finished the tournament in fourth-place.

■ NCAA FOOTBALL

NCAA informs UK lack of control won't be an issue

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The NCAA has told the University of Kentucky that the school has not lost institutional control over its football program.

In a letter to school officials last week, the NCAA wrote that former recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett broke rules "with an intent to avoid detection by the compliance staff."

Thus, athletics department officials cannot be blamed for the violations, the NCAA said in its letter, which was received by Kentucky athletics department officials Friday.

The school's internal investigation into the program found

more than three dozen violations of NCAA rules, most committed by Bassett.

Kentucky is still waiting to hear what penalties the NCAA will assess the program for the violations, all of which were committed during the tenure of former coach Hal Mumme, who resigned in February.

The school already has self-imposed a number of penalties, including a reduction in the number of initial scholarships from the normal limit of 25 to 16 in 2002-2003, 18 in 2003-2004 and 22 in 2004-2005; a reduction in the 56 permissible official recruiting visits to 36 in 2001-2002 and 40 in 2002-2003; and the reduction in the

number of permissible football coaches to recruit off-campus in a given week from seven to six.

Attorneys for both Mumme and Bassett declined comment Monday.

Sandy Bell, Kentucky's director of compliance, said she was not surprised by the NCAA's finding.

"What we had was a coach who understood the NCAA rules very well and understood the systems very well, and he used those systems to get around the rules," Bell told the Lexington Herald-Leader. "Every area in which we had problems, Bassett (was) involved."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

EKU picked sixth in Baseball Magazine Poll, Schneider, Anderson noticed

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Coach Elvis Dominguez's Eastern Kentucky University Colonels baseball team has been picked to finish sixth in Collegiate Baseball magazine's pre-season predicted order of finish.

Austin Peay was selected as the team to beat in the 2002

Ohio Valley Conference baseball race, followed, in order, by Eastern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech, Murray State, ECU, Morehead State and UT-Martin.

Projected as the OVC Player of the Year for 2002 was Southeast Missouri second baseman Clemente Bonilla, while APSU left-

hand Mike Weel was chosen as the pre-season Pitcher of the Year in the conference.

Two ECU Colonels were among the 14 athletes chosen as Top Players to Watch. These included ECU sophomore centerfielder Josh Anderson and senior catcher Mike Schneider.

Anderson, a 6-2, 190-pound native of Somerset, led ECU in

batting average last season with his .353 mark. He also topped the Colonels and the OVC in stolen bases with 32 in 42 attempts, while hitting three home runs and knocking in 29 runs.

Schneider, 6-4, 215-pounder who hails from Northampton, Pa., hit .295 in 2001 with nine home runs and

38 RBI's.

Both Anderson and Schneider were 2001 All-OVC Tournament picks and second-team All-OVC players last season.

Eastern begins the 2002 baseball season in Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22 with an appearance in the three-day Birmingham Southern Invitational.

NFL

Bengals latest losing season another tease

by JOE KAY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Two wins to start, two more to finish, one big tease all around.

The Cincinnati Bengals broke their pattern in Dick LeBeau's first full season as head coach, but couldn't get out of their deep rut. They finally got off to an encouraging start, then tumbled right back into their decade-deep rut.

Fans who toasted them with complimentary champagne after an early win over Baltimore deserted them down the stretch, letting the NFL's worst team since 1991 finish another lost season in relative solitude.

Just another lost season? It depends on what they do in the offseason.

By winning their last two games, the Bengals (6-10) finished with their best record since 1997 and a sense that they were headed in the right direction.

"This is a really good football team," kicker Neil Rackers said.

No, it's not. A good football team doesn't finish last in its division, doesn't go through a stretch of 10 losses in 12 games, doesn't finish last in the NFL in points scored, and doesn't finish with the league's lowest-rated passer for a second straight season.

They weren't good, but they got a little better.

Justin Smith set the club's

rookie sack record on a defense ranked in the league's top 10 for the last two months. The additions of Smith and Tony Williams dramatically improved the line, and the defense piled up a club-record 48 sacks.

Corey Dillon ran for 1,315 yards — his second-best total — and caught a career-high 34 passes in the first year of his new contract.

Encouraging. "The pass protection has been solid throughout the year," LeBeau said Monday. "We have a top running back. Our defense is now a Top 10 defense. We have a lot of pieces of the puzzle in place."

An awful lot are still missing. The Bengals had one of the league's worst passing games for the second consecutive year, even though they overhauled their offense and brought in a new cast.

Last year, Akili Smith had the lowest passer rating in the NFL at 52.8. Jon Kitna replaced him this year and had the NFL's lowest passer rating at 61.1.

"You know what you're going to get with me," Kitna said as the season wore down.

He's been consistent throughout his career, undercutting his good moments with poor decisions. He threw 12 touchdown passes and 21 interceptions, but is expected to return and compete with Smith for the job in training camp.

Until the Bengals get a reliable quarterback, they're not

going to get out of that rut.

The coaching came under scrutiny once again in an organization that's reluctant to make changes, no matter how bad things get. Despite the many problems in 2001, the assistants were absolved of responsibility and welcomed back.

"There are people who are going to criticize me for it, but I'm not going to fire somebody because of public pressure," general manager Mike Brown said. "These guys work hard."

The Bengals also are content with the smallest scouting staff in the league, leaving them at a competitive disadvantage.

Brown will have the most to do with whether the 6-10 season

amounts to a turning point or just another mirage. The Bengals seemed to be making a turnaround when they went 7-9 in 1995 and 8-8 the next season, but Brown let players leave as their price went up and replaced them with youngsters.

Two years later, they were 3-13 and starting over.

They'll reach the same point soon. Simmons and linebacker Takeo Spikes have one year left on their contracts, and their teammates will be watching to see how Brown responds this time.

"We're not going to dismantle," LeBeau said. "We're going to build."

We'll see.

NAIA BASKETBALL

Cavaliers roll over ALC, 100-72

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Thursday night at Grady Nutt Athletic Complex in Pippa Passes in Knott County the host Alice Lloyd College Eagles played host to the U.Va.-Wise Cavaliers in NAIA Div. I men's college basketball.

A quick-strike team of sorts, a team which likes the three-

point shot, Virginia-Wise took a 50-38 lead into the half and came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 50-34 en route to reaching the century mark and recording a 100-72 win.

Stacy Ervin scored a team-high 22 points, dished out three assists and pulled down four rebounds to lead Virginia-Wise. Zach Moore finished with 19 tallies, as both players contributed greatly to a Cavalier scoring attack that had 10 players score.

Ricky Brown dished out a game-high 10 assists for the Cavs while adding five points for good measure.

ALC also had 10 players to score.

Jason Collins led the Alice Lloyd charge with a game-high 24 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Collins also registered a game-high total in blocked shots with two.

Tommy McKenzie and Jase Stone both finished with 10 points for the Eagles.

Reserve Brandon Layne added six points, three assists and three steals for ALC while Shannon Akers finished with five points. George Potter and Tim Parks each had four points. Jimmy Burchett, a key player from Johnson Central High School's 2000 State Tournament team, had three points in the contest.

John Meade, a point guard on last year's South Floyd State Tournament team, rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring with two points.

Lady Eagles run away from U.Va.-Wise

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Leading 39-30 at the half, the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles outscored the visiting University of Virginia-Wise Lady Cavaliers 47-35 in the second half to post an 86-65 victory.

The Lady Eagles, coached by Denise Campbell, got 24 of their 86 points from behind the three-point arc, hitting 8-of-20 attempts.

Leah Whitley ripped the nets for 33 points, a game-high, and pulled down nine rebounds, also a game-high effort, to lead Alice Lloyd. But, she wasn't alone. Whitley was one of four Lady Eagles to score over 10 points in the contest. Kelley Turner tossed in 15 points and grabbed six rebounds. Delores Jenkins added 13 points and dished out four assists while Andrea Kelley scored 12 points and recorded three steals. Necha Combs, a leader for the ALC women's program all season long, added seven points and a game-high seven assists.

Lauren Carr led Virginia-Wise in scoring with 16 points. Mandy Sexton finished with 11 points for the Lady Cavs. Melissa Barnes tallied eight points and nabbed three rebounds as U.Va.-Wise, recently admitted to the Mid-South Conference, fell in women's hoops action.

Atwood

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In addition, Atwood will make special appearances at Sirius events throughout the year and the racer will travel as part of Sirius' "Rhythm of the Road Tour," a consumer listening experience that will debut at retail outlets, sporting events and other locations.

Everham said that Kevin Cram would serve as Atwood's crew chief, and on Monday spoke of Atwood being a future Winston Cup champion. Clayton agrees.

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in place," he said.

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Marshall

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ished with 12 points. As a team Marshall connected on 10 of 15 three point shots in the second half (73-30).

"We had a terrible first half," Slay said. "We fought back hard and had a chance to win. It really hurts to fight that hard and come so close and still lose, especially to a good team."

Kent State dominated the boards, out-rebounding Marshall 42 to 24. The Herd shot 49-percent from the floor and 52-percent from three, while Kent State shot 47.5-percent and 40-percent, respectively.

Marshall will attempt to get back on track tonight. The Thundering Herd will travel to Oxford, Ohio to take on Miami University in a MAC East division contest set for 7 p.m.

Marshall at Miami(Ohio)

Marshall University's men's basketball team travels to Oxford, Ohio for an impor-

tant Mid-American Conference East Division contest with Miami University tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and the game will be carried by ESPN Regional (WSAZ-TV in the Huntington/Charleston market).

Marshall (7-5, 2-1) is coming off a last second loss to Kent State and will be looking for its third conference win of the season, while Miami (4-9) will be looking to move to 2-0 in the league following a double-overtime victory at Central Michigan last weekend.

Miami has spent most of the early season on the road and tonight's game will mark the RedHawks first home game in a month. Miami has played seven consecutive games on the road, including a week long stint at the Maui Classic where the RedHawks toppled nationally-ranked Boston College and just missed upsets of Notre Dame and Georgia.

Poll

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were tied for 14th. Boston College was No. 16 followed by Missouri, Gonzaga, Wake Forest and Arizona.

The last five ranked teams were Miami, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Butler and Michigan State.

Mississippi State (14-1), which beat Kentucky 74-69 in overtime, is ranked for the first time since the 1995-96 season, the year the Bulldogs went to the Final Four. Mississippi State's only loss this season was to Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh (14-1) moved into the Top 25 for the first time since the 1998-99 season off a 77-74 victory at Boston College, the Panthers' ninth straight since a loss to South Florida.

Georgetown (9-5) was the only ranked team to lose two games last week, falling to Miami and Rutgers and dropping out from 24th. The Hoyas were No. 14 in the preseason

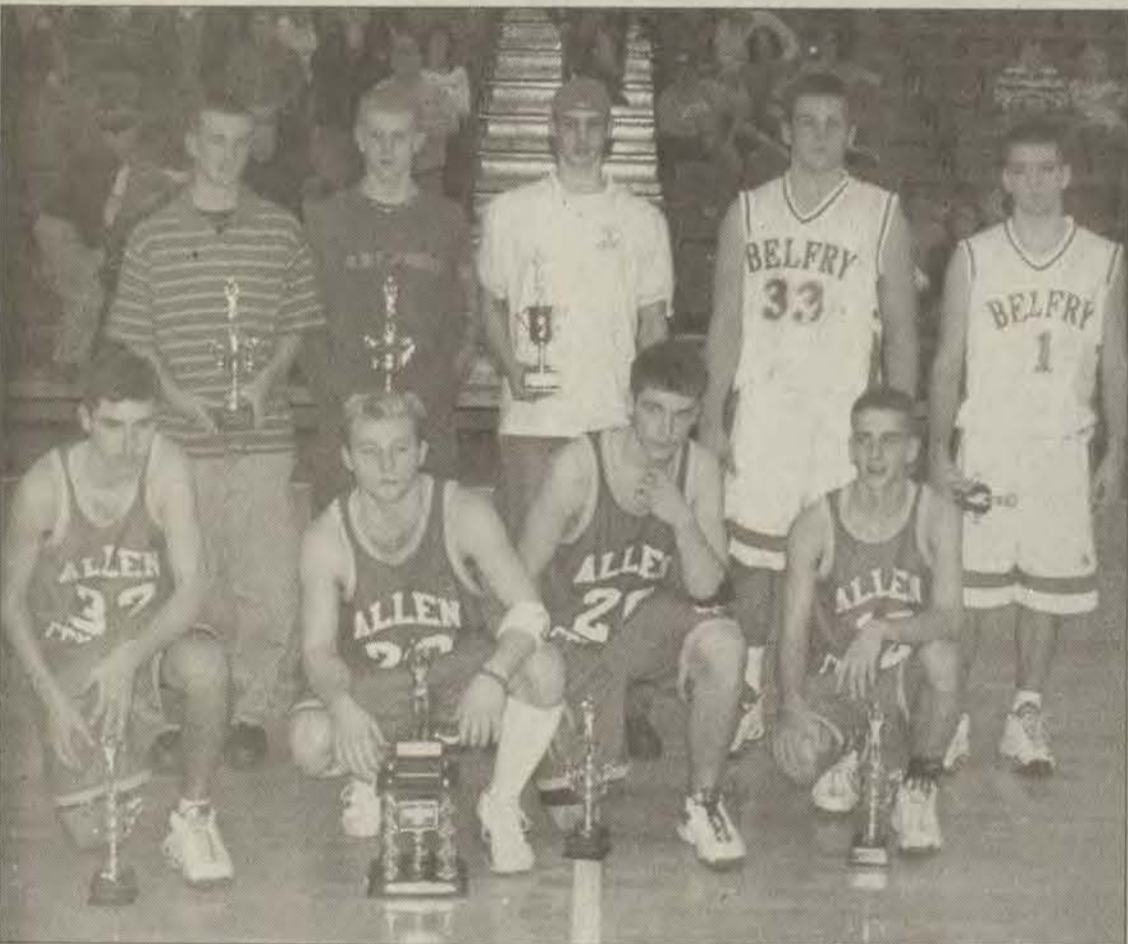
poll and had been ranked every week this season.

Marquette (11-3) fell out from No. 25 after losing to Charlotte, the Golden Eagles' third loss in four games. Marquette was ranked for the last six weeks, getting as high as No. 14.

The week's biggest drop was Michigan State's fall from No. 19 to 25th after losing to Minnesota in its only game.

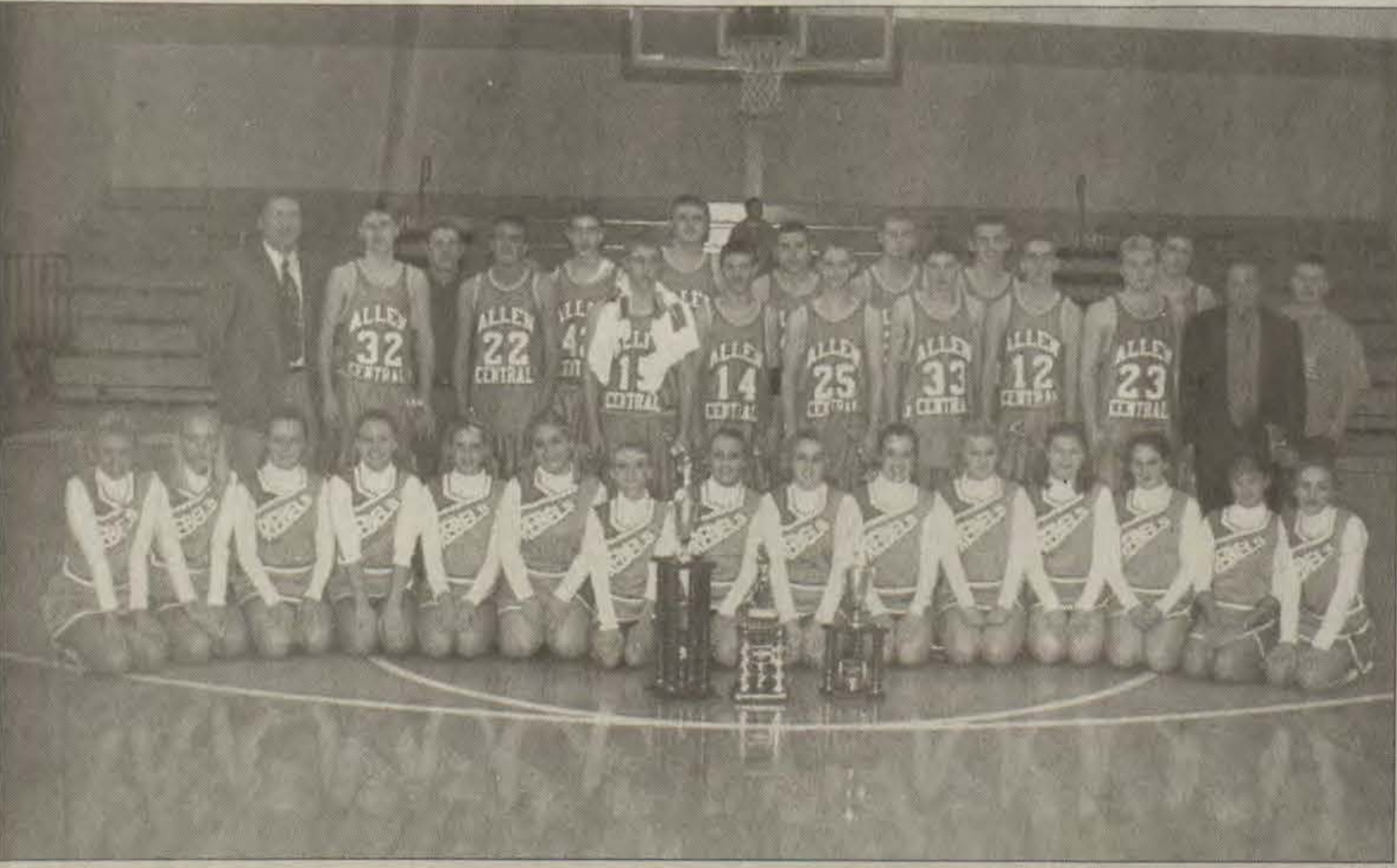
The other Top Ten teams to lose over the weekend were Illinois and Iowa.

Duke, Virginia, Oklahoma State and Miami entered the weekend as the only Division I teams without a loss. The last team to go unbeaten in a season was Indiana in 1975-76.



The 2002 Coca-Cola Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team.

photo by Jamie Howell



The Allen Central High School boys' varsity cheerleaders won top honors over the weekend in the Pike County Central tourney.

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Alice

the game, Collins recorded a sturdy double-double with 19 points and 13 rebounds. He led

ALC in both scoring and rebounding.

Former June Buchanan School standout Jase Slone scored 14 points and added eight rebounds. Shelby Valley alum Shannon Akers was Alice Lloyd's other double figures scorer with 12 points.

Tommy McKenzie added eight points, eight rebounds and four assists for the Eagles.

Ryan Shannon, a South Floyd High graduate, dished out five assists to lead Alice Lloyd in that category.

Kent Campbell and another South Floyd alum, Jimmy Stumbo, finished with eight and seven points, respectively.

Ryan Young paced Ohio Southern with 17 points. Matt Wilson and Jim Tackett had 12 points each for host Ohio Southern. Tackett led OS in rebounding with nine boards.

Alice Lloyd's win could be attributed in big part to the margin of rebounds for the visiting team. The Eagles dominated the backboards, outrebounding the

host team 48-28. However, Alice Lloyd turned the ball over 18 times compared to just eight times for Ohio Southern. The win was the biggest for the Eagles this season since the victory over rival Pikeville College back in early-December.

KHSAA

Discussion of the proposals to be presented will take place at 10:40 a.m. in Ballrooms 3 and 4. Voting will take place at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For a listing of the proposals, log on to the KHSAA Website at www.khsaa.org and choose the Annual Meeting/Seminar link. Voting results will be posted on the KHSAA website.

Over 400 students and 70 adults are scheduled to participate in the KHSAA's first-ever **Student Leadership/Sportsmanship Conference** scheduled for today at Rupp Arena and the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. Registration for the Student Leadership Conference begins at 8 a.m. in the Rupp Arena lobby. The Conference's opening general session will then be held inside the Arena beginning at 8:30 a.m. with guest speaker Ukari Figgs. Figgs helped the Scott County Lady Cardinals to the 1995 Girls' State Basketball Championship and went on to play on Purdue University's NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship team. Currently, Ukari stars for the WNBA Champion Los Angeles Sparks.

Beginning at 9:45 a.m., students will participate in group sessions at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Mr. Harvey Alston, featured speaker, will address both the students and those attending the Annual Delegate Assembly meeting in a joint session of the two events at 12:45 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson.



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Games

Campbell with 22 points.

Campbell also was named to the All Tournament Team. Also finishing in double figures were Chris Olinger 11 Josh Miller 14 Joey Lindon 19 and J.J. Housley 12. Hazard also shot a respectable 8-11 from the line on the night. The Feds Creek Vikings were led in scoring by Matt Belcher with 35 points. Belcher was also named to the All-Tournament Team. Shannon Bullock finished the night with 12 points for Feds Creek.

Hazard scoring - Jeremy Campbell 22 Joey Lindon 19 Josh Miller 14 J.J. Housley 12 Chris Olinger 11 Parker Carter 4 Steve Sizemore 4 Hank Gabbard 2.

Feds Creek scoring - Matt Belcher 35 Shannon Bullock 12 Joe Stone 8 John Vamey 6 Aaron Branham 6 Tommy Hayes 5 Anthony Hess 2.

Paintsville fights back, topples Magoffin Co.

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Magoffin County Hornets gave the Paintsville Tigers all they

wanted and then some on Saturday at Pike Central High School. The Tigers seemed to be overlooking the Hornets after soundly whipping them on their home floor just two weeks earlier.

Magoffin County came out with nothing to lose and really put it on the Tigers early and built a 10-point lead after one at 18-8. The Hornets led 37-33 at the break and increased the lead to 51-41 after three. Paintsville would come alive late in the final quarter led by Chas Harmon with 12 fourth quarter points. Paintsville outscored Magoffin County 32-15 in the fourth quarter to claim the win 73-66. Paintsville went to the free-throw line 23 times in the game connecting on 15 of those attempts.

The Hornets attempted 27 and made 18 of their attempts. Chas Harmon led Paintsville in scoring with 18 points and was named to the All-Tournament Team as well for the Tigers. Luke Russell led Magoffin County with 20 points and also was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Scoring was as follows, for Paintsville - Chas Harmon 18, Stuart Rutledge 16, Brandon Gullett 11, Nathan Haney 6, Jeremy Slone 6, Adam Collins 5, Tate Harmon 4, Ryan Jarrell 4, Shane Simpkins 3.

Magoffin County - Luke

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Russell 20, John Holbrook 17, Josh Back 9, Adam Russell 8, Clifton Barker 6, Blake Helton 4, Jason Arnett 2.

The Tigers finished the tournament 2-1 and finished in fifth place as winners of the losers bracket.

Raiders

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Shaffer led the Lady Blackcats in rebounding with eight boards. Music added seven rebounds.

Senior Vicki Bowling and freshman Chanel Music both played for Prestonsburg but did not score.

Brandy Anderson scored a team-best 12 points to pace South Floyd. Six of Anderson's points came from behind the three-point line. Kandice Mitchell tallied 10 points and Ashley Johnson seven. Sara Johnson added six points and Tabitha Berger finished with four. Megan Ousley and Sheree Hopkins finished with three and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg finished the contest hitting six-of-10 from behind the three-point line. South Floyd went three-for-13 on trifecta tries.

The Lady Raiders finished the contest with 11 offensive rebounds and 19 defensive rebounds.

Rankings

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on Breathitt County in a game slated for an 8:45 p.m. start.

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2. Mayfield
3. Glasgow
4. Saint Henry
5. Saint Mary
6. Somerset
7. Lyon County
8. Covington Holy Cross
9. Frankfort
10. Danville

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Reed

very best. It's just that you could have chosen a better environment. But, then, maybe you and

Louisville are a pair made for each other."

What in the name of Peck Hickman does that mean? When he refers to environment, is he talking about the city or the U of L campus? What's wrong with either? And what exactly did he mean by saying maybe Pitino and Louisville were made for each other?

Such disparaging remarks don't do a thing to promote goodwill between the cities, the universities, and the basketball programs. U of L fans have a right to be offended by Combs' innuendoes. It's another example of a Kentuckian with rural roots smearing the evil big city.

But Combs and other Big Blue fans hardly have cornered the market on prejudice. The day of the UK-U of L game, WHAS radio personality Terry Meiners, a close friend of Pitino's who co-hosts the coach's TV show, posted a mean-spirited diatribe on his internet web that ridiculed Big Blue fans from Appalachia.

His goal, apparently, was to needle those UK fans who take basketball far too seriously. But this time Meiners, who's normally witty, clever, and funny, didn't pull it off. His "lampoon" was hurtful to UK fans who live in the mountains. He portrayed them as racist, ignorant, slothful, and badly in need of dental work. On Monday, Meiners reported that he had received 560 e-mails, mostly from the eastern part of the state.

In a commentary full or irresponsible comments, this was the worst: "Kentucky coach Tubby Smith was immediately

chased off the floor by a pack of former supporters who turned up their UK sweatshirt hoods to reveal only a pair of eye holes and two additional 'Ks' to the monogram."

As a lifelong Catholic, Meiners should be aware of the hatred and evil perpetuated by the Ku Klux Klan, which reviled Catholics only slightly less than it did Jews and African-Americans. Every black coach has experienced racism to one degree or another. It's a touchy, complex subject that needs to be treated carefully and responsibly. It's certainly no laughing matter.

Why did Meiners do it? What was he thinking? He says he simply wanted to needle the UK fans who consider basketball to be a matter of life and death.

To a point, that's fine. But why pick on the element of Big Blue fandom which lives in circumstances so bleak and dire that UK basketball is one of their few joys in life? They deserve sympathy, not ridicule.

One definition of prejudice is to stereotype and generalize

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about any particular group of people. In these politically correct times, it's unthinkable to publicly make jokes about Jews, blacks, homosexuals, etc.

Why, then, would anybody think it's O.K. to make fun of the folks who live in Appalachia? Yet Combs was as guilty of perpetuating negative stereotypes about Louisville as Meiners was of perpetuating "hillbilly" stereotypes.

But maybe, inadvertently, they've done the commonwealth a service by exposing our cultural divide. There's no doubt that many UK fans said "right on" when they read Combs' innuendoes about Louisville. And there's no doubt that a lot of U of L fans were immensely entertained by Meiners' characterizations of a certain element of UK fandom.

In 2002, our state remains far more divided than united. And basketball is the lightning rod that seems to bring out the worst in many otherwise good and decent people.

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Taylor

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Cumberland cut the lead to one (29-28) on a Scott Hallums jumper with 18:33 left, but Pikeville then had eight straight when Taylor and Joey Mirus had four each. The lead was 37-28 with 15:28 left.

The Bulldogs got within one again when Quasean Nicholson scored on a layup to make it 44-43 with 10:43 left, but Pikeville again stretched it with eight in a row, ending on a jumper by Travis Allen for a 51-43 lead with 9:13 to play.

Pikeville got the lead to 10 once, when Alan Powe hit two free throws for a 63-53 lead, but it was short lived, and the Bears settled for a nine-point win.

Cumberland had three players in double-figures, led by Berford Whitson with 15. Scott Hallums and Hermann Buchert had 10 points each.

Pikeville won the battle of the boards 40-30, and survived 26 turnovers to stay perfect in the league.

Rebels

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favorite to win the 15th Region with their showing in the tournament. The Rebels began the tournament with an impressive performance against a good Hazard team in the first round by beating the Bulldogs handily.

On Friday in the semifinals the Rebs put away the 9-2 Shelby Valley Wildcats in what most called an upset, and advanced to the championship game against the 7-3 Belfry Pirates.

Allen Central was led in the tournament by standout guard Shawn Newsome, the senior averaged a stellar 31 points per game in the three game stint. Newsome was awarded the tournament most valuable player award at the conclusion of the game Saturday. Belfry figured to be a stern challenge for Allen Central as the Pirates came in with a 7-3 record. Belfry shooting guard Boo Hager lit up the Pike Central Hawks for 30 points in the semifinals on Friday, and the stage seemed to be set for a Newsome and Hager shootout.

In the first quarter, the Rebels managed to take the early lead behind Newsome and Neil Allen. The two combined for all the Rebels points in the first quarter. Belfry could manage only three

field goals in the first quarter, and after one quarter the Rebels led Belfry 11-8. In the second quarter it was all Allen Central as the Rebs outscored Belfry 23-7.

Allen Central's Mike Stone heated up in the second quarter tossing in nine points in the period and Newsome added nine as well to propel the Rebs to a commanding halftime lead of 34-15.

Belfry continued to struggle from the field hitting only three field goals again in the second quarter and turning the ball over six times as a result of the Rebel pressure.

In the second half the Rebels continued to increase their lead, as Rossi Samons came off the bench for Coach Martin to score eight second half points for the Rebs. The Pirates' Boo Hager tried to get things going for Belfry in the second half by hitting three-pointers in the third and fourth quarter, but it wouldn't matter on this night, as it was all AC from the opening tip.

Allen Central finished 13-for-21 from the line in the game and took home the team free-throw award at the end of the night during postgame ceremonies.

The duo of Hager and Paul Howard combined for 31 of Belfry's 50 points on the night. But

this night belonged to the Runnin Rebels as they coasted home leading 52-29 after three quarters of play.

Allen Central connected on just five three-pointers in the game, but it was the transition game that helped the Rebels as time after time they scored inside with the short range jumper. The Rebels turned in an awesome three-game performance to take the Hoops Classic and if this was a preview of things to come, other teams in the 15th Region should stand up and take notice - The Runnin' Rebs are back!

SCOREBOARD

Allen Central - Shawn Newsome 30 Mike Stone 13, Rossi Samons 13, Neil Allen 8, Justin Hall 2, Daniel Szabo 2.

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What, me worry?

by CLYDE PACK

Here I am, as usual, a day late and a dollar short. Well, more than a day; actually, it's more than a week. But it's still close enough to the first of the year to talk about resolutions.

I heard a report on TV the other day that said more people quit smoking every year as a result of New Year's resolutions than for any other reason.

Of course, I'd imagine that many of the people who stopped smoking January 1, 2002, will be the very same people who will stop smoking on January 1, 2003.

Although I haven't smoked in over 30 years, I'm still overweight and don't exercise regularly, so I can't really remember ever making a New Year's resolution that I've actually kept. But there is one thing that is very irritating to me that perhaps I can resolve to fix.

So, here goes. In 2002 I resolve to stop worrying so much about things over which I have no control.

For example, I've always considered myself as one who gets along with everybody. I've taken a small degree of pride in the fact that I came to the realization fairly early in life that we all march to a different drummer; that we're all individuals with our quirky little idiosyncrasies.

Now, I don't mean to imply that I think I'm another Will Rogers. I don't mean to suggest that I've never met a man I didn't like. Of course I have, and a few women, too. Who hasn't? I don't think there's anything wrong with admitting that.

But life is a two-way street and every once in a while, although I can't for the life of me imagine why, I run into someone who just flat don't like me either.

I know it's silly, but I worry about stuff like that. Was it something I did? Something I said?

Something I wrote and published in the paper? Was it something somebody else said...about me?

Sometimes I go for weeks at a time and actually worry about such as that, but I think I'll resolve not to do that anymore. Once I clear my conscience by deciding that, at least as far as I know, I did nothing to cause this person's anti-Clyde attitude, I'll just forget about it. There's too many good things going on in my life for me to fret over something I can't control.

As speaking of good things, in less than a week, granddaughter Alison will celebrate her second birthday. She's turned into quite a gal and Mamaw and Papaw are very proud of her and love her very much. Happy birthday, Alison.

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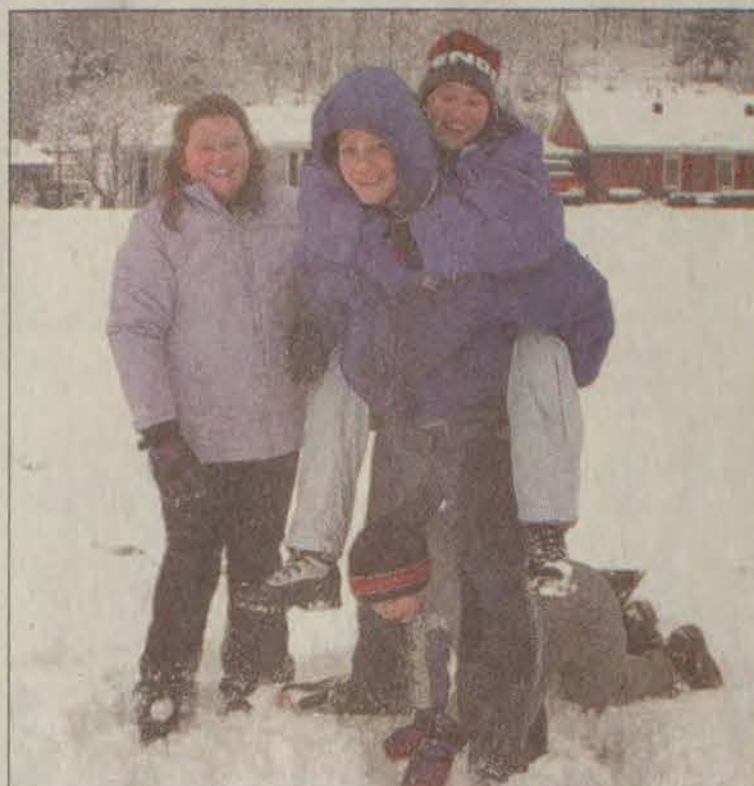
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Left to right, Michael Sohl, Neil Cottrell, Caleb Gulick, and Ricky Sohl.



Left to right, Natalie Combs, Wes Woods, and Lindsey Brown. Garrett Brown is also shown, on his hands and knees.

The Snow Chronicles

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Sunday morning brought an abundance of snowfall to Floyd County, as had been promised by weather forecasters throughout the region. It also brought folks out from their cozy homes and into the elements. I thought it would be fun to talk to a few community residents and find out the true skinny on whether or not people in these parts really do like snow or not. Contrary to the grumblings you hear around the local grocery stores and such, it seems that snow is, after all, a pretty welcome arrival. I also realize, however, that of the citizens I interviewed who were out enjoying the white stuff, there were most likely twice as many more scoffing at "Old Man Winter's" post-Christmas decorations from inside their warm habitats.

Following are a few of the comments I received from those I happened to encounter Sunday morning.

Nathan Stone, Josh Miller, Victoria Clemons, and Kelly Miller were the first frolickers I came across and they were more than delighted to tell me how they felt about snow: Nathan - "I love snow! I was real disappointed that it didn't snow for my birthday, December 3. Everything just blends in when it snows, it's all the same."

Victoria - "I'm real excited that it's snowing 'cause I'm snowed in with Kelly and she's my best friend. I live out in the middle of nowhere! We're going to Archer Park to play and slide. That's what's so great about snow, you can just go out and be a big overgrown kid in it!"

Josh - "I don't know, it's just fun. It's peaceful. It just makes everybody smile."

Kelly - "Snow is da bomb."
I found local minister, Debbie Wallace-Padgett out walking near the Strand Theater with her two children, Andrew, 7, and Leandra, 9

("almost 10!" she informed me). Andrew was having some fun scooping up snowballs and the family was more than happy to talk to me.

Wallace-Padgett - "I like snow because it makes everything look so clean and it reminds me of beginnings and new starts."

Andrew - "Yes! I like snow because you can throw snowballs at people!"

Leandra - "I like snow because it cancels school."

Andrew and Leandra are both students at Wesley Christian and both their parents are ministers who live in Prestonsburg.

Tumbling along next were Michael Sohl and his younger brother, Ricky, who come to Floyd County from Arizona. They were out with friends, Caleb Gulick and Neil Cottrell, both of Prestonsburg.

Michael - "I like it. I've never been in the snow before. I'm from Arizona."

Ricky - "I like it, too."

Caleb - "I like snow, but I wouldn't like to have it all the time."

Neil - Yes! I love snow! We can go sledding down post office hill, that's where we're headed."

Out and about, I came across a couple of other folks new to Prestonsburg, Scott and Nicole Freeman, who recently moved to our area from Toccoa, Georgia.

Nicole - "I love snow! In Georgia, we might get a slight inch or two, but nothing like this. This is great. We just built a snowman!"

Scott - "Duh. Of course I like snow!"

I left the Freemans still grinning from ear to ear as the snow continued to fall around their ears. The Freemans are a newly married couple who have moved around quite a bit due to Scott's military career. Scott is currently employed locally, so maybe they'll be sticking around for

(See SNOW, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater
"Schlump, schlumpie, snort."



Left to right, Nicole Freeman, Scott Freeman, and "Frosty the Snowman."



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Left to right, Andrew Padgett, Debbie Wallace-Padgett, and Leandra Padgett.



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Elizabeth Baldrige. "I like snow because it crunches and it's fun to make snow angels in!"



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Left to right, Nathan Stone, Josh Miller, Victoria Clemons, and Kelly Miller.

Small World

Star Player

Charles and Madge Walters live in Hamilton, Ohio, now, but both grew up in Floyd County and graduated from Betsy Layne High School. They were one of many couples who met in high school and the courtship that began between them has lasted all these years.

Charles and Madge returned for that super BLHS reunion last June and found it really good to be back with so many old friends they grew up with. One evening was not enough to get to much visiting in, so many of the group returned to May Lodge the following day, and of course the stories and memories continued to be exchanged.

Couples were going from table to table as

they were reminded of another experience. Charles had grown up in Betsy Layne Bottom when there were fewer houses than now to take up the space, and there was plenty of room for a baseball field. Almost every afternoon, there would be a game in progress, but Charles was younger and smaller than a lot of the fellows and wasn't always chosen by the team captain unless another of the guys didn't show up.

The players included Jack Donald Smith, Orbie and Clifford Boyd, Cecil Graham May, Arnold Kelly, Walter Hall, Broadus Spears, Clayton Smith and J. W. Boyd. Teams were formed with whoever was available in the community, and they would play against other teams from Justell, Harold, Red Town, and Ivel. Their equipment consisted of little more than

a ball and a couple of bats. Bases were made of anything that would mark a spot. Charles' grandfather was Johnny Walters who had a store, and a lot of supplies he got came in burlap bags. When these became empty, they could be filled with sand from the river bank and used as wonderful bases. This was an advantage for Charles, the only one on his team who had access to the burlap containers.

He had spent one whole morning gathering the sand and arranging the bases on their field, and that afternoon he was needed to complete the team. It was a good arrangement for everyone. A few days later, all the other players showed up and he was told he wouldn't be needed this time.

He proceeded to gather up his bases to take

them home, and that's when the message sunk in about how important he really was. From that time on, he was a star player.

Outdated Ornament

There are few things more stale than a Christmas tree whose time has passed. I heard about one family who, as soon as the last gift was removed from beneath this decorated centerpiece and opened, removed the tree itself by carefully lifting it outside.

One reason some of us have a tree in the first place is the satisfaction we get from seeing the furniture back in its customary place. It's a little like going on a journey and then returning home again. The coming home is usually the best part of the trip.



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Judge denies Microsoft request to delay antitrust case

by D. IAN HOPPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Monday denied Microsoft's request to delay the company's historic antitrust case by four months, holding to

the current schedule that calls for a trial in March.

Before lawyers for the company had a chance to plead their case, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly said she had no intention of giving Microsoft as much time as it

desired, Microsoft has said in the face of broad penalties requested by the nine states, the company doesn't have enough time to prepare its case.

"The court put in place an intensive and expedited schedule," Kollar-Kotelly said. "Certainly no one can claim that they lack resources."

Microsoft's lawyers also complained that some of the competitors the states plan to call as witnesses aren't cooperating with the software giant. Dan K. Webb, Microsoft's lead attorney, said of 24 third-parties served with subpoenas, only six have responded at all.

"I need a good hunk of these documents before I do depositions," Webb said, naming SBC Communications — which is being represented by David Boies — as one offender.

Boies represented the Justice Department in the government's case against the software giant.

Kollar-Kotelly said if any Microsoft competitor refused to cooperate with Microsoft, she would bar them from testifying for the states.

"You can't be friendly to one group and not to the other," she said. "I want that message to go out loud and clear."

University of Baltimore law professor Bob Lande said the judge's denial of Microsoft's request was a major blow to the company. If the remedy hearing

could be delayed, the judge might already approve a settlement reached by the federal government and nine other states, which would hurt the remaining states' case.

Nine other states, as well as the District of Columbia, decided to hold out for stricter penalties for breaking antitrust law and hurting consumers. The states that did not sign onto that settlement are Iowa, California, Connecticut, West Virginia, Utah, Minnesota, Kansas, Florida and Massachusetts.

"She didn't even throw Microsoft a bone" by giving the company a few more weeks, Lande said. He said even though it was clear that the judge made her mind up before the hearing, she decided to listen to Microsoft's argument to show she was fair to the firm.

Kollar-Kotelly's predecessor, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, was criticized by Microsoft and an appeals court for not giving Microsoft a fair shake. Jackson's ruling, which called for a breakup of Microsoft, was thrown out by

the appeals court and he was removed from the case.

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NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Kentucky May Coal
Company, Inc., HC
82, Box 1045, Arnold
Fork Road, Kite,
Kentucky 41828, has
applied for Phase I
bond release on
Permit Number 860-
5164, Increment
Number 2, which was
last issued on
06/13/01. The appli-
cation covers an area
of approximately
695.86 acres, located
4.1 miles southeast
of Kite, Knott County,
Kentucky, in Floyd
and Knott Counties.

The permit area is
approximately 0.7
mile east of the jun-
ction of KY 7 with KY
1498, and 0.08 mile
east of Right Fork of
Beaver Creek. The
latitude is 37 degrees,
18 minutes, 14 seconds.
The longitude is 82 degrees,
45 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bond now in
effect for Permit
Number 860-5164,
Increment Number 2,
is a surety of
\$34,900,000. Approx-
imately 60% of the
original bond amount
of \$27,600.00 is in-
cluded in the applica-
tion for release.

Reclamation work
performed includes:
backfilling, final grad-
ing, seeding and
mulching, completed
in the fall of 2001. All
disturbed areas have
been seeded as to
provide adequate
growth for plant
species and provide
appropriate condition
for the surrounding
wildlife.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application.

Written comments,
objections, and
requests for a public
hearing or informal
conference must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow, Frankfort,
Kentucky 41501, has
applied for Phase II
bond release on
Permit No. 836-0216,
which was last issued
on August 21, 2001.
The application cov-
ers an area of approx-
imately

1054.61 acres, locat-
ed 3.79 miles north-
east of Ivel, in Floyd
County, Kentucky.

The permit area is
approximately 3.79
miles northeast from
U.S. 23's junction
with Ivy Creek
County Road, and
located 0.95 mile
north of Ivy Creek.
The latitude is 37° 36'
18". The longitude is
82° 37' 35".

The Bond now in
effect is a Surety
Bond in the amount
of \$615,200.00.
Approximately 85%
of the original bond
amount of
\$2,204,900.00 is
included in the appli-
cation for Phase II
Bond Release.

Reclamation work
performed to date
includes: backfilling
and grading; soil
sampling and testing;
fertilizing, seeding,
mulching, and the
establishment of ini-
tial growth of vegeta-
tion completed
spring, 2000.

A public hearing on
the application has
been scheduled for
February 11, 2002, at
9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653. The hearing
will be cancelled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to
Application No.:
836-0025

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Brashae Coal
Company, Inc., Box
628, Hindman,
Kentucky 41822, has
applied for Phase II
and III Bond Release
on Increment #1, of
Permit number 836-
0025, which was last
issued on 11/06/01.
The application cov-
ers an area of approx-
imately 442.39
acres, located 0.5
mile southeast of
Manton, in Floyd
County.

The permit area is
approximately 0.5
mile northeast of
Wolfpen Branch
Road's junction with
Kentucky Route
1210, and located 0.5
mile northeast of
Wolfpen Branch. The
latitude is 37° 34' 22".
The longitude is 82°
48' 25".

The bond now in
effect for Increment
#1 is a surety bond in
the amount of
\$11,000. The entire
remaining bond
amount of \$11,000 is
included in the appli-
cation for release.

Reclamation work
performed to date
includes: backfilling
and grading; soil
sampling and testing;
fertilizing, seeding,
mulching and tree
setting, completed in
summer 1991; and
the establishment of
an adequate vegeta-
tion cover.

Written com-
ments, objections or
requests for a public
hearing or informal
conference must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow, US 127
South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601, by
February 8, 2002.

A public hearing on
the application has
been scheduled for
February 12, 2002, at
9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Suite 6,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653.
The hearing will be
canceled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
February 8, 2002.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application.

NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Lodestar Energy,
Inc., 251 Tollage
Creek, Pikeville,
Kentucky 41501, has
applied for Phase II
bond release on
Permit No. 836-0216,
which was last issued
on August 21, 2001.
The application cov-
ers an area of approx-
imately

1054.61 acres, locat-
ed 3.79 miles north-
east of Ivel, in Floyd
County, Kentucky.

The permit area is
approximately 3.79
miles northeast from
U.S. 23's junction
with Ivy Creek
County Road, and
located 0.95 mile
north of Ivy Creek.
The latitude is 37° 36'
18". The longitude is
82° 37' 35".

The Bond now in
effect is a Surety
Bond in the amount
of \$615,200.00.
Approximately 85%
of the original bond
amount of
\$2,204,900.00 is
included in the appli-
cation for Phase II
Bond Release.

Reclamation work
performed to date
includes: backfilling
and grading; soil
sampling and testing;
fertilizing, seeding,
mulching, and the
establishment of ini-
tial growth of vegeta-
tion completed
spring, 2000.

A public hearing on
the application has
been scheduled for
February 11, 2002, at
9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653. The hearing
will be cancelled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to
Application No.:
836-0025

In accordance with
KRS 350.093, notice
is hereby given that
Brashae Coal
Company, Inc., Box
628, Hindman,
Kentucky 41822, has
applied for Phase II
and III Bond Release
on Increment #1, of
Permit number 836-
0025, which was last
issued on 11/06/01.
The application cov-
ers an area of approx-
imately 442.39
acres, located 0.5
mile southeast of
Manton, in Floyd
County.

The permit area is
approximately 0.5
mile northeast of
Wolfpen Branch
Road's junction with
Kentucky Route
1210, and located 0.5
mile northeast of
Wolfpen Branch. The
latitude is 37° 34' 22".
The longitude is 82°
48' 25".

The bond now in
effect for Increment
#1 is a surety bond in
the amount of
\$11,000. The entire
remaining bond
amount of \$11,000 is
included in the appli-
cation for release.

Reclamation work
performed to date
includes: backfilling
and grading; soil
sampling and testing;
fertilizing, seeding,
mulching and tree
setting, completed in
summer 1991; and
the establishment of
an adequate vegeta-
tion cover.

Written com-
ments, objections or
requests for a public
hearing or informal
conference must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601, by
February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

In accordance with
the provisions of KRS
350.093 notice is
hereby given that
Buck Coal, Inc., 544
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653, intends to apply
for Phase II and III
Bond Release on
Increment No. 1, and
a Phase III Bond
Release on
Increment No. 2 of
Permit No. 836-5254
which was last issued
on Nov. 17, 1994.

The Increment cover
approximately 6.40
miles north of Teaberry
in Floyd County.

The permit area is
0.40 mile south from
KY 979's junction
with the Akers Branch
Road, and is located
on the McDowell 7
1/2 minute USGS
quadrangle maps.

The performance
bond (Surety) now in
effect for Increment
No. 1 is \$5,300.00,
and for Increment No.
2 is \$1,900.00.
Approximately 100%
of the original bond
amounts (\$7,500.00
for Increment No.1,
and \$9,500.00 for
Increment No. 2), is
included in this applica-
tion for release.

Reclamation work
thus far performed
includes: backfilling
and grading, sam-
pling and testing, lim-
ing, fertilizing, seed-
ing and mulching,
and was completed in
Fall 1993. Results
thus far achieved
include: establish-
ment of vegetation,
and the approved
post mining land use
plan.

Written comments,
objections, and
request for a public

hearing or informal
conference must be
filed with the Director,
Division of Field
Services, #2 Hudson
Hollow Complex,
Frankfort, KY 40601,
by
Feb. 18, 2002.

A hearing date for
this bond release
request has been set
for Feb. 19, 2002, at
9:00 a.m., at the
Department for
Surface Mining and
Enforcement's
Regional Office, 3940
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653. The hearing
will be cancelled if no
request for a hearing
or informal confer-
ence is received by
Feb. 18, 2002.

This is the final
advertisement of this
application; all com-
ments, objections, or
requests for a hear-
ing must be received
by the Director,
Division of Field
Services, by Feb. 18,
2002.

COMMONWEALTH

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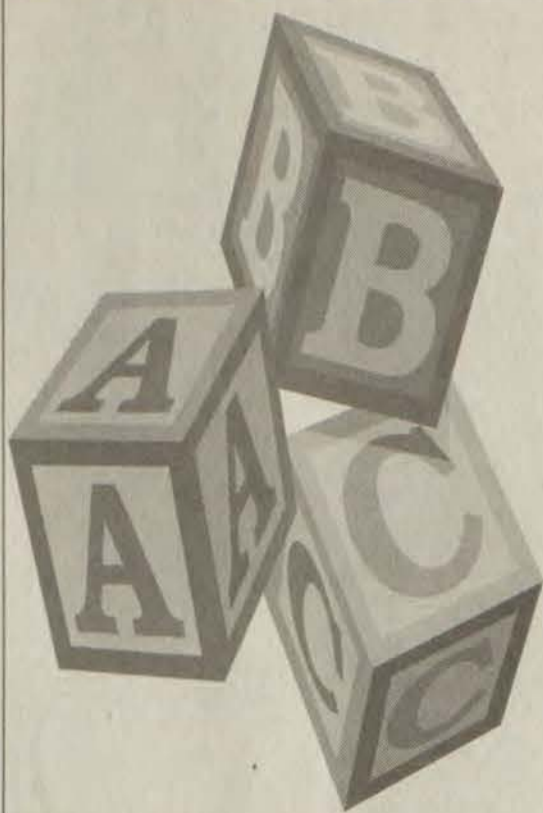
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NOTICE OF COM-

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SALE

BY VIRTUE OF
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Court entered on the
13th day of
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways in the Division of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st Floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 A.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, on the 25th day of JANUARY, 2002, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD COUNTY, BRO 5351 (6), FD52 036 0550 001-002 The Garrett-Bosco Road (KY 550) Bridge and Approaches at Right Fork Beaver Creek, 0.500 mile southwest of KY 850, a distance of 0.260 kilometer. Grade, Drain and Asphalt Surface.

FLOYD-JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN COUNTIES, FE01 121 DW02 0000016: Right-of-Way Mowing, Trimming, and Litter Removal on US 23, US 460, KY 3, KY 321, and various other routes in Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, and Martin counties in District Twelve, a distance of 107.369 miles.

The Department of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business enterprises, will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or natural origin in consideration for an award.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available until 3:00 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, preceding the day of the letting of FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002, at the Division of Contract Procurement. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS.

Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE). Specimen proposals cannot be used for bidding.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby

given that Four J Development has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a residential apartment building within the 100 Year Floodplain. The project site is on the east bank of the Little Paint Creek, approximately 1000 feet northeast of the intersection of Route 1100 with new Route US 23. The latitude is 37d 43m 15s; the longitude is 82d 47m 19s. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to The Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

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East Point Masons to hold installation ceremonies January 12

The East Point Masonic Lodge 657 F. & A. M. elected officers on December 27, 2001 for the year 2002.

Elected Master of the Lodge was Chuck Gibson; Senior Warden, Bill Dotson; Junior Warden, Bill G. Lewis; Treasurer, Robert Peters; Secretary, W. L. Baldrige; Chaplain, Tilden Ellis; Senior Deacon, Darrell Calhoun; Junior Deacon, Gary Wright; Senior Steward, Calvin Ray; Junior Steward, Herman Wells; Tiler, Ben Smith.

Open installation of officers will be held Saturday, January 12.

Brother Masons, their families and friends are invited to the installation. Refreshments will be served. If attending, please bring a covered dish.

LEGAL NOTICE

Due to the proposed construction of the Minnie-Harold Connector (KY 979); project officially designated as Floyd County; Item No. 12-301.00; Project No. FD040366376501R; the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Transportation Cabinet; Department of Highways has deemed it necessary to relocate a number of known and unidentified graves located in four(4) cemeteries, more fully described as follows:

AKERS CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 44

Located 0.2 miles east of KY 979 (mile post 16). This cemetery is located on the greater tract of Parcel 19 owned by Flora Akers. Access to the cemetery is through a gated road that lies on and below the left side of said cemetery. Fourteen graves or more (14) have fieldstone markers but no inscriptions.

YATES-MOORE CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 47

Located approximately 0.25 miles east of KY 979 (milepost 17). This cemetery is located on the greater tract of Parcel 27 owned by Emmitt and Jennifer Branham. The cemetery lies on and above the left hand side of the road and is enclosed with fencing. Of the fourteen or more (14) graves three (3) are unidentified. Two graves are marked but the next of kin need to be located. These two graves are identified as follows: Grave # 9- John E. Blanton- 1/11/1940-? (possibly recent) Grave # 15- A. J. Yates- 9/10/1828-2/2/1895

The Department of Highways hereby requests information from anyone having knowledge of the identity for the unknown graves, the next-of-kin of any grave or any family member having a legal interest in the graves to be relocated.

PLEASE CONTACT:

KYTC-Department of Highways
 Division of Right of Way
 109 Loraine St.-Pikeville, KY 41501
 Lannie Damron or Harry Smith
 (606)433-7791 ; Ext. 261 or 308

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Pikeville, Kentucky, is seeking written proposals for the sale of surplus property located adjacent to Thorpison Road and the city's fire station #3. The tract consists of approximately 19 acres. All utilities, including sanitary sewer, are available. The property is currently zoned Industrial, which includes commercial development, and has an AE flood rating designation.

Proposals at a minimum should include:

- Proposed use of the property
- Number of expected employees
- Expected total annual payroll
- Estimated development cost
- Dates for construction start and completion

The City of Pikeville reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Proposals will be evaluated by the Pikeville City Commission, taking into consideration, not only the purchase price, but the overall economic impact upon the community.

Maps of the property, zoning criteria, and flood rating information are available by contacting City Manager, Kenny Blackburn, by phone at 606-437-5100, or by mail at 118 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501.

Written proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m., on January 22, 2002. Proposals should be addressed to Kenny Blackburn, City Manager, City Hall, 118 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501.