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briefs

District 2 constable race gets competition

A second person has filed to run for constable in District 2, leaving only one district race in Floyd County unchallenged.

Gary Nelson of Wayland filed his candidacy papers on Wednesday. He will face James Hoover of Eastern for the Democratic nomination to that office.

The two will face off in the primary election, which is currently scheduled for May 28, but could be moved to June 18 under a bill pending before the state legislature.

With Nelson's filing, all races on the district level in Floyd County have competition, with the exception of the District 1 constable's race. Billy Ray Jarvis of Prestonsburg remains the only candidate in that race, so far.

Candidates currently have until Jan. 29 to file for office, but that, too, could change. The General Assembly is considering extending the deadline to April 15.

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The Mountain Arts Center Management Commission gathered Wednesday for a special-called meeting, taking advantage of a lull in day-to-day activities to discuss several matters.

MAC board looking for new director

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Mountain Arts Center executive director John Kevin Shannon has stepped down as that facility's number one official and commission members are now organizing ways to get about handling the task of replacing him.

Shannon, who was hired after a vote by the center's management commission on Jan. 11, 2000, left one week before completing his second full year at the facility. He told fellow employees of his plans to leave on December 28, but stayed on until Jan. 4 before leaving to pursue other interests, according to commission chairman Bob Meyer.

"He had made a decision that it was time to move on," said Meyer, "and he had other interests to pursue at that point."

Numerous attempts to reach Shannon for comment were unsuccessful as of press time.

Kentucky Opry director Keith Caudill, one of several staff members present for Wednesday's special-called commission meeting who stood in place for Shannon's absence, said the center would not return him to the position of interim director which he served as until Shannon's arrival at the beginning of 2000. He explained the facility would simply pull together and take care of things as a collective entity until a decision could be made about who to hire to replace Shannon.

Commissioners spent nearly a half-hour in closed session Wednesday night, apparently discussing the pros and cons of forming a personnel committee with the task of overseeing the

Discussion may have violated Open Meetings Law

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A decision by the Mountain Arts Center Management Commission to retire into closed session during a special-called meeting Wednesday may have violated certain aspects of the Open Meetings Law, said an attorney who represents the Kentucky Press Association.

John Fleischaker, who advises the KPA on matters pertaining to open meetings and open records issues, said the commission should have never called for

MAC plans to use slow season to prepare for busy summer

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Mountain Arts Center will be spending the window of opportunity it has during the facility's off-season to begin seeking several bids for a variety of projects before the start of the summer season.

Among those projects will be the possibility of recarpeting the center's stairwell, foyer and lobby, as well as a look into obtaining a new sound system and resanding the theater stage.

MAC management commission members expressed concern during a special-called meeting Wednesday evening of the wear

and tear the present carpet has taken in recent years. Concerned employees said the old carpet was coming away in "strings" which hung loose from the floor and could prove to be hazardous if someone were to fall as a result, especially near the stair-

Three charged with falsely trying to get pills

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Three Floyd County residents were arrested Saturday in connection to an alleged scheme to acquire drugs from a local pharmacy.

Arick Heath Hall, 23, and Travis Ryan Johnson, 22, both of Bevinville, and Pamela Holbrook, 20, of Dema were arrested by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy

Thomas Gearheart after receiving information by radio that a suspicious prescription had been called in at Rite-Aid in Martin.

The call said the prescriptions were called in by a female claiming to be a representative of Paintsville physician Dr. Donald Amerson's office, according to court records. The report said the female requested prescriptions for 120 Lorcet tablets and 30 Valium tablets, then supposedly told the on-duty pharmacist at the

Martin Rite-Aid someone would be en route to pick up the prescription.

The pharmacist later told police that she had contacted Amerson's office after receiving the suspicious call and confirmed that his office had made no calls concerning prescriptions.

Gearheart, having been told of the caller's intentions to stop and fill the prescription, waited at the pharmacy until two individuals arrived, requesting the pre-

scription in question.

According to reports, Hall and Holbrook picked up the prescription and were arrested at the scene, Holbrook allegedly assisting Hall in paying for the prescription at the pharmacy.

Hall was charged with four counts of falsely attempting to obtain a controlled substance prescription and two additional

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Bill proposes changes for county districts

Branham out, Collins in under House plan

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — A proposal introduced in the General Assembly Wednesday which would redraw the state's legislative districts would have a significant impact on those elected to Floyd County in the state capital.

Most significantly, Floyd County would say goodbye to one legislator — 94th District Rep. Ira Branham of Pikeville — and hello to another — 97th District Rep. Hubert Collins of Wittenburg in Johnson County — if the plan advanced by House Democratic leadership passes.

Branham currently represents 20 precincts in Pike County, as well as nine precincts in Floyd County and part of the Cow Creek precinct, forming a crescent around the northern end of the county running from Garrett to Endicott.

The bulk of Branham's Floyd County territories would go to House Majority Floor Leader and 95th District Rep. Greg Stumbo. However, two precincts would be added to Collins' district.

Collins currently represents all of Johnson and Magoffin counties, but three precincts would be added to the 97th if the plan is adopted — the Auxier and Endicott/Bufalo precincts in Floyd County and the Lower Johns Creek precinct in Pike County.

Branham, meanwhile, would see considerable change in his district. In addition to losing any representation of Floyd County, Branham would lose 12 Pike County precincts and pick up 10 other Pike precincts and 19 more from Letcher County.

On the other side of the Capitol building, the House Democrats' plan calls for changes to state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner's 29th



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James takes state tourism position

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Long-time Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James will soon be leaving that post, which he has held for 11 years, to take a position in the Cabinet for Tourism Development in Frankfort under former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta, who now serves as Tourism Secretary.

James, who, among a field of 46 directors statewide, is

presently the fifth most tenured tourism director in the state, will begin his new duties effective Jan. 16. He will serve as a liaison for the media, handling press releases and announcements as well as various other information projects.

As well as leaving his job as tourism director, James will also leave behind several other memberships and positions in several organizations including, presi-

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Odds and Ends

EASTON, Conn. — Before dawn one recent Saturday, 55-year-old Jean Milazzo went out in the cold darkness determined to solve a mystery: Someone was swiping her newspaper.

Armed with a video camera, Milazzo and her daughter-in-law hid in a neighbor's driveway hoping to catch the thief in the act. Sure enough, a white van stopped in front of her house at 6:12 a.m.

The driver got out, picked up her paper and drove off.

Milazzo and her partner sprang into action, jumping in their car and following the van. Milazzo drove while her daughter-in-law captured the van's license plate with a camcorder.

"I had my bright lights on," Milazzo said Tuesday. "I had the horn blowing. I think he got the clue that somebody was on to him."

The thief got away. But using the plate number, police identified the van's owner and charged Erling Goico, 40, with sixth-degree larceny. He faces a fine or community service when he appears in court Jan. 18.

Goico, who has an unlisted phone number, could not be reached for comment.

Police were shocked — and a

bit impressed — at Milazzo's determination to catch the thief. "Everybody was proud of her," Sgt. Richard Doyle said. "We laughed that someone took such an extent to solve their newspaper crime."

VAN BUREN, Ark. — A man accused of stealing from his former employer has been ordered to pay back the company slowly — in monthly payments of \$100 for the next 85 years.

Joe Pratt, 56, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of theft by deception for stealing \$102,000 from Van Buren-based USA Truck. Pratt said he used the stolen money to pay bills and play bingo.

Circuit Judge Floyd Rogers sentenced him to 10 years in prison, suspended eight years of the term, and ordered restitution at \$100 a month.

"The reality is that (USA Truck) is never going to see it," Crawford County deputy prosecutor Marc McCune said. The company will recover much of its loss through insurance.

Officials with USA Truck told police in November they suspected Pratt, the company's director of pricing, was stealing

money from 1999 to November 2001. They turned over several checks made out to the G.A. Turner Co., which turned out to be a fictitious company invented by Pratt.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Buddy the dog may be gone but the former presidential pet is hardly forgotten at a downtown exhibit of memorabilia from the Clinton White House.

Buddy, a 4-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, was killed Jan. 2 when he ran from the Clintons' home in Chappaqua, N.Y., and was hit by a car.

A photo portrait and sculpture of the dog has been added to a temporary display of Clinton artifacts housed near the site of Clinton's planned presidential library.

On a table beneath a full-size portrait is a binder with e-mails from as far away as Russia that have poured in since Buddy passed away.

"I have always prayed for the safety of President and Senator Clinton and Chelsea, but had not thought about Buddy," said one e-mail from Iowa City, Iowa. "As a dog lover and owner of two, I am sending my sympathy to the Clintons."

Next to the binder is a bouquet of six roses sent by merchants across the street. A volunteer hands out photos of the dog in a seated pose, a red collar holding his gold rabies tag.

"There's a lot of interest in (presidential) pets ... and there's just a great affection for Labs," Clinton Foundation president Skip Rutherford said Tuesday.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A rare 17th-century book in Latin has been returned to a Penn State library 57 years after it was last checked out. The good news is there won't be any late fees.

Donald B. King borrowed the text by the Dutch theologian Erasmus — titled "On Copia of Words and Ideas" — to translate into English. King died in 1997, at age 84, never having returned the book.

A few months ago, his daughter, Kathryn King of Perkinsville, Vt., returned the volume to Penn State.

The library normally allows a 25-day grace period then charges a \$25 processing fee plus the cost of the book, spokeswoman Catherine Grigor said Tuesday. This time, they'll let it slide, she said.

When King borrowed the book, he probably signed a card or

made an oral agreement with a librarian to keep it longer than usual, said Loanne Snaveley, head of instructional programs at the library.

King worked on the translation as he moved to different teaching positions around the country, publishing it in 1963.

The 294-page volume is now in the library's special collection and cannot be checked out.

MANCHESTER, Conn. — Local police have seen their share of sorry criminals, but they say Ronald Van Allen may top the list.

When Van Allen, 34, allegedly robbed a bank Friday, he calmly handed the teller a rambling note demanding money and apologizing for the inconvenience, police said.

On Tuesday, he walked into the Manchester police station with more than \$2,000 in a clear plastic bag, confessed and expressed remorse, police said.

"I wish all of our cases were solved like this," Detective Lt. Joseph Morrissey said.

But police didn't accept the apology. They charged Van Allen with robbery and larceny. He was held on a \$10,000 bond and ordered to return to court on Monday.

Police said Van Allen had no previous criminal record.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — A 50-year-old Mormon Trail hiker took a wrong turn and ended up on the tarmac of the regional airport and in the arms of National Guard troops.

Alex Meyer was detained and questioned by police before his release Wednesday.

Officer Zack Peters said Meyer seemed truly remorseful for causing so much trouble.

"I think he just wanted to be invisible," he said.

Police said Meyer, a school teacher, was conducting research of his Mormon faith by hiking the trail through Lincoln County.

He followed a trail for 13 miles along the Platte River to North Platte. When he came across a security fence, he scaled a gate to continue his trek. He didn't realize he was on airport grounds until he saw runways.

Police said he immediately tried to exit the airport grounds, but airport employees called the National Guard troops.

After determining he was not a security threat, officers drove Meyer back to the highway so he could continue his research.

It's time for America's cookies

Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition. Since the 1920s, Girl Scouts have sold cookies to raise funds to provide Girl Scouting to American girls. Girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities that are subsidized by funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies.

Try the new delectable Friendship Circles and support a sweet circle of friends! Friendship Circles are the newest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie line-up. Named for a tradition dear to the heart of many grown-up Girl Scouts, these mouth-watering treats celebrate the 90th birthday of Girl Scouting. Friendship Circles are made by sandwiching rich, chocolatey filling between two crisp vanilla cookies. Just wait until you

taste one! Each of the cookie sides is embossed with the word "Friend," in one of 18 different languages.

"We're very proud of Friendship Circles," said Wendy Henry, communications manager, Wilderness Road Council. "They not only taste marvelous, but they remind the people buying them that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a world-wide organization helping girls grow strong."

Friendship Circles are available through the Girl Scouts Wilderness-Road Council, along with other perennial favorites: Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes and last year's hot seller, Animal Treasures. All varieties will be sold for

just \$3 per box.

"Although our annual cookie sale is an important fundraiser, it means much more to the girls than just selling cookies," comments Henry. "The girls are involved in every aspect of the sale—from planning, to selling, to deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills." More than two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout

Cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in the local area. The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to 25,000 girls and 5,500 volunteers in 57 central and eastern Kentucky counties.

If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout cookie craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts

and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you really are helping fund the future. Cookies can be purchased by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 1-800-475-2621, or locally, by calling Phyllis Allison at 886-8271.

Everyone loves Girl Scout Cookies. Now you can share the sweet joy of delicious Girl Scout cookies with the "Cookie Share" community service project.

This year, with your help, Girl Scouts will be sharing their traditional treats with the Shriners Children's Hospital, and other charitable organizations, through "Cookie Share." This community service project will allow you to purchase at least one additional box of Girl Scout cookies to share

with someone who is unable to purchase them.

Local Girl Scout troops have chosen the charitable organization in your community that they want to support through cookie donations. So when a Girl Scout asks for your cookie order, she may also ask you to share the sweet joy of Girl Scout cookies by buying an extra box to donate to a local charity.

When the Girl Scout cookies are delivered in February, the troops will visit with their chosen charitable organization and deliver the donated cookies. Join with the Girl Scouts to help others in your community, add an extra box of Girl Scout cookies to donate on your Girl Scout cookie order. When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you really are helping girls, and your community, grow strong.

Legislative Briefs

Proposal would extend coverage for breast, cervical cancer

FRANKFORT — More Kentucky women with breast or cervical cancer could have their treatments covered by Medicaid under a bill approved by a Senate committee Wednesday.

The bill by Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, R-Lexington, would raise the income eligibility limit to two-and-one-half times the federal poverty line. The woman's family income could be as high as \$35,000, Kerr told the Health and Welfare Committee.

The current threshold is 185 percent of poverty. If enacted, the change would help about 400 women at a cost to the state of \$600,000 a year, Kerr said. The federal government would contribute \$240 million in matching funds.

The federal match for Medicaid, a government health insurance program for the poor and disabled, ordinarily is 70 cents to a state contribution of 30 cents. But treatment of breast and cervical cancer is matched at 80 cents to 20 cents. (Senate Bill 56)

Bill would stiffen penalty for 'date-rape' drug

FRANKFORT — A Senate committee approved a bill Wednesday to toughen the punishment for possessing a so-called "date-rape" drug.

Possession or trafficking of the drug flunitrazepam, known by the trade name Rohypnol, would become a felony, carrying a prison sentence of 1-5 years. The offense is now a misdemeanor, with a possible sentence of 12 months in jail.

The bill is sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield. It was approved by the Judiciary Committee without dissent.

Kelly said the drug is illegal, but cases of its use have occurred across the country, including in Kentucky. It has the effect of Valium but is 10 times more potent and can debilitate a person.

There have been cases in which the drug was slipped into people's drinks, making them incapacitated and resulting in the physical abuse. (Senate Bill 25)

— The Associated Press

CSX to lay off 230 for two months

RACELAND — CSX Transportation Inc. said it will lay off more than two-thirds of the workers at its car shops in northeastern Kentucky for two months.

A total of 230 of the Raceland plant's 304 employees will be temporarily let go beginning Feb. 2, the company said on Wednesday.

Bill James, manager of the car shops, called the move painful, but necessary.

"We regret having to take this course of action," he said in a statement. "A work force reduction certainly was a last resort. We're doing everything we can to find new rail car projects for these employees and hopefully can bring them back before the 60 days are over."

The Raceland facility is Jacksonville, Fla.-based CSX's largest car-repair shop. Workers there build and repair different types of rail cars, including coal hoppers, gondolas and cars that carry steel coils.

Because of the economic

downturn and efficiency improvements, the railroad has a backlog of about 14,000 serviceable cars, James said.

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The winner of the "Spirit of America" comfort throw raffled off by the Prestonsburg High School Forensics Team, was Barbara Hall, of Prestonsburg. Hall, left, and her daughter, Kelsey, stopped by the Times office with PHS Forensics team coach, Barbara Williams, right, to show off the beautiful throw. Anita Stumbo, a teacher at Prestonsburg High School, also won a beautiful gift-filled basket in the raffle.

Senate Republicans defiant over their own redistricting plan

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Senate President David Williams said Thursday that Republicans have plenty of alternative redistricting plans but will not make any of them public anytime soon.

"We have come up with a plan and you will see it," Williams said.

When the unveiling will occur, however, remains uncertain.

Democrats in the House and Senate finally put their package of new legislative districts on the table Wednesday night, which prompted the latest round of political oneupsmanship in the political game of redistricting.

Senate Democrats gathered for a press conference Thursday afternoon to criticize the Republican majority for refusing to take the lead on redistricting.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said it was ironic that Republicans had refused to produce a map after months of complaints about inactivity on redistricting. "We have yet to receive a plan from the Republicans," Scorsone said.

Barely an hour later, Senate Republicans held their own press conference to complain about Democratic bad faith. Contrary to Democratic claims, Williams said Republicans tried to reach an agreement on redistricting.

"We made every effort to reach a compromise with them," said Williams, R-Burkesville.

The Senate plan from the Democrats is a "political monstrosity" that tries to punish Republicans, Williams said. He acknowledged that whenever a Republican plan is released, it will favor the GOP.

The jockeying for position comes amid a court case that could ultimately take the job of redistricting away from legislators altogether.

The Republican backed lawsuit asks both state and federal courts to set a deadline for redistricting or take it over.

Lawmakers agree to a plan by Jan. 29, which is the current filing deadline for the May primary elections for the 100 House seats, 19 of the 38 Senate seats and Congress.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Thursday proposed drawing 13 House districts so that minorities were given more influence. The proposal included nothing about the other 87 districts.

The NAACP said it wants to see three districts with a majority black population in Jefferson County, instead of the current two.

Although Kentucky's population is about 7.3 percent black, there are only four members of the House and one in the Senate who are minorities.

John M. Stumbo Middle Grades Academic Team places in October meet

The John M. Stumbo Middle Grades Academic Team competed for the second time this school year in the Jenny Wiley Academic Conference held at Allen Elementary, on October 27, 2001. The Jenny Wiley Academic Conference includes all schools in Floyd County. Schools that competed in this competition were: John M. Stumbo Elementary, Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary, Allen Central Middle School, Mountain Christian Academy, South Floyd Middle School and Betsy Layne Elementary.

Middle grades academic teams include students from grades six to eight.

Students compete in the following testing areas: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and General Knowledge. They also compete with their writing skills in the English Composition event. Teams

also compete in quick recall events.

John M. Stumbo Elementary students present at the October 27 meet were: Mara Biliter, Denise Hall, Jennifer Hall, Jessica Hall, Colby Hayes, Latasha Hutchinson, Heather Martin, Derek Newman, Brittany Newsome, Jessica Newsome, Samantha Newsome, Selena Osborne, Amanda Travis, and Eric Westfall.

■ Selena Osborne placed 1st in English Composition.

■ Denise Hall placed 2nd in Social Studies and 5th in Language Arts.

■ Eric Westfall placed 4th in Math.

■ Mara Biliter placed 4th in Language Arts.

■ Jessica Newsome placed 5th in Social Studies.

The John M. Stumbo Middle Grades Academic Team is coached by Walter Ord.



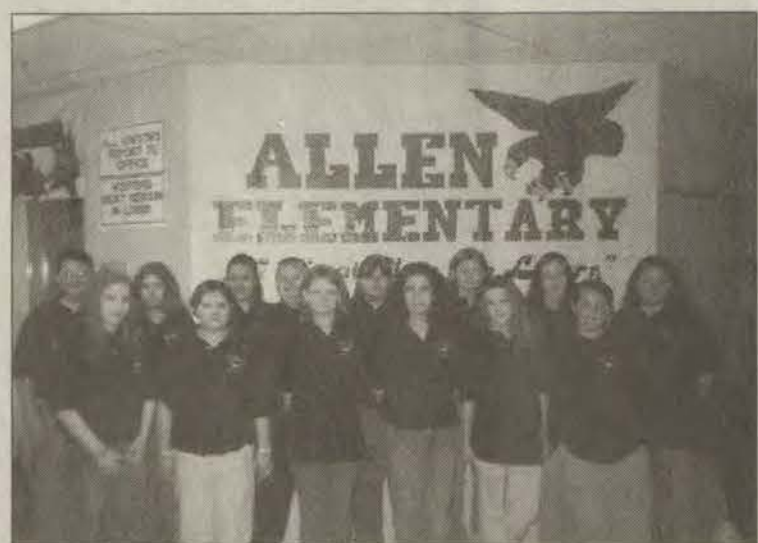
Carole Rice, left, director of the Cliffside Learning Center, assists Santa with a gift for Gabrielle Hunter.



Donna Vanover, kneeling in forefront with back to camera, is assisted with the reading of the Christmas story by her children, John and Sarah. Afterwards, the group joined together in singing favorite Christmas carols.

Cliffside Learning Center hosts Christmas celebration for 102 children

The Cliffside Neighborhood Learning Center celebrated the Christmas season with a visit from Santa Claus. According to Carole Rice, director of the center, 102 children were treated to pizza, snacks, and gifts from Santa. Donna Vanover, friend of the learning center, attended the celebration bringing along two of her children, Sarah and John. Donna, the wife of Pikeville attorney, Jim Vanover, assisted Rice with the serving of refreshments and also read the Christmas story and lead the group in the singing of Christmas carols. A wonderful time was had by all and Rice hopes the event will become a Cliffside Learning Center tradition.



Members of the John M. Stumbo Academic Team.

Snow affects test scores in Eastern Kentucky, educators say

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Winter weather could be chilling achievement test scores among mountain students.

That's the contention of some Eastern Kentucky school superintendents who say this week's snow storm highlights the problem.

Four days after the storm made highways slippery across the state, children have returned to classes everywhere except in the mountain region, where many roads, especially those shaded by mountains from direct sunlight, remained frozen Wednesday.

William Slone, superintendent of the Martin County schools, said teachers need more time to make up the lost days before the Kentucky Core Content Tests are administered.

"We'll probably go into this year's test cycle with 10 to 15 fewer instructional days than most other school districts because slick roads force us to cancel classes more often," Slone said. "A lot of our kids won't be exposed to some of the material on the tests until after the test day. It's a big issue for us."

Some parts of eastern Kentucky received 6 to 10 inches of snow Sunday and Monday in a storm that blanketed the entire state. Most schools in central and western Kentucky were back in session by Tuesday.

Slone said the earliest children in Martin County are expected back in class will be Friday.

Main arteries in Eastern Kentucky have been cleared of snow since Monday morning, but smaller roads still had a layer of packed snow and ice on Wednesday that made them dangerous for school buses to travel. Warmer weather and rain are expected to bring a thaw Thursday.

"These roads are just as bad today as they were on Monday," Frank Welch, school superintendent in Pike County, said Wednesday. "We'll take another look at it tomorrow, but I'm not sure we'll be able to open Friday."

Topography creates unique transportation problems in eastern Kentucky, said Mark Meenach, transportation director for the Boyd County school district.

"The south end of our district is fairly mountainous," he said. "We've got some hills where you almost meet yourself coming and going, the curves are that sharp."

Whether or not snow is responsible, schools in the mountain region often lag behind the rest of the state in achievement test scores, which are used as a measure to sanction schools.

"It sounds so trite to blame it

on the weather," said Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education. "Nobody's really done an official study on that, so I don't know if that's the case or not."

Gross said expanding the dates when the tests are administered is being considered in Frankfort. The test is now administered statewide in mid-April.

"We recognize that it's a legitimate issue," she said. "If you have a harsh winter and you're out of school for four weeks, and that's not unheard of, that really makes a difference," she said.

Gross said officials from the Department of Education are looking at whether the dates for the tests can be delayed and still meet the legislated deadline for reporting results before October each year.

"There hasn't been anything official said or done," she said. "That doesn't mean this issue is closed, that we're not open to this."

Meenach said students in districts where bad weather often cancels classes in the winter deserve more time to prepare for the tests.

"If we could administer the tests later, it would help with the scoring," he said.

Legislature picking up on litter where it left off

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislators are picking up where they left off a year ago on the subject of litter.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday approved creation of more than 100 local councils to promote litter prevention, but with no promise of money except for donations to do anything.

The House has on its plate at least two much more substantial proposals, but they include money from politically unlikely new taxes on containers and garbage taken to landfills to finance dump cleanups, litter campaigns and education.

"It doesn't appear to me we're any closer today than we were in the last session," said Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville.

The bill from the Senate committee would create a series of county councils to promote the idea of "Kentucky Clean," Sen. Ernie Harris, R-Crestwood, said it is patterned on the idea of the "Don't Mess with Texas" litter campaign, though that effort did receive tax support.

Harris, the chairman of the committee, said some money could be set aside in the budget, but he said that would be speculative.

Hank List, deputy secretary of the Natural Resources Cabinet, said the bill would force the cabinet to spend \$260,000 a year to create the council staff, but without the money to do it.

Though the Kentucky Clean program is largely symbolic, environmental activists said it is still useful because it would focus on education and litter prevention.

"What's going to drive this, what's going to make it meaningful, is funds," said Tom FitzGerald, president of the Kentucky Resources Council.

The Kentucky Clean idea

passed the Senate during the 2001 session and was rolled into a much broader initiative on solid waste in the House. But the House proposals also included mandates on local governments to clean up dumps and the Senate ultimately rejected it.

House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, has also filed legislation on solid waste. His proposal would impose a one-half cent fee on containers and an additional fee on waste taken to landfills. The money would finance cleanup and litter abatement programs in each county.

The taxes, though, make passage of a broad effort much more delicate in the current legislative environment.

Mining board approves new rules to protect miners

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Mining Board approved tougher state rules Thursday to protect coal miners, capping months of negotiations pitting industry and union representatives.

The regulations establish guidelines in punishing offenders of state mining laws. The rules cover everyone from hourly mine workers to foremen, supervisors and mine owners.

Frank Delzer, commissioner of the Department of Mines and Minerals, said he thought the regulations were "fair and balanced."

"The purpose of these regulations is to enhance mine safety, and provide appropriate penalties for intentional infractions of mine safety laws that place miners in imminent danger of death or serious injury; something this department has not had in the past," Delzer said.

The regulations would give the new state Mine Safety Review Commission power to suspend a miner's certificate for an indefinite period after a violation. In addition, mine owners

could face fines as high as \$10,000 for violations and possible revocation of the mine's license for at least three years after a third offense.

"I'm very pleased that the department, labor and industry were able to come together to reach a unanimous compromise," Delzer said.

Steve Sanders, head of the Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg, a legal center that examines mine-safety issues, said the new regulations represent an important step in imposing penalties for unsafe working conditions in mines.

"I think the proposals are fair and reasonable and clearly set out the penalty process," Sanders said. "Hopefully, they'll go ahead and adopt these, so they can put this legislation in effect."

The regulations will go before a legislative subcommittee for approval.

The new Mining Board has seven members — three from industry, three from labor and a chairman, Kenneth Fee, a former U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration field officer.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on the economic stimulus bill:

The surest indication yet that Congress still needs to do something about the economy comes in government data that's all but impossible to spin. It's in the unemployment figures. At 5.8 percent, the official rate of unemployment is higher than it's been in almost seven years.

The White House, though, is rather nonchalant. The word from there is to expect a few more months of high, if not higher, unemployment. Easier to say, no doubt, if you have a job.

It's true that government can't do a lot to directly create jobs, especially not in the private sector and especially not in the short term. What it can do, though, is ease the pain of being out of work.

The economic stimulus bill that Democrats and Republicans, Congress and the President, have fought about for weeks now but never actually passed would at least extend jobless benefits, from 26 weeks to 39 weeks, and see to it that laid-off workers can keep their health insurance a while longer. ...

Somehow the debates about how to help those laid off and how to kick-start the economy itself have gotten lost, in effect, in an extended battle over the wisdom of President Bush's 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut. Little wonder. It's been the focus of Mr. Bush's economic vision since he began running for president.

At the very least, Mr. Daschle — not to mention Mr. Bush — should turn his sights to what's entirely attainable. That means passing an economic stimulus plan that forgoes still more questionable tax cuts. And it means providing some relief for the unemployed.

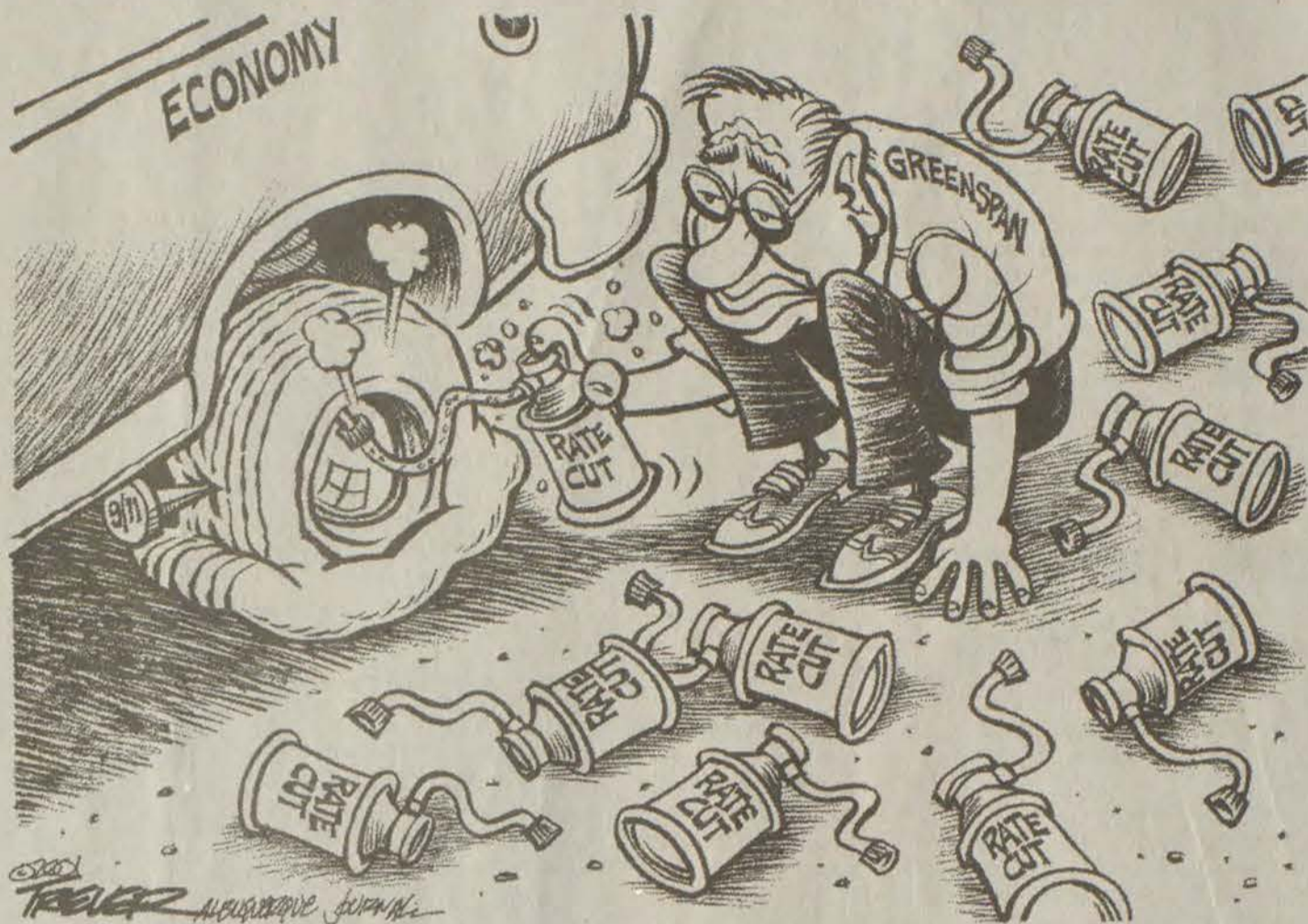
Their ranks are growing, in case anyone in Washington cares.

Chicago Tribune, on oil addiction as a security threat:

Cold War political scientist and diplomat George Kennan once defined "national security" as "the continued ability of this country to pursue its internal life without serious interference."

From that standpoint, America's ever deepening reliance on imported oil — particularly from the Middle East —

(See EDITORIAL, page six)



Think About It

The tolerant strong, and other heroes of civil restraint

All my life I have been a person who has practiced kindness first and left others to arrive slowly to their own conclusions, leaving me often misunderstood in a very dangerous way, perhaps.

The people we deal with day in and day out will, far too often, mistake kindness for weakness. This is more dangerous than most people realize, because where the weak may step aside and compromise their opinions or ideas, the tolerant strong will stand firm and fight to the bloody end to defend what they believe in. This has always been the case.

Whether some would care to admit it or not, they have an enormous need to constantly reassure themselves of their strength or power or any other number of completely useless ideas and so attack good people who may appear — may

appear — to be weaker than they are. In doing this, these people can continue about their vainglorious lives completely oblivious to the fact that someday they will misread someone. They may see kindness and wrongly assume this to be weakness ... they may step in a bear trap, in other words.

The plain fact of the matter is that it becomes dangerous when this mistake leads to someone being taken advantage of, because a kind person is not always a weak person. I like to refer to this blend of character as the tolerant strong.

It takes more strength to tolerate the attempts from others to poison you with rudeness or impolite and petty ridicule than it does to fall victim to such torpidly counterproductive interaction. To be the target for such things is unfortunate and frustrating, but to enlist in this activity as a means of defense is inexcusable. And besides, it's not very difficult to practice tolerance and patience and yet remain strong.

Strength should come gift wrapped in humility to begin with, but, in the same

respect, there comes a time when the need for tolerance no longer exists. It is usually at this crossroads that the truly weak will turn and run, rather than stand in and get a good grip.

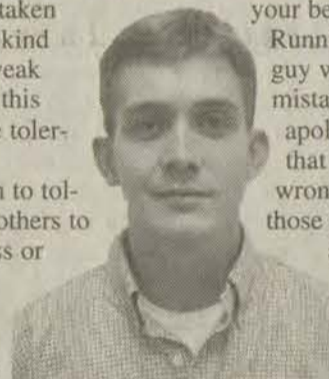
And you'll be surprised to see who is treading water when it's time to meet at this crossroads.

Here you'll find the lady who hopes to motivate you into action by saying your best attempts are worthless.

Running alongside her will be the guy who calls to remind you of a mistake you made and, after you apologize, continues to remind you that you were, in fact, wrong, wrong, wrong. Here will be all those people who, in their best attempts to prove themselves strong, only make it blaringly clear to most everyone around them their pitiful weakness of character.

So I say to you, tolerant strong and unsung heroes of civil restraint, nurture your instinct to appease and search for a peaceful solution. It will be these efforts which will ultimately serve to strengthen your wisdom and let you know when the time for tolerance has passed.

Until then ... see you at the crossroads.



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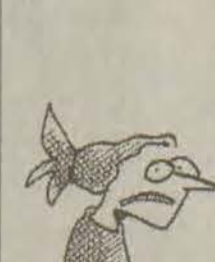
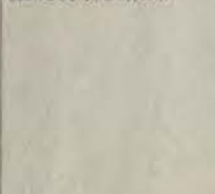
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Entertainment

Movie review: Orange County

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
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He probably doesn't want to hear this, but it's the truth.

Colin Hanks looks and sounds an awful lot like his dad, Tom.

There are moments in "Orange County," when his hair is curly and his blue eyes are all squinty and his voice rises in shrill exasperation, that he seems to be channeling the Tom Hanks of 1984's "Bachelor Party."

And that's OK. Because through genetics or osmosis or something, Hanks has a bit of his father's everyman likability.

His presence, and Jack Black merely showing up as his per-

petually stoned older brother, keep this derivative comedy from being completely forgettable—but just barely.

Hanks stars as Shaun Brumder, a high school senior in suburban Orange County, Calif. His only goal is to get into Stanford University so he can study writing with an author whose novel changed his life.

But when a guidance counselor sends another student's transcripts instead of his, he's rejected. What should have been a shoo-in becomes an obsessive quest for admission.

No one really helps him fix the mistake, though.

His girlfriend, Ashley (Schuyler Fisk, who resembles HER famous parent, Sissy

Spacek), wants him to stay with her in Orange County, as does his alcoholic, co-dependent mother (Catherine O'Hara). Only his brother, Lance, rouses himself from the couch to drive Shaun up to Palo Alto in an all-night, drug-induced stupor.

The territory "Orange County" mines isn't exactly new; upper middle-class youth angst has been depicted on screen repeatedly (and far more expertly) from "The Graduate" to "Sixteen Candles" to "Election." (There's even a scene in which Shaun, at his most frustrated and isolated, plunges into the back yard swimming pool and we see him underwater, which Benjamin Braddock did 35 years earlier.)

As usual, the adults are all selfish and clueless. The only difference here is, they're portrayed by big-name actors: John Lithgow as Shaun's wealthy, neglectful father; Lily Tomlin as the counselor who sends the wrong transcripts; Chevy Chase as a teacher who'd rather have Britney Spears as the graduation speaker than Toni Morrison.

The big laughs are sporadic, however.

Mike White, who wrote the script and plays Shaun's goofy English teacher, has a funny scene in which he compares all the great movies throughout history to the Shakespearean plays they're based on.

And as Lance, shaggy-haired and unshaven, lounging around the house in his stained tighty-whities, Black gets the biggest laughs of all just by doing his manic, stream-of-consciousness shtick. It's nothing John Belushi didn't do 25 years ago at his most impish, but it's still funny.

The offspring of yet another famous parent is the film's 27-year-old director, Jake Kasdan, son of Lawrence Kasdan, whose directing credits include "Body Heat," "The Big Chill" and "The Accidental Tourist."

The younger Kasdan, who previously directed episodes of the TV shows "Freaks and Geeks" and "Undeclared," telegraphs his jokes a mile away. So you know that when a Stanford honcho (Garry Marshall) and his prim wife show up at Shaun's house to interview him, and she sets her glass of chardonnay on a table next to the urine sample Lance is saving for his probation officer, it's only a matter of time before she picks up the wrong glass.

But that's the extent of the movie's gross-out humor.

Unlike other teen movies that

(See ORANGE, page six)

Eddie Miles to pay tribute to Elvis

Screams, cheers, and numerous standing ovations are common. Ask anyone who has seen him live in concert, and they will all agree that Eddie Miles captures the magic and charisma of Elvis on stage.

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Eddie Miles says, "I'm constantly amazed that fans come from so far away to see our show. For them to drive several hundred miles as well as have the expense of motel rooms is really something! And

the fact that they come many times over amazes me more. I mean I would never do anything like that for an entertainer. Don't get me wrong; I'm glad they do it, and I love them for it. It is a good feeling to know that our show is thought of that much.

"It's so nice to get to meet and talk with the fans at the end of each show. People have said to me many times, don't you get tired of meeting so many people and taking pictures and all that! I always say, Hey, these people are the reason I'm able to do what I do. If they make the effort to see me perform, I'm going to make the effort and time to spend with them after the show. If they weren't here, I wouldn't be here.

"I'm so thankful that I'm able to make my living as an entertainer. My hope is to continue to do so for a long time."

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Soul's new generation dominates American Music Awards show, but King of Pop creates stir

by DAVID BAUDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A new generation of soul stars — Alicia Keys, Destiny's Child and the late Aaliyah — dominated the American Music Awards, but an older star created a bigger stir.

Michael Jackson's representatives reportedly demanded that producers not show a taped performance of the singer that they had provided only days before.

It was the latest chapter in a tussle between music's two biggest awards show, the AMAs and the Grammys, that seems bound for court.

Keys, Destiny's Child, Aaliyah and country singer Tim McGraw each received two awards during the three-hour telecast on ABC.

Aaliyah, who died in a plane crash last summer, was named favorite female soul artist. She also won best soul album, and

singer Ginuwine commanded a somber ovation in accepting Aaliyah's posthumous tribute.

"Everybody stand up," he said.

Keys won two of the five awards for which she was nominated — favorite new pop artist and favorite new soul artist. Her debut disc "Songs in A Minor" was one of last year's biggest hits.

Destiny's Child, whose three group members wore matching brown suede, beat out 'N Sync and the Dave Matthews Band for favorite pop album. The trio also was named favorite soul group.

Country's husband-and-wife team, McGraw and Faith Hill, were named favorite male and female artist. McGraw's "Set This Circus Down" was named favorite country album.

In the pop/rock category, Lenny Kravitz was the favorite male and Janet Jackson was the favorite female. 'N Sync won in

the band, duo or group category. Luther Vandross was named favorite male soul/rhythm & blues artist.

The awards are a popularity contest based on music sales.

Michael Jackson wasn't even one of the night's nominees, but he attracted the most attention. He had originally been scheduled to perform, but backed out, prompting American Music Awards producer Dick Clark to sue the man in charge of the Grammys for \$10 million in December.

Clark alleged that C. Michael Greene, president of the Recording Academy, had threatened to deny Jackson an opportunity to perform at next month's Grammys if Jackson showed up at the American Music Awards. Greene has denied the charges.

After the lawsuit was announced, Jackson called Clark and said he would appear on the show. Clark publicly said the AMAs would feature a Jackson performance.

That performance was a tape of Jackson singing "Man in the Mirror" from the post-Sept. 11 benefit in Washington, D.C. But on Tuesday, Jackson's representatives demanded the tape be pulled, said Clark spokesman Paul Shefrin.

"He would have liked to have shown the footage," Shefrin said.

Jackson appeared onstage to accept an Artist of the Century award, thanking a handful of people, including actor Marlon Brando, "my second father."

While Jackson was not singing on ABC, rival CBS was showing him singing "You Rock My World" from a concert special taped last fall. CBS aired a rerun of the Jackson special directly against the AMAs.

"Me, personally, I was just happy with Michael's presence," said show co-host Sean "P. Diddy" Combs backstage.

Country singer Garth Brooks, who won an Award of Merit, said that artists should be free of worrying about such industry politics.

"I say, back off, you're nothing without the artists," Brooks said.

American Music Awards winners

Winners at the 29th annual American Music Awards:

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Pop/Rock

- Male Artist: Lenny Kravitz
- Female Artist: Janet Jackson
- Band, Duo or Group: 'N Sync
- Album: "Survivor," Destiny's Child
- New Artist: Alicia Keys

Soul/Rhythm & Blues

- Male Artist: Luther Vandross
- Female Artist: Aaliyah
- Band, Duo or Group: Destiny's Child
- Album: "Aaliyah," Aaliyah
- New Artist: Alicia Keys

Country

- Male Artist: Tim McGraw
- Female Artist: Faith Hill
- Band, Duo or Group: Brooks & Dunn

- Album: "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw
- New Artist: Trick Pony

Rap/Hip Hop

- Artist: Nelly

Alternative Music

- Artist: Limp Bizkit

Latin

- Artist: Enrique Iglesias

Contemporary Inspirational

- Artist: Yolanda Adams

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Meeting

the meeting to go into executive session to discuss what was apparently the decision of whether or not to form a personnel committee to oversee the hiring of a new director for the center.

Former center director John Kevin Shannon offered his resignation Dec. 28 and worked his last day at the center on Jan. 4. Management commission chairman Bob Meyer said Shannon informed the center that it was time for him to move on and pursue other interests.

Shannon's decision to leave his position left Meyer and commissioners with the task of finding

another director before the MAC summer season gets underway.

Several staff members were present for Wednesday's meeting to sit in place of the absent director, explained Meyer, and the group worked through several agenda items before reaching the agenda item slated as "Personnel."

It was at this time, Meyer called for the commission to go into closed session, where they remained for approximately half an hour.

Upon their return, Meyer went to the floor for a motion to form a committee to handle the many aspects of finding a replacement

for Shannon. A motion was presented and seconded and Meyer then asked the commission to assign positions for the newly-formed group.

The actions taken after the conclusion of the closed session may have been an indicator as to what was discussed behind closed doors, but was never stated clearly to begin with, figures Fleischaker.

"If they've got personnel on the agenda, then personnel is just not enough," said Fleischaker. "They can only go into closed session to talk about appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee. So, technically,

a motion to talk about personnel matters is not adequate."

Meyer said if the commission failed to follow correct procedures, this was regrettable and readily admits that he is no expert on the Open Meetings Law. But he also said he feels the requirements were covered, considering the importance of the position which was discussed.

"I'm not an expert, but my understanding is that if you were dealing with a critical position such as the executive director, that would warrant going into executive session," said Meyer. "As far as my understanding goes, we covered it."

Fleischaker disagreed.

"If they talked in closed session about an appointment of a committee, that is not concerned with an appointment, discipline or dismissal ... it's about a general personnel matter including procedures which are to be discussed in open meetings."

In the Open Meetings Law, the exceptions to open meetings section of KRS 61.810, it is noted that three matters pertaining to the individual employees — appointment, discipline and dismissal — "shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret," a section of the law that Fleischaker made direct

reference to in stating his position on the matter.

Despite that section of the Open Meetings Law, and Fleischaker's interpretation of how it may be applied to Wednesday's commission meeting, Meyer maintained that the commission's decision to go into closed session was warranted.

"It was personnel that was being discussed," said Meyer. "We felt that the hiring of an executive director for the center, which is a very important position, warranted the discussion about whether or not to form a personnel committee to oversee that purpose."

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James

dent of the Kentucky Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, vice-chairman of the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, chairman of the U.S. 23 Corridor Action Committee, president-elect of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and legislative committee chairman for the Kentucky Tourism Council.

The 51-year-old tourism guru said he will take regrets with him to Frankfort, but sees the opportunity as a career move that simply needed to be made.

"I really regret not being able to serve full terms in the board of director positions that I would have been serving in 2002," said James.

"But this was ultimately a matter for my career advancement and so it's necessary."

The acceptance of his new position brings James full circle, at least geographically. With a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Kentucky University, James began his professional career in Frankfort while working with the Bureau of Corrections from 1974 to 1979 as director of regional jails. From there it was on to the Department of Human Resources where he began in 1980 before leaving in 1986. It was in 1986 that James took the position of city administrator for the city of Prestonsburg where he remained until 1990, the year he took over as the city's

tourism director.

James was first contacted by several fellow professionals from Tourism about the new position in late summer and asked if he would be interested, an invitation that probably came, James said, from years of working with many people in the department and making close, professional bonds.

"The biggest reason that I accepted this job was because of my familiarity with the department of travel and with the state network of tourism attractions and tourism directors," said James. "I know practically everybody in the travel department professionally. I've been associated with them in conferences and meetings and I just know them on a first hand basis."

Another factor James said made the decision more inviting was the presence of former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta, whom James served under as city administrator, a post he kept for five years. James will work from Latta's office and said that his days working with the city of Prestonsburg, where he and his family plan to maintain a home, have been a blessing.

"I feel extremely blessed to have been part of a community that has progressed and developed the

tourism opportunities that are here," said James. "I am particularly proud having worked with the city of Prestonsburg on the Tourism Commission and the mayor and city council members and all city employees, particularly my involvement with the Kentucky Opry and the MAC (Mountain Arts Center)."

James said Wednesday that his fondest memories stem from his involvement with the Mountain Arts Center. James served as the

facility's marketing director from 1996 until 1998, while also holding his position as tourism director, describing his role to be that of a "roadie" at times, lugging equipment and setting up concerts.

"Working with the Opry from the very earliest days will stand out for me," said James. "I watched them grow from the very beginning and was something of a roadie for them for about two years and helped arrange concerts."

With intentions of staying close to home, along with his wife Linda James, of LJ Productions, James has made tentative plans to remain at his residence in Prestonsburg and reside in Frankfort temporarily during the work week.

Prestonsburg officials have accepted applications for a new director and will be reviewing them and conducting interviews Monday and Tuesday, hoping to come to a decision within the next couple of weeks, said James, who added that his time as director had prepared him for the new challenges ahead.

"Working with the commission, I've learned how to plan festivals and how to plan and market the various attractions here in the city," said James. "From television to radio to newspapers and magazines, I've learned a lot from the media and I'll be taking all that with me in my new position."

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MAC

well area.

Considering the complaint made its first formal appearance during Wednesday's meeting, along with several others, the commission tentatively began the process of approaching solutions by means of agreeing to advertise for bids.

The same held true for resanding the center's stage, which is long overdue for such attention, according to commissioners, as well as the prospect of implementing a new sound system.

Kentucky Opry Director Keith Caudill, along with Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, recently visited a theater similar in the MAC's design which is currently using a new system that both Caudill and Fannin support, urging the commission to seriously consider the change.

The costs connected with bringing in a new system was pointed to as a potential hardship for the center's budget, however, as commission chairman Bob Meyers pointed out

that a recent reshuffling of the existing system cost several thousand dollars.

Again, it was decided that bids would be need to be advertised and accepted before any further decisions could be made.

Upcoming projects, although demanding a large portion of the commission's time, were preceded by a look at the center's December profits.

According to figures presented Wednesday, the center's net income for the month of December was \$34,495.86. That amount could have been higher, but \$20,000 was invested in a certificate of deposit. Total income sales reflected \$126,684.54, with \$59,178.59 of that coming from local public funds. Expense figures for December show the center spending \$92,188.68, of which \$26,323.75 was taken by payroll expenses.

Commission members were pleased with the figures, which they said will provide a cushion during the upcoming off-season, which will last until February.

In February, the center will have more to do as the upcoming summer schedule has already been given much consideration, with some acts already committed to concert dates.

Along with the usual performances by the Kentucky Opry, the center will also play host to Loretta Lynn on June 21, while Patty Loveless will be making her appearance the following month on July 5. Billy Ray Cyrus and Crystal Gayle will also be performing in July — Cyrus on the 19th and Gayle on the 26th. Ricky Skaggs will perform on Aug. 9.

In addition to these notable names, many other performances will be held throughout the summer during the MAC's fifth-year anniversary.

With these acts looming ahead and beginning as early as February, commission members decided to advertise for bids on nearly all projects mentioned Wednesday in hopes of completing the work before the season's beginning.

Director

hiring of a new director. The meeting's agenda, however only explained the time for executive session as being related to "personnel."

Meyer, upon returning from closed session, went to the floor to seek a motion concerning the formation of a committee which he received soon after. In the next few minutes, a second motion was presented to appoint members to the newly-formed group. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Meyer, and commissioners Robert Allen, Tom Hutchinson and Estill Carter will make up the five-member committee, with Meyer serving as chairman.

Faced with the task of conducting business as one unit without a head official until a director can be found and agreed upon, commissioners said Wednesday they plan to adopt a statement of fiscal policies at their next regular meeting.

The policies, although described by Meyer as "basic" in content, still needed to be adopted as formal policies rather than remain proposals. The initiative to set these policies came in response to findings and recommendations contained in a recent management letter provided by an unnamed, independent audit firm.

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Included in the policy statements will be bank accounts, which will be slimmed down by closing some accounts that have long been dormant and out of use, the investment of excess funds into interest-bearing accounts and tracking where excess funds are by the center's director. Also, major purchases will be given more board involvement with the adopted policies, being ultimately responsible for the stewardship of the center.

The commission plans to adopt these policies and several others, many of which are carry-over policies that have already been in effect for several years, at its next regular meeting.

Arrests

counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance. He was lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center and will now await a preliminary hearing on Jan. 16 before District Judge James R. Allen.

Also detained at the Floyd County Detention Center was Holbrook, who was charged after her arrest with two counts of falsely attempting to obtain a controlled substance prescription. She will be arraigned on Jan. 15 for those charges.

Roughly six hours after Hall and Holbrook were arrested, a third individual was arrested in connection with the alleged attempt.

Travis Ryan Johnson, 22, of Bevinville, was arrested at approximately 11:30 p.m. at a residence in Hall Hollow, after Gearheart served a warrant of arrest.

Johnson was charged with two counts of falsely attempting to obtain a controlled substance prescription in the same manner as police allege Hall and Holbrook did, and at the same location.

According to reports filed by Gearheart after the arrest, Johnson allegedly called in a prescription using Amerson's office as a front to the same Martin pharmacy a little over a week before Hall and Holbrook, on Dec. 28. Reports claim that Johnson obtained two separate prescriptions for hydrocodone and diazepam as a result.

District

District. Turner currently serves Floyd, Johnson, Breathitt and Knott counties. Under the plan, he would lose Knott County and pick up Magoffin and Wolfe. Those two counties are currently part of the far-flung 25th District; snakes from Manchester to Morehead and is represented by Sen. Robert Stivers of Manchester.

The fate of the plan is far from certain, however, as it appears to be headed for a showdown between Democrats who control the state House of Representatives and who control the state Senate.

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Johnson was arraigned for the charges two days later, on Jan. 7, and is currently awaiting a preliminary hearing, along with Hall, scheduled for Jan. 16 before District Judge James R. Allen.

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ranks as a serious and immediate threat to national security. Given the influence of extremists and the general instability in areas that are also principal suppliers of oil to the U.S., it is not a stretch to draw a parallel between oil dependence and vulnerability to terrorism.

Reducing America's gluttonous consumption of imported oil is clearly in the national interest, and the nation ought to tackle this challenge with the same urgency and determination as any other threat to vital military or economic interests. The U.S. ought to put reduction of its dependence on imported oil at the center of the table — with all options available, from measures to reduce consumption to programs to tap domestic energy sources. ...

There is an irony in seeing monster sport-utility vehicles, some with Edsel-like fuel consumption ratings of 10 or 12 m.p.g., driving down the road bedecked with flags. They illustrate the contradiction in American energy policy that allows greater energy consumption, even as that endangers security.

The steps to reduce that dependency have to be wide-ranging, effective and sustained: Half-measures, or merely waiting for the guy next door to take action, won't solve the problem.

Orange

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have infiltrated the multiplexes in recent years. "Orange County" has a heart, and even its ridiculous moments toward the end are forgivable, simply because it means well.

"Orange County," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for drug content, language and sexuality. Running time: 83 minutes.



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World Briefs

Harsh terrain hampers efforts to recover

Marines killed in crash

WASHINGTON — Steep, rocky terrain hindered efforts Thursday to recover the bodies of seven marines killed when their tanker plane crashed into a mountain in Pakistan, defense officials said.

It was the worst U.S. casualty toll of the Afghanistan campaign, and included the first woman killed since U.S.-led Afghan bombing began in early October.

In Kandahar, Afghanistan, where the Marines have established a base, spokesman 1st Lt. John Jarvis said the plane had been on its final approach to the Shamsi airfield. It had been on the first of what normally would be four refueling stops per mission, so it likely had an almost full cargo of fuel.

A military team was heading from the Marine base at Kandahar to Shamsi to investigate, Jarvis said, echoing statements from the Pentagon that there had been no indication of hostile fire. He had no information on any weather factors, either.

"We're going to do everything we can to find out what caused the accident," Jarvis said. "Recovery is going to be tough. It's very tight terrain — mountainside, not vehicle accessible."

Marine staff in Kandahar observed a moment of silence.

U.S. calls for handover of Taliban officials

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The new Afghan government is working to determine whether seven top Taliban leaders who surrendered and were then set free are "war criminals" and whether the decision to let them go was appropriate, the foreign ministry spokesman said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Omar Samad told reporters that there had been no U.S. request to hand over the former justice minister and six other high-ranking Taliban officials. But Pentagon officials have said the new Afghan leaders are fully aware of the U.S. desire to have custody of certain Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

"We would expect that to be the case with these individuals," U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington.

Israeli troops flatten 32 homes in refugee camp in retaliation for assault on outpost

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli bulldozers destroyed 32 homes in a Gaza refugee camp early Thursday, Palestinians said. The raid came in retaliation for a

deadly assault by Islamic militants on an Israeli army post that threatened to derail U.S. truce efforts.

A dozen Israeli bulldozers and armored vehicles drove into the Rafah refugee camp before dawn Thursday and began flattening buildings, witnesses said. Residents fled their homes in heavy rain, and local officials said hundreds were made homeless.

Rafah was home to the two assailants who stormed an Israeli army outpost near the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing four soldiers. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility, saying the attack was partly a response to Israel's seizure from "Arab waters" of a vessel laden with 50 tons of Iranian-made weapons.

There appeared to be differences between Hamas leaders in the Palestinian areas and abroad on whether the group would continue attacking Israelis. Khaled Mashal, a Hamas leader in Beirut, Lebanon, said "the resistance is continuing." However, Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas leader in Gaza City, suggested the assault on the outpost was not a signal for a new wave of Hamas attacks.

U.S. concludes Palestinian officials were involved in smuggling weapons

WASHINGTON — Briefed by Israeli intelligence, the Bush administration has concluded that the Palestinian Authority and a PLO faction controlled by Yasser Arafat were involved in a scheme to smuggle 50 tons of weapons to the Palestinians, a senior U.S. official said.

Israeli naval commandos intercepted a ship carrying the rockets, ammunition and other arms last Thursday and immediately accused the Palestinians. The administration withheld judgment.

After lengthy briefings Wednesday by Israeli intelligence, however, the administration supported Israel's account.

The senior U.S. official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the United States found the evidence presented by Israel compelling and had concluded the Palestinian Authority and the Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization were involved in the smuggling.

Violence flares again outside Catholic school targeted by protesters

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The girls' school at the center of a fierce dispute between Catholics and Protestants was closed Thursday after rioting outside injured 17 police officers a day earlier.

The school in the divided Ardoyne area of north Belfast was the focus of months of heated protests last fall. The trouble had quieted, but flared again Wednesday when Catholic and Protestant rioters clashed with police.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid said 17 officers were hurt in violence that began as parents picked their children up after school in the afternoon.

Police said 30 to 50 people had been involved in the initial clash. Rioting broke out again in the evening and continued sporadically through the night before subsiding early Thursday. Reid said 200 police officers and 200 soldiers had been deployed to calm the protesters.

Colombian military on high alert after peace process collapses

BOGOTA, Colombia — The military made preparations to retake a rebel safe haven after Colombia's president said the rebels had broken off peace talks Wednesday. He gave them 48 hours to vacate the Switzerland-sized zone.

Some have feared a failure of the peace talks would lead to a bloodier phase in Colombia's 38-year civil war. But a grave Andres Pastrana said now is the time "for a cool head and lots of calm."

Hours before Pastrana's announcement, rebel spokesman Raul Reyes had said that they hoped talks would continue until at least Jan. 20, when the safe haven was set to expire.

Before Pastrana had even made the announcement, the army began moving troops. Troops throughout the country were put on high alert, army spokesman Maj. Jose Espejo told the Associated Press.

Pastrana blamed the collapse of the talks on the intransigence of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

CIA report: China could have 75 to 100 nuclear missiles pointed at U.S. by 2015

WASHINGTON — China is expected to have as many as 100 long-range nuclear missiles aimed at the United States by 2015, many of them on hard-to-find mobile launchers, a new CIA report says.

China sees a larger, mobile force as necessary to maintain its nuclear deterrent against the United States, says the report. "Foreign Missile Developments and the Ballistic Missile Threat Through 2015."

The report, released Wednesday, also says North Korea and Iran will probably possess long-range missiles capable of

reaching the United States by the same year.

Similar assessments have been used to justify U.S. plans for multi-billion-dollar missile defense systems capable of shooting down a limited ICBM attack on the continental United States.

Last month President Bush used the threat of missile attack by terrorists as a reason for the United States to pull out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with Russia.

NYC police: City close to final count of World Trade Center victims

NEW YORK — City officials are close to determining a final count of the people who were killed in the attack on the World Trade Center, police said Wednesday.

The city's total has stood at 2,893 for three days, decreasing from near 7,000 in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11 attacks.

Officials eliminated mistakes and duplicated entries in missing-person reports, and the tally could still be reduced further, said police department Chief Charles Campisi, who heads the effort.

"We're very, very close," Campisi told The Associated Press. "I would say we're 99 percent there."

Included within that total are 309 missing, for whom no remains have been found.

Campisi said that number will drop as the medical examiner's office identifies the more than 12,000 body parts collected among the ruins of the collapsed towers. That process will not affect the total, because as the number of missing drops, the number of confirmed dead will increase.

Justice Department begins criminal probe of Enron collapse

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has begun a criminal investigation of Enron Corp., the bankrupt

energy company whose collapse caused many employees to lose their life's savings.

An attorney for Enron welcomed the inquiry, the latest in a series of governmental probes into the company's demise, saying the investigation would "bring light to the facts."


The Justice Department is forming a national task force

to look into the company's dealings. Enron faces civil investigations by the Labor Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission and subpoenas from congressional committees.

All are looking into the energy trading company's collapse, the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

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House panel approves bill to hold off higher Medicaid fee

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A House committee took a step Thursday to stop Kentucky's cash-strapped Medicaid program from having to pay the nation's highest fee to pharmacists for dispensing prescriptions.

The bill would undo a state law that is set to require the state to raise the fee to \$5.88 per prescription. The fee is now \$4.51. The increase would cost the state \$20 million more per year.

By contrast, private insurance companies pay dispensing fees averaging in the \$2 range, Rep. Mary Lou Marzian told the Health and Welfare Committee.

"Why should the taxpayers be shouldered with the burden of

paying pharmacies an exorbitant fee just to fill a prescription?" said Marzian, a Louisville Democrat and the bill's lead sponsor.

The committee approved the bill without dissent. Marzian predicted it would move on a fast track. The bill carries an emergency clause, which means it would take effect as soon as Gov. Paul Patton signed it.

The bill would effectively freeze the fee at \$4.51. The Department for Medicaid Services would determine the fee, based partly on a study every three years. The first report would be due by Oct. 31, 2003.

The study would look at the costs for pharmacies to fill prescriptions. It also would compare

Kentucky's dispensing fee with those paid by private insurers and by Medicaid in other states.

State officials have struggled to reduce a multimillion-dollar Medicaid deficit, much of it caused by soaring prescription-drug costs.

Medicaid is a federal-state program that helps pay for health care for the needy, aged, disabled, and low-income families with children. About 600,000 Kentuckians receive assistance from Medicaid.

Rep. Jimmie Lee, an Elizabethtown Democrat and a co-sponsor of the bill, said Medicaid's pharmaceutical costs in Kentucky have soared from \$237 million in 1994 to a projected \$652 million in 2002.

Committee Chairman Tom Burch said the bill would allow the state to follow sound business practices in determining the dispensing fee.

"We have the control of the purse strings, and I think we have to live up to that responsibility," said Burch, D-Louisville.

Jan Gould, representing the Kentucky Retail Federation, whose membership includes pharmacies, warned against hasty action. If the dispensing fee is too low, some pharmacists will pull out of Medicaid, Gould said. Besides, he added, the fee is a small part of the overall Medicaid budget and should be viewed in a larger context.

Kentucky's dispensing fee jumped as a result of legislation pushed through by Sen. Julie Rose Denton, R-Louisville. It

required Medicaid to base the fee on what pharmacists reported as their cost of business. The increase resulted mostly from a

steep increase in pharmacists' salaries.

(The legislation is House Bill 170)

T-GIFT to receive \$1,000 in grant monies

Donna Morgan, a representative from the Brushy Fork Institute of Berea College will present a check for \$1,000 to the members of Floyd County's Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team (T-GIFT) on Jan. 16.

The money is provided to the team through the Brushy Fork Institute Seedling Grant Program. Brushy Fork is matching funds with the T-GIFT team on a dollar to dollar basis. The presentation will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg.

All funds will be used toward the implementation of a community improvement project selected by the team members during their participation in a leadership development workshop held at Berea College during September of last year.

The 13 team members repre-

sented Floyd County at the Brushy Fork workshop chose, through group discussion, to establish a self-sustaining tech-

chosen for the team's first presentation will be a computer. The team will present a computer to its first recipient in May.

Brushy Fork Institute is a program of Berea College, which works toward the promotional development of citizen-based leadership in Central Appalachia.

Program participants include established, as well as emerging, county leaders who initially meet in a workshop setting to form a team that will continue work on a selected community improvement project for a six-month period.

Floyd County's T-GIFT team members include Lowell Brock, Betty Cavins, Aaron Collins, Steve Damron, Tiffany Hall, Shelia Hall, Dave Kraus, Delora Kraus, Kathy Prater, Johnnie Ross, Theresa Scott, Mike Vance, Jim Walker and Kathleen Weigand.

FYI
For more information on Floyd County's T-GIFT project, or to request an application form or to inquire about eligibility requirements, write to T-GIFT at P.O. Box 1802, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or contact any of the listed team members.

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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.

Earn college credits before graduation

Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

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.

"Looking for a Support Group?"

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets ever 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

■ 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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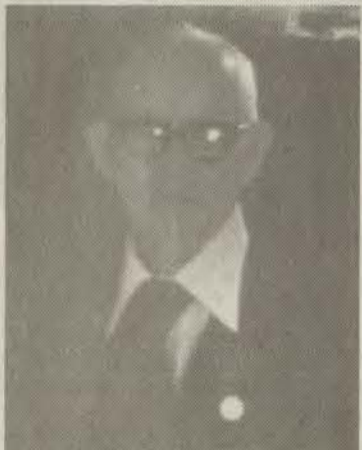
Dad, you passed away on that dark Sunday morning on Jan. 10, 1982. It was a big shock to us. Dad, we miss you so much, I think of you so often; miss you in church. Having you there felt good. Dad, you lived a good life before your family and friends. You taught your children what was right and wrong; to do good.

Dad, we know you loved your family very much, and taught us to love each other.

The last time we were all together, you were so happy that they had remembered you.

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The Family of Mary Belle Little

Card of Thanks

The family of Gladys Bentley would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Gladys Bentley

Card of Thanks

The family of Ola Howard would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Gary Mitchell for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Ola Howard

Card of Thanks

The family of Lula Martin would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. All those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Bob Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

The Family of Lula Martin

Card of Thanks

The family of June Martin Howard wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Transferring from one rival to another

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Let's say that you have a son or daughter who's a precocious violinist, chemist, or veterinarian. He or she wants to transfer from the University of Kentucky to the University of Louisville, or vice-versa, because he or she believes the professors are better and the classes more challenging.



It would be no big deal, right? It wouldn't even merit a paragraph in the student's hometown newspaper. Everybody subscribes to the theory that every student has the right to happiness and the teaching that gives he or she the best chance to succeed.

The exception, of course, is a high-profile student-athlete such as Marvin Stone.

As you've probably heard, Stone, a 6-foot-11 junior from Alabama, was kicked off the UK team when he didn't return promptly from Christmas

(See REED, page four)

Alice Lloyd

Lady Eagles down Bluefield, 69-54

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Delores Jenkins found her scoring groove Tuesday night against Bluefield. Jenkins, playing on her home court, torched the nets for 29 points and added six rebounds and two steals to lead the Alice Lloyd College women to a 69-54 win over Bluefield.

The host Lady Eagles held a slimmer than slim 38-37 lead at the half before outscoring the Bluefield women 31-17 in the second half to post the win.

Jenkins got her 29 tallies in 36 minutes of work. ALC forward Leah Whitley added 12 points and four rebounds to the cause. Kelley Turner

(See EAGLES, page three)

Piarist

996 and counting:

Hall set to break 1,000 career points

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

For The Piarist School Knights, wins have been very few and far between. However, that doesn't mean a milestone can't be reached every now and then.

Saturday is Homecoming at Piarist. The Knights and Lady Knights will take on Millard High School. When the boys take the court, senior Robert Hall will need just four points to join a select club — the 1,000-point club. So selective at Piarist, Hall is thought to be the only Knight or Lady Knight to ever reach 1,000 points. To score 1,000 points in a high school career is an outstanding accomplishment for any high school basketball player.

"To the best of my knowledge, he will be the first," said Piarist Coach Gary Kidd. "He's had a tremendous career here."

Both Piarist teams will be looking for their first wins in the 2001-02 season. Play is scheduled to begin tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m.

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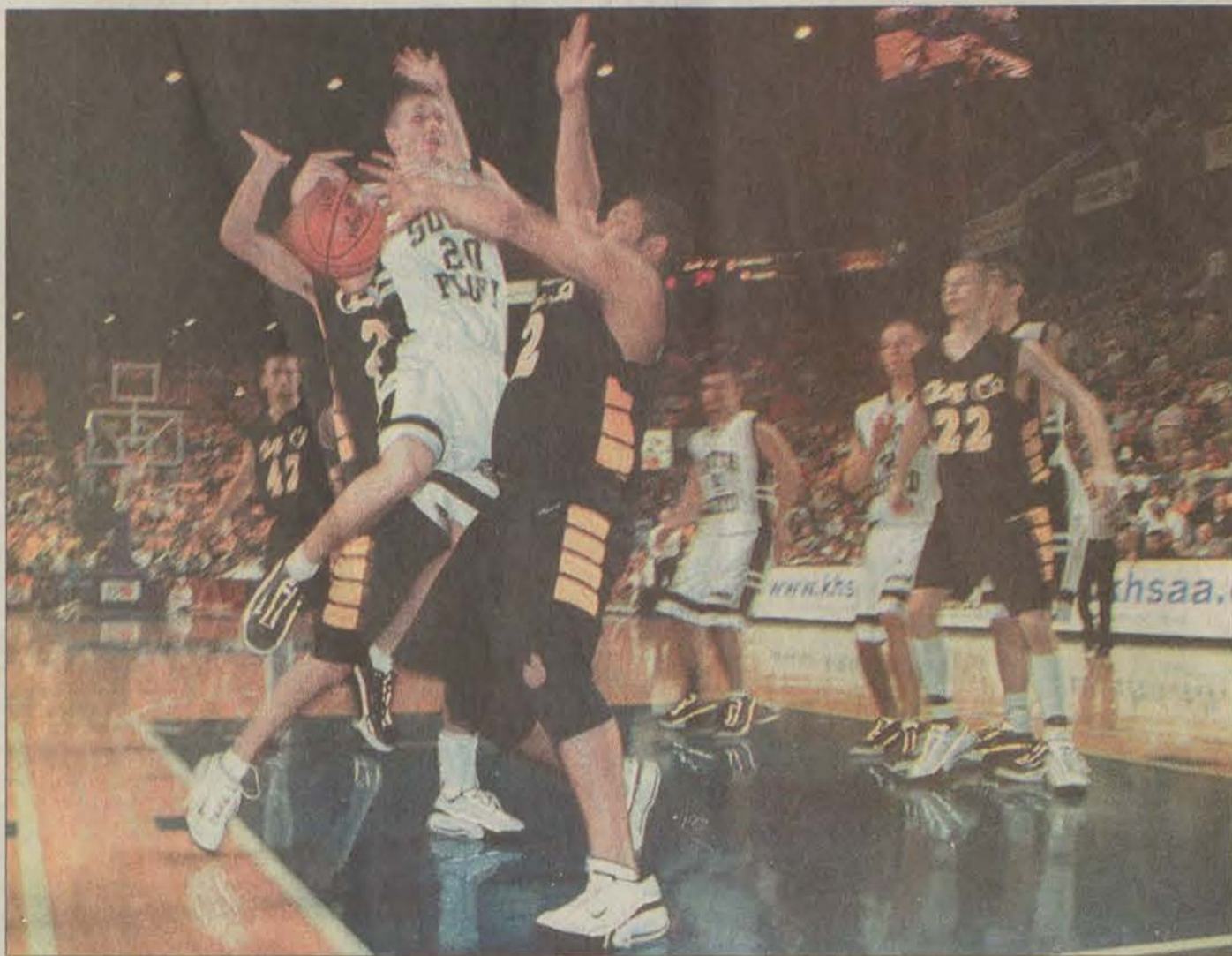
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RAIDERS

set to meet TIGERS in first battle since State Tournament



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Charles Ray and Rusty Tackett took a breather during last year's State Tournament game with Clay County.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Clay County basketball is no stranger to success. Neither is the relatively still young South Floyd program. Clay County made its 27th trip to the State Tournament last March. The Tigers took on the Raiders and eventually scored a 16-point win, thanks to some slow-start play from South Floyd.

Jeremy Asher paced Clay County to the win with a double-

double performance of 21 points and 18 rebounds. After the game, Asher was confident in his team's play. "We wanted to take advantage of them," said Asher. "We felt coming in that we could jump on them quick in the first quarter." And jump on them they did. South Floyd added to its list of State Tournament woes last season by missing its first 12 shots of the game. The Tigers on the other hand, scored the first six

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Bears storm up in NAIA poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLATHE, Kan. — The first NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll of 2002 has been released with Pikeville College making a charge toward the Top 10.

The Bears, 13-2 in the season, are 14th in the latest ratings, a seven-place improvement over the Dec. 11 list. Pikeville College was 12th in the preseason ratings and slid to 25th by Dec. 4.

"We're obviously doing some things to impress people," said Coach Randy McCoy, who has guided the Bears to six straight wins, including two in the opening weekend of Mid-South Conference play. "We've just got to take care of ourselves now that league play has started. March is still a long way away."

The poll underwent some serious changes over the holiday season. Biola (Calif.) moved from

(See NAIA, page four)

Collins double-double leads Lady Bears to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Junior Amanda Collins scored 25 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Pikeville College past Cumberland (Tenn.) University 79-57 on Saturday afternoon.

The win evened Pikeville's league mark at 1-1 after the first weekend of play, while the Lady Bulldogs fell to 0-2.

In addition to her points — which came thanks to 8-of-12 shooting — Collins also had five steals in the win.

Pikeville (7-7) led 14-13 before scoring 10 unanswered points in the first half. Junior Teccoa Gallion had four in the run, and when Collins flipped in a layup with 8:56 left, the lead had mushroomed to 24-13.

Cumberland (6-9) battled back

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Chaffin grappling his way to the top



■ Nick Chaffin

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Weighing anywhere between 119-126-pounds, give or take a few pounds, on any given day, Nick Chaffin is quickly grappling his way to the top of the state rankings. Chaffin, who wrestles in the 119-pound weight division, up from the 112 division he grappled at last season, is

currently ranked second in the state behind No. 1 ranked Tyler Baldwin of Woodford County. Baldwin, a senior, is the same Woodford County wrestler who beat Chaffin out last season in the 112 ranks. One year later, Chaffin finds himself in a similar position. Chaffin and Baldwin have yet to meet one another this season. But the Prestonsburg grappler has faced some top-

notch competition. He has wrestled defending state champions from both Vermont and Tennessee. Chaffin, a junior fell to the Vermont wrestler 3-2 and suffered a slightly bigger setback to the Tennessee grappler. Thus far, Chaffin has dominated in-state competition. His overall record going into competition this week was 15-2. Chaffin began the sea-

son ranked No. 2 behind Baldwin and has kept that same ranking throughout the campaign.

According to Chaffin, the 119-pound division is just as competitive as the 112-pound division. "The 119-pound division is just as competitive," said Chaffin. "The top-three 112-pound state-placers

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UDTRA adds six new events to '02 schedule

Thunder Ridge season dirt track season still up in the air

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — The start of the 2002 dirt track season is quickly approaching. As in previous race seasons, most of the early portion of the season will take place at warmer temperature tracks. Stan Kolan, owner of East Bay Raceway in Tampa, Fla. has announced many fan friendly improvements for the 26th Annual East Bay Winternationals in early-February. UDTRA officials have also added six new dates to the 2002 schedule and moved one date.

UDTRA visited Prestonsburg's Thunder Ridge

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Allen Central Lady Rebs

Dec. 18
Prestonsburg 60-66(L)

Dec. 21
Piarist School 52-17(W)

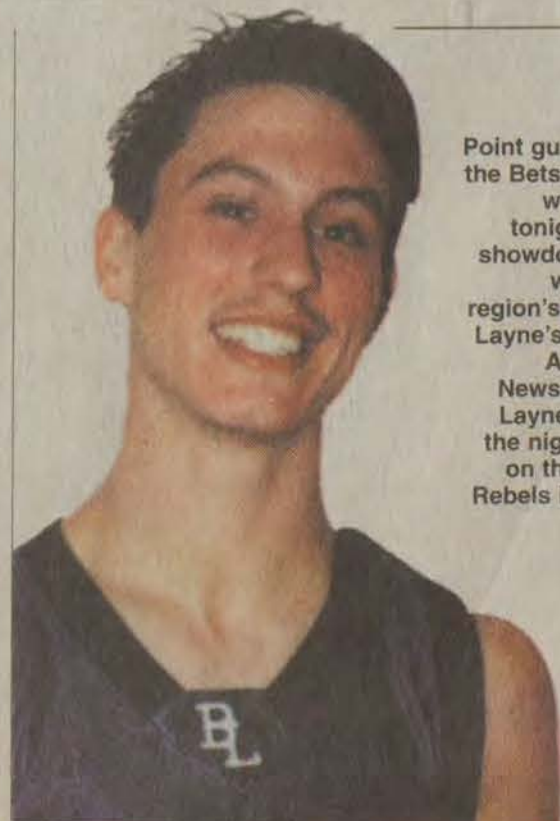
Dec. 27
Ryle 39-46(L)

Dec. 28
Newport 46-53(L)

Dec. 29
Dayton 73-34(W)

Jan. 3
Johnson Central 57-58(L)

Tonight at Betsy Layne



Tonight...

Point guard Wes Senters and the Betsy Layne Bobcats will welcome Allen Central tonight for a 58th District showdown. The boys' game will feature two of the region's top players in Betsy Layne's Jeremy Daniels and Allen Central's Shawn Newsome. The host Betsy Layne Ladycats will begin the night's action by taking on the Allen Central Lady Rebels in a game scheduled to tip off at 6 p.m.

UDTRA

Raceway last season and enjoyed a successful date with Grayson's Jackie Boggs taking the checkers. However, this year Thunder Ridge might not host the first dirt track race. On Thursday, an official with Thunder Ridge confirmed the track doesn't have any dirt track races scheduled for this year. Brad Martin, the track promoter who helped bring the bigger series to Prestonsburg and to Thunder Ridge, is no longer employed by the racetrack.

The UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series will open its portion of the East Bay Winternationals on February 6 with a 50-lap

\$5,000-to-win main event, and then return on February 7 with another 50-lap main event paying \$7,000-to-win. UDTRA officials have now announced that the East Bay Winternationals finale will be a 100-lap \$25,000-to-win main event on February 9.

Steve Shaver of Parkersburg, W.Va. is the defending and two-time UDTRA East Bay Winternationals Champion. Other former UDTRA East Bay Winternationals Champions include Skip Arp of Georgetown, Tenn. (1998), and Don O'Neal of Martinsville, Ind. (2000).

Former preliminary UDTRA East Bay race winners include defending UDTRA Champion Rick Eckert (2000) of York, Pa., Dan Schlieper of Pewaukee, Wis. (2000), Davey Johnson of Greensburg, Pa. (2001) and the

1997 UDTRA Champion Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark. (2001).

"Our theme for the 2002 East Bay Winternationals is Fans First," Kolan said. "It's all about the fans this year at East Bay

Raceway."

Kolan and his staff have been busy making many improvements to the 1/3-mile clay oval for the fans. Among the many new things fans will notice at East Bay Raceway include

refurbished bleachers, 200 new parking spots have been added, a fresh coat of paint on the entire facility, 6000 yards of fresh concrete, new entrance roads along with a fresh Florida-theme main entrance complete with new landscaping and palm trees, a new Caterpillar Scoreboard, a new wheel fence with 9000-feet of safety cable.

The track has also announced many bonuses for the competitors in 2002. A Rocket Chassis and interior kit will be given away to a lucky competitor. Every driver that wins any race during the week, including heats, dashes, consolation races, and main events, will be eligible for the drawing after the main event on February 9.

The winner on the final night will receive a \$500 bonus if they have a guest receipt from the

(See UDTRA, page four)

Raiders

points of the game and held a sturdy 12-3 lead with just over two minutes gone from the first quarter clock.

It wasn't all bad for the Raiders in the first half of their final game of the 2001-02 season. Coach Henry Webb's team pulled to within 24-19, before the Tigers ended the half on a 15-4 run.

Clay County finished last season with a 25-8 record and came into this season touted as the top team in the 13th Region.

Four Clay County players scored in double figures against South Floyd. Besides Asher, a senior who graduated

last spring, the Tigers were led by Richard Walker, then a junior and now a senior. Walker scored 13 points and added 11 rebounds in the first round win.

Last season's first round game proved to be a more than memorable one for South Floyd's Rusty Tackett. He finished the game with 29 points and 13 rebounds while teammate Michael Hall added 22.

Both players, along with State Tournament veterans Tyler Hall, Charles Ray and Joe Skeans will hope to get some revenge tonight when the two teams meet in the second round of the WYMT-TV Mountain Basketball Classic.

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BIG TEN

Haskins' lawyer: No reason to repay buyout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS - The University of Minnesota has no justification to now demand the return of the \$1.5 million buyout it paid Clem Haskins, the lawyer for the former coach said.

Ron Meshbesher, in documents filed in Hennepin County District Court on Wednesday, said the school had abundant evidence regarding allegations of academic fraud against Haskins when it bought out his contract in 1999.

"While the university had actual knowledge of most of the alleged wrongdoing, it also had notice of it through many sources, not the least of which was the Twin Cities news media," Meshbesher said.

The first allegations of cheating surfaced in March 1999 when Jan Gangelhoff, a former office manager in the athletic academic counseling unit, said she had completed hundreds of

pieces of course work for at least 20 men's basketball players in the mid-1990s.

Meshbesher also challenged new allegations of cheating under Haskins, a Campbellsville resident and former standout player and coach at Western Kentucky, that were included in university documents filed last month.

His memorandum also opposed a motion by the univer-

sity for financial damages in addition the \$1.5 million.

A university investigation concluded that Haskins was involved in the academic scandal. But Meshbesher said his client's contract ensures that he will keep the buyout money regardless of any new allegations.

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Chaffin

from last year all moved up this season."

Chaffin, as with most young athletes, has gained confidence with age and experience. "I'm more confident this year than I was last year," added Chaffin. "I feel real comfortable in the 119 division."

Numbers are down for the Prestonsburg program from this year compared to last. But that doesn't mean Chaffin and the other Blackcat grapplers who have made the commitment aren't giving their all. And Chaffin is definitely a team player in a sport which is as individual as any other high school sport.

"Nick is definitely a leader for us," said Prestonsburg wrestling coach Jerry Butcher. "We've got 15 or 16 out and alot of first-year guys, so Nick is a wrestler we look to for leadership. We think Nick has a real good shot at a state championship this year and that's what he's working toward."

The 15 or 16 Butcher has on his team includes both middle school and high school grapplers.

Chaffin took first-place honors in last week's Jackson County Invitational. Tony White, a senior, finished sixth in the 215-pound division. White was the only other Prestonsburg grappler to place.

The Blackcats were back in action last night as they hosted Perry County Central, Lawrence County, both high school and middle school, and Ashland Verity Middle School. The meet was Prestonsburg's first home meet of the season. A tentative event, not previ-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

How bad can it get for Carolina?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Things were bad for North Carolina when it opened the season with home losses to Hampton, Davidson and Indiana. It's gotten worse.

The Tar Heels allowed the most points in school history Wednesday night in a 112-79 loss to No. 4 Maryland.

It was the worst loss in the 79 years the schools have been playing each other and was within two points of North Carolina's worst loss in an Atlantic Coast Conference game.

One of the top programs in the history of college basketball is having its worst season in four decades and very few people outside the state have any sympathy for the Tar Heels (5-7, 1-2).

"Who are those guys? They're just another team," Maryland's Steve Blake said after getting a career-high 14 assists. "Carolina's no special thing."

The Terrapins (12-2, 2-0) led by as many as 41 points, and the crowd at Cole Field House ate it up.

"What can I say? It was a very difficult experience," second-year North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said. "It's hard to imagine that there are some better teams than Maryland. That's a darn good basketball team, and we've got a very long way to go."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was: No. 1 Kansas 96, Nebraska 57; No. 3 Florida 104, Tennessee 100 in overtime; Georgia 88, No. 8 Kentucky 84; Purdue 84, No. 9 Illinois 75; No. 13 Iowa 70, Northwestern 60; No. 14 Alabama 92, Vanderbilt 79; No. 16 Boston College 88, Villanova 81 in overtime; and Iowa State 71, No. 17 Missouri 67.

Juan Dixon had 29 points to lead the Terrapins, who shot 58 percent (44-for-76) and matched their season-high with 13 3-pointers in easily eclipsing their previous margin over North Carolina - 25 points in February 1939.

"You never expect it," Maryland coach Gary Williams

said. "Let's face it, we probably shot better than we have all year."

The Terrapins opened the second half with a 19-8 run to go up by 31.

Jason Capel scored 27 points for the Tar Heels, who trailed 102-61, putting them in danger of eclipsing a dubious 35-point loss to Duke in 1964.

"The biggest thing is for us to stick together and work and hard and stay as positive as we can," Doherty said. "This is a very difficult time, and these are some difficult games."

North Carolina had twice allowed 110 points, to Kentucky in 1989 and Florida State in 1992.

North Carolina's last losing season was 1961-62, when the Tar Heels were 8-9 in their first year under coach Dean Smith. They have won 20 or more games every season since 1970-71 and have been in every NCAA tournament since 1975. The last time North Carolina didn't finish at least tied for third in the ACC was 1963-64, a run of 37 straight seasons.

No. 1 Kansas 96, Nebraska 57

Nick Collison had 20 points and 13 rebounds and Drew Gooden had 16 points and 12 rebounds for his seventh double-double in as many games as the Jayhawks (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) won their 13th straight and first as a top-ranked team.

John Robinson and Brennon Clemmons each had 16 points for the visiting Cornhuskers (7-6, 0-2), who have lost six of seven.

No. 3 Florida 104, Tennessee 100 OT

Brett Nelson scored 20 points, including two key free throws and a 3-pointer in overtime, and the visiting Gators (13-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) won their 12th straight.

Vincent Yarbrough had 26 points for the Volunteers (6-7, 1-1).

Georgia 88, No. 8 Kentucky 84

Jarvis Hayes scored a career-

high 30 points and the Bulldogs (13-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) snapped a 16-game losing streak against Kentucky and won in Lexington for just the third time in school history.

Jules Camara had a career-high 16 points for Kentucky (9-4), which lost its second straight and dropped to 0-2 in the SEC for the first time since 1978-79.

Purdue 84, No. 9 Illinois 75

Rodney Smith had 17 points to lead six Purdue players in double figures as the Boilermakers (9-8, 1-2) avoided their first 0-3 start in the Big Ten in 38 years.

Frank Williams had 23 points for the visiting Illini (12-4, 1-2), who were outscored 35-16 at the free-throw line in losing their second straight.

No. 13 Iowa 70, Northwestern 60

Reggie Evans had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Luke Recker added 20 points to lead the Hawkeyes (13-4, 2-1 Big Ten) to their seventh win in eight games.

Jitim Young had 16 points for the visiting Wildcats (8-5, 0-2).

No. 14 Alabama 92, Vanderbilt 79

Erwin Dudley scored a season-high 24 points for the Crimson Tide (14-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference), who made 31 of 36 free throws in the second half, including 11 of 12 over the final five minutes.

Sam Howard scored 22 points for the visiting Commodores (10-5, 0-2).

No. 16 B. College 88, Villanova 81, OT

Troy Bell scored 36 points, including a floater in the lane with 6.5 seconds left in regulation that sent the game into overtime. Kenny Walls added 21 points for the visiting Eagles (13-2, 2-1 Big East).

Gary Buchanan had 22 points for the Wildcats (9-3, 2-1), who turned the ball over five times in the overtime. All of Villanova's losses this season have been in overtime.

Iowa St. 71, No. 17 Missouri 67

Tyray Pearson scored a career-high 28 points for the Cyclones (9-7, 1-1), who tied a Big 12 record with their 19th straight league win at home.

Kareem Rush had 29 points for the Tigers (11-4, 1-1), who lost for the fourth time in six games since reaching No. 2 in the poll.

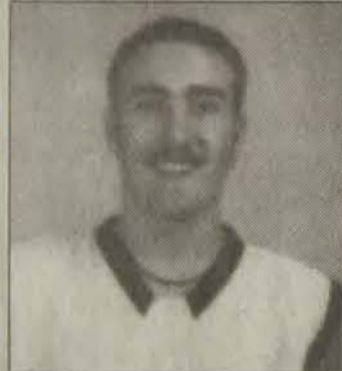
ously listed on the Prestonsburg schedule, is in the works for next Thursday against East Carter. Other opponents may or may not be added to that meet.

A big event looming for Chaffin and his Prestonsburg teammates is the WSAZ Tournament. The WSAZ tournament begins one week from

today. A total of 41 teams are scheduled to take part in the tournament.

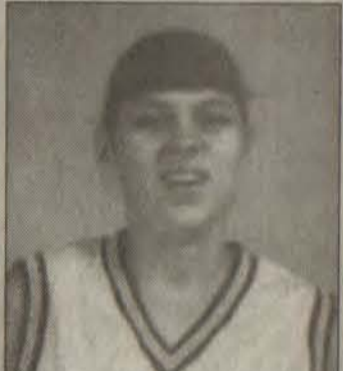
The regional tournament is slated for February 9. The state tournament, which could feature Chaffin and some of his other teammates going for a state championship, is scheduled for Feb. 14-16 in Frankfort.

Athletes of the Week




THE RAIDERS


Michael Hall,
South Floyd,
Junior,
33 points vs.
Breathitt County



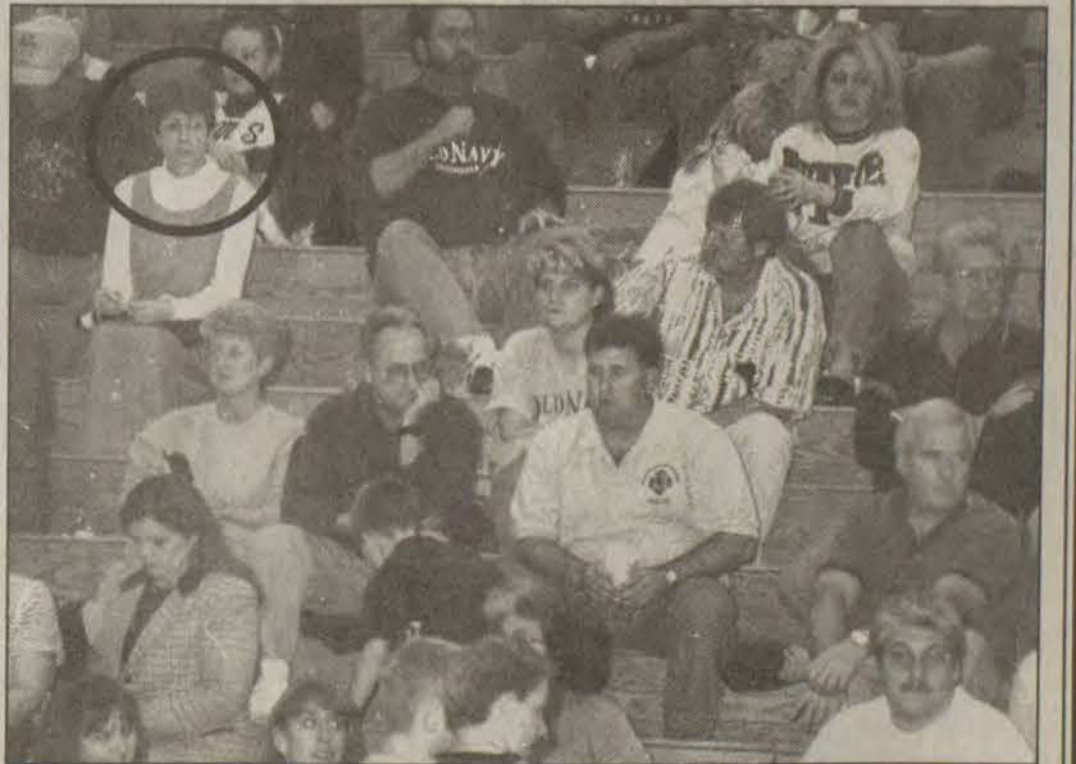
LADY RAIDERS

Kandice Mitchell,
South Floyd,
Senior,
27 points vs. Pike
Co. Central





SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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Eagles

and Andrea Kelley contributed nine and eight points, respectively. Necha Combs scored seven points in 40 minutes on the floor. Jamie Surber and Ashley Rosen each had two points. Shannon Sizemore played for the Lady Eagles, but did not score. Sizemore, who missed on three field goal tries, did add two rebounds. The Lady Eagles lost the rebounding battle 30-28.

Coach Denise Campbell saw her team go seven-of-21 from behind the three-point line. Bluefield attempted seven threes and connected on two.

Kim Richardson led Bluefield in scoring with 15 points. Chasidy Welsh had 14 points in the Bluefield loss.

The win improved Alice Lloyd to 8-9. Bluefield, winless coming into the contest, fell to 0-11.

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Three cities vying for Hornets

By JENNA FRYER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The

continuing saga of where the Charlotte Hornets will play next season is heating up, with three cities all making active plays for

the team. The Mayor of Charlotte said Wednesday the city will continue trying to find a way to build a

new arena despite reports that the Hornets are close to filing for relocation.

"We firmly believe that the city of Charlotte is still the best place for the Hornets and the facts prove that," Mayor Pat

McCrory said while attending Wednesday night's game against the Atlanta Hawks.

"The NBA and Charlotte are a good fit."

But New Orleans and Louisville are also in the hunt

and all co-owner Ray Wooldridge will say is he'll have a decision at the end of the month.

Wooldridge spent the past

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Haskins

The university says Haskins must repay the money because he denied wrongdoing before accepting the buyout, thus committing fraud.

"In Minnesota, when you lie your way into a deal, you do not get to keep the profits from your lies," university lawyer Lorie Gildea said.

Last month, the university said it had new information

showing that large-scale cheating began years before Gangelhoff started writing papers for players. It cited subpoenaed depositions from two former university employees.

Patricia Barta, a former student secretary, alleged that under instructions from Haskins, she wrote as many as 50 papers and completed an independent study course to

keep Willie Burton eligible to play. She said Haskins gave her money and gifts.

Gail Splinter, another former secretary, "did substantial academic work for players, and Haskins directed her 'to fix' a poorly written paper a men's basketball player had given her to type," the university alleged. It said she "also confirmed" that Haskins paid her for her work.

However, Meshbesh said in his brief that "the university's reliance on the deposition testimony of Gail McDonald Splinter and Patricia Barta is far from clear and convincing evidence" and that it wasn't credible.

He said Splinter testified that she had severe memory problems because she was using alcohol and drugs when she worked for Haskins. Meshbesh filed portions of her deposition.

He also said that the university "exaggerates Barta's testimony about Haskins' alleged knowledge of academic fraud," and that the only time she said she had direct contact with him about writing papers was in connection with Burton. He said her charges are uncorroborated.

Gildea said Wednesday that Haskins is not being truthful about the two former employees, noting that he denied once paying Gangelhoff \$3,000 but later acknowledged it.

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Raiders blast Breathitt Co. in WYMT Classic

South Floyd win sets up rematch with Clay County

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb's passion for the three-point shot goes all the way back to his days as a McDowell Daredevil in the late 1980s, and he seems to have brought that passion with him to South Floyd. Wednesday night in the opening round of play in the WYMT Mountain Classic the Raiders let the threes fly from all over Knott County High School on their way to a convincing 93-74 win over Breathitt County.

South Floyd seems to be regaining the form that propelled them to last year's regional title. The Raiders trio of Michael Hall, Rusty Tackett, and Tyler Hall combined to hit 11 three-point shots on the evening, and Josh Johnson came off the bench to nail two long-range bombs as South Floyd raced out to an early 26-11 lead after the first quarter and the game never got any closer after that.

The Breathitt County Bobcats came into the contest with a very respectable 8-4 record and were ready to give the Raiders a stern test, but this game was decided in the first half Michael Hall continued his fine season with a game-high 33 points and seven assists. Hall was six-of-seven from the charity stripe.

Tyler Hall had 12 first half points for South Floyd, on four three-point shots, and Rusty

Tackett had eight points as the Raiders led 59-36 at the half and coasted home from there.

South Floyd was an amazing 12-of-15 from behind the arc in the first half alone and finished the night with 14 three-pointers in 25 attempts. Heath Hall also came off the Raider bench to add five points in the winning effort.

Breathitt County was led in scoring by D.J. Rudd with 18 points, followed closely by Ryan Raleigh with 17. The Bobcats actually outscored the Raiders in the second half, 38-34, but the game had already been decided as South Floyd played several reserve players in the second half. The Raiders led 81-59 after three quarters and in the final quarter began to spread the floor and use the clock.

South Floyd advances to tonight's semifinals to face the Clay County Tigers under head coach Mike Jones.

South Floyd stats...

- Michael Hall 33 points, 6-7 from the line
- Rusty Tackett 17 points, 2-2 from the line
- Tyler Hall 17 points, 2-2 from the line
- Josh Johnson 15 points, 3-6 from the line
- Heath Hall 5 points
- Joe Skeans 4 points, 2-2 from the line
- Charles Ray 2 points, 0-2 from the line

Breathitt County stats...

- D.J. Rudd 18 points, 3-4 from the line
- Ryan Raleigh 17 points, 4-6 from the line
- Courtney Johnson 16 points, 4-6 from the line
- Randy Gaddis 12 points
- Justin Haddix 6 points, 2-4 from the line
- Jared Stacy 5 points, 3-5 from the line

NFL

Bengals 2002 opponents announced

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals will play division opponents Cleveland, Baltimore and Pittsburgh at home and away next season. Other home games are with Jacksonville, Tennessee, San Diego, New Orleans and Tampa Bay.

The road games outside the new AFC North will be at Houston, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Atlanta and Carolina.

Opponents were announced Tuesday, but game dates won't be released until later this year.

Bengals sign two players to off-season roster

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals signed wide receiver Khori Ivy from West Virginia and guard Ray Redziniak from Illinois to their off-season roster on Tuesday.

Redziniak was on the Bengals' practice squad for the last seven games this season, and Ivy for the last three games.

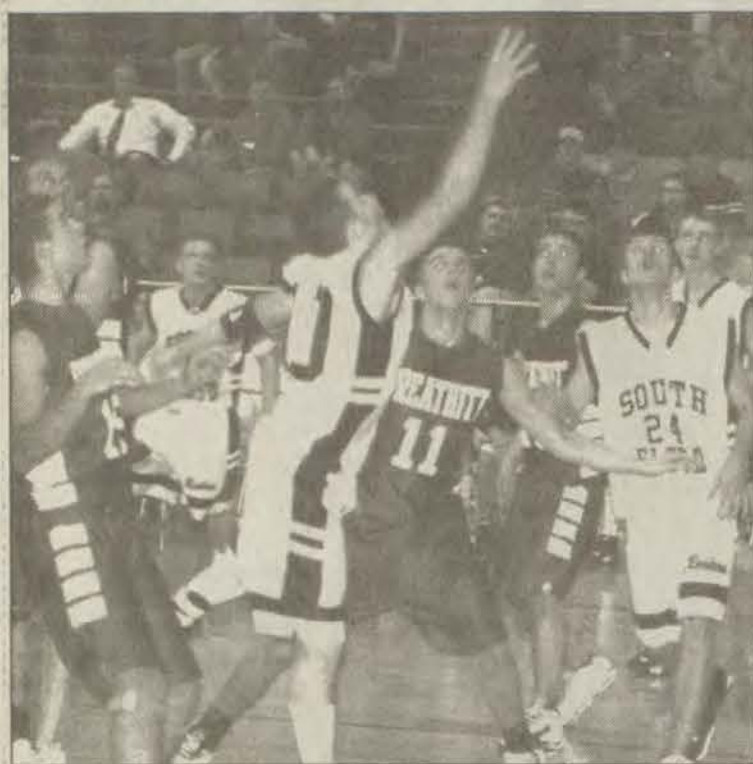


photo by Jamie Howell
Michael Hall (10) put up a shot against the Breathitt County defense. Hall, a junior, scored 33 points in South Floyd's first round win over the Bobcats.

UDTRA

Ramada Inn Tampa Bay. New clay has been laid down, prepared and worked in, there is a new Parts Depot in the pit area with a pressure washer and Sunoco Race Fuel, there is a new P.A. in the pits, additional parking will make more transporter parking available in the pit area, and there is a new maintenance garage for the track preparation equipment.

Sponsors and the Media will also receive some added benefits at East Bay Raceway. The new Thompson-Dillon Media Center is now located outside turn four, and outside turn one is the new Hoosier Building which houses racing tires on the ground floor and V.I.P. Suites on the top floor, new additional V.I.P. parking, and a new control tower is being built on the front straightaway and is scheduled for completion in 2003. East Bay also welcomes a new sponsor to the track as the strawberry folks at Morgan Farms come aboard.

Kolan and his staff also plan to dish out a big helping of hospitality during the festivities with a free barbecue cookout for everyone on February 8 in the pit area at 2:30 p.m.

Before traveling to East Bay Raceway, the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series will travel to

Golden Isle Speedway in Brunswick, Ga. to open the 2002 season with a daytime 50-lap \$10,000-to-win main event. The 1996 UDTRA Champion Freddy Smith of Knoxville, Tenn. is the defending champion of that event.

Other former UDTRA Golden Isle winners include Eckert with two wins in 2000, Jack Pennington of Winston, Ga. (1999), Arp (1996), four-time UDTRA Champion Scott Bloomquist of Mooresburg, Tenn. (1995), Mickey Gibbs of Gadsden, Ala. (1994) and Mike Carter of Blackshear, Ga. (1993).

One of the premier dirt late model events in the country will now come under UDTRA sanction as the Commonwealth Cup at Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway in Calvert City will appear on the UDTRA schedule for September 13-14. Each night there will be a full program with \$10,000-to-win main events. If the same driver wins both nights, he will receive a \$32,000 bonus.

Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway returns to the UDTRA schedule after a two-year absence. Former UDTRA KLMS winners include Moyer (1999), Bloomquist (1999), Bill Frye of Greenbrier, Ark. (1999),

the 1999 UDTRA Champion Dale McDowell of Rossville, Ga. (1998), and Wendell Wallace of Batesville, Ark. (1998).

The UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series will visit three new venues in 2002. Scenic Raceway in Onieda, Tenn. will host the series on May 3 with a \$10,000-to-win main event. requests to UDTRA will also bring the Pro DirtCar Series to Kankakee Speedway in Kankakee, Ill. on May 13 for a \$10,000 main event.

The UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series will travel to 1-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb. on June 28-29. The June 28 program will be a \$7,000-to-win main event, and the finale on June 29 will be a \$10,000-to-win main event. To avoid a scheduling conflict, the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series event for Macon Speedway in Macon, Ill. has been moved to May 27.

Six to be announced dates and two open dates remain on the schedule.

UDTRA Director of Events Scott French is currently working to finalize the schedule, which he hopes to have completed in the near future.

"We are currently talking to promoters on each of the TBAs, but we are wanting to be sure that the dates in question are going to work for that promoter, and it will fit into our travel schedule," French said. "We have had a lot of promoters interested, but it is hard to accommodate everyone and have it fit our travel schedule. I'm hoping to have the final schedule completed by January 18."

UDTRA officials are expecting to receive the air date schedule from the Speedvision Network (soon to be known as the Speed Channel) within the next 30 days. The recent merger with Fox Sports caused an unexpected delay in Speedvision getting the dates to UDTRA. Speedvision will air 10-12 UDTRA events during the 2002 season.

Once UDTRA officials have received the air date schedule from Speedvision, they will assign events to the air dates and release the schedule on their web site at www.udtra.com.

UDTRA officials have also announced an amendment in the 2002 UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series Rulebook concerning the Winner's Circle Program and Provisionals.

The Winner's Circle money and provisionals will go by the

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third to first, but only got four of the 12 first-place votes. The Eagles are 15-0.

They leaped past Georgetown, as the Tigers improved to 18-0 and got first-place nods but remained second. Oklahoma Baptist, 15-0, got the other two votes and improved to 15-0.

The change at the top was the result of Lee (Tenn.) University losing twice and falling to 9-2. They dropped from the top of

the list to eighth.

Georgetown and Pikeville are joined in the Top 25 by MSC member Cumberland College, which moved up one slot to 11. Campbellsville (five votes) and Lindsey Wilson (four) were outside the Top 25. Pikeville College will back in action last night at Lindsey Wilson. Results were unavailable. The Bears will host Campbellsville tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Collins

to cut the lead to 35-30 at half-time.

The Lady Bears put the game away with a 16-1 run that took only three minutes early in the second half. All the points came from post players — Collins and Gallion had six each while freshman Ashley Damron added four — to put Pikeville on top 63-41.

The lead stayed between 17 and 24 the rest of the night.

Collins was followed by 15

from senior Charity Burke. Gallion added 11. Michelle Stanley, Courtney Mercer and Cindy Burks each had six points apiece for the Lady Bears.

Sheree Driver came off the bench for a double-double, scoring 13 and pulling down 13 rebounds for Cumberland. Stacy Shell had 11 and Jill Lasley 10.

Pikeville forced 31 Lady Bulldog turnovers and won the rebounding battle 42-32.

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vacation. It was the final straw in what has been a hard case for Wildcat coach Tubby Smith. Throughout his UK career, Stone has been something of a problem. He hasn't always done his work in the classroom. He has constantly groused about his playing time and threatened to transfer on more than one occasion.

UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy said the university would happy to give Stone his release, as required under NCAA rules, if he agreed not to transfer to another Southeastern Conference school, Louisville, or Indiana. In other words, the school that kicked Stone off the team and took away his scholarship still wants to control his destiny. Honk if you think there's something fundamentally un-American about this.

Stone made it clear that Louisville and Colorado State were his top two choices. UK has no problem with Colorado State, but it has a huge problem with U of L. Indeed, Ivy was adamant that UK would not release Stone to U of

L. Stone's reply was to threaten a lawsuit that UK and the NCAA almost certainly couldn't win. The last time I checked, Americans were still guaranteed the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

To support his position, Ivy cited a long-standing university "policy" against releasing players to rival schools that have long-term contracts with UK. If such a "policy" exists, it's news to C.M. Newton, Ivy's predecessor and U of L coach Rick Pitino, who coached at UK from 1989 through '97.

In trotting out the "policy" defense, Ivy exhibited the same sort of dreary mentality that existed at UK when Cliff Hagan was athletics director and Joe B. Hall the basketball coach. Their stock answer to media demands for a UK-U of L basketball series was that UK had a "policy" against playing other state schools. No such "policy" existed, of course. It was simply a matter of Hagan and Hall trying to shift the blame to the late Adolph Rupp.

Since finally being forced into the U of L series by UK president Otis Singletary, UK also has played Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky, and Western Kentucky. The sky has not fallen. UK still reigns supreme in the state. All that Hagan and Hall was to stubbornly allow the U of L issue to turn into a national public-relations disaster for UK.

Already being criticized in some circles for the UK football scandal and the snide remarks he has made about Pitino's hiring by U of L, Ivy now finds himself embroiled in another controversy about "policy." It's deja vu all over again. It has already been pointed out that UK allowed a football player and another athlete to transfer to U of L without penalty. The more Ivy protests, the sillier he's going to look.

Three questions:

1. If the U of L coach was anybody but Rick Pitino, would UK be trying to stand in Stone's way?

2. Isn't the real gist of the matter UK's fear that Pitino might be able to get out of Stone what Smith couldn't? And that

Stone might hurt UK in the one game he will play against the Cats?

3. If it were, say, Cory Sears or Matt Heissenbuttel who wanted to transfer instead of Stone, would we be having this discussion?

The final factor, an important one, is whether, after talking to Stone, Pitino would take him. Here's a young man who has never come close to living up to his high school reputation, and who has a history of griping about playing time and barely doing what's necessary in the classroom. Pitino may decide Stone isn't worth the trouble, especially since he only has a year and a half of eligibility remaining.

Yet that should be between Pitino and Stone. UK may be within its legal rights in putting conditions on Stone's release, but is it the ethical and moral thing to do? Shouldn't universities be in the business of helping youngsters succeed instead of hindering them?

If Stone wants to go to U of L and Pitino is willing to take him, it should happen without interference from UK. The same would apply to a U of L player who wanted to transfer to UK. Ex-Florida football coach Steve Spurrier recently approved the transfer of a hot quarterback prospect to Miami on the grounds that the young man had the right to be someplace where he's happy.

That's the kind of enlightened thinking that should apply in Stone's case.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Indiana hires DiNardo as football coach

by STEVE HERMAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Like the many coaches before him, Gerry DiNardo comes to Indiana confident he can turn a perennially dismal football program into a winner.

The school's long list of failed and fired coaches is evidence it won't be easy. But DiNardo, who previously coached at LSU and Vanderbilt, isn't one to look back.

"I'm responsible for what takes place from this moment on. I don't know that I can speak to the past," DiNardo said at a news conference at Memorial Stadium announcing his hiring Tuesday.

"I do know this: One of the things we control as football coaches is our personnel, our staff and our players," he said. "That's enough control for me to believe we can be successful."

None of the nine Indiana

coaches since Bo McMillan left in 1947 produced an overall winning record.

Cam Cameron, who played football and basketball for the Hoosiers, went 18-37 as coach and was fired last month. Bill Mallory, whose 69 victories from 1984-96 were the most by any Indiana coach, was fired five years earlier.

"If you look at the recent history of the Big Ten, it proves you can come in and build a program and be successful at places perhaps that have historically not been as successful as some others," said DiNardo, who accepted a five-year, \$225,000-per-year contract that could be worth up to \$800,000 a year if he meets performance incentives.

DiNardo met privately with the team Tuesday night and said he would immediately begin assembling his staff. He did not say whether any of Cameron's assistants would be retained.

"I will keep in mind staff chemistry is of critical importance," he said.

He said he did not know anything about any of the players and would not rely heavily on tapes of their game performances.

"I don't know if you want to study tape," he said. "I think you're better served starting fresh."

DiNardo was introduced to Indiana fans at halftime of the Hoosiers' basketball game against Michigan state after his meeting with the football players.

"From what I saw, he knows what he's talking about," full-back Jeremi Johnson said. "I'm really excited to be a part of this. Coach talked about how important it was for us individually and as a team to be successful, graduate and win."

"We, as a team, have something to work for. Coach is determined to lead us to the promised land."

Offensive lineman Enoch DeMarr said he didn't know anything about DiNardo.

"But it's up to us, it's up to this team to get us where we need to go. If we have a bad record, it's our own fault," DeMarr said.

University president Myles Brand, the man who fired Bob Knight in 2000, also attended the news conference for DiNardo.

"I'm very pleased we have been able to attract someone of the quality of Gerry DiNardo," Brand said. "He's committed to winning football games, he's committed to respecting student-athletes, and we're very excited and hopeful for the future."

DiNardo, 49, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., played at Notre Dame and was a member of the

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Cook becomes all-time leading scorer

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

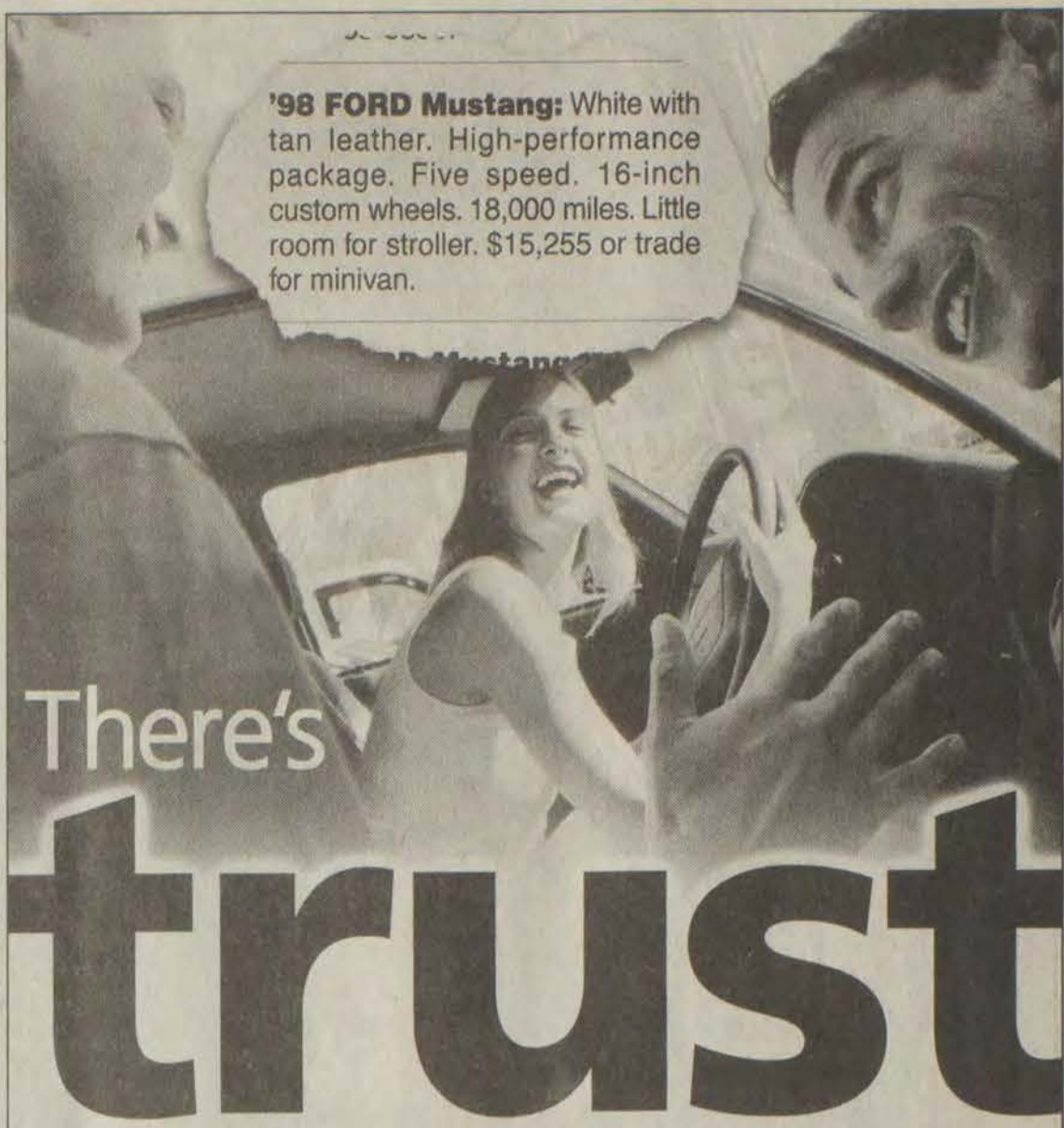
PIPPA PASSES — The June Buchanan School Crusaders won 20 games last season, opposed to 10 losses. JBS went into the current season with one of the state's purest point guards, Josh Cook, guiding the offense.

Cook, touted as the top player in the 14th Region this past preseason, recently became the leading scorer at a school with a relatively short history, but a history which has seen several talented boys' basketball players take to the hardwood.

Cook became the school's all-time scoring leader back on Dec. 18. Cook currently has 1,298 points, surpassing the old mark of 1,230 points set by George Potter.

A 5-10 fleet-of-foot guard, Cook, handles most of the pressure for JBS. Helping Cook on both offense and defense is teammate Josh Thomas, a 6-7 senior.

Several Floyd County hoops fans, in particular Allen Central fans, who haven't seen Cook in action, will have the opportunity when JBS comes calling on the Runnin' Rebels on Friday, Jan. 18.



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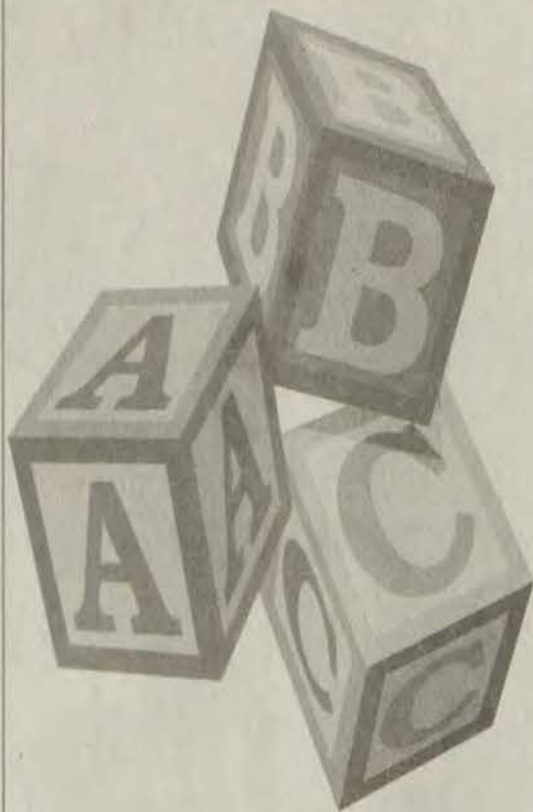
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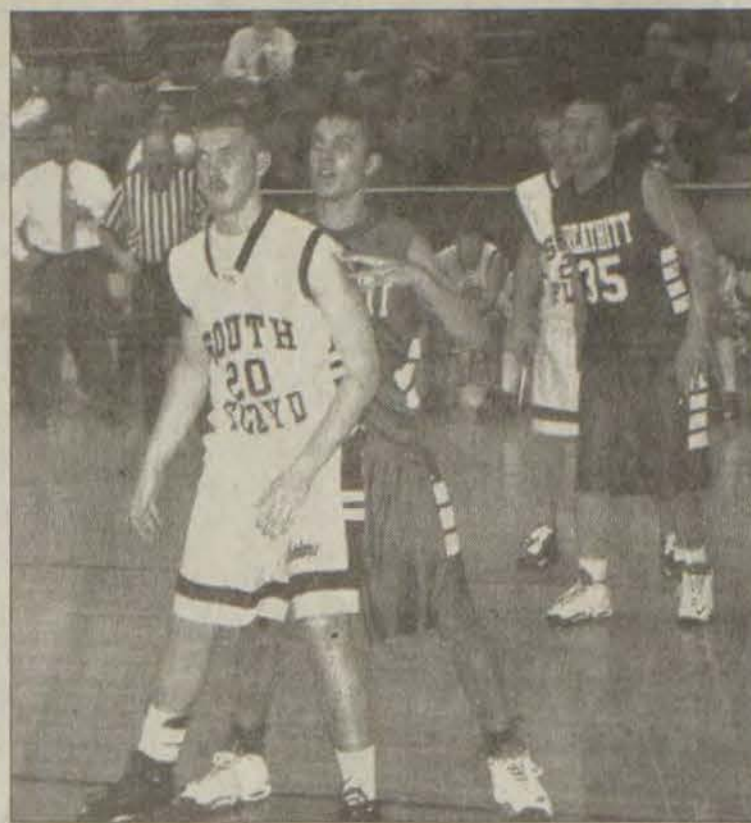


photo by Jamie Howell
 Rusty Tackett (20) hit Breathitt County for 17 points as South Floyd scored a first round win in the WYMT Mountain Basketball Classic.

■ H.S. BASKETBALL

WYMT tourney has much to offer

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

The WYMT-TV Mountain Basketball Classic is underway. The 2002 tourney is being held at Morton Combs Athletic Complex on the campus of Knott County Central High School in Hindman. Floyd County representative South Floyd advanced thanks to a first round victory over Breathitt County. Play in the tournament resumes tonight with South Floyd taking on Clay County.

Besides the tournament title, as usual, a whole lot is at stake

in this year's event. Awards will include \$1,000 academic scholarships for area students, the aforementioned championship traveling and first-place trophy, second-place trophy, third-place trophy, most valuable player, first-place cheerleading trophy, second-place trophy, sportsmanship trophy, 110-percent award and the all-tournament team awards.

The consolation game is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. with the championship game to follow at 8:15 p.m. Shelby Valley is the defending tournament champion.

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Irish's 1973 national championship team. He compiled a 51-49-1 career record as a college head coach.

DiNardo was 32-24-1 at LSU, where he led the Tigers to three straight bowl appearances from 1995-97 but was fired 10 games into the 1999 season. He went 19-25 at Vanderbilt - its best four-year span in 25 years.

Last year, he coached the Birmingham Bolts of the XFL.

"It was my first experience in pro football," he said. "I learned a lot. It made me a better coach."

He said he is eager to put his mark on the Indiana program, which has not had a winning season since 1994.

"Our mission is simple: Move the student-athlete toward championships on the field, success in the classroom, and success with people when they leave campus," said DiNardo, who will aggressively recruit in Indiana.

"I personally will be in every high school in the state of Indiana, whether there's a prospect there or not," he said.

DiNardo was selected from a group of four finalists that included former San Diego Chargers coach Mike Riley, South Florida head coach Jim Leavitt and former Oklahoma coach and current LSU defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs.

Hornets

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two days visiting with New Orleans officials about moving the team there. He spent Wednesday touring possible sites for a training facility.

"Things are going very well. We're still in the negotiating process," Wooldridge said. "We expect to have our relocation decision by the end of January."

The Charlotte Observer, citing an unnamed source, reported Wooldridge is expected to file with the NBA to relocate within two weeks and that New Orleans is the expected destination.

Further clouding the situation Wednesday was the mayor of Louisville, who said his city still believes it has a chance to land the Hornets and would move forward with its proposal to build the team an arena.

"There is a rumor every day, almost by the hour, as to where this team will go," Mayor Dave Armstrong said.

So far, New Orleans is the only city with an arena ready for the Hornets, who currently play in the outdated Charlotte Coliseum.

Wooldridge has contended that the Hornets need luxury suites to stop estimated losses of \$1 million a month. The Coliseum has 12 suites and the New Orleans arena has 44 with room to possibly add 20 more.

Louisville, as well as Norfolk, Va., are trying to formulate proposals to build the Hornets a new arena.

And on Monday, two major banks and a utility said they were prepared to pay \$100 million in a deal to build a new

arena in Charlotte.

The city, which would have to match the money through the hotel/motel tax and provide the land and infrastructure, has a deadline of Feb. 11 to accept or reject the offer. The arena would not be completed until 2004.

NBA Commissioner David Stern has previously said his first choice is to keep the team in Charlotte with a new arena and the Hornets need the league's permission to move.

The team would have to apply to the NBA for permission to move by the first week of March to play in another city next season.

McCrory said the Charlotte city council would address the new proposal at next Monday's meeting and work diligently to meet the Feb. 11 deadline set by the business leaders.

He also said he heard "rumors" that Wooldridge was close to filing the relocation paperwork with the NBA, which is believed to have sparked the proposal made by Wachovia, Bank of America and Duke Energy.

"We believe that deal is a very good deal for the Hornets," McCrory said. "If we can make it work, it not only gives them revenue and suites they claim they need, but I think it will renew their fan base."

The Hornets currently have one of the worst attendance marks in the league, a product of local disdain for Wooldridge and owner George Shinn, as well as frustration over the will-they-or-won't they leave saga.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Gaining satisfaction

Well, the snow it did come. And, yes, I was quite satisfied with it, although I did take a little ribbing at the office in the form of a few statements such as, "You aren't going to be wishing for more snow any time soon, now are you?" and "Well, I guess you got what you were wishing for, didn't you?" Humph, as if I had anything at all to do with Mother Nature calling up Old Man Winter for an evening out....

I was scanning Sunday's "Critter Corner" column this morning and something that Dr. Combs had written caught my attention. She mentioned that she once had had a terrier pup who had a taste for electrical cords, thereby chewing one or two in her home completely in half. To solve the problem she "painted all the cords with in reach with a product intended to be used on a child's thumb to prevent his sucking on it." She further went on to say that she didn't know "if they still make the stuff" or not.

Well, I don't know if they still make the stuff or not either, but let me say right now that I highly commiserate with the terrier pup as Dr. Combs also happened to mention that the pup didn't find "the stuff" to his liking and soon gave up his dangerous habit of chewing electrical cords. A happy ending for Dr. Combs and the terrier. My own experience with "the stuff," however, did not have quite so happy an ending.

I was a thumb-sucker. A devoted thumb-sucker. I sucked my thumb when I was falling asleep, when I was watching TV, when I was day-dreaming, just most anytime I could.

My mother hated it. She told me over and over again what a nasty habit it was. My Uncle Arnold tried to "shame" me out of the habit. "What do you get out of that ole' thumb, anyway," he'd say, "kool-aid?"

Well, my mother's tales of germs and my uncle's attempts at embarrassment both failed miserably on me. The more my mother reminded me of dread diseases, the more I worried, and hence, the more I sucked. The more my uncle tried to embarrass me, the

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

PREDICKSHUNS

Woodrow Burchett is the "Ole Man Mose" of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, and it is he who comes through with predickshuns for the y'ar to come at the end of each 12 months. We have a complete list of his predictions, made for 1962 at the Kiwanis Club meeting here, and print some of them for your guidance as well as entertainment.

In 1962, it will cost a nickel to mail a letter.

Khrushchev will land a man on the moon, but Kennedy won't be able to get a Negro through Mississippi on a bus.

There will continue to be a shortage of doctors. They will all get into the TV business.

You will see a new dance. The first time you see it, you

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The author preparing to enjoy some winter sports fun.

Snowflakes, sleds and skates

by SANDRA L. PRATER, PH.D.

A recent conversation with my sister has stirred up my recollection of childhood winter-time activities. Any discussion along these lines has to begin with my dad and the story he always told me about the February day I was born at Paintsville Hospital. My birth occurred in the late afternoon, and he left to return to our home in Prestonsburg after dark, in a snow storm. As he approached Abbott Mountain, his car got stuck traveling up the slippery highway. He backed down the mountain and tried again, and again, finding each time that his car couldn't continue. He backed down the mountain once more, further this time, got a good "running start," and made it up the hill on this third try. Later in his life, when I talked to him on my birthday, he would repeat that story for me.

My dad also told a winter story about his own childhood. He was born in a log cabin at Pyramid (that's right, located between David and Hippo) in 1911, and he and his siblings slept in the loft as he was growing up. In winter, the snow flakes would blow through the cracks between the logs and lightly cover the blankets of the sleeping children. He never told this story with any hint of regret or resentment in his voice. He



A childhood memory, Christmas presents, and Mother's hand-flocked Christmas tree.

accepted the way things had been for his family and never considered complaining about them. Actually, I think he felt a certain amount of pride that he and his family survived some pretty tough times.

Another childhood memory of mine is of when my mother would make "snow cream" for our family. She would take a large bowl and go outside to collect freshly-fallen snow. She would come back inside and add milk or cream (canned Carnation evaporated milk), sugar, and a dash of

vanilla to the snow and stir the ingredients. We would each get our own spoon and eat from the bowl. I always tasted it, as my curiosity was aroused, but I never ate more than a few bites. My mother, however, very much liked the taste of "snow cream" a lot. I think it reminded her of a good time in her life when she was a child herself.

My mother had another clever trick that she used at Christmas time. My dad would

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Things to Ponder...

Autumn Onset, Winter Gloom

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

It is always interesting in the mornings to see what the fax machine has printed up during the night from far away places. Often it has to do with "Great, Once in a Life Time Vacations". However, this morning the mysterious fax's biggest line was "Winter Got You Down? Feel great in 3 days. Only \$199 + s/h. Reg \$279." There were several more lines that were supposedly showing-off other valuable assets for high-pitched salesmanship: "Apollo's Brite Lite III has Long been the industry standard, used in more clinical trials and research studies than all other brands. 10,000 lux at 231 with a full treatment field. 15 minute average daily dose. Portable: Only 6 lbs., white enamel finish. High Response Rate. Guaranteed 60 day, 100 percent money-back." There was even the support given by so-called experts, "Light is now recommended as the treatment of choice for SAD ("Seasonal Affective Disorder)." Needless to say, there was a toll-free number and an Internet address for more information. Then it seemed the world consisted of magical connections, when a health care-type of Internet site had an article about "Seasonal Affective

Disorder: Autumn Onset, Winter Gloom" (E. Singer, Clinician Reviews, 2001). There is also the possibility that educators and salesmen of Brite Lite are attempting to increase the awareness of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) when it is in its prime and hopefully,

The occurrence of SAD has been estimated to be about 6 percent. It is not surprising that 1.4 percent of Florida residents experience seasonal changes in mood and behavior, as compared to 9.7 percent of New Hampshire residents. Since the rate of SAD in North America is twice that in Europe, a suggestion has been that climate, culture, and genetics may be more important factors.

those affected will seek appropriate treatment. Winter does not have to be all GLOOM!

First of all, SAD is a subtype of a major depression disorder and two types of SAD have been classified. The more

common type is called "fall-onset or winter depression" that starts in late autumn and subsides in the spring and summer. Often its symptoms are similar to those of atypical depression; i.e., increased sleep, increased appetite, craving for carbohydrates, weight gain, and interpersonal conflict, plus irritability and heaviness in the extremities. The other type, "spring-onset SAD", is less common and is when the depressive episode generally begins in late spring or early summer and lasts through early fall.

These individuals have the symptoms of a typical depressive disorder with insomnia, weight loss, and poor appetite.

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adolescents and the incidence of SAD.

Several underlying conditions have been suggested to explain SAD. (1) Shifting patterns in daily biochemicals: Human brain research has shown that there is probably a precise, 24-hour repeating rhythm to regulate daytime and nighttime activities. This biochemical circadian rhythm relies on the brain activity to manage the core body temperature, release hormones, and set-off other processes. Then, at night, the expectation is that the circadian rhythm lowers body temperature and triggers the making and secretion of melatonin, a hormone that enhances sleep. (2) Excessive or inadequate regulation of certain neurotransmitters. Several environmental factors might affect circadian rhythms, such as sleep, physical activity, and eating.

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How to Communicate Through Disagreements

An argument with a loved one can not only ruin your day, but also your relationship if your actions are not based on love and compassion - even when you're angry.

Remember that your friends and family are precious and more meaningful than the occasional arguments that arise. Chances are, whatever the debate is about, it won't seem as important when you look back on it a year later.

You can resolve a dispute faster if you stay calm and objective. Ultimately, you want to come up with a solution that both of you will feel comfortable with. Here are some tips to keep in mind the next time you and a loved one disagree, from the experts at TrueYou.com:

■ **Stay on the subject.** Arguments often escalate to the point where each person attacks the other person's bad habits, quirks and past mistakes. This won't accomplish much beyond hurt feelings, and you'll just prolong the argument. Stay focused on the issue at hand. Periodically restate what you are negotiating.

■ **Avoid absolute words.** People rarely "always" or "never" do something. Using absolute phrases will make you seem accusatory in the other person's eyes and will only make it harder for both of you to reach an agreement.

■ **Don't quote something the other person has said in the past.** Realize that what people say is based on the mindset they are in at the moment they say it and the issues at that time. Taking phrases out of context and using them against the other person is unfair and only adds fuel to the fire.

■ **Keep an open mind.** Be willing to learn something. Nod your head when you hear something you agree with, even if you are still angry. Remember, the other person's point of view is not necessarily wrong, it's merely different from yours.

■ **Stay positive.** Ask yourself, "What good things can come out of this debate?" and keep your mind firmly focused on the positive.

■ **Be prepared to give some ground.** Good relationships are based on compro-

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Eyes

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more I worried about being embarrassed, and hence, the more I sucked.

I sucked my thumb to relieve anxiety and to fill voids. Nothing could stop me - I found shelter from the storm when I sucked my thumb, and I wasn't about to stop.

One bright sunny afternoon during my childhood days, my mother made a trip "to town." Upon her return she told me that she had "something" for me. Curious, I headed to her bedroom to examine what this "something" might be.

"Nail polish," my mother informed me. "I bought some nail polish for you."

Nail polish didn't sound so very intriguing to me, but I ventured a try. I stuck out my little right hand as directed and my mother proceeded with her dirty work.

Now, in looking back, I realize that if my mother had been truly thinking, she might have started her little evil deed by painting, oh, say, the nail of my index finger, or pinky, but no, she was fired up to succeed with this little plot of hers and so went straight for what else? "The Thumb."

Screaming, I recoiled. I sensed something to be very wrong. Holding tight to my hand, my mother continued to furiously paint my nail with a clear liquid of some sort. "No, no, no!" I yelled. "I don't want my thumb polished."

Satisfied that she had done her motherly duty, my mother let go of my hand. Immediately I stuck my thumb in my mouth. If I said I screamed before, believe me when I say that I really screamed afterwards.

My mouth was filled with the most disgustingly bitter and rancid taste that you can possibly imagine. It was horrible! My sweet-tasting thumb, my repose from the world, had been adulterated. My world shattered.

"Take it off, take it off," I screamed as I cried hot, bitter tears. What a betrayal, I thought. How could my mother do this to me? Didn't she know that I "needed" my thumb? That I "had to have" my thumb?

To make a long story short, I spent a considerable amount of time that afternoon trying to wash "the stuff" off my thumb. I also spent a considerable amount of time crying loud enough for "all the neighbors to hear" which ultimately won the battle for me because my mother was always very concerned about "what the neighbors thought" and so in an effort to get me to shut up, she removed "the stuff" from my thumbnail.

It still took some washing and even more sucking, but finally, the old thumb was back in good working order and, once again, all was right with the world.

Ponder

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Recent research implied that impaired or altered transmission of several neurotransmitters, "the chemicals among brain cells" such as serotonin, dopamine,

norepinephrine, and/or neuropeptide Y, may create a disruption of biological rhythms. Ah ha! Is it not interesting that a low level of serotonin can cause depression and its levels decrease in late autumn and throughout the winter months? It was also proposed that the relationship between carbohydrate intake and increased serotonin levels might explain SAD patients' craving for carbohydrates. Maybe this might explain many people's desire to stay at home and munch down during the winter, to greet spring with a need to lose weight. (3) Genetic influence: Whether or not the seasonal condition is an inherited one has not been clarified, but one study with adult twins proposed that genetics might account for at least 29 percent of "seasonality" in both sexes.

The actual diagnosing of SAD requires that the patient must have experienced a regular seasonal-related pattern of depression during the previous two years, with the typical pattern being with episodes generally beginning in the fall or winter and being gone by spring. They may have had a depressive disorder diagnosed before. It would not be hard to understand that every university hospital in Canada has a SAD clinic.

Well, lo and behold! When discussing the treatment of SAD, the beginning sentence is, "First-line treatment for the patient with confirmed SAD is bright-light therapy." The suggested exposure to "visible" light is at least 2,500 lux (units of illumination) at eye level. It is the eyes and not the skin that are involved in the impact of bright-light therapy. The mechanism is as follows: the light passes through the pupil; it is absorbed by the retina (lining of the back of the eye); and the increased neuromotor activity lessens symptoms of SAD. Of course, the amount of light and duration varies among people. Often therapy consisting of 10,000 lux for 30 minutes is preferably done shortly after awakening to provide the maximum benefit. A theory is that the morning light advances circadian rhythms and leads to an earlier sleep schedule. A suggestion is that the person does not need to look directly at the light source, but to the side seems to be sufficient. Three weeks or longer might be needed before the patient experiences the antidepressant effects of bright-light therapy.

Needless to say, the treatment needs to be followed by a professional, since there can be side effects and other negative factors influencing the use of bright-light therapy. Sometimes antidepressant medications are given for SAD symptoms, such as Paxil, Serozone, and Efflexor. These antidepressants may be prescribed alone, but most often are more effective when used together with light therapy. It was further suggested that medication not be given to SAD patients until it has been shown that bright-light therapy alone has been used and found insufficient.

Remember that having a mood swing, feeling down, and having "cabin fever" does not necessarily mean that your inner body clock might be off and that you are having SAD symptoms. But, if you think you might be having these tendencies, review last winter's mental status and keep tabs on how you do this year. Also pay close attention to how you feel when spring begins and the flowers start to bloom. Keep in mind that six months of your year does not need to routinely consist of miseries. Here's to enjoying winter and not just tolerating it until the season changes.

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will think the bathroom door is stuck. The second time, you will think somebody has the hives or the seven-year itch. They act like a dog just after it gets out of the water. It won't go in Prestonsburg—we don't have a chiropractor.

Dresses won't get any shorter. Women just won't be in them as far. Women's fashions will change but their designs will be the same. With all the changes in their fashions, there will be no change in the men's pockets. They will still face disgrace or disaster, getting in and out of automobiles, and doctors will have a time trying to find a place where the scar won't show.

The first frost next fall will come the week of October 14.

WEATHER PREDICKSHUNS

I'm glad he made that fearless prediction about the first frost. It gives me courage to pick up the gauntlet where somebody threw or dropped it after I had asserted I could consult my pet corn and predict the weather as accurately as the Weather Bureau does. So this column goes plumb modern and gives with a seven-day weather forecast:

Friday, Jan. 26 — Cloudy; snow turning to rain, or vice versa.

Saturday — Clearing and cool, if the wind doesn't shift and swing through the Nancey P. Gap.

Sunday — Enough precipitation to keep some folks from Sunday school and church.

Monday — Unsettled weather but not bad enough to keep home those who couldn't get out, the day before.

Tuesday — Warming trend—in some places, if not here.

Wednesday — Colder weather following rain.

Thursday, Feb. 1 — Clearing and cold. We suggest you step outside and look around before dressing for the weather as here predicted. If, however, we're right 50 percent of the time, we'll be ahead of the scientists, meteorologists, hoot-owls and other prophets used by the Weather Bureau.

TROUBLE ON THE FARM

Have you heard the story of the young fellow who worked in town but lived in the country and wound up four hours late for work, one morning? His boss was in something of a dither and an explanation was in order, he indicated. This was the young man's version of the case:

"I'm sorry about bein' late, but we had an awful time, out on the farm last night. Something got in the chicken-house, and you never heard such squawkin' and cacklin' and thrashin' around in your life. Pa, he grabbed the old double-barrelled shotgun and lit out for the chicken-house in his long underwear, a-swearin' he'd git that varmit, and I took off after him. I got there in time to hold up the flap at the bottom of the door for Pa, and he started crawlin through, holdin' the old double-barrel ahead of him, and both barrels cocked. Just then, Old Rover run up and stuck his cold nose against the part of Pa that hadn't got inside. Pa flinched, and both barrels went off ... I tell you, boss, we been cleanin' chickens ever since."

Postscript

Saturday night special

by PAM SHINGLER
COLUMNIST

This is not a commercial. I am not - repeat, am not - getting paid to promote programs on public television. But I do believe in sharing a good thing.

I've been a long time fan of the Saturday night line-up on KET, and I'm sure many of you are, as well. But, just in case you haven't discovered it yet, it's worth a mention. Starting at 7:30 p.m., you'll get a diverse sampling of quality TV, from Canada, England and from right here in Kentucky.

It may very well be an acquired taste, but I think I loved Red Green from the git-go. Billed as the New Red Green Show, the 7:30 starter - just after reruns of the old, old Red Skelton Show - features a hilarious cast of characters. And I mean characters. Red Green is the leader of the Possum Lodge and the center of a weekly series of mishaps.

This is not your regular sitcom. Rather, it's a running set of skits, tied

together by the outrageous ensemble of actors. You could also say, I suppose, that they're tied together by duct tape. In a running gag, Red is forevermore jerry-rigging or inventing something, with duct tape as the primary ingredient.

The cast is all male, and the ongoing plot, so to speak, involves taking pokes at the masculine gender. For instance, in one regular skit, some of the cast members talk about the three words men hate to say: "I don't know." At the end of each show, the men gather in the lodge for a meeting of the Possum brotherhood, and as the credits roll, they repeat the "men's prayer." In unison with great despair, and with emphasis on each phrase, they chant, "I am a man, but I can change, if I have to, I guess."

I'm told that when the creators of the show tried to sell it to the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., the idea was shot down immediately. Undaunted, they produced it themselves and it now enjoys tremendous popularity in Canada and among public television fans in this country.

If you get a kick out of watching men make fools out of themselves, you'll love it. It's kind of a cross between the Three Stooges and Cheers.

I'm not a particular hunting and fish-

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New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

- Dec. 27, 2001**
A Daughter, Bailey Elizabeth Dorton to William & Tracie Dorton
- Dec. 27, 2001**
A Daughter, Sally Lashae Tackett to Chasity Tackett
- Dec. 27, 2001**
A Son, Brandon Austin Kersey to Mike & Jennifer Kersey
- Dec. 28, 2001**
A Daughter, Layla Belle Caudill to John & Jaime Caudill
- Dec. 28, 2001**
A Son, Charles Daketa Jordan to Ersela Crum
- Dec. 28, 2001**
A Son, Billy James Rowe to Wanda Loper
- Dec. 29, 2001**
A Son, Payton Ryan Collins to Shawndon & Anita Collins
- Dec. 29, 2001**
A Daughter, Cheyenne Marie Patrick to Elizabeth & James Patrick
- Dec. 29, 2001**
A Daughter, Autumn Marie Adkins to Carrie & Michael Adkins
- Dec. 30, 2001**
A Son, Keith Nicholas Risner to Keith & Ada Risner
- Dec. 30, 2001**
A Daughter, Ollie Grace Akers to Angela D. Akers

- Dec. 30, 2001**
A Son, Jarrod Philip Cook to Orville & Janice Cook
- Dec. 31, 2001**
A Daughter, Chloc Elizabeth Racky to Jennifer Lynn Racky
- Jan. 01, 2002**
A Daughter, Lauryn McKenzie Dotson to Tara & Howard Dotson
- Jan. 02, 2002**
A Son, Clinton Blake Little to Douglas & Stephanie Little
- Jan. 03, 2002**
A Daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Grace Castle to Clesta Dawn Castle

Pikeville Methodist

- December 6:**
A son, Dustin Phillip, to Dorothy and Phillip Hunter.
- December 8:**
A son, Jackson Glen, to Pamela Cheryl and Chipper H. McPeck; a daughter, Sarah Nicole Hess, to Martha Crystal Blankenship and Danny Hess.
- December 9:**
A daughter, Selena Mae Jacobs, to Jennifer Hunter-Moten.
- December 10:**
A son, Patrick Thomas, to Lynetta and Ricky Dean Stiltner; a son, Joshua David Ball, to Phoebe Lou Leedy.
- December 11:**
A daughter, Judy Kaitlyn, to Jerrell and Jerry Swain; a daughter, Mika Briann, to Laverne and Timothy Thacker.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Jan. 14 - Eating Disorder program for 6th grade.
 ■ Jan. 22 - Community Blood Drive, beginning at 9 a.m.
 ■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center
 ■ Jan. 15 - Program on Abusive Relationships for 7th grade, sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.
 ■ Jan. 17 - Respect Class begins for 7th grade girls. Class will last for nine weeks. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.
 ■ Jan. 22 - Program on Abusive Relationships for 8th grade, sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.
 ■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary
 ■ Jan. 15 - Advisory Council meeting - 5:00 p.m.
 ■ Jan. 30 - Our Lady of the Way presentations.
 ■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.
 ■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.
 ■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

May Valley Family Resource Center
 ■ Jan. 17 - School assembly - "Exotic Animal Program."
 ■ Jan. 18, 25 - Nutrition Program, 5th grade.
 ■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

McDowell Family Resource Center.
 ■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.
 ■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.
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tance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.
 ■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 ■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School
 ■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:
 The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.
 Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center
 ■ Jan. 14 - Special Called SBDM Council meeting at 5:20 p.m., school auditorium. (In case of school closing due to inclement weather, meeting will not be held.)
 ■ Jan. 14 - Regularly scheduled SBDM Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., school auditorium.
 ■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.
 ■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ Jan. 14 - Tobacco and Alcohol classroom presentations.
 ■ Jan. 15 - Stress Management classroom presentations.
 ■ Jan. 22 - Sexual Harassment Awareness classroom presentations.
 ■ Feb. 25 - Nutrition classroom presentations.
 ■ Feb. 25 - CPR classes.
 ■ Adult education classes available.
 ■ Walking track open to public.
 ■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

The David School
 ■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:
 *Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.
 *Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.
 *Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.
 *Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.
 *Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 *Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.
 *Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.
 *Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center
 ■ Jan. 14 - Central Kentucky Blood Center.
 ■ Center now accepting new applications for cleaning supplies.
 ■ Little Eagle Basketball now in progress.
 ■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.
 ■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Disagree

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mise. Recognize that you won't get everything you want. Think about what you hope to gain and determine what you can live with or without to make the other person happy.
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Family Medicine

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Question: I've had a problem with a dry nose in wintertime for several years. It even gets so dry that it will bleed. I've assumed that it was due to low humidity, so I had a humidifier installed on our furnace two years ago. I think it has helped a little, but I still have discomfort from a dry nose until spring brings warmer temperatures and rain. Do you have any suggestion about what I can do to be better this year?

Answer: The nose serves several important functions. Of course, you know that it is responsible for the sense of smell, but it also filters, warms and humidifies the air we

breathe. These "air conditioning" tasks are, perhaps, even more important than the nose's role as our "smeller."

In the summertime in Ohio and most of the northeastern parts of this country, the air is relatively warm and moist. As a consequence, the nose has little warming or moisturizing to do.

As the outdoor temperature drops and indoor heat is turned on, the relative humidity of room air drops dramatically into the "desert dry" region of 20 percent relative humidity or less. This, then, makes a demand upon the nose to increase the humidity of the air we breathe in. It is calculated that the normal nose produces

about two quarts of secretions each day to accomplish these tasks of filtering and humidifying. If we are in an unheated area, the nose needs to not only increase the humidity, but also to warm the inhaled air. A double chance for wintertime nose irritation!

A dry nose is certainly an irritating problem. It is often more noticeable at night than during the awake hours because of the changes in nasal drainage brought about by sleeping in a horizontal posture. An additional consideration is that during the day we all consume liquids, and this helps combat dryness by virtue of the moisture itself. Also, the process of swallowing foods and liquids causes movement of the soft palate and throat that assists the flow of nasal secretions. This improved flow of mucus helps the nose perform its moisturizing and filtering tasks more effectively — and more comfortably.

Your addition of a humidifier to your home heating system is one way to increase the humidity to the 40 to 50 percent level

that is much more comfortable. One problem with these central units, however, is a consequence of their ease of use. Because these units are automatic and hidden away attached to the furnace, they usually don't receive frequent cleaning that is necessary to prevent growth of mold within them. Once mold has become established in the humidifier, the unit then spreads highly allergenic mold spores every time the furnace blower runs. Therefore, be sure to clean the unit as recommended by the manufacturer or at least monthly.

An additional answer to your dry nose problem may be to use a humidifier or vaporizer in the bedroom in addition to the whole-house central humidifier. These smaller machines come in hot mist, ultrasonic and cool mist types. All work with equal success, so choose yours based upon cleaning ease, sound levels and price. This will assure that the bedroom humidity is up to at least the 60 percent level, and its conspicuous presence also reminds you to clean it regularly.

Most workplaces do not humidify the air. As a consequence you may find that your nose is still dry and irritated despite having adequate humidity at home. To combat this problem you can safely use a plain saline nasal spray as often as your nose feels uncomfortable. These non-medicated sprays are available at all drug stores and most grocery and other retail establishments that have "health and beauty" aisles. You should avoid using products designed for nasal congestion associated with a cold, since that is not the underlying reason for your nasal discomfort. Use of these medicated decongestant nose sprays — as well as mentholated ointments and rubs — can actually make your condition worse.

Unfortunately, the only cure for a dry wintertime nose is spring weather.

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Participating in a two-day training session held at Jenny Wiley State Park's May Lodge in December were: Front row, kneeling, from left to right, Agatha Mullins, Crystal Goble, Anna Clark, Debra Short, and, sitting, Jennifer Martin, Floyd County Schools District Nurse. Back row, left to right, Darinda Ramey, coordinator of health and safety of the Morehead and Rowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Kim Slone, Delana Stamper, Kathy Spears, Loretta Bush, Ken Blackburn, instructor/trainer, Betty Haley, and Shelley Lock, instructor/trainer. The training was held for Floyd County School Health Aides who are interested in becoming American Red Cross certified first aid/CPR instructors.

Postscript

ing fan, but, even so, I like "Kentucky Afield," which comes on at 8. Outdoor sports throughout the commonwealth are covered, and no section is slighted. The rabbit shoots and deer racks notwithstanding, I enjoy watching the scenery as the crew goes on location in places that most of us could never find or have access to. Host Tim Farmer, whose roots are in northeastern Kentucky, is a charmer — and an inspiration.

The show is followed by "Kentucky Life," which will make you equally proud to be a Kentuckian. This show, too, crisscrosses the state, reinforcing the fact that Kentucky is not contained within the Golden Triangle. Last Saturday, for instance, one story focused on the stone structures in Pery and Letcher counties and other parts of eastern Kentucky that were built by immigrant Italian masons in the early part of the last century.

This is the show that introduced me to several places I've written about, including the John Fox Jr. Museum in Big Stone Gap, Va., and the Swamp Branch Museum, near Frenchburg.

I'm, of course, a little partial to host Dave Shuffett, since he always has his dog Sadie with him. He won me over the evening he talked about his devotion to a dog who died and how he never expected to give his heart to another one. Then Sadie came into his life and filled his heart. I can relate to that.

From 9 to 11 p.m., the so-called British comedies are featured. They rely more on character and intellectual, witty scripts than most American sitcoms, plus they acknowledge that many of us are not 20-something anymore.

Probably the best known is "Keeping Up Appearances," centering on Hyacinth Bucket, which she pronounces Bo-kay, as in the French bouquet. That should give you an idea of the kinds of airs she puts on to her classy neighbors while trying to cover up for her unashamedly lower class family, horny sister Daisy and her lazy husband Onslow, along with sister Rose, who dresses like a trollop and chases after Hyacinth's vicar. Though we seldom see him, the dotty Daddy is quite a dandy.

Hyacinth's long-suffering husband, Richard, wins all our sympathies, as do the next-door neighbors. Unseen characters add to the comedy, including her fey son Sheridan who is always needing money and her brother-in-law Bruce, a transvestite.

A recent addition to the Saturday night line-up is a warm and winning show, called "Last of the Summer Wine." The lead characters are three elderly men, who live in a close-knit village in the English countryside. Each with his own set of distinct failings, they are surrounded by people, including several older women, who love to laugh at their foibles, but who also obviously love them. Last week's episode had them restoring a boat they found sunken in the river.

Even without the funny repartee, I would love simply looking at the scenery. It's truly of another place and time.

"As Time Goes By" is also a long-running program. The star is Judi Dench, who has since become familiar to American moviegoers for her outstanding roles in several award-winning films. She plays a businesswoman who runs into a man she loved almost four decades ago. They reunite and fall in love

again after a lost letter parted them during the Korean War. He had gone on to become a coffee farmer in Kenya, and they meet when he comes back to publish a book about his experiences.

It's a fine romance for us oldsters.

The evening is rounded off by the sitcom, "Are You Being Served?" This one takes place in the men's and women's clothing sections of the fictional Grace Brothers Department Store. The store is owned by a doddering octogenarian with an eye for the young girls, known to his employees as "Young Mister Grace."

Each of the salespersons is a delightful character in his or her own right, but as an ensemble they make you feel like family. There's Mrs. Slocum, who sports pink or blue hair and whose cat provides the gist of some raucous language at times. Mr. Humphries is an interesting character who likely has a double life. Mr. Peacock, the floor manager, rather fits his name. The others are equally colorful and endearing.

One thing I particularly like about the shows is that they occasionally give us a glimpse at our roots. One night on "As Time Goes By," I just about jumped out of my shoes when I heard Judi Dench, the grande dame of the English theater, ask, "Have you et?" We've all heard, or even used, "et" as the past tense of eat, all of our lives, and have been reminded that it's wrong. For us Appalachians, perhaps it just means our British roots are showing again.

If you're not already committed to some other Saturday night schedule, give KET a try. You might like it.

Snowflakes

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go up on the hill beyond our home, above Highland Avenue and cut a Christmas tree for us a few days before December 25. He would fashion a stand out of criss-crossed two by fours. Once the tree was placed by the front window, before any lights or ornaments were added, my mother would whip up a batch of snow from Ivory Flakes detergent, to which a small amount of water had been added. She would then apply the mixture to the branches of the Christmas tree with a "baby bottle" brush, and when it had stiffened and dried, it made the tree look like it was flopped with snow.

Later, when I got old enough for a sled, I was able to join the rest of the neighborhood children on the hill at Ray and Margaret Collins' house. They graciously allowed us to play there, riding our sleds down the short, but steep, incline. Besides sledding, we would tumble around in the snow and scoop up handfuls to eat and throw at one another.

As I grew older, I was able to graduate to sledding off "Post Office Hill" with my good friend, Peggy Blackburn (Bailey). Peggy's house was perfectly located on Highland Avenue, the first house on the left after turning off Court Street. The Prestonsburg Fire Department, situated next to Peggy's house, also was perfectly located, as the crew there would hose down the hill, adding a layer of ice to our course. They would cordon off the hill so that cars could not pass, placing ropes across Court Street at the Post Office and across Westminster at the top of the hill. One of our games was to see how far we could get past the rope at the Post Office. On a good day some of us could even travel as far as the red light. Fortunately, not many cars ever seemed to travel in that part of town while our sledding activities were going on.

When school was cancelled due to snow, I would get all bundled up, putting on several layers of clothes, including pajamas under my pants, and head out for Peggy's with my sled. I was a skinny kid and enjoyed the extra bulk that the layers of clothes gave me. I would stop by Peggy's and we would join our classmates already playing on the hill. Although Peggy had her own sled, we would often ride down together, thinking that a heavier load would take us further. We would start at the top of the hill around the curve on Westminster and get set for a long ride. Sometimes we would sit on the sled, one behind the other, and other times we would lay down to see if we could increase the speed or the distance of the ride. The boys who played with us would wait as we came around the curve and try to jump on as we headed downhill. Paul Neil Allen, Paul Preston Burchett, Bill Tom Fannin, Lucian Lafferty, and Homer Wright were the chief culprits of this deed. If we each were traveling on our own sleds, that sometimes worked out, but on the occasions when two bodies were already on the sled, the addition of the third body mostly caused nothing more than a wipe-out.

A particular sledding day sticks out in my mind. It was very cold, and the snow on the street was well-

packed from the traffic of sleds going down and riders walking back up. Peggy and I decided to try a run together, and we sped down the slippery course toward the Post Office, screaming and laughing like crazy. We had passed Highland Avenue when someone going up the hill stuck his sled in front of us, then quickly pulled it out of the way. We swerved to miss the sled and headed directly toward a parked car. We had no time to change our course and braced ourselves for the collision. We crashed into Moon Bradley's big truck, hitting one of the huge tires, and there we lay for a moment, sprawled every which way in the street. Peggy thought she had broken some ribs, and I was more than a little stunned. We jumped up as quickly as we could move and headed back up the hill, nursing our injuries as we ran. We turned onto Highland Avenue and went to Peggy's house to cry and examine our wounds. Relating this story is true confessions time for me, as I never told anyone about that incident. I was afraid we might have damaged Moon's vehicle and did not want to get into trouble. On a recent trip home to Floyd County, Peggy reminded me of our little misadventure.

Perhaps being born while a snow storm blanketed the ground outside was a sign of good things to come. I live in Wisconsin now and very much enjoy cross-country skiing and hiking in snowy woods. I even went ice fishing one February day not so long ago when the temperature was unseasonably warm. There is nothing better than walking in my neighborhood in the moonlight as the snow falls gently and quietly on and around me, whitening my surroundings and erasing the rough edges of the landscape. I think what I like most about winter weather is that falling snow slows us down a bit. The hum of the city lessens as fewer cars, and fewer people, venture out.

My niece, Lailie, who now lives in California (also a February baby), loves her snowboarding adventures, and my sister's children recently tried ice-skating and found it surprisingly similar to in-line skating. It is one of my dreams to have my siblings and all their children together for a winter holiday in Wisconsin. We will ski and hike through snow-covered woods, skate on frozen ponds, and toboggan down slippery slopes. We might even rent snowshoes for one of our hikes, or cut a hole in the ice of a frozen lake and try to catch a bluegill. We might go to a dam on the Wisconsin River and watch bald eagles, soaring, fishing, roosting, and occasionally posing. After our outdoor adventures, we will come indoors for hot chocolate and popcorn by the fireplace.

Although my mother has never liked cold weather, she enjoys the beauty of a fresh blanket of snow, and my dad got up very early each morning to appreciate the dawn of whatever weather Mother Nature was stirring up, hot or cold, rain or shine. However it was that I came to be a snow lover, what better place to "practice" than Wisconsin, although my tendency to enjoy winter started early in my childhood, in Floyd County, Kentucky.



Family visits patriarch for Christmas holiday

Donald Ball celebrated Christmas with three generations of his family in Lexington's Veteran's Administration Hospital. Shown left to right, front row, are: Donald Ball, sitting, with Jordan Ball in his lap and Courtney Collins and Patricia Ball, both kneeling. Back row, left to right: Raelita Collins and Craig Collins, holding Caitlyn Collins, and Chris Collins, holding C.J. Collins, Terri Collins, Charles Collins, Donna Collins, and Rick Ball. The elder Mr. Ball is recuperating at the hospital following surgery. Cards may be sent to Mr. Ball in care of the VA Hospital, ICU - 6th floor, Lexington, KY 40507.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1149 Newmans Branch Road, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 299.14 surface acres and will underlie 55.78 acres of overlying auger, all of which are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 299.14 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979, and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Arnold Howell, R. S. Newsom Heirs, Curt Hall Heirs, Orvissie and Wanda Shepherd, Denzil Ray Hall, Richard P. Hall Heirs, James K. Hall, Dorothy or Everett Blanton, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Foster or Della Jones, Robert or Marlene Howell, Avery or Hannah Newsome, Gustavia Howell Heirs, and Lawrence Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Arnold Howell, William L. Hall Heirs, Curt Hall Heirs, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Foster and Della Jones, Avery and Hannah Newsome, and Gustavia Howell Heirs. The operation will use the mountaintop, area, contour, and auger method of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0268, Operator Change #5

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc., P.O. Box 218, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, intends to revise permit number 836-0268 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Pamco Mining, Inc., 1855 Route 1498, Bevinville, Kentucky 41606. The new operator will be C & C Mining, Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859.

The operation is located 3.5 miles west of the community of Honaker in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.5 mile southwest from Kentucky's 2030 junction and Kentucky's 1426, and located 0.1 mile west of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle, at latitude 37 degrees, 31 minutes, 20 seconds, and longitude 82 degrees, 40 minutes, 37 seconds.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5290

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for Phase II Bond Release on Increment 1 of permit number 836-5290, which was last issued on 10/27/97. The application covers an area of approximately 20.15 acres, located 4.5 miles northeast of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 2.46 miles southeast from Kentucky Route 3's junction with Long Branch Road, and located 0.3 mile southwest of the intersection of Johns Creek and Daniels Creek.

The bond now in effect for increment 1 is a surety bond for \$ 2 4 , 9 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$ 48,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding and mulching, completed fall 1996; tree setting completed spring 1997; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

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, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 03/04/02.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 03/05/02 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 cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 03/04/02.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Franklin D. Childers, mailing address 238 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Ky 41501, hereby declares his intention to apply for a Restaurant Liquor by the Drink license no later than February 1, 2002. The business to be licensed will be located at 1332 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, doing business as El Azul Grande #4, Inc. President, Franklin D. Childers, of 1109 Edgewood Dr, Charleston, WV 25302. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Tr. A-2, Frankfort, Ky 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

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Spurlock Bible, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heitzelmann, Minister.
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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 9 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 268-2001; Ernest Warren, Pastor.
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