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briefs

Election list keeps growing

The number of candidates entering the 2002 local races continues to grow, with two more adding their names to the list in the District 2 constable's race.

Incumbent Constable Homer D. Neeley filed for re-election on Thursday, becoming the latest candidate to enter the fray. Also joining him in the race on Tuesday was Lenard Hall Jr.

The two men will also face James Hoover of Eastern, Gary Nelson of Wayland, Sam Duncan of Garrett and Terry L. Hill of Wayland.

Incumbent Coroner Roger G. Nelson has also filed to seek another term in that office. Thus far he is unopposed.

Nelson actually filed Jan. 14, but records of the filing were unavailable until Thursday.

Correction

The names of Paul Stilton of Betsy Layne, who is seeking the seat of District 4 magistrate, and Jamie O. McKinney of Teaberry, who is running for District 4 constable, were inadvertently omitted from a story concerning election filings in Wednesday's paper.

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Martin council cuts vacation, sick time

But closed session may have violated Open Meetings Law

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

The Martin City Council was in apparent violation of the state open meetings law at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday when members went into closed session to discuss a cutback for city employee benefits.

According to John Fleischaker, an attorney

who advises members of the Kentucky Press Association on issues concerning open meetings and open records, the council was not allowed to go into closed session to discuss a general personnel matter.

"Council can go into a closed meeting for the discussion of the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee," said Fleischaker.

According to Mayor Robinson, she had

ask attorney Dwight Marshall if they needed to go into closed session to discuss personnel and he said that he thought so.

"It is a misunderstanding," said Robinson. "We have nothing to hide."

According to Dwight Marshall, the city's attorney, the council went into the closed session to discuss proposed litigation.

"When we went in to discuss personnel

we discussed other issues," said Marshall. Marshall went on to say that those issues were disclosed after the council came out of the session.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel policy. The closed session discussion concerned a cutback in employee vacation and sick leave days. Council member Joe Howard stated that vacation time would be cut from four weeks for

(See MEETING, page seven)



State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, left, was joined by Kentucky Housing Corporation CEO Lynn Luallen Thursday as he proposed a measure which would provide up to 30,000 families access to low-interest housing loans. Full story appears on page A7.

Company sues to recover alleged embezzled funds

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit has been filed on behalf of the Stanville based Albon Meade & Sons Construction Company against Rick and Cathy Jacobs of Ivel in Floyd Circuit Court in connection to allegations that Cathy Jacobs, while an employee of the construction company, forged a total of 14 checks for an undetermined amount of money.

Charges filed against 36-year-old Cathy Jacobs in Floyd District Court by KSP Det. Mike Goble allege that Jacobs admitted to him during an investigation that she forged four company checks belonging to Wade Meade. Goble filed additional charges against

Jacobs two days later saying she allegedly forged a total of 14 Meade Construction checks.

Jacobs' bail was adjusted from \$10,000 to \$35,000 in light of the additional charges.

In their lawsuit, Meade Construction alleges that Jacobs "wrongfully" took the money and

(See LAWSUIT, page seven)

Center construction underway

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

After disputes about the appointment of a director, anticipation for approval of ground plans and \$50,000 monthly payments for continued work and payroll expenses which began nearly half a year ago in August,

construction has now been initiated for what will become the Floyd County Community Center at Martin, a comprehensive, county-wide drug prevention facility.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court issued a check for \$95,400 Wednesday to pay Johnson's Commercial Contracting and Randall Burchett to gain ground

on construction efforts at the old RND Building along Route 80, a facility once used for auctions as well as other functions, but which has stood abandoned for some time.

Work has begun already, according to the fiscal court.

(See CENTER, page seven)

County to upgrade industrial site

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court feels an industrial site at Ivel, near the Davidson Memorial Cemetery and referred to as the Davidson Industrial Site, would provide a good location for any number of proposed facilities, but said in order to make the site more

appealing to potential offers there would need to be certain additions made, such as water and sewer lines.

A resolution to issue payments toward this goal Wednesday will be the first steps toward fitting the site with those needs.

During a special-called meeting Wednesday, the court agreed to issue a check to the

Prestonsburg Utilities Commission, which is responsible for the placement of water and sewer lines for most of the northern part of the county. The check, in the amount of \$95,750, will be used to extend sanitary sewer lines across U.S. 23 and into the Davidson Industrial Site.

(See SEWER, page seven)

Man charged with rape after drunk and disorderly arrest

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Royalton man was charged with first-degree rape and first-degree wanton endangerment after an investigation which stemmed from his arrest on unrelated charges Wednesday.

Randy Fletcher, 27, of Royalton, was arrested Wednesday by Prestonsburg police officer Sue Blackburn, after receiving a complaint saying Fletcher was at the Speedway convenience store along North Lake Drive.

Blackburn, Lt. Gerald Clark and patrolman Brian Hall later found Fletcher at the Prestonsburg McDonald's, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Blackburn reported later that Fletcher "could barely stand up" and smelled of alcohol.

During the course of the

questioning, police later said Fletcher became "loud" and started "cussing and calling Lt. Clark names."

Fletcher was arrested at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning and charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct and was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center. A stipulation was added on Blackburn's citation to hold him for warrants after continuing investigations revealed that more charges could follow.

Blackburn, who investigated further into the arrest, later charged Fletcher with two felony counts and served warrants for first-degree rape and first-degree wanton endangerment while he was being held at the detention center at 3:40 p.m.

According to court records, Blackburn charged Fletcher with

(See RAPE, page seven)



Betsy Layne and Allen fire departments battled a house fire Wednesday at Ivel which destroyed the home of Gleema Layne. Layne was in Florida at the time of the fire and no one was injured in the blaze. No immediate word was available on the cause of the fire, which had the house completely engulfed when fire crews arrived. Kentucky State Police also responded to the scene.

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Odds and Ends

■ **SOUTHFIELD, Mich.** — A label on a CD player warns: "Do not use the Ultradrisc2000 as a projectile in a catapult."

That label carries the distinction of being this year's Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch's "Wackiest Warning Label."

Second-place honors went to a label on a manufactured fire-place log that warns: "Caution — Risk of Fire."

The third-place winner appeared on a box of birthday candles: "DO NOT use soft wax as ear plugs or for any other function that involves insertion into a body cavity."

The winning labels were selected by listeners of the Dick Purtan show on WOMC-FM radio in Detroit.

Robert B. Dorigo Jones, president of Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, said that despite the humor in the contest, the purpose is not to make fun of those who put the warnings on products.

"The contest was created to reveal that frivolous lawsuits have become such a problem in our society that common sense warnings are necessary," Jones

said.

■ **ROCKTON, Ill.** — The sign has stood there for more than a quarter of a century, warning motorists not to cut through the cemetery.

It simply reads: "Dead end." Now, some people say the sign is in bad taste and want it removed.

"It's funny, but it shouldn't be here," said Louise Trull, Rockton Township's Cemetery Board president. "It's hurtful to people doing business on cemetery grounds, burying people."

Trull, a longtime Winnebago County resident, said she has heard many complaints about the sign's double meaning. So she asked village trustees to remove it.

Trustee Scott Fridly, who oversees public works, said he and his committee discussed the sign Monday and decided that it should come down.

The sign has been at the cemetery's entrance since George Tillett put it up in 1976. It was intended to warn drivers they could not cut through the 24-acre cemetery, which borders Rock River.

"I did it to slow 'em down, so they didn't end up in the ditch," Tillett said.

■ **PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.** — Who would use counterfeit \$20 bills to buy Girl Scout cookies?

Someone "despicable," says Port St. Lucie police, who are looking for two adults who passed two phony twenties to Scouts selling cookies outside a supermarket.

Troop leader Jennifer Bozone says they didn't notice anything unusual about the bills until later.

"We were standing in the bright sun, so I didn't notice that the money looked a little different," Bozone told The Port St. Lucie News. "Once I had a chance to put all the money together, I noticed it didn't look like the rest of it."

Her 9-year-old daughter, Emme, says giving the Scouts the fake bills was a "pretty mean" thing to do.

Police agree. Officers are giving the girls cash to cover their counterfeit loses, department spokesman Chuck Johnson said.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Hoagies vs. pirogies. Elevated trains vs. inclines. Pittsburgh's trendy South Side vs. Philly's trendy South Street.

Eagles vs. Steelers in the Super Bowl?

Despite the rivalry between the two teams, many of their fans are rooting for an all-Pennsylvania title matchup.

If the Eagles beat the St. Louis Rams in Sunday's NFC championship and the Steelers beat the New England Patriots in the AFC championship, Pennsylvania will be guaranteed a winner in Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans on Feb. 3.

"That's what I'm hoping for, an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl. It'd be the first time in history," said Jesse Smith, 40, a security guard at Veterans Stadium.

Even Punxsutawney Phil is getting into the act. The western Pennsylvania groundhog's handlers say he'll not only predict the weather, but the outcome of this year's Super Bowl, which is the day after Groundhog Day.

Teams from the same state have squared off only twice in 35 previous Super Bowls: the

New York Giants downed the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXV, and the San Francisco 49ers routed the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX.

■ **JACKSON, Miss.** — Teddy bears are cute and cuddly, but should they be embraced as one of Mississippi's enduring symbols?

State Rep. Steve Holland thinks so and he has filed a bill to designate the teddy bear as Mississippi's state toy.

"I love 'em," the Democrat admitted Wednesday.

He filed the bill at the request of a constituent, Sarah Doxey-Tate of Tupelo. Doxey-Tate, a retired teacher and school librarian, points to Mississippi's historical connection to the fluffy icon of childhood.

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was hunting in the Mississippi Delta. After three days without success, the president was offered a captive bear to kill, and he refused.

After political cartoonist Clifford Berryman depicted Roosevelt's humane act, plush toy bears became known worldwide as teddy bears.

Mississippi already has several official symbols. The magnolia serves as the state flower and state tree, and the bottlenosed dolphin is the state water mammal. Petrified wood is the state stone. Milk is the state beverage.

It has no designation for state toy.

■ **HOLLY HILL, Fla.** — Residents are letting their fingers do the stumbling when they try to use their new yellow pages.

The BellSouth Real Yellow Pages phone book now being distributed in town incorrectly lists all of Holly Hill's 38 city government phone numbers.

There are other problems, too.

The city is listed on the cover of the phone book as "Holly Hills," not Holly Hill. Ormond Beach is spelled "Ormand Beach" and South Daytona is listed as "South Orange."

Holly Hill installed a new BellSouth phone system in June, prompting a change in numbers. Until recently, callers have reached a recording advising them of the new numbers.

Now callers just get a record-

ing with no new numbers offered.

"I'm furious at BellSouth right now," City Manager Joe Forte said Tuesday. "We have been getting numerous complaints, and everyone thinks it's the city that dropped the ball. It's very frustrating that people can't get through to us."

BellSouth corporate manager Joe Petrock said his company is looking into the matter. "We're very sorry for the inconvenience," he said.

■ **GOLDEN VALLEY, N.D.** — Johnny and Leona Flemmer's newest tractor doesn't even run, but it's still turning heads.

The red, white and blue tractor fashioned out of round hay bales stands along Highway 200 near an exit to Golden Valley. It is one of several pieces of bale artwork the Flemmers have created in recent years.

"The people of Golden Valley kind of like it," Leona Flemmer said, "because it puts us on the map."

Southwest of the tractor, the Flemmers have created two humanlike figures made out of bales. They are about 15 feet tall and sport outstretched arms and big country smiles.

Johnny Flemmer began building the bale creations 11 years ago. The couple replaces them with new ones when they become weathered. Frames made of steel pipe help hold up the artwork.

The Flemmers put their first creation near their farm north of Golden Valley but eventually were encouraged to move their work to the roadside so more people could see it.

"I think what started it was that my husband saw a picture in a farm magazine, and he decided he could do better on it," Leona Flemmer said.

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.** — A 15-year-old punk may rue the day he tangled with a congressman.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an advocate of public transportation, was waiting at a downtown Portland train platform Jan. 17 when he saw the teen slap a man after he was refused a cigarette.

"I took out my cell phone like anybody else and called 911,"

(See **ODDS**, page six)

Another Eastern Kentucky town running low on mine water

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLAN — Water being pumped from played-out underground mines to supply towns in the coal fields has become an unreliable source for two cities.

The Harlan County city of Evarts is now the second in eastern Kentucky forced to search for an alternate water supply. A rock fall in the abandoned mine the city uses reduced the amount of water available and forced city offi-

cials to search for an alternative source.

Fleming-Neon in Letcher County had similar problems earlier this month, but rain and melting snow has begun refilling the underground mine, solving that city's problem for now.

At least three other cities in the mountains of eastern Kentucky rely on abandoned mines to supply water for residents.

"Before the problem started, we were getting 900 gallons a

minute from the mine," said Tim Lipfird, manager of the Evarts water plant. "In no time, it dropped to 100 gallons a minute."

Lipfird said the city has been drawing water from a series of wells as they search for another mine that could supply the needs.

A similar problem in the Letcher County town of Fleming-Neon caused outages for some residents beginning in December.

The Kentucky National

guard, using a 5,000-gallon tanker, hauled up to 100,000 gallons a day from Whitesburg to the Fleming-Neon after local officials declared a state of emergency.

Fleming-Neon's water shortage was the result of low rainfall last year. Rain and melting snow began refilling the mine last week, and water service has since been restored to all residents.

But Lipfird said more precipitation won't help Evarts because a geologic shift is the apparent cause of the reduction in flow.

Andy Lange, assistant director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association, said closed mines are a clean source of water.

"It was a kind of an unexpected benefit of mining," he said. "In specific cases, it can be a really good source of water, if the circumstances are right."

Tapping into water trapped in underground mines is not new in Kentucky's mountain region. Dennis Cumbie, a geologist with the Kentucky Geological Survey, said some of the mines hold hundreds of millions of gallons of water.

The biggest plus, Cumbie said, is that water from mines lack some of the contaminants that are in water from streams or lakes.

"Mine water can be high in minerals, but it won't have the bacteria that is found in surface water. It won't have pesticides. It won't have high turbidity."

That's why Evarts wants to find another mine to supply its water needs, even though the Clover Fork of the Cumberland River flows through town.

"They want mine water because it's easier to treat," Cumbie said.

Water pouring out of the Evarts coal mine is crystal

(See **WATER**, page five)

Swift & Co. recalls pork loin product

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Swift & Co. is voluntarily recalling an undetermined amount of a fresh marinated pork loin product, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Wednesday.

The products subject to recall are 3 1/2- to 5-pound packages of "Armour Premium Marinated Pork Loin Half Onion and Garlic." The products have an undeclared ingredient, hydrolyzed milk protein.

The products have the sell by date "Use or Freeze by Feb. 13" and also bear the establishment code "EST. 995" located inside the USDA seal of inspection.

The products were produced through Jan. 11.

Swift identified the problem and notified the USDA, the federal inspection service said.

No illnesses have resulted from the consumption of the products, the inspection service said.

"We urge consumers to check their refrigerators and freezers," said Food Safety and Inspection Service spokeswoman Margaret Glavin. "If they find the product, consumers should return them to the point of purchase."

Consumers with questions about the recall may contact Karen Lynn, the company's vice president of communications at 402-595-5392.

Guardsmen depart for overseas security mission

The Associated Press

Members of the Kentucky Army National Guard from six Kentucky towns have left to begin training in Georgia and will eventually be part of Operation Enduring Freedom in an overseas security mission.

A total of 441 soldiers departed Tuesday for Fort Stewart, Ga., said Lt. Col. Phil Miller of the Kentucky National Guard.

The units are set to provide security at key U.S. and NATO military installations in Germany and Belgium, Miller

said.

"They'll provide force protection for both the installations and personnel assigned there," Miller said.

The units should be at Fort Stewart for about 10 days before they are deployed overseas in early February.

Once the groups leave Fort Stewart, they will join a small detachment in Germany that is preparing for their arrival.

The soldiers have been ordered to active duty for six months, Miller said.

The activated units include a

headquarters company from Barbourville; line infantry companies from London and Somerset; and armored companies from Benton, Marion and Madisonville.

They are among 1,700 Kentuckians who are on active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

"This is the largest deployment of Kentucky National Guard troops since World War II," Miller said. "This eclipses what we mobilized for Vietnam and Desert Storm."

Valentine's Day Greetings
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Legislative Briefs

Proposal would provide anesthetic coverage

FRANKFORT — A bill approved by a House committee would require health insurers to cover anesthesia and hospital charges for dental procedures on young children and adults with severe physical or emotional disabilities.

The sponsor, Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said routine work in a dental chair is unfeasible for some patients. Testifying to the Banking and Insurance Committee, Stein said the new mandate would increase insurance premiums only modestly. The Kentucky Association of Pediatric Dentistry estimates it would be an extra 83 cents annually per policyholder, she said.

Rep. Brian Crall, R-Owensboro, said Stein's bill, if enacted, would be about the 30th health insurance coverage mandate in Kentucky.

Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, said the bill could be applied to only about one-third of the health insurance market because the rest is under federal control.

"The thing I resent is these types of things you can't vote

(against) because you'll be labeled as being against little kids," Gooch said. (House Bill 39)

Fire department merger bill advances

FRANKFORT — The House Wednesday passed legislation to remove some of the financial obstacles to merger for volunteer fire departments.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Jim Callahan, D-Wilder, would retain the \$8,250 annual state payment to a volunteer department for three years after it merged with another department or departments.

After three years, the merged department would still get an additional state payment, though less than previously. After seven years, the state payment would be reduced to the standard amount provided to any single department.

Callahan said volunteer departments are having more trouble attracting volunteers and some now have fulltime employees. The bill passed 97-1 and goes to the Senate, where similar legislation has also passed.

(The legislation is House

Bill 272.)

Governor lobbies for stronger seat-belt law

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton called out some big guns Wednesday to emphasize his support for drafting stricter mandatory seat-belt laws.

Surrounded by Kentucky State Police and motor vehicle enforcement officers, Patton said the current law makes no sense.

Kentucky now requires passengers in a vehicle to wear seat belts, and failure to do so can bring a \$25 fine. But it is a "secondary offense," which means that a law enforcement officer cannot stop a motorist for the offense of not wearing a seat belt alone.

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Jodie Haydon, D-Bardstown, would make failure to wear a seat belt a primary offense. The fine or other provisions of the law would not change.

Transportation Secretary James Codell said complaints about state intrusion into personal rights of those who do

not wear seat belts is misplaced. He said the state regulates all sorts of motorist behavior, from enforcing red lights to requiring turn signals. "Driving is not an inalienable right that's God-given on the day you are born," Codell said.

(The legislation is House Bill 68.)

Bill would end EMT, paramedic residency requirements

FRANKFORT — Cities and counties would be prohibited from imposing residency requirements on their emergency medical personnel under a Senate bill that was approved by a committee Wednesday.

The issue is perhaps most prominent in Jefferson County, home of the bill's sponsors, Republican Sens. Julie Denton and Dan Seum.

Jeff Cundiff, a Jefferson County paramedic, said his department needed to be able to hire from outside the county.

"In Jefferson County, we've just about exhausted our resources," Cundiff testified to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

The bill also would apply to private emergency medical services that work on contract for a local government, Cundiff said.

(The legislation is Senate Bill 125.)

Commissions would become permanent

FRANKFORT — A network of regional councils that plan and coordinate services for people with mental illness and substance abuse problems would be continued indefinitely under a bill approved Wednesday by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

In addition, the governor's own office for policy on drug and alcohol abuse and tobacco addiction would be hooked into the network, though not absorbed by it.

The councils, under a statewide commission, were created by legislation in 2000. The arrangement was to expire at the end of the current fiscal year.

Sheila Schuster, who lobbies the General Assembly on mental health issues, told the committee that one in five Kentuckians will need mental health or substance abuse ser-

vices at some point in their lives.

(The legislation is Senate Bill 2.)

Student testifies about merits of mentors

FRANKFORT — Chris Ford, a sixth-grader at Second Street School in Frankfort, told legislators Wednesday about his adult mentor. They go to "special places" like the Louisville Zoo, he testified to the House Education Committee.

The youngster was seated at the witness table beside House Speaker Jody Richards, who presented a bill to create a mentor project in state government. It would encourage state employees to spend one hour per week with a school child.

The employee would donate every third hour from vacation or compensatory time. The state would donate the rest of the time.

The committee approved the bill and sent it to the full House.

(The legislation is House Bill 299)

— The Associated Press

Redistricting bill passes House, but appears DOA in Senate

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislative redistricting, largely a rhetorical tug of war during the current session, will become a political battle royal between House and Senate after Wednesday's vote in the House to draw new lines for the entire General Assembly.

The House voted 63-36, along strict party lines, to approve the redistricting plan.

Senate President David Williams declared the bill all but dead on arrival.

Williams and the majority Republicans in the Senate kept their plans close to the vest and said the first public disclosure of their plan would not be made until Thursday with a vote scheduled in the full Senate Friday.

"The bottom line of it is, this is the beginning of the process between the House and the Senate," Williams said.

The House plan has some problems that could bump up against court dictates. The bill would split 27 counties to form the 100 districts, or four more than the minimum needed. In addition, the plan creates three districts that deviate more than 5 percent from the mathematical ideal of 40,418.

The House rejected a proposal from Republicans that would more closely align districts to the population ideal, make the minimum number of county divisions and also create additional districts with populations where blacks make up the majority or significant populations.

"We all know this plan is not constitutional, no matter what kind of spin you put on it," Republican floor leader Jeff Hoover of Jamestown said.

The GOP plan was joined by two of the black Democrats in the House — Reginald Meeks and Paul Bather, both of Jefferson County. Democrat Tom Riner, a frequent critic of his party's majority dictates in the House, also voted with Republicans.

There was also some Democratic defection on a vote to remove Senate redistricting from the bill altogether. The Democrats in the Senate, who hold the minority of 18 of the 38 seats, prevailed on their House colleagues to break with tradition and pass a plan that includes the entire General Assembly.

The Senate redistricting contained in the bill passed by the House on Wednesday was crafted by Senate Democrats. And although it does not place any incumbents in districts with one

another, it is weighted heavily toward creating Democrat-leaning districts.

Williams said the Senate Republican plan will be far less considerate of Senate Democrats than earlier offers of compromise. He also made no apology for keeping their own plans secret. "Tactically and politically, it was not the prudent thing to do," Williams said.

Redistricting is a painful, personal and political process for lawmakers, some of whom

have already grown weary of it.

"No one outside of these four walls really cares about what we're doing here today," said Rep. Bob Heleringer, one of the incumbents who would be forced into a primary against a fellow GOP legislator: Rep. Ron Crimm of Louisville.

Heleringer said the redistricting fights have distracted the legislature from more important work.

Also on the short end of the redistricting stick would be

Johnnie Turner of Harlan and Brandon Smith of Hazard, also Republicans.

Turner said Harlan County would be torn up among several districts. "I understand politics. And politics is politics, but it's just not right," Turner said.

Rep. Howard Cornett, R-Whitesburg, would be put in a district with Democrat Ira Branham, a Pikeville Democrat, but Branham has said he will not

(See DOA, page six)

Momentum builds for co-payments on Medicaid prescriptions

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislation to require Medicaid patients to pay \$1 on each of millions of drug prescriptions was approved by a House committee Thursday.

The Cabinet for Health Services plans to institute co-payments on July 15 if the legislation is enacted. Gov. Paul Patton is counting on it to save \$8 million a year to help plug a \$200 million hole in the cash-strapped Medicaid program.

Even the bill's proponents said it was, almost literally, a bitter pill. "It's one of the more unfortunate bills we'll be asked to vote on," said the sponsor, Republican Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow.

Medicaid is a state-federal health insurance program for the poor, disabled and elderly. A prescription co-payment apparently would be unprecedented in Kentucky, though it would follow a national trend, officials said.

"The program is seriously in trouble in all 50 states," Rep. Paul Bather, who heads an oversight subcommittee on Medicaid, told the Health and Welfare Committee.

Bather, D-Louisville, said Medicaid is wrongly perceived as a "cash cow" by some but actually is going broke. "It's so far out of control, we've got to get this thing reined in," he said. "A dollar co-pay is very reasonable."

The thinking behind co-payments — whether for drugs, nonemergency ambulance rides or visits to emergency rooms and doctors' offices — is that they discourage frivolous use. Critics say co-payments indeed cut usage but not for the right reasons.

"There are likely to be prescriptions that don't get filled,"

said Rich Seckel, who as director of Kentucky Legal Services lobbies the General Assembly on issues affecting the poor.

Seckel said the sickest people — those most likely to have multiple prescriptions — would bear the greatest part of the burden. He also said legislators should keep in mind that prescriptions are ordered by doctors.

"You're essentially substituting a financial choice for the doctor's original medical opinion," he said.

Bill to restrict public access to autopsy reports stalls

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill that would restrict public access to autopsy reports stalled Wednesday after a newspaper association lawyer complained that it would weaken open-records standards.

The bill seeks to strictly limit release of autopsy reports and related photographs and records by coroners and medical examiners.

Among those who could be privy to the records include law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies and spouses or personal representatives of those who died.

Anyone else, including media members, would have to ask a circuit court judge to gain access to the records.

The bill stalled in the House Judiciary Committee. Rep. Brent Yonts, the bill's sponsor, agreed to keep working with the Kentucky Press Association on possible compromise language.

KPA lawyer Lora Morris said

her preference would be for the legislation to die. Morris said she was unaware of any instances when autopsy reports and photos were misused by Kentucky media outlets.

Yonts, D-Greenville, said he had been contacted by a few people asking for the change but acknowledged, "I can't say there has been a clamoring at my door for this legislation."

Current law presumes that the public should be allowed to scrutinize the records, Morris said. The burden is on government to deny that access.

The bill would result in a "flip flop," putting the burden on the public to prove it has "good cause" to review the material, she said.

Morris said autopsy reports can be "critical to public oversight" in cases of alleged police abuse. The reports also provide important information on public health matters like seat-belt safety, she said.

(The legislation is House Bill 77.)

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"The family you come from isn't as important as the family your're going to have."

— Ring Lardner

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Guest View Editorial roundup

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio, on the Americans with Disabilities Act:
No one — labor or management — disputes that the U.S. Supreme Court ruling limiting the scope of the Americans with Disabilities Act will have wide ramifications. The question is whether the changes will be good or bad for American workers and their bosses.

The ruling will be good if, as expected, it serves to limit the increasing number of spurious lawsuits such as those filed as excuses for poor performance. ...

But if the business community uses the court's unanimous ruling as a pretext to ignore or minimize genuinely injurious workplace requirements and conditions, Congress undoubtedly will be invited to write corrective legislation.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on federal environmental policy:
The Bush administration continues to take steps that make for a disturbing pattern of retreat on environmental issues. This week, the administration backed off on wetlands protections against the advice of its own Environmental Protection Agency and Fish and Wildlife Service. And just last month, the White House proposed to open the way for new logging, mining and drilling in undeveloped national forests.

Taken together, these initiatives are troubling. But they become even more so when added to other recent White House actions, including a second look at the long-standing EPA policy of trying to phase out older, coal-burning power plants that contribute to acid rain, and a sudden shift away from developing high-mileage automobile engines capable of reducing air pollution through lower tailpipe emissions. ...

But now even Mr. Bush's own environmental appointees are having misgivings about his policies. The EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service opposed the Army Corps of Engineers plan on wetlands, for example, but the White House sided with the corps. ...

The corps contends that the new policy is simply a way of reducing paperwork in reviewing projects with minimal effects on the environment, and that will give it more time to concentrate on projects with potentially greater impact. But who defines what is minimal? The Army Corps of Engineers.

For its part, the corps insists it will remain true to the Bush administration's commitment of maintaining the same net acreage of wetlands no matter how many new projects might be approved under the new policy. ...

These do not appear to be projects with minimal impact on the environment. On the contrary, the new rules seem to be part of a major assault on vital environmental protections.

Boston Herald on the Enron hearings:
At least 11 committees or subcommittees of the House and Senate are planning hearings starting tomorrow on the collapse of Enron Corp. That's way too many.

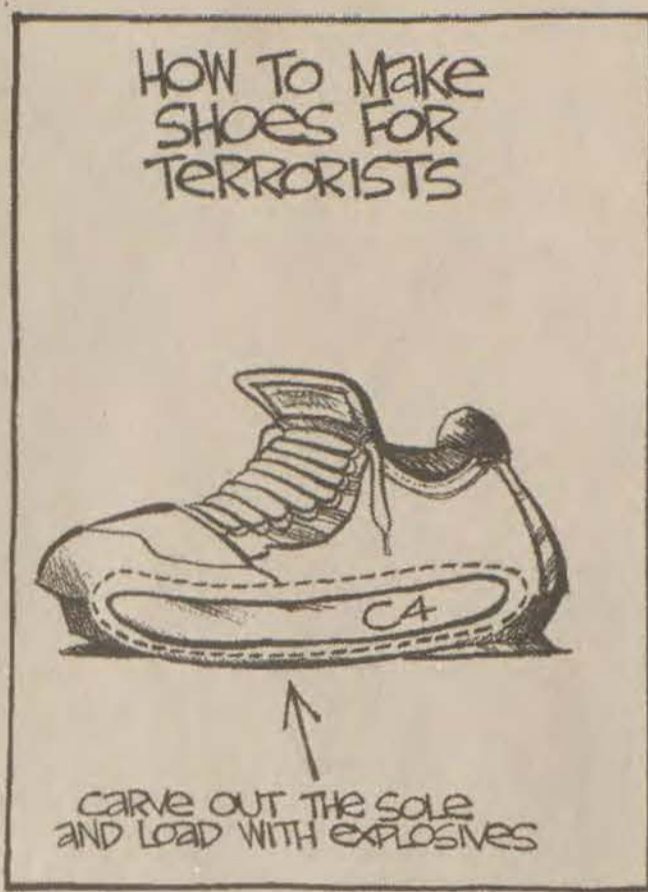
There's a lot of duplication, and some irrelevancies, among the announced agendas of the various panels. It all runs the risk of dissipating whatever impulse this amazing story could give to the passage of needed corrective legislation. ...

The general issues presented by the Enron collapse are few, important and can benefit from prompt attention. A few in-depth investigations are more likely to muster the resources of the administration, professional bodies, think-tanks and companies with something to contribute than the spectacle of so many political warhorses galloping off badly prepared in many different directions. ...

Questions over who ordered what documents destroyed when and why are best pursued by prosecutors, not members of Congress. Interesting questions that had no direct role in the collapse, such as how to regulate the trading of energy in futures markets and Enron's apparent abuse of tax shelters, should be left for the ordinary course of congressional business.

There is precedent for special handling. The late Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill gave President Carter's energy bill in 1977 to a one-time committee, a procedure which succeeded in focusing public attention on the broader issues at stake.

The House and Senate could follow that example and each set up a single special committee to examine all the relevant Enron issues.



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Think About It

Surviving the divine slush pile

I was raised for a good part of my life by a Freewill Baptist preacher who is currently a Full Gospel preacher and was before that I'm not sure.

It never seemed to matter what version of the Word my grandfather became engrossed in, as long as he was engrossed.

And my grandfather never seemed to get worried. Even when me and my cousin, who lived with me for a good part of those years, decided it would be a good idea to fight wildly for one solid year without so much as a break in rounds, my grandfather never seemed too worried.

Later in life, when a constant tendency to worry was getting the best of me and my peace of mind, my grandfather offered me some advice. Take the worries that are too big for you and turn

them over to God, he said. He said no problem was too big for God and that I should have faith that all things would work out for the best if I would invest a little faith in the Word.

I've never had a problem with the Word, I promise. And if I did, I would say so, because a man is nothing if not honest. The problem I had in taking my grandfather's advice was that I was always afraid my worry — sent express package and stamped URGENT in bold, red ink — would somehow get lost amid all the other worries that God had received that day.

In my mind, I could just see God checking his mail each morning and being met with a 40-story high stack of verbal prayers all transcribed by front office angels and marked: URGENT.

"Yes, aren't they all," God would say, grabbing one of 1,000 billion hopeful prayers from the pile.

Mine would be in there somewhere, I suppose, but I always thought I might have been giving up a little too easy and putting a little more on God than He deserved.

People have asked me why God doesn't seem to answer their prayers, as if I may know by some miracle of divine revelation. This question always throws me off balance, because it would seem to me that someone who couldn't find time in their schedule to get their oil changed would understand the burden of work God must face each day.

It could be that God is backed up, people.

We all know the feeling. We've put things off and reorganized to say when this would be a good time to do that, and when that would be a good time to do this. Then, all of a sudden, you stop one day and realize you forgot to pay the electric bill or, in a rush, neglected to put your pants on before you left the house one morning. It happens to the best of us. Why should God be any different?

Ease up on the big guy, and do a little for yourself down here. He'll see that effort and remember you when, in the wee hours of the morning, he picks through and finds a small letter with your name on it saying this is the most important prayer he'll receive that day. And who knows, it might be.



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Guest Column

Afghanistan is awash in international good will — and weapons

by GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Seldom has a country been the recipient of more good will than Afghanistan, manifested in the \$4.5 billion in assistance pledged over five years at this week's donor conference in Tokyo.

But for Afghans to cash in on this largesse, which includes a \$296 million first-year pledge by the United States, a lot will have to go right. They have to create a democracy, protect human rights and tame both corruption and the country's penchant for politically motivated banditry.

An example of what can go wrong was demonstrated last Thursday as Secretary of State Colin Powell showed up in Kabul to lead the cheers for the month-old interim government and to promise long-term U.S. assistance.

During his visit, armed bandits looted 40 tons of U.N. World Food Program commodities at an Afghan warehouse. They also beat up several staff members. Afghanistan may be in short supply

on many things, but not weapons. The chairman of the interim government, Hamid Karzai, estimates the number at up to 700,000.

But Powell says the international community is becoming more savvy about how to disarm violence-prone countries, citing Sierra Leone and Macedonia as examples. Afghanistan will test Powell's theory.

Optimists also point to other assets Afghanistan has two months deep into the post-Taliban era. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan notes that non-governmental organizations have deployed nearly 5,000 people to rid the country of land mines.

Another asset is Karzai, an affable, urbane leader who fought the Taliban and moves easily among the blue-suited diplomats dispatched to Kabul by the West. Karzai was educated abroad and speaks fluent English.

In diplomatic jargon, Karzai is an indispensable Afghan "partner" with whom the business of reconstruction can be done.

Also on the plus side is the presence of more than 1,000 British-led international peacekeepers with an additional 3,500 expected over time.

They will try to ensure calm while the billions of dollars in outside aid is disbursed for the daunting reconstruction project.

Afghanistan has become a kind of international poster boy for assistance. Needy countries abound but the events since Sept. 11 have conspired to enable Afghanistan to have a claim on a goodly percentage of global aid funds.

Other countries have been positioned similarly but failed to take advantage. The world applauded and offered help to Haiti in 1994 when the democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was returned to power with U.S. help.

But today, tens of millions of international assistance dollars are being withheld because of persistent violations of democratic norms. Haiti remains an international welfare case.

Sudan was once seen as a potential "breadbasket" for northeast Africa, given its favorable conditions for farming. But a brutal north-south civil war persists, claiming 2 million lives since 1983. There is no Sudanese "Karzai" with whom donors can deal comfortably. The radical Islamic government has few admirers in the West.

Officials say donor countries have learned a lot about rescuing failed states. More is known, for example, about ways to make efficient use of foreign aid — lessons the donors hope to be able to apply to Afghanistan.

One concern is Iran, Afghanistan's

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Movie review: 'The Mothman Prophecies'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
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Like a poor man's "Blair Witch Project" — if one could get any poorer — "The Mothman Prophecies" dashes breathlessly through the woods at night, offering whooshing, swooping glimpses of a creature that's supposed to be harrowing.

"Blair Witch" knew when to rely on silence to tap into what's really frightening, but "Mothman" director Mark Pellington is incessant in this overstylized supernatural story, which trumpets ominously that it's "based on true events." He tries too hard to make a spooky movie, and the result is merely annoying.

Every time Washington Post reporter John Klein (Richard Gere)

turns around while investigating his wife's death, there's that screechy metallic sound to alert us that it's time to be scared.

And every time the phone rings — not the phone! — it's accompanied by shrill, eerie music, just to make sure we know that someone or something evil is on the other end.

John swears he's not going crazy. But two years after his wife, Mary (Debra Messing), dies from a car crash, he inexplicably ends up driving to the small town of Point Pleasant, W.Va., where people repeatedly tell him that strange things have been happening.

One of these people is police Sgt. Connie Parker (Laura Linney, whose presence improves the movie somewhat), a West Virginia

version of Frances McDormand's "Fargo" character, complete with furry hat.

Another is chemical plant worker Gordon Smallwood (Will Patton), who gets late-night visits from the Mothman, which drive him crazy.

Gordon and dozens of others say they've heard voices and received premonitions of deadly disasters; so when a plane crashes, or an earthquake in Ecuador kills hundreds, it looks like that pesky Mothman may be onto something.

Many of them also draw the same vague Mothman sketch that Mary drew on her deathbed in the hospital — a reddish-black, crushed Crayola splotch that resembles a Rorschach test.

All this is supposed to be scary,

but even the supposedly climactic bridge collapse — which the Mothman predicted, naturally — is a boring display of crushing steel and concrete.

Based on John A. Keel's 1975 book "The Mothman Prophecies," the movie raises the questions: Is some supernatural, winged creature truly wreaking havoc? Or is he trying to warn people of impending doom?

"This is the kind of stuff you used to rip on when it came over the wire," a colleague says over the phone when John explains why he's still in West Virginia.

And if John's really a "star reporter" at The Washington Post, as his editor lovingly calls him, why isn't anyone hounding him to get back to work?

Gere breezes coolly through the role in typical fashion; his character after his wife's death isn't much different from before. And a vague potential romance with Connie doesn't make the movie any more

interesting, simply more scattered. "The Mothman Prophecies," a Screen Gems release, is rated PG-13 for terror, some sexuality and language. Running time: 119 minutes.

Stephen King's 'Rose Red' pushes limits of TV scare tactics

by **ANTHONY BREZNICAN**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES — When Stephen King wants to chop off fingers, television executives get out of his way.

The best-selling author can't do lots of things on the air, but severing the digits of a character in his new haunted house miniseries "Rose Red" was a scare he wanted to keep.

King liked that shock because it showed the house had teeth.

"I told ABC, 'The one thing we really gotta do here, the one thing that I really need, is for that door to slam and those fingers to drop onto the mat,'" King recalled with a laugh. "They said, 'Oh, well we can't do THAT,' and I told them, 'Well, I'm sorry. I guess we can't do this show.'"

If he needed proof of his growing clout in the television business, he got it — the scene was spared from ... well, the cutting room floor.

"He's very aware of television's constraints ... so when he says something is really, really important in his mind, we listen hard," said Susan Lyne, the new ABC entertainment president who formerly oversaw miniseries production.

With ABC scrambling to recover from a ratings decline, Lyne said King is one of the creative forces she believes will turn the network around.

"Rose Red" airs Sunday,

Monday and Thursday from 9 to 11 p.m., with a parental rating of TV-14.

King's macabre tales have provided ABC with seven epics over the years, including the highly rated two-parter "It" in 1990, an eight-hour version of "The Stand" in 1994 and a six-hour remake of "The Shining" (first filmed in 1980 by director Stanley Kubrick) in 1997.

King wrote his first original TV miniseries in 1999 — the three-part epic "Storm of the Century," about a demonic force that invades a tiny New England village during a supernatural blizzard.

Although King still prefers prose, television has grown on him.

"Rose Red" is his second original tale for the small screen and he even plans to develop a new one-hour series.

Like "The Stand," "The Shining" remake and "Storm of the Century," he also served as executive producer on "Rose Red," which gave him greater control of the finished film.

"These are novels ... it's just a different form," King said.

"Rose Red" developed from conversations the author had in the 1980s with director Steven Spielberg, who wanted to create "the grandfather of all haunted house movies."

King has never enjoyed cramming his stories into two-hour blocks and the script for "Rose

Red" was far too long for movie theaters.

After several false starts over the years, the two Steves dropped the idea.

"But I've found that doing a miniseries gives you more time," King said. "You have a chance to really build characters that the audience cares about ... that's when you've really got them in the palm of your hand."

So he took the haunted house to ABC, which — despite uncertainty about that one moment of gory violence — eagerly accepted the project.

Nancy Travis ("So I Married an Axe Murderer") stars as a university professor who provokes violent spirits in a cursed Victorian mansion known as Rose Red.

The doctor lures a group of psychics there for a research project but finds that Rose Red has come alive, growing new rooms and sprouting hallways while shadows of the dead stalk the unwelcome guests.

"I liked the idea that she was sort of a female Ahab and Rose Red was her white whale," King said.

Director Craig R. Baxley, who also made "Storm of the Century," said King has taken a stronger interest in the filmmaking process, suggesting everything from set designs to casting.

"And when you read his script, the stage direction is so dense. He really knows what he wants visually," Baxley said.

King was called in to rewrite parts of the script when co-star David Dukes, who played an underhanded college professor, died midway through production from an apparent heart attack.

Dukes hadn't finished all his scenes, but King decided to slightly alter the ending to retain the actor's final performance.

"The first thing was the shock of getting the call saying he had died," King recalled. "He was a nice guy to work with, a consummate professional, and we wanted to keep him in the film."

Besides writing and producing, King also pops up on-screen in a brief cameo as a befuddled pizza delivery man.

"I'm told that people actually tune in to look for that. It's sort of a 'Where's Waldo' deal," King joked, dismissing his acting prowess.

Next, King plans to develop a series called "The Kingdom," based on a Danish miniseries about a high-tech hospital overcome with ghosts.

As much as he likes working in television, he prefers to devote his time to novels.

"I do like TV," King said. "But it's not quite the same as when you sit at the keyboard and run all the railroads."

Ohio town continues to celebrate Clark Gable

CADIZ, Ohio — The Clark Gable Foundation of Cadiz, Ohio, is planning its 15th annual celebration of Clark Gable's birthday on Feb. 1 and 2, highlighted by the traditional Saturday night dinner dance that will recognize the 101st anniversary of the birth of the "King of Hollywood."

Gable was born in Cadiz on Feb. 1, 1901, and raised in nearby Hopedale, where he attended school. The Clark Gable Foundation perpetuates his memory from a reconstruction of the house in which he was born.

The first floor of the house now is home to the foundation's office and a gift shop. The second floor houses the Clark Gable Birthplace Museum, which is furnished in a fashion similar to the way it appeared when Gable was born in that second-floor flat.

The two prime activities for the weekend will be the traditional reception and memorabilia auction Friday evening, Feb. 1, and the dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 2. Both events will be held at Wallace Lodge at Sally Buffalo Park, in

Cadiz.

In addition, a forum will be held Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scott United Methodist Church in Cadiz. Special guests will be present at the forum to share their experiences or knowledge of Gable. Memorabilia of Gable and his most famous film, "Gone With the Wind," will be on display for viewing and sale by several collectors and vendors.

The Friday night auction will include a variety of authentic Gable and "Gone With the Wind" memorabilia and special items of interest to fans and collectors.

The Saturday dinner dance will be catered by Pierrigallini Catering, with the dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing to the music of Easy Street from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.

Featured guests this year will include several authors of Gable and "Gone With the Wind" books, as well as Joe Hassett of Ashtabula, Ohio, who will display a motorcycle once owned by Clark Gable. The writers who will discuss the life of Gable and the writing and filming of "Gone With the Wind" are

Marianne Walker of Henderson, author of Margaret Mitchell and John Marsh: The Love Story Behind "Gone With the Wind"; Christopher Spicer of Melbourne, Australia, author of a recently released biography of Gable; and Herb Bridges of Sharpsburg, Ga., author of several books on "Gone With the Wind" and one of the foremost collectors of memorabilia from the movie.

Ticket prices are \$10 for the Friday reception and auction, \$10 each for the Friday and Saturday forums, and \$25 for the Saturday dinner dance. Tours of the Clark Gable Museum will be conducted Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the gift shop will be open the same hours.

Tickets for the events and reservation of vendor space may be obtained by calling the Clark Gable Foundation at (740) 942-4989.

Water

Evarts coal mine is crystal clear, a stark contrast to the coal-black mine that was closed with rock and mortar after miners pulled out decades ago.

Problems can arise, Lange said, when mining activity near the underground reservoirs causes fractures in rock layers that can allow the water to drain out.

Maleva Chamberlain, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Division of Water, said Evarts, Fleming-Neon, Benham, Lynch and Wheelwright get water from mines.

She said each of those need to determine whether the abandoned mines they're using will be viable in years to come and develop plans to an alternate source.

Benham Mayor Betty Howard said she couldn't imagine getting water from any other source. She said the mine that supplies her town is reliable.

"That isn't to say we won't have problems," she said. "Anything can happen. Just when you say something won't happen, it will."

Guest

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western neighbor which, diplomats say, has already been currying favor in the same areas of Afghanistan where it historically has had influence.


Iran was a major player in Tokyo, pledging \$500 million over five years. Iranian officials, burdened by 1.5 million Afghan refugees on Iranian territory, say their only goal is a stable and independent Afghanistan.

Washington, seeing Iran as a terrorist sponsor, believes Tehran may have more sinister intentions. President Bush already is warning Iran that if it tries to force its will on Afghanistan, it will face the consequences.

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Obituaries

Billy Ray Hopkins

Billy Ray Hopkins, 27, of McDowell, Ky., died Monday, January 21, 2002, following a sudden illness.

Born on July 20, 1974, in Martin, Ky., he was the son of Janice Elliott Hopkins of McDowell and the late Robert Hopkins. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his grandmother, Rebecca Elliott of McDowell; one brother, Robert Keith Hopkins of Paintsville, Ky.; one sister, Becky Jo Gross of Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilburn Elliott, and Ross and Josie Hopkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 25, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, McDowell, Ky., with ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation is at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

(Paid obituary)

Leonard Little

Leonard Little, 57, of Melvin, Ky., died Tuesday, January 22, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on January 27, 1944, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late Mack Little and Lila Tackett Little. He was self-employed, and attended the Jacks Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rickie Gomer Little.

Other survivors include four sons, Keith Little of Hueysville, Ky., Greg Little, T.D. Little, and Timmy Little, all of Wheelwright, Ky.; two daughters, Greta Spears of Wheelwright, Ky., and Tammy Young of Weeksbury, Ky.; five brothers, Clinton Little, Paul Little, Donnie Little, Mike Little, and Hobart Little, all of Melvin, Ky.; two sisters, Arlene Wright of Michigan, and Claudine Tackett of Weeksbury, Ky.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Clifford Little.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 25, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., at the Jacks Creek Baptist Church, at Bevinville, Ky., with Roger Trusty and Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Little Family Cemetery, Melvin, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the Jacks Creek Baptist Church.

Pallbearers are: Lee Little, Wesley Little, Hopie Little, Marty Little, and Kevin Little.

(Paid obituary)

Emma Jean Scalf

Emma Jean Scalf, 71, of Buffalo, Prestonsburg, Ky., died Tuesday, January 22, 2002, following a brief illness.

Born on April 4, 1930, at Endicott, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Dave Morrison and Marie Burchett Morrison. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave Scalf.

Survivors include one son, Barry Scalf of Austin, Tex.; two daughters, Helen Keathley of Endicott, Prestonsburg, Ky., Louise Akers of McDowell, Ky.; two grandchildren, David Chaffins of Endicott, Ky., and Kelly Sue Akers, of McDowell, Ky.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kelly Scalf; two brothers, Thomas Jr. Morrison, and Bobby Donald Morrison; and one sister, Mary Lowe.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 25, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church, with James H. Smith, B. J. Crider and Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in the Hazel James Cemetery at Johns Creek, Pike County, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church.

Mart V. Allen

Mart V. Allen, 75, of Garrett, Ky., died Monday, January 21, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on May 28, 1926, in Lackey, Ky., he was the son of the late Henry Allen and Verda Dials Allen Lemons. He was a retired health care employee and a lifetime member of the DAV Chapter 128, Garrett, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Mae Combs Allen.

Other survivors include one son, John W. Allen of Garrett, Ky.; two daughters, Donna Thomas of Garrett, Ky., and Beverly Martin of Wayland, Ky.; one brother, Ronald Mosley of Kendallville, In.; one sister, Georgia Myers of Wabash, In.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Allen; two brothers, John S. Allen and Billy Allen; and one sister, Dorothy Watkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 24, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Woodrow Crum and Ernest Reynolds officiating.

Burial was in the Chaffins Cemetery, Four Mile, Mousie, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Historians remember mythical stump speech

by BERRY CRAIG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Frankfort historian Ron Bryant doesn't expect anybody will top "Mullins' Famous Speech" in this session of the General Assembly.

"Television killed the stump speech," Bryant said.

Long before TV, "Mullins" purportedly promised his constituents, "When you elected me to the legislature, I wished that I had the tallest tree that grew in the mountings, so that I might strip the limbs from the same and make it into an enormous pen, and dip it into the waters of the

Kaintuck River and write across the clouds, 'God Bless the people of ___ county.'"

Mullins was apparently the stuff of legend, "but without a doubt, Kentucky had plenty of politicians capable of such a speech," said Bryant, a librarian at the Kentucky State Historical Society.

Bryant suggested Gov. William O. Bradley likely made up the story of Mullins, a "unlettered backwoods servant of the people," to score points on the stump.

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DOA

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be seeking re-election.

Cornett said retribution for redistricting slights could take many forms.

In an apparent reference to House Speaker Jody Richards, a Bowling Green Democrat who harbors gubernatorial ambitions, Cornett said, "I understand that some of you in leadership here today are running for statewide office, and you'll be coming to Letcher County. And I'll be waiting."

After two weeks of dragging, the redistricting train is speeding.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood scheduled a hearing on a Republican-backed lawsuit to have the courts draw district lines.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee scheduled a special meeting to begin debate.

In the likely event nothing is resolved soon, the Senate passed a bill Wednesday to move the filing deadline for congressional and legislative offices back from Jan. 29 to April 16 and the pri-

mary election from May 29 to June 18.

Like any redistricting bill, the proposal must be approved by both chambers and signed by the governor to become effective.

(The legislation is House Bill 1.)

Odds

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he said Wednesday.

The teen then demanded the congressman's phone. When Blumenuer refused, the teen slapped him.

Blumenuer, 53, and another bystander identified the suspect to police a few blocks away. The teen was charged with assault, and the police report said the suspect was intoxicated.

Blumenuer credited citizen involvement and a quick response by Portland police and dispatchers.

"It was really just a textbook example of what you'd like to see the emergency response be," Blumenuer said.

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Sewer

The fiscal court has already extended lines along the opposite side of U.S. 23 as far as R & S Truck Body in their quest to take extensions to the Pike County line just past Harold, and by accepting match money from the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission will look forward to an additional grant that could see that goal realized.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Wednesday that the fiscal court would provide the \$95,750 to the commission under the agreement that the moneys would be matched and open another overall grant that would provide the court with the capability and funding to extend lines beyond the Davidson project and into the Rolling Acres Subdivision, as well as moving a step closer to the county line by taking lines beyond R & S Truck Body as far up the river as the MTS company.

Thompson said extending the line across U.S. 23 and into the industrial site would make the area more marketable, increasing the chances of bringing business to the now-vacant site.

"There are sewer lines right now up to R & S (Truck Body)," said Thompson. "This will get it across (U.S.) 23 to the park so we can market it with water and sewer."

Another reason for seeking the overall grant is to continue the goal of providing the county

with adequate water and sewer services, said Thompson.

"We'll take it one step at a time, one grant at a time, and take it to the Pike County line," Thompson said. "At some point, everybody up through there on the left side of the river will have water and sewer lines."

The fiscal court has already received millions toward water quality improvements for the county with plans to improve areas, including Wayland, Auxier and numerous other areas such as Spurlock, which is in particularly bad need of water and sewer improvements, according to Thompson.

"Spurlock's got the worst water I've ever seen," said Thompson, adding, however, that after several years of hard work and persistence the county's efforts were beginning to pay off. "But our water plans are coming together."

The court passed the resolution to issue the payment which would make the Davidson Industrial Site more marketable, but Thompson would not speculate on potential offers the court may have been approached about.

"We've been in four- or five-month long negotiations," said Thompson, "and I don't think I should really say anything at this time."

All fiscal court members were present for Wednesday's meeting.

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Stumbo among sponsors of 'smart growth' bill

FRANKFORT

Controlling suburban sprawl, protecting farmland, wetlands and forests, and saving money are the goals of "smart growth" legislation filed today by Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, and cosponsored by House Majority Leader Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Rep. Steve Riggs, D-Jeffersonton.

Wayne, Stumbo and Riggs are asking the Kentucky General Assembly to enact legislation that would establish

formal, comprehensive land use planning processes in every Kentucky community.

"The goal of smart growth is not to stop growth or even slow it down," said Wayne. "On the contrary, the concept simply means thoughtful land use planning that takes an integrated approach involving every aspect of our communities' infrastructure. That includes sewers, water, law enforcement, fire protection, schools, a variety of modes of transportation

and other services."

The Wayne-Stumbo-Riggs bill would:

- Require every local government in the state to establish formal planning and zoning procedures, including a 20-year comprehensive plan.

- Designate future growth areas around every existing city and town and every area where growth is expected to occur.

- Require each comprehensive plan to contain stated goals and objectives for development, plans for land use, transportation and community facilities such as parks, schools, libraries and medical facilities.

- Require affordable housing be included in every new housing development.

- Create a process through which local plans would be reviewed and approved at the regional and state levels.

- Establish a state office to help local governments with their planning efforts.

If the bill is approved by both the House and Senate, it would become law in July 2002, but its requirements would not become

effective until July 2004. This would give local governments time to prepare, said Wayne, who is a member of Gov. Paul Patton's statewide Task Force on Smart Growth.

The legislation would save millions of tax dollars, Stumbo said, noting that communities now waste enormous amounts of money on roads, sewers, utilities, fire and police protection and other services because of unplanned, spread-out development.

"We've already seen the results of our failure to plan," Riggs said. "We've seen it in scattered developments in every city and town in Kentucky, dramatically diminishing farmland, and air and water pollution that threatens our health. The Wayne-Stumbo-Riggs bill will stop this development while making good economic sense."

The bill would protect the rights of private property owners, but would also weigh the rights of individuals against the responsibility to build a livable community, said Wayne.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Members of the Martin City Council present for Tuesday's meeting included, left to right, Eulene Ratliff, Mayor Thomasine Robinson, Joe Howard, Michael Robinson, Charles Justice and attorney Dwight Marshall.

Meeting

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employees of seven years or more to five days for one year, 10 days for 5-to-10 years, 15 days for 10-to-15 years, and 20 days for over 15 years of employment. In addition, employees would not be allowed to accumulate sick leave days without a doctor's excuse.

According to Robinson, if the vacation time for the six employees that have four weeks were cut to two weeks \$4,990 would be saved immediately and an additional savings would be realized over 12 months of approximately \$1,500.

Mayor Robinson said that the reason for the cuts is to protect the financial status of the city.

"I'm trying to keep their medical benefits," said Robinson. "I think that is more important."

In other action, the council approved the annexation of Moore's Express Lube, which is located on Route 80 beside BP convenience store.

Council member Eulene Ratliff made a motion to accept a proposal to pay \$150, a three-month payment, to the Feed the Children Fund which is an after-school tutoring program at Martin Housing Authority Community Room.

The council also approved an audit for 1999-2000 that had previously been discussed.

Rape

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having allegedly raped a woman at her apartment at Frasure Apartments on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg at approximately 2:30 a.m., roughly two hours before he was picked up at McDonald's.

Reports indicate that Fletcher and a second, unnamed man were visiting the alleged victim's apartment when Fletcher was left alone with the woman. He then allegedly held scissors to her stomach and tried to stab her with an ink pen before allegedly raping her.

During court proceedings after his arrest on Wednesday,

Fletcher was given 14 days in jail for the public intoxication charge and a fine of \$147.85 for the disorderly conduct charge. In light of the recent felony charges against him, Fletcher's bail now rests at \$100,000 cash.

Fletcher, who was given a one-year suspended sentence and one-year probation in Magoffin County on July 31, 2000, for fourth-degree assault against his wife, Mary Fletcher, has been found guilty of various offenses in that county, including possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

Center

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Contractors have taken bids on the removal of the present roof and actual work has gotten underway on the building's interior, according to Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis, who said Wednesday that several office spaces were being constructed within the building.

Even as construction crews busy themselves with the physical aspects of the facility, the newly formed Floyd County Community Center Board has continued to discuss options for the core content of the center's operation.

The center is set to be a place in which to utilize several drug- and alcohol-related issues through cutting edge technology and highly trained drug and addiction prevention specialists. According to Thompson, who touted the facility as one that would effectively serve a wide range of citizens because of its "geographically centered" location in relation to the rest of the county, the center would be equipped with database research selections concerned with drug prevention, but also concentrate to a certain degree on drug and addiction treatment.

Those involved with the project expressed an understanding that not everyone who visits the

center will be seeking help in avoiding addiction problems, but that some will be coming to seek help in dealing with an addiction that has already taken hold, or to search for support in their individual decision to break away from addiction.

The scope of the center will include services to those who have kicked substance abuse habits. Those who are recovering from abuse problems will have a place to go to for support and help in staying on track. The center will even offer, in some instances, these visitors the chance to help others stay clean through peer interaction.

With drug specialists and counselors on hand, as well as computer access to helpful and relative databanks, the center may be an effective strike against the growing drug problems which plague the county as well as surrounding areas throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Although substantial funds will now be available for builders, Thompson said during the project's funding stage in September that a completion date for the center would be difficult to pinpoint, adding the project would involve a great deal of construction and would not be an overnight development.

Lawsuit

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that the undisclosed amount may have already been deposited into her bank account, converted or could still be in her possession.

The suit further claims that Cathy Jacobs' husband, Rick Jacobs, "most likely" had joint accounts with his wife and should, therefore, be held liable as well. The complaint also asks for a temporary injunction against the Jacobses, prohibiting any use of or disposition of any money, funds, personal property or real property by them until an accounting can be conducted or the matter in question is decided.

Meade Construction also asked in the their suit for damages sufficient to compensate their loss and also court costs.

An emergency temporary injunction was issued by the court the following day, according to court records, freezing the Jacobses' accounts and assets.

Cathy Jacobs' attorney in the case, Gerald Derossett, has filed a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction, complaining that a hearing was never called on the matter and that only legitimate moneys which came from her salary or from other legitimate sources had ever been placed in her accounts. Derossett argues that the freezing of Jacobs' accounts keeps her from making "necessary

everyday transactions," such as paying household bills and mortgages, and that the frozen accounts would become a "great economic hardship" on the couple.

In addition to taking these positions in the request to dissolve the injunction order, Rick Jacobs is mentioned as having no allegations against him other than that he jointly own property or has funds that are "commingled" with his wife's. Derossett requested in his motion that Cathy Jacobs be allowed to use the checking account and funds received from her husband's employment.

The Meades' attorney, Craig Davis, would not comment on the case Thursday, saying he would rather wait until after a hearing which is scheduled in the matter today.

However Davis did say that the family was "understandably" upset about the situation.

Members of the Meade family have expressed their feelings of betrayal since learning of Jacobs' alleged wrongdoing. She was employed to take care of payroll preparation, accounts payable preparation and other financial matters at the Meade Construction Company for nearly three years, beginning her job March 12, 1999.

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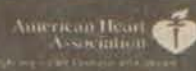
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Child abuse—a matter of fact

How to handle disclosure

by Peter O. Samples, Sstate
chairman

The last article provided several guidelines to exercise should a child disclose to you the fact that he/she is being abused or neglected. Several other guidelines are discussed here. First, tell the truth. Do not make promises to the child which you cannot keep, particularly relating to secrecy, court involvement, placement and caseworker decisions. After abuse or neglect has been disclosed, there may be actions taken, over which neither you nor the child has control. Second, be specific. Let the child know exactly what is going to happen. Tell the child that you are going to report the situation to the children's service agency. Third, be supportive. Remember why the child came to you.

He/She needs your help, support and guidance. Be there for him/her. Let him/her know that telling about the abuse or neglect

is the right thing to do, and it is the only way to stop it. Fourth, report the abuse or neglect to your local children's service

agency or law enforcement agency, or call our hotline number at 1-800-468-8920 for assistance in reporting it.

Stump

Bradley might even have swiped the story from some other politician, Bryant added.

"Politicians stole stories from each other all the time," he said. "But in his day, Bradley was considered one of the greatest orators and storytellers in the country."

Elected in 1895, Bradley was Kentucky's first Republican governor. Dubbed "Billy OB," he was from Garrard County.

Bryant doubts any of Kentucky's current lawmakers could beat a "Billy OB" on the stump.

"In the old days, a politician

could speak for the better part of an hour or longer and keep the people entranced," he said.

TV is not stump-speech friendly either, according to Bryant. "It takes time to tell a good story. But television only gives you a few minutes — sometimes just 30 seconds — to make your point, or they'll cut you off."

The legendary "Mullins Famous Speech" survives largely because of historian Thomas D. Clark and Kentucky Congressman Maurice H. Thatcher. Thatcher added the oration to his 1916 book, "Speeches and Stories of William O. Bradley." Clark resurrected it in "The Rampaging Frontier," published in 1939.

Rep. Stephen Mullins served from Pendleton County between 1818 and 1828, but Bryant is skeptical that he was Bradley's man.

"I checked what information we had on this individual, but I did not find any association with the apocryphal Bradley story," Bryant said.

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In the "Famous Speech," Mullins wants his constituents to know he had been a good steward in the state capital:

"When I reached Frankfort, I went up into the legislatur hall and thar I spied many purty purlicues a-hanging on the ceiling to pay for which you had been shamefully robbed by unjust taxation. When matters of small importance were before the body I lay like a bullpup a-baskin in the sunshine, with a blue-bottled fly a-ticklin of my nose; but when matters of great importance come up, I riz from my seat like the Numidian lion of the desert, shuck the dew drops from my mane, and gave three shrill shrieks for liberty."

Like the make-believe Mullins, real politicians who could employ "odd phrases, catchwords, bywords, figures of speech and vulgar innuendoes were most likely to succeed," Clark wrote. "Such artisans were known, in the vernacular, to carry gourds of possum grease with which they greased and swallowed the credulous."

Fifth disease

Fifth disease (also known as erythema infectiosum) is a mild, common rash illness caused by a virus. Outbreaks of fifth disease frequently occur in child care settings or schools. Most people who get fifth disease are not very ill. However, children with sickle cell anemia, chronic anemia, or an impaired immune system may become seriously ill when infected with parvovirus B19, and require medical care.

Cause: Human parvovirus B19.

Symptoms: Rash; sometimes a fever or sore throat. The characteristic rash causes an intense redness of the cheeks ("slapped cheek") in children. It often begins on the cheeks and is later found on the arms, upper body, buttocks, and legs; it has a very fine, lacy, pink appearance. In general, the rash around the face will fade within four days. The rash on the rest of the body fades within three to seven days of its appearance. However, the rash tends to come and go for days or even weeks, especially in response to sunlight or heat. Pain, redness, and swelling of the joints may be a common occurrence in adults, especially in women.

Spread: Most likely when an infected person coughs or sneezes contaminated droplets into the air and another person inhales them. A person can also get infected from touching these secretions and then touching his/her mouth or nose. Can be

epidemic among children.

Incubation: It takes from four to 21 days, usually four to 14 days, from the time of infection until symptoms begin.

Contagious period: Most contagious before onset of rash and are unlikely to be contagious after the rash has occurred.

Exclusion: If other rash-causing illnesses are ruled out, there is no need to exclude.

Prevention/control:

1. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water after contact with secretions from the nose or mouth.

2. Dispose of tissues.

3. Treatment. None.

4. Pregnant women and parents of children who have an impaired immune system, sickle cell anemia, or other blood disorders may want to consult their health care providers about the exposure.

Caution: Women who get fifth disease during pregnancy may have a risk (probably less than 10 percent) of fetal damage or fetal death. Most women are already immune to fifth disease, so they are not at risk. If you are pregnant and you have been exposed to fifth disease, contact your health care provider for advice.

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Turner proposes housing loan bill

FRANKFORT — As many as 30,000 Kentucky families could qualify for below-market rate housing loans under a bill approved today by the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, says he decided to sponsor the bill after reading about a similar set-up in West Virginia.

"I decided maybe that might be a way I could help teachers in some way, a small way," Turner told the committee.

But after researching the matter with the Kentucky Housing Corporation, Turner, a retired teacher, realized his bill could work for more than just educators.

"We found out we could expand that to include people who qualify in other walks of life, like farmers, firemen, policemen, rescue workers and anyone who qualifies under the

guidelines," Turner said.

Senate Bill 45 would eliminate the current income caps established in 1986 and replace them with U.S. Housing and Urban Development income guidelines which are revised annually. The guidelines differ in each county, but overall they would rise by seven to 30 percent.

"If more Kentucky families become homeowners, it will add to the stability of our community through the increases in property taxes and expenses that accompany homeownership," KHC Chief Executive Lynn Luallen told the committee.

According to Luallen, 1000 new loans at the average mortgage amount of \$75,000 would generate about \$300 million dollars to the state's economy.

The committee passed Senate Bill 45 without opposition. It now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

For the Record

MARRIAGES

Celesta R. Boyd, 23, to Ronald Allen Raymond, 19, both of Honaker.
 Kristin Dalena Craft, 18, to Dusty Lee Scott, 19, both of Prestonsburg.
 Kristie Anna Coburn, 26, to Palmer Dawayne Craft, 25, both of Wayland.
 Ruthie Ann Hicks, 32, of Hueysville, to Kenis Lucas, 29, of Langley.

LAWSUITS

Grace Ellis vs. Steven Greer; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Linda Gayheart vs. Terry Gayheart; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Geraldine Akers vs. Virgil Hale; petition for health care insurance.
 Donna Johnson vs. Jeremy Johnson; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Tabitha King vs. Stuart C. King; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Johnnie McIntosh vs. Johnny McIntosh; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Wanda Johnson vs. Debra Hill; petition for health care insurance.
 Shelia Johnson vs. Randall Johnson; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Robin Ingram vs. Michael Ingram; divorce.
 Martha S. Thacker vs. Mickey L. Thacker; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Beatrice Jarrell and Curtis Jarrell vs. Rebecca Whitt Francis and Billy Whitt; petition for permission of custody.
 Bank One vs. Garnis Claude Akers, Sirena Akers and Floyd County; complaint.
 Discover Bank vs. Georgia Lewis and Larry L. Lewis; complaint.
 Bobby Messer vs. Melissa Messer; divorce.
 Lois Hill vs. George Hill; divorce.
 Beverly A. Hamilton vs. Darrell E. Hamilton; divorce.
 Ocie Hunter vs. Jeffrey Allen Hunter; divorce.
 Ronald D. Hunter vs. Anand N. Doshi; complaint.
 Margaret Danneille Combs vs.

John Paul Combs; divorce.
 Donnie Williams vs. East Equipment Co.; complaint.
 Namon Tackett vs. Clifford Adkins and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.; complaint.
 Halcyon Insurance and Bobby J. Stone vs. Donald R. Sturgill; complaint.
 Maggie Powell vs. Brent D. Tackett; complaint.
 Michelle Freeman and Donna Osborne vs. Betty J. Robinson and Thomas Thomsberry; complaint.
 Albon Meade & Son's Construction Co. vs. Rick Jacobs and Cathy Jacobs; complaint.

Andrea Cobern Prater vs. Carlett Greene, Joshua D. Carroll and Allstate Indemnity Co.; order.
 Tilvis Johnson vs. Teresa J. Caudill; complaint.
 Palestine Hall vs. Lois J. Crum; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Connie L. Bays vs. Jennifer L. Bays; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Connie Bays vs. Tony Bays; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Edith McKendree vs. Jeremy McKendree; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Judith Hall vs. Lois A. Akers; petition for health care insurance.
 Martha Humble vs. Jami Mullins; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Polly Bentley vs. Ornell Bentley; petition for health care insurance.
 Mary Bryant vs. Gallie Maynard; divorce.
 Howard Hall vs. Lisa Hall; divorce.
 Vicki Gaile Howell vs. William Dee Howell; order to transfer.

CHARGES FILED

Bernita Hunter, 33, Melvin, 38 counts of second-degree forgery.
 Charles Edward Meade, age unlisted, Hunter, first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Paul Roberts, 47, Harold, fourth-degree assault.
 James Richard Lyon, 27, Harold, disorderly conduct.
 Jimmy D. Martin, 46, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
 Kisha L. Collins, 18, Martin,

public intoxication (controlled substance) excluding alcohol.
 John Paul Wright, age unlisted, Printer, terroristic threatening, criminal trespassing.
 Tony Harris, age unlisted, address unlisted, criminal mischief.
 Margaret Newsome, 29, age unlisted, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 Scott M. McCulloch, 33, David, menacing.
 Katrina Taylor Little, 28, Jack's Creek, harassment.
 Eta R. Estes, 25, Irvine, alcohol intoxication.
 Jonathan M. Mays, 19, Irvine, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, unsworn falsification to authorities.
 Darlene F. Rawlins, 41, Campton, alcohol intoxication.
 Christina D. Fuller, 24, Irvine, alcohol intoxication.
 Albert E. Clevenger, 18, Salyersville, public intoxication (controlled substance) excluding alcohol, prescription in an improper container, disorderly conduct.
 Darren W. Hoffine, 30, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, alcohol intoxication.

INSPECTIONS

Holiday Inn, U.S. 23, regular inspection. Violations noted: Shelves in dry storage area not made of proper material, ice cream freezer has heavy buildup of food residue, soap missing from hand wash sink, a covered waste can needs to be placed in restroom. Score: 96.
 Dollar General Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Over-the-counter medication found to be expired. Score: 95.
 Rite-Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pet foods and snacks stored on shelves

under flea and tick medications and shampoos, storage of holiday candies not six inches above floor, boxes didn't contain food items. Score: 95.
 Big Lots, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some bulk food items not properly stored on six-inch shelves or kept six inches from floor, wall where food is stored has heavy damage. Score: 97.
 Roger's Self-Service, Eastern, regular inspection. Violations noted: Inside microwave oven has slight food buildup, outside garbage dumpster does not have a lid, walls and/or corners in back storage room and restroom have some dust and cobweb accumulation. Score: 95 restaurant, 95 retail.
 Alpike Mobile Home Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots are not numbered correctly, lots are not in compliance with spacing, there is not a sufficient number of garbage cans per lot, entrance of park does not appear to be well lighted. Score: 90.
 Allen Central High School, Eastern, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All critical violations noted during the regular inspection have been corrected. No score given.
 Crider's Grocery, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some older equipment has surface damage and some repairs have been made using duct tape and other items, some food products such as eggs are stored on floor in back stock room. Score: 97.
 Dollar General Store, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Tops of some canned items are dusty, no paper towels in the restroom, outside garbage can is not covered. Score: 94.
 Bypro Pizza & Dairy Bar, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Inside small reach-in cooler in food preparation

area has some debris, some reach-in cooling units have cracked or damaged gaskets, some gaskets on reach-in coolers have slight amount of food residue. Score: 96.
 Wayland Quick Mart, Wayland, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some food dispensing utensils stored with no handles, ice scoop is cracked, inside of microwave oven has slight amount of food residue, tops of some canned items and other food products are dusty, inside of cabinets at soft drink dispenser are dusty. Score: 96 restaurant, 95 retail.
 Rite-Aid, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Four containers of over-the-counter Tylenol Allergy Sinus tablets were observed to be expired, thermometer in upright milk cooler not easily seen, restroom floor in need of more routine cleaning and sanitizing. Score: 92.
 Rite-Aid, Martin, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Over-the-counter medication which has expired has been taken from the shelf and will be shipped back to supplier. Score: 97.
 Season's Inn, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pre-opening consultation, facility not in operation yet. No score given.
 Lone Oak Mobile Home Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots are not systematically numbered, lot sizes are not 4,000 feet, lots lack garbage cans, some lots have small amount of debris. Score: 92.
 Care-A-Lot Day Care Center, Martin, regular inspection. No violations noted. Score: 100.
 McDonald's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloth use not restricted and not stored in sanitary solution when not in use, ware washing sprayer hanging well below the rim of waste drain sink without air gap or backflow prevention devices attached. Score: 94.
 B&C Parkway Convient Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food preparation area has no label, several refrigeration and freezer units do not have thermometers, food item stored on the floor of walk-in cooler, hand washing lavatory in food preparation area was obstructed by food utensils and was not accessible as a result, restrooms do not have self-closing doors, mop head was observed stored on the floor. Score: 91 restaurant, 95 retail.
 B&C Parkway Convient Store, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Hand washing lavatory in food preparation area was cleared of obstruction and made accessible during the initial inspection. Other violations from regular inspection remain uncorrected. No score given.
 Happy Mart, Hi Hat, complaint. Violations noted: A complaint about the possible violation of potentially hazardous food was checked and temperatures of the hot holding units were found to be in compliance with requirements by the Department for Public Health. No score given.
 Roadie's, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Flour dispenser does not have a handle, underside of the dough mixing machine has some food residue buildup, old septic tank appears to have collapsed outside of establishment, some ceiling tiles are discolored in the dining area, one ceiling tile is missing in the kitchen beside of ventilation hood. Score: 91.
 Roadie's, Hi hat, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Critical violation of the old septic tank having appeared to have collapsed outside of establishment has

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Education panel endorses exception to school nepotism ban

by CHARLES WOLFE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The first bill approved by the Senate Education Committee under a Republican majority would carve out an exception to Kentucky's 12-year-old ban on school nepotism.

The bill proposes to allow underage relatives of school board members to hold part-time school jobs.

The General Assembly, in enacting the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, said close relatives of school board members could not hold school jobs. It was a calculated step away from a tradition of the school board controlling a school district's hiring and firing.

The committee approved the bill 7-6 along party lines. All Republicans voted for it. All Democrats voted against it, some with dire predictions.

"This isn't just a little old bill," said Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville. "This is going to be seen as a crack in the dam."

Republicans said the bill's opponents were overreacting. Sen. Jack Westwood of Erlanger insisted the bill would do no harm to the "honorable intent" of the reform act.

But some on the committee said they believed the nepotism ban had been a hardship in areas already hard-pressed to find teachers, not to mention competent candidates for school boards.

Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said Clay County schools currently have five teaching vacancies. At the same time, qualified teachers are ineligible to work in the district because of family relations, he said.

"I understand we don't want

to perpetuate political monopolies," Stivers said, but opponents of the bill need to see the bigger picture. "This needs to be revisited," Stivers said.

The bill sponsor, Republican Sen. Tom Buford of Nicholasville, said his aim was to make teen-agers of school board members eligible for part-time school district jobs. "You get into remote areas, this might be the only thing they can do

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Some want to add students to cash-strapped scholarship program

by CHARLES WOLFE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A move is afoot in the General Assembly to stretch a popular state scholarship program to cover more students, though it already is strapped for cash.

The Senate Education Committee opened a hearing on the issue Wednesday. The committee deferred a vote on a bill because of questions about its cost.

The program is KEES — the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship. It uses money from the Kentucky Lottery to reward Kentucky high school students for good grades and college-board scores — up to \$2,500 per year of college or technical school for a straight-A student with a high ACT score. The money has to be used at a Kentucky institution.

Participation in KEES has exceeded expectations. The state originally projected that 18,200 students would qualify for scholarships in 2003, increasing by 900 the following year.

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Angel Maturino Resendiz, the so-called railroad killer who has confessed to several slayings across the country, now claims he killed three more people in central Texas, but police have confirmed only one.

Law officers said Resendiz claimed he shot an unidentified woman whose body was found in an abandoned farmhouse in eastern Bexar County in 1986.

"Absolutely nobody would have knowledge of the details (Resendiz provided) except investigators or a witness," sheriff's Sgt. Sal Marin told the San Antonio Express-News for Thursday's edition. "Even years later, the data he provided was identical to that at the crime scene."

San Antonio police investigated the other two claims but cannot confirm them.

Resendiz told investigators he met the woman while they were staying at a shelter in 1985. They were firing a gun for target practice near Schertz when they began to argue, Marin said.

"She disrespected him, and he shot her," Marin said Resendiz told investigators.

The woman, whose body was found badly decomposed three months after her death, hasn't been identified. Authorities describe her as between the ages of 18 and 25, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a medium build.

The woman told Resendiz she was from Florida, Marin said.

The sergeant said officials would not file charges against Resendiz, who is on death row for the 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton in her Houston-area home.

Authorities consider

Resendiz the prime suspect in 13 killings: six in Texas, two each in Florida and Illinois and one each in California, Georgia and Kentucky.

The Mexico native surrendered at an international bridge in El Paso on July 13, 1999, after Texas Ranger Sgt. Drew Carter persuaded Maturino Resendiz's family in the United

States to convince him to give up.

The surrender ended a highly publicized manhunt in the spring of 1999, during which Maturino Resendiz, who made it to the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, admitted killing six people. He admitted to nine slayings at his trial in an unsuccessful insanity defense.

Senate panel approves bill to protect domestic violence victims

by BRUCE SCHREINER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill championed by Kentucky's first lady that would warn domestic violence victims when their abusers attempt to purchase guns won approval from a Senate committee Wednesday.

Advocates said such notification would again put Kentucky at the forefront of using technology to protect abuse victims.

First lady Judi Patton promoted the bill in comments to the Judiciary Committee. She said the goal is to protect women and children and to maintain vigilance against their abusers.

The bill would create a more automated system to notify women under protection of domestic violence orders when their attackers try to buy firearms.

"That means immediate access to information at a very critical time," said Carol Jordan, executive director of the governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services.

Guns are the weapons of choice in most domestic deaths, she said.

Federal law prohibits gun purchases by people who are the targets of long-term domestic violence orders, Jordan said.

The state Justice Cabinet would set up the notification system, with the help of about \$50,000 in federal funds, Jordan said.

Law enforcement agencies in Kentucky are now responsible

for trying to notify victims who obtained domestic violence orders when their abusers try to obtain guns. Jordan said the automated system would be more effective.

Jordan said the bill continues Kentucky's tradition as an innovator in protecting abuse victims. Kentucky was the first to set up a statewide system to notify domestic violence victims when their abusers are released from jail, she said.

The bill also would require domestic-violence offender treatment programs to provide data about their effectiveness.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Marshall Long, D-Shelbyville.

Another bill that won committee approval would expand Kentucky's incest statute to include aunts and uncles among "family members" who can be prosecuted. The sponsor is Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester.

The bill stems from a recent Jefferson County case in which an uncle was accused of having sexual relations with his niece. Prosecutors could not get a conviction because the incest law did not apply.

The state's incest statute only forbids sexual conduct between parents or grandparents and children or grandchildren; and brothers or sisters.

Both bills are part of the governor's package of legislation related to crimes against women and children.

(The notification bill is Senate Bill 89; the incest bill is SB119)

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.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center

Basic Computer course to be taught. Learn to use mouse, settings and other basic functions. Begins March 4. Call 285-0539.

New Year "Refreshment" Course

Resolve to have a better new year - gain better control of your diabetes. Meet with the HRMC Diabetes Support Group to review the exchange method, carbohydrate counting and role of sugar substitutes in the diet. The group will meet at Highlands Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 5-6 p.m., in the Floyd

Room. Classes are free and conducted by a registered Dietitian. For further information, call the HRMC food and nutrition department at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353.

Free training offered by Mt. Comp Care

Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Service's Program will be offering free training sessions to become a volunteer advocate for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The training will be held on March 23 and 30 and April 6, 13 and 20 in Prestonsburg. If you would like to become a volunteer victim's advocate, call Linda Hutchinson, Volunteer Coordinator/ Advocate, at 886-4323.

Free gospel concert

The Perry Sisters, "the first ladies of gospel music," will perform in concert at the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Special guests, the Living Waters Trio and the Singing Johnsons New Generation will also perform. For more information, call (606) 437-0116.

Historic Cemeteries

"Exploring Floyd County Cemeteries and Historic Sites" class meets each Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Samuel May House parking lot. From here, the class travels to a chosen site to explore local history. Class is conducted by Dr. Robert Perry. For more information, call (888) 641-4132, or 886-3863, ext. 258.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Computer and Literacy training course for those persons who have never used a computer and have

little or no reading ability. Course will be offered free of charge and only if a minimum of three participants enroll. For more information, call 886-0709.

*Free G.E.D. classes every Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

*Free private tutoring - call 886-0709 for an appointment.

*Basic and Intermediate computer classes beginning in February. Call the center to enroll.

Public meeting addresses EKSC science fair issues

The East Kentucky Science Center will conduct a public meeting Monday, Jan. 28, for parents and teachers regarding the Science Center's upcoming regional science fair to be held March 23. Teachers will learn how to hold science fairs in their schools, and parents will learn how to assist their children with the science fair projects. Material aids will be distributed. Door prizes will be awarded. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28, in the Pike Auditorium at Prestonsburg Community College. Visit the Science Center's web site www.wedoscience.org for more details or call 606-889-0303.

Attention

"Earn while you learn"

The Big Sandy area C.A.P. is taking applications for the senior training program. You must be 55 or older to apply.

We are located in six counties, Floyd: 886-2929; Magoffin, 349-2217; Pike, 432-2775; Lawrence, 638-4067; Martin, 298-3217; Johnson, 789-6515.

BLHS class of 1982 reunion

Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982?

Class reunion plans are being made now!

Please, contact us as soon as possible.

Class reunion committee, call 587-2404 or 478-1980 or 478-1861.

Jenny Wiley AARP offers free tax service

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance for elderly (60 and over) and low income persons at the Floyd County Library, each Tuesday, beginning Feb. 5, through April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring you last year's income tax return and current tax information.

2002 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign

Community Girl Scouts are currently taking orders for the 2002 Cookie Sale event. Past favorites, as well as the new "Friendship Circle" cookie are all available at a minimal cost of \$3 per box. Locally, you may contact Phyllis Allison at 886-8271 to place an order, or call toll-free 1-800-475-2621. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scouts.

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 Derosssett 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.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

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

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 out-

side 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 Pike-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 first 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.

■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

■ Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, Ky. 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

Record

been corrected. Score: 95.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Donald Hines and Carmen Haines, to Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

Alice O. Martin to Marty Tackett and Christina Tackett, property location not listed.

Dottie Hall and Carl Hall, Arda Kidd and Truman Kidd, Ted Hall and Tena Hall, Terry Hall and Gayle Hall, Tommy Hall and Dedre Hall to Ted Hall and Tena Hall, property located on Little Mud Creek.

Dottie Hall and Carl Hall, Arda Kidd and Truman Kidd, Ted Hall and Tena Hall, Terry Hall and Gayle Hall, Tommy Hall and Dedre Hall to Dottie Hall and Carl Hall, property located in Melvin Woods Addition, Betsy Layne.

Adam Gearheart, WXLN (FM) and Gearheart Broadcasting to East Kentucky Radio Network Inc., property location not listed.

Clyde Greer, Kenny Greer and Janet Renea Greer to James L. Walker and Tamera E. Walker, property located at Printer, Spurlock Creek.

Phillip Whitt and Gwendolyn C. Whitt, Barbara J. Owsley and

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Eugene Owsley Jr., Phillip Whitt and Barbara J. Owsley, Danny Neil Whitt Trust to Antoinette Devore, property location not listed.

Colan L. Salisbury and Edna L. Salisbury, Jody L. Salisbury, Nathan L. Salisbury and Maria Nicole Salisbury to Janet R. Greer and Kenny Greer, property located on Morgan Salisbury Branch of Left Beaver Creek.

Steven L. Case and Sharon Case, Edgar Cruely and Joyce D. Cruely to George Kidd, property located on Big Mud Creek.

Carolyn Butler Crisp to Jackie Day Crisp and Rita B. Crisp, property location not listed.

Shirley Newsome to Lily Stumbo, property location not listed.

Deed of Master Commissioner's sale: Marvin Howard and Karen Howard, Medical Services Foundation and Floyd County, Ky., to Branch Banking and Trust Company, property location not listed.

Deed of Master Commissioner's sale: Dorothy Jean Johnson and Floyd County, Ky., to Branch Banking and Trust Company, property located on Big Mud Creek.

Donna Thornsby to Roy Thornsby, property location not listed.

Nepotism

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and they need money for college," Buford said.

Buford said his bill would not weaken the reform law, known as KERA. "If it does, we've got a problem with KERA," he said.

Last year, the Education Committee was unique in the General Assembly because it was evenly divided — seven Republicans and seven Democrats. Shaughnessy was a

co-chairman with Republican Lindy Casebier of Louisville.

This year, leaders of the Republican majority trimmed the committee of one Democrat. Casebier was installed as sole chairman.

Casebier said he was disappointed that the vote followed a strict party line. "I don't see anything sinister in this legislation," he said.

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Adults must act as adults

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Some stories are so troubling that they linger with you longer than others, which is why I can't get the hockey-dad tragedy out of my mind. This wasn't one of those remote stories where you think, "That couldn't happen here." It could just as easily have happened in Somerset or Corbin or any Main Street, U.S.A., community where there are parents who take their kids' sports far too seriously.

When I was growing up in the 1940s and '50s, organized youth sports were in their infancy. We played mostly on playgrounds or undeveloped pieces of real estate, known as "sandlots." Our uniforms were T-shirts and jeans. We served as our own umpires and referees. There wasn't an adult in sight.

But then came Little League, which spawned copycats in every sport. Players were issued uniforms, practices and games

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Bentley's Comments

In the All 'A'

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I doubt many of you have noticed, but the 15th Region All 'A' Classic is currently under way.

The reason I say you may not be aware of it is that I was there on Wednesday, and a good number of you - most, in fact - were not. I had the privilege of working South Floyd's 107-73 win over Elkhorn City on radio with my friend Eugene Newsome, and where we were sitting, the press crew easily out-numbered the paying customers.

This is sad, and a recent development in All 'A' circles. I would suppose that between 1,500 and 1,700 people could sit in the bleachers behind our upper-level press table, but on Wednesday, it comfortably held three.

There is always hope. Perhaps, as the week progresses, business will pick up at the John E. Campbell Arena, located in honest-to-goodness Eastern, Ky.

But somehow I doubt it will reach the level of year's past.

I know this much, the change of venue - while not

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Wrestling

Postseason wrestling, swimming sites announced

Just a little over two weeks away, following are the Regional Wrestling Tournament sites for 2002. Regional Tournaments are scheduled for Feb. 8-9. Contact the host school for a schedule of events.

Region 1 - Paducah Tilghman; Region 2 - Fort Knox; Region 3 - DeSales; Region 4 - Atherton; Region 5 - Oldham County; Region 6 - Ryle; Region 7 - Bates Creek; Region 8 - Pike County Central.

The top four wrestlers in each of the 14 weight classes from each of the eight regions will advance to the

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Raiders run past Cougs 107-73



■ Tyler Hall

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders looked near postseason tournament form Friday night, more so in the second half, as broke the century mark in scoring and posted a 107-73 victory over the Elkhorn City Cougars.

South Floyd, the host team on the scoreboard, got out to a quick 14-2 lead and led 17-6 at the end of the first quarter, but it was a second half outburst led by stifling defensive pressure which put the Raiders well over top of the Cougars. The closet Elkhorn City would get to the Raiders was at 4-2 early

in the opening period.

"In the second half our defense took the game over," said South Floyd head coach Henry Webb. "Elkhorn City played hard, but our kids just turned it up on offense and defense after coming out a flat

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne's Nathan Newsome threw a pass over a pair of Allen Central defenders.



Betsy Layne stuns Allen Central in 15th Region All 'A' Classic

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

After talking with Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose one could see just how big of a win his team had just picked up over Allen Central in the Boys' 15th Region All 'A' Classic Tournament on Tuesday night.

"I thought going in to the game that our kids needed to win a close game against a good team to give them confidence they could play with the best, and they just came out and played great defense and rebounded the basketball really well tonight," stated Rose.

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the first round of the 15th Region All 'A'. The young Bobcats took their lumps early in the year, but have since rallied to

pull off some big wins. Allen Central was one of the favorites going into the tournament as well as South Floyd and Paintsville, but after knocking off the Rebels, the Bobcats have stamped themselves as contenders to go on and play in Richmond next week in the All 'A' State Tournament.

Allen Central opened the game with a 4-0 spurt to start the contest, but that would be the Rebels biggest lead of the night as the Bobcats would look to Brian Roberts early and the Betsy Layne forward would step up big to score 9 first quarter points. The Bobcats seemed to

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page three)

Betsy Layne just misses 100, rolls over Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off one of the biggest wins in his coaching career, Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose went into

Wednesday night's game with a renewed sense of confidence in his team, a squad which has played some up and down basketball this season. A win over host Allen Central on its homecourt in the opening round gave Betsy Layne a significant confidence boost.

The Bobcats had no trouble ending the Knights' stay in the 15th Region All 'A' Classic, scoring a 98-34.

Piarist took the court Wednesday night with just five players. All five Piarist team members played the entire 32-minute game.

The Bobcat built a 17-2 lead just past the midway point of the first quarter and led 28-9 by the opening quarter's close. Rose and his coaching staff put five new players into the game in the first quarter and the act of making several substitutions and playing all Betsy Layne players would dominate the game.

Betsy Layne was on pace to

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■ Scarberry



■ Akers



■ Howell

Local youth cheer squad brings home national title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Cheer Excite All-Stars brought home a national championship Sunday night by finishing first at the American Spirit Championship National Finals last weekend in St. Louis, Mo. CEA qualified for nation-

als with a first-place finish at a regional competition held in Louisville, November 3 of last year.

The CEA group competed in the All-Star Youth Division where they faced seven other squads that also

(See CHEER, page three)



P'burg will host Boyle County in fourth game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

When the Prestonsburg Blackcats met the Boyle County Rebels in the State Semifinals in 2000, the Rebs were riding a win streak. Well, after last year's third consecutive state title, the Rebels, now a 3A team, are still riding a win streak, now at 45 games. However, the Blackcats are also playing some very good football.

As a matter of fact, the best football of any team in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Last year's state runner-up showing could have been the shot in the arm the Prestonsburg program was on the verge of since current head coach John DeRossett took over. Come September 14 of this year, Prestonsburg will play host to

(See P'BURG, page three)



photo courtesy of Prestonsburg High School

John Ortega recently garnered All-American honors from d3football.com. Ortega, a sophomore, may also play baseball for Centre College.

P'burg High looking for district tourney sponsors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

This year's 58th District Tournament will be held at Prestonsburg High School. The district tourney, always a highly anticipated event for all of Floyd County, is slated to begin Monday, Feb. 25 and conclude Friday, March 1.

The athletic department at Prestonsburg High School is soliciting sponsorship of the tournament for items such as trophies, programs, hospitality room food and drinks, promotional ads, and expense costs of holding such a large event such as the 58th District Tournament.

The deadline to join in as a sponsor is Friday, Feb. 15. Interested parties are asked to call PHS athletic director Harold Tackett at 886-2252 or 886-8578 during school hours.

Last year's 58th District Tournament was held at Betsy Layne High School. Floyd County attorney Eric C. Conn sponsored the 2001 tourney which saw the South Floyd Raiders and Lady Raiders capture championships.

SPORTSBOARD

Briefs

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Martina Hingis will get another chance against Jennifer Capriati in a rematch of last year's Australian Open final.

Capriati, the defending champion, outlasted fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 in the semifinals at Melbourne Park. Three-time winner Hingis advanced to her sixth consecutive Australian final when she rallied for a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Monica Seles.

BOXING

NEW YORK — Saying he's not "Mr. Politically Correct," Mike Tyson made an apology of sorts for his part in a news conference melee that could deny him a license to challenge Lennox Lewis.

He did not comment on whether he bit Lewis' left leg in the brawl at the Hudson Theater on Tuesday. A source close to Lewis' camp, who asked not to be identified, said Tyson did bite the WBC-IBF champion.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission is scheduled to consider Tyson's application for a license on Jan. 29.

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BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas — Jeff Zimmerman got a \$10 million, three-year contract from the Texas Rangers, the only team that responded to his faxed resume four years ago.

The Rangers avoided salary arbitration with Zimmerman, who had 28 saves last season after taking over the closer role from injured Tim Lincecum.

HOUSTON — Several Houston corporations have contacted Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. about putting their name on what now is Enron Field.

McLane, however, said he's telling those companies that beleaguered Enron is current on its payments for the 30-year, \$100 million naming rights agreement with the Astros.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Twins and major league baseball asked the Minnesota Supreme Court to hold a hearing by Feb. 11 — just three days before spring training starts — on the injunction that forces the team to play this season.

A day after the Court of Appeals voted 3-0 to uphold the injunction that compels the Twins to honor their lease at the Metrodome, the team and baseball filed papers asking the Supreme Court to review the case and to set an expedited schedule for an appeal to the high court.

NEW YORK — Philadelphia defensive end Hugh Douglas was fined \$35,000 by the NFL for the hit that knocked Chicago quarterback Jim Miller out of last weekend's playoff game.

Gene Washington, the NFL's director of football operations, said Douglas violated a rule that prohibits a defender from contacting a quarterback until he becomes an active pursuer on a turnover.

Douglas plans to appeal the penalty.

WASHINGTON — The Washington Redskins, having given up trying to find a general manager, officially split the job in two with the hiring of Joe Mendes as vice president of football operations.

The Redskins will now hire a director of player personnel, with Vinny Cerrato the favorite to return in that role.

ATLANTA — The NFL finance committee voted unanimously to recommend the \$545 million sale of the Atlanta Falcons to Arthur Blank.

The committee's decision moved Blank one step closer to becoming the second owner in the Falcons' 36-year history.

Blank, co-founder and former chairman of The Home Depot, is not expected to have difficulty getting at least 24 votes in his favor.

DENVER — Outstanding blocking fullback Howard Griffith has told the Denver Broncos he's retiring because of a neck injury that forced him to miss the 2001 season.

Griffith, spent 11 years in the NFL and played on Denver's Super Bowl championship teams in 1997 and 1998.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is under contract with the league through the 2007-08 season, calling the extension the Board of Governors approved last June "old news."

Bettman, 49, did not disclose the terms, but reports have speculated he will make between \$3 million and \$3.5 million per year. He has been the commissioner since Feb. 1, 1993.

NEW YORK — New York Rangers forward Theo Fleury was fined \$1,000 by the NHL, one day after making an obscene gesture to fans at the conclusion of a 5-4 road victory over the New York Islanders.

SOCCER

SHANGHAI, China — Unni Lehn scored in the fifth minute as Norway defeated the United States 1-0 in the first round of a four-nation women's soccer tournament.

SKIING

ANTERSELVA, Italy — Liv Grete Poiree of Norway won her third straight 15-kilometer World Cup women's biathlon event.

TALLINN, Estonia — Cross-country ski star Kristina Smigun, Estonia's best Olympic medal hope, has tested positive in an initial doping test, the Baltic News Service reported.

Smigun, 24, finished the 1999-2000 World Cup season a close second to Norway's Bente Skari and is a national hero in this Baltic Sea coast nation of 1.4 million people.

Basketball

College scores

(Wednesday's)

Men's

EAST

American U. 65,Lehigh 59
 Army 57,Holy Cross 46
 Bucknell 80,Colgate 75
 Cent. Connecticut St. 50,Monmouth, N.J. 42
 Connecticut 75,St. John's 70
 Dayton 71,La Salle 59
 Drexel 84,Holtzra 74
 Fairfield 72,Loyola, Md. 48
 Fordham 87,St. Bonaventure 81
 Indiana 65,Penn St. 51
 Lafayette 92,Navy 79
 Marshall 81,West Virginia 79, OT
 Massachusetts 73,George Washington 60
 Quinnipiac 84,Fairleigh Dickinson 79
 Richmond 75,Temple 68
 Robert Morris 72,Sacred Heart 67
 Saint Joseph's 63,Duquesne 47
 St. Francis, N.Y. 92,Long Island U. 84
 Towson 59,Delaware 53
 UMBC 72,Mount St. Mary's, Md. 63
 Wagner 90,St. Francis, Pa. 49
 Xavier 67,Rhode Island 49

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 101,Gardner-Webb 93, OT
 Charlotte 77,Louisville 71
 Coastal Carolina 88,N.C.-Asheville 77
 Davidson 58,UNC-Greensboro 58
 DePaul 80,East Carolina 58
 ETSU 71,Wofford 58
 Fla. International 66,South Alabama 56
 Georgia 81,Arkansas 67
 Georgia St. 81,Campbell 64
 Maryland 85,Wake Forest 63
 Memphis 102,UAB 81
 Mississippi 70,LSU 55
 Morris Brown 68,Alcorn St. 64
 N.C. State 77,North Carolina 59
 N.C.-Wilmington 66,Old Dominion 56
 South Carolina 94,Tennessee 60
 South Florida 68,Tulane 54
 Troy St. 71,Mercer 65
 Va. Commonwealth 75,George Mason 59
 William & Mary 77,James Madison 59

MIDWEST

Akron 87,Bowling Green 86, OT
 Ball St. 74,W. Michigan 61
 Butler 78,Loyola of Chicago 48
 Illinois 80,Wisconsin 48
 Illinois St. 58,Bradley 55
 Indiana St. 71,N. Iowa 65
 Kansas 88,Iowa St. 81
 Marquette 83,TCU 72
 Purdue 63,Northwestern 61
 Wright St. 83,Texas-Pan American 64

SOUTHWEST

Houston 74,Southern Miss. 66
 Oklahoma St. 70,Nebraska 83
 Texas A&M 80,Texas 74

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 88,Arizona 72

Women's

EAST

Army 68,Holy Cross 67
 Boston College 60,Villanova 40
 Colgate 84,Bucknell 81
 Fairfield 71,Iona 65
 Georgetown 73,Pittsburgh 66
 Lehigh 88,American U. 60
 Miami 68,St. John's 51
 Navy 50,Lafayette 55

SOUTH

New Hampshire 79,Hartford 67
 Rutgers 47,Seton Hall 43
 St. Bonaventure 85,Dayton 74
 Syracuse 75,Virginia Tech 59
 West Virginia 65,Marshall 37

SOUTHWEST

Alabama St. 86,Morris Brown 53
 Virginia 86,Florida St. 62

MIDWEST

Buffalo 50,N. Illinois 39
 E. Michigan 71,Miami (Ohio) 67
 Kansas St. 72,Kansas 59
 Kent St. 82,Bowling Green 62
 SE Missouri 86,Ind.-Pur.-Fl. Wayne 62
 Toledo 63,Cent. Michigan 47
 W. Michigan 89,Ohio 63
 Wis.-Milwaukee 70,Butler 39

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 95,Texas A&M 61
 T. A&M-Corpus Christi 56,Texas-Arlington 43
 Texas Tech 62,Oklahoma St. 51

FAR WEST

Colorado 86,Iowa St. 73

High school scores

Boys

Bardonia 62,Caverna 57
 Betsy Layne 98,Piarist School 34
 Bishop Brossart 72,Deming 52
 Buckhorn 58,Jackson City 50
 Campbellville 52,Fort Knox 45
 Dayton 68,Villa Madonna 54
 Eminence 65,Owen County 64
 Jenkins 90,Letcher 77
 June Buchanan 70,Hazard 55
 Lloyd Memorial 51,Newport 44
 Mayfield 61,Heath 58
 South Floyd 107,Elkhorn City 73
 St. Patrick 66,Nicholas County 39
 Walton-Verona 64,Carroll County 61
 Whitesburg 82,Fleming-Neon 76

Girls

Bourbon County 71,Nicholas County 48
 Burgin 69,Eminence 50
 Clinton County 93,Cumberland County 34
 Dawson Springs 63,Providence 21

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Saturday, Jan. 19
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Sunday, Jan. 27
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Sunday, Feb. 3
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Hunting

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U.S. coach says Street struggling with whether to retire after Olympics

by JEFF ISRAELY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Picabo Street is flip-flopping each day on whether to retire from ski racing after the Salt Lake City Olympics.

"To be very honest, we are just going to wait until after the Olympics to decide," Jim Tracy, head coach of the U.S. women's downhill and Super-G team, said Thursday. "Picabo has not made a real concrete decision."

Tracy, who helped Street come back from a 1996 knee injury to win a Super-G gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, wants his 30-year-old star to focus on upcoming races.

"This all takes away from the work she has to do," Tracy said.

Street was quoted in USA Today on Thursday as saying that the Olympics would "definitely" be her last race. Street and several American teammates will skip next week's World Cup races at Are, Sweden, to prepare for the Salt Lake City Games, which start Feb. 8. If she does retire after the Olympics, this weekend's races at Cortina D'Ampezzo would be her World Cup finale.

Street has nine World Cup downhill victories in her career, including two at Cortina. This year's downhill is slated for Saturday.

There was no answer Thursday to several telephone calls made to her hotel room in Cortina.

"One day, she is convinced that she wants to make (the Olympics) her last one. And then two days later, she changes her mind," Tracy said. "We're going to try to not make this a real big emotional thing."

Street recovered from her first knee injury in 1989 to win a silver medal in the downhill at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics.

She dominated the World Cup downhill in 1995 and 1996 before crashing at Vail, Colo., on Dec. 6, 1996.

After two impressive downhill finishes in November at Lake Louise,

P'burg

Boyle County in the second annual Reno's Bowl at Josh Francis Field. It was earlier reported, premature, in various other publications, that the game would be played at Rebel Stadium in Boyle County. Kickoff, already slated, is set for 6:30 p.m. This will be Boyle County's first visit to Josh

Francis Field and the second-ever meeting between the two programs.

Boyle County's opportunity to come to Prestonsburg came as a result of Harrodsburg backing off of the second game of a two-year contract. Harrodsburg will now play Bellevue in place of Boyle County.

Allen Central

Continued from p1

come into the contest with a game plan to stop Shawn Newsome and they did an excellent job defending Newsome as the Rebels standout could manage only three first quarter points.

Bobcat Brent Newsome drew the defensive assignment on Shawn Newsome and held the state's leading scorer to only 10 first half points.

The Bobcats would control the tempo and hold the lead at 26-20 after one quarter of play. Both teams went cold from the field in the second quarter as Allen Central would outscore the Bobcats 11-10 in the quarter to cut the Betsy Layne lead to 36-31 at the half.

In the second half the two Bobcat big men would take over the game as Brent Newsome and Jeremy Daniels would help Betsy Layne remain in control as the duo would combine for 22 second half points.

Allen Central would slowly chip away at the lead behind Newsome's 24 second half points but the Betsy Layne backcourt of Bobo Hamilton and Jordan Kidd would handle

the Rebel pressure and the Bobcats would still have the advantage at 53-47 after three quarters of play. As Betsy Layne increased their lead to 10 midway through the final period, the Rebels would be forced to send the Bobcats to the line and Betsy Layne would make enough free throws late to hold off the Rebels by the nine-point final.

The Bobcats advanced on to meet Piarist in the next round.

Scoring

Betsy Layne - Brent Newsome 19 points, 3-of-5 from the line; Jeremy Daniels 18 points, 2-of-3 from the line; Brian Roberts 14 points, 3-of-6 from the line; Jordan Kidd 12 points, 4-of-11 from the line; Bobo Hamilton 9 points, 2-of-4 from the line; Brandon Hall 2 points; Chris Cochran 2 points, 0-of-2 from the line.

Allen Central - Shawn Newsome 34 points, 3-of-8 from the line; Phillip Paige 12 points; Neil Allen 8 points; Daniel Sazabo 8 points; Mike Slone 3 points, 1-of-2 from the line; Rossi Samons 2 points, 2-of-2 from the line.

It's a win-win situation for both Prestonsburg and Boyle County. The Blackcats will now host a state champion. Boyle will play a state runner-up which will be ready to push it to its limit and then some.

Riding on next season's game is Boyle's record win streak. Six more wins will give the Rebels the state's all-time win streak. Boyle County head coach Chuck Smith is minus Mr. Football Jeff Duggins for next season but still returns a wealth

of talent. The Blackcats will also return a solid senior class led by seniors Joey Willis, Mikeal Fannin, Matt Setser, Evan McNutt, Charlie Johnson and Andrew Burchett.

Boyle County's previously scheduled game with Harrodsburg would have put the Rebels on the road as well. Prestonsburg was searching for the fourth game of the season to complete its 10-game slate and really had no serious takers up until Boyle County.

Prestonsburg's first four games of the '02 season now include four teams which won 10 or more games last season - one state champ-Boyle County, one state semifinalist- Paintsville, and one regular season undefeated team, Lawrence County. The Blackcats

open the season with Lawrence County in the Recreation Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 5:30 in Mt. Sterling. The oldest bowl in the state, the Recreation Bowl, the '02 edition, will pit Fleming County against Breathitt County in the nightcap.

Cheer

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earned bids to the national event. All-Star squads are competition/performance squads that are not affiliated with any school.

The Cheer Excite All-Stars were formed by Charlene Welch, owner of Gymnastics & More in Prestonsburg. The CEA team is comprised of children between the ages of 5-11. Welch, a cheer and performance veteran herself, was very pleased with her squad's performance.

"I'm just so proud of all of these wonderful kids," said Welch. "They have put in alot of time and hard work to get to this level and it's great to see it pay off."

All Cheer Excite All-Stars are enrolled at Gymnastics & More where they take classes once a week. Classes includes gymnastics, tumbling, and cheerleading fundamentals, as well as the additional squad practices necessary to compete

at a national level.

"We are very blessed with a group of parents and coaches - who without their commitment to these children - this would not have been possible."

Welch went on to say that CEA would be starting additional squads on the pee-wee, junior, and senior levels. For more information, call Gymnastics & More, 886-0033.

Coaches, besides Welch, include Tiffany Warrix, Rachael Vaughn and Nathan Brown. Members of the national championship CEA squad include Eric Hall, Travis Welch, Kyle Welch, Amanda Collins, Samantha Savis, Ashley Castle, Kelsey Hughes, Kelsey Jones, Emily Handshoe, Elizabeth Campbell, Paige Caudill, Rachael White, Jessica Lafferty, Jamie Lafferty, Annie Hall, Hallee Hicks, Hilary Cline, Krista Brown, Layken Keathley,



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were rigidly scheduled, and adults served as managers, coaches, and officials. It all was modeled after the professional and college sports that came into virtually every America home via TV.

Not to denigrate the worthwhile, admirable volunteer work done by parents and other adults, but the more the kiddy sports became organized, the more fierce the competition became. Parents saw their little Johnny or Joanne as extensions of themselves. Fun was diminished. Failure was considered to be some kind of reflection on the parents. Good sportsmanship suffered at the hands of the parents' desire to win and be in control.

You know what I'm talking about if you've ever been to a youth game where parents cursed the coaches or umpires, got into heated arguments with each other, or acted disgusted if

their child struck out or fumbled or missed a wide-open shot. When my younger daughter was in high school, she dated a football player whose father roamed the sidelines, ranting at the officials and generally making a spectacle of himself.

The young man lost his zest for football and eventually quit, even though he was good enough to receive some college scholarship offers.

These days more and more strangers are in attendance at middle-school and high-school games. These are the recruiting "gurus," street agents, and other parasites who try to ingratiate themselves with talented youngsters at an early age so they can profit off them when it's time to go to college or turn pro.

Many parents read the stories about how Earl Woods developed his son Tiger into the world's greatest golfer, or about how Arnold Spitz drove

his son Mark into becoming a multi-gold-medal Olympic. But it takes more than hard work or total dedication. It takes the sort of talent that only a few youth athletes have. The rest, it can only be hoped will take the positive lessons that sports teach and incorporate them into their value system.

Which brings me back to the hockey dads.

The tragedy happened at a rink in Massachusetts. A couple of dads got into a heated argument about the goals of a practice. One said it was supposed to be non-contact, the other disagreed. After a scuffle in the arena, one of the dads tried to round up his kids and take them home.

But when he went back inside the arena to find his son, he got into it again with his antagonist, whom he outweighed by 100 pounds. The bigger man wrestled the smaller one to the floor, then punched him and banged his head on the hard surface. The smaller man went into a coma and died the next day.

The kids saw it all.

The bigger man was tried and convicted of involuntary manslaughter. So now there are two sets of kids without dads - one in prison, the other dead.

And it all was the result of a stupid squabble over a youth hockey practice.

To be sure, this is an extreme example of sports parents losing control.

Yet at every venue in the country where kids play sports, the potential for trouble always is lurking in the background.

Every community needs to identify adults whose values are warped and whose behavior is unacceptable. Report them to authorities who perhaps can help them get anger-management training. It's dangerous to kids, both mentally and physically, when they have to deal with adults who want to emulate Bobby Knight, Vince Lombardi, or other coaching icons.

Sports should be fun for all concerned. Winning isn't as important as learning to play by the rules, to practice good sportsmanship, to respect your opposition, to understand your strengths and weaknesses, to deal with both success and failure, to learn discipline, and to be an unselfish team player.

Adults should be role models - part of the solution instead of part of the problem. If they're not, then sports can literally become a matter of life and death. It happened in Massachusetts. It can happen in your town, too.

Piarist

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break 100 points and headed into the half with a 50-19 lead en route to the 60-point win.

Betsy Layne's top five scorers came in off the bench to achieve their high totals. Wes Senter led the Bobcats with 12 points. Chris Cochran came off the bench to score 11 points and Marcus Allen added 10. Wes Howell and Brenton Akers aided the Bobcat bench effort with eight and four points, respectively.

Robert Hall was the game's leading scorer. Hall netted 15 points for Piarist. David Hicks finished with nine points and Shawn Rose added four for the winless Knights. Brian Yates and Justin Ross rounded out the Piarist scoring with three points apiece.

Up next for the Bobcats is a battle with defending 15th Region champ South Floyd. Tonight's South Floyd-Betsy Layne game is scheduled to tip off at 6:30 p.m.

Athletes of the Week



THE RAIDERS

Rusty Tackett, South Floyd, Senior, 33 points vs. Elkhorn City



LADY BOBCATS

15th Region All 'A' Champions



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in the first half."

Elkhorn City was able to creep back in the second quarter. The Cougars cut the South Floyd advantage to five(22-17) with just under five minutes remaining in the first half when Brandon Ratliff made good on a jumper in the paint. Junior Tyler Hall then answered the Elkhorn City score with a putback of a miss on the other end.

South Floyd held a 44-32 advantage with under a minute left to play in the second quarter when Elkhorn City's T.R. Adkins knocked down a trey to pull the Cougars to within 10 at 44-34. Guard Michael Hall extended the South Floyd lead to 13 just before the second quarter buzzer when he drilled a three-point shot to take his team into the half with a 47-34 lead.

The bench play of South Floyd in Wednesday night's game gave the Raiders what every team needs; depth. The Raiders went deep into the bench early against Elkhorn City.

"Our bench is doing real well for us, and that's something I'm real pleased with," said Webb. "With the pressure we're applying, our bench allows us to give more kids rest."

South Floyd's intensity level for the Elkhorn City game was high. The Raiders captured the 15th Region All 'A' Classic title in 2000 with a couple of the same players who now perform. It's a good bet the Raiders have a return trip to Richmond in mind again this year.

"Our kids know what it takes," said Webb, "and right now, we're attacking the basket as well as shooting the ball real well."

Shooting the ball is something the Raiders definitely like to do.

Leading the state in scoring in past seasons documents that fact, and after all, it takes points to win.

The Raiders outscored led the Cougars 84-54 when the third quarter came to an end, and showed little signs of slowing down as new faces entered into the game, coming off the bench.

Outmanned, outplayed Elkhorn City, former 15th Region All 'A' champs under current Pikeville College head coach Randy McCoy, playing in their final All 'A' before consolidation, ran a step behind the Raiders virtually all of the night.

Rusty Tackett led South Floyd in scoring with 33 points. Tyler Hall had 21 points on the night, including four threes, and seven rebounds. Michael Hall added 19 points and a game-high nine rebounds as the Raiders moved to the second round of the tournament.

Heath Hall came of the bench and scored 11 points for South Floyd. Justin Hall had five points while Jack Slone and Brian Meade each had three points in the triumph. Charles Ray had two points and Justin Hall added one to round out the South Floyd scoring.

Joe Skeans added four assists and two steals for the Raiders.

T.R. Adkins paced Elkhorn City with 20 points. William Adkins and Brandon Ratliff finished with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

The Raiders will return to action tonight as they take on 58th District foe Betsy Layne. The Bobcats head in against South Floyd, having already played two games in the tourney with wins over two other Floyd County teams, Allen Central and Piarist.



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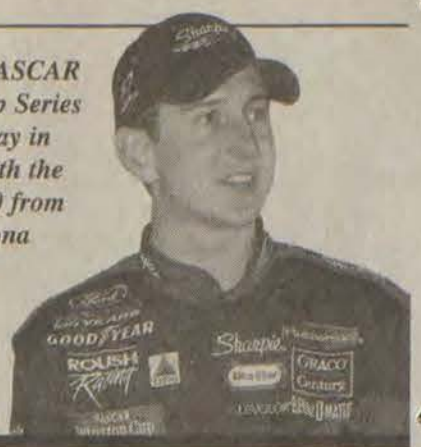
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EACH FRIDAY, THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES WILL DEVOTE A PAGE TO AUTO RACING. THE TIMES WILL FEATURE NEWS AND NOTES FROM AREA DIRT TRACKS AS WELL AS THE LATEST FROM NASCAR ALONG WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER RACE SERIES. THE TIMES WILL ALSO FEATURE PROFILES ON LOCAL RACERS.

RACING

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup Series gets underway in February with the Daytona 500 from sunny Daytona Beach, Fla.



Legendary No. 3 makes return

Dale Earnhardt's No. 3 Chevrolet will never race with Dale Sr. behind the wheel again, but Dale Jr. raced a No. 3 car Monday at Talladega Motor Speedway.



It is not often that a NASCAR test session is emotional. But Monday at Talladega Superspeedway, it was hard for anyone in the garage area not to turn and look as the No. 3 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet made its way toward the track around 9 a.m. with an RCR emblem painted on the hood.

The Chevrolet was dressed in primer grey, but the legendary white numeral 3 trimmed in red was unmistakable. Not since last February was the familiar No. 3 sited on a track, when Dale

Earnhardt was fatally injured in the Winston Cup Series opener.

Now Earnhardt's son, Dale Jr., will pilot the famous No. 3 Chevy in two NASCAR Busch Series

events in 2002 for RCR, including the season opener in Daytona. "I'm excited to take a car out for Dale Jr. to hopefully get some-

thing prepared for him for the Busch race at Daytona," said Bobby Hutchens, the General Manager of Racing at RCR. "It was a little weird feeling when we

ably is going to be overcoming that in our minds, I think. I think with Dale Jr. doing it, though, that will make it a whole lot easier." The No. 3 RCR Busch Series crew fielded two cars Monday as the two-day test began at Talladega Superspeedway. Six other Busch Series teams participated in the test as well. The Busch Series teams will return to Talladega on April 18 for John Deere Qualifying Day to set the field for the Talladega 300.

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Holley Sportsman Championship Series

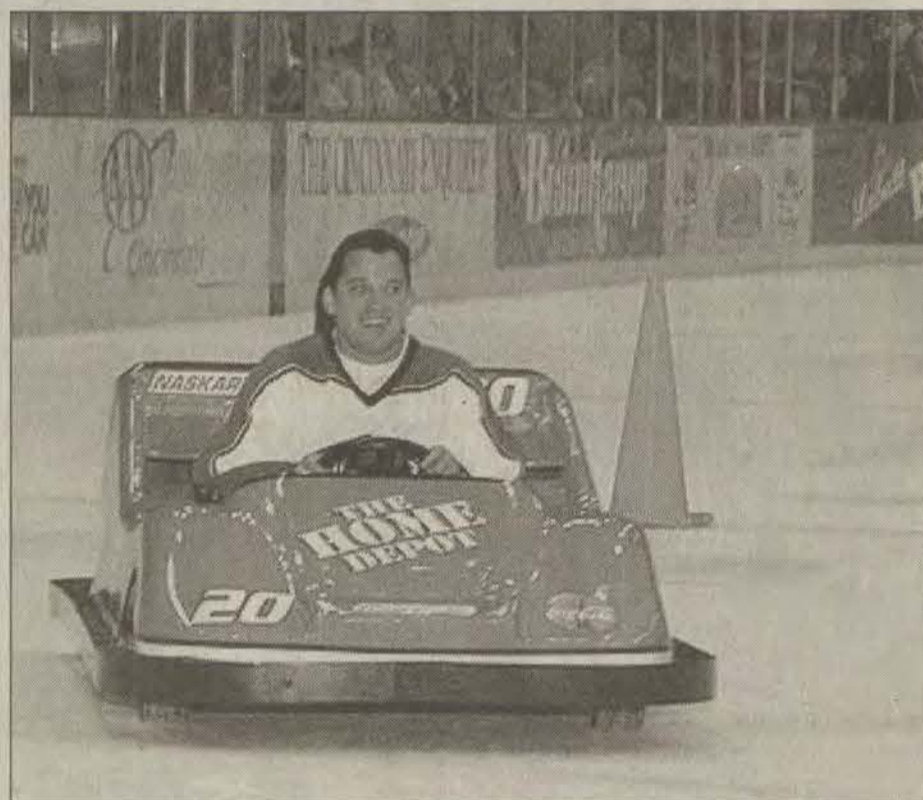
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

This division is geographically the smallest but there's a lot of racing that goes on. Piedmont, Farmington, Kinston, Rockingham, Mooresville, Virginia and Fayetteville anchor the HSC Series for the Division 1 Raiders

The Holley Sportsman Championship Series sponsored by Holley begins life with new regions and new member tracks. The cornerstone of IHRA will always be the Carolina Club (North and South Carolina).

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Stewart having fun...



Tony Stewart took some time out of a busy schedule to take to the ice during a weekend Cincinnati Mighty Ducks hockey game.

Tony Stewart takes to the ice with Kentucky Speedway

CINCINNATI, Ohio - NASCAR Winston Cup Series driver Tony Stewart wet local fans appetite for the start of the 2002 race season by appearing at the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks hockey game on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Stewart dropped the ceremonial first puck, signed autographs for the many

NASCAR fans in attendance and took on 700 WLW AM NASCAR guru Bill Dennison in a go-kart race on the ice.

Fans also had a chance to win tickets to the NASCAR Busch Series "Kentucky 300" at Kentucky Speedway on June 15.

Coca-Cola and Kentucky Speedway presented the evening with Stewart.

Fort Worth gets only one race date

by STEPHEN HAWKINS ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas - NASCAR president Mike Helton knew the question, and had the same answer. There are no plans for a second Winston Cup race

at Texas Motor Speedway.

"This is not a new issue. This is not a new question," Helton said Tuesday during a visit to the track. "It has been played out quite a bit and it's not

(See RACE, page six)



Grayson's Jackie Boggs

Busy 2002 schedule for Renegade DirtCar Racing Series

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The 2002 racing season will be a busy one for the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series with 32 events to be contested at 18 tracks in 10 different states with total available purse money exceeding \$1,300,000 including over \$300,000 in winners purse alone. With races scheduled from Florida to Wisconsin, five new venues dot this year's schedule. Hosting the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series for the very first time will be Virginia Motor Speedway in Saluda, Va., McKean County Raceway in East Smethport, Pa., Mountain Motor Speedway in Isom, LaSalle Speedway in LaSalle, Ill. and Farley Speedway in Farley, Iowa.

The series schedule will start February 4 at East Bay Raceway in Tampa (Gibson), Fla. with the opening night of the six-night '26th Annual Winterinternals,' a 50-lap feature affair paying \$5,000 to win. February 5 will be highlighted by a \$7,000 to win 75-lap main event before the series wraps up its annual East Bay Raceway swing February 8 with a 100 lap feature race paying a whopping

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Talladega Qualifying Day ticket celebrates Davey Allison

For those who followed Alabama's favorite son, Davey Allison, perhaps one image stood out more than others - his patented grin. Whether you saw him in Victory Lane or at the corner café, it was that grin that worked its way across Davey's narrow face and became contagious to everyone nearby.

For those who followed Davey Allison, as hard as it is to believe, this April marks the 15th Anniversary of his first NASCAR Winston Cup Series win - a win that came at his hometown track, Talladega Superspeedway in the spring of 1987.

To celebrate that anniversary, Talladega Superspeedway has created an oversized Commemorative Ticket for Advance Auto Parts Qualifying Day on April 19, 2002, during the Talladega 500 weekend.

The oversized ticket measures 3.5 inches by 8.5 inches and is \$10, the same price as the standard roll ticket sold at the gate day of the event. The ticket bears images of Davey's famous No. 28 Texaco-Havoline Ford Thunderbird owned by Harry Ranier, and of Davey in Victory Lane

showing off that grin.

Perhaps the most memorable image from that afternoon was when the No. 28 crew was given a ride to Victory Lane by Davey. There were crewmen sitting on the car's hood and trunk and even a couple hanging out the passenger-side door. A picture of that ride down pit road dominates the images on the front of Talladega Superspeedway's Commemorative Qualifying Day Ticket.

Davey grew up less than an hour west of Talladega in nearby Hueytown and was a member of the legendary "Alabama Gang," along with his father, Bobby, and uncle Donnie. Longtime friends Red Farmer and Neil Bonnett were also part of the Gang.

Davey Allison started that afternoon's race from the second row, behind his father, Bobby, and Bill Elliott. Elliott sat on the pole with a qualifying record 212.809 mph, a record that still stands today.

It was only Davey's third Winston Cup start at his hometown track, but he had already grabbed

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

RECAP

No. 8 Kentucky 69, Auburn 62

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Marquis Estill plays an integral, unsung role as a reserve for No. 8 Kentucky.

Estill scored 21 points on 8-of-12 shooting Tuesday night, lifting the Wildcats to a 69-62 victory over Auburn. His performance allowed Kentucky to overcome a quiet night for some of the Wildcats' stars.

"Estill showed his presence on this Kentucky basketball team is extremely strong," said Auburn coach Cliff Ellis, who has lost 10 of 11 against Kentucky.

Estill has been a consistent presence for the Wildcats (13-4, 3-2 South-eastern Conference) despite the unexpected death of his father Jan. 5. In the past eight games, he has made 31 of 42 shots, and he played 30 minutes

against the Tigers.

Auburn (9-8, 1-5) has lost three straight league games.

Kentucky has won four straight, but struggled to put Auburn away until the final minutes, mostly because of 8-of-20 free-throw shooting in the final 5:12.



■ Estill

21 points on 8-of-12 shooting Tuesday night

"Neither team really got in the groove," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "We would get one thing fixed and then something else would go wrong for us."

"We faced the No. 1 defense in the league. They get in your face and stay in your face."

Estill and Cliff Hawkins (2-of-3)

were the only Kentucky players to hit at least half their shots.

Keith Bogans had 13 points and Gerald Fitch added 11 for the Wildcats. Leading scorer Tayshaun Prince was just 2-of-8 for nine points, eight below his average.

"I didn't play my best game of the year, but I really didn't have to because Marquis played very well," Prince said.

Marquis Daniels led Auburn with 16 points, but scored only one in the second half. He also had 11 rebounds, six assists and four steals. Marco Killingsworth added 13 points for the Tigers, who have lost 16 of the last 17 meetings with the Wildcats.

An already thin Auburn team had five players finish with four fouls.

"I am not disappointed with our team at all," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "We just had a few flurries there where we couldn't hit any shots, but this team is growing and those same shots will be falling soon."

The Tigers, the SEC's lowest-scoring team, were just 5-of-23 from 3-point range as they lost their third straight conference game, but Kentucky missed 17 of 33 free throws to keep Auburn in it.

Auburn started the second half shooting 2-of-15 with seven turnovers, but it still took Kentucky nine minutes to increase its seven-point halftime lead. Estill capped an 11-0 spurt with six straight points, including four free throws, to make it 50-36 with 10:24 left.

Auburn closed to 54-50 on Adam Harrington's 3-pointer near-

ly four minutes later. But Prince started an 8-0 run with a 3, and Auburn missed seven straight shots — six from behind the arc.

"I felt that it was up to me to make something happen, and that was the turning point," said Prince, held to single digits for the third time in four games.

Hawkins' free throw made it 62-50 with 3:04 remaining.

Lincoln Glass hit a 3-pointer, his third of the half, with 8.8 seconds left to cut it to single digits.

"They fought and clawed and didn't give up," Smith said of the Tigers. "We were tough on them defensively and forced a lot of tough shots."

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Allison

four checkered flags at Talladega in the ARCA Series. Twenty-two laps into the Talladega 500, Bobby Allison's car became airborne, but was uninjured in the accident. Davey would go on to lead 101 of the race-shortened 178-lap event and edge Terry Labonte by less than a second at the stripe.

Davey went on to win the NASCAR Winston Cup Series Rookie of the Year in 1987 and

was the only driver to win two races in his rookie season until Tony Stewart came along in 1999. Stewart won three races in his rookie season.

Davey would add two more Winston Cup Series wins at Talladega before he was fatally injured in a helicopter accident in 1993. In 1994, the Davey Allison Memorial Park was created in uptown Talladega, honoring Alabama's favorite

son.

The Talladega 500 weekend, April 18-21, marks the return of the NASCAR Winston Cup Series and NASCAR Busch Series to NASCAR's Most Competitive Track. John Deere Qualifying Day is set for April 18 to set the field for the NBS Talladega 300 on April 20. Advance Auto Parts Qualifying Day set for April 19, sets the field for the NWC Talladega

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The Cheer Excite All-Stars capped a trip to St. Louis off with a national championship. CEA Coach Charlene Welch expressed thanks to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin for the escort back into Prestonsburg.



All 'A'

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helping, to be sure - isn't to blame. Allen Central has hosted its share of big-time tournaments in the past, and people are able to find their way to the House That John

Martin Built. They run a good tournament there, and will this week, despite their Rebels being ousted before the first-night's receipts were counted.

Still, you have to wonder. For years, small school fans complained about the home-court advantage Pikeville has had through the years while administrators continued to vote to keep the tournament at the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gym. But Pikeville hasn't won the thing in years, and now they send it to Floyd County.

And I had to feel bad Coach Martin, who sighed Wednesday

and said, "I waited for 12 years to get this thing on my floor, and then I get beat the first game."

Better days will come, my friend.

Tonight, the top four teams will play. History has proven to us that this should be the biggest crowd of the week. Here's hoping it proves true.

Tonight, four teams will gather in Eastern, all having won in the previous two nights, all thinking they'll be the one to win the next two. And who's to debate them.

Wednesday night saw two Floyd County teams punch their ticket. South Floyd had too much speed, too much experience and too many players for Elkhorn City. The Raiders are the defending 15th Region champs, and when pushed, they

looked like it.

Elkhorn City cut its deficit to four in the middle of the second quarter, but was down by 13 by the break. South Floyd continued to run, press and shoot, and on this night, they were doing all three well.

Betsy Layne had a little easier time with Piarist, but probably needed it. It was the Bobcats who played their first All 'A' Classic game ever on Tuesday night and outlasted the home team.

Now, however, the easy ones are gone.

Last night saw two more teams added to the mix. Pikeville played Phelps while Millard battled with Paintsville. The Mustangs, like Feds Creek and Elkhorn City before them, faced permanent elimination from the tournament in this, their final year.

Joe Marson has his club going out in style, doing the same thing for my alma mater that he did for Mullins a decade ago. If there's any justice in the world, one of these days Joe will coach at a Double- or Triple-A school where they have plenty of money and aren't going to be closed down. If anyone deserves that opportunity, it's him.

Here's hoping there'll be a lot of traffic on Rt. 80 tonight. Two good Floyd County teams are in, to be joined by at least one Pike County club. The fourth is either the most dangerous upstart in tournament history or a proven winner with as good a coach as our mountains has produced.

The All 'A' has fashioned some memorable moments in year's past. Jody Thompson played only one game in the tournament, but lit the lamp for 39.

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State Tournament. There is not a district level of postseason this year.

Beginning this year, the State Tournament expands to three days with 32 wrestlers qualifying in each of the 14 weight classes. The State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 14-16 at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort. State Wrestling Tournament entries, complete with weight-class brackets, will be posted on the Association website the week of the event.

Following are the Regional Swimming and Diving Meet sites for 2002. Regional Swim Meets are scheduled for Feb. 9. Contact the host school/site for a schedule of events.

Region 1 - Bowling Green HS (Michelle Long); Region 2

- Mary T. Meagher Pool, Louisville (Marty O'Toole, St. Xavier); Region 3 - Shelby County HS (swimming) Centre College, Danville (Diving); Region 4 - Scott HS (Jerry Mohr); Region 5 - Eastern Kentucky University (Tim Cahill).

The top two finishers in each event from each regional meet, as well as the next 14 times at-large from each event (highest scores in diving) advance to the State Swimming & Diving Championships. The State Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, at the University of Kentucky Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. State Swimming & Diving Meet entries will be posted on the Association website the week of the event.

Busy

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\$30,000 to the winner. Over \$125,000 in total purse for the three-day stop at East Bay Raceway has been posted by track owner Stan Kolan.

After a nearly two-month break the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series will open their "northern" season April 6 at K-C Raceway near Chillicothe, Ohio with the running of the \$10,000 to win "Spring 50". April 26 will see "The Rock"-Allegany County Speedway in Cumberland, Md. welcome the RDRS for the \$5,000 to win "Free State 40" before the series moves on to the Hagerstown Speedway in Hagerstown, Md. April 27 for the running of the "21st Annual Stanley Schetrompf Memorial" paying \$7,000 to win.

The month of May begins at Florence Speedway in Union, with the running of the \$7,000 to win "16th Annual Ralph Latham Memorial 50" May 11. Virginia Motor Speedway in Saluda, Va.

will host the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series for the very first time May 18 with a \$10,000 to win 50 lap main event. Muskingum County Speedway in Zanesville, Ohio presents the "9th Annual Jim Dunn/Butch Hartman/Officer Mike Lutz Memorial 75," May 25 paying \$10,000 to win.

McKean County Raceway in East Smethport, Pa. welcomes the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series for the first time ever June 1 with a 50 lap main event paying \$7,000 to win. Mountain Motor Speedway in Isom, holds their first ever RDRS sanctioned event June 14 with the \$5,000 to win "Coal Country 40." The series will make their second appearance of the year at K-C Raceway in Ohio June 15 for the running of the \$7,000 to win "9th Annual K-C Raceway Anniversary 40." June 19 marks the series debut at LaSalle Speedway in LaSalle, IL with a 50 lap main event paying \$10,000 to win. Cedar Lake Speedway in New Richmond, WI welcomes back the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series June 21 for the \$15,000 to win "Masters 75." Portsmouth Raceway Park in Portsmouth, Ohio presents the \$10,000 to win "Firecracker 100" June 29.

Thunder Valley Raceway in Central City, PA kicks off the month of July with a two-day 100 lap main event paying \$12,000 to win July 5 & 6. The Renegade DirtCar Racing Series makes a return trip to Hagerstown Speedway July 12 for the running of the \$10,000 to win "55th Anniversary 55". The following week-end finds the RDRS heading to Iowa for the very first time in series history as Farley Speedway in Farley, Iowa presents a \$10,000 to win 50 lap feature event. July 26 will see Raceway 7 in Conneaut (Bushnell), Ohio presenting a 50 lap main event paying \$5,000 to win. The next night, July 27, will

find Muskingum County Speedway hosting the \$7,000 to win "Muskingum Valley 50".

Portsmouth Raceway Park opens August with the \$10,000 to win "9th Annual Cornett Clash 100" August 3. Thunder Valley Raceway brings the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series back August 10 with the second annual "Thunder Valley 50." August 17 finds the RDRS making their final 2002 appearance at Hagerstown Speedway with the running of the \$10,000 to win "21st Annual Conococheague 100". The "4th Annual North-South 50" paying \$10,000 to win happens at Florence Speedway August 23. Interstate 79 Speedway in Shinnston, WV hosts the RDRS August 31 for the \$10,000 to win "Mountain State Thunder 75 IV," the only 2002 appearance in the state of West Virginia by the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series.

September 1 sees Portsmouth Raceway Park hosting their final 2002 stop by the RDRS for a \$15,000 to win 100 lap main event. K-C Raceway presents the \$10,000 to win "5th Annual K-C 100" September 14. The two-day \$22,000 to win "14th Annual Pittsburgher 100" at Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Motor Speedway in Pittsburgh, Pa. takes place September 21-22. The Renegade DirtCar Racing Series will make their only 2002 stop at Winchester Speedway in Winchester, Va., September 27-28 for the running of the \$12,000 to win "39th Annual Winchester 200".

"The Rock"-Allegany County Speedway hosts the Renegade DirtCar Racing Series October 4 for the \$10,000 to win "Big Kahuna 50". East Bay Raceway will present the "2nd Fall Nationals" November 8 & 9 with a 75 lap \$10,000 to win main event followed the next night by a 100 lap \$15,000 to win feature.

Race

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Texas Motor Speedway

Smith didn't attend Tuesday, but last week reasserted his position about the \$250 million Texas facility while talking to reporters at Lowe's Motor Speedway in North Carolina, one of his other tracks.

"When you're doing all these things and you build a monument to the sport - as I did down there - I guess what we're looking for is some consideration," Smith said. "Such as, you know, the date that we didn't get yet."

Helton, who became the sanctioning body's president in November 2000, said he's not aware of any promise made by NASCAR officials to Smith.

TMS general manager Eddie Gossage said Helton wasn't involved in the discussions in 1996 - a year before the first Cup race in Texas and when Bill France Jr., now NASCAR chairman, was the president.

"Our position is the same as it always has been," Gossage said. "We've been just as enthusiastic in our discussions privately with Mike and Mr. France as we have been with our position publicly in the media."

Texas Motor Speedway, a 1 1/2-mile track, has 154,861 permanent seats with room for about 53,000 spectators on the infield. All five previous Winston Cup races have been sold out and another sellout of more than 200,000 spectators is expected April 7 for the Samsung/RadioShack 500.

"This is state of the art. This track, in most ways, is second to none," said driver Mark Martin, the 1998 Winston Cup winner at Texas and a three-time Busch champ there. "It's a wonderful facility and a great place to come race. But I don't expect to be coming here twice anytime soon."

NASCAR will run 36 Winston Cup races, the same as last year when Chicago and Kansas City were added to the schedule. Both of those new tracks are owned by International Speedway Corp., which is run by the same group that controls NASCAR.

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(Eastern Division). Next is the Division 2 Heat Wave (South East Division), featuring Hub City, Carolina Dragway, Southern Dragway, U.S. 43, Emerald Coast, and Darlington. We then continue north to the Division 3 North Stars (North East Division) where we find Tri-State, Kanawha Valley, Norwalk Raceway Park, Mountain Parkway, Quaker City Raceway, and Dragway 42. The Division 4 Renegades come out swinging with Lone Star, West Texas Raceway Park, Red River Raceway, Pine Valley Raceway Park and Redline Raceway. Last but not

least is the Division 5 Thunder (North Central Division). Hosting tracks are Cordova Dragway Park, Wisconsin International Raceway, Great Lakes Dragway, U.S. 41, and Eddyville Raceway Park.

IHRA splitting up into more and smaller divisions makes sense. Less travel time for the racer while chasing down a divisional or national crown. With the increase in divisions we ask the racer to indicate at the first Holley Sportsman Championship Series event attended which division they want to represent. It's not necessary to live in your home division.

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Dale Earnhardt Jr., who drives the No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet for Dale Earnhardt Inc. in the Winston Cup Series, won Winston's No Bull 5 million-dollar bonus at Talladega last fall in the EA SPORTS™ 500. The same crew who goes over the wall for Dale Jr. for his DEI-owned team will work on the RCR Busch Series team.

There are a handful of RCR employees who were assigned to this effort, but will work closely with RCR's other two Busch Series teams as well as the three Cup teams.

"I'm not sure which DEI crew will be pitting it, but we'll probably have a variation of people that will be assigned to the car for race week that will be a kind of conglomeration of guys from our Busch shops and our Cup shops," Hutchens said.

"And I'm sure while we're in Daytona our Cup guys and our other Busch teams will be part of the effort. We're making sure that the No. 3 car will be prepared identically as the other two cars. Wind tunnel wise and chassis wise they'll be the same.

One of the RCR Busch Series drivers, Jay Sauter, was on hand testing the No. 3 Chevy on Monday. Joining the RCR No. 3 crew to test Busch Series cars

were: Jeff Purvis with the No. 37 Brewco team; Jamie McMurray with the No. 27 Brewco team; Larry Foyt with the No. 14 A.J. Foyt Racing crew; Joe Ruttman with the No. 1 Phoenix Racing team; Kevin Grubb with the No. 92 Herzog Motorsports team; and Ken Alexander with the No. 63 Ken Alexander Racing crew. Also on hand was Jason Leffler with the No. 2 Ultra Motorsports Craftsman Truck Series team.

Along with the Busch Series teams, the NASCAR Winston Cup Series teams will return to NASCAR's Most Competitive Track for the Talladega 500 weekend, April 18-21. Following John Deere Qualifying Day on April 18 is Advance Auto Parts Qualifying Day set for April 19, which will set the field for the NWC Talladega 500.

For one \$60 ticket, fans can watch all the action on the track, April 20-21, 2002 at Talladega Superspeedway - the final Winston Cup practice session along with the Busch Series and Winston Cup events. One \$60 ticket in the Allison Grandstand is good for all the weekend events. The Allison Grandstand is located out of Turn 2 along the longest backstretch in NASCAR.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



Happy birthday, old gal

Birthdays often come and go quite unnoticed. But from time to time, we reach milestones in our lives. At 13, we become "teenagers," at 16, we become eligible to drive our family's vehicles on public roadways, at 18, we become "adults," and at age 21, we are allowed to legally partake of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. So did we actually become "adults" at age 18 or not? We can vote, but we can't buy beer or cigarettes. Although I, myself, most very rarely ever consume an alcoholic beverage, and have never been a smoker, it seems contradictory to me that an 18-year old can vote, enter into a legal contract, be tried as an adult, and defend his country in war, but he can't pull up a chair at a local pub, light up a "smoke" and order himself "a draft."

Ah, well, I digress. What I am getting around to, by way of the barn's back door, is that my aunt Pet Hall, just reached quite an eventful milestone in her own life. Yesterday, Jan. 24, 2002, she celebrated her 80th birthday.

That's a big deal. My aunt Pet has withstood the test of time and stood firm in her convictions for all the years I have known her. Unlike the majority of the women in her family, she has worked hard serving the public and operating a business for the greatest part of her life.

As a young child, I would visit my aunt's home and often find occasion to "sneak" over to the little business nearby that my aunt and her husband, my uncle Cecil Hall, operated. This business was a forerunner to today's modern "convenience" stores. It was, primarily, a gas station/garage, but, inside, a motorist could also purchase a loaf of bread, a carton of soft drinks, or some other needed household item as he paid his gasoline bill. I loved to "slip off" with my cousins and peruse the aisles of my uncle Cecil's store. Sometimes we managed to get away with hiding among the shelves for maybe a full 15 minutes or so before we were noticed and sent along our way.

My uncle's business was situated along Route 23 between Allen and Ivel. During the early years of my childhood, this was a two-lane highway. Sometime around the time I was having

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The benefits of getting all steamed up

by The AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

If your only experience with Chinese food has been from the neighborhood carryout, you may be surprised that the traditional Asian diet is known for its balance of health and flavor.

The largely plant-based Asian diet is linked to lower rates of certain cancers and other chronic diseases more commonly found in the West. Meat is used

sparingly, like a condiment—just something to add a little flavor. And many ingredients common to Asian cuisine, like soy, tea, ginger, garlic and cabbage, have been recognized for promoting good health.

Another surprise may be that Chinese food doesn't have to be fried, or even stir-fried. Steaming is a classic Chinese cooking technique with healthful benefits. Because it uses gentle heat and no oil, steaming is a simple, convenient way to prepare low-fat, low-calorie entrees.

Steaming eliminates a number of problems. When meat is cooked at high temperatures, carcinogens can form. Steaming is a gentle cooking technique that avoids this. Since overcooking is easily avoided with steaming, vegetables stay crunchy and bright. And, unlike cooking directly in water, steaming protects water-soluble nutrients, which do not dissolve in steam, resulting in more nutrient-rich food.

You don't need special equipment to prepare Chinese steamed dishes. A deep

saucepan, Dutch oven, pressure cooker, roasting pan, or wok, will work fine. The pot should be wide enough to hold a plate that comfortably holds the ingredients in one layer, with an inch between the heat-proof plate and the pot, so the steam will circulate evenly.

The pot should be deep enough to hold two to three inches of boiling water. The plate of food should sit on a stable, heat-proof stand or rack just high enough

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SHARING OUR WORLD

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

When the word "cosmopolitan" comes to mind, we often think of large cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Paris, London or Rome. We most certainly, as a rule, do not think of our own Eastern Kentucky communities as being cosmopolitan in nature. Eastern Kentucky, however, is becoming more and more "cosmopolitan" each day, especially in the realm of religious cultures. Nestled within these hills that have long been home to steadfast Baptist and Christian communities, we now can find a variety of religious faiths and cultures.

Dr. Phyllis Puffer, a sociologist with Prestonsburg Community College, has identified within our region Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and

Jewish communities, as well as a few "Black" Baptist churches and varying offshoots of the fundamentalist



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Snow didn't stop these Muslim children from attending school on a recent "bad weather" day. The children are students in the pre-school class at the Islamic School of Eastern Kentucky.

Christian theologies such as the Catholic, Mormon, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Seventh Day Adventist churches. Dr. Puffer, who teaches a class in modern social problems on both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses, often leads her students in "mini-expeditions" for an "up-close" look at these evolving communities and emerging cultures.

Recognizing that "differences" are what makes life unique and intriguing, but also recognizing that "differences" can also give rise to suspicion and fear, Dr. Puffer strives to expand the consciousness of her students by exposing them to cultures and religions different from their own, in an effort to build tolerance and lessen fear.

With the Sept. 11, 2001, Taliban

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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.

INTRODUCING...

This week we are getting around to something we have long considered, but about which nothing till now has been done. At last we get around to introducing readers of this family publication to a new column which we've dubbed, "Our Yesterdays." As you may surmise, this is material taken from our files of years ago—30, 20 and 10 years ago, to be exact.

It was news then, is rather ancient history now. "Echoes from the Past" might more accurately describe this collection of items about what folks did, and about what happened to people of the county, "way back then."

IT STUCK

Saw a television play, the other night, one of those science fiction things which I finally walked out on, but it had one line which sticks. I do not attempt to quote it verbatim, but it ran to the effect that in old age man runs himself to death or madness trying to find his youth or his young body... This may account for some of the strange antics some oldsters perform to the amazement, sometimes the consternation, of those who love them most.

TROUBLE AHEAD

I am not optimistic, these days. Any nation which can stomach some of this cacophony that passes for modern music and can go mildly nuts over The Twist, is in danger... Every day or so, somebody asks me if I've heard that latest caterwauling opus, "Norman." I am happy to report that these old ears have not been assailed with that particular classic yet.

Speaking of The Twist, did you see that mother of five—and the oldest only six—who cracked up both knees doing that so-called dance? I thought it was the spine that was in danger. I am just reminded of another of my many blessings... I have two left feet, and that leaves me completely out of the terpsichorean field.

I am just reminded of one of the weaknesses of a set-up wherein you're your own boss. I, for instance, have nobody to tell me what to write, how to write, nobody to correct or edit what I pound out on this type-writer... For this I am thankful: I am not "mad" at anybody, and if I were,

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Things to Ponder: Mental illness in kids

by MABLE ROWE
LINEBERGER, PH.D.

In our ever-continuing pursuit for "topics," about a month ago, the secretary excitedly brought in a copy of the paper from a major city west of us. The headlines read, "Stop ignoring signs of mental illness in kids." Although there have been similar topics in the past, this author was really interested in adults, guidance counselors, teachers, and parents needing to start paying more attention to and learning about recognizing the warning signs of mental illness in their "charges." The

author has been a part of the think tank established after Sept. 11 to study terrorism. His comments made references to the 15-year old that flew a plane into a Tampa building, one of the teens involved in the Columbine killings, and the California boy who turned into a Taliban fighter. One of the writer's major themes was that mental instability makes a killer, but he also pointed out how teens with the symptoms are usually ignored and how society pays an unknown price for doing so.

In writing about kids with mental illness, the similarities

between one of the youngest known as a "Columbine killer" and the one who had hit the tall building on purpose were compared. The teen that killed so many at the high school depicted a psychological profile in his journals of his being deeply depressed and a "paranoid outcast." The 15-year-old learning to-be-pilot has been described as an "unusually withdrawn, solipsistic loner who 'stood apart from the others at the school bus stop' and enjoyed true friendship only with his dog." Although these two may have not been exactly the same psychologically and behaviorally,

they certainly show a pattern. Then there is the young American who turned up on foreign soil fighting other Americans, since he had joined the extreme religious sect known as Taliban. He has been shown often on TV, but his whole story has seemed to not come together smoothly for me. The major impression was that he became involved with the "unusual" for his environment as a teenager and was allowed or managed to follow through with his newfound interests, no matter how different it might have been from his parents and his neighbors. Probably no one

would have paid attention to his behaviors now if he had not been in the wrong place doing the wrong thing.

Needless to say, no solid, factual explanations have been given as to what "the cause is" behind all of these very dysfunctional behaviors and situations, no matter if it was killing oneself or others. The author seemed right on the money when he described the video of the American-turned-Taliban as having "something going on behind those vertiginous eyes." Who would guess that his choices would lead to his behaviors of last fall? After the

violent Columbine situation, some of the cries blamed what happened on how inadequate gun control had pulled the trigger as surely as had the two students. The media mentioned that the Tampa youth's teacher might not have made just the right explanation in the classroom after Sept. 11 about how a student should not quickly judge people because of their skin color or religion. The "pilot" was of Arab descent on his father's side and his surname had been changed to a more "Americanized" name. Bishara

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I would not use my uncensored typewriter to beat a tattoo on anybody's hide.

What would you do? Skin somebody alive and leave their pelt on the barn door. No—please!

Monday was not as "blue" as it's traditionally supposed to be. I opened an envelope, expecting a bill, and pulled out a check, instead. And another envelope contained a real "pepper-upper," nice letter from a nice guy—Neveyle Shackelford.

P o s t s c r i p t :

A lost listener

by PAM SHINGLER
COLUMNIST

One of the joys of my job with WMMT-FM at Appalshop in Whitesburg is to monitor e-mail communication to the station.

A public, community radio station, found at 88.7 on the FM dial and on the Internet, WMMT gets mail from throughout central Appalachia and across the globe. People connect with what's been described as a "quirky little station."

Fans from Ivel to Texas e-mail song requests to programmers (and Floyd County natives) John and Jean Bentley, known on the air as the Catfishes. A Swedish Internet listener writes, via e-mail, every Friday evening to comment on volunteer DJ Electric Bill's rock songs and profundity.

Not all of the messages are positive, but I'd estimate about 99 percent are. Listeners like the variety of music played—everything from hip-hop to old-time, traditional. They also like the personalities—near all of them volunteers—who bring in their own records and their own distinctive take on music and life.

Tuesday week, an e-mail note came in that began with a fairly typical comment, "WMMT is the only radio station I listen to." We get a lot of communications, electronic and postal, with similar messages. This one, however, will not soon be forgotten.

The sender went on to say that his reception of the station was "spotty" in Buchanan County, Virginia, where he lived. He asked if the station would consider putting up another translator, perhaps in Grundy. He also pointed out the potential audience among students at the Appalachian School of Law there.

I didn't answer the query at the time because I didn't know why we didn't put a translator in Grundy—except perhaps because of a lack of money, which I'm charged with raising.

The next day I mentioned the e-mail to a colleague who informed me that the federal government has limited the number of translators and we could not put one in Grundy, even if we had the money.

Other duties consumed my time and I didn't have a chance to respond to the e-mail question until Thursday evening. I wrote of our constraints and thanked the listener for his comments.

As an aside, I referred to the tragic shootings at the new law school in Grundy, my shock and distress. I did not tell the writer that when I heard of the tragedy on the Wednesday evening news, I had stood there and cried, unwilling to believe something like that had happened in our region.

As I replied to this e-mail, I noted that the sender has listed his own webpage address. I decided to find out more about this listener by visiting his web site. Always curious, some would say nosy.

The site was quite interesting. It offered a biography of the person, noting his law degree, with highest honors, from Duke University, his work in Chicago and out West, and his present job.

The site had a section of jokes, reversing the lawyer theme, and substituting "client" where we commonly would use "lawyer." For instance, "What do you call a shipwreck where 500 clients are drowned?" Answer: "A good start." There were more than a hundred riddles, making it clear the writer had a keen sense of humor.

The site featured pictures of the region, including many scenic shots of redbud and dogwood trees on densely forested hills. There were pictures of the man's home at the base of a 52-acre hillside plot. He noted that he was exploring his acreage and had hiked to the top of the hill, an hour's trek.

There were pictures of the law school and of the school where his children were enrolled, along with photos of a community service project he was involved with.

The captions for the pictures mentioned, time after time, how much he liked the area and felt at home here.

The listener's name was Thomas Blackwell, a proud faculty member of the Appalachian School of Law since 1999.

Professor Blackwell was among the victims in the senseless shootings at the law school on January 16, the day after he had written to the station. I didn't know him, but I grieve for him and the other two who died.

Not only had we lost a listener, but, more important, his wife had lost a helpmate, his children had lost a father, his students had lost a committed teacher, and the region had lost an important transplant.

Sharing

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Dr. Phyllis Puffer, fourth from left, enjoys sharing a laugh with Dr. Syed Badrudduja, third from left, during a recent visit to a nearby Islamic Mosque. Dr. Puffer is a sociologist who teaches a course on modern social problems at Prestonsburg Community College as well as its Pikeville campus. Others shown in the photograph are two Pikeville campus students and two Muslim women who are members of the Eastern Kentucky Muslim community. Dr. Badrudduja, affectionately known locally as "Dr. Bader," is dressed in traditional prayer garments.

attack on our homeland, suspicion in regard to Muslim communities within our country grew by leaps and bounds. Although many followers of Islam denounced the horrific act as an act against the teachings of Islam, prejudice, nonetheless, reared its ugly head.

In an effort to allay some of this prejudice, Dr. Puffer invited me, as a newspaper reporter, to come along on one of her expeditions to a nearby Islamic Mosque. A group of students from the Pikeville campus also came along.

I invite you now to embark with me on the beginning of a series of "tours" of Floyd County's "hidden" communities. Our first stop will be in the Muslim community. Our tour guide will be, of course, Dr. Phyllis Puffer. It is our hope that as you travel along with us in the weeks to come, you will see that each community, no matter how different from your own, is nonetheless, formed of individuals who, like you, pray for peace, exercise tolerance, and want only the best for their families.

The Islamic Community

"Friday at 1:30 p.m. we went to the Islamic Center. We went there to see how Muslims believe in God. They held a gathering at the center. Everyone was welcome. We said hello and began our way into the building. I have to say that I was nervous going into this building. We did not know what to expect. We were going into a place that was the church of the Muslims. A lot of things were going through my mind. They could be terrorists."

So began one student report that was written following the student's visit behind the walls of the Islamic Mosque. Scanning a multitude of reports written by this student's fellow classmates, it is obvious that this same feeling of uneasiness and trepidation was generally experienced by the majority of the students as they embarked upon their first visit into a holy Muslim building.

Many of the students also noted, as did I, that the building was at once quite plain and in other ways, quite ornate. Within the prayer hall itself, hung gilded replications of holy words written in Arabic form, and gold and crystal chandeliers, while underfoot it is hard not to note the lush, thickly padded carpeting. The need for such carpeting is easily evidenced once you realize that there are no pews of any sort in the prayer hall. The Muslims pray standing up, kneeling, and in a prostrate position, hence the padded carpeting is a wonderful and much needed, asset.

Only one chair stands in within the hall of prayer, and it stands alone. It is situated near the front of the room and from this seat, the leader of the prayer service conducts the ceremony, though he rarely sits. He too, stands throughout the major portion of the service. This chair is rather plain, made of wood with a very high, very straight back.

As Muslim men file into the room one after another and line up to present themselves in submissive humility to God, the leader of the service sings out his words in a foreign tongue and then translates them to English. He speaks against the widespread proliferation of sex and violence in the American culture, much the same as "we as Americans speak of (these same things) in our own church sermons," later noted one student. He also speaks of obeying God, following the teachings of Mohammed, and reminds each to pray for peace throughout our world and in their own lives.

The service is marked with reverence and dignity and each man shows a face of respect to all in attendance. Politeness is the signature of the day.

Jamal Atalla, a practicing area physician, approaches the students upon conclusion of the service to answer questions and offer insight into the Islamic religion.

Atalla explains, in response to one student's question, that ablution (ritual washing) is required before the prayer service because it is important to Muslims to appear "clean" before God. The student had taken note of the fact that the Muslim men had removed their shoes upon entry into the building and that several of them had washed their feet before their entry into the prayer hall. "It is a part of preparing oneself for prayer,"

Atalla said.

Atalla went on to explain that it is not only important to Muslims to appear before God as clean physically, but also to appear spiritually clean within, as well.

The Muslims follow a rather strict dietary code, similar in many ways to the Jewish dietary code, but with a few differences. Muslims do not partake of alcohol, nor do they indulge in tobacco or pork products.

Atalla explained to the students that "acts of terrorism are acts against the Muslim faith, terrorism goes against everything that Islam teaches." He further explained to the group that terrorism was a threat not only to native Americans but to Muslims living in America, as well.

Muslim women were also present in the mosque, as well as children. There were more men than women in attendance at the prayer service explained Atalla, not because women are not allowed to pray with the men—they are—but because men are required to come to the mosque to pray while women may pray at home.

The Muslim women who were present in the mosque this day were eager to explain their manner of dress to the students. "We do not dress this way because we 'have' to," said Nadia Atalla, wife of Jamal, "but because we want to. We feel that this is proper dress."

Atalla went on to say that it is not only Muslim women who are required to dress "modestly," but Muslim men, as well, are also required to wear modest dress. "It is what we believe is right," she said, "we cover ourselves from other men and our husbands dress modestly, also." The couple explained that loose clothing is required of both genders and that many Muslim women choose to wear a "hijab" (head covering).

The Atalla's presented two videos to the students, one on the life of Mohammed, born in the year 571 and considered by Muslims to be history's most enlightened prophet, and the other on the traditional dress of Muslim women.

In the video presentation on the traditional Muslim dress code, many Muslim women from varied backgrounds spoke about their decision to wear a hijab. One woman commented that her decision to wear a hijab was "liberating" for her. She further said that in countries where women are "supposed" to be liberated, they actually are not because they are not "psychologically" liberated. The decision to wear a hijab, say many Muslim women, allows them to develop their "inner selves" and frees them from a "preoccupation" with their "outer image."

Following the video presentation, the Atalla's treated everyone to cookies imported from Saudi Arabia.

"The visit to the mosque was a complete success and an eye opener," reads another student report. "It was a very educational experience and I feel it answered a lot of questions many of us had about the Islamic faith and the Muslims who practice it...often we are prejudiced about things we do not understand...I am happy we were given this assignment and I would gladly return at a moment's notice. I felt no fear at being there. The Muslims made me feel very welcome. It is my hope that others have the chance to visit this mosque, also."

And thus, a lesson in tolerance accomplished.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 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

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.
■ Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3 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. 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 - 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.
■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

■ Jan. 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 a.m. to 11 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource

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■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.
■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 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

■ 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

■ 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 or 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 - 11 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 - 6 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource 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.

Blanton-McCahill to wed at Kiawah Island Resort

Andrea and Payne Blanton, Jr., and Jane and Edward McCahill are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Dawn Lynette Blanton and Darren John McCahill. Dawn is a graduate of The Ohio State College of Optometry while Darren attended Penn State University. The couple plan to be married in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2002, at the Kiawah Island Resort in Charleston, South Carolina. Following, the couple will reside in New York City. Dawn is the granddaughter of the late Elworth Wells Crum and Andrew Crum and the late Fannie LeMaster Blanton and Payne Blanton, Sr.



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Family Medicine

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Question: I had trouble with sinus pain, or it seemed like sinus pain. My doctor gave me antibiotics for it, but I didn't get any better. Eventually, my dentist figured out that my pain was from a bad tooth. I had a root canal that has cleared everything up. Why did my tooth problem seem like a sinus infection, and how is a root canal different from a filling?

Answer: I've just taken down our Christmas tree. One of our dec-

orations is a string of bubble lights that is quite old. The bulbs are in a series so that when one goes out the entire string goes out. You can't tell which specific bulb died or if the string became unplugged.

In a way, the nerves that bring pain sensations from the sinus area and teeth to the brain — since they are all branches of the same nerve — are like my old bubble light string. Often you can't immediately tell if the pain originated from a specific tooth or even from a sinus infection.

We doctors make an educated

Sinus pain is sometimes the result of a dental problem

guess based upon where the pain is most intense, what makes it worse, what makes it better, and any additional symptoms such as nasal congestion. In clear-cut cases the educated guess is accurate, and appropriate treatment is instituted. A person suffering from a dental infection is referred to a dentist. Pain from a sinus infection is cleared with an antibiotic and other medicines. In your case, however, the symptoms you reported and your doctor's observations didn't lead to a correct first guess.

You didn't explain what finally led you to your dentist and the correct diagnosis. When sinus infection symptoms fail to clear up within a reasonable period of time, we physicians need to think through the diagnosis-making process again. Often a CT scan of the sinus area is called for in this situation. Perhaps yours was normal, thereby indicat-

ing that your symptoms were the consequence of some other disorder.

Your dentist, by virtue of his or her expertise and knowing that sinus infection was not involved, could then look at your teeth as the potential cause of your discomfort. Thus, your dental examination revealed that you had infection in the root of your tooth where it connects to the jawbone. This type of infection is located where the blood supply is not as brisk as in some other tissues, and as a consequence, it is not improved with antibiotics. As a consequence, the treatment for the painful infection you experienced, called a dental abscess, is to open and drain the infected area. This is root canal surgery.

The central portion of the tooth, the pulp, and the narrow canal into the root(s) of the tooth are involved in dental abscess. The dentist or endodontist, a dental specialist who

performs root canal surgery, removes the infected tissue and the dead or dying nerve of the problem tooth. Often a medicine is then placed within the hollowed-out tooth canal to kill any remaining bacteria. A filling is then placed over this to seal the canal.

Within a few days or weeks pain subsides as healing occurs. I can tell you from recent personal experience that though root canal surgery sounds terrible, and everyone has heard supporting stories to this effect, it is not a traumatic experience when done by an accomplished endodontist.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Ponder

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to Bishop.

Another report was found that had the description of the 15-year-old boy who shot and killed his parents and the next day at school killed two and injured 25 in Oregon in May 1998. Although Kip Kinkel appeared to be from a solid, middle-class family and growing up in a good community, there were aspects of his life that even those most intimately involved in his life did not seem to know. Generally, he was described as the awkward child in a family that prized athletic prowess, a boy with a learning disorder, in a family of academic achievers, whose self-esteem was sinking. However, it did seem that his parents struggled with his obviously growing signs of violence and emotional turmoil. Even though all of the facts are not recalled, a sense from his story on TV was that his parents might have "tried talking him into" doing and feeling differently, but did not "take the bull by the horns."

Another sense was that these parents were very anxious that the adolescent not be unhappy. In the meanwhile, he had developed into a teenage boy with inner turmoil, but also beginning to show outer signs of concern, as he became an adolescent studying how to make a bomb, setting off small explosives, and being increasingly fascinated with firearms. He wrote in his journal: "I am evil and want to kill and give pain without cost and there is no such thing. In the end, I hate myself for what I have become."

All of these "stories" are likely to stimulate inside of us the reaction "but that won't happen to anybody I know." In contrast, do you really know that your "kids" at home and in the community are not likely to behave so? According to an interim report of 41 "attackers" at schools, the United States Secret Service, Department of Education's Safe Schools Initiative viewed Kip's profile to be more typical than we would like to think. The report also described how the length of planning for these violent and deadly events had a "lead time" from days to months in which some defensive action could have occurred. In a large number of the cases the assailant-student-"child" ultimately broke their "code of silence", telling either a friend/classmate or an adult their intent with little reaction or preventive responses happening. These tragedies were stoppable up until the last moment, if others had really paid attention to the seriousness of the youngsters' communications. Most often, the attackers had displayed behaviors, not just thoughts, before the murderous events that had caused others concern or indicated a "need for help." Either adults did not do the reasonable intervention or the intervention was not followed through adequately with supervision. What do you think you would do?

The results of a national survey of almost 100 adolescents pointed out that what affected adolescent behaviors most was social content, most often the family. Two other factors were found to affect behaviors: parents' being present during key periods of the day; and parents having high or low expectations of his or her academic performance. However, the most significant factor was thought to be the "connection factor" that involves 'closeness to mother and/or father' and a sense of caring emanating from them, as well as 'feeling loved and wanted by family members.' The report further stressed the value of the family connection as a guard against adolescents having emotional harm and giving them protection from a world that is rough, a place where they may express their most vulnerable and warm feeling in the open without fear of ridicule.

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist, who provides psychotherapy and does testing in a private practice in Prestonsburg.

Steamed

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to prevent boiling water from splashing onto the food—about an inch above water level. A tight-fitting lid is also necessary.

Steamed Chicken with Red and Yellow Bell Pepper

1/2 Tsp. sesame seed oil
1 tsp. grated garlic, divided
1 tsp. grated, peeled fresh ginger,

divided

2 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
1/2 lb. (8 oz.) skinned, boneless chicken breasts

1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips

1 large yellow bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips

1/2 cup sliced canned bamboo shoots (drained and rinsed)

Salt and white pepper to taste
2 cups hot steamed brown rice

In a small cup, combine oil, 1/2 teaspoon garlic, 1/2 teaspoon ginger and soy sauce. Rub into chicken breasts and set aside, while completing other preparations, before steaming. (Chicken can be marinated up to 2 hours in a refrigerator; bring to room temperature before steaming.)

Place chicken on plate used for steaming. Steam until chicken is almost tender. Add bell peppers and bamboo shoots. Sprinkle remaining

garlic and ginger over vegetables. Continue steaming until chicken and peppers are tender.

Cut chicken into thin bite-size slices, then re-combine with vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 219 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 30 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 347 mg. sodium.

Aunt Ima Jean's Recipes

Old Fashion Gingerbread

Ingredients:
1 cup shortening
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
5 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. baking powder
5 tsp. ginger
1 cup molasses
1 cup buttermilk

Cream shortening and sugar together. Add eggs and blend well. Sift dry ingredients together. Add molasses to creamed shortening. Add dry ingredients, alternately with buttermilk. Turn mixture out on floured board. Roll out or pinch off batter and form into small cakes. Bake at 375 degrees until lightly browned.

Vinegar Pie

Ingredients:
4 egg yolks
1 1/3 cup sugar
Butter (an amount approximate to the size of a half of an egg)
1 pint water
5 Tbsp. vinegar
2 heaping tsp. flour
1 prepared pie crust (single)

Mix and cook together all ingredients to a smooth consistency. Fill crust with mixture and cover with beaten egg whites. Place in 375 degree oven and bake until topping is a delicate brown. (Lemon extract may be added for flavoring if so desired.)

*Recipes compiled by Ima Jean (Prater) Nelson, of Prestonsburg.

The Seven Wonders of the world

by AUTHOR UNKNOWN

you have, and maybe we can help."

A group of Geography students were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they themselves considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement among the class, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a usually quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet.

The teacher asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what

The girl hesitated momentarily, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. touch
2. taste
3. sight
4. sound."

She paused, then continued,

"5. the ability to walk and the joy of running,
6. laughter, and
7. the capacity to love."

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook

all God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary." During this most holy of seasons, may you be reminded of those things which are truly wondrous.

Remember this: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Eyes

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braces placed on my teeth, this highway was expanded to four lanes. Also during this time, my uncle's gas station disappeared and, across the road, a new business emerged. The Alpique Motel.

With the advent of the Alpique into my family's life, a whole new world opened up for me. Along the length of this motel were rows and rows of brightly colored doors. Behind these doors were beds for jumping and televisions for viewing. There were even mini-bathrooms that were grander than the bathroom in my own home. I mean, these bathrooms were immaculate, with little heaters that could be turned on or off with the flip of a switch, and tiny bars of neatly wrapped soap lay near the sink and the tub. Fresh, clean, crisp towels were just an arm's length away and there were even little private changing areas in each room.

Alternately throughout the years that "the motel" (as everyone in my family refers to the Alpique) first opened for business, I would be allowed to spend the night with my cousins. Aunt Pet would open the door to "Room No. 1," (situated next to the motel office) and my cousins and I would elbow our way into the darkened room. Most often, these visits would occur in the summer months and since my parent's home, at this time, did not have air conditioning, it was pure delight to me to step off the steaming sidewalk into the cool air of the motel room.

Once in, my aunt would admonish us "to behave" and to "stay put." She didn't want us jumping on beds or going in and out of the room. As for me, the "staying put" was fairly easy, though I have to admit I think I did participate in a little jumping here and there.

But, for the most part, man! what glory! I felt like "Queen of the Day" once inside ole "Room No. 1." My cousins and I would turn on the t.v., find a favorite channel, open an ice cold coca-cola, and kick back. We would tell each other jokes (the really lame kind that kids find so hilarious), bring each other up to par on recent family happenings, and, of course, talk endlessly about the kids and teachers at our various schools. My cousins attended Betsy Layne Elementary, while I attended school at Prestonsburg, so we would dig out the year's most recent school annual and point out this "cute boy" and that "snobby girl," as well as "the meanest teacher ever in the world." But mostly, we would just laugh.

Everything was so funny it seemed. I can remember just rolling and laughing and losing my breath. These were good times and they are now cherished memories.

And for my aunt's birthday, I want her to know that I will always remember the wonderful times I spent at her house and that I think of her as my very first experience with a truly "liberated" hard-working, professional woman. My aunt taught me that a woman, although she maybe can't quite "have it all," can certainly give it her best try. She worked side by side with her husband in a family business (equality of the sexes long before it was fashionable), she drove (my own mother did not), and she still managed to find the time to be a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, and aunt.

She was, and is, a level-headed businesswoman, but she never lost sight of what was truly important in her life - her family.

Happy birthday, Aunt Pet, I wish you many more.



A photograph of local children who attended Val Strahan's Halloween Birthday Party on Oct. 31, 1941. Beginning second from left are Charles Ferguson, Ben Ferguson, Jr., Andrew May, Val Strahan Jr., Mrs. Strahan, Mary Auxier Ford, Cliff Latta, Paul Craft, and Henry Mayo. The name of the boy appearing on the far left is unknown. Photo submitted by Ben Ferguson, Prestonsburg.

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Editor, The Floyd County Times
 P.O. Box 390
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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that V and M Mining Company of Paintsville, Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on Permit No. 858-5100, which was last issued on Dec. 18, 1997. The permit covers an area of approximately 1.75 surface acres, and underlies an additional 122.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 3.0 miles northwest of Harold in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles northwest of the junction of KY 987 and KY 1426, and located just north of Prater Creek.

The current bond (Certificate of Deposit) is \$6,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 11, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 8, 2002.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or

requests for a hearing or informal conference must be received by the Director of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by March 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brass Ring Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41101, has applied for Phase I and II bond release on Permit No. 858-5035, which was last issued on Sept. 28, 1998. The permit covers an area of approximately 2.00 surface acres, and underlies an additional 340.08 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 miles west of the junction KY 2030 and the Mud Creek Road, and is 0.1 miles north of Morgan Fork.

The current bonds (Certificate of Deposit) is \$10,800.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Clarence Wade of 127 Porter Lane, Lot 18, Pikeville, KY 41501. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Sportsman's Bar. The nature of the business will be Beer and Carryout. Pursuant to KRS 23.1070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether

the applicant, within

the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than February 21, 2002, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 21, 2002, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

ACCEPTING BIDS

The David Fire Department is now taking bids for a 40' x 80' x 14' metal building. The job will be in separate proposals:

- Proposal #1 - Foundation (materials and labor)
- Proposal #2 - Building (materials only)
- Proposal #3 - Building (labor only)
- Proposal #4 - Total Package.

Bid sheets may be picked up at fire dept, or from Russell Shepherd, 69 Open Door Church Rd., David, Ky 41616, 606-886-6601

The fire dept. has reserved the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid deadline is Jan. 27, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

Gas & Go, Inc., at P.O. Box 2009, Pikeville, KY 41502, hereby declares intentions to apply for a retail beer license no later than January 31, 2002. The business will be located at 15633 South US 23, Harold, Kentucky 41635, doing business as Happy Mart. The officers being: Rick Yates at 193 Tracy Street, Pikeville, KY 41501.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Suite A-2, Frankfort, Ky 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

LEGAL NOTICE

Gas & Go, Inc., at P.O. Box 2009, Pikeville, KY 41502, hereby declares intentions to apply for a retail beer license no later than January 31, 2002. The business will be located at 16856, Ky Rt 122, Hi Hat, Kentucky 41636, doing business as Happy Mart. The officers being: Rick Yates at 193 Tracy Street, Pikeville, KY 41501.

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Gas & Go, Inc., at P.O. Box 2009, Pikeville, KY 41502, hereby declares

intentions to apply for a retail beer license no later than January 31, 2002. The business will be located at Rt 321, Box 5459, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, doing business as Happy Mart. The officers being: Rick Yates at 193 Tracy Street, Pikeville, KY 41501.

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NOT RESPONSIBLE

Upon and on this date, after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Mountain Arts Center, located in

Prestonsburg Ky., is accepting proposals related to upgrading its theater sound system. The theater is a 1,050 seat hall that routinely hosts musical acts by a wide range of entertainers. The Center has determined that its present sound system is not capable of producing the quality and consistency of sound required by visiting artists and its own in-house performers. Consequently, the Center is accepting proposals from qualified applicants for the design/installation and/or modification of its present system. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the Center to evaluate its present system prior to submitting a proposal. Bid specifications can be obtained by calling Keith Caudill or Mickey Bentley at (606) 889-9125. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., February 11, 2002, at the following address:

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All proposals must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside "Sound System Proposal - Mountain Arts Center." The Center will accept the lowest and most responsive bid and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

ADDINGTON MINING INCORPORATED
836-0281
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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, 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.

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.

1040A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2000

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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Prison Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 30 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Stoeck, Minister.
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Community Free Will Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Free Will Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Free Will Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Free Will Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Free Will Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eglpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.;
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Gretzel Baptist, State Rt. 3378, (Barnham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
Jacks Creek Baptist, Benzer'sville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Garrett, Minister.
Katy Friend Free Will Baptist, 2 miles up Abbot; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Free Will Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Free Will Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Free Will Baptist, East; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Martin Free Will Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Higgs, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2184 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.
home phone 285-3285.
Pleasant Home Baptist, Union Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Felt, Minister.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Hermon, Director; Elza C. Goble, President; 874-9498/478-2978.
- ROCK FORK FREEWILL BAPTIST; GARRET SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.**
ROCK FORK REGULAR BAPTIST, GARRET; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; East Stone, Minister; Jerry Marris, Assistant Minister.
SALT LICK UNITED BAPTIST, SALT LICK, HUESVILLE; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
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THE THIRD AVENUE FREEWILL BAPTIST; SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Marford Farnin, Minister.
TOM'S CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Branch); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
TOM MOORE MEMORIAL FREEWILL BAPTIST; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
TRIMBLE CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
UNITED COMMUNITY BAPTIST, Hwy. 7, Huesville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
WHEELWRIGHT FREEWILL BAPTIST, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrat, Minister.
- CATHOLIC**
St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 9 p.m.; Sunday, John Moriarty, Pastor.
- CHRISTIAN**
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Dennis Hadavorth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E., Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harolt; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Huesville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harolt; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weeksville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hall, Minister.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Gaudin, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Patek, Jr., Minister.
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Freley, Jr., Minister.
- EPISCOPAL**
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.
- LUTHERAN**
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m., WQLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Berthold, Minister.
- METHODIST**
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamester, Minister.

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