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BUDGET TROUBLES



Treasurer and Director of Finance Mike C. Wireman presented an unpopular budget to the Floyd County Board of Education on Tuesday, disclosing problems that may bring many long evenings of discussion.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Pay raise could mean layoffs, tax increase

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

It appears that some Floyd County school employees can look forward to a 2.7 percent pay raise, while others may lose their jobs to account for a mandatory salary increase imposed by the state.

The Floyd County Board of Education received perplexing news from Matthew C. Wireman, treasurer and director of finance, in a special meeting that was called Tuesday night at Adams Middle School to discuss the annual budget.

Wireman stated that he had not yet seen this great number of potential negative impacts on the school budget.

"This is the worst I've seen in six years," said Wireman.

As a result of a state-mandated salary increase of

2.7 percent for the year 2003 and an annual incurred health insurance cost of \$3,000 for employees paid from federal funds, for example Title I, the board is looking at a reduction of staff to account for the increased expenses.

According to Wireman, SEEK — Support Education Excellence in Kentucky — will not increase the amount of funding per pupil this year as it has every year before. It is projected that there will continue to be a decrease in state and federal funds due to a continuing decline of student enrollment in future years. The district has lost 1,971 students since 1990-91 school year.

Wireman's presentation showed a loss in flexible spending account refunds from the state which annually provides \$125,000 of non-budgeted funds.

(See BUDGET, page seven)

Restaurant proposition lands man behind bars

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Pike County man is now scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court on Feb. 13 after being arrested in Prestonsburg on Tuesday on drug- and weapon-related charges.

Jason B. Woolley, 24, of East Shelbiana near Pikeville, was arrested Tuesday at the Red Light Diner in Prestonsburg when, according to reports from arresting officer George Tussey of the Prestonsburg Police Department, Woolley stepped into the restaurant at approximately 3:15 p.m. and approached the front counter before allegedly bargaining with one of the restaurant workers about a possible purchase for drugs.

According to Tussey's report, Woolley, while at the diner, asked an employee if she "would like any pain pills." Tussey included in his report that the unnamed female employee later agreed to give a written statement about the incident.

Considering the alleged drug offer occurred roughly one city block from the nearby Prestonsburg Elementary School, Tussey charged Woolley with trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, a detail that could add weight to the charge and most likely be closely examined during a preliminary hearing next week.

Woolley was also charged with one count of carrying a concealed weapon at the time

(See PILLS, page seven)

Trucker, passenger face drug charges

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Two Virginians, a commercial truck driver and his female passenger, were arraigned in Floyd District Court Tuesday after an arrest two days earlier which left them facing several charges, including first-degree trafficking and first-degree possession of a controlled substance charges.

Gary Creston Lawson, 49, of Jonesville, Va., and Kimberly Ann Robinette, 35, of Clinchport, Va., were both arrested along U.S. 23 near Ivel after a routine stop for inspection led to a Kentucky Motor Vehicle Enforcement

canine unit alert and a subsequent drug discovery.

According to reports, Lawson, who was driving a black 1989 Peterbilt commercial truck and who apparently owns his own trucking company — Gary Lawson Trucking — was stopped for what reports characterized as a "random" inspection by KVE officer Keith Justice.

Justice said in his report of the incident that the canine unit accompanying him during the inspection was alerted to the passenger door of the vehicle, at which time Justice began questioning Lawson.

Justice noted in his report

(See TRUCK, page seven)

Decoy man charged with rape

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

One of two sealed indictments returned in a group of 15 to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office earlier this week has now been partially opened after arraignment proceedings yesterday.

John Brian Smith, 28, of Decoy,

was arraigned yesterday in Floyd Circuit Court following a grand jury indictment returned earlier this week. The indictment listed one count of first-degree rape, a class B felony, and one count of first-degree unlawful imprisonment, a class D felony.

According to the indictment, Smith allegedly committed the act

of first-degree rape on Jan. 1 when he allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with an unnamed female through the use of forcible compulsion while also allegedly restraining her during the act, convincing a grand jury to include the first-degree unlawful imprisonment

(See RAPE, page seven)

Faced with \$225,000 loss, juvenile center shuts down

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Juvenile Detention Center, which has served as a regional juvenile offender center for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and served surrounding counties for some time, has closed its doors, according to the Floyd County Judge-Executive's Office.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson received two letters in the month of January informing him that because of a projected state budget downfall, Floyd County juvenile offenders will now be transported to the Breathitt County Regional

Juvenile Detention Center, the facility which will now step in as a multi-county center.

The Floyd County center had been serving surrounding counties and collecting reimbursements for this service at roughly \$18,000 to \$25,000 a month until September, when Thompson said his office first got news of the switch to Breathitt County.

"We had been getting about 18 to 25 thousand a month, that is until September," said Thompson. "Once that original letter went out that they were going to be shifting to Breathitt, then it dropped off to where we only had about three or four out-of-county juveniles at the center. Then we were getting

about 10 to 15 thousand a month."

Thompson said this made the option of keeping the facility going a near financial impossibility.

"It would cost us about \$21 or \$22,000 a month to keep it open," said Thompson. "That estimates at about a \$225,000 loss annually."

"The employees did an excellent job and were well trained and did their best to keep expenses down, but it was just a matter of not being able to put \$225,000 into a facility that may have or may not have any juveniles in it."

This switch will mean a change in money coming into the

(See CLOSED, page seven)



photo by Sheldon Compton

The Floyd County Juvenile Detention Center will no longer operate to house county juvenile offenders, as well as others from surrounding counties. As of Feb. 1, Floyd County switched roles and became part of the Breathitt Regional Juvenile Detention Center's service region, and will now transport all juvenile offenders to Breathitt County to be held at that facility, much the same way that other counties had once brought their juveniles to Floyd.



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Martin Co. fire victim identified

A victim found in a fire inez residence identified as Leah Testerman, 46, of Saltwell Road, Inez.

According to a Kentucky State Police press release, the body was found by Inez Fire Department when they responded to the scene of a fire at 7:30 a.m. in Martin County. The fire had occurred at the home of Leah Testerman around 3 a.m.

Fire department personnel found the victim's remains inside the residence, which had been totally consumed by the fire. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but there was no evidence of foul play.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County Coroner Mike Crum and then taken to the State Medical Examiner's Office.

Crum stated that the victim had been positively identified, but the official ruling of cause of death is pending an autopsy.

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Odds and Ends

■ DENVER — Call it a rare to medium-rare find. Researchers claim a new cut of steak is just as tasty as a New York strip for about half the price. "Value cut" steaks are expected in supermarkets this spring or summer at about \$4 per pound, said Betty Hogan, new products director for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. New York strip steaks, by

comparison, are typically \$8 per pound. The new cuts come from the chuck or the round, meat traditionally used for hamburger and meat loaf. They are leaner and come in smaller portions. Hogan told nearly 200 ranchers and beef marketers Wednesday at the 2002 Cattle Industry Convention. Researchers from the universities of Nebraska and Florida spent three years devel-

oping value cuts, examining 5,500 cow muscles for color, fat, moisture content and a way to cut them. Experts said hamburger meat was rarely used as steaks before. ■ TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana's balmy winter is threatening to take the sweetness out of Vigo County's annual two-day pancake breakfast. Due to the warmth, area

maple trees just aren't producing the sweet sap used to make the homemade maple syrup served at the county's Pancake, Maple Syrup and Sausage Breakfast. And unless frigid readings arrive soon to jolt the trees into action, Park Superintendent Keith Ruble may be forced to travel to Michigan to get syrup for the Feb. 16-17 breakfast. Vigo County's assistant park superintendent, Darlene Norman, plans to serve 2,000 people over the two days. She ordered 20 cases of sausage, nine cases of pancake mix and 700 half-pint containers of milk and orange juice. Parks workers who began tapping trees in January have 1,654 taps on area maple trees but sap won't flow from the trees unless temperatures are in the 20s during the evening and in the 30s during the day.

made with hemp seeds or hemp oil should be illegal because hemp contains the intoxicating substance found in marijuana. Students for Sensible Drug Policy handed out the food on Tuesday in preparation for the hemp ban the next day. Chapter president Randy Lusk said the purpose was to show that the snacks don't contain enough of the intoxicating chemical for a person to test positive on a drug test. "You can't get high from hemp," he said. The marijuana portions of the cannabis plant include the flowering tops, the leaves and the resin. The remainder of the plant — the stalks and sterilized seeds — is referred to as hemp. ■ ASHLAND, Ore. — A man charged with growing marijuana at his house could have been jailed for years, but was sentenced to probation because the plants were in such bad shape. William Lavon Atchley, 44, initially faced a charge of drug manufacturing — which carries a maximum 20-year sentence — for growing three marijuana plants. The plants were in such bad condition, public defender

Herbert Putney argued that Atchley should face a lesser sentence. "He was almost embarrassed to admit they were his, it was so straggly," Putney said. He was sentenced to one year of probation and a \$500 fine for marijuana possession. ■ SEATTLE — Less than two weeks before the start of baseball's spring training, the Seattle Mariners' biggest glove must undergo surgery for an injured thumb. Actually, make that a badly dented thumb. A couple of months ago, a flatbed truck backed into the Mitt, a 9-foot-tall, 3,000-pound cast bronze sculpture at Safeco Field, during the installation of hardwood floors in luxury suites. "It looks like a jammed finger," artist Gerard Tsutakawa said Tuesday. Since the mishap, the thumb of the Mitt, completed three years ago and mounted outside the baseball stadium, has been wrapped with tape provided by construction workers. In an operation this week, the thumb is to be cut off so the damaged area can be repaired. (See ODDS, page two)

Cheney fund-raises for Northup, Whitfield; visits soldiers

by JOSHUA HAMMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — U.S. Rep. Anne Northup kicked off her campaign for a fourth congressional term Thursday with Vice President Dick Cheney at her side. Cheney also traveled to western Kentucky for a stop at Fort Campbell before attending another fund-raiser. Speaking to about 300 Northup supporters in a banquet room at the Seelbach Hotel in

downtown Louisville, Cheney said increases for defense spending proposed in President Bush's budget are vital for the future security of the United States. "The only way we can be secure is to go destroy the terrorists before they can strike us," Cheney said. "We will overcome the challenges facing our country and make this a decade of success for the United States and the cause of freedom." The vice president gave his speech at a \$250 per-person

breakfast fund-raiser for Northup, R-Ky. Supporters of Northup, whose 3rd District which includes Louisville and its suburbs, could also attend a separate \$1,000 per person reception with Cheney. Supporters gave both Cheney and Northup a lengthy standing ovation and cheered loudly when the vice president praised Northup's career in Washington. "She is a superb person who never takes the easy road," (See CHENEY, page six)

■ EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students who snapped up pretzels and granola bars handed out earlier this week could now face drug charges because the products contain hemp seeds. The Drug Enforcement Administration decided last October that food products

Filing deadline passes with likely Republican advantage

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Once the filing deadline stopped moving last week, Republicans appeared to emerge with an advantage for this year's elections. In the hotly contested state Senate, Republicans are assured of retaining at least 14 seats, counting the districts not up for election this year and the six races not contested by Democrats. Thus, Republicans have to win only six of the 12 contested state Senate races this year to retain their 20-18 existing majority. Republicans, on the other hand, are challenging all but one of the Democratic seats up for grabs this year. And Democrats have to win eight of the contested Senate elections this year to regain a majority. The Republican congressional delegation from Kentucky largely avoided re-election roadblocks. Incumbents Ron Lewis in the 2nd District, Hal Rogers in the 5th and Ernie Fletcher in the 6th drew only nominal opposition. Sen. Mitch McConnell has two Democratic opponents for a fourth term, but even the strongest Democrat, civic activist Lois Combs Weinberg, seems underfunded and outmanned. The strongest Democratic challenger for U.S. Congress is probably Jack Conway, who is challenging 3rd District Rep. Anne Northup. First District Rep. Ed Whitfield is opposed by

Democratic newcomer Clint Alexander, a Hopkinsville lawyer who at least has a strong family connection as the son of former Murray State University President Kern Alexander. Democratic Chairwoman Nicki Patton acknowledged the

lack of a stronger challenge to the GOP congressional stranglehold and said the party efforts will be concentrated on behalf of Weinberg, Conway and (See DEADLINE, page six)

State Supreme Court justice arrested for drunken driving

by JOSHUA HAMMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A Kentucky Supreme Court justice, Martin Johnstone, was stopped for drunken driving and pleaded guilty to the charge Thursday morning, court officials said. Johnstone registered a .22, more than two-and-one-half times the legal limit, when he was stopped at 8 p.m. Wednesday night on Interstate 71 in eastern Jefferson County by an unmarked county police car, police spokesman Robert Biven said. According to the arrest citation, police observed Johnstone, 52, weaving across the center line and both fog lines of the interstate as he drove north from downtown Louisville in a 1999 blue Ford Crown Victoria. "When stopped, subject had very strong smell of alcoholic

beverages on person and slurred speech," the reports said. Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk spokeswoman Debbie Michals said Johnstone pleaded guilty to drunken driving Thursday morning in district court. Michals said Johnstone's license was suspended for 30 days and he is to take an alcohol education class. He also paid a \$400 fine, she said. Johnstone could not be immediately reached for comment. Kentucky State Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert issued a statement Thursday regarding the matter. "I have been informed of the incident involving Justice Johnstone and that he entered a guilty plea," Lambert said. "By pleading guilty and taking full responsibility, he has dealt with this matter properly." Johnstone was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1996. He received his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University and his law degree from the University of Louisville before entering private practice in 1976. He was elected a magistrate a year after law school and was a district judge and circuit judge in Jefferson County before being appointed to the state Court of Appeals in 1993.

Prestonsburg Little League

The Prestonsburg Little League will be having an organizational meeting to elect officers for the upcoming 2002 season. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2002, at Billy Ray's Restaurant. They invite all interested persons to attend.

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Power plant 'siting' bill prompts more questions than answers

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill backed by Gov. Paul Patton to bring "merchant" power plants under state regulation ran into trouble on two fronts in a House committee Thursday.

Some legislators were leery of how it would affect projects proposed or under way in their districts. Some environmentalists, while supportive of Patton's concept, questioned whether parts of the bill left too much to interpretation.

The Local Government Committee put off taking a vote on the bill and planned to resume a hearing next week. The heart of the bill is creation of a special state board, adjunct to the utility-regulating Public Service Commission, to decide whether proposed plant sites are acceptable.

The state is holding up applications for permits for 29 generating plants, all but four of which would be merchant plants, unregulated because

they would sell power on the open market.

State officials presume most of the plants' electricity would be sold to buyers in other states. "What do these plants do for Kentucky? The answer is: very little," Rep. Jon Draud, who is sponsoring Patton's bill, told the committee.

That brought disagreement from Rep. J.R. Gray, a committee member from Marshall County, where no fewer than five plants are proposed and one is under construction. Gray, one of labor's top allies in the General Assembly, said the projects create high-paying jobs, both during construction and operation.

Draud, R-Crestview Hills, said the siting board is not intended to prevent plants being built but to ensure protection of the public's interest. "If the plant meets reasonable criteria, it will be built," he said.

Some environmentalists questioned those criteria. For example, the bill would exempt a plant already under

construction but doesn't define it. Some might construe that to require only a ceremonial groundbreaking, said Tom FitzGerald, an environmental lawyer.

FitzGerald also questioned whether it was proper for a siting board to give preference to coal-burning plants, as the bill provides, and whether the plan relies too much on "setbacks" — a required, 3,000-foot buffer zone around smokestacks.

FitzGerald said use of setbacks is a "crude approximation of protection for neighbors" and a "default" for environmental standards.

There also were questions — from FitzGerald and from legislators on the committee — about how a siting board would mesh with local governments, including planning and zoning boards.

"These are significant decisions for local governments," FitzGerald said. "They are ... 50-years-and-beyond decisions that need to be entered into with eyes open."

The siting board would have seven members, five of whom would be state officials. The other two would be appointed from a county or area in which a plant was proposed.

Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, said the locality should have greater representation. Draud said the board's proposed makeup was a concession to the utility companies, which wanted to minimize local representation.

Tom Dorman, executive director of the Public Service Commission, said the state's regulated utilities have not been subject to local zoning laws. Instead, plant sites have been approved by the commission. That function would pass to the siting board if the bill became law, though the commission still would decide whether a proposed plant was necessary, Dorman said.

House committee votes to eliminate primary runoff

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A House committee Thursday voted to eliminate the current version of Kentucky's two-tiered gubernatorial primary election system, also known as a runoff.

There was little debate and no opposition to the bill.

Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mount Sterling, chairman of the Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee and sponsor of the bill, said county clerks are most opposed to the runoff.

A second primary would cost about \$3.5 million, Arnold said. If the current public financing system is intact, a runoff would also mean about \$600,000 more in funds to the candidates to conduct their campaigns.

Rep. Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, said eliminating the runoff might save money that could be better used to pay election officials more.

The primary runoff was created in 1992, but has not been invoked. Under the system, if no

candidate in a gubernatorial primary wins 40 percent of the vote, the top two finishers have another election about 30 days later.

Gov. Paul Patton won the Democratic primary in 1995 with more than 40 percent and was unopposed in 1999. Republicans generally eschew primaries.

The bill now goes to the full House for its consideration. (The legislation is House Bill 22.)

Revenue receipts fall in January

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Receipts to Kentucky's General Fund fell in January, endangering even the depressed expectations for the remainder of the fiscal year and

perhaps even Gov. Paul Patton's thin budget proposals.

Receipts fell by 5.0 percent for the month. For the seven months of the current fiscal year, receipts are up only 0.5 percent and must rise by 0.9 percent in order to meet expectations.

With lower receipts thus far, receipts must grow by 1.5 percent through the end of the fiscal year on June 30 to meet estimates.

Patton's budget proposal, which is pending before the General Assembly, counts on revenue receipts meeting expectations this year. And a continuing slump in the economy could put the revenue estimates for the coming two years in question.

Budget director James Ramsey said Wednesday the lower receipts did not surprise him because there has been no indication of a turnaround in the economy of Kentucky.

Individual income tax receipts fell in January and sales tax receipts were essentially unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Amendment to eliminate constable position is withdrawn

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Rep. Jodie Haydon says he has been convinced that some constables are worthy of keeping their jobs and he has withdrawn a proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the office altogether.

"There are some constables out there who do some good things," Haydon, D-Bardstown, said.

Some members of the House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee said eliminating the office is the first thing the General Assembly should consider.

"First of all, we should find out if the people want it," said Rep. Woody Allen, R-Morgantown. "We have some constables that can't read and write."

It is difficult to determine how many constables are actually holding office. Elections are held on a county-by-county basis if a candidate files. Only one county, Jefferson County, actually has duties for constables. The office has some law enforcement authority, but many county governing boards refuse to allow constables to purchase equipment such as flashing lights.

Rep. Charlie Hoffman, D-Georgetown, said he was biased

because his father was a constable for 20 years. But he said they perform valuable services in some communities and should be trained.

Hoffman said he was also reluctant to make elimination of the office one of the four amendments allowed on the November ballot, even though only once has the legislature placed four constitutional questions before voters.

Odds

after which the thumb will be reattached and the new section glazed.

When Tsutakawa found out about the accident, he suggested leaving the sculpture in place with a bandage on the thumb. The Mariners, however, did not take to that idea.

"I was only kidding," Tsutakawa said, "but it would've been fun."

■ STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State University is asking its architecture department to pay for repairs to a bathroom stall that was redecorated to look like a Roman Catholic confessional as part of a class project.

University spokesman Bill Mahon said Tuesday that the total repair cost had not yet been calculated, but that the bill would be about \$800.

Christopher J. Rzomp, a senior majoring in architecture, cut a confessional window into the stall, put a metal screen over it and hung red velvet curtains and golden tassels. He finished it off with a red light overhead.

Mahon said a custodian told officials about the project in early December, soon after it was completed. Since then, the university has received a handful of complaints.

Michael Mussotter, an associate professor of architecture who assigned the project, gave Rzomp an A grade — "not just for the courageous intervention and its artistic quality, but strictly according to the course syllabus for the student's outstanding overall performance in class."

Rzomp, who is studying in Rome this semester, has described himself as a Catholic and said he did not mean for the project to be blasphemous.

■ SANFORD, Fla. — A man fleeing deputies at the Seminole County Courthouse lost his pants and shoes in the chase.

Dwight Dion Oliver, 28, of Sanford, was captured Monday three blocks away in gray boxer

shorts after he ducked into the Seminole County Library.

His pants, low-slung baggy jeans, were found less than a block from the courthouse. Deputies said he lost them as he jumped shrubs. His shoes also came off, and were found near the courthouse steps.

Oliver was tentatively scheduled to stand trial Monday on a charge of aggravated battery. His former girlfriend accused him of punching her in the face in December 2000, according to court records.

■ FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Two men charged with trying to steal a 500-pound safe from the Moose Lodge apparently

planned to use their bikes as getaway vehicles, police said.

Roger Yost, 40, and William Isberg, 40, both of Fairbanks, were charged Monday with burglary, criminal mischief, theft and attempted theft.

Police said the pair rode to the lodge on bicycles. They had managed to move the safe a just few feet when police arrived, shortly before 2 a.m.

The two men are also suspected of trying to breaking into a spa shortly before the incident at the lodge, police said.

The two men were being held at the Fairbanks Correctional Center on \$20,000 bail.

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Guest View Editorial roundup

The News-Press, Fort Myers, Fla., on the Super Bowl: Just three months ago, an edgy America wondered whether the baseball World Series might be the occasion for terrorists to attack again.

Sunday, we kept our fingers crossed once more amid intense security, fearing that another national institution, the Super Bowl football championship, would be a target.

In both cases, America was blessed not only with peaceful events but with classic sports epics that made our heavy hearts soar.

Just as the upstart Arizona Diamondbacks vanquished the proud New York Yankees in the bottom of the ninth in the seventh game of the World Series, so the underdog New England Patriots edged the St. Louis Rams juggernaut in the very last seconds of the Super Bowl.

It was as if some author of cosmic children's books had scripted these events to lift our spirits and remind us of how happy life can be in this blessed country.

For once, the sports hype was just right, for this moment in history and for the caliber of play the teams delivered.

The first World Series and first Super Bowl post-Sept. 11 were not only great baseball and football.

They were triumphant renewals of two beloved American institutions, in defiance of the murderers who hate our way of life.

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, on Bush's proposal for a Freedom Corps:

President George W. Bush's formation of the USA Freedom Corps is, almost, an initiative of the "Nixon goes to China" variety.

When programs that create public jobs through a mix of volunteerism and stipends are advanced by presidents from the Democratic Party, they are often viewed from across the aisle with suspicion: they are presumed to be fountains of patronage, make-work that costs much and benefits few.

When, however, a more conservative leader uses the presidential podium to make a call for such service, a larger public may be more receptive to the benefits of a federal role.

Well-run federal programs that promote public service, particularly among young citizens coming of age, can be of enormous value.

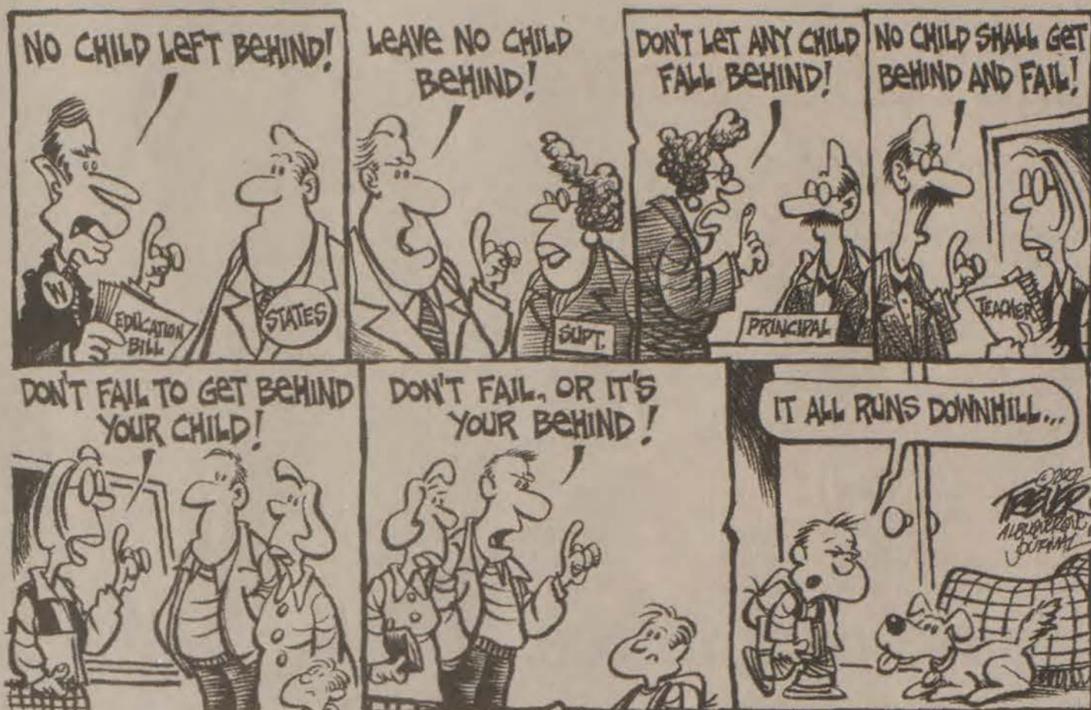
As President John F. Kennedy's clarion call for a Peace Corps demonstrated, they can inspire those who participate to a lifetime of committed community involvement.

Unlike the Peace Corps idea, much of the USA Freedom Corps is old wine in a new bottle.

It combines three long-standing service programs — the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps — under one umbrella.

It also adds a fourth, the newly created Citizen Corps, whose mission will revolve around community-based homeland security.

Even if it's partly a repackaging, though, it's worthwhile.



Think About It

The fast and the delirious

I learned to drive in a white, five-speed pickup truck belonging to my cousin Gary's stepfather, and with Gary, who was three years my senior and freshly fitted with a new driver's license himself, bravely sitting in the passenger seat alongside me.

He didn't really administer lessons, you see. For the most part, we just snuck the vehicle out and went joyriding through town whenever we could. I would ask if I could have a turn and he would agree.

I would crank through gears all about the small town of Virgie, naively oblivious to fact that any number of authorities could have snatched us at any given second and literally brought our mischief to a screeching halt.

I learned the craft, though, but not well enough before Gary realized the joyriding could land us in more distressing trouble than we had bargained for. Apparently my grandfather had learned of

our trips and seemed to be keeping an ever-watchful eye in our general direction, especially if a vehicle of any kind was in spitting distance.

However, my time would come again soon enough. I had a plan.

Gary frequently went fishing just below our house in Virgie, a nice spot just under a railroad bridge with only a small area to use for parking just above a nearby ridge. The vehicle of my instruction would sit, then, along this ridge completely out of sight of my unsuspecting cousin, who had, by that time, began to fear possible repercussions and suspended lessons until further notice.

I was getting restless to drive again. We can probably all remember how it felt when we first started driving. That rush of being the sole controlling factor of a two-ton, full-size go-cart. It seemed unbelievable to be in control of such a magnificent machine.

So, as I was needing a quick driving fix, I agreed to go fishing with Gary one afternoon and while he was busy watching his line, I crawled up the bank and over the ridge and behind the steering wheel of my own personal rollercoaster. Man, I was in charge.

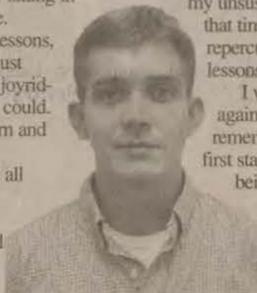
I started the engine fast and popped into first gear with every intention of pulling out slowly onto the main road, but instead the car bucked violently beneath me and shot across the railroad crossing.

Gary would later say that he only saw a white blur speed across the crossing. He also told me later that I had actually left the ground and might as well have had a 01 painted across both doors and been equipped with a musical "Dixie" horn.

I regained control somehow and, knowing I had probably alerted Gary, decided to make the best of the short trip back to the bridge. So I floored it, leaving black marks and performing a series of intoxicating swerves along the roadway which I would learn years later was aptly referred to as "fishtailing", a fine and wonderful vehicular art.

I passed my driver's test a few years later in my grandfather's automatic Ford Tempo — no bucking or hitching, no chance that I might become delirious with power and speed through the nearby Long John Silver's.

I was counted off during the test by a humorous police officer who preferred not to talk, move or breath during the short trip around the block. I was docked five points, I think, for driving with one hand. I had the other hanging out the window, bored with the lackluster ride and thinking of the backroads of Virgie and five-speed pickups.



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Guest Column

A Texas company buys Congress

by STEVEN WEISS

Caught in a swarm of controversy over questionable business deals and faulty financial statements that resulted in the biggest bankruptcy in history, energy giant Enron is under scrutiny on several fronts, including its Washington connections.

Enron's demise has played out just over a year after an election in which the company contributed more than \$2.4 million in individual, PAC, and soft money contributions to federal candidates and parties, ranking it among the top 50 organizational donors in the 2000 elections. The company's contribution total for the 2000 elections more than doubled its political donations in each of the two previous election cycles.

Enron has already contributed nearly \$354,000 to candidates and parties so far in the current election cycle, 94 percent to Republicans and 6 percent to Democrats. Since the 1989-90 election cycle, Enron has made more than \$5.9 million in campaign contributions, 74 percent to Republicans and 26 percent to Democrats.

Just last year, Enron was one of the country's 10 largest companies and the leading energy broker in the United States. But the Houston-based energy trading

company has come under fire for entering into business partnerships that presented possible conflicts of interest for several Enron executives, prohibiting employees from selling their shares in the company as the stock price plummeted, and shredding documents that were potentially important to government investigators looking into the company, among other allegations.

This controversy has created a quandary for President Bush, who raised nearly \$114,000 in PAC and individual contributions from Enron in 1999-2000, making the company one of his biggest donors. Enron also donated \$300,000 to the Bush/Cheney inaugural gala in January 2001, including contributions by former Enron executives Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling. The Lays have contributed a total of almost \$883,000 to candidates and parties since 1989, of which 90 percent went to Republicans. They are by far the largest political contributors among Enron employees.

Lay is a longtime friend of the president and was one of Bush's top contributors during the presidential election and two gubernatorial campaigns in Texas. Lay, listed by the Bush/Cheney campaign as a "Pioneer" who raised at least \$100,000 for the election, reportedly has been one of the administration's closest advisors on energy policy since Bush took office.

Enron has close ties to the Democrats. Lay played golf with President Clinton, and he met with Clinton administration officials in 1997 prior to an interna-

tional conference on global warming in Kyoto, Japan. Since 1989, Enron and its employees have contributed more than \$1.5 million to Democratic candidates and party fundraising committees.

Enron hopes to draw on close relationships with a number of elected officials for help during its current crisis. The company spent \$2.1 million lobbying Congress and the White House in 2000, an increase over the \$1.9 million it spent on lobbying in 1999. Enron has contributed to the campaign accounts of 71 current senators and 188 current members (43 percent) of the House.

Not surprisingly, the top recipients of Enron's contributions among current members of Congress are all from Texas. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) and Phil Gramm (R) lead the list of Senate recipients since 1989. The seven biggest House beneficiaries of Enron's giving since 1989 are also from Texas. They are led by Democratic Rep. Ken Bentsen.

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The Text Big Thing:

U.S. teens joining cell phone text message craze

by MARTHA IRVINE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

You could call Jackie Snyders a bit of a cell phone junkie, though you won't see her constantly holding one to her ear.

She's one of a growing number of American teens helping to usher in a form of high-tech communication already popular in Europe and Asia — text messaging.

The teen-ager from suburban Denver discovered the feature recently, and now uses her cell phone keypad to punch in and send quick messages to her best friend and parents — no talking required. Her new habit helped build up a \$300-plus phone bill last month.

"My mom wasn't too happy," admits Jackie, who's since cut

Richards in a search for drugs. Singer Mick Jagger was there at the time. They were charged three months later.

■ In 1968, John Lennon, George Harrison and their wives traveled to India to study transcendental meditation with the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

Later, they were joined by Ringo Starr and his wife and Paul McCartney and his fiancée.

■ In 1972, Led Zeppelin had to cancel a concert in Singapore after authorities wouldn't let the group off the plane because of their long hair.

Also in 1972, David Bowie first performed as "Ziggy Stardust," at a show in Tollworth, England.

■ In 1974, the Captain and Tennille — also known as Daryl Dragon and Toni Tennille — were married in California.

■ In 1992, New Kids On The Block filed a slander suit against a former producer, who claimed they didn't do much singing on the "Hangin' Tough" album or during New Kids concerts.

■ In 1993, talk show host Joan Rivers swapped jobs with one of her viewers and worked as a flight attendant on a flight from New York to Pittsburgh. She spilled a drink on a passenger.

■ In 1996, Prince — then known as the Artist Formerly Known As Prince — married dancer Mayte in Minneapolis.

■ In 1997, Michael Jackson and wife Debbie Rowe became parents to a son named Prince.

Also in 1997, Liam Gallagher of Oasis called off his wedding to actress Patsy Kensit because of what he called "obsessive and intrusive" media attention. They quietly got married the following April. They have since separated.

■ In 2000, Darva Conger married Rick Rockwell on the Fox TV show "Who Wants To Marry A Multimillionaire." Fox later learned an ex-girlfriend accused Rockwell of hitting her, and Conger asked for an annulment less than a week later.

back a bit on the messages, which cost her 5 cents each to send. The first 50 she receives each month are free, but after that they also are 5 cents apiece.

Heather Mazursky, a 15-year-old from New Rochelle, N.Y., has started text messaging her friends, too.

Even though using cell phones during school is not allowed, she says many students silently send text messages to buddies in other classes. She recently sent one, on the sly, while watching a movie in English class.

"But I pay attention when I'm supposed to," she says.

Wireless experts agree that text messaging, also called SMS for "Short Message Service," is catching on in this country.

Officials at Cingular Wireless, for example, say

they've seen text message traffic increase 450 percent in just the last six months. And many industry surveys have found that teens are, by far, the most common users of the service.

"They have an openness to new things, and they have a burning need to communicate," says David Levy, a former professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who left to found a company called Digit Wireless.

Levy has created a "Fastap" telephone keypad with small, raised letter buttons surrounding bigger number keys — thereby allowing users to make selections even faster than on a traditional touch-tone keypad.

Besides cell phones, text messages also can be sent from

(See TEXT, page six)

Movie review: 'Rollerball'

by DAVID GERMAIN
 AP MOVIE WRITER

The wheel always seemed like a great invention, until the remake of "Rollerball" came rattling along.

Loud, crude and outlandish, "Rollerball" is a parody of itself, a frenzy of extreme-sports stunts masquerading as social commentary on violence and the corporate forces that feed off it.

Director John McTiernan has done fine service in the action and thriller genre in the past with "Die Hard," "The Hunt for Red October" and the remake of "The Thomas Crown Affair."

It would be nice to place blame for this awful movie else-

where, perhaps with MGM executives who decided McTiernan's earlier, more explicit version should be cut to ensure a PG-13 rating so the film could be marketed to young, speed-obsessed boys.

Yet it's hard to imagine that a bloodier, R-rated "Rollerball" could have elevated a farcical story line propelled by half-wits on wheels. The project stinks of stupidity, from the woeful dialogue to the cardboard characters to the gaudy, goofy sets and costumes, which look like prop and design rejects from "American Gladiator."

The original "Rollerball," a cult favorite from 1975 starring James Caan, was not an especial-

ly good movie either, the idea behind it being cooler than the execution. But the original at least carried a broad notion of spectator violence as symptom of a sick society, and it looks a bit prescient given the heightened intensity of competition today and the rise of reality television.

The remake is a narrow, miserly story about a handful of dupes who sign on to play an obvious bloodsport, then whine when the game actually becomes bloody.

While the first "Rollerball" was set in the future, the remake is a contemporary story. McTiernan wanted to insinuate that greed could beget such savagery in our own corporate-branded world, yet the message is undermined by geographical remoteness, the story dumped off in the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan.

Introducing the home team dupes: Jonathan (Chris Klein), an NHL wannabe who winds up the pampered star of the rollerball league; his buddy Marcus (LL Cool J), who lures Jonathan into the game with promises of big bucks; and teammate Aurora (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos), a motorcycle mama with a nasty facial scar and an indeterminate Eurasian accent.

Team owner Petrovich (Jean Reno) makes sure his stars have the fastest, coolest cars and live the highest of high lives. But come game time, he keeps an eye on the instant TV ratings, ordering strategic "accidents" to spice up the matches when the audience dwindles.

"It was only a matter of time before one of those creeps figured out their take would go up with a little blood on the tracks," Marcus observes.

Who says sports stars are dumb?

Klein, LL Cool J and Romijn-Stamos are bland, and Klein dips to caricature, near the end in a showdown so silly it resembles a "Saturday Night Live" spoof of action films. Reno, a fine French actor who seems to be getting sucked dry by Hollywood films, is so bad he becomes unintentionally hilarious.

The rollerball outfits and arenas are too absurd to describe

(OK, just a couple: skull masks and pointy-eared helmets). Ditto for the repetitive, head-banging music the rollerball "house bands" play to enliven the crowds.

The movie ultimately glorifies violence as the athletes viciously rebel against the owners and their henchmen. Adult audiences will find the rabid climax laughable, but for teens, toward whom the movie's targeted, the message is execrable: Feeling oppressed? Pick up a stool and crack a few skulls. It's your right.

Then again, "Rollerball" is so dumb that speed-obsessed little boys may find it laughable too.

"Rollerball," an MGM release, is rated PG-13 for violence, extreme sports action, sensuality, language and some drug references. Running time: 98 minutes. One star (out of four).

Venerable 'Sesame Street' getting biggest makeover in 33 years

by DAVID BAUDER
 AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Elmo and the "Sesame Street" gang are getting a makeover.

With the opening of its 33rd season on Monday, television's best-known children's show will unveil its most dramatic overhaul ever, one designed with competition and a changing audience in mind.

Rest assured, Elmo is keeping his red fur. And his goldfish. The street won't be different, but the way it's presented to young viewers will be.

"Sesame Street" was created in the late 1960s, aimed at an audience of 3- to 5-year-olds. One purpose was to educate poor children who didn't go to preschool.

Now the show's primary audience is 2-year-olds, many of them already savvy television viewers also familiar with the structure of day care or preschool, said Rosemarie Truglio, chief researcher at the PBS show's production company, Sesame Workshop.

Executive producer Michael Loman said that when they found their audience was getting younger, "we wanted to meet their needs, but at the same time we didn't want to lower the intelligence or the challenge involved in the show."

So he tinkered with the format. For years, "Sesame Street" had a single "street story" that would be revisited periodically throughout the hour. Parents told researchers that their children's attention

would wander, so now the story will be told in one 10-minute block.

Three years ago producers broke out Elmo's character into a separate "Elmo's World" segment and it became a big hit. Now Ernie will get the same treatment. "Journey to Ernie" will be a daily segment where viewers will play along with Big Bird, "searching" for Ernie in a computer-generated world.

There also will be separate "Monster Clubhouse" features and regular points in the show where a letter and number of the day are introduced.

"Sesame Street," which was loosely modeled after the old variety show "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," is essentially becoming a series of individual stories.

"What we know about children is they like predictability," Truglio said. "So we're keeping the order the same."

On Monday's show, "Sesame Street" for the first time will address fallout from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The events won't be discussed directly; "Sesame Street" will talk about the fears and emotions children have been expressing.

In the story, Elmo is scared when there's a fire at Hooper's Store, so firefighters invite him to take a tour of their firehouse. He feels much safer afterward.

Subsequent episodes over the next few months will deal with the topics of loss, bullying and inclu-

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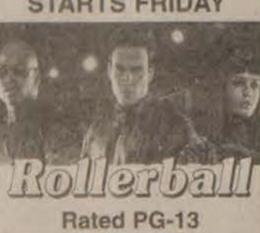
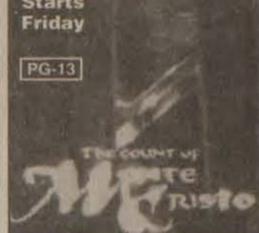
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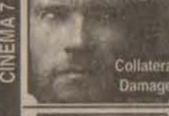
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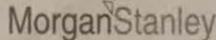
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James Winnie "Dee" Caudill

James Winnie "Dee" Caudill, 77, of Auxier, Ky., died Thursday, January 31, 2002, at his residence.

Born on September 28, 1924, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late Winnie Caudill and Alice Burton Caudill. He was a retired coal miner and Army WWII veteran. He was a member of the Auxier Free Will Baptist Church, a member of D.A.V. Chapter 18, a member of Auxier Volunteer Fire Department, and the East Point Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Ada White Caudill.

Other survivors include five daughters, Deanna Leslie of Chapmanville, W. V., Mary Reynolds of Glasgow, Ky., Tracey Hedrick, Angel Diddle and Jamie Caudill, all of Auxier, Ky.; one sister, Violet Caudill of Ohio; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Caudill and Willis Sparks.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Auxier Free Will Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Roger Music officiating.

Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, Ky., under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home and at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Clifford Martin

Clifford Martin, age 72, of Baltimore, Maryland, and formerly of Floyd County, passed away on January 24, 2002, after an extended illness.

He was born on January 29, 1929, at Bypro, Ky., the son of the late Milt and Ethel Martin.

He was a graduate of the Martin High School, and graduated from the Caney Junior College in 1949, (Alice Lloyd College), which was founded in 1923, to provide quality education to children of Appalachia.

He attended the University of Kentucky in 1950, and while in the United States Air Force, he attended the J.D., St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. While in the U.S. Air Force, 1950-1953, he attained the level of Staff Sergeant. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953, and to the Kentucky Bar in 1954, and began Law Practice in Prestonsburg, Ky. He moved his family to Maryland in 1955, where he was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1957. He was an Insurance adjuster for Nationwide Insurance Co., and State Farm Insurance Co., 1955-1960. From 1960-2001, he operated a private law practice, (first three years in Reisterstown, Md., and later in East Baltimore), gen-

eral practitioner/trial lawyer with emphasis in criminal law, accident litigation and workers compensation.

He was once a partner with Glen Spradlin in the Hazard Gas Co.

He was a member of the Dundalk Optimist Club, East Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, American Bar Association, Maryland Bar Association, Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, Baltimore County Bar Association, Baltimore City Bar Association.

He is survived by one son, Daryll W. Martin of Phoenix, Md.; and two daughters, Maria Isabel Martin and Sandra Maria Martin of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Paulette Beatty of Jupiter, Florida, and Irene Meadows of Monticello, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by one son, Winthrop Blair Martin.

At Mr. Martin's request; a memorial fund was established at his alma mater, Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Ky. Contributions in his memory can be sent to Alice Lloyd College, 100 Purpose Rd., Pippa Passes, Kentucky 41844, in his name.

(Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.)

(Paid obituary)

Alka Bentley Johnson

Alka Bentley Johnson, 85, of Wheelwright, Ky., died Wednesday, February 6, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on March 7, 1916, at Halo, Ky., she was the daughter of James and Cordella Hall Bentley. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Johnson.

Survivors include two daughters, Florida Jena Jones of McDowell, Ky., Alma June Eaton of Dayton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Keith Jones, Kelly Stephens, Joey Jones; and three great-grandchildren, Miranda Blackburn, Jeffrey Jones, and Steven Jones.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Isom, John, Alvin McClellan, and two infant brothers; three sisters, Virgie, Maryland and Bessie Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 9, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Visitation is at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

(Paid obituary)

Text

computers and some pagers. Filled with abbreviations and phonetic spellings as short cuts, messages can say anything from "hi, wot r u doing?" to "ILU" (I love you).

Cara Battaglini, a 25-year-old Washington resident, uses text messaging in loud bars and restaurants. That way, she says she avoids the embarrassment of having to shout into her cell phone, "You're breaking up! Call me later!"

Instead, if she wants to tell a friend to meet her — say, at a favorite bar called the Mad Hatter — she types in, "we're eating - have 2 meet joe at 10, see you at the hatter at 11. k?"

Industry experts say text messaging caught on quicker in Europe and Asia than in America, partly because text messaging is often cheaper there than cell phone calls. Also, unlike many U.S. services, messages there can be sent between cell phones from different service providers (though many expect the American system to change, eventually).

The practice has become so popular with British youth that admissions officials at Bradford University in West Yorkshire sent a text message to potential students last August, wishing them good luck on their college placement exams: "Hoping 4 gr8 results Thursday :-) frn bfd uni."

Text messages also have occasionally helped in emergencies. Last year, a dozen British tourists were rescued from a boat off Bali after they sent a text message all the way to England.

Companies worldwide are coming up with more uses for text messages as their market grows.

Upoc, a New York-based firm, is creating "mobile communities" — for example, a Madonna fan club — that receive text messages as a group.

While experts agree that text messaging is clearly most popular with teens, Upoc's marketing director Andrew Pimentel says, "I think you're going to find a sort of trickle up."

He and his colleagues envision the day when pharmaceutical companies will message patients to remind them to take their medication — and then track their responses.

But that's down the road. Right now, some people are still just figuring out how to decipher their messages.

Liz Miller, a 29-year-old Mountain View, Calif., resident, was perplexed the first time a colleague sent abbreviated text to her cell phone.

Cheney

Cheney said of Northup.

Ellen Williams, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Kentucky, said Cheney's visit to support Northup will go a long way in her bid for a fourth term.

"It shows the clout and the influence Anne has in Washington and it shows that the administration thinks a whole lot of her and they want her to stay in Congress," Williams said of Cheney's visit.

In the November election, Northup faces Democrat Jack Conway, a lawyer who served in the administration of Gov. Paul Patton.

"This visit speaks volumes about the strength of our campaign and our significant chance to oust Rep. Northup," Conway said in a statement Wednesday.

Terry Carmack, Northup's chief of staff, noted that this will be Northup's first campaign during a Republican presidential administration.

"Every year we've won by a bigger margin than the last, and this is a real boost for the campaign," Carmack said.

In November 2000, Northup defeated then-state Rep. Eleanor Jordan handily, despite Jordan raising \$1.5 million and appearing locally with then-president Bill Clinton.

Northup won with 53 percent of the vote in a district where more than half of registered voters are Democrats.

From Louisville, Cheney flew to Fort Campbell, a sprawling Army post about 50 miles northwest of Nashville, Tenn.

Soldiers from Fort Campbell, home to the 101st Airborne Division and the 5th Special Forces Group, are deployed in the war in Afghanistan.

"It's nice to be back in Screaming Eagle Country," Cheney said to about 500 soldiers from the 101st, referring to the division's nickname. "Last time I was here, I was Secretary of Defense."

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"I even looked at it upside down," she says. "I had to call and ask what in the heck it said."

So she now has a simple rule: no abbreviations.

"If you don't use whole words," she tells potential text messengers, "I don't read it."

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Cheney received cheers and whistles when he discussed providing better weapons and training and higher pay to soldiers.

"Everyone in the U.S. military deserves a raise in pay," Cheney said with his fist in the air.

After the brief remarks, Cheney left for Herndon in Christian County for a fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., at the home of Bill and Katherine Flynn, according to Whitfield spokesman Jeff Miles. Whitfield's western Kentucky district includes Fort Campbell.

Whitfield is being challenged by Clint Alexander, a Hopkinsville attorney whose father is a former Murray State University and Western Kentucky University president and whose brother is now president of Murray State.

Democratic Chairwoman Nicki Patton has said party efforts will be concentrated on behalf of Conway and Alexander in congressional races.

Cheney was in the region on Wednesday night, for a fund-raiser and rally for U.S. Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind., in downtown Evansville, Ind.

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Alexander.

If the GOP fell down, it was in races for the state House, where 44 of the 100 House seats have no Republican candidate. Democrats now hold a 66-34 advantage.

"Nobody in our party disagrees on what the priority is. We've got to hold the state Senate and increase our numbers," said GOP Chairwoman Ellen Williams. "Number two is try to pick up seats in the state House."

Williams said there is another GOP incumbent senator who has an opponent recruited by Democrats — Senate President David Williams of Burkesville.

The opponent is Brien Freeman, a Republican attorney from Corbin. Williams and David Williams, who are not related, say Freeman was recruited by Gov. Paul Patton and the UMW to run against him. Freeman denies any gubernatorial connection, though he acknowledges the United Mine Workers Union has contacted him.

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Asparagus recalled for possible contamination

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Michigan company is recalling cans of asparagus sold in five stores because they may be contaminated with botulism, a life-threatening type of bacteria.

Recalled is asparagus packaged in 15-ounce cans sold

under the Wylwood Select, Fancy Cut and Green Spears labels.

The asparagus was sold in Save-A-Lot stores in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana. Lids of the recalled cans bear the code ASPC 126144-11.

Consumers should not eat the recalled asparagus even if

it does not look or smell spoiled, warned manufacturer Mason County Fruit Packers of Ludington, Mich.

Botulism can cause such symptoms as weakness, dizziness, double vision and trouble with speaking, swallowing or breathing. People experiencing such symptoms should seek immediate medical attention.

The Food and Drug

Administration said no illness had been reported. The potentially contaminated vegetables were discovered when the company spotted abnormal-looking cans during labeling operations.

Buyers should return the recalled cans to the place of purchase for refunds and may contact the company at 1-231-929-5937.

Truck

that Lawson seemed "extremely nervous" and complained that his trip was not "cost-effective."

The Jonesville-based truck driver then refused a written consent form to search the vehicle, said Justice, and became defensive and upset.

However, Justice said Lawson's passenger, Kimberly Ann Robinette, consented to a search of her personal belongings.

According to Justice, a search of Robinette turned up drugs and drug paraphernalia in the bags she was carrying, at which time Lawson was placed under arrest for possession of drugs in a commercial motor vehicle.

After an extended search, several coffee filters containing an unspecified white powder were later allegedly found in the truck, along with a brown bottle containing a "black, tar-like" substance, which was found in one of Robinette's bags. In the same bag, Justice said he discovered a set of scales with cut marks on it and white residue.

Robinette was arrested along with Lawson and both were transported to the Floyd County Detention Center, where more discoveries were made by a turnkey at the facility, Shamron McKenzie.

McKenzie found, according

to reports, another coffee filter on Robinette containing a white powder substance, and another was said to have been found in the backseat where Robinette had been sitting, presumably in the vehicle enforcement cruiser which transported her to the detention center.

Lawson was charged with violating a federal safety regulation for driving a motor vehicle, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, incorrect gross weight, failure to produce an insurance card, two counts of no/expired registration receipt and improper exterior identification.

Robinette was charged after her arrest with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Lawson and Robinette were both arraigned Tuesday at which time a cash bond was set for Lawson in the amount of \$10,000. Robinette's bond was ordered to rest at \$5,000 cash.

According to the Floyd County Detention Center, both Lawson and Robinette posted bond later that same day and now await a preliminary hearing on Feb. 13 before District Judge James R. Allen.

Pills

of his arrest, according to reports.

Tussey and accompanying officer Sue Blackburn discovered a "zip-up" notebook which Woolley had in his possession at the time of his arrest. The offi-

Rape

ment charge against him.

Smith's bond was set at \$25,000 cash by Circuit Judge John David Caudill and he was taken into custody after his arraignment yesterday.

Kentucky State Police Det. Phil Bowersock testified on behalf of the prosecution at Smith's arraignment, after which Smith was released to the custody of attending court deputies and lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Jail officials said a woman thought to be Smith's mother posted the full \$25,000 in cash for his bond at about 10:30 a.m. later that same morning.

Smith was released from the detention center shortly afterwards and now awaits further court proceedings in the case.

Bowersock could not be reached for comment at press time.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, right, presented Gary Dotson, deputy director of the city's Public Safety Department, with a key to the city and a plaque in recognition of Dotson's loyal service to the public on Wednesday afternoon during a "send-off" party held in Dotson's honor at noon at City Hall. Dotson is leaving his post to report for "refresher training" that will take place at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. Dotson, who spent 11 years in the U.S. Army, has volunteered to re-enlist in an effort to aid his country during its present time of struggle. The mayor, city councilmen, and officers of the city's Public Safety Department were all on hand to wish Dotson the best during the Wednesday afternoon ceremony.

Inez man alleges rights violation during basketball game arrest

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit filed in Floyd Circuit Court last week on behalf of Larry Randy Harmon of Inez has made claims that Floyd County Sheriff's Office Lt. Herman Morris violated Harmon's constitutional rights during an arrest at a Betsy Layne girls' basketball game on Jan. 31, 2001.

According to the suit, Harmon was arrested by Morris at the Betsy Layne game, at which time Morris allegedly "attacked" him with a flashlight and handcuffed him in a manner which resulted in bodily injury.

Harmon claims the injuries sustained in the alleged attack have left him with permanent injuries and have been responsi-

ble for past medical bills as well as future medical bills. Also, Harmon claims the incident has caused him mental and physical pain and suffering.

Harmon disputes the claim that he was disturbing the peace or "committing any violation of the criminal laws" at the time of his arrest, and further complains in his suit against Morris that the officer caused him undue embarrassment in the incident.

The charges against Harmon were later dismissed in Floyd District Court as being "groundless," the complaint says, and goes on to give Harmon's explanation as to why he was charged with any violations to begin with.

"(Morris) knew well that the charges preferred by (him) were false and untrue," the suit says,

"and that the charges were made to cover his own vicious, criminal attack on (Harmon)."

Harmon supports in his suit that Morris' alleged actions on the night of Jan. 31, 2001, during the arrest deprived him of privileges and immunities granted to him by the fourth, fifth and seventh amendments and section 1 of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Harmon is asking for judgment against Morris in the case for damages, both compensatory and punitive, for his costs, including the costs of an attorney, and any other relief to which he may be entitled.

Attempts to reach Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn for a response to the suit against Morris were unsuccessful.

Closed

county and money being spent, as Floyd County will now be expected to make a required payment of \$94 per day for each juvenile offender housed at the Breathitt County facility, a change which became effective on Feb. 1, according to a Jan. 25 letter from DJJ.

In an earlier letter from DJJ to Thompson's office, the move was explained in some detail, claiming a need to change the timetables and make revisions in the department's planned geographical boundaries for proposed centers.

"The projected state budget shortfall has necessitated reductions in our planned expenditures for detention related to county operated programs," the department explained. "The DJJ detention centers were built to handle future growth. Because of this, and the fortunate drop in juvenile crime, there are unused beds at the Breathitt Detention

Center ... the result is that the department is able to add additional counties to Breathitt's service region."

The latter went on to say that similar changes were set to be made in other counties as well, such as Boyd County. DJJ said once the Boyd facility is opened, the counties closer to that program will switch and make use of that center.

DJJ currently operates five juvenile detention centers; Boyd will be the sixth with facilities planned for Laurel, Fayette and Hardin counties, with all but 32 of 120 counties in the state having a service region upon the Laurel County center's opening in March.

As a result of these timetable changes and boundary reconfigurations, Floyd County now finds itself on the giving end of payments for juvenile services, as opposed to the receiving end.

However, the charge of near-

ly \$100 a day for each juvenile offender housed at the Breathitt facility can be lessened through a subsidy reimbursement, which has been raised, according to DJJ, each of the last four years.

The current subsidy reimbursement rests at \$80, leaving the county utilizing a particular service center to pay \$14 per day for each juvenile held. However, in order to receive this reimbursement, the county must use the center in its service region exclusively.

According to DJJ guidelines, 14- and 15-year-old juvenile offenders cannot be held over 45 days and a term for 16- and 17-year old offenders cannot exceed 90 days.

But the fees and possible dollar figures should not effect the county's overall budget, according to Thompson, who stressed the only other option was comparatively much greater.

"It boils down to the fact that it would have cost us \$225,000 to keep this one open and it will cost around \$21,000 to take it to Breathitt County. So, no, it won't affect the budget," Thompson said.

Transportation of Floyd County's juvenile offenders to the Breathitt County facility will remain the responsibility of local law enforcement, but the costs of bringing them back into the county would be taken care of by DJJ. Thompson explained his office included this detail when estimating the costs of making the switch to Breathitt County and that it is reflected in the \$21,000 estimated cost for the county.

As for the building itself, the first-floor area remains to be used as a home office for the Big Sandy Community Action Program and Thompson said he and the fiscal court are currently looking at several possibilities to continue making use of the entire facility.

Budget

The proposed budget recommends revising staffing allocation, maintenance reduction, and re-evaluation of discretionary general fund programs as a way of accounting for the lack of funds. A reduction of funds for discretionary general fund programs would mean instruction in support programs could be less effective.

Wireman stated that the board could be considering a tax hike in September to help cover the costs, leaving property owners to take up the slack. With the exception of last year's 4 percent increase in property tax rates, the board has historically levied the compensating tax rate, a tax rate that generates approximately the same amount of money each year.

According to Wireman, the proposed budget includes the purchase of 10 buses when the county needs at least 18-to-20, and only a portion of the technology match is budgeted. Some other negative factors the district faces are increased expenses to be incurred by federal programs and possible losses as a result of the new block grant format, and the possibility that the legislature may mandate some other increase for salaries.

Wireman stated that the SEEK fund will not even cover the salaries for the year.

"I hate to ask, but is there any good news anywhere?" inquired Vice Chairman Jeff Stumbo.

Wireman replied, "I hope to have some good news in a couple of months."

Former Pikeville bank employee indicted for embezzlement

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville woman has been indicted on a federal charge of embezzling money from Community Trust Bank.

Kimberly Kaye Justice, 35, was named in a three-count indictment returned Thursday in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of

Kentucky, said U.S. Attorney Gregory F. Van Tatenhove.

The indictment alleges that Justice embezzled \$65,537.96 from the Pikeville bank in 1996 and 1997, and that she twice used a bank computer without authorization to obtain financial information to help her in a criminal act.

Wanda Roberts, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, said Justice was fired in 1997. Roberts said she didn't know what position Justice held at the bank. Officials at the bank declined to comment.

If convicted, Justice could be sentenced to 30 years in prison and fined \$1 million.

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MARRIAGES

Denise Rae Adkins, 26, of East Lynn, W.Va., to Johnny Lee King, 28, of Martin.
 Layla Karen Pittman, 50, of Pikeville, to Arnold Hall, 59, of Harold.
 Nancy Jane Smith, 53, to Claude Sartin, 57, both of Wheelwright.
 Shantel Ray, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Charles Patrick Castle, 30, of Offutt.
 Deborah Ousley Collins, 30, to Charles Dwayne Jarvis, 35, both of Martin.
 Heather Mashae Ward, 17, of Martin, to Nathaniel Ray Goble, 20, of Hippo.
 Mary Lou Davis, 46, to Larry Wayne Burke, 60, both of David.
 Lisa Dawn Baldrige, 19, to Jeffrey Lee Terry, 23, of Eastern.
 Mary Lou Harris, 43, to Jerry

Davis Bentley, 51, both of Pikeville.
 Madonna Rose Tackett, 34, of McDowell, to Jackie Ray Lawson, 35, of Drift.
 Tina Revonne Hughes, 20, to Terry Donovan Ramey, 22, both of Garrett.

LAWSUITS

Greenpoint Credit LCC vs. Wendell Vance; complaint.
 Herman Smith vs. Rebecca Wells; complaint.
 Rodney Bentley vs. Ashley Bentley; divorce.
 Danny R. McClung vs. Christine Thacker also known as Christine Thacker Salisbury and Tim Segraves; complaint.
 Larry Randy Harmon vs. Lt. Herman Morris; complaint.
 Conesco Finance Service Corporation vs. Pamela G. Webb; complaint.

April Hamilton vs. Benjamin Ferguson; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Ernestine May vs. Billie May; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Mary Grubbs vs. Paul Grubbs; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Leatha Gibson vs. Bud Gibson; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Robert A. Evans vs. Connie Evans; petition for health care insurance.
 Edith McKendree vs. Jeremy Chad McKendree; divorce.
 Claude Allen vs. Kathy Allen; divorce.
 Donald Rose vs. Gary L. Hale and Nancy Amburgey; complaint.
 James Hamilton vs. Brenda Bentley; complaint.
 Lula May Estep vs. Ricky Estep; divorce.
 Melissa Sue Bentley Taylor vs. John Allen Taylor; divorce.
 Larry Daniels vs. Mary Etta Smith; joint petition for custody.
 Steve Woods vs. Marjorie Woods; divorce.
 Charles Johnson and Dawn Johnson vs. Kentucky National Insurance Company; complaint.
 Wells Fargo Finance Acceptance vs. John G. Stephens; complaint.
 Manufacturers and Traders Company vs. Carlene Muncy; complaint.

registration receipt, no exterior identification/improper display.
 Jason B. Woolley, 24, Pikeville, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, carrying a concealed weapon.
 Scott Garrett, 49, Betsy Layne, alcohol intoxication.
 Gary A. Bailey, 54, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Earl L. Wallen, 31, Lackey, disorderly conduct.
 Carter L. Yates, 43, Martin, fourth-degree assault.
 Kimberly Mynhier, 32, Hueysville, fourth-degree assault.
 Brandy L. Terry, 20, Langley, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Carl Ray Briggs, 42, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Rodney D. Bentley, 20, Garrett, disorderly conduct.
 Mike Bowe, age unlisted, Stone, criminal trespassing.
 Donald G. Short, 41, Mousie, theft by unlawful taking.
 Gregory P. Chaffin, 25, Wayland, theft by unlawful taking.
 John Wayne Clevenger, 21, Salyersville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Chad B. Cole, 18, Melvin, harassing communications.
 Michael S. Osborne, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Travis Johnson, 22, Bevinville, violating probation.
 Denzil Howell, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Brent D. Bentley, 29, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeff Turner, 39, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
 Tim Walker, 30, Dwaile, violating a protective order, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.
 Clinton Cook, 22, Bevinville, fourth-degree assault.
 Arick Heath Hall, 23, Bevinville, violating probation.
 Kristy M. Arnett, 22, Hueysville, violating probation.
 Clinton Stiltner, age unlisted, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.
 Samantha S. Wheler, 21, Hager Hill, alcohol intoxication.
 John B. West, 24, Grethel, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Victoria Bowling, 18, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Bradley E. Day, 23, Greensburg, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 James Moore, 23, Lackey, public intoxication.
 Eddie Jones, 18, Garrett, fourth-degree assault.
 Amanda Mullins, 19, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
 Brenda J. Dorton, 45, Flat Gap, alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 David J. Spradlin, 20, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, minor in possession of alcohol.
 Beth Ann Belcher, 42, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
 James R. Dillon, 33, Prestonsburg, harassment, menacing.
 Jeremy B. Conn, 19, Martin, prescription in improper container, possession of a controlled substance (non-narcotic).

Tackett Newsome Jr., 24, Inez, alcohol intoxication, failure to wear a seatbelt.
 Greg Neeley, 31, Stanville, alcohol intoxication.
 Bonnie H. Baldrige, 48, Prestonsburg, selling alcoholic beverage to minor.

INSPECTIONS

McDonald's, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All critical items have been corrected from last inspection. Score: 100.
 Exxon Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Toxic items are now properly stored, other non-critical items remain uncorrected. Score: 98.
 Mountain Christian Academy Cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food tray inside microwave is cracked.
 Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All violations, both critical and non-critical, have been corrected. Score: 100.
 Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: One fountain in the old building is clogged, boy's restroom upstairs does not have a self-closing door, floors and walls in room 410 in need of cleaning, janitor's closet in new building not locked, wall in bad repair in girl's downstairs restroom, boiler room unlocked and lock does work on this door, boy's restroom in need of cleaning. Score: 83.
 Betsy Layne Elementary Cafeteria, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food stored under drainage or condensation lines from compressor in upright refrigeration unit, wiping cloths improperly stored, non-food contact surfaces of food equipment in need of routine cleaning, several lights were observed to be not working under the hood vent, use of cloth towels as a food contact surface. Score: 93.

and Regenia Garrett, Diane Smith and Donald Smith, Ruby Jean Stratton, Michael Garrett, Donald R. Garrett Jr., Timothy Garrett to Samuel M. Stevens, property located at Betsy Layne.
 Allied Auction & Realty to James Pennington and Henrietta Pennington, property located on Right Hand Fork of Bull Creek.
 Combs Brothers Investments Company Inc., David Betscher to Michael McKinney, property located on Sturgill Branch of Toler Creek.
 Paula Reed to Clyde Reed, property located on Brush Creek.
 Lowell D. Blackburn, June Crum Blackburn, Vannie Michelle Blackburn to Woodrow Jarrell Jr. and Carria Jarrell, property location not listed.
 Randall B. Chaffin and Anita G. Chaffin to Michael F. Taylor and Virginia L. Taylor, property located on Abbott Creek.
 Tommy D. Roop and Barbara Roop to Clifford Tackett and Claudeen Tackett, property location not listed.
 Clifford Tackett and Claudeen Tackett to Marcus Tackett, property location not listed.
 Kermit McCauley and Joann McCauley to Paul Little and Donna Little, property location not listed.
 Paul Little and Donna Little to Marcus Tackett and Mary Tackett, property location not listed.
 James Adkins and Patricia Adkins to Richard Conn, property location not listed.
 John Adkins and Nova Adkins to Richard Conn, property location not listed.
 Janice Salisbury and Norris Salisbury to Richard Conn, property location not listed.
 Kathy Duddleson and Ernie Duddleson to Richard Conn, property location not listed.
 Beth Mullins and Benjamin Mullins to Richard Conn, property location not listed.
 Ray E. Salisbury to Roger Johnson and Julie Johnson, property located at Harold.
 Marie Mullins, Helen Coburn Mullins, Marie Coburn Mullins to Paul Eugene Mullins, property located in Garrett.
 Luberta Tackett and Virgil Tackett to Virgil Tackett Jr., Austin Donovan Hall, Isabella Cheyenne Hall, property located on Tackett Fork of Big Mud Creek.
 Bob Hamilton and Joyce Hamilton to Jennifer Hamilton Stanley, property located on Toler Creek.
 David Bowling and Linda Bowling to Gregory L. Preece, property location not listed.
 Freddie Miller and Mable Miller to George Barnette Jr. and Patricia Sturgill Barnette, property location not listed.
 Clifton Ray Ashe and Marshalean G. Ashe to Bruce Ashe, property located on Big Sandy River.
 Bruce Ashe to Ben Hampton and L.J. Hampton, property located on Big Sandy River.
 Pearl Faye Holbrook and Delmar B. Holbrook to Jessica Lee Holbrook Shepherd, property located on State Road Fork.
 Interstate Natural Gas Company to Barry Spurlock and Janie Spurlock, property located on Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River.
 Blake Burchett and Rebecca Burchett to Gerald Delton DeRossett, property located in Prestonsburg.
 Dennis Eugene Justice to Charity Lynn Hunt, property located at Betsy Layne.
 Eula Hall to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Mink Branch of Mud Creek.
 Bob Hamilton and Joyce Hamilton to Jennifer Hamilton Stamey, property located on Toler Creek.
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CHARGES FILED

Jennifer Johnson, 25, Allen, receiving stolen property.
 Herbert Harvey, 35, Prestonsburg, fugitive/governor's warrant.
 Janet Denise Miller, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 Georgia L. Hall, 31, Galveston, first-degree criminal abuse.
 Ansel Hall, 29, Galveston, first-degree criminal abuse.
 Edna Renee Newsome, age unlisted, Teaberry, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 James Hall, age unlisted, Banner, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 Derrick L. Mollett, 19, Tomahawk, excessive window tinting, no tinting label on vehicle, driving on wrong side of road, driving from side to side on highway, possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle, failure to register transfer, reckless driving, fleeing/evading police, operating on a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, three counts of disregarding a traffic control device, no insurance, failure to wear seatbelt, improper start from a parked position, three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Kimberly Ann Robinette, 35, Clinchport, Va., first-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of a drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
 Gary Creston Lawson, 49, Jonesville, Va., violating a federal safety regulation while driving a commercial motor vehicle, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, incorrect gross weight, failure to produce insurance card, two counts of no/expired state

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oakley Robinson and Mossie Robinson to Tony W. Grubb and Kimberly Grubb, property located in Arkansas Creek.
 James Gregory Ratliff to Richard Brian Ratliff, property located on Wilson Creek.
 Commissioner's deed: Billie Jean May Jr. and Jackie May to Daniel May, Beatrice May, Betty Estep, Barbara Booth, Edward Booth, Kimmy May, Sammy May, Joan May, Danny Joe Steffey, Linda Piasecki and Cory Piasecki.
 Norman Hall to Anna Lou H. Spradlin, property located, Slick Rock.
 Elmer Hall and Nancy Hall to Norman Hall, property located, Slick Rock.
 Charlotte Branham and Donald Branham to Laura Melissa Crider Home, property located on Stephens Branch.
 Ethel Carroll to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Spurlock Creek.
 Floyd County Fish and Game Club Inc. to Southern Water and Sewer District, property located on Johns Branch.
 Tommy Roop and Barbara Roop to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Left Beaver Creek.
 Floyd County Fiscal Court to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.
 T.J. Compton and Juanita Compton to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Right Fork of Beaver Creek.
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BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club/Organization _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Roast Beef Sandwich _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
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- Optometrist _____
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- Painter _____
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- Employed at _____
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- Pastor of _____
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- Photographer _____
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- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
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- Sunday School Teacher _____
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- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bath Towels _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Perm _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Seafood items _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Snack Food _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles _____
- Appliances _____
- Artwork/Framing _____
- Athletic Supply _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
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- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
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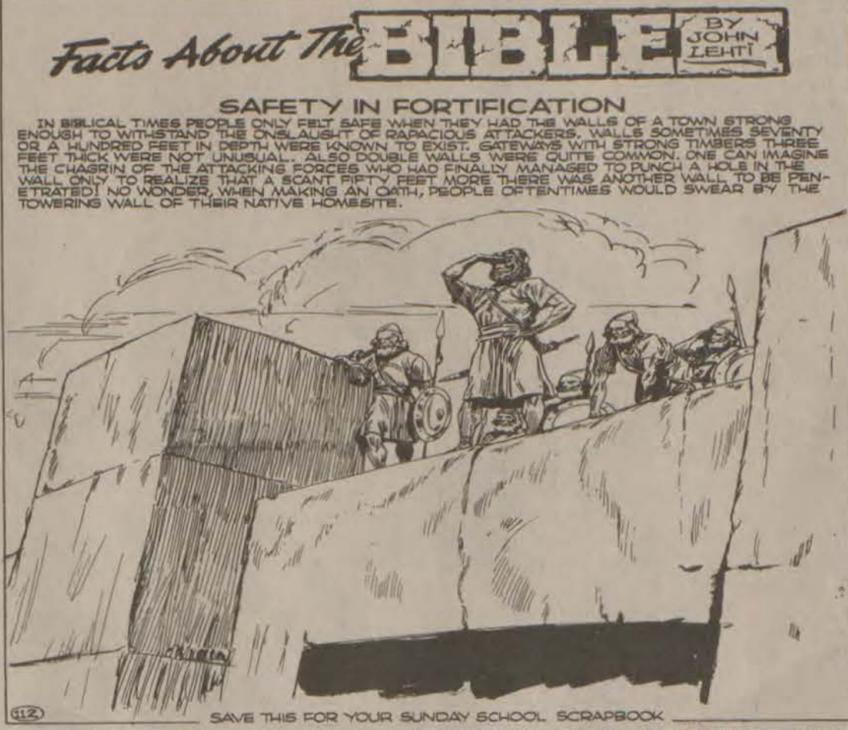
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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Stoo, Minister.

BAPTIST
Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auzier Freewill Baptist, Auzier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill 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 Freewill 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 Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 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.; Dr. Floyd Piro, Minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2556 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.
Griffith Baptist, State Rt. 3375, (Branch'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 Freewill 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, Bevelville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barnett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Piro, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancaster 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 Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Moss, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heister, Jr., 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 Vamey, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Henry Hays, 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, 2194 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.
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancaster; 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 Fish, Minister.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J.102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9498/478-2978.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Cramer, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Mains, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Terry Hall, Assistant Minister.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
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 Brothers); 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, 8:00 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, Hueysville; 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 Ferrar, Minister.

CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Minister, JOHN MORLEY, 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; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, 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, Harold; 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.
Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
Mans 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.
Weeks 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 Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Grum, 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. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heister, Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, H.H. Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

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Auzier United Methodist, Auzier; 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 Lamaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Piscozoldo, Minister.
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Aker, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wayne Sayre, Minister.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Salisbury United Methodist, Priar; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
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Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Capton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Corder, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister; 297-6252.
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

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Drift Presbyterian, Drift; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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Drift Independent, Drift, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
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Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.
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17 nominated for Governor's Scholars

The 2002 Floyd County Governor's Scholars nominees have been selected and their applications are currently being reviewed in Frankfort.

The Floyd County School District was allowed to submit 17 student applications to forward to the state selection committee. This number is based on the number of students who are enrolled in 11th grade for the current school year.

The 17 applicants were selected by a 10-member local review committee and must now compete with nominees from all Kentucky school districts for final statewide selection.

The students successfully completed the extensive application process and have now been officially named nominees. Listed in alphabetical order, they include:

■ Nathaniel C. Blackburn, 16, son of Lance and Ann Blackburn of Stanville.

■ Lowell Brock, 16, son of Rita and Lowell Brock of Prestonsburg.

In Loving Memory of My Father, James Winnie "Dee" Caudill

Sept. 28, 1924-Jan. 31, 2002



James Winnie "Dee" Caudill, born the son of the late Winnie and Alice Burton Caudill, departed this life for his heavenly home at his residence, on Thursday, January 31, 2002.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis Sparks of Prestonsburg, and Carl Caudill of Auxier. Also preceding him in death was his first wife of 36 years, Anna Rebecca Wireman Caudill. "Dee" is survived by one sister, Violet Caudill of Ohio. In addition to his sister, he is also survived by his wife, Ada "Bunnie" White Caudill; five daughters, Deanna L. Leslie of Chapmanville, WV, Mary Reynolds of Glasgow, Ky., Tracey Hedrick, Angel Diddle, and Jamie Caudill, all of Auxier, Ky. Additional survivors include nine grandchildren, Angela Leslie Burton, Brandon Leslie, Rebecca Leslie Vance, Kandra Leslie, Neil Hall, Andrea Hall Doyle, Matthew Hall, Will Hedrick, and Alyssa Hedrick; four great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Burton, Will Vance, Kristian Leslie, and Jacey Doyle.

"Dee" will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved him, especially his daughters.

Daddy, as he was known to me, gave me some of the most wonderful memories of my life.

I will always love you.
Your Daughter,
Deanna

If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would videotape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two, to stop and say I love you, instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time, I would be there to share your day. Well, I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance, to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our I love you's, and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So, if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day.

That you didn't take that extra time, for a smile, a hug, or a kiss, and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them, and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say "I'm sorry, please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay", and if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

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Frankfort for the final selection process of those students who will become 2002 Governor's Scholars. Students will be notified on or before April 15 who will be selected to participate as a Governor's Scholar or an alternate for 2002.

Each year the selection process begins around the beginning of December in individual schools. High school counselors play a vital role by announcing the program in the school, encouraging students to apply and assisting in the processing of various forms.

Students also need two letters of recommendation from classroom teachers. However, the students must assume the responsibility of completing the package promptly for a district committee review before the nominations become official.

The Governor's Scholars Program is a five-week residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky high school students. The program was established in 1983 and has been proven to be very successful by offering a concentrated academic and personal growth experience for rising seniors who have high academic achievement and intellectual potential.

The goals for the program are to help students achieve their academic potential and cultivate their leadership capabilities, expand students' horizons and reward excellence in Kentucky schools.

Among the wide range of academic focus areas, students may choose agribusiness/biotechnology,

architectural design, astronomy, biological issues, communications and social studies, creative writing and literary studies, cultural anthropology, economic theory, engineering, film studies, fine arts, historical analysis, information technology, international relations, language and culture, modes of mathematical thinking, philosophy, physical science, political and legal issues, and psychology. Field trips provide additional enrichment to the curriculum.

The 2002 program will be held from June 16 to July 20 on the Northern Kentucky University campus in Highland Heights, from June 23 to July 27 on the Centre College campus in Danville, and from June 15 to July 19 on the third campus at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Students who aspire to become Governor's Scholars in future years should record their achievements during grades 8, 9 and 10 in all academic, extracurricular and co-curricular activities. They should prepare to take one or more national tests, such as the ACT, SAT or the PSAT. Other significant factors include grade-point averages and rank in class, as well as paid or volunteer work experience.

Joyce Watson of Floyd County schools has worked closely with the program since its beginning.

"Due to high quantity and quality of the applications from each of our high schools, this year's review committee had a hard task," Watson said. "I am confident that we will have several of our Floyd County students selected in April."



Students at McDowell Elementary School. The students won a pizza party for collecting 373 cans of food to be donated to "Gap," a local food bank. The school collected a total of 18 cans of food.

Senate passes bill to recognize a fetus as a person

BY BRUCE SCHREWER
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill that would create a new legal status for a fetus as a person passed the Kentucky Senate Thursday. The bill, which would give a fetus the same legal rights as a child, was passed by a 25-11 vote. The bill would not prohibit abortion or permit prosecution of abortion doctors. Still, abortion-rights activists say the bill is part of a strategy to erode women's access to abortion. The bill also would exempt health-care professionals who accidentally killed a fetus during diagnostic testing or treatment. Nor would the bill apply to a pregnant woman who caused the death of her fetus. The Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled in two cases that no one can be charged with a crime against a fetus — assault or vehicular homicide, for example — unless a live birth occurs. That is because there is no "person" before a live birth, the court ruled. The precedent was set in a notorious 1983 case in which a man punched his pregnant wife in the abdomen, causing her to abort. An indictment for murder was struck down by the court. "I believe that the life of an unborn child is a sacred gift from God," Roeding said. "And when crime destroys that, and takes that precious gift away from us, away from that parent, and away from the grandparents and the aunts and uncles, we all suffer. The criminal ought to be punished to the fullest extent" of the law. (The legislation is Senate Bill 115).

defies science, it defies logic," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, a Democrat and fellow Louisville voted against the bill. Two other Democrats from Louisville, Gerald Neal and Tim Shaughnessy, abstained. Two other Democrats, Dick Adams of Madisonville and Ray Jones of Pikeville, didn't vote.

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Sesame

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sion of different groups, Loman said.

The people at "Sesame Street" are far too proud to admit they're taking cues from other successful programs, but some of the new things being tried have obvious antecedents.

"Journey to Ernie" and other efforts to stress interactivity and problem-solving are similar, for example, to Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues."

And while "Sesame Street" has a long history of ethnic inclusiveness, one new element will be an effort to introduce viewers to a Spanish word of the day. Nick's popular "Dora the Explorer" has been mixing Spanish and English words over the past year.

Loman said research — not watching other shows — dictated the changes. Experts found that children as young as 2 are more open to learning other languages than was once thought.

Eventually, "Sesame Street" may introduce languages other than Spanish.

One expert on children's television said she's eager to see the changes, noting successful evolutions through the years.

"I've never seen 'Sesame Street' get worse through changes," said Peggy Charren, founder of the advocacy group Action for Children's Television.

Loman, a former comedy writer who has been at the show's helm for nine years, admitted to trepidation at changing a show that has become an institution. No one wants to be known as the person who messed things up.

But if Sesame Workshop doesn't keep in tune with society, the show risks becoming a relic, he said.

"You don't want it to be, 'Sesame Street' — that was a great show," he said. "You want it to be that it is."

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IBMA's vocal group of the year, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, coming to the Paramount Arts Center

During the awards portion of The International Bluegrass Association conference (annual bluegrass conference of industry professionals) held in Louisville, Doyle Lawson & his group, Quicksilver, were selected as the Vocal Group of the Year. They were able to dethrone previous seven-time consecutive winner, IIIrd Tyme Out.

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver have always been identified by their tight vocal harmonies; however, most peo-

ple don't realize (that is those who have never attended one of their shows) is that Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver have one of the most entertaining live performances you will ever see. This award-winning group display their talents by not only performing great gospel songs, but are very much at home belting out many standard bluegrass favorites. All of this accomplished in a very unique and entertaining style their fans have become accustomed to.

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver will be live in concert at the historic and newly-renovated Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, on Saturday, February 16. Show time is 7:00 p.m. Opening for Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver will be Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros, Staci and Joshua Carrier. Show and ticket information is available by calling the Paramount Arts Center at 1-606-324-3175, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Committee approves Bunning's son for judicial post

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously endorsed David Bunning on Thursday to be a federal judge in Kentucky.

He is a prosecutor in eastern Kentucky and the son of Sen. Jim Bunning.

The nomination now goes to the full Senate for consideration. President Bush nominated the younger Bunning to be a U.S. District Court judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky in August.

The American Bar Association subsequently told the Judiciary Committee that it thought Bunning was unqualified for the lifetime post.

At a hearing last month, David Weiner, an attorney who investigated Bunning's qualifications on the bar association's behalf, noted that Bunning was two years shy of the 12 years of experience the ABA recommends for federal judges.

Weiner said nominees with less than 12 years should have an extraordinary breadth and depth of experience. He said Bunning's civil experience was shallow and his writings "read very much like the work of a young associate."

After Weiner completed his review, another bar association lawyer conducted a separate investigation and concluded Bunning was qualified. When the two reports were submitted to the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, the panel sided with Weiner.

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by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Good morning, President Lee Todd, and thanks for letting me address your committee on how to clean up the University of Kentucky athletics program and avoid another scandal such as the current one that has brought your football program to an all-time low in terms of image, credibility, pride, and the ability to compete in the Southeastern Conference.



I'm a native of Mount Sterling who remembers the basketball point-shaving scandal that, combined with NCAA recruiting violations, forced UK to cancel its 1952-'53 season and possibly cost the Cats a national championship. As a sports writer since 1959, I will remember the football probation that prevented UK's 10-1 team of 1977 from going to a bowl, the various allegations and improprieties that compromised Joe B. Hall's basketball program

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Sideline shots

For some coaches, it's the lying game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Isn't it sad that we have collegiate football coaches lying on their resumes — boasting of past tenures and accomplishments just to get jobs — when half the time, they probably wouldn't even need to falsify information to get the job. Sad, very sad.



Former Kentucky football assistant coach Rick Smith was forced to resign as Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator after a committee concluded he misrepresented himself in his media guide profile.

Smith, hired last month by new coach Chan Gailey, admitted Monday he never played on the football and baseball teams at Florida State, as his profile said. He offered his resignation last Friday.

Sound familiar? Yeah, it just happened two weeks back to a guy by the name of O'Leary. The former Georgia Tech head coach? Yeah.

Guys, come on, are our egos that big? So big we have to lie about our past athletic backgrounds? Yeah, sure, it's kinda acceptable to tack a few yards on a run when your lounging round watching the pros on Sunday, or over exaggerate a tackle or a hit you laid on an opposing ballcarrier during a crucial down, but

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Allen Central freshman Megan Harris drove for two against the Prestonsburg defense.

photos by Jamie Howell

P'burg girls finish regular season district play flawless

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER



The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats claimed the 58th district title on Tuesday night by defeating a good Allen Central Lady Rebel squad 68-58. Prestonsburg has enjoyed an excellent season on the hardwood this year reeling off some big wins over quality opponents.

The Lady Blackcats have an advantage over most teams by having the luxury of a player such as Ramanda Music. The Prestonsburg senior can hit the outside shot as well as take the ball inside for the easy two. Prestonsburg also boasts freshman sensation Molly Burchett at the point guard position. Burchett can handle the basketball well, and has good range from the outside.

The duo of Music and Burchett led the Lady Blackcats on Tuesday as they combined for 48 of

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Tiffany Turner scored six points in the opening quarter to help the Lady Rebs gain the early momentum.

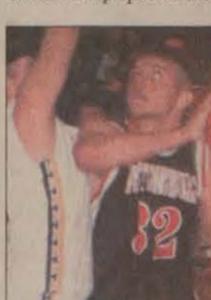
58TH DISTRICT

Blackcats complete season sweep of Rebels

Kidd leads fourth quarter charge to put Prestonsburg over top

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Who would have believed that after such a dismal stretch in midseason for the Prestonsburg Blackcats that they would be traveling to South Floyd tonight with the district's top spot on the line? After defeating the Allen Central Rebels for the second time this season on Tuesday night, that's just what the Blackcats will be playing for tonight against South Floyd. Prestonsburg held a double-digit lead against the Rebs but had to hold on down the stretch to get the chance to play for the title tonight winning by a final score of 72-70.



Kidd

The Blackcats proved to be a three headed monster on Tuesday as the trio of Brad Bevins, Chris Kidd and Justin Allen combined for 62 of Prestonsburg's 72 points.

The Runnin' Rebels got their usual strong performance from Shawn Newsome, who finished with 29 points after having only nine at the break.

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NAIA TENNIS

PC men No. 4, women 13th in tennis polls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The NAIA has released its spring sports preseason ratings, and Pikeville College has made a strong showing in both tennis polls.

The men's tennis team will start the season No. 4 nationally, while the women are ranked 13th.

John Kitchen's men's tennis team was ranked 17th in the final poll last season, which was one slot away from a third consecutive national-tournament bid. Pikeville was 18-3 last

season and the second-seed in the NAIA Region XI poll.

"We were good last year, maybe better than we were the two years we went to the national tournament," said Kitchen. "But we've made several major additions to our program, and obviously the tennis coaches across the nation agree. It's an honor for our team to represent the school in the national polls."

Pikeville is the only Mid-South Conference team in

(See PC, page six)



Trivette



Kitchen

Betsy Layne avenges 'A' loss, beats South Floyd

Daniels, Senters combine for 41 in 62-59 victory

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the lead of their female counterparts, the Betsy Layne boys took to the Raider Arena floor Tuesday night looking for nothing less than a win over the homestanding South Floyd Raiders,

recent region All "A" runners-up, and defending 15th Region champs. In the first game of the evening the Betsy Layne girls held the South Floyd girls under 20 points in a 47-18 win. The second game of the evening would be a higher scoring affair, but the final result would be the same as the opening game — a Betsy

Layne victory. Led by 25 points from senior center Jeremy Daniels and 16 more from senior point guard Wes Senters, a player who went into the 58th District battle as the state's leading free throw shooter, the Bobcats pulled off an

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57TH DISTRICT

ESPN on hand for Paintsville-Johnson Central game

Tigers entertain sports station with 83-79 win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Would you believe ESPN made a trip to Paintsville Tuesday night for the Paintsville-Johnson Central boys' basketball game? You should, it's true. And what a game to make it out to, one of arguably the biggest rivalries in all of the

state. Two certain cross-town rivals who have no love-loss for one another.

ESPN got ia nice show as so many Johnson Central and Paintsville fans did as the host Tigers scored an 83-79 win over the Golden Eagles. The biggest lead in the game? Five points, shared by both teams at different points in the game. It was Paintsville's first game following an opening round loss to Somerset in the All "A" Classic. Johnson Central was coming off a weekend road loss to Perry County Central.

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Dance Etc. Pee Wee Elite All-Star Dance Team See story, page B6

Briefs

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY—The tattered American flag recovered from the rubble at ground zero will be carried at the Winter Olympics' opening ceremony Friday night in a compromise of patriotism and protocol.

A group of U.S. athletes, New York City firefighters and Port Authority police will be allowed to take the flag into the ceremony in a "solemn, dignified entrance," the International Olympic Committee said, reversing an earlier decision.

SALT LAKE CITY—Short-track speedskater Amy Peltonen will open her fifth Winter Olympics by carrying the U.S. flag into the opening ceremony Friday night.

Peterson, a three-time Olympic medal winner, was chosen in a secret ballot by her teammates. She has succeeded as an elite athlete despite chronic fatigue syndrome.

WASHINGTON—President Bush will attend Friday's opening ceremony of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and meet with U.S. athletes.

SALT LAKE CITY—Russian cross-country skier Natalia Baranova was tossed from the Winter Olympics after testing positive for the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, the International Ski Federation announced.

SALT LAKE CITY—In a major boost for U.S. power in international sports, a Los Angeles business leader was elected vice president of the IOC and America's top Olympic official was chosen as a committee member.

James Easton, whose company makes aluminum baseball bats and arrows, easily won the vice presidency over Canada's Paul Henderson, 52-32. Easton's new position returns a U.S. member to the IOC's powerful executive board.

Sandra Baldwin, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was chosen as a member of the IOC 69-25, with three abstentions.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NEW YORK—Texas hooked in the nation's top football recruiting class. Longhorns coach Mack Brown got commitments from almost every player he pursued on national signing day, keeping the best players from talent-rich Texas at home and picking up a few key out-of-staters.

Elsewhere, Notre Dame closed well under new coach Tyrone Willingham, getting a commitment from talented receiver Rhema McKnight (La Palma, Calif.). But the Irish lost out on All-American running back Lorenzo Booker, who decided at the last minute to sign with Florida State.

TENNIS

PARIS—Venus Williams and Monica Seles had easy wins at the Gaz de France, while Anna Kournikova lost once again.

Williams had six aces in a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Meilen Tu in a second-round match. Seles, ranked 10th, won 6-2, 6-3 over Barbara Schett, and eighth-ranked Amelie Mauresmo defeated Kournikova 6-3, 7-5.

INDIANAPOLIS—The organizers of the RCA Championships and Legg Mason Tennis Classic filed suit in federal court accusing the ATP Tour of illegally controlling when and where players compete.

Both tournaments are scheduled for the week of Aug. 12 in 2002. The ATP moved the tournaments to the end of July for 2003.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, accuses the ATP Tour Inc., and its chief executive officer, Mark Miles, of manipulating event schedules to benefit certain tournaments.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON—Enron Corp. is willing to consider a buyout to remove its name from the Houston Astros' 2-year-old retractable roof stadium, but the team's owner believes the energy company has it backward.

Astros owner Drayton McLane said Enron owes them for 27 years left on its contract. **NEW YORK**—The failed attempt to eliminate the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos this season could wind up costing baseball owners money.

The players' association is pressing ahead with its grievance that claims owners violated their labor agreement when they voted in November to fold two teams, and the union said it intends to seek damages.

CARACAS, Venezuela—The Dominican Republic threatened to pull out of this week's Caribbean Series after Montreal Expos star Vladimir Guerrero and other players were booed by angry Venezuelan fans.

The trouble occurred as the team was making its way to its bus after beating Venezuela 9-5.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK—Dallas Mavericks forward Juwan Howard was suspended for one game without pay and fined \$7,500 by the NBA for throwing an elbow to the head of Indiana Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley in a game Tuesday.

BOXING

NEW YORK—The Association of Boxing Commissions is recommending that other states follow Nevada by denying Mike Tyson a boxing license.

The ABC's suggestion isn't binding, though, because while state commissions uphold other states' license revocations or suspensions of boxers, they are not bound to honor a license denial.

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's adviser, said seven states have expressed interest in a Tyson challenge to WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

HORSE RACING

LEXINGTON—University of Kentucky researchers are questioning the theory that caterpillars who ate cyanide-laced cherry tree leaves caused widespread foal losses last spring.

Kentucky's horse industry lost an estimated \$336 million as a result of the mysterious illness that became known as Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome.

TRACK AND FIELD

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—Svetlana Feofanova of Russia broke her own indoor world record in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet, 53/4 inches at the Globen Galan meet.

SOCCER

CHICAGO—The United States added games against the Netherlands, Uruguay and Jamaica to its World Cup run-up, leaving the Americans with eight more exhibitions before soccer's top tournament.

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

(Last night's games not included)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	15	.681	—
Boston	28	21	.571	5
Washington	25	21	.544	6 1/2
Orlando	25	24	.510	8
Philadelphia	24	24	.500	8 1/2
New York	18	28	.391	13 1/2
Miami	18	29	.383	14

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	27	18	.600	—
Toronto	28	21	.571	1
Detroit	25	21	.544	2 1/2
Indiana	25	25	.500	4 1/2
Charlotte	23	24	.489	5
Atlanta	16	32	.333	12 1/2
Cleveland	15	33	.312	13 1/2
Chicago	11	36	.234	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	35	14	.714	—
Minnesota	33	16	.674	2
San Antonio	31	16	.660	3
Utah	25	24	.510	10
Houston	16	33	.326	19
Denver	14	31	.311	19
Memphis	14	34	.292	20 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	37	11	.771	—
L.A. Lakers	33	13	.717	3
Portland	25	23	.521	12
Seattle	25	23	.521	12
L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	13
Phoenix	24	24	.500	13
Golden State	14	32	.304	22

Tuesday's games

Boston 82, Charlotte 79
Atlanta 76, Miami 73
Orlando 106, Cleveland 98
Detroit 86, Philadelphia 82
L.A. Clippers 112, New York 110
Memphis 88, Utah 79
Washington 99, Toronto 94
Dallas 141, Indiana 140, 2OT
Denver 97, Portland 96
Seattle 113, Golden State 87

Wednesday's games

Sacramento 102, Boston 85
Cleveland 111, Houston 109
Dallas 112, New Jersey 100
Minnesota 113, Portland 103
Seattle 90, Phoenix 79
Chicago 97, L.A. Lakers 89

Last night's games

Sacramento at Washington
Philadelphia at Charlotte
Atlanta at New York
L.A. Clippers at Detroit
Memphis at Milwaukee

San Antonio at Toronto

Tonight's games

No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star game at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

College Scores

(Wednesday night's games)

Men

EAST

American U. 74	Army 59
Bucknell 76	Navy 56
Colgate 84	Lehigh 52
Dayton 92	Fordham 78
Duquesne 78	Massachusetts 69
George Mason 69	Delaware 57
Holy Cross 76	Lafayette 70, OT
Marist 79	Iona 71
Miami (Ohio) 66	Buffalo 52
Penn St. 91	Purdue 68
Richmond 78	St. Bonaventure 66
Saint Joseph's 80	La Salle 71
St. John's 95	Fairfield 56
St. Peter's 73	Canisius 71
Temple 71	Rhode Island 42

SOUTH

Alabama 79	Mississippi 59
Cincinnati 85	Charlotte 86
Georgia 86	Mississippi St. 68
Georgia Tech 74	Clemson 50
Hampton 64	William & Mary 59
James Madison 67	Va. Commonwealth 65
N.C. State 85	Virginia 68
Tennessee 76	Kentucky 74, OT
Vanderbilt 68	LSU 63
Virginia Tech 76	Boston College 73
Wake Forest 90	North Carolina 66

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 80	Ohio 84
Creighton 64	Indiana St. 63
Marquette 70	East Carolina 58
Missouri 76	Iowa St. 73
Northwestern 61	Michigan St. 49
Notre Dame 89	Rutgers 72
S. Illinois 78	Wichita St. 58
SW Missouri St. 65	Drake 51
Toledo 56	Cent. Michigan 42
W. Michigan 101	E. Michigan 94, 2OT
Wisconsin 94	Ohio St. 92, OT

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 70	Baylor 57
Oklahoma St. 64	Texas Tech 82
TCU 92	DePaul 83
Texas 66	Texas A&M 52

FAR WEST

New Mexico St. 77	Fla. International 70
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Women

EAST

American U. 76	Amy 66
Bucknell 85	Navy 71
Colgate 73	Lehigh 57
Connecticut 92	Seton Hall 40
Hartford 78	Northeastern 56
Long Island U. 67	Quinnipiac 57
Monmouth, N.J. 78	St. Francis, NY 70
Niagara 86	Ceniskus 76
Providence 62	St. John's 51
Sacred Heart 54	Wagner 48

SPORTSBOARD

St. Francis, Pa. 82	Robert Morris 54
Syracuse 68	Rutgers 51
UMBC 56	Mount St. Mary's, Md. 56
Vermont 78	New Hampshire 75
West Virginia 71	Georgetown 70, OT

Fla. International 76	New Mexico St. 52
North Carolina 49	Villanova 45
Northwestern St. 91	Louisiana-Monroe 76
S. Carolina St. 85	Savannah St. 59

Cent. Michigan 76	E. Michigan 71
Iowa St. 75	Akron 56
Kent St. 70	Kansas 50
	N. Illinois 68

Texas Tech 61	Texas 49
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Colorado 95	Nebraska 40
UC Santa Barbara 86	Cal St.-Fullerton 41
Weber St. 65	N. Arizona 64

Alabama making sure it's earning NCAA bid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama answered last year's NCAA tournament snub with the school's highest ranking and best start in 25 years.

Erwin Dudley had 22 points and 10 rebounds Wednesday night as the fifth-ranked Crimson Tide beat Mississippi 79-59, their sixth straight win and 14th in 15 games.

Alabama (20-3, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) reached 20 wins the quickest since starting 20-3 in 1977. The Tide are one win shy of the best start in school history, in 1974. That was the season Alabama reached No. 3 in the poll, its highest ranking until this week.

"We know there are no gifts out there," Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried said. "If we want it, we've got to go out and take it."

On Wednesday night, that meant shooting 52.6 percent from the field and scoring 22 points off 19 turnovers by the Rebels (17-6, 6-4).

"It seems like their team is on a mission," Mississippi coach Rod Barnes said.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 4 Oklahoma 70, Baylor 57; No. 6 Cincinnati 85, Charlotte 66; Tennessee 76, No. 7 Kentucky 74 in overtime; North Carolina State 85, No. 10 Virginia 68; No. 14 Oklahoma State 64, No. 24 Texas Tech 62; No. 15 UCLA 67, No. 25 Southern California 65; Wisconsin 94, No. 16 Ohio State 92 in overtime; No. 17 Georgia 86, Mississippi State 68; No. 18 Marquette 70, East Carolina 58; No. 19 Wake Forest 90, North Carolina 66; and No. 22 Missouri 76, Iowa State 73.

Alabama lost 105-71 at Mississippi last season, one of the losses down the stretch that played a part in the Crimson Tide not playing in the NCAA tournament.

"They came in here with high intensity that they were going to get another win in our place, but we weren't going to let that happen," said Rod Grizzard, who had 10 of his 12 points in the second half.

Alabama outscored the Rebels 38-22 in the paint. "Our problem is stopping them," Barnes said. "If you're going to have a chance to win, you've got to get their shooting percentage down in the 40s. And we didn't do that."

Justin Reed had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Rebels.

No. 4 Oklahoma 70, Baylor 57

Aaron McGehee scored 23 points to lead the Sooners (18-3, 7-2 Big 12) to their 15th straight win over the Bears.

Matt Sayman and Wendell Greenleaf each had 15 points for visiting Baylor (13-9, 3-6), which has not beaten the Sooners since the 1977-78 season.

No. 6 Cincinnati 85, Charlotte 66

Leonard Stokes scored 30 points and Steve Logan added 24 as the Bearcats (21-2, 9-1 Conference USA) bounced back with a road win in the first game after having their 20-game winning streak snapped by Marquette.

Jobey Thomas had 18 points for Charlotte (14-6, 8-2).

Tennessee 76, No. 7 Kentucky 74

Marcus Haislip scored 24 points, including the game-winner with 18 seconds left in overtime, to lead the Volunteers (12-10, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) to their fourth straight win.

Tayshaun Prince had 22 points for the visiting Wildcats (15-6, 5-4), who sent the game into overtime on a 3-pointer by Gerald Fitch.

N.C. State 85, No. 10 Virginia 68

Anthony Grundy had 25 points and Scooter Sherrill added a career-high 20 for the Wolfpack (17-6, 6-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who played without suspended freshman forward Julius Hodge and swept the Cavaliers in the regular season for the first time since 1987-88.

Travis Watson had a career-high 29 points and 12 rebounds for Virginia (14-6, 4-5), which lost its fourth straight overall and fifth in a row in Raleigh.

No. 14 Oklahoma St. 64, No. 24 Texas Tech 62
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Terrence Crawford's putback with 5 seconds remaining capped a comeback from a 15-point deficit for the Cowboys (16-3, 5-5 Big 12), who rallied despite losing leading scorer Maurice Baker to an ankle injury midway through the second half.

Andre Emmett had 29 points for the visiting Red Raiders (16-5, 5-4), who beat Oklahoma State 94-70 on Jan. 19.

No. 15 UCLA 67, No. 25 Southern Cal 65
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Billy Knight's 3-pointer as time expired capped UCLA's three-shot final possession as the Bruins (16-6, 8-4 Pac-10) avoided their first sweep by the Trojans since the 1991-92 season.

Brandon Granville's two free throws with 33 seconds left put visiting USC (16-6, 8-4) ahead 65-64 after trailing 11-11 with 5:53 remaining.

Jason Kapono scored 26 points for UCLA, while Sam Clancy had 24 points and 14 rebounds for USC, his eighth straight double-double.

Wisconsin 94, No. 16 Ohio St. 92, OT

Charlie Williams and Kirk Penney each had 21 points for the Badgers (13-11, 6-5 Big Ten), who improved to 9-1 at home when freshman Devin Harris made five free throws in the final 19 seconds of overtime.

Brent Darby had 22 points for the Buckeyes (17-4, 8-2), who fell into a tie with Indiana atop the Big Ten.

No. 17 Georgia 86, Mississippi St. 66

Steve Thomas had 21 points and 10 rebounds, lifting the Bulldogs (16-5, 7-3 Southeastern Conference) to their first win at Humphrey Coliseum in 11 years.

No. 18 Marquette 70, East Carolina 58

Dwayne Wade was 9-of-12 from the field and scored 24 points as the Golden Eagles (20-3, 9-1 Conference USA) won their ninth straight and improved to 13-0 at home.

Gabriel Mikulas and Kenyatta Brown each had 15 points for the Pirates (8-14, 2-8), who lost their 14th consecutive road game.

No. 19 Wake Forest 90, North Carolina 66
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Kris Lang had 14 points for visiting North Carolina (6-14, 2-8), which has lost nine of 10 and can tie the school record for losses in a season against No. 3 Maryland on Sunday.

No. 22 Missouri 76, Iowa St. 73

Kareem Rush scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half for the Tigers (17-6, 6-3 Big 1

Ladycats hold Lady Raiders under 20 for win

Balanced attack pulls Betsy Layne girls through

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A high-scoring game it was not. The Betsy Layne Ladycats traveled to Hi Hat Tuesday night to take on the South Floyd Lady Raiders in Raider Arena. Home

advantage to the Lady Raiders? Maybe, but in this game, it didn't seem to matter.

Betsy Layne would fail to score over 50 points but 47 would be more than enough as South Floyd would fail to score over six points in a given quarter. Coach Cassandra Akers' Betsy Layne club bounced back from consecutive losses — one to Jackson County in the All "A" and the other to Johnson Central — quite nicely by slowing down the pace and scoring

a 47-18 win.

Neither team lit the scoreboard up in the first quarter as the Betsy Layne girls managed to take the first quarter 7-2. Betsy Layne opened things up a little in the second frame, outscoring the struggling Lady Raiders 12-4, giving South Floyd just six points at the half and giving the visiting Ladycats a 19-6 halftime lead.

South Floyd scored six points in each of the final two periods, but Betsy Layne would not let 12

points from the opposing team go in any where near the way of notching a victory. Betsy Layne posted 10 third quarter points and 18 more in its highest-scoring period of the game in the fourth and final quarter

to post the win.

Ten Betsy Layne players broke into the scoring column, led by senior point guard Devon Reynolds with a game-high nine points. No player from either squared made it

into double figures.

Natasha Stratton netted eight points and Kesha Newman finished with six for the Ladycats. Whitney Lykens scored five while Kim Tackett, Kim Clark and Tabitha Mitchell finished with four apiece.

Megan Ousley, Tabitha Trammel and Kandice Mitchell all had four points apiece for South Floyd.

The loss dropped South Floyd to 8-11, with Betsy Layne upping its record to 15-7 with the win. The South Floyd-Betsy Layne boys' game followed.



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd Middle and Adams Middle met up in a recent game. The Floyd County Grade School Tournament is slated for the end of February.

UK FOOTBALL

Webb won't enroll at UK until Jan. '03

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The 'Signing Day' has come and gone, and the University of Kentucky football team has announced its 2002 signing class. A total of 21 recruits signed to play for UK. Among those signees is Johnson Central defensive lineman Paul Webb. The first to commitment to UK head coach Guy Morriss for the 2002 season, Webb will not enroll at UK until January 2003.

Webb saw varsity time at Johnson Central early on, starting as a freshman and performing well in his sophomore season, well enough earn all-district honors as a second-year player. Webb singled Kentucky out as the top college choice. He is expected to add depth to an already depleted Kentucky defensive line when he engages in spring practice in March 2003. Not enrolling until next year, it is unclear whether or not Webb will redshirt his freshman season. Webb struggled through a somewhat disappointing senior season last fall when he and his Johnson Central team, under first-year head coach Bruce Humphrey, finished a dismal 2-8, winning just one district game, its last of the season against Magoffin County. He was, however, part of a perfect regular season team (10-0) in the 2000 season, his junior year.

■ Has excellent speed for a player his size

■ Coached the first three years of his high school tenure by Bill Musick; coached his senior campaign by Bruce Humphrey

■ Three-year competitor in wrestling in the 8th through 10th grades

■ Won the district in his final year of wrestling competition

■ Chairman of his school's chapter of the Future Farmers of America

■ Dreamed of attending Kentucky since a young child, he was the first commitment to the 2002 recruiting class last summer, despite recruiting attention from numerous other schools

■ Will enroll at Kentucky in Jan. 2003

AWF set to invade Ashland

The Appalachian Wrestling Federation will kick off its spring tour with a stop in Ashland for a big event in March. The date of the initial card is set for Saturday, March 23 at the storied National Guard Armory there in Ashland.

The AWF last hosted a card in November of 2001. The AWF, a professional wrestling promotion with strong ties throughout Eastern Kentucky, is headed by Joe Clark.

REDS

Gullett, McPhee to be enshrined in Reds Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Don Gullett doesn't spend a lot of time wondering what might have been.

The former Reds' pitching great and current Reds coach was honored, along with 19th century legendary second baseman Bid McPhee, when the Reds announced the two men as the 2002 inductees in the Reds Hall of Fame, as selected by members of the Cincinnati chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

What-might-have-been is a common theme when talking about Gullett's career. Although Gullett, 51, holds a career 109-50 record with a 3.02 ERA in seven seasons with Cincinnati from 1970-76; although he owns three World Series rings, two with the Big Red Machine in 1975-76 and one with the Yankees in 1977; and although he owns the fourth-highest winning percentage (.686) in modern baseball history for pitchers with at least 100 victories, baseball cognoscenti often talk about the years that Gullett didn't pitch.

"He'd be in Cooperstown," said Hal McCoy, baseball writer for the Dayton Daily News and the man who introduced Gullett at the press conference announcing his induction.

Gullett's problem was that he was born twenty years too early. His shoulder exploded at age 27 and ended his career. Now that sports medicine has advanced to

near science-fiction levels in the 21st century, a pitcher with a rotator cuff injury as severe as Gullett's merely goes under the knife, suffers through a season of rehab and is soon back as strong as ever.

But this was the 1970s, not the 1990s. If he had been able to throw for seven or eight more seasons, Gullett might have reached the magical 300 win mark and ensured himself a place in the Hall of Fame alongside his idol, Sandy Koufax.

But Gullett had no choice but to hang up his spikes. His shoulder is still so damaged that he can't even throw batting practice before a game.

"I attribute the injury to just normal wear and tear," said Gullett. "I liken the arm to a piece of machinery. If you keep overworking it, eventually it will break down."

And so Gullett was forced to reinvent himself. He joined the Reds coaching staff in 1993 and soon developed a reputation as a miracle worker. Though he could no longer throw, he was a gifted teacher. His skills helped revive the careers of pitchers such as Pete Schourek, Pete Harnisch and Mark Wohlers, to name a few. The lesson Gullett tries to impress upon his young charges is to make every pitch count.

"The success I had was due to my work ethic," Gullett said. "I felt like I could win every ballgame. You have to apply yourself and have the mindset

that every pitch could be your last."

Gullett, like the rest of the organization, found himself tested last season as he tried to keep a rotation patched together that was determine to fall apart due to injuries, ineffectiveness and the wildness of youth. But like his manager, Bob Boone, Gullett doesn't see any problem with bringing back the Reds' young 2001 rotation for an encore.

"Chris Reitsma, Lance Davis and Jose Acevedo all had some success," Gullett said. "We went to war with those guys last year, and that experience should help them."

With 37 pitchers reporting to camp in Sarasota for an audition, Gullett has his work cut out for him. Until he is officially enshrined in the Reds Hall of Fame prior to the July 21 game against the Mets, it'll be business as usual. But for now, he's content to enjoy the honor that the Cincinnati BBWAA has bestowed upon him — and to not wonder what might have been.

"I was shocked to be nominated and inducted," Gullett said. "The Cincinnati Reds are one of the greatest organizations in baseball. Every player has career goals — to win the World Series, and to go to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. I finished seven or eight years too short, so no one will ever know. But this is the next best thing to Cooperstown."

MARSHALL

VanHoose eclipses the 1,000 career rebound mark as Marshall tops Akron

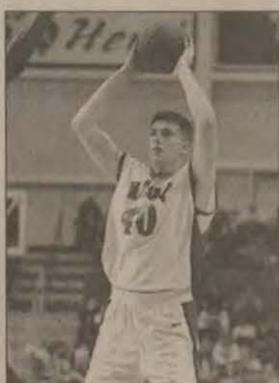
TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - J.R. VanHoose grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds, becoming only the second player in Marshall University history to eclipse the 1,000 career rebound mark, and scored 15 points to lead the Thundering Herd to a 78-63 victory over the University of Akron in Mid-American Conference basketball action Tuesday.

"This has been a goal of mine and to accomplish it at home makes it special," VanHoose said of reaching the 1,000 rebound mark. "It is a great honor to join Charlie Slack and Kristina Behnfeldt as the only three people in Marshall history to reach 1,000."

VanHoose will finish as the Herd's second all-time rebounder, due to the fact that MU's all-time rebounding leader, Charlie Slack, amassed an incredible 1,916 rebounds from 1953 to 1956. Slack's total ranks as the third highest in NCAA history and his four-year average of 21.8 rebounds per game is the most ever recorded by a collegiate player in a four-year career. Behnfeldt, an All-American,

starred for Marshall's women's program from 1995 to 1999. She amassed 1,101 rebounds in her career.



■ VanHoose

VanHoose's effort Tuesday night was key for the Thundering Herd, who improved to 11-10 overall and 5-6 in the MAC. The 6-10 senior's rebounding, coupled with that of fellow seniors Latece Williams (eight rebs.) and William Butler (seven rebounds), helped the Herd to a 44-31 rebounding advan-

tage in the contest.

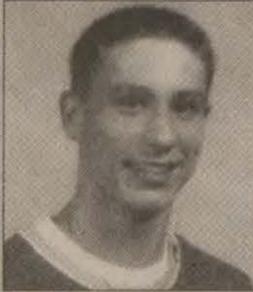
Marshall was led in scoring by senior guard Tamar Slay. Slay scored 20 of his game-high 22 points in the second half to help Marshall to the double-digit win. Williams added 18 and Monty Wright netted 16 for the Thundering Herd.

Akron (8-14, 4-7 MAC) was led by David Falknor's 17 points. Falknor hit five of 13 three-point attempts in the contest and helped the Zips narrow the lead down to seven by connecting on a three with just over five minutes to go, however Marshall managed to pull the lead back to double-digits in the closing minutes.

For the game, Marshall shot 49.2-percent from the field, while limiting the Zips to 38.1-percent shooting. In addition to winning the rebounding war (44-31), Marshall managed to score 40 points in the paint, compared to just 22 for Akron.

Saturday Marshall will try to win back-to-back games for the first time since late-December when it travels to Bowling Green to take on the Falcons in a 1 p.m. contest.

Athletes of the Week



THE BOBCATS

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Elliott's crew chief wants a win

After Bud Pole Qualifying for last year's Daytona 500 was complete, Mike Ford, crew chief for Bill Elliott's No. 9 Dodge for Evernham Motorsports, found himself in Victory Lane holding Elliott's Marshall Teague trophy, which is awarded to the driver who captures the pole for the Daytona 500.

Ford was beaming with excitement

after helping Dodge's comeback begin on a high note. He engineered Elliott's No. 9 Dodge to the prime starting position in the Daytona 500 with a fast lap of 183.565 mph around the 2.5-mile tri-oval.

"We worked really hard on Daytona last year with Dodge's comeback and put extra emphasis on qualifying for the Daytona 500 and it

paid off," Ford said. "It hurt us down the road the next few races, but for the first race you can give up the second and third race."

Ford will return to Daytona in February for Speedweeks 2002 and the 44th annual Daytona 500 on Feb. 17. He not only wants to repeat the pole-winning performance on Feb. 9, but also win a trophy for himself —

the Cannonball Baker Trophy awarded to the winning Daytona 500 crew chief.

"To go back and try to repeat (the pole), we'll work just as hard," Ford said. "We know we can do it. We've had good luck qualifying on speedway races. We've got a good package there. We feel confident going into the off-season that we'll have a good package for

Daytona."

Track activity will heated up once again at the Speedway on Tuesday with NASCAR Goody's Dash Series and the True Value/IROC Series.

Bud Pole qualifying for the Daytona 500 is on Saturday. Tickets for Speedweeks 2002 events are available online or by calling the Speedway ticket office at 386/253-7223.

Chicago Motor Speedway suspends racing for 2002

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CICERO, Ill. — Chicago Motor Speedway officials suspended the track's 2002 racing schedule Tuesday, citing business and economic conditions in the industry.

The schedule includes the CART FedEx Series' Target Grand Prix and the Sears Craftsman 175 in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

The track opened in 1999 with the Target Grand Prix, and although attendance was down last year after two strong years, the main problem with this year's schedule was believed to be the speedway's failure to get CART to reduce its sanctioning fee.

"We were very sorry to hear about the decision regarding Chicago Motor Speedway today and remain grateful to the principals behind the organization," CART president Christopher Pook said.

"We had three great years there and we are appreciative of the opportunity to participate. However, the City of Chicago and its great race fans remain

important to CART, our sponsors and our teams and by no means does this close the door on Chicago for the CART FedEx Championship Series in the future."

"We were very sorry to hear about the decision regarding Chicago Motor Speedway today and remain grateful to the principals behind the organization," CART president Christopher Pook said.

Charles Bidwill, the speedway's chairman, and Chip Ganassi, the track's president, said the races were not financially feasible.

"With the entire industry in a period of widespread change, we know it's the appropriate decision," Bidwill said.

Horse racing, which is run on the same oval with dirt spread over the concrete, will not be affected, and other events will continue to be held at the track,

officials said.

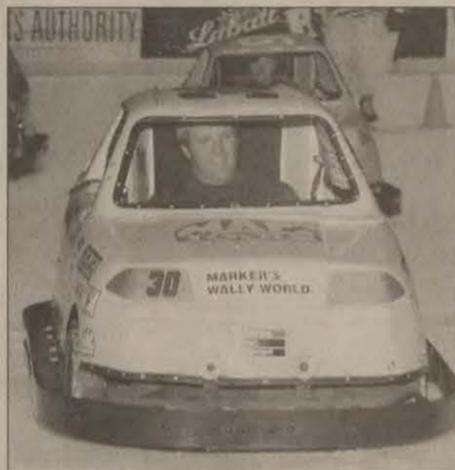
"The people of Chicago and our sponsors have supported auto racing and other events at the Speedway, and we look forward to providing this region with continued entertainment and sporting events in the future," Bidwill said. "However, we remain excited about the upcoming horse racing season at Sportsman's Park, the 70th year of thoroughbred racing here."



photos courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

TOP: Sterling Marlin took time out of his preparations for next week's Daytona 500 to visit a Cincinnati Cyclones hockey game.

A NASCAR veteran, Marlin, returns to the track this season in his No. 40 Coors Light Dodge.



Kentucky Speedway, Marlin take the Cincinnati Cyclones by storm

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Sterling Marlin and Kentucky Speedway gave Cincinnati Cyclones hockey fans a taste of the upcoming NASCAR Winston Cup season on Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Firstar Center.

Marlin drove his No. 40 Coors Light Dodge to center ice for a one-on-one interview, had a chance to meet fans during a private autograph session, drove in a relay go kart race with fans, and dropped the ceremonial first puck to start the game.

Kentucky Speedway's Horsepower mascot also was on hand to interact with fans and Cyclones mascot Snowbird.

Grissom tests Kentucky with Petty Enterprises

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FT. MITCHELL — NASCAR driving veteran and Petty Enterprises test specialist Steve Grissom took driver's seat of the No. 44 Georgia Pacific Dodge during a two-day, fact-finding test at Kentucky Speedway.

"We have some things we're trying for the (Petty Enterprises) teams - a little bit of chassis stuff, a little bit of aero stuff," Grissom said. "It's our responsibility to try some different things to see what works and doesn't work. It's all about getting it to Daytona and getting it (the NASCAR Winston Cup season) started."

Grissom said he is optimistic about Petty

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NOTEBOOK: Defending champ excited about getting back to racing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jeff Gordon started to get antsy about a month ago. "Normally, this time of the year, I'm ready to take a rest and just sit at home and try not to think about racing," Gordon said. "But since the holidays, all I can think about is getting started again."

The four-time Winston Cup champion would love nothing more than to start defense of his latest title with his third Daytona 500 victory. Practice begins Feb. 8 at Daytona International Speedway for the Feb. 17 season-opener. Gordon, 30, said his offseason schedule consisted of handling sponsorship duties and celebrating the holidays with his family.

Jeff Gordon

"Mostly I did some promotional things and a lot of photo shoots for next year, and I did get some vacation, too," he said.

Gordon, who won the Daytona race in 1997 and '99, likes NASCAR's latest restrictor plate rules package for Daytona. "Once we get in the race, I'm going to enjoy it a lot more because I can play a larger role where we end up," Gordon said. "With this package, the driver is definitely going to play a bigger role in the race."

Autoliv to sponsor Petree Racing at Daytona

Autoliv Inc. — the safety technology

innovator and world's largest supplier of automotive safety systems — has signed with Andy Petree Racing Inc. as its primary sponsor for the Daytona 500. Autoliv will sponsor the No. 33 car driven by Mike Wallace.

With Rolex effort, Harvick ready to drive

Daytona's Speed Weeks kicked off with the Rolex 24, a twice-round-the-clock sports car endurance race. Even that event, though, had a NASCAR feel to it, thanks to a half-dozen Winston Cup drivers entered for the grueling event.

Tony Stewart, last year's runner-up, was joined by top 2001 rookie Kevin Harvick, longtime NASCAR stars Kyle Petty and John Andretti, Robby Gordon and driver-broadcaster Wally Dallenbach Jr. Derrike Cope, the 1990 Daytona 500 winner but currently without a Winston Cup ride, was also entered.

"There's no pressure," said Harvick, who also won the Busch Series title last year. "The whole goal here is to just have a good time with it... relax and get into the groove for the season."

Harvick, who lives in the Daytona Beach, Fla., area, thinks any track time he can get will be helpful. "There's no reason that we shouldn't start a week earlier," Harvick said. "You don't have to work the jitters out in the Winston Cup car. When you get done with this race, you will have

been in the car for quite a while, hopefully working the kinks out. All the jitterbugs should be worked out by the time we get to the Winston Cup car."

Waltrip gives expertise to Olympic helpers

Defending Daytona 500 champion Michael Waltrip made a recent trip to Salt Lake City to pass on some of his driving expertise to 300 Olympic volunteers.

During the Salt Lake City Games, the volunteers will be transporting athletes and coaches to and from competition venues.

Waltrip instructed them on a variety of safety issues, including how to negotiate icy curves, the importance of maintaining a safe distance between vehicles and what to do in a skid.

"I just hope that what I told them helped them think a little more about safety," Waltrip said. "I got a taste of the Olympic spirit last month when I had the privilege of carrying the torch through Charlotte, and this was just a way of helping the volunteers, without whom the Olympics would not be possible."

Irvan returns with ownership in ARCA team

Ernie Irvan, whose driving career was cut short by injury, will be back in 2002.

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

Wildcats upset in OT

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - All of a sudden, Tennessee is the team that wins close games.

The Volunteers' latest nail-biter ended up being their biggest win under first-year coach Buzz Peterson.

Marcus Haislip scored 24 points, including the game-winner with 18 seconds left in overtime, and Tennessee beat No. 7 Kentucky 76-74 Wednesday night.

The Vols (12-10, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) had been 0-7 in games decided by five points or less, but now Tennessee has used those heart-breaking experiences to pull off close wins over Syracuse, LSU, Vanderbilt and the Wildcats (15-6, 5-4).

Kentucky has lost all three overtime games so far while Tennessee won its first in three tries.

To make the task tougher, Tennessee was missing three players.

"They've been through an awful lot and have kept their courage," Peterson said. "I told them late in the game, 'We are going to win.'"

It didn't look like much of a cliffhanger at the beginning. Kentucky led most of the game until midway through the second half but needed a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, Kentucky went ahead 74-72 on an inside basket by Chuck Hayes with 2:05 left. Thaydeus Holden, who had missed a free throw late in regu-

lation, then made two from the line to tie it with 50 seconds to go.

Tayshaun Prince, who finished with 22 points for Kentucky, lost the ball out of bounds on the next possession, and Haislip put in his own missed shot at the other end for the lead.

"In overtime, I told the team to get it inside to Haislip if they can," Peterson said.

Kentucky got the ball and looked disorganized when Kentucky coach Tubby Smith called a timeout with 3.3 seconds left.

"We wanted to push it up," Smith said. "It looked like we took forever to get it to the frontcourt. There was some indecision on what we wanted to do."

Seeing the offense Kentucky put on the floor, Peterson then called another timeout.

When play resumed, all the Vols had to do was prevent another basket. They did.

Prince's 3 missed at the buzzer, and Tennessee students and fans spilled onto the court to celebrate.

"We talked about getting tough and making plays you have to make," Smith said. "You can't point to one play, one shot or one player."

Yarbrough added 19 points for Tennessee, which lost twice to the Wildcats last season, and Holden and Jenis Grindstaff each had 12 points. Haislip also had

12 rebounds.

Hayes had 15 points for Kentucky, while Gerald Fitch had 12 and Keith Bogans 10.

The Vols, already playing without injured Ron Slay, were missing his replacement Brandon Crump due to illness. Senior Del Baker earned the first start of his career. Grindstaff played just five minutes of the second half after he hurt his left knee.

The Vols, who trailed by as many as 13 points in the first half

until midway through the second half, looked like they were going to hold on for the win in regulation after going ahead by six points with 30 seconds left.

But Fitch hit a 3 to cut it to 70-67 with 17 seconds to go, then Holden missed a free throw after he was intentionally fouled on the inbounds play.

After a timeout, Fitch got wide open and hit another 3 to tie it. Tennessee couldn't get another shot before the buzzer.



Chuck Hayes (pictured) scored 15 points in 28 minutes of work against Tennessee as the Wildcats dropped the SEC showdown in overtime.

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UK hoops museum begins recovery period through fundraising and payroll cuts

LEXINGTON - The University of Kentucky Basketball Museum, which has been heavily burdened in debt since it opened in 1999, released encouraging numbers Tuesday indicating it is moving toward financial stability.

The museum, which opened with a \$2.2-million debt service, has begun to show improvement in revenue thanks to creative fund-raising efforts combined with cutbacks in operating expenses. The UK Athletics Association began supporting the Museum financially in June 2000 and Athletics Director Larry Ivy hired Van Florence, then a successful fundraiser with United Way, to manage the operation.

After finishing one year on the job in September, Florence completed the 2001 calendar year by eliminating the \$210,000 in past-due accounts payable while building Museum reserves from no funds to approximately \$435,000. He

also slashed payroll by 61-percent after eliminating 27 of the 32 positions.

While attendance has remained nearly identical the past two years (16,786 patrons in 2000, 16,798 in 2001), admission revenue has grown 86.1-percent - from \$76,000 to \$143,000 thanks to the newly implemented Rupp Arena tours, increased private functions and an enhanced gift shop.

Even more encouraging, the Museum has used no financial support from UKAA in either January or February of this year. Current fundraising efforts that include Wildcat Madness, the Maker's Mark/Keeneland bottle, etc., should garner an additional \$850,000 by the end of calendar year 2002.

"Through continued awareness and support from the community, the debt service should be under \$1 million by year-end 2002," Florence said.

"That will allow us to continue negotiations with the banks involved to absolve the remaining debt. The bottom line is this: the museum can and will survive."

Autograph sessions

The UK Basketball Museum has scheduled two autograph sessions for Big Blue fans.

Saturday at the Civic Center Shops in Lexington Center, more than 100 artists who participated in Wildcat Madness, will be on hand to sign the book which contains color photos of all 144 Wildcat sculptures. The session runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On February 24 at the Central Bank & Trust location in Palomar Centre, Tubby and Donna Smith, Guy and Jackie Morriss, Larry and Dorene Ivy and Bill "Mr. Wildcat" Keightley. The session runs from 2-4 p.m. and the guests will be signing the book Wildcat Madness.



Perry County Central High School senior Zack Brashear recently signed to play football for Pikeville College. The Bears begin their second season of varsity play in the fall.

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Dance Etc. Pee Wee Elite reclaims national title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Dance Etc. PeeWee Elite All-Star Dance Team recently traveled to St. Louis Mo., where they competed in the ASC National Competition. The group competed in the Pee Wee Dance category and took first place, reclaiming their title from last year as National Champions. The team was awarded a large trophy and ban-

ner and each individual dancer received a jacket, a patch and an individual trophy. The group is made up of 22 dancers who are in second-fifth grade. They represent five different counties and more than 10 different schools. All of these girls take weekly dance classes at Dance Etc. Studio of Dance in Prestonsburg as well as their weekly Elite practices. This group, which is only in its sec-

ond year of existence, has never taken lower than first-place and has two National Championships to their credit.

Dance Etc.'s two other competition teams competed in St. Louis as well and did a wonderful job. The Junior Elite, which is made up of dancers who are grades 6-9, took third-place in the pom and jazz categories. This talented group has many awards and accomplishments and has two National Championships under its belt. The Senior Elite team is made up of dancers grades 10-12. This is a new team this year and they made a wonderful showing in only their second competition ever, taking a second place in the pom category and 6th in the jazz.

Dance Etc. Studio is extremely proud of all three of these teams and all of their accomplishments. Owner of Dance Etc. and coach of the teams Jody Shepherd said, "I

am so proud of all of these young ladies. They are so talented and it feels good to know that they truly can compete with anyone across the country. These competitions are wonderful learning experiences, win or lose, and I am just happy

to be able to give them an outlet for their talents and a chance to travel and compete with teams from all over the country."

The Elite teams are also coached by Jennifer Willis and Marci Cornett.

These three dance teams are now preparing to travel to Columbus, Ohio on February 17 to compete in the Mid-West Open Championship, and to Tampa, Fla., March 9-10 to compete in the American Open National Championship.

Grissom

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Enterprises chances for a successful 2002 season. "They definitely made a lot of moves both last year and this year, but it's something that takes time," he said. "They have Robin Pemberton on board now and a completely different engine program, so that's definitely going help. It's all about getting it to Daytona and getting it started off."

Grissom made one NASCAR

Busch Series start in 2001 and said he has no immediate plans to race full time in 2002. "We've been pretty busy doing 'R&D' work and it looks like we're going to continue to be pretty busy."

Kentucky Speedway opens its 2002 season May 10-11 with a Friday evening "Short Track Special" and the ARCA RE/MAX Series "The Channel 5-155" on Saturday evening.

ESPN

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Chas Harmon fired in a game-high 22 points and Nathan Haney added 15 to power Paintsville to the win. Brandon Gullett and Stuart Rutledge chipped with 10 and 14 points, respectively. The Tigers (18-5) trailed 16-15 at the end of the first quarter before outscoring Johnson Central in each of the three final periods.

Point guard Chris Hurt, a

junior, scored 15 points for Johnson Central (8-10), while teammate Josh Keaton had a team-high 16. Senior Dock Johnson was held to 13 points. Chad Carroll finished with 11 points and Justin Woods netted 10.

Both teams will meet again Saturday in a makeup contest.

Tuesday night's game wasn't the first Eastern Kentucky stop for ESPN. Cameras pow-

ered by ESPN personnel rolled in the 13th Region last week, with plans to also catch games in Louisville and Lexington by the end of the trip. ESPN is preparing a documentary on Kentucky high school basketball in which clips from the games will be aired. The documentary is set to air in May.

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upset to improve to 12-11 on the season, and dropping the host Raiders to 14-8.

A cold-shooting second period haunted the Raiders all night Tuesday night. Leading 17-12 after one period of play, the Raiders managed just six points in the second quarter opposed to 18 from a well-oiled machine-like Betsy Layne. The slow-down type-game seemed to play huge in the favor of the Bobcats. After edging South Floyd 13-12 in the third period, Betsy Layne was able to stave off a gallant comeback attempt in the final period. The Raiders outscored the visiting team on the scoreboard 24-19, but in the end it was too little too late as time ran out Coach Henry Webb's club.

South Floyd's two leading scorers, Rusty Tackett and Michael, had 36 points between them. Tackett fired in 26 while Hall netted just 10, below his usual output. South Floyd's third-leading scorer, Tyler Hall, also had a down night, hitting for just six points. Heath Hall was South Floyd's leading scorer in off the bench for five points. The Raider bench, a key component for much of the season, contributed just 13 points. Starting center Charles Ray and guard Joe Skeans each finished with two points.

Brent Newsome sparked Betsy Layne throughout the game on both offense and defense. Newsome added eight points to Bobcat effort and Jordan Kidd, another guard, chipped in five.

Tuesday night's contest was the final 58th District/Floyd County Conference game for the Bobcats. South Floyd finishes up district/conference play tonight against Prestonsburg. Tonight's game will affect four out of the five slots for the 58th District tourney at month's end. Piarist, a team which has finished district play, both boys' and girls' district/conference play, will be the last seed in both postseason tournaments.

Betsy Layne was scheduled to be back in action last night against Feds Creek. Results were unavailable.

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the preseason poll. At 1-0 on the season, the Bears opened the season with a 9-0 win over Cumberland College, picked second in the league in the preseason.

Other Region XI teams in the Top 25 are Union (Tenn.) University (9th), Freed-Hardemann (Tenn.) University (14th), Berry (Ga.) College (15th) and Martin Methodist (Tenn.) College (22nd).

Including tournaments, Pikeville could potentially play seven of the remaining top nine teams this season.

in the 1970s and '80s, and the Eddie Sutton basketball scandal that inspired the national media to heap scorn on UK.

As I'm sure you know, President Todd, cheating is not an option in today's world of big-time college athletics. Besides being morally wrong, it's simply too costly. Anytime an athletics program, the most visible public-relations arm of any university, is found guilty of cheating, it damages fund-raising efforts, hampers the university's ability to compete for top-notch students and faculty, and erodes support from alumni and fans at a time when college athletic departments need every dollar to make ends meet.

Over the years, I've been accused of being anti-UK, but that's simply not true. All I've ever asked is that my state university live up to its stated ideals and goals. I believe the current promotional campaign is built around the notion that UK wants to be "America's next great university." That's a goal we all can applaud. But, President Todd, the nation's great universities—Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Duke, Stanford, Indiana, etc.—all don't allow athletics scandals to compromise their reputations.

In fairness to UK, your committee needs to understand how Lexington is different than most college towns. As long as anybody can remember, thoroughbred racing and gambling have been major components of Lexington's culture. Factor in the coal barons from Eastern Kentucky, and you'll see that Lexington has more high rollers, per capita, than almost any other college town, which, of course, leads to temptations that other programs don't have.

For all these fat cats, being close to the UK football and mens' basketball programs has been a major status symbol. They will pay anything, both above and below the table, to gain access to the coaches and players so they can brag to their buddies that they're on the inside. The common denominator in every UK scandal is the cancer that occurs when the boosters get too close. These are the guys who bankroll the slush funds, slip the players \$50 for a good game, provide summer jobs that require no work, and do whatever it takes to influence a recruit.

It also should be pointed out, President Todd, that there's no surefire, guaranteed, foolproof way to make a program immune from scandal. Who ever would have believed that basketball players at Northwestern, a great university, would have become involved in a point-shaving scam? Or that Notre Dame football players would become embroiled in an embezzlement scheme? Still, there are some reasons that the likes of North Carolina, Stanford, Florida, Kansas, and Oregon, to name a

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the nation could be the Lady Bears, who begin play ranked 13th.

In five seasons of play in women's tennis, Pikeville College has picked up only two wins. "We had a terrific recruiting year, bringing in some top-notch players," said Karen Trivette, in her first year with the team. She is assisted by former Pikeville College tennis player Rodrigo Puebla.

"Rodrigo is the key to our program," said Trivette. "We couldn't do it without him."

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Ivan said. "In much the same way that Dale Earnhardt gave me an opportunity, I'm doing that with Kevin. Having Dale on my car when we got going in Winston Cup gave me so much credibility; and I didn't know, until much later, how much that meant."

"I'm really excited to get back into the racing community. Kevin and I have wanted to put something together for a long

time, and this was the perfect opportunity to make it happen. He's a rookie who's trying to get a break; and I'm going to try and help him get one."

Conway, 23, is a veteran of AMA motocross, WKA gokarts, NMMA midgets, Legends Cars and NASCAR Winston Racing Series late model divisions, as well as an instructor for the Richard Petty Driving Experience.

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few, have avoided scandal while fielding competitive teams in the so-called "revenue sports." It's up to your committee, President Todd, to identify those reasons and implement them at UK.

But I don't want to be one to wring my hands about the problems without offering possible solutions. To that end, I have a six-point plan that, if adopted, would go a long way toward reducing the chances for another scandal in Lexington.

1. Since replacing C.M. Newton, Larry Ivy has demonstrated that he's a small man in a big job. He needs to be replaced by somebody with more stature, greater vision, and better public-relations skills. The new A.D. also should be totally committed to compliance with NCAA rules, strong academics, and fulfilling the requirements of Title IX. He needs to have the courage to do the right thing, no matter what the cost, and the energy to rally widespread support. If Louisville can identify and hire such a leader in Tom Jurich, surely UK can do the same thing.

2. Hire a head football coach who will be a nice fit with basketball coach Tubby Smith and who will restore the values taught by Jerry Claiborne.

Bill Curry appeared to be a perfect choice, but he turned out to be a Couch potato when it came to developing winning teams. Maybe the current coach is the right Guy, President Todd, but it will be hard to evaluate Morriss as a coach, given the restrictions that will be placed on UK during the next three years. About the only thing we learned from former coach Hal Mumme, the anti-Claiborne, is that UK fans love a wide-open, high-scoring offense. The university has enough going for it in terms of facilities and support that it should set its sights high. Wonder if Joe Montana is interested in coaching?

3. Make the compliance and academic folks accountable to you, not the A.D. One thing we've learned from Mummegate is that cheating is easier when the athletics department is in charge of policing itself. Put some highly-respected, no-nonsense professors in charge of regularly checking the financial books, encouraging whistle-blowing by staff members, and monitoring the A.D.'s job performance. The UK Athletics

Association needs to be less autonomous and more accountable to the total university. It's a big business, as you understand better than anyone, and should be run as such.

4. Expand the duties of assistant coaches to include counseling. Every assistant would be responsible for a specific group of players. On a regular basis, the assistants would meet with each player to check where he's hanging out in their spare time and who he's hanging out with. The assistants should know what kind of car a player drives and what his financial situation is. Players should be encouraged to avoid fat-cat boosters—the university knows who they are—and the coaches should see to it that risky boosters aren't allowed to travel with the team, attend practices, visit the locker rooms, or socialize with the players.

5. Quit the SEC and join either the Big Ten or the ACC. In the SEC, the culture of corruption has been a way of life for years. It's the cheating league in the nation, and it's not going to change. So it's time for UK to walk away and align itself with institutions whose aspirations and standards are more akin to what you, President Todd, want to set for UK.

6. Make sure the coaches understand that they don't have to go to the Final Four or a bowl game every other year to keep their jobs. As Claiborne and Rick Pitino proved, UK can be competitive at the highest level without cheating. But coaches need the right marching orders from the president, who can't then become spineless under pressure from alums and fans unhappy with the won-lost record. The president and board of trustees, not the public, should set the agenda and the priorities for the athletics department. The university needs a president who pays more than lip service to the idea that winning isn't important unless it's done the right way.

You, President Todd, can be the man who saves the UK athletics department from itself. I think I speak for right-thinking people throughout the commonwealth when I say that never again do we want UK to be perceived as a cheater in athletics. Thank your for your attention, and good luck with your mission.

Sideline

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lying about something you never took part in, just plain outright isn't right.

"You don't want to bring anyone in ... where they don't have a wide base of support from the faculty, the students and the alumni," Bill Wepfer, associate chairman of the School of Mechanical Engineering, said after Smith's resignation. "There's a sense that we are in a new era where everything has to be perfect."

Yes, everything absolutely has to be perfect. The news was broke to Smith shortly after the irregularity was found. Tech athletic director Dave Braine said Gailey called Smith on Friday to tell him the decision.

"I offered to do it for him, but he said he wanted to do it," Braine said. "It was tough for (Gailey). But he also understands the policy."

Smith had served as assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator and defensive backs coach at Kentucky before taking the job at Georgia Tech. Reached at home in Lexington, Smith said his plans were unclear.

"I'm unemployed," he said. "I don't have a job at Kentucky. I don't have a job at Georgia Tech. I'm basically ruined."

If you've ever met Rick Smith, you know he's a very proud man. A man who really takes a lot of pride in his job on a football staff, whatever the position may be. When he talks to a coach about a recruit, he's basically a straight-shooter, as I found out during a coaches clin-

ic I attended last March. Smith was doing well at Kentucky; he did well at Cincinnati before coming to Lexington.

Georgia Tech was embarrassed in December by revelations that former head coach George O'Leary lied on his resume, costing him a job at Notre Dame just five days after he left the Yellow Jackets.

The false information in Smith's bio was removed from 1997 to 2000, but it reappeared last season when he went to Kentucky as a defensive backs coach.

"Rick never once misled us," Braine said. "None of the Florida State information appeared in anything he provided to us. He's paid a high price for this. We accept his resignation with a great deal of sadness."

Kentucky head coach Guy Morriss basically hasn't said much about Smith's predicament. Could you blame Morriss? Like he doesn't have enough to worry about, coming off a 2-8 season with three years' probation staring him, his staff and his team in the face.

In Smith's absence, defensive coordinator John Goodner has stepped up to the plate and taken over recruiting duties. Goodner, a veteran collegiate coach, has said he's in his last coaching stop. Maybe he's content with his situation, and unlike O'Leary, Smith and the next deceiving coach he doesn't have to lie on a resume. He's better than that. Guy Morriss is also better than that.

Prestonsburg

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Prestonsburg took the early lead by beating the Rebels down the floor on the fast break and converting on the easy transition baskets as Chris Kidd had the hot hand early for Prestonsburg scoring 9 first quarter points. Allen Central struggled with their shooting early which helped Prestonsburg build the early lead, but with Shawn Newsome of Allen Central on the Rebels side no lead seemed safe for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg led 19-13 after the opening quarter and started to increase the lead early in the second quarter as Brad Bevins nailed consecutive jumpers to help build the Blackcat lead to 10 at the six-minute mark of the second quarter.

After a Rebel timeout, the momentum switched to AC as Coach John Martin's club went to the free throw line 20 times in the second quarter alone due to Prestonsburg fouls. Allen Central connected on 12-of-20 free throws in the quarter and the Blackcats began to go cold from the outside as they could manage only four points in the last three minutes of the first half.

Prestonsburg would go to the half leading 33-29 as the Rebels

had the Blackcats reeling. As play began in the third quarter, Allen Central continued to chip away at the Blackcats lead and eventually tied the game at 43 nearing the end of the third quarter on a short jumper by Brian Paige.

Prestonsburg would retake the lead on Justin Allen's three-pointer with 1:31 left in the third, but after another bank shot by Paige, senior teammate Daniel Sazabo nailed a three-pointer deep out of the left corner to give the Rebels their first lead at 48-46 at the end of three.

In the final quarter, Prestonsburg would not be denied as with the game even at 48, Allen nailed to long range bombs in a row to push the Blackcats out on top 54-48. The duo of Newsome and Paige would keep the Rebels close down the stretch, but it would not be enough as Kidd would score 11 fourth quarter points to help hold off the Rebels.

The 58th District is still open for debate as the seedings have yet to be determined, but with Betsy Layne's upset of South Floyd in another game played on Tuesday night, Prestonsburg will have a shot to be called district champs.

Rebels

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the Ladycats 68 points on the evening. Megan Hyden also displayed a good floor game for Prestonsburg scoring 10 points in the contest.

The Lady Rebs took early control of the game, outscoring Prestonsburg 14-12 in the first quarter behind the play of talented freshman Megan Harris, who poured in seven quick points in the first quarter. Tiffany Turner contributed six points in the opening quarter to help the Lady Rebs gain the early momentum. In the second period it was all Prestonsburg as the Lady Blackcats outscored Allen Central 21-9 in the period, aided by a demanding fullcourt press. The pressure by Prestonsburg forced the Allen Central girls into several turnovers in the quarter and enabled the Blackcats to take control of the game.

Prestonsburg led Allen Central 33-23 at the half and continued to hold that lead in the second half.

In the third quarter Allen Central was able to shave three

points off the Prestonsburg lead as Harris and freshman teammate Becky Thomas heated up for the Lady Rebs, scoring seven and six points, respectively.

Music and Burchett combined to score all of the Lady Blackcat points in the third period as Music scored 10 and Burchett added eight in the quarter. Prestonsburg led 51-44 heading into the final period and was able to hold on late as Music hit 6/8 free throws down the stretch to hold off the Lady Rebs. Prestonsburg would eventually win by the final of 68-58 and claim this year's regular season district title and a number one seed in the upcoming 58th District Tournament to be played on Prestonsburg's home floor.

Scoring

Prestonsburg—Music 26, Burchett 22, Hyden 10, Curnutte 5, Hicks 3, Webb 2.

Allen Central—Harris 18, Mullins 11, Thomas 9, Turner 7, Isaacs 6, Majaakey 3, Martin 2, Howard 2.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



It gets complicated...

I'm having a bit of an identity crisis of late. Or, perhaps more accurately, I'm having a crisis revolving around what others conceive my identity to be.

I've been told by one reader that she would have "bet money" that my hair was "red." (This comment having been made before our budgeting department so graciously conceded to placing color back into our "Lifestyles" section and the picture of me running with this column was in black and white.) And another reader told me that my column contained "bite," but that other of my writings contained a little too much "fluff." This same reader also noted that I seemed to be a "feminist."

This all amounts up to enough to get you to examining your inner workings, huh?

In pondering the makeup of my psyche, I came to reflect a tad on how, for the most part, I have always been a little misunderstood.

As a young girl in junior high, and even later, in high school, my best friends would tell me, "People think you're stuck up. You need to talk more. Act like you do when you're around us." What? And let folks in on the secret that I'm a complete fraud? I think not, my friends.

Seriously, I was a very, very shy child growing up. Now, I don't know what it is that makes one person shy and another outgoing, I only know that I was never comfortable being the center of attention. I once purposely flubbed a word during a classroom spelling bee because it was getting just too close for comfort. I was one of three students left standing and suddenly, even though it felt good to be winning, I realized that if I did win, I would have to (horror of horrors) STAND UP ON THE AUDITORIUM STAGE IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL! So, I chose to put an 'i' where I knew there should be an 'e' so I could just sit down again and blend back into the crowd.

Mostly, that's where I'm comfortable - just blending. But yet, I am a dichotomy of sorts in that I really crave recognition far more than I want to admit.

Hence, I've gone from flubbing a spelling bee to showing the entire county, via this column, that I do know when "i goes before e," and, when it doesn't. I guess I've also shown you (judging from the "you just have to be a redhead" comment) that yes, even though I am, for the most part, quite reserved, I do have very

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How to help Keep your home Allergen Free

Many homeowners are unaware of the harmful levels of allergens and molds in their homes. Molds, dust mites, cat and dog allergens and cockroach allergens can trigger asthma and allergy symptoms and make your family sick.

Therefore, it's important to eliminate these molds and allergens as much as possible. If you

have respiratory problems, allergists say that improving the air quality in your home can make a big difference.

However, a comprehensive home allergen analysis can cost thousands of dollars if performed by an industrial hygienist.

"Testing the home for allergens and molds is an important part of disease management and

one that is often overlooked due to the difficulty of testing the home environment," said Dr. Jonathan Bernstein, an allergist and associate professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

That's why Bernstein recommends Allergen Alert, a kit that tests the levels of the most common indoor allergens and molds

in the home. It sells for \$99.98 and comes with two allergen collection traps, a video, and instructions on how to use the traps to collect dust samples for a professional analysis. The traps attach to your vacuum cleaner, so you simply vacuum the rooms you want to test and then send the collected dust samples to the laboratory in a postage-paid

return box.

About two or three weeks later, you'll receive a report detailing the levels of allergens and molds in each room you tested. You'll see if the levels are high, medium or low for each allergen the kit detects.

In the meantime, there are

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The youth of the First Presbyterian Church were pleased to present "Souper Bowl Sunday" this past Sunday morning, a collective effort to gather donations of canned soups and boxes of crackers to be used to help feed needy families. For those who didn't happen to have a can of soup in their pocket, a monetary donation did just fine. Shown in photo, front row, from left to right, are Cameron Love, Eliza Love, and Marissa Thompson. Back row, left to right, are John Hale, Jessica Hale, Terry Blanton, and Selena DeRossett.

Our Presbyterian NEIGHBORS

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Our tour of area churches continues this week with a stop at the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg. The church is located on North Lake Drive, near Jerry's Restaurant, and is pastored by the Rev. George C. Love, who resides in Prestonsburg with his wife, Julie, and the couple's two children, Cameron and Eliza.

In sharp contrast to last week's visit to the Lighthouse Temple, in Wheelwright, where the congregation expressed their love for God with loud music, shouts of triumph and the robust clapping of hands, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church presented as a rather quiet, more solemn group of individuals.

"I would say our services are a little more sedate than some others," said Rev. Love. "But it's what we're used to."

The services on Sunday morning were accented by the soft glow of candlelight and the melodious strains of piped organ music. The robed choir sang hymns of praise that set a tone of peace and security for the attending worshippers, and all joined voices in response to Rev. Love's opening words of welcome and in the repeating of sacred church verses.

The Presbyterian Church has an extensive history in Floyd County, dating back to the year 1899. "I was a member of this church even before birth," said Jane Bond, a Prestonsburg



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Cole Crace, the young son of Melissa and Chet Crace, adds his contribution to the "Souper Bowl" on Sunday morning. Marissa Thompson, the daughter of Jeff and Ralean Thompson, assists.

resident, "my greats, my grandparents, my parents, my whole family has been here. I grew up being involved with youth programs and attending services here."

When questioned as to what it is that sets the Presbyterian Church apart from other Christian churches, Rev. Love commented that, "I suppose our form of government is unique to a certain degree," and that "by and large, the Presbyterian Church very much stresses the importance of education."

According to Love, the church has been involved with the educational process from its early beginnings. "In this area, it was the Presbyterian Church that founded Pikeville College. The church has always felt that it was important to have an educated clergy and to work toward the education of its lay people. It's just that the church sees this as the way to help people have better lives, outside of preaching the gospel to them, of course."

Community service is also a mainstay in the Presbyterian life, according to Rev. Love. "We strive to be of assistance to the community in whatever way we can," he said, "we open our fellowship hall to several community groups so that they can meet."

Among some of the local groups that take advantage of the church's building are Alcoholic's Anonymous (AA), an Alzheimer's support group, Weight Watcher's, SNOOP (Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg), EK-CORE (East Kentucky Churches and

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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.

I refuse to believe that we are to be no more, when we die, than an old shoe—even if we are heels.

WHAT WILL SATISFY

For weeks now, there have been few conversations in places of business, at home or on the streets, which did not include the junior college and the bill in the General Assembly at Frankfort.

One of these, following the splendid vote given by the House last week, discussed those who had led the fight here, those who had helped, commended Senator Burnis Martin, Representatives Allen Slone and Ben Martin for their work. This was one of those rare conversations in which there was little, if any, criticism of anybody.

Then said one of the group: "If this bill passed the Senate, regardless of who has been for it, and is still for it, we can give credit to one man—Bert Combs. If you don't think so, imagine what would have happened to the bill if he had been against it."

That was followed by a comment that the Governor "has stuck his neck out for us" on more than one occasion, and just about as far as it would go. "What else do we want him to do?"

"Give everybody 40 acres and a mule," replied another. But that suggestion was immediately vetoed.

Another remonstrated: "That won't do—a body would have to feed the mule!"

ADVICE FOR THE ASTRONAUT

Lennie Moore, who failed to renew his driver's license in time after driving a car 40 years or more, had to go through the examination and road test all over from scratch. Not one time, but twice. He finally made it Wednesday, and between sighs of relief, asked us to notify Colonel Glenn that if he expected to do much more traveling to be sure and keep his driver's license renewed, and that if he didn't not to come to Floyd County to take the examination.

NO HELP HERE

August Hahn, 435 Grand Ave., Cincinnati 5, Ohio, subscribed for The Times, a year ago, and we wondered at the time wherein lay his interest in Floyd County. This week came a letter from Mr. Hahn explain-

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Things to ponder: Blissful love

It seems that we have had such emotionally "heave" events in our lives over the past year and most recently the collection of stressors of getting through the "joyous" family holidays. From that perspective, the idea arose that perhaps it might be a relief to look at "matters of the heart," specifically that of love. After all, Valentine's Day is next week and a lot of wishing for roses and chocolate or just plain good old-fashioned attention by the females is taking place. Suppose the males have their special wishes for the "Day of the Heart," but those don't usually appear in the media's marketing routines. Needless to say, the

researchers have not ignored romance, love, and marriage.

One interesting research project at the Illinois State University followed 101 couples over a four-year period. The final outcome was that 59 percent of the couples had stopped their relationships, due to their decreased levels of satisfaction and commitment. However, their love had remained the same or had not completely changed, but the problem of the relationship not growing, or stagnating, led to dissatisfaction or unhappiness. Of the 41 couples still together, 71 percent had married. They reported that their love, satisfaction, and commitment increased

over time, with the largest increase being in their commitment to each other.

Another research report pertained to Americans tending to be overly optimistic about their chances of marital success. Most people gave a rosy answer when asked, "How's your marriage?" This sure seems to be a large contradiction when more than half of the marriages in the United States end in divorce. Two groups of couples married on the average of more than 10 years underestimated their chances of a future divorce of about 11 percent, which was well below the national average of 43 percent. Conclusions were that:

the couples had "positive illusions" about marriage, meaning that they thought that their marriage would be OK; the longer a couple is married the lower the probability of divorce is; and there is a relationship between marital satisfaction and expectations of marriage. Only 12 percent of a third group, single individuals not in a serious relationship and planning to marry in the future, thought their future marriage had a 50 percent or greater chance of ending in divorce. In contrast, this single group had much higher estimates for the probability of others' divorce, meaning a perception that others will get divorced, but it will not affect

them. It was interesting that the same single group overestimated the likelihood of their experiencing other negative events, such as car accidents or physical disabilities.

After psychologists have studied marriages in distress, a study was done of 50 couples that had been married for at least nine years, had children together, and separately considered their marriages as happy. (The Good Marriage: How and Why Love Lasts, Judith S. Wallerstein, Ph.D.). Nine "psychological tasks" were identified as the "pillars" on which any marital relationship rests.

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Town

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ing that he is retired, that he wanted to move to a small town and had thought Prestonsburg might be the spot. So he subscribed for the paper to watch the "for rent" ads. Now he writes:

"I have written to several persons advertising places...The only answer I got from any of them was from a Mr. Wells at West Liberty. I can't understand the reluctance of the nicest and friendliest people on earth to answer a letter... Can you tell me why?"

And I, too, fail to give Mr. Hahn an answer.

ROCKET FUEL

This definition of moonshine whiskey was sent from this county to an English girl who had expressed some curiosity about the subject.

"Moonshine (Mountain Dew) is our secret-weapon to paralyze any enemy who might invade us. It is a concentrated vodka—old-timers say it represents 30 gallons of vodka squeezed into a one-gallon jug. Folklore would have us believe it was used as a flame-thrower, to dislodge Indians from caves; that a tobacco-chewing frontiersman could hold a teacup full of it in his mouth, inhale, then light it with a spark as he exhaled mightily, and throw a stream of fire to the back of a 20-foot cave. One of the legends tell of one visitor who had imbibed a quart to insulate him against the wintry winds, who hiccupped near the open fire of a neighbor, and the explosion blew the roof off the house!"

AH, MEMORIES

This also was contributed:

Every man is a born collector.

First, he collects beetles, toads and marbles. Then girls, kisses and fancy ties. Then, dollars, troubles and a family. Later, gold cups, after-dinner stories and old pieces of string. And, lastly, aches, symptoms and memories.

The same law that forbids a teacher to instruct her pupils in the Bible and the knowledge of God, should make it illegal for a teacher to stand before a class and deny God and the Bible.

Postscript:

It's all uphill

by PAM SHINGLER

Robert Perry says — half-jokingly — that his Saturday cemetery class ought to be cross-listed as an exercise class on Prestonsburg Community College's community education schedule.

He's oh, so right. Last Saturday was among the toughest yet. Certainly not for sissies or anyone with severe back, knee, foot or altitude problems. Our ancestors made sure all the flat land was preserved for crops and pasture by putting their dead folks high up on the hills. Or maybe their aim was to get them closer to God, in death, if not always in life. At any rate, those of us who show up for the cemetery tours truly get a work-

out. Pulling up in a yard on Branham's Creek last Saturday, we piled out of Jim Osborne's big van and set off a chain of dog alerts up and down this densely populated creek.

Ahead of us was the remnant of an old gas line road that had not been used in decades. It appeared almost straight up, with a deep ravine on the left that deepens the higher the path goes. For part of the ascent, we balanced single-file on a narrow, moss-covered trail. The right side of the old road has been eroded over the years, dropping a foot or two and filled with wet leaves that cover indentations in the earth, tree roots and rusting gas pipe.

We climbed, gasping for air, our bodies doubled over to meet the slope, our leg muscles popping and aching.

Halfway up the steep hill, the earth levels off for Nimrod Hall and generations of his kith and kin. A veteran of the War of 1812, Nimrod preferred to be called Rodden, the name on his military tombstone.

We know this because of his ancestor Carmel Akers, who was our guide. Carmel, though he sometimes has breathing problems, was right there with us.

The next stop was on up the creek, where houses are a little farther apart, a couple of miles from where you can cross over into Pike County.

This was the Lee Alley Cemetery, the lower level that is. A calf-biting walk up a steep, but short, slope put us at the gate of a relatively flat plot, laid out in neat rows. One long row of matching McKinney stones predominates, all dating to the early 1900s. Carmel, the Branham's Creek record keeper, says the family has pretty much gone from the area.

Eerily, our guide's gravesite is here in this accessible graveyard. He already has the large grave marker in place, birth date listed, date of death yet blank. The books he's written and hopes to write are neatly etched in the stone. Among those completed are his histories of the Akers and Hall families, to whom most native Floyd Countians can trace kin.

The rest of us cemetery visitors convince Carmel to pose for a picture beside his gravestone, something few of us are privileged to do.

But the exercise class is not over. Farther up the hill where the ascent is sharper is another cemetery. The granite sign announcing an Akers lineage is on its side, and at least a year's growth of neglect is manifest through the weeds.

Huffing and puffing, we explore this plot. We stand one leg short on the incline. This is a really

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Soup

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Organizations Responding to Emergencies', AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), and the Floyd County Health Department who offers a Body Recall class that meets three days a week.

The church youth stay busy throughout the year with community service programs, also. Most recently, they organized "Souper Bowl Sunday," which they celebrated this year on Sunday, February 3, "Super Bowl Sunday" throughout our nation.

"Souper Bowl Sunday" initially began at the church in 1997 as a youth program that highlighted the gathering of cans of soup and boxes of crackers as a backdrop to the nation's obsession with football's "Super Bowl."

Through the years, the Presbyterian Youth's collections have grown from 50 cans of soup and \$21 in donations in 1997, to 150 cans of soup and \$425 in donations in 2002. This year, the donations were awarded to the Christian Service Ministry, ran by Doria Martin from the Drift Presbyterian Church.

The church youth were represented on Sunday morning by Terry Blanton, a Prestonsburg High School student, who made a formal presentation of the donated

items for the church congregation.

According to "The Apostle's Creed," the members of the Presbyterian Church believe in "God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord." Rev. Love extends a warm and inviting welcome to all.



Rev. George C. Love photo by Kathy J. Prater

Easy tips to lighten up your favorite recipes

There's no better time than now to make healthy changes in your life that include exercise and a balanced diet.

If you are trying to lose weight, remember that you can still enjoy many of your favorite foods by replacing sugar and fat in your recipes with low-calorie alternatives.

Judith Rodriguez, a registered dietitian and director of the Health Nutrition Program at the University of North Florida, recommends these simple techniques to reduce the sugar and fat content in your recipes:

- Use a small amount of fruit juice concentrate instead of sugar or honey.
- Use fruit sauces or purees instead of sugar or syrup. For example, fill a Brazo Gitano with lowcalorie fruit jelly and top it with a sugar substitute, such as Equal sweetener, instead of meringue or honey.
- Use sugar substitutes, such as Equal, to sweeten beverages such as lemonade or tamarind drinks.
- Saut/vegetables in beef or chicken broth instead of oil.
- Prepare soups and stews in advance, then refrigerate for a few hours and skim off the fat that collects on the top before reheating.
- Replace one whole egg with two egg whites or use fruit purees instead of oil in baked goods.

Rodriguez also offers this simple recipe you can make anytime for a healthy treat:

CREAMY RICE PUDDING

Contains 62 percent less calories than

traditional recipe. (8 servings)

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup converted rice
- 3 cups skim milk
- 24 packets Equal sweetener, or 7 1/4 teaspoons Equal for Recipes or 1 cup Equal Spoonful
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat water to boiling in large heavy saucepan. Stir in rice. Reduce heat and simmer covered until rice is tender and water is absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes.

Add milk to rice. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat and simmer covered, until mixture begins to thicken, 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. (Milk will not be absorbed and pudding will thicken when it cools.) Remove from heat and stir in Equal and salt.

Beat egg in small bowl; stir about 1 cup rice mixture into egg. Stir egg mixture into rice mixture in saucepan. Stir in raisins, vanilla and cinnamon. Cook over medium-low heat 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Serve warm or chilled.

Nutrition information per serving: 183 cal., 7 g pro., 36 g carb., 1 g fat, 29 mg chol., 142 mg sodium. Food exchanges: 1 milk, 1/2 fruit, 1 bread.

Ponder

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(1) The FIRST psychological task of a happy marriage is "to separate emotionally from the family of one's childhood so as to invest fully in the marriage and, at the same time, redefine the lines of connection with both families of origin." Examples of this is that the young couple cooks and eats at home without going to one of their parents' home to eat supper every night. The other day, someone talked about how the husband went to his parents every weekend, while the wife went to her parents. (2) A closely related, second task is for the happy couple to build "togetherness" based on each seeing themselves as a couple with shared intimacy and an awareness that includes both partners, while at the time, sets limits so each partner is also still his/her own person. (3) The third task was listed as a crucial one, "to establish a rich and pleasurable sexual relationship and to protect it from the incursions of the workplace and family obligations." (4) At least for couples with children, the overwhelming roles of parenthood need to be taken in stride and the baby's arrival into the marriage should not be disruptive. At the same time, the couple must learn to keep protecting their own privacy.

According to the author, the next two psychological tasks of a good marriage were closely related. (5) The unavoidable crises of life needed to be confronted and mastered. (6) The maintenance of the strength of the marital bond should continue when there is adversity. The partners should have a safe place within the marriage to express their differences, anger, and conflict. (7) The use of humor and laughter to keep things in perspective and to avoid boredom and isolation was described as of equal importance. (8) Although each partner needs to be appropriately independent, the eighth task pertained to each one nurturing

and comforting the other so that each partner's needs for dependency by offering encouragement and support continuously. (9) The ninth and final task seems to circle back to the beginning research report, keep alive the early romantic, idealized images of falling in love, while still accepting the serious realities of the changes that are bound to occur with time.

Of course, so much has been written and studied about love and its effects on our lives. The poets have often painted the dream-like effect of it all, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways" Others have tried to measure it, "How deep is the ocean? How high is the sky?" It seems that love is just one of those things that is likely to spring forth in all sizes and when it is least expected. Also, it gives one of those feelings that just cannot be completely described. However, it can easily be destroyed with one look, one word, or one act, sometimes never to return. Guess the moral of the story is that, if you think you have the love and partner of your lifetime, do what is reasonable to keep it. While the loss of love can be so devastating, it can also be so healing. Here's to love and your Valentine!

If you and your loved one have not established a "good marriage unit," it can be remedied. Making do and tolerating unacceptable levels of discomfort are signs of the marriage needing help, support, and intervention by a qualified mental health provider.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School Committee meetings schedule:

- Curriculum Committee - Every third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
- Attendance/Discipline Committee - First Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
- Extra-Curricular Committee - First Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
- Public Relations Committee - First Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.
- Consolidated Planning Committee - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 874-0621
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Feb. 15 - "Manners" presentation, 5th grade - 12:00 p.m.

■ Feb. 20 - "Time Out for Parents," support group meeting - 9:00 a.m.

■ Feb. 22 - "Manners" presentation, 5th grade - 12:00 p.m.

■ Feb. 27 - FCHD Dental Health presentations, K-3.

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ 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, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

McDowell Family Resource Center.

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include:

immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

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. 11, Mar. 18 - Sexual Harassment Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25, Mar. 6, Mar. 13 - CPR classes.

■ Mar. 25, April 8 - Careers classroom presentations.

■ Child Abuse Awareness booth set up in school foyer for distribution of information to students, staff, employees and community.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

• Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

• Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

• Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

• Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

• Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

• Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

• Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

• Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Center now accepting new applications for cleaning supplies.

■ "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.

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Family Medicine

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Removal of Toe probably best treatment for "gouty tophi."

As uric acid crystals accumulate in a joint, these crystals begin to irritate the joint tissue. Eventually it reaches a point where some very mild injury sets off an inflammatory response to the irritating crystals and produces a painful, red and swollen joint. At this point, the person is suffering from what we'd call an "acute attack" of gout. Typically, such an attack starts with the big toe, but any joint can be involved.

OK — stay with me here — I'm getting to your mother's toe troubles. Most people that suffer from gout have an occasional acute attack that subsides with a week or two of rest and medicine. An uncommon few have a long-standing condition — chronic gout — that has more persistent but less intense joint pain. Often, more than one joint is involved, and there are usually uric acid crystal deposits of sufficient quantity to make visible bumps on the ears, forearms, knees, elbows, hands or feet.

These distinctive-looking uric acid deposits, called "gouty tophi," can cause damage to the underlying bone as well as the overlying tendons and skin.

Based upon your description and the doctors' responses, I think your mother probably has gouty tophi that are the underlying reason for her toe skin ulcers. And as you suggested, medicine and diet is usually effective at lowering uric acid levels and reducing the frequency of gout attacks.

Unfortunately, medicine only lowers blood and joint fluid levels of uric acid. It may never eliminate the build up of the crystals forming gouty tophi. In addition, lowering uric acid levels doesn't directly alter the damage already done by the tophi to surrounding bone. Your mother can't afford to have open ulcers on her toes in the hope that two years from now the gouty tophi will be smaller. She needs to have healthy skin on her toes ASAP.

Her doctor thinks the best way to achieve this is to surgically remove the involved part of her toe.

There is no such thing as minor surgery when you or a loved one is involved. That said, the removal of the last two joints of the fourth toe is not surgically complicated. Results are usually good. The surgical wound should heal quickly, and the loss of the fourth toe won't interfere with walking. In addition to her usual health care, she will also need to be on medicine to control uric acid levels of the blood to prevent other joints from suffering this same fate.

"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.

Question:

One of my mother's toes, the one next to the little toe, is swollen and has a couple of little ulcers on it. We went to the family doctor who referred her to a foot specialist. That doctor says she needs to let him cut off part of that toe, because she has gout. I've never heard of anybody that had to lose part of a limb because of gout. Can't she just be treated for gout instead of losing part of her toe?

Answer:

As you may recall from a column I wrote about one year ago, gout is a type

of arthritis. In those with this disorder, uric acid accumulates in the joints and surrounding tissue and causes damage. Uric acid is a natural byproduct of our body's metabolism of meats, red wines and other foods. In addition to that manufactured by our bodies, we directly ingest uric acid by eating foods that already contain it.

Normally, the kidneys eliminate uric acid before the level within the blood becomes high enough to cause a problem. In gout, however, the level increases to the point where uric acid crystals begin to accumulate in tissues including joint fluid.

Happy Birthdays



New addition

Brian and Leslie Nelson, of Banner, joyously announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Madison. Born on November 20, 2001, she weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 21 inches in length. She is the paternal granddaughter of Donnie and Charlene Nelson, of Banner. Her maternal grandparents are John and Brenda Porter, of Stanville. Lindsey Madison is the great-grandchild of Betty Porter, of Prestonsburg, Willie Hicks, also of Prestonsburg, and Josephine Isaacs, of Teaberry. She has one sister, Lauren Mackenzie Nelson.



Micaya is 10!

Micaya Canterbury turned 10 years old on February 1, 2002. She celebrated with a party held at Archer Park skating rink that was attended by many of her classmates, friends, and family members. Micaya is the daughter of William and Sherry Canterbury, of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal granddaughter of Bill and Myrtle Canterbury, of Cow Creek, and the maternal granddaughter of Bill and Minnie Bays, of Prestonsburg.

Wedding Engagements



Couple plan June candlelight wedding

Melody J. Mading and Joseph S. Marshall are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Melody is the daughter of Joanna Mading, of Paducah, Ky., and the late Gene Mading. She is employed in a secretarial position with the State of Indiana, Department of Corrections, Indiana State Prison. She is currently pursuing her Real Estate License at Purdue North Central. Joseph is the son of Edna Marshall, of Denver, Missouri,

and the late Aro Marshall, formerly of North Judson, Indiana. Joseph is employed with Bethlehem Steel. In addition, he owns and operates Joe's Deck Care Service and General Construction Company. He serves as a Staff Sgt. in the Indiana National Guard, Michigan City, Indiana. The couple plan to marry in a candlelight ceremony on June 14, 2002. The wedding ceremony will take place at the Little Church of Pinhook, in Pinhook, Indiana.

Postscript

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old graveyard, final resting place to anonymous ancestors. Most of the gravesites are marked, but their notations are nearly all roughly shaped stones, vital statistics carefully etched once upon a time, but battered smooth now by the elements.

Coming down from these ancestral heights, we follow Carmel to his home, also a treasure trove of area history. He shares with us copies of old deeds and other historical documents that tell some of the stories of this section of the county. Bob Perry encourages him to donate copies for the Samuel May House archives, to date the only place resembling a museum in Floyd County.

There's no doubt we all got our daily exercise, but we learned

a good bit and we enjoyed good fellowship. We welcome your participation. If you're interested, meet us at 9 a.m. next Saturday at the May House in Prestonsburg. Be advised to wear good comfortable shoes and not to complain any louder than we do.

Side note:

We marveled last week at how beautiful Branham's Creek is, much wider and deeper than we had thought. In many places, it rushes over rocks like a picture image of a babbling mountain stream. The tragedy is the trash. Throughout its run, the creek is littered with plastic bags, tires, milk jugs and all kinds of personal garbage. It is graveyard of our wastefulness. We should all be ashamed.

About our schools

Reading is still the foundation of success

There's no doubt that the ability to read is the foundation for all future academic and professional success. That's why the debate about how to teach reading has been taken up by legislators, local school boards, and businesses hoping to promote reading achievement in children. So what curricular components really promote reading literacy? Is there a magic wand, which, if used, will develop a great reading program and result in high levels of reading achievement for all children? Research on reading has identified several practices that can strongly influence reading achievement.

First, the teacher provides direct instruction to help children develop skills and strategies they need. Above all, the quality of teaching is what makes the most difference in instruction.

Second, all children are given direct help in developing phonetic awareness and a practical command of phonics. Phonetic awareness is the critical factor for success in early reading. Phonics instruction involves learning letters and sounds and how to combine them to form new words. Phonics is learned best in a context of connected, engaging text, such as stories.

Third, the environment is rich in literacy experiences and resources to facilitate reading development. Students are provided daily opportunities to read independently and aloud, and to rein-

force skills and strategies by reading at home nightly. Time spent reading significantly impacts achievement.

Fourth, quality-reading programs have carefully designed early intervention for children who experience difficulty in reading. Before-and after-school help and summer school are available to students beyond first grade who are in need of extra instruction, who need to review skills, or who are behind at the end of the school year.

Finally, teachers employ a variety of techniques tailored to individual needs to help children acquire knowledge, skills, and strategies for better reading.

Parenting tips

■ Try to see that your elementary children spend 15-20 minutes each day reading at home, with older children spending additional time. It is important to stress the amount of time spent reading, rather than the number of books read.

■ Ask your child's teacher for information about what concepts are being taught, and how you can support your child's program.

■ Volunteer at your child's school to listen to children read aloud or to provide support for struggling readers.

Information from The Master Teacher Series, submitted by Beverly Crisman, Community Education, Floyd County Schools.

Mold

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things you can do to help rid your home of allergens. Bernstein and Mike Vogel, director of Healthy Indoor Air for America's Homes, offer these tips:

■ Dust your home often. Use a vacuum cleaner with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter to help keep settled dust from becoming airborne when you vacuum.

■ Wash your bedding once a week. Beds tend to harbor dust mites, so wash bedding in temperatures higher than 130 degrees or with a special detergent designed to eliminate dust mites. Placing specially designed covers over mattresses, com-

forters and pillows also can help.

■ Keep humidity low. Mold and allergens thrive in humid areas, so keep indoor relative humidity below 50 percent with air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

■ Keep your kitchen clean. Keep food covered in sealed containers. Wash dishes and sweep the floor frequently. Clean places where crumbs can accumulate, such as near the toaster, stove and counter tops. Take out the trash often.

For more tips and information about Allergen Alert, log on to www.healthysite.com or call 1-800-560-9111.

Organizations



The 4-H symbol presented as a delicious edible at the Floyd County Conversation, a meeting of youth and adults focused on the identification of the needs of today's youth.

4-H councils meet nationwide to address needs of nation's youth

Floyd County 4-H'ers came together to exchange ideas for the development of Kentucky youth this past January 8, at Prestonsburg Community College. The meet was part of a nationwide effort to create a positive action plan for the nation's youth.

Those in attendance were challenged to identify the needs of today's youth in the attainment of successful lives. These issues were further explored at the Kentucky Conversation of Youth Development in the 21st Century, convened by 4-H.

The 4-H movement will celebrate its centennial in 2002 and the Conversations will be the centerpiece of this commemoration. Local Conversations were held in over 3,000 counties of our nation.

Among the ideas discussed at the Kentucky Conversation were the top five elements identified for the Kentucky action plan:

■ Power of Youth - How do we engage young people as equal partners in changing our communities?

■ Access, Equity, & Opportunity - How do we obtain equal opportunity for all?

■ Extraordinary Places to Live & Learn - How can we improve the opportunities for our youth to learn and grow?

■ Exceptional People, Innovative Practices - How can we engage more adults and innovative strategies in working with our youth?

■ Effective Organizational Systems - What approaches for youth development will work best for your community?

"It is exciting to see the youth of our community come together and work with adults and civic leaders on how we can help improve their lives and community," said Stephanie Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Council President. "The ideas generated today can be implemented by the state, civic organizations, businesses and individuals. Instead of just talking about the problems, 4-H has

taken the next step of finding solutions."

The State Conversation was preceded by 101 Local Conversations held in counties across Kentucky. The National Congress with 1,600 youth and adults, will meet in February, 2002, in Washington, D.C., for the National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century.

The Conversations will result in planning tools and a national action plan reflecting the strategies that have been the most successful in helping young people succeed. In addition, the youth will make a civic commitment to volunteer in their local communities through the Power of Youth Pledge Campaign.

4-H is one of the nation's most diverse youth organizations that includes people of all economic, racial, social, political, and geographic categories. Local 4-H Agents are youth development professionals who provide direction and program leadership in each county as part of the nationwide Cooperative Extension Service.

Originally focused on agricultural products, 4-H has grown to meet the needs and interests of young people in rural, urban and suburban communities.

In Kentucky alone, 245,000 youth and 25,014 volunteers are involved in 4-H programs. More than 6.8 million youth are involved in 4-H programs annually. 4-H is part of the Cooperative Extension Service, which conducts programs in all 3,077 counties of the United States, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and 5 other territories. The Cooperative Extension Service is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture, state land-grant universities, and local county governments. The National 4-H Council is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. The 4-H name and emblem are protected under 18 U.S.C. 707.



Floyd County youth and members of the adult community met to discuss the needs of the nation's youth and to begin implementation of ideas directed toward the meeting of these needs.

Eyes

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strong opinions about issues like spouse abuse, child abuse/neglect, and women's issues. If I am a feminist, it's because life has made me one. (Single parenting will do it to ya, believe me.) It can be a rough world out there and it takes a lot of grit and persistence to go it alone.

But I go it alone because that, too, is a card life has dealt me. I'd much rather join the ranks of the married, but if I have to become subject to "dictatorship" in order to do so, then I'll just plod along alone a while longer.

Sooner or later, there's got to be someone that will come along who will understand that it's been dang hard to be both a "mom" and a "dad" and that just because a woman has dreams and works hard at achieving them, it doesn't mean that she has to be perceived as a threat to his manhood.

My hair isn't red. I am independent. I do like men. And, I ain't stuck up.

This much, at least, I am sure of. I'll fill you in as the rest unravels.

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CLASS TITLE: 911 COMMUNICATION DISPATCHER

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under general direction of the Communications Specialist, receives, transmits and relays information concerning public safety emergency agencies; and does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Receives all incoming communications from citizens walking into department and from telephone, radio, computer and alarm systems. Relays all complaints and information received to the appropriate personnel or agencies; dispatches police units, fire vehicles, rescue squads and other emergency vehicles. Records and Maintains accurate communications cards to log all units and agencies dispatched and calls received. Monitors various radio frequencies, home and business alarm systems, incoming telephone systems, NCIC-LINK computer system, and other agency computers. Activates emergency warning system when advised. Monitors and operators all alternate communications systems, and performs routine scheduled, maintenance on all equipment. Maintains work area in a neat and clean manner.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Training and experience: Graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent (GED).

Special necessary requirements:

- Must successfully complete a six (6) month probationary period.
- Must successfully complete required telecommunication basic training.
- Must successfully complete required LINK-NCIC Certification Course.
- Both schools must be completed within six (6) months.
- Must successfully complete required in-service training in telecommunications, and NCIC-LINK Certification yearly.
- Must possess a valid Kentucky drivers license.

Special knowledge, skills and abilities: Working knowledge of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations governing operations of radio/telephone receiving and transmitting equipment. Working knowledge of basic radio transmission procedures. Working knowledge of police organizations and operations. Working knowledge of the geography of the city and county. Working knowledge of law enforcement computer systems. Ability to act quickly, calmly, and correctly in any emergency situation. Ability to follow oral and written instructions. Ability to speak with clarity. Ability to prepare and maintain accurate records and filing systems. Ability to deal tactfully and courteously with the public. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other public safety organizations, agencies, city officers, county officers employees and the general public. Tact, Firmness, Accuracy, Resourcefulness, Sound judgement, Integrity.

Official application forms are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall Building, 101 Euclid Avenue, 2nd Floor, Paintsville, Kentucky.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2002.

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ROBIN COOPER, MAYOR

TRAINEE POSITION

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640-Land & Lots

MOBILE HOME LOT: Must be '85+ model. \$90 month. 874-2802.

1 TRAILER LOT: David Rd, Blueriver, KY. 886-6186 or 886-8286.*

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670-Comm. Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING: 60x100 warehouse. S. Lake Dr., P'burg. 886-6186 or 886-8286.*

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Salary is commensurate with experience.

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Contact:
Russell Shepherd
69 Open Door Church Road
David, Ky. 41616
886-6601

REQUEST FOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ned Hall, 0205 County Road 62, Box 172 Laotto, IN 46763, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct four separate earthen fills and subsequent construction of commercial and/or residential structures within the 100 Year Floodplain. The project sites are located along the north side of Route 80 and along the

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PROPOSALS / ADVERTISE- MENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court requests proposals and will accept sealed bids until Friday, February 15, 2002, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., for the following:
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AGULATION PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR TREATMENT OF WATER DIS- CHARGED FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY LAND- FILL, LOCATED AT OSBORNE BRANCH, FLOYD COUNTY, KEN- TUCKY
Proposals/seale d bids will be accepted at the Office of the Floyd

C o u n t y Judge/Executive, 2nd floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, [Telephone: (606) 886-9193] during regular business hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best proposer/bidder at the regular meet- ing of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to be held on Friday, February 15, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom, 2nd floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149

South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.
The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject, any/or all bids.
Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive

The Floyd County Times

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“News Dealer of the Month Contest”

The dealer who shows the greatest percentage of increase in sales during the month of February, compared to the month of January, will receive a full-page color ad (valued at \$1,000) for their business.

They can choose the edition in which they would like for their ad to run, Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday.

“Suggested Selling Tips:”

1. Keep paper where it can be seen.
2. Suggest one to a customer.
3. Keep them neatly stacked and presentable.

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STOP!

You've cleaned out your attic, your base- ment, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you pro- ceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...



1 WHAT.
Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?

2 WHEN.
Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.

3 WHERE.
Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.

4 WHY.
Reason for sale, especial- ly if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

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Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad. Call **886-8506**

EARNHARDT TRIBUTE

EARNHARDT, DALE (1951 - 2001)

American automobile racer and seven-time National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) championship driver Dale Earnhardt was born in 1951, in Kannapolis, North Carolina. He first raced NASCAR vehicles in 1975. Earnhardt's first Winston Cup win came in his 16th Winston Cup race, when he claimed the Southeastern 500 at Bristol, Tennessee, in 1979. He captured NASCAR championships in 1980, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. Richard Petty is the only other driver to win seven Winston Cup championships.

Dale Earnhardt tragically lost his life on Sunday, February 18, 2001, in the season-opening Daytona 500. He was 49.

Please join with us in honoring NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt. This newspaper is compiling a special section devoted to the life, times, triumphs and victories of this American legend. Ad space is now available for this tribute. Deadline, Tuesday, February 12th.

Call 886-8506

The Earnhardt Special Section will include:

- Earnhardt Photos
- Earnhardt Career Statistics
- Earnhardt Career Highlights & Timeline
- Earnhardt Titles & Awards
- NASCAR Photo Galleries
- DEI (Dale Earnhardt Incorporated) Info.
- 2002 NASCAR schedules (Winston Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series)
- Dale Earnhardt Jr., Photos and Career Stats
- Daytona International Speedway Info.
- Winston Cup Tracks Info.
- The Future of NASCAR without Dale Earnhardt

THE DALE EARNHARDT SPECIAL SECTION WILL APPEAR IN THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, EDITION OF THE TIMES.

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Vertical 1/2-Page	\$382.50
Full Page.....	\$765.00

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