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briefs

Father and son killed in Letcher

A Letcher County man and his son were found dead at their home in Whitesburg Sunday afternoon, having been the victims of a fatal shooting, according to Kentucky State Police reports.

Timothy L. Cook, 41, and his son Timothy James Cook, 4, were found shot to death at their home by state police when officials from Post 13 in Hazard responded to a call that the two had been shot.

Both father and son were pronounced dead at the scene by the Letcher County coroner. Their bodies were later sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort to determine the exact cause and time of death.

The death investigation is being handled as a murder case, according to the state police, and currently remains under investigation.

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Today

Scattered storms

High: 62 • Low: 39

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy

High: 55 • Low: 28

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Pair says 'slave' contract a joke

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A document filed in a Pike County courthouse last week concerning a 'slave' contract between Ike Jason England and 22-year-old Amanda Pinion, was nothing more than a private joke between the two which was then later mistakenly filed in

the Pike County Clerk's office, according to statements made to The Floyd County Times by both Pinion and England yesterday.

Pinion, who emailed the newspaper early Tuesday with comments about the incident and later contacted the staff by telephone, was amazed the item was getting so much attention, from both the press

and local law enforcement.

"This is just pretty much a total misunderstanding," Pinion said Tuesday. "This is definitely not something I would put on file and allow public access to. I'm shocked that something like that was even filed. It's completely ridiculous."

According to Pinion and England, the contract "mistake" has also captured the

attention of local authorities.

Both Pinion and England made claims that the Pikeville City Police Department have called Pinion in for questioning as well as requested a strip search to inspect for possible signs of abuse, claiming, among other things, that Pinion could be

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Floyd County Constable Homer D. Neeley hands over the keys to a 1985 Chrysler LeBaron to Jerome Greathouse, president of the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky. Neeley, who has donated cars to other worthy organizations in the past, said that he "is well aware of the good work that the Dream Factory does" and that he is "highly supportive" of their efforts. The Dream Factory plans to raffle the car in the near future. Tickets will sell for \$1 each until May 18, when the drawing for the winner will be held at 2 p.m. All proceeds will go toward fulfilling the dreams of Eastern Kentucky's "special" children.

Defendant appears day late

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A bench warrant brought Stanley L. Tackett, of Van Lear, to court on Tuesday, Feb. 19, for arraignment on charges that sent the matter to a grand jury.

According to Lt. Gerald Clark of the Prestonsburg City Police, Tackett chased

his wife, Stephanie Renay Tackett, through town after they left the law offices of Vanover, Hall and Bartley, where she had been pursuing a divorce.

The Prestonsburg City Police received several complaints that a subject in a white Department of Mined and Mineral Jeep was chasing a car on



Tackett

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Father, son arrested after chase

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER



James H. Isaacs appeared in court Monday to answer charges brought against him after police say he ran a roadblock and led them on a chase.

A Banner man was arrested Thursday and arraigned the following day in Floyd District Court in connection to a botched traffic stop that nearly resulted in the severe injury of one motor vehicle enforcement and two city police officers, according to police reports.

James H. Isaacs, 45, of Banner, was apparently traveling with his son along Route 321 in Prestonsburg Thursday at approximately 2 a.m. when attempts were made to stop the

two in a traffic stop.

According to police reports, Isaacs went through the traffic check along 321, at which time motor vehicle enforcement officer Dennis Hutchinson and city police officers Lt. William Petry and Lt. Greg Clark, tried to flag the vehicle over.

During the course of their attempts, Hutchinson said Isaacs refused to stop and nearly struck Petry, Clark and himself during his alleged evasion.

A third Prestonsburg City (See CHASE, page six)

Supreme Court rules against miners

by ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that coal companies do not have to pay lifetime health benefits for miners who retired from

some other firms long out of business and absorbed by the modern-day company.

The case will affect financing of health care benefits for thousands of retired coal miners or their widows who were members of the United Mine Workers.

The court's 6-3 ruling is a victory for individual coal companies and a setback for the Bush administration, which argued that the companies are liable.

(See MINERS, page seven)

Bus driver disciplined, monitor not

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A Department of Transportation employee has been disciplined by Supt. Paul Fanning on Feb. 18, for an incident that involved a two-hour stay on a bus for a 5-year-old Head Start student at May Valley.

According to Fanning, he met with the Director of Transportation, the bus driver, and the bus monitor on Monday morning to discuss the events of Feb. 14, and to determine a course of action.

Lonnie Ray Hall III was allegedly left on the bus at May

Valley Elementary for approximately two hours until found by teacher aide Beth Meade, after a phone call from Hall's mother prompted the search.

Fanning said that as superintendent he is responsible for disciplinary action taken against employees and there had been many hours and a lot of discussion concerning the collected information put into investigating this event.

After meeting with the driver and the monitor of the bus, Fanning looked at the duties of each according to the job

(See DRIVER, page seven)

Board files suit to get land for entrance

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education initiated condemnation proceedings late last week in hopes of furthering its efforts to increase the safety of a "hazardous" roadway entrance to Betsy Layne Elementary.

Named in the suit, filed in Floyd Circuit Court, were Betsy Layne husband and wife Jeffrey and Sharon Rivers, as well as

Pikeville's Branch Bank & Trust regional president John Williams.

The suit is one part of a continued effort to secure a section of land near the school that would, if acquired, be utilized to construct a new access from U.S. 23 to the school and lessen the present access route which the suit says is a safety hazard as it is currently situated.

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Pictured above are the winner and runner-up of the Floyd County Schools District Spelling Bee held at Adams Middle School. The winner is Denise Hall, left, and eighth-grade student at Stumbo Elementary. She is the daughter of Astor and Bonnie Hall. The runner-up for the district is Amy Wallen, an eighth-grade student at Allen Central Middle School. She is the daughter of Linda Wallen Prater.

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Odds and Ends

■ **SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** — School officials are considering whether to yank a 13-year-old's science project because it examines medical uses for marijuana.

The junior high school student was allowed to present her "Mary Jane for Pain" project to classmates Thursday, but school officials later confiscated her props — including a marijuana-laced muffin and a spray bottle of pot-steeped rubbing alcohol. They returned the props to the girl's father, Joe Morris, rather than call law enforcement.

Morris said Mission Hill Junior High officials gave initial clearance for the project and should have said something earlier if they objected.

"Don't children have constitutional rights?" Morris said. "In a way, it's censorship and that's not acceptable."

Morris said his daughter became interested in the subject because her aunt is a caregiver for a woman who uses marijuana as a medicine.

School officials haven't yet decided if the girl can display her project next week at a prize competition.

■ **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — A 30-year-old man left a trail of smoke as he fled from police with his pants on fire.

Police said they spotted Carl Franklin with his pants down and his hands in front of him near a fence. They suspected he was going to relieve himself.

When Tallahassee Police Officer Seth Stoughton shouted, Franklin ran.

Apparently Franklin had been smoking and put the cigarette in his pocket, police said.

Franklin ran until he lost his grasp and the pants dropped to his ankles. Stoughton said he tried to slap out the fire until another officer came and cut it away.

Stoughton said Franklin smelled of alcohol and appeared to be intoxicated.

He was charged with resisting arrest Sunday.

■ **FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich.** — A man is facing a felony drug charge after his truck loaded with marijuana struck a police officer, authorities said.

Scott Manciero, 29, was charged with delivery and manufacture of marijuana, a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison. He could also face other felony charges pending the outcome of the accident investigation.

Officer Anthony Bateman, 26, was retrieving road flares late Saturday on a state road when he was struck by Manciero's vehicle, Police Chief William Dwyer said. Manciero stopped after the crash, and officers found 14 pounds of marijuana in the truck, Dwyer said.

Bateman was being treated for a chipped vertebrae and injuries to his shoulders, knees and head.

A breath test showed Manciero was not intoxicated, police said.

■ **GALVESTON, Texas** — A man who becomes upset when he hears certain words was sentenced to six years in prison for shooting his girlfriend because he thought she was about to say "New Jersey."

Thomas Ray Mitchell, 54, was convicted earlier this month of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for shooting Barbara Jenkins outside his apartment in March 1999. He faced up to 20 years.

Jenkins died recently but it was not connected to her injuries from the shooting.

During the trial, his relatives testified that Mitchell gets angry, curses and bangs on walls when he hears certain words or phrases, including "New Jersey," "Snickers," "Mars" and "Wisconsin."

Mitchell flew into an explosive-laden rage during a pretrial conference when he saw the word "Snickers" printed on a card.

His attorney argued that

Mitchell suffered from a mental disorder. Psychiatrist Victor Scarano testified that Mitchell suffered from persecutory delusions.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** — Directions to Gucci in Japanese? Not a problem for Gregg Donovan.

Nor is "Welcome to Beverly Hills" in dozens of other languages for the 42-year-old, who has been hired as the city's first official greeter.

"I'm waiting for the Dalai Lama to come to town so I can say it in Tibetan," said Donovan, who greets shoppers along Rodeo Drive and adjacent streets.

Clad in a red coachman coat from Sulka, Bally shoes, Versace sunglasses and sporting a Tiffany & Co. gold badge, Donovan looks the part.

That's the point, say officials with the city's conference and visitors bureau, who hope Donovan will help lure back shoppers to some of the nation's ritziest stores, ending an economic slump that hit after Sept. 11.

■ **BANGKOK, Thailand** — A cash-strapped Thai groom spent his wedding night in jail after allegedly faking a holdup to duck out on the marriage bill.

Somsak Sowong, 26, left the wedding ceremony at the Bangkok home of his bride, Saengdaun Jonburum, 31, before it was time to exchange rings, saying he had to return home to collect \$1,775 and a gold necklace to offer as dowry.

About 30 minutes later police were informed that Somsak had been found unconscious in a bush nearby, police Lt. Chakawan Aranawat told The Associated Press on Monday.

Somsak claimed a man had hit him over the head with a gun, tied his hands with his necktie and stole the cash and necklace.

Police were suspicious about the story because Somsak did

not appear to be injured.

After a long interrogation, the suspect admitted that he had concocted the robbery to cover up the fact that he didn't have the money to pay the dowry or the \$670 cost of the wedding party, Chakawan said. It was not clear who had tied Somsak's hands.

Somsak could face up to three years in prison for falsely reporting a crime. His bride-to-be has called off the marriage.

■ **WEST CHESTER, Pa.** — Usually, when teen-agers show initiative and attentiveness in business, they're rewarded. Not this time.

Two 17-year-old boys are accused of operating a large-scale speakeasy and gambling hall in a barn, using money they saved from summer landscaping work to finance the start-up costs.

"It looks like it was an organized operation that was notorious for attracting a lot of local teen-agers," Chester County District Attorney Joseph Carroll said of the business that was run for a few months about 25 miles west of Philadelphia.

Township police raided the barn in December following a lengthy investigation, but the boys were not charged until Friday. Authorities did not release their names because they are minors.

Police Chief John DeMarco said officers seized more than 100 bottles of liquor, containers of beer including a keg, gambling devices and tobacco products.

Police found a fully operational wet bar with a sink and a price list displaying the cost of drinks, DeMarco said. The large gambling area had tables and chairs where multiple games could be played.

The hillside barn had been refurbished to make the operation less conspicuous, police said.

"They had gone to extraordinary measures to make sure no light or sound comes out,"

DeMarco said. He said the walls had been soundproofed and the windows had been covered.

■ **WHITEWATER, Wis.** — Two mischievous cats are driving up the water bill for one area couple.

Boots and Bandit, who are 1 1/2-years-old, have learned to flush the toilet and turn off the lights, said their owners Russ and Sandy Asbury.

"I've had cats all of my life," Russ Asbury said. "But these

cats are different than any of the others."

The couple discovered the cats' unusual talents last winter, unexpectedly.

The two were at home, Sandy Asbury in the kitchen, her husband in the living room, when they heard an unmistakable noise coming from the bathroom: a toilet flush.

"My eyes got as big as saucers. At first, I didn't know

(See **ODDS**, page three)

Flights delayed, travelers rescreened at Louisville airport after security worker falls asleep

LOUISVILLE — Early morning flights out of Louisville International Airport were delayed Tuesday so a thousand passengers could be rescreened because a security employee was reported to have fallen asleep, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

An employee reported that he thought there had been a security breach, said Rande Swann, an airport spokeswoman.

"Apparently a screener was found early this morning to be sleeping at his or her post. And the result, the concourse had to be cleared and a number of passengers rescreened," said Kathleen Bergen of the FAA in Atlanta.

Calls seeking comment from representatives of the company that handles security, Globe Aviation, were not immediately returned.

"They are checking people back through, and we have long lines anyway at this time of day so it's likely to take two hours to rescreen everybody plus the other flights that are scheduled to go out," Swann said.

The rescreenings began about 6:45 a.m. The airport has 23 to 25 scheduled departures between 6 and 8 a.m., and "almost all airlines held their flights," Swann said.

Bergen said about 1,000 people had to go through the security screening a second time. By about 9:30 a.m., a line stretched more than 200 yards through the terminal, extending past the ticketing stations and doubling back.

"That just happens, I guess," said Rick Ahlrichs, of Cincinnati.

Susan Rider, of Louisville, vice president of sales for a software company, was headed to Atlanta on business and had been in line for 2 1/2 hours.

"I've missed two meetings," she said. "It's costing my company a lot of money."

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Opinions differ sharply on whether to raise dropout age

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENTON — Off and on for a decade, Betty Watson has been trying to finish the education she broke off at age 16.

School had not been a pleasant experience, anyway, and then she became pregnant. It was easy to drop out.

It might have been different if the dropout age had been 18, and if someone in her family had been willing to help raise her baby, Watson said. "Now I wish I'd gone on and just kept my head up," she said.

Over in Frankfort, legislation has been introduced in the General Assembly to raise the school dropout age to 18 from 16. Watson, who is now 40, said she thinks it's a fine idea.

Without an education, "their whole life is going to be ruined," Watson said in an interview, taking a break from an adult education class in Owenton. "What are they going to do if they get out and don't go on and get into a program like this?"

But the bill's prospect of passing is far from certain, and other opinions differ about whether it is feasible.

"There's just a 50-50 split among school administrators in general," said Wayne Young, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

His association probably would support the bill if it came with extra funding for whatever accommodations would be needed, Young said. But he said principals fear being saddled with "kids who are not necessarily subject to anyone's control, and we're forcing them to attend school, and they don't want to be there, and they end up being a problem."

The bill was introduced by Rep. Brent Yonts, a onetime school board member from Greenville who said he was alarmed by a high rate of illiteracy among Kentucky adults. The Workforce Development Cabinet estimates that 1 million Kentuckians have no better than modest reading and writing skills. High school equivalency, like the General Educational Development certificate program, is not the answer, Yonts said.

"The intent of the bill obviously is to reduce the dropout rate," Yonts said in an interview. "Until we slow that down and stop it, we're wasting our money on the GED program because we're constantly refilling the pool."

The 2000 Census supplementary survey indicated a quarter of Kentuckians 25 and older lacked a high school education.

But Fredericka Hargis, superintendent of Crittenden County schools, said she opposes raising the dropout age.

"For those looking to drop out at 16, most of them really dropped out, psychologically, in middle school or fifth grade. Why should we hold them captive?" Hargis said.

Her district, which has 1,350 students at four schools, has alternative programs and counseling for students who are behind and in danger of dropping out. "We go through every hoop we can to prevent anyone from giving up on the student," Hargis said.

But she said the district also

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if we had ghosts or what," Russ Asbury said. "I couldn't even imagine who or what was flushing the toilet."

Sandy, 46, checked it out and caught Boots preparing to do it again. Since then, Bandit has also become proficient at toilet flushing.

"We have to shut the bathroom door when we go to bed. Otherwise, one or the other of the cats are in there flushing away all night," Russ Asbury said.

The cats have even started flushing while someone is using the toilet, Russ Asbury said. And they've both become skilled at unrolling the toilet paper and turning the bathroom light on and off, Russ Asbury said.

"Between the water and sewer bills and cost for toilet paper, the cats are going to have to get a job," Russ Asbury joked.

■ FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Police have managed to slow a lot of speeders zipping through town — and they're doing it without much horsepower.

Fayetteville Police Officers Rick Mulcahy and Alan Sanford have been clocking cars from horseback.

Mulcahy and Sanford have used radar guns from horses since last year. A police officer clocking speed from horseback surprises most people, they said last week.

Mulcahy recently pointed his radar gun at a black pickup truck and it registered 57 mph in a 45 mph zone. A stop was in order, so Mulcahy spurred John, his brown quarter horse, to the middle of Clinton Road and held up his hand.

The driver of the truck pulled over and Mulcahy and John trotted over to take the man's driver's license and registration. Mulcahy parked John behind the man's truck to write the ticket.

A woman in the passenger seat seemed oblivious to being stopped by a horse and complained about being singled-out when she said others were speeding, too.

"Ma'am, I can only stop one person at a time," Mulcahy replied.



Guidance Counselors serving in Floyd County Schools were recognized at a recent board of education meeting by Beverly Crisman, Floyd County Schools Community Education Coordinator. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Susan Damron, South Floyd High School; Greta Thornsberry, May Valley Elementary; Leslie Ousley, Prestonsburg Elementary; and, Teresa Frazier, Betsy Layne Elementary. Back row, left to right, are: Glenna Slone, Floyd County Board of Education member, district 5; Vicky Ratliff, Betsy Layne High School; Tina Crum, Prestonsburg High School; Laura Kidd, Allen Central High School; Karen DeRossett, Prestonsburg High School; Jeff Stumbo, Floyd County Board of Education member, district 3; and, Debbie Paige, Adams Middle School.

Tax amnesty bill delayed after lawmakers raise questions

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Tax amnesty, a \$30 million piece of Gov. Paul Patton's delicate budget balancing, was delayed Tuesday after legislators raised questions, mostly about what happens after the program ends.

Lawmakers said they do not want to torpedo the program but are concerned that some of the

proposals to close loopholes and go after tax cheats after amnesty ends are too severe.

Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said she does not fully trust the Revenue Cabinet to determine what really constitutes an old tax bill.

"Just because a lien has been filed by you people doesn't mean the tax is owing and due," said Webb.

Under the amnesty proposal, people and companies that owe back taxes to the cabinet could do so without penalty or interest. Taxes on real property and some other property taxes collected by local government officials would not be included in the program.

Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton said the program would likely be held in the fall of 2002 and include a window of 60 to 120 days. The amnesty would cover taxes due from Dec. 1, 1987, when the last amnesty period ended, to Dec. 1, 2001.

After the amnesty ends, the cabinet proposes to increase collection fee to 25 percent of the tax due, up from 20 percent, and begin publicizing delinquent taxpayers. In addition, the cabinet wants new enforcement

authority to make some corporate officers and partners personally liable for some taxes.

The cabinet also is seeking authority to demand that banks identify account holders so they can be dunned for back taxes.

Reps. John Vincent, R-Ashland, Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, led a string of members of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee who raised questions about whether the new enforcement powers were too Draconian.

"With some taxpayers, they need a little encouragement to pay what they owe," Mayton said. "The majority of these consequences should never touch your constituents because the majority of your constituents pay their taxes."

Budget director James Ramsey said the last amnesty program, instituted during the administration of Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, raised \$60 million to \$70 million. It also identified taxpayers who should have been on the rolls.


Like the earlier program, this one is proposed to find more money while the state faces economic problems. The General

Fund is now estimated to take in about \$400 million less this year than the amount that was budgeted.

"Very clearly, we need additional money," Ramsey said.

Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, said he favored the amnesty program, but said it was only a stop-gap program when the entire tax structure needs overhauled.

"We're putting a Band-Aid on in the emergency room and we need to get this patient to surgery," Wayne said.



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I feel as though I am very qualified to serve the people of District 4. Not only have I been around and involved in politics for several years, I have the education needed to be a successful and effective governmental leader. I have a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Kentucky and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.


Floyd County has many serious problems that can only be solved by capable people. We must start electing officials that have the ability to make good decisions. Our county can no longer afford to make "popularity contests" out of our elections. You, the voters, deserve to be told what these candidates stand for and what they will do if elected, instead of "who they know" and "who they are related to."

If elected, I have two simple promises I will keep. The first is that I will bring the local government back to the people. County officials work for the people, so they must answer to the people. That is why I will have 3 to 4 town hall meetings each year in the communities of District 4. This will give EVERY voter their opportunity to tell us what they need.


Second, I will do everything in my power to help Floyd County get more jobs. I will make attracting new businesses my number one priority to the fiscal court each month.

When elected, I will serve as the Magistrate to the best of my ability, and together we can make Floyd County a better place to live! Good luck to all the candidates seeking office, and may God bless you and your families.

Paid for by Joyceleen Hale, Treasurer, 128 Antique Ln., Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605



VOTE—OWENS—MAGISTRATE



I was Magistrate for 13 years in District 2. During that 13 years, **we always tried to help the people** of District 2 when they had a **death in the family** by helping **dig the grave** and **fixing the road to the cemetery** or **clearing the snow** so that they could get to the cemetery. **These people needed our help** during these **3 days**. **We would always quit the projects** we were working on and take care of the funerals and then go back to the projects that we had started. **If you elect me as your Magistrate**, once again, **WE WILL CONTINUE** to work this way.

Pd. for by Jackie Owens—550 Prater Fk. Rd.—Hueysville, Ky. 41640

Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Worth Repeating ...

"Many commit the same crime with different results. One bears a cross for his crime, the other a crown."

— Bertrand de Juvenal

Our View

Keeping the faith pays off

The devil in the details of President Bush's faith-based initiative brought that plan to a dead stop last year. While many supported the concept of providing more help for faith-based groups, just how to provide that support without violating constitutional safeguards that protect government and religion was a matter of some dispute — and was left unresolved.

But a compromise hammered out by Sens. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), and embraced by the president recently, promises to move forward faith-based legislation that would help charities make social services more accessible to the needy. Granted, the compromise moves cautiously and does not go as far as some would like, but given the issues at stake, that's for the best.

What Santorum and Lieberman did was to exorcise the devilish details that had plagued the initiative during last year's debate. Gone are the controversial "charitable choice" provisions that would have opened new government programs to religious groups and would have allowed the groups to maintain their exemption from civil rights laws.

The compromise takes a more subtle approach, making it clear that government contracts can't be denied to an agency simply because it has a religious name or because it has religious art, icons, scripture or symbols on display.

It also provides new charitable tax breaks for individuals and corporations, including people who don't itemize on their tax forms. And it increases funding for the Social Services Block Grant program, which states use to provide child care, child welfare and other services to families.

The compromise comes at a propitious time; Bush named a new director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to replace John DiIulio, who quit in August. Jim Towey brings impressive credentials to the job: A onetime follower of Mother Teresa and the executor of her estate, he also has worked in politics and, since 1996, headed the advocacy group Aging with Dignity.

With workable legislation set to go and a new director in place, it appears that faith-based charitable groups, which have played a key role in helping families and the nation cope with the events of Sept. 11, may finally get the support they deserve.

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Guest Column

Keep newspapers and TV news separate

by JASON SALZMAN

If you are relying on the news media for the latest information about the state of journalism in our nation, you probably think that the most important recent journalistic development has been the demise of Talk magazine — and the shock and outrage of its snippy-tongued editor, Tina Brown.

But there is far worse news about journalism in America, assuming you believe the end of Talk is a bad thing at all. Unfortunately you aren't seeing it on successive front pages of the New York Times, where the Talk story was hyped.

While journalists gossip about Talk, the Federal Communications Commission is quietly moving toward overturning a 1975 federal rule that prohibits companies from owning TV stations and newspapers in the same city.

Because most cities have just one major daily newspaper, the rule change would mean that a single company could control the news viewed by the majority of the people who watch TV and by all of the people who read the newspaper.

Common sense says that democratic debate will inevitably be muted when the same company controls news reaching the majority of citizens via TV or the newspaper.

If different owners control a community's news outlets, like the dominant TV station and the major newspaper, the news produced by the news outlets will probably be more diverse and less vulnerable to political manipulation than if only one company owned the newspaper and TV station.

Politics aside, if controlled by the same company, a local TV station and a newspaper would surely cover similar stories, perhaps with the same reporters, eliminating journalism jobs and decreasing the diversity of stories offered to the community.

Here's an example of how the new media ownership rules could stifle debate about the media itself.

Over the past seven years, Rocky Mountain Media Watch has produced detailed reports, lawsuits, complaints, and formal petitions in support of its campaign to improve local television news. Much of that work has focused on Denver's TV stations.

For example, we've catalogued the second-by-second content of the shows, documenting that they offer a narrow range of stories, mostly about mayhem (crime) and fluff (soft news). We've challenged their broadcast licenses, even charged them with "false advertising"

because their "news" isn't news, according to journalistic standards.

Putting democracy into action, we've assembled a core group of concerned volunteers and received small grants from foundations and individuals. We've been about to mount an unusual and sustained campaign that's been denounced repeatedly by the directors of Denver's local stations. We've clearly gotten their attention, educated a lot of people, and generated local debate.

Since we have no advertising budget, we rely on the news media to publicize our work — to bring it to the attention of fellow citizens.

Well, we don't exactly rely on all the "news media" for publicity, because — as you'd expect — the local TV news programs almost never cover us. They prefer to ignore us.

But, thankfully, our organization has received notebooks of coverage from newspapers, including positive columns, reviews and news coverage, especially from Denver's two major dailies, which are owned by the same company, but not one that owns any of the Denver TV stations.

Now, you tell me, how much coverage do you think Rocky Mountain Media Watch's work would get if Denver's newspapers were owned by the same company in charge of one of the four TV stations that we've been

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Letters

Judges have served justice

The recent articles appearing in The Floyd County Times on the Alamander Martin estate have created both interest and confusion in the identity of A. Martin Gamble Company. Those articles refer to the Martin heirs and A. Martin Gamble Company synonymously.

The Honorable Judge John Morgan clearly removed this "blindfold of Lady Justice" by ruling the heirs of Alamander Martin, and not A. Martin Gamble Company, to be the rightful owners of the Alamander Martin patent. He further ruled that A. Martin Gamble had 20 days from the date of his decision to amend its complaint and join the heirs in this action. Judge Morgan has wisely unraveled the twisted controversial ball of claims and myths. Unfortunately, the perception of A. Martin Gamble Company and the heirs of Alamander Martin being one in the

same continues to cloud the views of many heirs.

Apparently, it did not confuse the management of A. Martin Gamble. On June 11, 1998, A. Martin Gamble was appointed administrator de bonis of the Alamander Martin estate. According to the general warranty deeds on file in Knott County, the first order of business for the newly-appointed administrator was to remove real property from the estate, and heirs, to the corporation that was supposed to protect them. Additional general warranty deeds contained in Knott County reflect the transfer of real property to the spouses of the A. Martin Gamble Company directors and other individuals alleged to be closely related to the directors. The conclusions of law in Judge Morgan's decision clearly and wisely address those issues.

Mr. Cook states his intent to share equally any proceeds derived from his endeavors, but declines to share the current financial status of his corporation. This refusal to share information con-

cerning the assets of the estate resulted in a stay of administrative power placed on the company by the probate court in June 2001. By law, the heirs have every right to a detailed accounting of their estate, yet A. Martin Gamble Company has to this date declined to provide this information to the heirs.

Both the circuit court and the probate court have now raised the same issues and in the same light as this writer. All efforts from this individual have been to divide fact from fiction, and to provide that information to any heir of Alamander Martin. The decisions handed down by both courts in Knott County support that quest for truth. Plain and simple, the heirs of Alamander Martin want to know what has come into the estate, where it went to, what was their individual share and how that share was calculated. These are not very complex questions, and yet the answers remain so very elusive to the individuals who ask.

Both Judge Morgan of the circuit

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Senator believes proposal could save lives in truck-car crashes

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Roy Crawford sadly tells about the night eight years ago when his teen-age son's car rear-ended a slow-moving coal truck on Garner Mountain in Letcher County.

The big truck, struggling under a 70-ton load, was nearly invisible as it trudged up Kentucky 15 with mud-covered taillights and no rear underride guard, the protective device that keeps passenger cars from going underneath in rear-end collisions.

Crawford's son, Guy, 16, died in the wreckage, and Crawford has been pushing ever since for

stricter laws on coal trucks. That's why he hopes a bill sponsored by state Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, will become law this year.

Jones has proposed legislation that would allow police officers to order trucks without rear underride guards off the road.

"My purpose is not to punish truckers, but to get them to comply with the law," Jones said. "Allowing these trucks to continue on without underride guards is almost as bad as stopping a drunk driver, writing him a ticket, and letting him go on down the road."

The legislation also would increase the fines truckers pay for not having an underride guard

to \$250, the approximate cost of installing one. The law now calls for a fine of \$25 to \$250. Under Jones' proposal, citations would be dismissed when truckers show proof that they have installed the guards.

A 4-year-old study by the Kentucky Transportation Center found that 18 percent of collisions involving large trucks were rear-enders.

Kentucky State Police reported 10,276 collisions involving trucks in 2000. In those collisions, 102 people died and 3,140 were injured.

Crawford said authorities can no longer assume that rear-end collisions are always the fault of the driver in the back.

"I believed that myself until I started looking to some of these cases involving coal trucks," Crawford said. "You just don't see cars running into other cars. In fact, you rarely see them running into any other kind of truck, which should tell people something."

Jones said the problem is that the coal trucks, carrying heavier loads than allowed by law, can't go fast enough on some steeper mountain roads. Some fall to 15 mph or less on the four-lane U.S. 23 south of Pikeville.

"If you're going 55 miles an hour, you close on these trucks so fast," Jones said, "particularly at night or in poor visibility conditions."

Jones' legislation is pending in the Senate Transportation Committee, while lobbyists for the trucking industry in Kentucky lobby against it.

Ned Sheehy, president of the Kentucky Motor Transport Association, said truckers are strongly opposed to the legislation because it would put trucks without the underride guards out of service. That means, Sheehy argued, that trucks without underride guards could be left on the sides of roads, creating a larger safety issue. About 11 percent of rear-end accidents, he said, involve vehicles parked on the sides of roads.

Sheehy said the bill also would make Kentucky's law more stringent than other states and more stringent than recommended by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Administration, an industry group that helps establish safety standards for trucks.

If authorities find a damaged or missing underride guard, Sheehy said, the trucker should be allowed to drive the vehicle to a repair shop "instead of sit on the side of the road and wait for someone to come fix it."

Jones said experience has

Clerk accused of murder released on bond

The Associated Press

McKEE — Jerry Dean, the Jackson County clerk charged with murdering a former employee who had filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against him, has been released from jail on \$1.5 million bond.

Dean, 59, left the county jail in McKee at 3:15 p.m. Monday.

Dean had an electronic monitor placed on his ankle before leaving and will only be allowed to leave his home to work or go to church, according to the conditions of his release set at an arraignment hearing in December.

Dean is charged with the Nov. 17 murder of Audrey Marcum, 31. He has pleaded innocent and is scheduled to go on trial June 17.

Marcum, who worked for Dean from 1995 to 1999, had filed a \$30 million lawsuit against him.

Twenty-seven individuals or couples and one group of property heirs put up land or homes ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$161,500, for a total of \$1,500,640.

"People have come out and supported me," Dean said as he left the jail.

Dean is charged with shooting Marcum to death with a high-powered rifle. Marcum was slain as she stood in the garage of her home south of McKee. Her former husband

found her body minutes later, before the ice cream she was carrying had melted.

Marcum quit her job working for Dean in August 1999 and filed the lawsuit against him. She alleged he made unwelcome advances toward her, including once masturbating in front of her in the back room of the clerk's office. Dean denied the allegations.

One of Dean's sons, David, testified after the killing that Dean had discussed hiring someone to kill Marcum because of the lawsuit, offering to buy David Dean a pickup if he would do it.

David Dean testified that, on the night of Marcum's death, he saw his father walk toward Marcum's house with a rifle. Jerry Dean later said he had taken care of his problem and threw pieces of a gun into a lake in Laurel County, David Dean said.

However, Jerry Dean said Monday that he "absolutely" did not kill Marcum.

Dean has been a popular politician in Jackson County, running unopposed in his last race, but eight others are seeking the clerk's office year.

Commonwealth's Attorney Gary Gregory, who is prosecuting the case, said Dean's popularity as an elected official, churchgoer and grandfather of five makes it impossible to find an impartial jury in Jackson County. Gregory wants Jackson Circuit Judge Cletus Maricle to move Dean's trial to another county but has not yet filed a motion for a change of venue.

Douglas Reece, Dean's attorney, has vowed to fight to keep the trial in Jackson County.

County Judge-Executive Tommy Slone said Monday that he thinks that a fair trial would be possible in Jackson County.

"It would probably not be the easiest thing to find a jury, but I think it's possible," Slone said. "I think our people are plenty smart enough to render a fair verdict."

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criticizing for years?

Well, your guess is as good as mine, and I'm guessing that most anyone would say that our organization would, at best, get less news coverage and, at worst, get none at all, if the newspapers and a TV station were owned by the same compa-

ny.

It seems likely that the FCC will approve the new media ownership rules, which are only its latest efforts to strip away federal media regulations that serve democracy, but not necessarily the bottom line of large media companies. And which, incidentally, probably explains why the story about the bankruptcy of Talk magazine got so much more media play than the story about big media companies growing bigger and richer.

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court and Judge Jacobs of the probate court deserve the highest marks in the performance of their duties. Each has served his bench well and maintained the integrity of the judicial system in a very controversial and complex issue. These individuals have certainly kept the blindfold from the eyes of "Lady Justice" in Knott County.

Tim Elmore
Cross Hill, S.C.

Church offers thanks

The members of the Little Rosa Church of East McDowell would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends, neighbors and businesses that helped to make the third annual "Christmas Treat for the Children" of the McDowell and surrounding areas a huge success.

Over 300 children took part in the activities in which gifts, goodies and fruit were distributed to the children. With the help of these individuals and businesses, the church was able to make Christmas just a little brighter for many children. While the children had a wonderful time, it would be difficult to say who was enjoying themselves the most — the kids or the adults. Christmas really is for the kids, but grownups can enjoy the pleasure of seeing the children enjoy themselves. The church plans to do the program again

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Gary Rose, Candidate for Sheriff of Floyd County, Answers questions and concerns of Floyd County Citizens

When Gary Rose is elected Sheriff of Floyd County, he will reorganize the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. His reorganization will make the Department more progressive, more professional and more efficient. A part of his plans is in this issue of the Floyd County Times, with additional plans to be revealed in future editions.

1. Use of Drug Teams!

Under Gary Rose's reorganization, a Drug Enforcement Unit will be created. This Unit will consist of four (4) full time, highly trained and equipped teams who will investigate illegal drug activity anywhere in Floyd County, including Prestonsburg, Wheelwright, Wayland, Martin and Allen. Gary will work closely with the Police Departments in each of these communities in order to combat the number one priority of his administration, **Illegal Drugs!**

2. Drug Education and Intervention Unit.

Under Gary Rose's reorganization, a Drug Education and Intervention Unit will be created which will consist of officers who will teach DARE and other Drug Education Programs in our schools and other locations. Officers from this unit will be available twenty-four (24) hours a day to assist families in locating help for their loved ones who have fallen victim to drug addiction.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, under Gary Rose, will show compassion and understanding for the victims of drug addiction. Innocent victims are deserving of all medical and other professional help, as opposed to incarceration, and Gary will assist these victims in receiving this help.

3. Use of Force Policy for the Sheriff's Department.

Gary Rose will implement and strictly enforce a policy covering the use of physical force. Under this policy, Gary will personally investigate each and every incident where force is used by a Sheriff's Deputy. This policy will eliminate police brutality within the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and will protect our officers from false accusations.

Gary Rose, during his thirty-two (32) year career in law enforcement, was never accused, investigated, nor a defendant in any court action involving police brutality or excessive force. Gary will not tolerate unnecessary force by any member of his Department!

4. Convicted Sex Offender Notification.

Gary Rose will create a web page within the Sheriff's Office to inform Floyd County's citizens of convicted sex offenders who may reside in their neighborhoods.

Vote for Gary Rose for Sheriff. He will accept and meet his responsibility. He will prosecute drug dealers!

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Democrats: Bill tried to exclude public pensions from divorces

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Senate Democrats, with the acquiescence of some Republicans, defeated a proposal Tuesday they said would exclude public pensions from divorce settlements.

And some Democrats said the proposal was presented in such a way as to confuse the issue.

The underlying legislation largely deals with technical matters in the laws governing public employee retirement systems. It passed the House 93-0.

Sponsor Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, said the bill includes a provision clarifying that state and local government pensions are

subject to division as marital property in divorce cases. Barrows said there has been "a lot of confusion, even among practicing lawyers" on that topic for a couple of years.

Sen. Elizabeth Tori, R-Radcliff, offered a proposal she said would exclude from divorces the pension benefits of police and firefighters.

The amendment referred only to "a public retirement system administered by an agency of a state or local government."

"That's all of them. That's not just police and fire," said Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville.

Shaughnessy said the Tori amendment would have excluded all state and local pensions from divorce cases, including those of legislators themselves.

Shaughnessy said Tori and Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, did not accurately describe the proposal.

"There's the issue of the floor amendment and the issue of the way it was represented on the floor," Shaughnessy said. "And

you have to think it was done deliberately."

All 18 Democratic senators voted against the amendment. Eleven Republicans voted for it, but nine other Republican senators refused to vote when their names were called Tuesday, ensuring the defeat of the proposal.

Barrows said the amendment appeared to try to exclude public pensions from divorce settlements.

Though Shaughnessy made a point during a floor speech and later that the proposal would make legislator pensions off-limits in divorce cases, he declined to say whether his remarks were directed at anyone in particular.

Senate President David Williams of Burkesville, who is getting divorced, was among the GOP senators who did not cast a vote.

Late

Route 1428.

Clark said that Tackett chased his wife, along with a friend of hers and his son, around the back streets several times before he was apprehended at the Court Street traffic light, where Lt. Clark and officer William Petry had blocked the road.

Clark arrested Tackett and took him to the Floyd County Detention Center.

A Domestic Violence Inquiry from the KSP showed that a restraining order had been obtained against Tackett by his wife in November 2000.

Tackett was released on 10

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percent of a \$5,000 bond on Feb. 14, and was scheduled to appear in court on Monday, Feb. 18, to face charges of fourth-degree assault and first-degree wanton endangerment.

When Tackett failed to appear, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Tackett showed up at the Floyd County Justice Center on Tuesday claiming that he thought he was to appear that day.

Due to the availability of the arresting officer, the judge arraigned Tackett and found cause to send the case to a grand jury.

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police officer, Shawn Little, then sped from the traffic stop in pursuit of Isaacs. Hutchinson said it was at that time that Isaacs and his son "changed seats."

Officers chased Isaacs about one mile before bringing him to a stop.

Isaacs was later arrested and charged with a total of 11 violations, including operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs after a breathalyzer test revealed Isaacs had been drinking, changing drivers in a moving vehicle, failure to wear seatbelt, reckless driving, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle; three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment in connection to allegedly striking Hutchinson, Petry and Clark and first-degree fleeing or evad-

ing police.

James H. Isaacs II, Isaacs' 24-year-old son, was also arrested after the brief chase and lodged with his father at the Floyd County Detention Center.



After the arrest, Isaacs' 2000 model Toyota was towed from the scene by Prestonsburg Auto Mart, according to reports.

Isaacs, who was found guilty of drunk driving in Floyd County in 1991 and sentenced to 30 days in jail along with a \$350 fine and \$217.50 in court costs, was arraigned Friday before District Judge Eric D. Hall who set bond for James H. Isaacs Sr. at a \$10,000 partially secured, and his Isaacs' son at \$5,000 partially secured.

Both men posted bond the same day and now await a preliminary hearing to answer to the charges brought against them during the incident.

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Senate votes to move primaries up a week

FRANKFORT — The Senate voted Tuesday to move Kentucky's primary election up a week to avoid conflicts with the Memorial Day holiday.

County clerks say they have difficulty trying to find precinct polling station workers when the primary election day falls on the day after the holiday, as it will this year when the primary is May 28.

Current law sets the primary as the Tuesday after the fourth Monday in May. The bill would set the primary on the Tuesday after the third Monday in May. It would not change the election this year.

The initial bill passed the House earlier, but the Senate added a provision that will send it back for reconsideration.

By a voice vote, the Senate adopted an amendment that would let people who are not registered as either Republicans or Democrats vote in one of the party's gubernatorial primary elections. Kentucky generally allows people to register as Republican, Democrat or no preference.

The amendment was offered by Sen. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield, who has created an exploratory committee for the governor's race in 2003.

The House must approve the change before it can become law.

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Breanne Harmon, center, is pictured with her forensics coach, Barbara Williams, right, and Ron Hampton, left, principal of Prestonsburg High School. Harmon is a PHS senior who has been actively involved with forensics, an extra-curricular activity that instructs students in public speaking skills. Harmon addressed the Floyd County Board of Education at their Feb. 11 meeting to inform them that she had experienced her role on the forensics team as being "very inspirational and motivational." Harmon went on to say that forensics requires "dedication and commitment," and that the PHS Forensics team had worked hard to qualify for competition in the Kentucky High School Speech League State Competition that will be held in Bowling Green on March 21-23. Breanne is the daughter of Robert Harmon and Gwen Hale-Frazier.

PHS Forensics team to compete on state level in March

The Prestonsburg High School Forensics Team will compete in 17 categories at the Kentucky High School Speech League State Competition that will be held on March 21-23 in Bowling Green.

In order to become eligible to compete in this event the PHS team was required to compete in at least two invitational tournaments and one regional tournament. Toward completion of these requirements, the PHS team competed in four invitational tournaments held at Henry Clay High School, Scott County High School, and the Pike/Knott Swing Tournament.

Competing in Bowling Green in March will be Beth Garrett,

extemporaneous speaking; Kyle Colley, impromptu speaking; Courtney Conn, dramatic interpretation; Josh Hall, humorous interpretation; Caitlin Bentley, poetry; Nick Francis, Breanne Harmon and Jessica Bryant, solo acting; Chris Walker, broadcasting; Robert Risner and Megan Goble, and Chris Walker and Nick Francis, improvisational duos; Robert Risner and Caitlin Bentley, duo interpretation of literature; Megan Goble, Breanne Harmon and Jessica Bryant, prose; and Courtney Conn and Josh Hall, storytelling.

The coach of the Prestonsburg High School Forensics Team is Barbara Williams.

Miner

A 1974 coal miners' contract promised lifetime health benefits for all retired miners, including those whose employer had gone out of business.

Benefit plans began showing severe deficits, and in 1992 Congress enacted the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit

Act to ensure funding of health benefits promised to about 100,000 retired miners and their families. The benefits are to be funded by companies that signed coal wage agreements, or the companies' affiliates.

The 1992 law says miners' benefits must be paid by the coal

company that employed them, or by "related" companies: a joint-venture partner or a firm that shares common ownership.

A firm that takes over a "related" company also can be required to pay for benefits. But the law does not say that a firm that took over the coal company itself must pay for benefits.

If no company can be found to pay miners' benefits, other firms must pay for their benefits through a combined fund.

In enforcing the federal law, the Social Security Administration ruled that Jericol Mining Co. and its successor, Sigmon Coal Co., must provide health benefits to the retired employees of Shackleford Coal Co., a Kentucky company Jericol bought in 1973.

Congress left companies such as Jericol out of its specific listing of who is liable and how, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court majority.

The federal government, which is responsible for administering the retiree plans, wants the court to "read into" the law something that is not there, Thomas wrote for himself, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

It is not for the court to consider "why Congress would have written a statute that imposes liability on the successors of (related) companies ... but not on successors to the signatory operators themselves," Thomas wrote.

In dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens said the majority's rigid view of what Congress said "produces absurd results." Congress did not intend to let companies such as Jericol off the hook, Stevens wrote for himself and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen G. Breyer.

"By allowing Jericol to

escape responsibility for its end of the bargain at this stage, the (majority) effectively grants it a windfall," Stevens wrote.

The case is *Barnhart v. Sigmon Coal Co.*, 00-1307.

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Representatives from 12 schools competed in the Floyd County Schools District Spelling Bee. Those who competed in the district competition are pictured above.

Slave

held for prostitution in connection to the contents of the contract, but those claims could not be verified as of press time. Neither Detective Bruce Anderson, whom the two said spoke with them about the filed contract and initiated questioning, nor the Pikeville police chief were available for com-

ment on Tuesday concerning the allegations.

Pinion claims the document, which details a voluntary agreement between Pinion and England as slave and master with numerous detailed sexual and social rules, was filed by mistake at the county clerk's office when she was transferring

power of attorney documents to be filed in an emergency protective order case for which she had recently appeared in court.

The document, explained Pinion, had been printed from an Internet website by her and England and filled out and signed as a joke between the two. She admitted in an email to The Times that she and England had been drinking at the time the document was printed, but said the "slave" agreement was meant only as a joke and was unfortunately placed at that time within a folder containing documents to be filed at a later date.

"I had had a little to drink just as he (England) had and I told him I was going to make a contract up for us out of it," wrote Pinion in her email Tuesday. "I typed it out and signed it and had him sign it. What I did not realize is that I had placed it in my folder with my other documents."

England supported Pinion's claims that the document was intended as a private joke between friends.

Pinion had recently appeared in Pike District Court seeking an emergency protective order against Pike County resident Christopher Petot, at which time the contract was brought to the court's attention by Petot's lawyer, according to Pike Circuit Court Clerk David Deskins, who verified Pinion's statements yesterday. Pinion claimed Tuesday she first learned of the contract being filed during these court proceedings.

Pinion, who disputed being a slave or submissive in her email Tuesday and stressed that England was a friend, said she printed the contract for "fun" and was surprised the "joke" had gained such attention.

"I think it is a bit funny and a bit of a shame that something that two people did as a joke is getting national attention," wrote Pinion. "Jason is a dear friend of mine and this joke is drawing legal attention for no good reason."

Driver

descriptions and determined that there was cause to issue disciplinary measures against the driver.

However, he said that considering the facts at hand and the responsibilities of each according to the standards of duty, he found no cause to pursue any action against the monitor.

According to Fanning, he could not release the name of the driver or the disciplinary action taken until the action is final.

Fanning said that he considered the events of Feb. 14 very unfortunate and he was pleased with the inquiry that was made into the incident and the progress that has been made at this stage.

"It is regrettable that the situation occurred," said Fanning. "I commend the staff for their immediate inquiry into the situation."

Lawsuit

The board claims the present access route has been determined by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Bureau of Highways to be "hazardous to the safety of members of the general public," adding, more importantly, that the current approach causes an increased risk factor for school children who are passengers on buses traveling the area to and

from the school. The new access from U.S. 23 has been proposed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, but in order to do so, the board and cabinet must come to an understanding with the Rivers and BB&T about the property named within the suit, a task the suit says has produced no agree-

The board made use of state statute KRS 162.030 which states, according to the suit, that "when unable to make a contract satisfactory to it with the owner of real estate to be used for school purposes, to initiate condemnation proceedings." This action, the suit claims, stands in line with the Eminent Domain Act of Kentucky as put in place in KRS 416.540 to KRS 416.670, and has been enacted in the past to make similar acquisitions related to real estate for school purposes, most notably in a recent effort to secure land for the South Floyd High School football field.

The board agreed to acquire the land in question by condemnation through an adopted resolution at a recent public meeting, according to the suit, and was offered after the board says attempts were made to negotiate a purchase of the property with the Rivers and Williams without success. The parties failed to agree on a satisfactory contract, according to the suit.

The board states in their suit that they believe BB&T to be the necessary party to the action taken, considering the Pikeville bank holds a mortgage on the property intended for restructuring. The suit makes reference to a mortgage agreement dated Oct. 9, 1998, as well as a second mortgage with BB&T nearly two years later on Aug. 1, 2000.

The board, as is custom, has asked in their suit for three impartial Floyd County land owners be made court commissioners for an order and judgment confirming their right to condemn the land.

Civil summons against both Jeffrey and Sharon Rivers and BB&T were included with the suit. All three will have 20 days in which to file a written defense to the action, after which time judgment in the matter will fall, by default, in favor of the school board's requests.

Correction

In the For the Record section of our Friday, Feb. 8, edition, James R. Dillon was incorrectly listed as having been arrested for charges of harassment and menacing. The correct spelling of the person who was arrested for these charges is Jamie R. Dillon, 33, of Prestonsburg, a female.

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Obituaries

Nellie Charles

Nellie Charles, age 74, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Monday, February 18, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, after an extended illness.

She was born March 21, 1927, at Johns Creek, Ky., a daughter of the late Elzie and Grace (Privitt) Powers.

She was married to Landon Charles, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Mr. Anthony Griffith of Ivel, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Irma Sue Hager of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Mrs. Gracie Ellis of Prestonsburg, Ky.; two brothers, Mr. Palmer Powers of Auxier, Ky., and Mr. Porter Powers of Brookhaven, Miss.; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Clark of Ironton, Ohio, Mrs. Shirley Banks of Mishawaka, Ind., Mrs. Ruth

Phelps of Ypsilanti, Mi., and Mrs. Donna Rorer of Prestonsburg, Ky.; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 21, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in the Government Relocation Cemetery at Auxier, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Active pallbearers are Andrew Griffith, Ken Powers, David Powers, Steve Hager, Tim Overbee, and Brett Preston.

(Paid obituary)

Bill Webb

Bill Webb passed away in Lexington on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Mae Bentley

Mae Bentley, age 85, of Buckhannon, WV, died Monday, February 18, 2002, at her home.

Born February 11, 1917, in Paintsville, Ky., she was the daughter of the late George Lyons and Liddy Margarite Nelson Lyons. She was a homemaker and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Lackey, Ky.

She was preceded in death on April 24, 1987, by her husband, Jeff Pat Bentley, whom she married, February 17, 1934.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Bentley and Pat Bentley Jr., both of Buckhannon, WV; three daughters, Patricia Long of Parsons, WV, Phyllis Andrews, and Linda Brown, both of Buckhannon, WV; two brothers, Roy Lyons of Gilbertsville, KY, and Ray Lyons of Kansas City, MO; one sister, Edna Pinney of Willis, MI; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Lyons and Liddy Margarite Lyons; four sons, Elmer Bentley, Carl Bentley, Bobby Joe Bentley, and Redford Bentley; three daughters, Betty Lou Bentley, Eunice Fay Bentley, and Lillian Bentley; two brothers, Richard Lyons and Junior Lyons; three sisters, Zella Killebrew, Estaleen Rister, and Pauline Lyons.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 22, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home Inc., with Rev. Frank Long officiating.

Burial will be in the Upshur County Memorial Park, in Buckhannon, WV.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Eddie Shelton

Eddie Shelton, age 92, of Drift, Ky., husband of the late Nellie Martin Shelton, passed away Friday, February 15, 2002, at his residence.

He was born June 12, 1909, in Boyd County, Ky., the son of the late Charlie Shelton and Mary McSurley Shelton. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers Association.

Survivors include six sons, Russell Shelton, Teddy Shelton and Eddie Clark Shelton, all of McDowell, Ky.; Bobby Ray Shelton of Elkhart, In.; Cecil Shelton of Ligon, Ky.; and Pat Shelton of Versailles, Ky.; seven daughters, Alberta Shannon, Georgia Faye Kidd, Diana Price and Teresa Harris, all of Drift, Ky.; Bernadine Schrader of Auxier, Ky.; Emogene Jones and Mary Combs, both of McDowell, Ky.; three brothers, Estil Shelton, Eugene Shelton and Chester Shelton, all of Drift, Ky.; 40 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and second wife, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillie Lafferty Shelton.

Funeral services for Eddie Shelton were conducted Monday, February 18, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift, Ky., with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Drift Cemetery, Drift, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Russell Shelton Jr., Ricky Kidd, Shannon Price, Daniel Combs, Johnny Ray Pack, Randy Jones and Keith Stapleton. (Paid obituary)

John Gordon Goble

John Gordon Goble, 67, of Cow Creek, Ky., died Monday, February 18, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on February 3, 1935, at Emma, Ky., he was the son of the late Bradis and Sally Burchett Goble. He was a self-employed, Goble Lumber Co.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Pauley Goble.

Other survivors include one son, John B. (LaDonna) Goble of Prestonsburg, Ky.; two daughters, Sandra (Harry) Burchett of Nicholasville, Ky., and Angela (Eric) Duncan of Lexington, Ky.; and four grandchildren, Michael Burchett, Logan Burchett, Lexi Goble, and Andie Duncan.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Ted Shannon officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Bryan Griffith, Greg Shepherd, Shag Branham, Cory Vicars, Paul P. Burchett, Darrell Jervis, Brian Wallace and Joe Goble.

Honorary pallbearers: Bucky Burchett, Woody Burchett, Frank Wallace, Clyde Burchett, Delano May, William O. Goebel, Arley Hunter, Roy Franklin, Albie Burchett, John Paul Leslie, Bennett Leslie, Jerry Leslie, Darrell Leslie, Dixon Nunnery, Kenny Wallace, Amos Leslie and Keith Stapleton. (Paid obituary)

Tom Wright

Tom Wright, age 68, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Monday, February 18, 2002, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, Ky., after a brief illness.

He was born June 10, 1933, in Prestonsburg, Ky., a son of the late Jim and Letha (Conley) Wright. He was a volunteer Floyd County Deputy Sheriff.

He was married to Ruth (Howell) Wright who preceded him in death.

He is survived by two stepsons, Mr. Franklin Howell of Ohio, and Mr. Herbert Howell of Portland, Ind.; three brothers, Mr. Bill Wright of Leesburg, Ind., Mr. James Wright, and Mr. Edgar Wright, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; six sisters, Mrs. Florine Tippie, and Mrs. Susie Lyons, both of Lima, Ohio, Mrs. Jane Hicks, and Mrs. Margaret Roberts, and Mrs. Martha Lester, all of North Manchester, Ind., and Mrs. Lora Whitaker of Warsaw, Ind.; 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Brother James Spears and Brother Claude Justice officiating.

Burial will follow in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky. (Paid obituary)

Ruby Crisp Blankenship

Ruby Crisp Blankenship, 75, of Wayland, Ky., died Monday, December 24, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on November 8, 1926, at Lackey, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Jim Owsley and Susan Music Owsley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Estill Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earnest Crisp, and her second husband, Paris Blankenship.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Franklin Crisp of Topmost, Ky., and Terry Wayne Crisp of Wayland, Ky.; one daughter, Gwendolyn Sue Hall of Pound, Virginia; one brother, Walter Owsley of Raleigh, N.C.; three sisters, Margaret Gibson of Stollings, W.Va., Reba Rhodes of Pecks Mills, W.Va., and Ruth Lafferty of Hamden, Oh.; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Earnest Crisp Jr.; two brothers, Russell Owsley, and Frank Owsley.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 26, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with James (Red) Morris, and others, officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Paris Hayes

Paris Hayes, age 90, of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, February 16, 2002, at Reid Hospital, Richmond, IN.

Paris was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Roseanne (Bentley) Hayes; wife, Lona Etta (McClellan) Hayes, and other family members. He was retired from Chrysler Air Temp.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Edward Petersen of Dayton; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Mary Hayes of Lewisburg; stepsons and daughter-in-law, Gus and Marietta Elliott of Dayton, Olin Elliott of Martin, Ky.; brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Violet Hays of Kettering; grandchildren, Robert Fulton, Heather Fannin, Patricia Fulton, Timothy Hayes and Andrea Hayes, Steven Yates and Christina Yates, great-grandson, Chance Fannin; step-grandchildren, Gus Elliott Jr., Wiley Herman Elliott, Robert Elliott, Lonice Elliott and Andy Elliott, also numerous relatives and friends.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m., at Terebinski Funeral Home, 11900 N. Dixie Dr., Butler Twp., with Rev. Forrest Jackson officiating.

Interment was in Forest Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to Alice Lloyd College, Pippa, Passes, Ky. (Paid obituary)

Genevieve Tackett Hall

Genevieve Tackett Hall, age 61, of Grethel, Ky, widow of William J. "Bill" Hall, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2002, at her residence.

She was born November 22, 1940, in McDowell, Ky., the daughter of the late Wilburn Lee Tackett and Maxie Newsome Tackett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Vicky Blackburn of Millard, Ky., Linda McClanahan and Brenda Mitchell, both of Grethel, Ky., and Debbie Martin of Teaberry, Ky.; four brothers, Bert Tackett and Carl Tackett, both of Hillsboro, S.C., Edgar Tackett of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Rex Tackett of Georgia; two sisters, Barbara Hall of Grethel, Ky., and Alpha Strouth of North Carolina; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Tackett; two sisters, Gerline Overton and Carol Bennett; and one grandchild, Justin Martin.

Funeral services for Genevieve Tackett Hall will be conducted Thursday, February 21, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, Grethel, Ky., with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hall Family Cemetery, Grethel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Alton O. "Bud" Frazier Jr.

Alton O. "Bud" Frazier Jr., age 63, of Tipp City, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2002, as a result of an automobile accident. He retired from Gem City Engineering. He was a member of the Irish Club in Dayton, and was appointed a Kentucky Colonel.

Alton is survived by his mother, Ruby Skaggs Frazier of Tipp City; sons and daughters-in-law, Alton O. and Tracy Frazier III of Carlisle, Ohio, Anthony and Rosario Howard of CA, James Kane of Dayton, Ohio; daughter, Angela Frazier of AZ; son, Tommy Howard of AZ, daughters, Gwen Cuzzort of Dayton, Ohio, Amy Frazier of AZ, brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jan Frazier of Tipp City, Ohio, sister, Billie Sue King of MS; 16 grandchildren; former wives, Violet Collins of Carlisle, Ohio, Evelyn Keano of AZ; nieces, nephews, his Kentucky family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Alton O. Frazier Sr., and brother-in-law, Gene King.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., on Saturday, February 23, 2002, at the Kindred Funeral Home (400 Union Blvd., Englewood, Ohio) with Pastor Charles Lawson, Reverend Bob Plummer and Mark Plummer officiating.

Interment will be at Royal Oak Memorial Gardens in Brookville, Ohio.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, from 10 a.m., until the time of services.




In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Calvary Baptist Church, Grace Brethren Church, or the Kidney Foundation. Envelopes will be provided. (Paid obituary)

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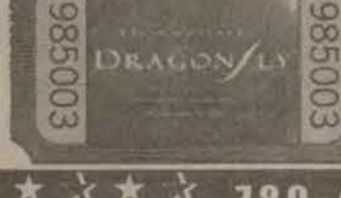
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Healthbeat: Surprising answer is that fewer medical tests may be enough

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — It seems almost every week brings a new headline: Get diabetes tests at younger ages. Seek annual thyroid exams. Get screened for prostate cancer. Oh, and don't forget to check for kidney disease.

Specialty medical groups and patient advocates are urging more and more seemingly healthy Americans to get screened for early signs of numerous diseases. After all, spot an illness early and often you can fight it better.

How much testing does the average symptom-free person really need?

Not all that much, is the surprising answer from the expert panel that sets the nation's primary care standards.

Even that traditional checkup

where "all of us go in and just get checked from soup to nuts" isn't needed every year for many people, says Janet Allan, co-chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

And several often-recommended tests, such as prostate cancer screening or bone-density tests, actually are controversial because of mixed studies about their benefit. In fact, studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cite only a handful of screenings — for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers, high blood pressure and high cholesterol — considered most essential.

Testing isn't always the best preventive care, adds Allan, dean of nursing at the University of Texas, San Antonio. The counseling that busy health workers often forget or bypass is crucial.

Most of Americans' leading

diseases are related to smoking, poor diet, little exercise and risky sexual practices. Yet a recent analysis by Georgetown University's Center on an Aging Society found only about half of adults even were asked about such risk factors during their last doctor's exam.

Customizing preventive care to adjust for risks that patients can change — and those they can't, like a family history of disease — is slowly overtaking the more typical mass appeals to screen millions for everything. That means consumers must have a regular doctor who knows their health history intimately — a "medical home" — to ensure they get the right tests at the right time, says Dr. Edward Hill, a Tupelo, Miss., family physician and chair-elect of the American Medical Association's board.

Is there a checklist to ensure consumers get the most essential tests? Allan's task force is an independent panel charged by the government to come up with such a master list. It now is reevaluating the latest research for a six-month rollout of updated advice.

Here's the checklist so far for people at average risk of disease:

- Cholesterol testing: every five years starting at age 35 for men and age 45 for women, to check total cholesterol and the "good" HDL type and "bad" LDL type, but not triglycerides.

- Anyone at high risk of heart disease — a smoker, a diabetic, someone whose parent died of heart disease before age 50 or who has high blood pressure — needs cholesterol testing starting at age 20, Allan cautions.

- Regular checks of blood pressure, whether by a doctor or more accessible spots like drugstores, and oral health.

- To detect colorectal cancer, an annual fecal occult blood test for men and women starting at age 50. Also, they need a more invasive exam — a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy — once or twice a decade.

- For women, a Pap smear to check for cervical cancer every one to three years. Also, a mammogram every year or two starting at age 50. Mammography has suddenly become embroiled in debate — some scientists challenge its effectiveness while others urge earlier testing — so the panel is reexamining it.

- Young women who have had more than one sexual partner need testing for chlamydia, a very com-

(See HEALTH, page ten)

Study: Estrogen alternative Evista may reduce heart risks in some women

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — An osteoporosis drug marketed as an estrogen alternative may significantly lower the risk of heart attacks in postmenopausal women prone to heart disease, a study shows.

The drug, called raloxifene and sold under the brand name Evista, does not raise the short-term, one-year risk of heart attacks in such women — a danger seen in some studies of estrogen supplements.

The drug had no effect on the risk of heart trouble in healthy women, according to the study, which was funded by Evista man-

ufacturer Eli Lilly and Co. Doctors and the company said it would be premature to use the drug to prevent heart problems.

Studies suggesting heart disease patients could face an increased risk of heart attacks in the first year of taking estrogen supplements have confounded patients and doctors, who for years have relied on research suggesting the supplements could help protect the heart.

The studies have heightened the dilemma millions of women face about whether to take menopause hormones, which can relieve symptoms such as hot flashes and protect bones but also have been linked to breast cancer

when used for many years.

Company-funded research has suggested Evista reduces the risk of breast cancer and lowers bad cholesterol, but it also has been linked to blood clots and does not relieve symptoms of menopause.

Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor of the University at California at San Diego led the new study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

In the study, high-risk women who took raloxifene for four years were 40 percent less likely than women who took dummy pills to have heart attacks or other cardiovascular "events," such as strokes or chest pain. Women were considered high-risk if they had previous heart trouble or had a combination of risk factors such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

The findings come from a re-analysis of a study of 7,705 women that showed raloxifene reduced the risk of spinal fractures. The original study was not designed to test raloxifene's effects on heart disease.

"It's reassuring that raloxifene may not cause an early increased risk of cardiovascular events as has been seen with conventional estrogen, but it's certainly premature to interpret this as suggesting that raloxifene prevents" heart problems, said Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Harvard University's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

During the study, there were relatively few heart attacks and other serious cardiovascular problems among high-risk women — 28 each in women on low and high doses of raloxifene and 41 in the placebo group. Thus, the researchers said, it is possible that the lower risk was a statistical fluke.

Dr. Leo Plouffe, Lilly's U.S. director of women's health and reproductive medicine, called the results promising but said until more research is done, "the reason right now the drug should be used is for women at risk for osteoporosis or with osteoporosis."

Study: Women under age 50 at greater risk of death after bypass surgery

by JOEL ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Women under age 50 are three times more likely than men to die after undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery, new research suggests.

A study led by Dr. Viola Vaccarino of Emory University in Atlanta examined 57,187 patients, 30 percent of them women, who had bypass surgery at 23 medical centers across the country between October 1993 and December 1999.

Among patients ages 50-59, 2.6 percent of women died, compared with 1.1 percent of men. Among patients 80 and older, 9 percent of women died compared with 8.3 percent of men.

The study found that the difference decreases with advancing age.

"It's a puzzling result," Vaccarino said. "We're not able to explain the difference based on our data. It could be a factor we didn't know about or test for."

Overall, 5.3 percent of the women died in the hospital, compared with 2.9 percent of the men. Of the women younger than 50, 3.4 percent died, compared with 1.1 percent of men.

Vaccarino theorized that women tend to have more pre-existing illnesses, including stroke and heart failure, and are usually referred for surgery when their heart disease is more severe.

Because women have smaller arteries than men, she said, bypass surgery is more difficult to perform and, therefore, more stressful on women.

"It's probably a combination of those factors," she said of the findings, published in Tuesday's issue of the journal *Circulation*. "Whatever the case, though, younger women usually have a worse outcome."

Dr. Eric Topol, cardiology

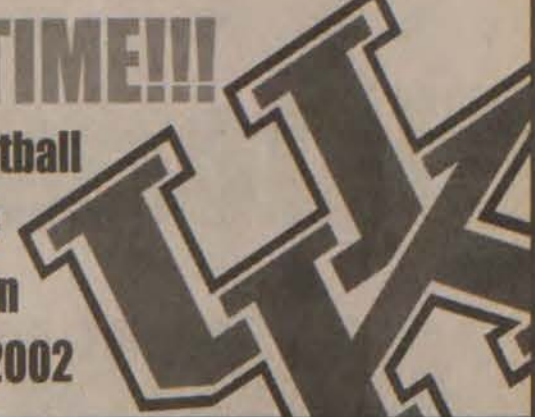
chief at the Cleveland Clinic, believes women under 50 who have bypass surgery likely have an aggressive form of the disease, making them more likely to have complications following surgery.

"Research tells us that women should be protected from coronary disease by a decade" compared with men, said Topol, who was not involved in the study. "Genetics likely play a large role in their development of the disease. Young women, my goodness, you wouldn't expect the death rate to be as high as it is."

Vaccarino said women should not interpret the study to mean bypass surgery is dangerous for them. They should instead recognize the need to be examined for heart disease earlier in life, she said.

"Women just need to be aware that they're a high-risk group," Vaccarino said. "The same group of women, without a bypass, could be doing much worse."

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Kentucky Backroads

Historian: Today's politics tame compared with those in past

by BERRY CRAIG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Senate expelled two members of the minority party, charging both lawmakers with treason.

At the same time, majority legislators accused the governor of disloyalty. Rumors of "impeachment, arrest, even assassination" dogged him.

"Kentucky has a storied history of that sort of thing," says James C. Klotter, Kentucky's official state historian. "Politics in Kentucky can get pretty

nasty."

Democrats and Republicans are feuding in Frankfort, notably in the GOP-ruled state Senate. Democrat Paul Patton is not the favorite governor of Senate President David Williams, a Republican.

But the expulsions hit in the Civil War, when Gov. Beriah Magoffin's enemies in the General Assembly also forced him to resign.

"What's going on in Frankfort now is pretty tame compared to some other times the legislature has met," said Klotter, a Georgetown College

professor and co-author of "A New History of Kentucky."

On Feb. 15, 1862, the Unionist state senate booted out Confederate-sympathizing Sens. John M. Johnson of Paducah and William T. Anthony of Scottsville. Earlier, the pro-Union House of Representatives axed a raft of Rebels.

Despite Unionist cries for his ouster, the Southern-leaning Magoffin did not step down until August 1862. President Abraham Lincoln doubted that the governor of his native state entertained "any desire for the preservation of the Federal

Union."

Kentucky politics was pusillanimous before the Civil War, Klotter said. In 1809, House Speaker Henry Clay and Rep. Humphrey Marshall scuffled on the House floor. Clay swung at Marshall, missed, and hit ex-Gov. James Garrard.

Marshall hooted that Clay's errant haymaker had the potency of "a ball of soaped cotton." Later, Clay and Marshall fought a duel that left both men wounded.

In the 1890s, Democratic and Republican legislators virtually declared war on each other and packed pistols into the state

House and Senate.

"It was said that all but a score of the 132 members had one or two guns concealed on them," Klotter said.

In 1899, the worst political storm in state history broke over Frankfort. Republican William S. Taylor and Democrat William Goebel both claimed victory in the governor's race.

Taylor took office. An unknown assassin mortally wounded Goebel in early 1900.

The Democratic legislature said the Republicans stole the election and named Goebel governor on his deathbed. Taylor refused to give in, and both

Republicans and Democrats mustered armed supporters, including rival militia units, in Frankfort.

Civil war seemed imminent. But tensions eased after the death of Goebel, the only governor in American history to be assassinated. Lt. Gov. John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham, a Democrat, succeeded Goebel, and Taylor fled the state.

Klotter said long ago Bluegrass State political combat reminds him of an old saying: "Call a man a liar in Mississippi and he will knock you down. Call a man a liar in Kentucky, and he will shoot you..."

Prestonsburg Little League

"The Board of Directors of the Prestonsburg Little League would like to invite ALL players that live in the County of Floyd (Prestonsburg District), who are interested in baseball, to participate in our league."

T-Ball (players age 5-7; no score is kept)

Minor (players age 7-9; play utilizes pitching machine)

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Senior (players age 13-14, and 15-16) (Two Divisions)

The Prestonsburg Little League (Senior League) will be participating in "Inter-League Play" with surrounding Little League teams, during the regular season.

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Saturday, February 9th — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16th — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 23rd — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Try-Outs

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Tuesday, March 19th, 5:30 p.m., ages 11-12

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Crashes

shown that drivers continue operating the big trucks without the safety equipment when they're not pulled out of service by police.

Danny Johnson, a coal truck driver from Robinson Creek in Pike County, said most truckers support laws that make driving safer, as long as they're enforced evenly.

"Anything for safety, we're all for," said Johnson, who keeps underride guards on his trucks. "If I have to have them, everybody should have to have them."

Crawford said the legislation is crucial for reducing fatal accidents involving coal trucks.

Federal highway statistics show 21 deaths in crashes with coal trucks on U.S. 23 from 1994 through 2,000.

"That is a tremendous number of people," Jones said. "You can't convince me that that many people were not paying attention. It shows there is a significant hazard."

The General Assembly passed legislation sponsored by Jones last year that sets fines of \$250 for truckers who drive with inoperative rear lights and reflectors. That fine also applies when a truck's lights are obscured by mud or other debris. Jones said upping the fine for not having an

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undercarriage guard could be even more critical in saving lives.

Crawford has studied dozens of fatal crashes, all involving rear-end collisions with coal trucks, since his son's death. In most cases, he said the coal trucks lacked both appropriate rear lighting and safety guards. In addition, Crawford said the trucks were carrying loads heavier than allowed by state law.

"I think it's terrible, because all of these deaths are preventable," he said. "The coal industry is ignoring safety regulations."

(The legislation is Senate Bill 79)

HMO offers benefit to help people quit smoking

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — CHA Health announced Monday it will help pay for nicotine patches worn by its members wanting to quit smoking.

The health maintenance organization, based in Lexington, hopes the upfront costs from covering the patches will produce bigger long-term savings as cigarette use drops among its membership.

Philip Hanus, director of CHA Health's pharmacy department, said smoking-related illnesses "drive a lot of our medical expense."

The new benefit was hailed by a top health official in Kentucky, where nearly one-third of all adults smoke cigarettes.

"Nearly half of Kentucky's smokers have tried to quit, so we are pleased to see this very positive beginning, and encourage other health insurers and employers to join CHA Health," said Dr. Rice Leach, the state's commissioner of public health.

"This kind of prevention activity can reduce the clinical and fiscal burden of tobacco-related illness in time."

CHA Health said it would offer the benefit on a one-time basis to its members who are enrolled in smoking-cessation programs.

The coverage will be limited

to 12 weeks, and CHA Health's members will make a \$25 co-payment for each 30 days of nicotine patch.

"We are committed to creating healthier lives for our membership and this program is a step in that direction," said Mark Birdwhistell, chief executive officer of CHA Health.

CHA Health provides health coverage to more than 130,000 people in Kentucky. The HMO has members in 91 counties.

A recent report for 2000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that 30.5 percent of Kentucky adults smoke. Kentucky is also the nation's leading producer of burley tobacco.

CHA Health calculated that the nicotine patches would cost about \$400 over 12 weeks, Hanus said. The patient would pay \$75 of the cost, he said, and CHA Health would cover the rest.

Birdwhistell did not know how many of the HMO's members would participate, but said he hoped the new benefit gets a strong response.

Hanus said the CHA Health decided the time was right to offer the benefit because of the availability of smoking-cessation classes.

The state's tobacco prevention and cessation program received \$5.5 million in tobacco settlement funds.

CHA Health's members can enroll in classes offered by local health departments, health care providers, hospitals or agencies and qualify for the health benefit, as long as the courses are run by someone trained.

The health departments offer classes on the Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking classes. Most are free, though some may charge a nominal fee to cover the cost of materials.

CHA Health members can obtain vouchers from smoking-cessation counselors. The vouchers can be presented to a CHA Health participating pharmacy to pay for the nicotine patches along with the co-payment.

"In a day when HMOs are taking a lot of criticism, this is a prime example of something good that we have an interest in providing" to encourage the good health of members, Birdwhistell said.

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mon sexually transmitted disease. There is no easy male test.

■ A regular hearing exam starting at age 65.

What about other widely pushed tests?

Some are controversial. For instance, studies are mixed on just who benefits from prostate cancer screening since there's no good way to tell if men have a type of tumor that needs immediate therapy or not, Allan says. For now, the task force advises men to discuss this one with their doctors.

For bone-crippling osteoporosis, doctors argue over just which bone test to use, much less who needs it when. But if the doctor is counseling women about proper weight, nutrition and exercise, "you're already treating the problem," Hill contends.

Specialty groups urged screening for diabetes as early as age 30 plus a list of other tests to catch such ailments as thyroid or kidney disease.

Stay tuned: The task force now is debating many such tests. Meanwhile, Allan advises people to "demand of your provider more information" so you can tailor testing to your biggest disease risks.

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- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
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BEST FOOD

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

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1LS338B	1995 Buick Regal 4-Dr. White	\$4,995	2LS359A	1992 Olds Cutlass Supreme 4-Dr. Maroon	\$2,995
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1T419A	1994 Ford Ranger Dark Cherry, 5-speed	\$4,995	2CV902A	1992 Chevrolet Lumina 4-Dr. Maroon	\$2,995
GM783A	1994 Olds Ciera 4-Dr. Blue	\$2,995	2T005A	1992 Cadillac Deville 4-Dr. Maroon	\$4,995
2IMP94A	1994 Olds 98 Regency 4-Dr. Blue	\$3,995	7LM345A	1991 Olds Ciera 4-Dr. Maroon	\$1,995
2T807B	1994 Mercury Cougar XR7 Blue	\$3,995	GM915A	1991 Buick Regal Custom 4-Dr. Maroon	\$2,995
2IMP81A	1994 Mercury Cougar XR7 Black	\$3,995	2T009A	1991 Toyota Pickup 4X4 Charcoal, 5-speed, Air	\$2,995
9ALE04	1994 Chevy Cavalier Blue	\$1,995	1T703E	1990 Mazda Miata Conv.	\$3,995
2AUR07B	1994 Buick Regal 4-Dr. Low Miles	\$3,995	SH01	1988 Olds Cutlass Supreme 2-Dr White	\$1,995

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A dozen feel-goods

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Here in February, the most depressing month of all, the sports news has mostly been as happy as an Enron executive testifying before Congress. The Winter Olympics has been dominated by a judging scandal in figure skating.

The future of UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy looks shakier by the day, as does the Wildcat basketball team. A state legislator with too much time on his hands wants to change the format of the Boys' State High School Basketball Tournament.

Yuck, yuck, and yuck. I'm so sick of all the lying, cheating, and pontificating that I've been combing the sports pages for feel-good stories. Happily, there are many out there that don't get nearly as much attention as the controversies. So here are a dozen doozies that might remind you of why the sports world is still worthy of your time and attention. You probably can find two or three more right under your nose in your hometown.

I. I wanted UK to take J.R. VanHoose, the scholarly 6-foot-9 player who starred at Paintsville High. Unfortunately, the Cats crushed his childhood dreams, claiming he lacked speed, quickness, and jumping ability. Well, now that VanHoose is near the end of a standout career at Marshall in which he specialized in

(See REED, page eight)

Sideline Shots

Burton a new Cup contender

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

If Ward Burton is able to avoid unwanted collisions on the race track in 2002, he just may be able to get back into the top 10 in the NASCAR Winston Cup

point standings. Sunday's winning effort in the Daytona 500 sure doesn't hurt that chance. With the Daytona

500 win, Burton will forever have a place in NASCAR Winston Cup history as one of the select to win the prestigious Daytona 500 - the Super Bowl on NASCAR Winston Cup.

The older of two racing brothers, Burton had a lot more to worry about in 2001 than his younger brother Jeff beating him on the race track. His Bill Davis Racing team switched to Dodge Intrepids, and Burton suf

(See SIDELINE, page eight)

Reminder

Floyd County Special Olympics

FLOYD COUNTY - Spring sport signups for the Floyd County Special Olympics will be held Thursday, from 4-7 p.m. at Vision Quest in Ivel. Spring sports include track and field, powerlifting and aquatics.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, volunteer orientation will be held at the Floyd County Library from 6-8 p.m.; in addition, cook books are also on sale. For more information on the signups and cookbook sales call Ed Senig at 452-9564. To learn more about the orientation call either Senig, or 1-800-633-7403.

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P'burg shocks Lady Cards

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BLACKLOG - The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats must give Coach Harold Tackett plenty of sleepless nights. Prestonsburg held a big lead over Magoffin Co. last Thursday only to watch that big advantage dissolve in the final quarter, eventually

losing the game 58-53. Monday night, the Lady Blackcats held a 16-point lead over the 15th Region's No. 1 team in Sheldon Clark with six-minutes left only to watch the Lady Cards storm back, but this time the result would be a Lady Blackcat win as Ramanda Music's basket with :05 left would give the Lady Blackcats a big win 68-66 over host

Sheldon Clark.

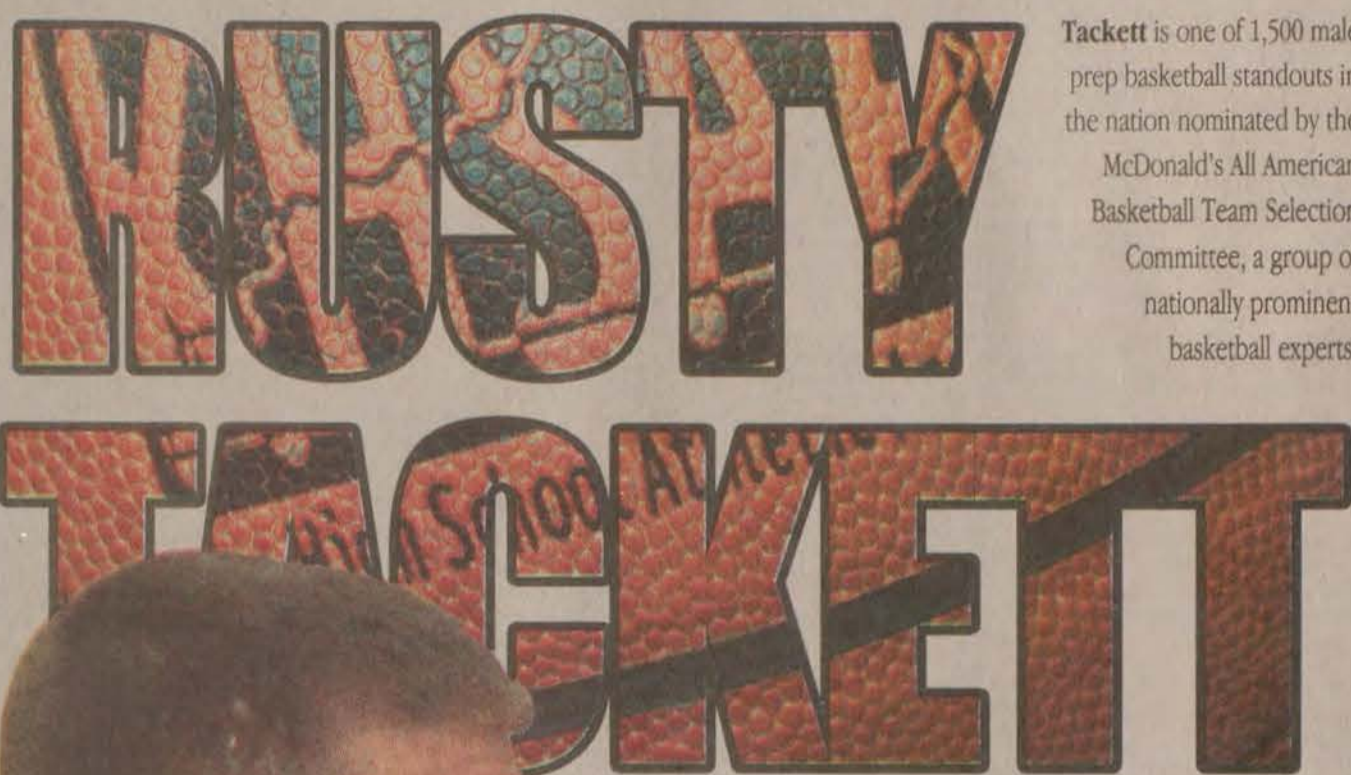
Prestonsburg rode the shoulders of Megan Hyden and Ramanda Music, as the two would combine to score 45 of the their team's 68 points. Hyden lit up the Lady Cards for 24 points on 6-of-10 shooting

(See BLACKCATS, page eight)



file photo

Senior Ramanda Music helped to pave the way for a Prestonsburg victory over Sheldon Clark Monday night in Martin County, scoring 21 points.



Tackett is one of 1,500 male prep basketball standouts in the nation nominated by the McDonald's All American Basketball Team Selection Committee, a group of nationally prominent basketball experts.



South Floyd senior receives McDonald's All American nomination

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett has been recognized as one of the top basketball players in the country. Tackett, a 6-1 guard/forward, has received a nomination to the 2002 McDonald's All American boys' basketball team.

Tackett is one of 1,500 male prep basketball standouts in the nation nominated by the McDonald's All American Basketball Team Selection Committee, a group of nationally prominent basketball experts. As a nominee, the 6-1 guard/forward was considered for one of 24 roster spots on the final 2002 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team. The squad, comprised of the very best prep talent in the nation, will compete in the 25th anniversary game of what has become a classic.

The final selections for the hoops classic were announced on Monday and Tackett was not chosen, but still the honor of being nominated is something the Raider can carry with him throughout his playing career and his life.

This year's McDonald's All American Game will be played

(See TACKETT, page seven)

MAC FOOTBALL

Recruitment of no defensive tackles shows faith in Leslie

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Nathan Leslie, a grid player who will suit up for his junior season at Marshall University in the fall, may work his way into a starting defensive tackle

position as early as spring practice. The recent national signing day came and went, and Marshall signed no defensive tackles. None.

Head coach Bob Pruett, a former University of

Florida defensive coordinator, and the rest of his staff, have turned their recruiting focuses elsewhere, finding other positions to concentrate on.

"We targeted some very specific needs in recruiting this year and we think we accomplished our goals,"

(See LESLIE, page eight)

NAIA MEN

Pikeville downs MSC-winless Union

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BARBOURVILLE - Star players often rise to the occasion. One could definitely call Pikeville College senior Cedric Taylor a star player. The Houston native has led the Bears to several wins during his time in Pike County. Coach Randy McCoy got yet another stellar performance from Taylor on Saturday as the Bears scored an 88-75 win on the road over the Union College Bulldogs.

Taylor scored a game-high 37 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to pace the Bears (17-11, 5-8 MSC) past Union. The host Bulldogs were outscored 53-37 in the second half.

(See PIKEVILLE, page eight)

Blackcats roll past Cougars

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Friday night was homecoming night at Prestonsburg, and the alumni were on hand to see Bridget Bellamy crowned homecoming queen, as the Blackcats won big over the Elkhorn City Cougars.

The Cats started slowly, but turned it on late to win going away

75-56. Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Chris Kidd with 23 points, Kidd also pulled down eight rebounds for the Blackcats. The game began with Elkhorn City taking an early 10-6 lead as Will Sellards was hot early scoring eight first quarter points on his way to 19 for the game, and the Cougars found themselves in a tight game after one as the Blackcats held

a slim lead at 16-15. Prestonsburg began to build on their lead in the second stanza as Joey Willis and Nick Jamerson controlled the boards for the Blackcats, giving the Cats second and third shots at the goal. Prestonsburg's Justin Allen scored 10 first half points helping his team build a six point

(See COUGARS, page seven)



photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcat Justin Allen (35) attempted to keep the ball in his team's favor during the win over Elkhorn City.

HalfMountain slates tentative opening day for April 24

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROYALTON - Everyone affiliated with HalfMountain Speedway of Royalton in Magoffin County, are anticipating the opening of a first full season of

(See OPENING, page seven)



photo submitted

Bridget Bellamy, senior, Prestonsburg High School, was crowned PHS Homecoming Queen Friday night prior to the Blackcat-Elkhorn City boys' basketball game. She was escorted by Jeremy Dustin Clark.

PHS Football Banquet set for Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg High School football team will hold a reception and awards ceremony Saturday at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Beginning at 4 p.m., the evening will celebrate the Prestonsburg's state runner-up team from the 2001 season.

Sunday's event will also give some lucky per

(See PHS, page eight)

Briefs

FOOTBALL

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's long, embarrassing search for a coach ended with the hiring of Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Indiana's Reggie Miller and Philadelphia's Derrick Coleman and Corie Blount were suspended by the NBA for their roles in an altercation in a game Sunday.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic lost in straight sets to qualifier Ivo Haverberg of Switzerland in the first round of the ABN Amro tournament.

BASEBALL

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Tim Lincecum, hoping to play his 23rd season in the major leagues, signed a minor league contract with the Florida Marlins and was invited to spring training.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Kansas, the only team besides Duke to be ranked No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll this season, moved back into the top spot.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NEWARK, Del. — Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond, one of the winningest coaches in college football history, announced he is retiring from the University of Delaware.

AUTO RACING

NEW YORK — The Daytona 500 drew its highest ratings ever for start-to-finish coverage and was the most-watched auto race since 1984.

HORSE RACING

MIAMI-Point Given, the beaten Kentucky Derby favorite who rebounded by winning four straight \$1 million stakes, is Horse of the Year.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPORTSBOARD

Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games

Golden State at New Jersey
Minnesota at Dallas
Memphis at San Antonio

Tonight's games

Golden State at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Kansas back at No. 1, Western Kentucky back in Top 25

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kansas, the only team besides Duke to be ranked No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll this season, moved back into the top spot Monday.

The Jayhawks (23-2) took advantage of Duke's loss at Maryland on Sunday to reclaim the top ranking, receiving 48 first-place votes and 1,745 points from the national media panel.

Maryland (21-3) moved up one place to second following the 87-73 victory over Duke. The Blue Devils had been No. 1 for all but one week this season, including nine when they were a unanimous choice.

The Terrapins were No. 1 on 19 ballots and had 1,713 points, 61 more than Duke (23-2), which still received four No. 1 votes.

Kansas moved into the No. 1 spot following Duke's only other loss, Jan. 6 at Florida State, but the Jayhawks held it for just the one week as they lost at UCLA that weekend. They have won 10 straight since, all in the Big 12.

"Being No. 1 later in the season is much better than earlier and it should mean a little more because you have already accomplished something," Kansas coach Roy Williams said Monday. "If you're there the first week it's what people expected. After a couple of weeks it's about your nonconformity wins. College basketball is so different than college football where the polls mean so much. Everybody has the gods you set as a team, that drive the team, but I can't remember a time I ever said one was to be No. 1 on Feb. 18."

Maryland's No. 2 ranking is its third of the season. The Terrapins have held that position more than any other school without ever reaching No. 1 — 21 weeks. Louisville is second on that list with 15 weeks.

This is the first week of the season that Duke isn't ranked No. 1 or 2, and the Blue Devils haven't been below fourth since the middle of the 1999-2000 season.

Cincinnati moved up one place to fourth, while Alabama jumped two spots to fifth. Oklahoma, which lost at Oklahoma State last week, fell from fourth to sixth and was followed in the Top Ten by Gonzaga, Florida, Marquette and Stanford.

Pittsburgh moved up three places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Kentucky, Oklahoma State, Arizona, Oregon, Illinois, Miami, Georgia, Ohio State and Southern California and Wake Forest, which were tied for 20th.

The last of the ranked teams were Virginia, Indiana, Western Kentucky and UCLA.

Western Kentucky (23-3) returned to the rankings for the first time since December, which was when senior center Chris Marcus broke his ankle. The Hilltoppers more than held their own without Marcus, who led the nation in rebounding last season, but his return for the last four games — all wins — has them back in the Top 25.

The only team to fall out of the rankings was North Carolina State (19-7), which moved in at No. 24 for the first time this season last week, but lost 106-71 to Duke before beating Clemson 83-54.

Gonzaga avenged its only West Coast Conference loss by beating Pepperdine 91-78 on Saturday, and the Bulldogs' No. 7 ranking is the highest in school history.

Marquette's No. 9 ranking is the highest for the school since Feb. 20, 1979, while Pittsburgh's rise to 11th is its highest since Jan. 1, 1991.

Virginia (16-7), which lost 92-70 to Wake Forest on Sunday for its fifth loss in seven games, had the week's biggest fall, dropping from 15th to No. 22.

Olympics

Winter Olympic Medals Table

Table with columns: Nation, G, S, B, Tot. Lists medal counts for various nations like Germany, United States, Norway, Austria, Russia, Italy, France, Canada, Finland, Switzerland, Netherlands, China, Bulgaria, Sweden, Australia, Spain, Croatia, South Korea, Estonia, Japan, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia.

Transactions

BASEBALL Major League Baseball

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP P.J. Bevis, RHP Mike Koplove, RHP John Patterson, RHP Jose Valverde, INF Darryl Klassen, INF Lyle Overbay and OF Luis Torrens.

FLORIDA MARLINS — Agreed to terms with OF Tim Lincecum and OF Mark Smith on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Indiana Pacers G Reggie Miller one game and fined him \$7,500, Philadelphia 76ers F Derrick Coleman two games and fined him \$12,500, and Philadelphia F Corie Blount one game and fined him \$5,000 for their parts in an altercation during Sunday's game. Fined Charlotte Hornets G Baron Davis \$7,500 for verbally abusing officials in Sunday's game.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Activated F Jamal Mashburn from the injured list. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Placed F Derrick McKey on the injured list. Activated C Jabari Smith from the injured list.

PHOENIX SUNS — Named Al Bianchi assistant coach.

Wrestling

2002 KHSAA State Wrestling Tournament Capital Plaza Convention Center, Frankfort

February 16 Saturday's results

Final Top 25 Team Scores 1. Woodford Co. 233.5; 2. Campbell Co. 163.0.

Seventh Place - Brad Cooper, Simon Kenton M-Dec Billy Whitehouse, South Oldham, 14-5

Weight: 135 First Place - Sam Smith, Eastern Dec Matt Wuerth, St. Xavier, 9-3 Third Place - Matt Pease, Ryle Fall Steven Murray, Waggener, 3-01

Weight: 140 First Place - A. J. Brumfield, Tates Creek Dec David George, St. Xavier, 1-0 Third Place - Brandon Campbell, Fort Campbell For Steve Lovewell, South Oldham, FORF

Weight: 145 First Place - Josh Barker, Danville Dec Tyler Perry, Paul Dunbar, 8-2 Third Place - James Askev, Union County For Kenny Carroll, Fort Campbell, FORF

Weight: 152 First Place - Chase Klumper, Henry Clay For Eric Lambert, Paul Dunbar, FORF Third Place - Buddy Dodd, Wayne County For Calvin Johnson, Christian County, FORF

Weight: 157 First Place - Oliver Davis, Danville Dec Greg Minwell, South Oldham, 11-5 Third Place - Jason Wilde, Whitley County Dec Justin Traylor, Caldwell County, 6-5

Weight: 160 First Place - Richard Brooks, Eastern Dec Ryan Huber, St. Xavier, 4-2 Third Place - Anthony Green, Christian County Dec Justin Jones, Woodford County, 16-13

Weight: 165 First Place - Jesse Coble, Paducah Tilghman Fall Eric Thompson, John Hardin, 4-09 Third Place - Chris Reed, Seneca For Nathan Moore, Henry Clay, FORF

Weight: 171 First Place - Jamison Large, Woodford County M-Dec Jeremy Witten, North Hardin, 15-4 Third Place - Brandon Mahon, Sheldon Clark Dec Josh Housey, Oldham County, 6-0

Weight: 189 First Place - Kyle Vanzant, Woodford County Dec Mac Sawyer, Fairdale, 14-7 Third Place - Roscoe Woodsby, Whitley County Dec Brandon Perry, McCreary Central, 6-4

Weight: 215 First Place - Kent Wells, Caldwell County Fall Robbie Napier, Perry County Central, 1-32 Third Place - David Knight, St. Xavier Dec Jason Pearsall, Larue County, 8-3

Weight: 275 First Place - Craig Carter, Fairdale Fall Chris Walker, Danville, 0-54 Third Place - Joe Berrow, Central Hardin Dec Andre Bradford, Eastern, 4-3

Weight: 285 First Place - Wes Duke, Trinity (Louisville) Fall Zach Brewer, Paul Dunbar, 0:19 Seventh Place - Jason Gray, Tates Creek Dec Jon Scarborough, Oldham County, 10-6

Football

Matchup with Oregon State highlights EKU'S 2002 football schedule

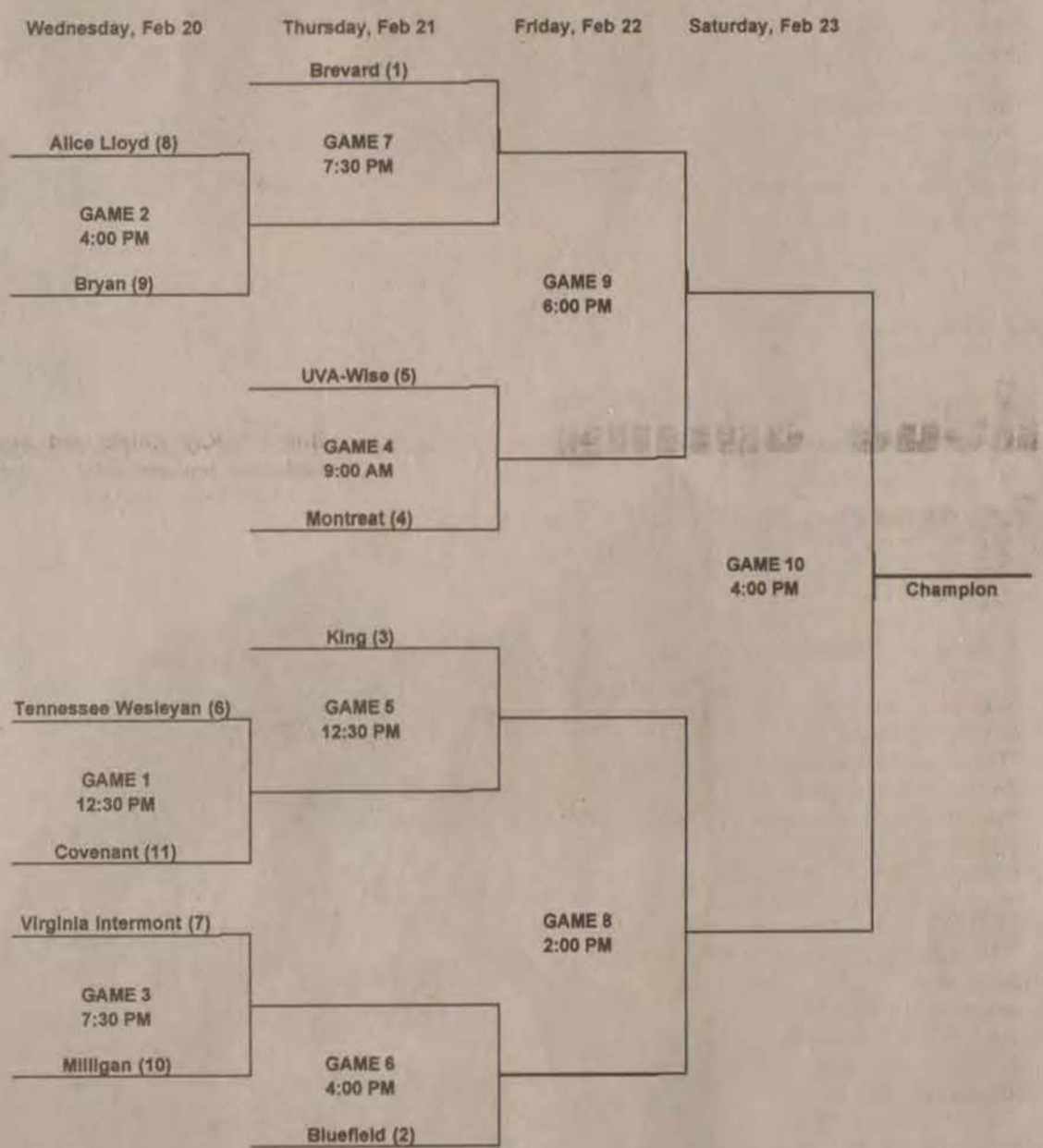
RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University Director of Athletics Chip Smith has released the 2002 football schedule, highlighted by an Aug. 29 date at Oregon State University.

The schedule features home games with Murray State, Southeast Missouri, UT Martin, Florida Atlantic and Glensville State with road games slated at Oregon State, Appalachian State, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State and Liberty.

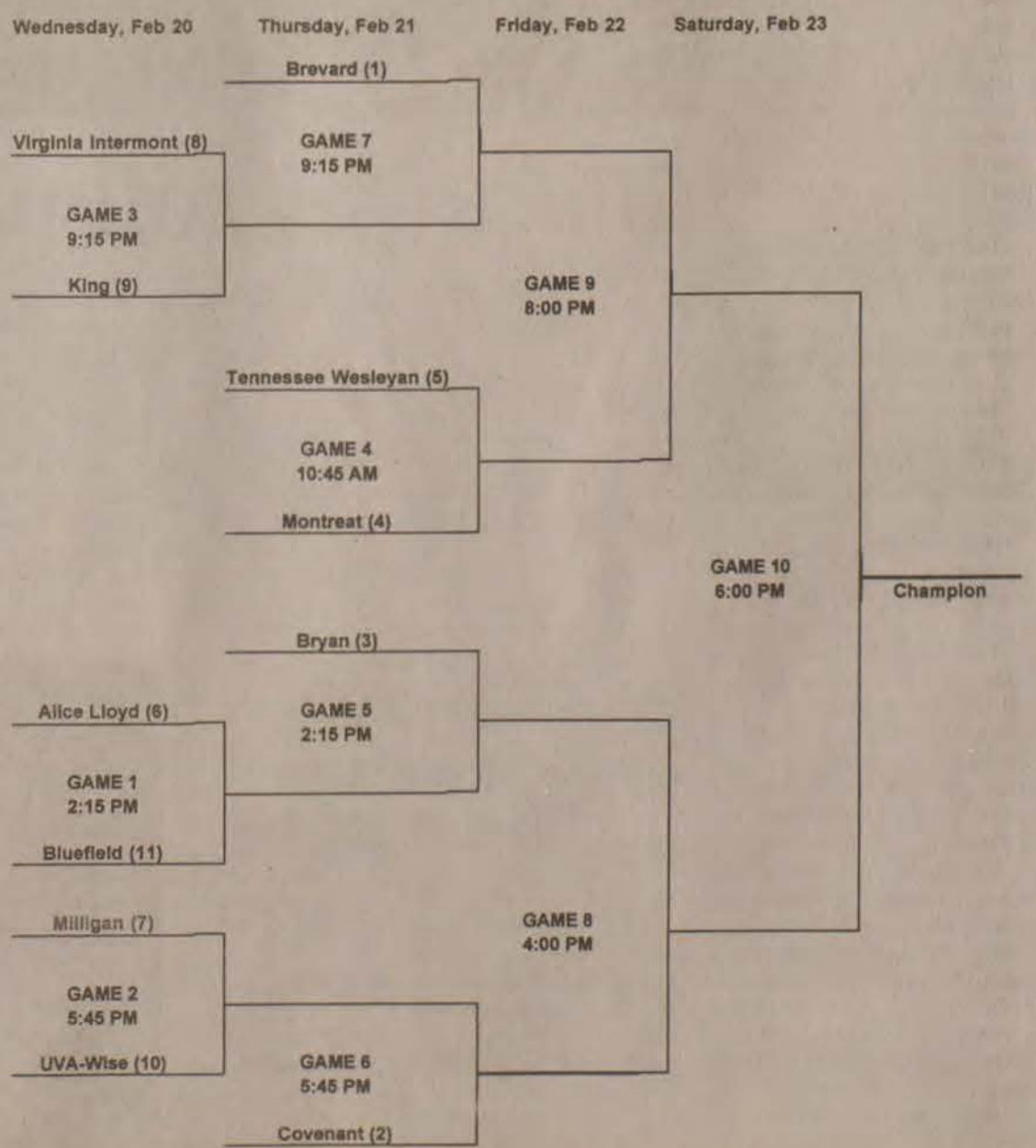
"Oregon State is a good addition to our schedule because it gives us the opportunity to play a nationally-known opponent," said Smith. "FAU coach Howard Schnellenberger will bring an exciting team back to the Bluegrass."

"Appalachian State is a quality I-AA opponent and will return to play us at Roy Kidd Stadium in 2003. We think we have upgraded our schedule from last year and are looking forward to an outstanding 2002 football season."

AAC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



AAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Basketball

College AP polls

Men

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 college basketball teams like Kansas, Maryland, Duke, Cincinnati, Alabama, Oklahoma, Gonzaga, Florida, Marquette, Stanford, etc.

Women

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 college women's basketball teams like Connecticut, Stanford, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Duke, Vanderbilt, Louisiana Tech, Purdue, Baylor, South Carolina, Colorado, etc.

High school polls

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings.

Table with columns: Rank, School, Pts, Pct. Lists high school basketball teams like Louisville, Lexington, Paducah, etc.

(tie), Davies Co. 22-4 12 Others receiving votes: Mason Co. 10, Henderson Co. 9, Elizabethtown 9, East Jessamine 7, Webster Co. 7, Oldham Co. 6, Paul Blazer 5, Lou. Butler 5, Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park 5, Rose Hill Christian 4, Warren Central 3, Owensboro 3, Dixie Heights 2, Rowan Co. 1, Hopkins Co. Central 1.

Girls

Table with columns: Rank, School, Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 girls' basketball teams like Sacred Heart, Jackson Co., Lex. Catholic, West Carter, Holmes, Muhlenberg North, Henry Clay, Christian Co., Clinton Co., Lou. Mercy, etc.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Eastern Conference teams like New Jersey, Boston, Washington, Orlando, Philadelphia, Miami, etc.

Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Central Division teams like Detroit, Milwaukee, Toronto, Charlotte, Indiana, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, etc.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Western Conference teams like Dallas, Minnesota, San Antonio, Utah, Houston, Denver, Memphis, etc.

Pacific Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Pacific Division teams like Sacramento, L.A. Lakers, Portland, Seattle, L.A. Clippers, Phoenix, Golden State, etc.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 98, Denver 77 Milwaukee 81, Toronto 86 Memphis 92, Charlotte 76 Indiana 86, Philadelphia 76 Minnesota 93, Miami 80 Portland 111, L.A. Lakers 105 Utah 92, New York 89 Dallas 105, Phoenix 92 Seattle 126, Sacramento 116 Atlanta 100, Golden State 94

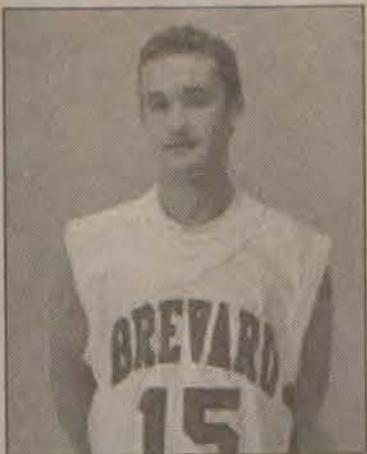
Monday's Games

Houston 102, Washington 89 Utah 103, Cleveland 92 Philadelphia 110, Denver 83 Miami 102, Chicago 80 Detroit 89, Toronto 76 Charlotte 101, Milwaukee 92

■ AAC TOURNAMENT

Top-ranked Brevard has former Hazard coach, Prestonsburg player

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



of Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball coach Harold Tackett, has gained valuable experience through his coach and his teammates.

Jones entered his third season

at the helm of Brevard basketball last fall. He helped lead the Tornados to a 21-13 record and National Tournament App-earance in only their second year competing in the NAIA during the 2000-01 campaign. The Tornados have averaged 20 wins per year during his tenure at Brevard College.

This is the start of Jones' fifth year as a head coach. He had a career 75-48 record, and has never had a losing season.

While at Hazard, Jones led a Division III junior college squad to a 21-9 record in his first year as a head coach against all Division I junior colleges. The 1998-1999 season began with a

(See BREVARD, page four)

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Reds hold first spring training workout

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Forty of the expected 43 pitchers and catchers were in Sarasota for Sunday's first workout. Missing from camp are RHP Jose Rijo, RHP Ricardo Arambales and RHP Luis Pineda, all late because of visa problems in the Dominican Republic...RHP Scott Williamson is celebrating his 26th birthday...position players report Thursday...the first full-squad workout is scheduled for Friday afternoon, following a morning of physical exams.

ARBITRATION CASE:

RHP Scott Williamson's arbitration case is scheduled for Thursday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tampa...the club submitted a salary figure of

\$400,000...Williamson requested \$600,000 after making \$400,000 last season, when he appeared in just two games because of injured right elbow...the arbitrators are Stephen Goldberg, I.B. Helburn and Elisabeth Neumeier...in the last four years, the Reds' arbitration team of general manager Jim Bowden, assistant general manager Doc Rodgers and attorney Mel Southard have won four of six arbitration cases (beat John Hudek, Steve Parris, Osvaldo Fernandez and Danny Graves; lost to Scott Sullivan and Sean Casey).

UNSIGNED PLAYERS (17):

RHP Jose Acevedo, RHP Jim Brower, IF Ben Broussard, OF Brady Clark, LHP Lance Davis, IF Gookie Dawkins, OF Adam

Dunn, RHP Seth Etherton, RHP Luke Hudson, C Jason LaRue, OF Ruben Mateo, OF Jackson Melian, C Corky Miller, RHP Luis Pineda, RHP Brian Reith, RHP Chris Reitsma and RHP John Riedling...the contract renewal period for unsigned players is Mar. 2-11.

SPLIT SQUADS:

The Reds will play three split-squad doubleheaders...on 3/4 the Reds will play at Kansas City (1:05) and will host Pittsburgh (7:05)...on Mar. 7 will play at Texas (1:05) and at Pittsburgh (1:05)...on Mar. 9 will play the Twins home-and-home (both games at 1:05).

ABOUT THE MANAGER:

Bob Boone begins his second season as the club's skipper...as a Major League manager Boone is 247-302 (.450), including 181-206 (.468) for the Royals from 1995-97...from 1998-2000 he spent three seasons as a special assistant to GM Jim Bowden...Ray Knight and Jim Lefebvre replace Ron Oester and Billy Doran on the coaching staff.

SPRING TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE:

Plenty of tickets are available for the Reds' exhibition games at Sarasota's Ed Smith Stadium...for ticket information call 941/954-4464...purchase tickets in person at the stadium, by phone at 1-800-955-5566 or on-line at www.cincinnati Reds.com...ticket prices for Reds spring training games are \$12 for box seats, \$10 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission.

MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS:

Minor league pitchers and catchers report on Mar. 4 and work out on Mar. 5...minor league position players report on Mar. 8 and work out Mar. 9.

■ ON TAP

Kentucky vs. Arkansas in the 'game for life'

Local blood supply needs Type O blood

LEXINGTON - The eighth annual "Game for Life" blood drive competition between Kentucky and Arkansas begins this week. Before the Wildcats and the Razorbacks meet on the basketball court, fans of both teams will go arm-to-arm Feb. 20-22 at all Central Kentucky Blood Center locations. The annual rivalry provides life-saving blood to hospitals in 56 Kentucky counties during the winter season when winter weather and flu season can prevent donors from giving. CKBC and the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks sponsor the "Game for Life." The goal is 1,500 pints.

"In less than an hour, UK fans can show their community spirit by giving blood. Because each blood donation could save

(See BLOOD, page four)

■ INSIDE SPRING TRAINING

Reds' spring focus on rotation

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Danny Graves is a starter.

The most intriguing transformation of the Cincinnati Reds' spring training is also the most telling. By putting their closer in the rotation, they've shown just how desperate they are for starting pitching.

"If it doesn't work out, there's nothing lost," pitching coach Don Gullett said. "It's an option. If it works out, it works out. It depends on how everything shakes out."

There's a lot to shake out in the Reds' camp, where 37 pitchers will be elbow-to-elbow in the clubhouse and lined up for mound time and a chance to win a spot.

Pitchers and catchers reported Saturday in Sarasota, Fla., and held their first workout Sunday. The regulars will join them later this week.

The focus will be on five jobs.

The Reds lost 96 games last season, the fourth-most losses in the history of baseball's first professional franchise. There were two major factors: injuries and dreadful starting pitching.

The Reds expect outfielder Ken Griffey Jr., shortstop Barry Larkin and third baseman Aaron Boone to be fully recovered from injuries that severely limited them last season. If they are, the Reds will have an everyday lineup that can score enough runs to make them competitive.

The bullpen is essentially intact from last season, when it led the National League with a 3.71 earned run average and 567 2-3 innings. Scott Williamson is expected back from reconstructive elbow surgery last April.

Then, there's the rotation.

Cincinnati had one of the worst rotations in the majors last year, leading to most of those 96 losses. Reds starters threw the fewest innings in the majors (875), had a 5.47 ERA that was second-worst in the NL, and had only two complete games, matching the NL record.

Pete Harnisch missed most of the season with a sore elbow

and was allowed to leave as a free agent. Owner Carl Lindner insisted on keeping the budget roughly the same as last season, leaving no cash to acquire proven pitchers.

As they imploded last season, the Reds decided to give their minor league starters a crash course in big-league pitching. Five rookies started overall and the rotation included four rookies for a two-week stretch.

Lance Davis, Jose Acevedo and Chris Reitsma will get the best chance to join Elmer Dessens in the rotation. The three rookies went 20-26 last season as they went through growing pains.

"You've got to give these guys the ball and see if they have learned by the mistakes they made last year," Gullett said. "If they don't continue to climb the mountain, they'll let you know in their performance."

Dessens went 10-14 with a 4.48 ERA in a career-high 34 starts last season, his first as a full-time starter. He gave up 32 homers, most on the staff and three shy of the club record for a right-hander.

He's the most proven starter in the bunch.

"He's done nothing wrong to be pushed out," Gullett said. "I think Elmer figures in, unless you have someone who's better."

At the moment, they don't. That's why manager Bob Boone is toying with the idea of moving Graves into the rotation.

Instead of pitching an inning at the end of spring training games, Graves will start a few games as an experiment. He made only three starts in three years in the minors, and has made all of his 279 major league appearances out of the bullpen.

"Danny will get the opportunity to pitch a couple or three innings (as a starter) the first two or three times out, then we'll go from there," Gullett said. "It depends upon what your needs are."

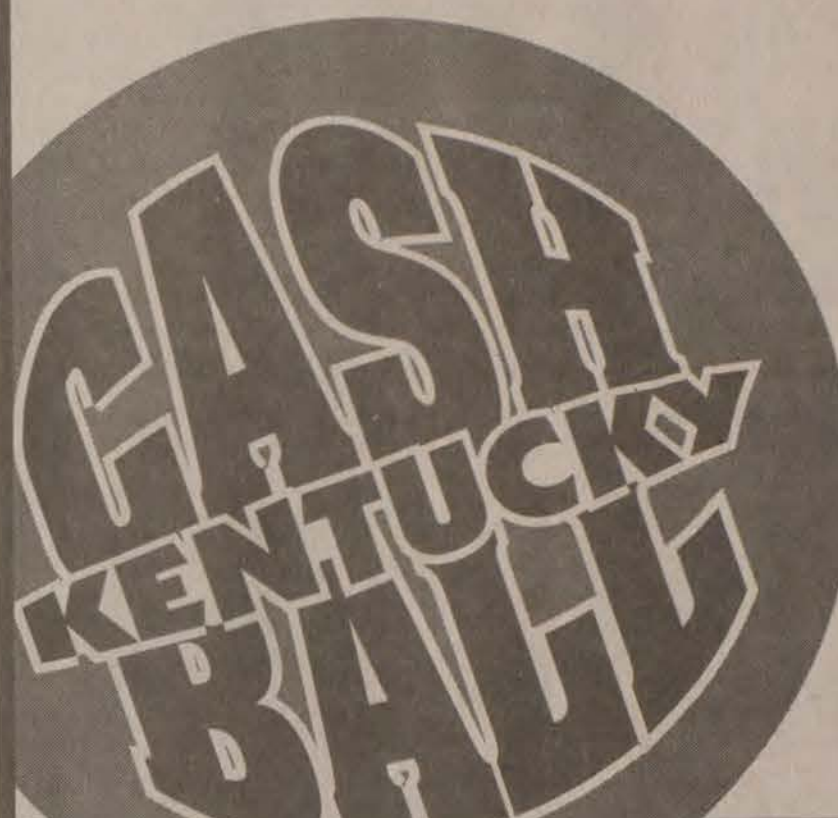
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■ NCAA

Stone, minus 15 pounds, looking forward to being a Cardinal

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Former Kentucky center Marvin Stone said Friday he's put his tumultuous transfer to Louisville behind him.

"My Kentucky experience is over with. I'm really looking forward to being a Louisville Cardinal," Stone said in his first public comments since leaving Kentucky in mid-December.

The 6-foot-10 Stone has lost 15 pounds and reduced his body fat from 14-percent to 9-percent in his first month as a member of Coach Rick Pitino's squad.

Pitino criticized Stone's fitness when he first arrived and didn't hesitate to put him on the same demanding regimen as the rest of his team.

"They made me go on the treadmill the first day I got here. It was tough," Stone said. "I look back at the first day, I said, 'I don't know how I'm going to get through it.'"

"The first couple of weeks were really tough. Now, I'm kind of get-

ting used to it."

The soft-spoken Stone has avoided the media since his transfer triggered a firestorm.

Kentucky initially blocked Stone's intention to play for Pitino, who coached the Wildcats from 1989-97. The school cited an unwritten policy that prevented players from leaving for schools that regularly appeared on the Wildcats' schedule.

It was never made clear whether athletics director Larry Ivy or Kentucky coach Tubby Smith informed Stone of the policy, but the school eventually reversed its position, releasing Stone to transfer anywhere he wanted.

Stone didn't clarify the confusion on Friday.

"I just know they didn't give me a release. I don't know whose thought it was, or who decided to do that," he said. "It's not my place to say."

Pitino met with Stone and Stone's mother the morning of Louisville's home game with TCU on Jan. 12. Stone watched Louisville's 93-85 victory from the bench, and Pitino confirmed that Stone was a member of the team after the game.

"It feels good. It's a new start for me," Stone said.

A Huntsville, Ala. native, Stone

averaged 5.3 points and four rebounds in about 14 minutes in nine games this season. He will have one full season of eligibility remaining, starting as early as the second semester of the 2002-03 season.

The Cardinals desperately need a big man. Freshman Brandon Bender quit the team in late January, and was the tallest Cardinal at 6-9. His departure left Pitino with only four 6-8 players — Ellis Myles, Joseph N'Sima, Otis George and seldom-used Hajj Turner — to fill the middle. None are true centers.

"I understand why he didn't play at Kentucky — you have (Jason) Parker, (Marquis) Estill and (Jules) Camara. They're all very talented," Pitino said. "Here, he has no competition at the center spot. We don't have a center in our program. He couldn't have transferred into a better situation for himself."

Stone said he's kept in touch with many of his former teammates but has no regrets about leaving.

"I did some good things at Kentucky, and some bad things. Those experiences are helping me now," Stone said. "When you go through life, you really learn from your past."



file photo

Prestonsburg seniors gathered for the coin toss of the Class 2A State Finals against Bardstown. The PHS Football Banquet will be held Saturday at the Mountain Arts Center.

■ AUTO RACING

Burton wins wild and crazy Daytona 500

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — There were no side-by-side sprints to the checkered flag and no passes for the lead on the final lap.

Yet the finish of Sunday's Daytona 500 will be remembered as one of the most bizarre in the 44-year history of "The Great American Race."

Ward Burton took advantage of Sterling Marlin's blunder for his first victory at Daytona International Speedway. It also was the first win for Dodge at NASCAR's most famous track since July 1977, when Richard Petty beat Darrell Waltrip.

"This was sort of like a soap opera," NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter said. "It was like every 30 minutes, we went from one episode to the next. The story line of the race changed about every 40 or 50 laps."

Consider:

■ Favorite Tony Stewart fell out of the race with engine failure on the second lap.

■ An 18-car pileup on lap 149 took out top contenders Kevin Harvick, Ricky Rudd, Bobby Labonte and Ken Schrader.

■ Dale Earnhardt Jr. had two blown tires and lost 12 laps in the pits to repair a broken brake caliper, only to return and get involved in the big wreck.

■ Marlin, who was leading when the red flag came out on lap 195 and appeared in control of the race, was penalized for getting out of his car and pulling briefly on a damaged fender during the stoppage.

All of that — and much more — paved the way for Burton's victory.

"I think that's what makes the Daytona 500 such a special race," Hunter said. "It's unpredictable, it's unbelievable and it's unforgettable."

Burton, the older of two racing brothers from the tiny town

of South Boston, Va., led the most laps in last year's race. But he was part of a 19-car wreck and watched the rest of the race from the garage.

"We felt like that was a race that was kind of stolen from us, not that we had it won, but we had a real legitimate shot at it," said Burton, who speaks with a garbled drawl native to his hometown. "These races, the nature of them, is that you never know what's going to happen until the race is over."

Elliott Sadler finished second, about a car length behind the winner, and Geoffrey Bodine was a surprising third. Bodine, the 1986 winner, has been out of the sport for most of the past two seasons and was competing as part of a four-race deal with car owner James Finch.

Kurt Busch and defending race winner Michael Waltrip rounded out the top five.

The race-turning red flag came out after a five-car tangle on a restart at lap 194. While those cars were bouncing off each other and spinning through the infield, leader Jeff Gordon cut across the track to try to block a move by Marlin.

When Marlin didn't yield his position, Gordon lost control of his Chevrolet and spun through the grass. He had little damage to his car, but Marlin's right-front fender was rubbing against the tire.

Marlin beat Burton back to the caution and parked his Dodge out front when the cars stopped on the backstretch under a red flag.

Unsure of how badly his car was damaged, Marlin climbed out of his car and surveyed the damage. He briefly tugged at the fender to pull it away from the tire before an official jumped out of the pace car and made him stop.

NASCAR rules clearly state no work can be done while the red flag is displayed, so Marlin was sent to the tail end of the lead lap cars, 12th as it turned out. He said he saw the late Dale Earnhardt do something similar 15 years ago.

"I saw Earnhardt do it at Richmond one time in 1987. He got out and cleaned his

windshield, so I thought it was OK," Marlin said. "I don't guess it was. Never read the rule book, so maybe I should. But it's the Daytona 500 and you got to do everything you can to win it."

With Marlin out of the way, all Burton had to do was hold off Sadler and Bodine. Neither mounted a serious charge, and Burton had his fourth career victory.

"It's going to take a while to sink in," he said.

Marlin and Schrader took turns dominating most of the race, leading for long stretches while most of the leaders ran single file. A caution on lap 139 for a two-car spin involving Mike Skinner and Shawna Robinson bunched up the field, setting up the 18-car wreck that changed the race.

Marlin was out front on the restart, with Harvick and Gordon close behind. On lap 149, Gordon made a run on Harvick for second, moving to the inside heading toward Turn 1. Harvick moved over to block the move, but Gordon tapped his rival and sent him spinning.

Harvick backed into the outside wall and then slid into the path of John Andretti and others. Before it was over, the cars of Kenny Wallace and Bobby Hamilton burst into flames, and nearly half the field was wiped out.

"Gordon wanted the same spot I did," Harvick said. "I tried to block, he came up and all hell broke loose."

No one was injured in the wreck.

Gordon, the defending Winston Cup champ and a two-time 500 winner, was able to come back to the front after that, taking the lead from Busch on lap 177 and holding it for the next 18 laps until Marlin spun him out.

"I probably should have given it up once he got beside me," Gordon said. "That was my own fault. ... He had a run on me and I blocked him and got myself turned."

"It was a wild and crazy race. I went from the back to the front and the front to the back," Gordon said.

Brevard

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pre-season No. 8 ranking.

Before his three-year stint at Hazard Community College, Jones was on the staff at Eastern Kentucky University for four years. From 1994-1996, he was a graduate assistant coach for the team under coach Mike Calhoun.

"There were high expectations for us coming into the season," said Jones. "These expectations come both from our fans and ourselves. We were able to bring in some players that can

help us in areas where we struggled last year. We also have a tremendous amount of experience to come back this year."

If things go as scheduled, and the favorite wins in the first round, the Brevard men, with a first round bye, will play the Alice Lloyd Eagles, should the Eagles, a No. 8 seed, manage to beat Bryan (9). Brevard will play the Alice Lloyd-Bryan winner Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in Game 7 of the AAC Tournament.

Blood

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Pikeville and Prestonsburg during regular hours, and on the UK campus.

The blood drive winner will be recognized during the Kentucky vs. Arkansas basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Rupp Arena. Kentucky leads the competition with five victories to Arkansas's two.

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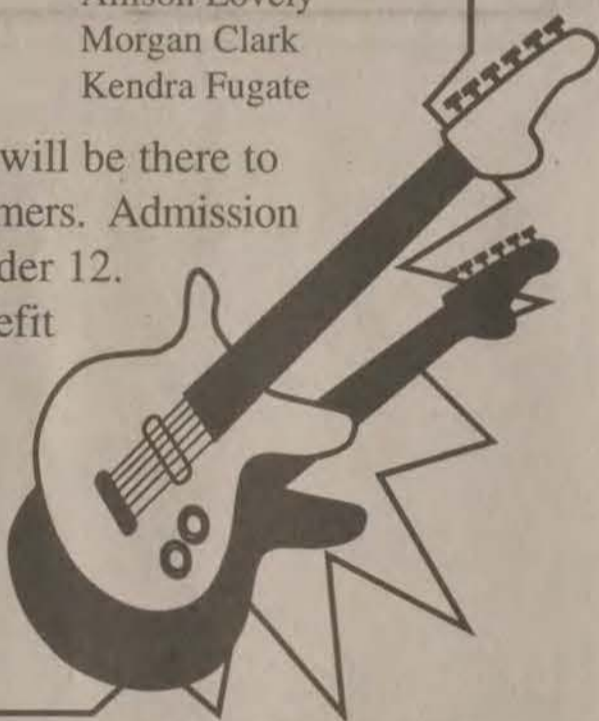
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Marlin explains actions during red-flag period

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — With a big grin and his Southern drawl, Sterling Marlin shrugged off the gaffe that likely cost him the Daytona 500.

Mistake or not, the sight of Marlin climbing out of his car to fix his fender as his car sat idling on the track under a red flag Sunday will go down in NASCAR lore. Just like a similar stunt by Dale Earnhardt.

Marlin swears Earnhardt once got out of his car during a race in Richmond to clean his windshield. Others think his memory is wrong, that Earnhardt only reached out to wipe away the rain during a caution.

The latter would be allowed, getting out of the car on a red flag would not. So Marlin had no room to argue when an official got out of the pace car and sent Marlin first back into his Dodge, then to the back of the field for breaking the rule prohibiting working on a car during a red-flag.

He went from first to 12th and could only work his way back to eighth in the final three laps. "I saw Earnhardt do it at Richmond one time in 1987. He got out and cleaned his windshield, so I thought it was OK," Marlin said. "I don't guess it was. Never read the rule book, so maybe I should. But it's the Daytona 500 and you got to do everything you can to win it."

NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter couldn't back up Marlin on the Earnhardt claim.

"I have no memory of that happening in my lifetime, and I was born in 1939," Hunter said. "Regardless of if it did happen, the rules are clear and Sterling should have known better."

"But the sight of him getting out the car and running around the

other side was one of the funniest things I've ever seen."

That's Marlin, one of NASCAR's greatest jokers.

The Tennessee native always has a laugh and a joke, delivered in a thick Southern drawl that has made him one of the most impersonated characters in the sport.

So when he said he was disappointed at how the race ended, it was hard to believe him through his big grin.

Marlin wasn't even sure he could have won the race regardless of whether he tried to fix the damaged fender, which occurred when he bumped and spun out Jeff Gordon trying to take over the lead.

"Hindsight is 20-20. I might not have gotten it done," he said. "But it was a good sunny day and it

would have been nice if we could have won it."

The comical ending was so much more different from the tragic one last year that involved Marlin.

Marlin was involved in Earnhardt's fatal accident. He touched Earnhardt on the final

turn, a tap that sent Earnhardt slamming into the wall, killing him instantly.

Marlin received death threats in the ensuing days from fans who accused him of causing the wreck.

"Yeah, the endings are different," Marlin said. "Neither one got me a win, so that's the same."

WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT

Clark brings another state championship home to Martin Co.

Woodford County dominates state event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT — Martin County, and the Sheldon Clark High School wrestling family have another state champ to call their own.

Sheldon Clark's Billy Clark (52-2), who missed last year's state meet after having an

appendicitis two days before it, won at 112 with a 17-2 decision over Woodford County's Ethan Buell.

Prestonsburg 215 hopeful Randy Little, a virtual newcomer to the mat sport, was defeated early in the tournament.

For SCHS wrestling coach Jim Matney, it just added to a nice list of state champs and near-state champs he's coached over the years. Matney, a graduate of Belfry High School, has taken the Sheldon Clark grappling team to new heights in his

(See CLARK, page eight)

PRO WRESTLING

AWF-Ashland card showing promise

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND — Morehead resident and AWF promoter Joe Clark is working on the upcoming AWF-Ashland National Guard Armory card. He's been very busy. So has Floyd Countian and AWF Commissioner Jesse Younger. Both are veterans of the pro wrestling business and both expect a big show to for Ashland on March 23.

"What an event this is shaping up to be, one of the best, if not the best AWF show to date," said Clark.

"Besides all the current superstars of the AWF, you are going to see the AWF debuts of some great competitors. Making their AWF debut in Ashland will be The Interns, Kid Apollo, Shawn Adams, and Purple Haze."

Some of the new talent Clark has booked, he hasn't seen in person, but from what he's heard, he has a whole lot to look forward to with the upcoming card.

"I've never seen the Interns nor Kid Apollo but my sources tell me that neither you fans nor myself will be disappointed with their in-ring abilities," said Clark.

"Purple Haze is one of the most talented individuals to climb into the ring. I had the privilege of seeing him in action a few years ago while he was working with another promotion

in Central Kentucky.

"Shawn Adams is another great competitor. He was trained by Jimmy 'Boogie Woogie Man' Valiant. I had the privilege of working with him when I made my wrestling debut back in 1998 in Hazard. After that event, I lost contact with him up until a few weeks ago. I'm really looking forward to working with Shawn. He is a super guy, in and out of the ring."

The tag team Solid Steele will be returning to the AWF in Ashland, after over a year's absence. Clark bills Steele as one of the best tag teams in the business.

Also in Ashland, the Eastern Kentucky pro wrestling promotion will crown the first official, new AWF Champion. The new AWF kingpin will be crowned with a brand new AWF belt.

Yet another AWF event is expected to be announced in the next few weeks, according to both Clark and Younger.

"We ran into some legal problems and as soon as we get those ironed out, we will be announcing the event," Clark said.

"We are also gearing up for the AWF debut of another wrestling superstar," Clark commented, "a name that has been around wrestling for several years. He has worked for WWF as well as USWA and countless other promotions."

Much speculation has surrounded who the WWF star

could be. Clark is confident in his AWF product, as is Younger who takes a significant role in the booking of athletes.

"I have made a deal with a booking company that will supply an endless array of superstar talent," said Younger, "names like Eddie Gurerro, Hector Gurerro, Crowbar, The Rock & Roll Express, Sabu, Rey Mysterio Jr., and several others."

Younger will also pull from the talent pool of area wrestlers who ply their trade more locally.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying these wrestlers are all coming to the AWF," added Younger. "All I am saying is that this is a pool of talent I have to choose from. The backbone of the AWF has and always be the independent hometown talent. These same hometown boys will one day be the superstars of tomorrow."

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Castle begins second juco season today

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SPRINGFIELD — Johnson Central High School graduate Heath Castle hasn't taken the normal path of a three-sport high school athlete. A gifted athlete

who starred in three sports in high school—football, basketball and baseball—Castle has been drafted, not once by a Major League Baseball team, but twice. Castle and the rest of the St. Catharine College baseball team begin play today, on the road at

Asbury College. Castle is one of two SCC Patriots to be drafted. He will likely start today's season-opener at Asbury. Castle will begin his sophomore season under the watchful of a new head coach. Luther Bramblett will guide Castle and

his Patriot teammates. Bramblett began his duties at St. Catharine College in August 2001, after seven years as an assistant coach. Inheriting a successful program at St. Catharine College, Coach Bramblett plans to continue the success and lead the Patriot

Baseball program to the next level. "I'm extremely excited about the opportunities at St. Catharine College," noted Patriot skipper Coach Bramblett. "My goals are to graduate players, find them a place to play, win games and most importantly help my players grow into fine men."

Bramblett comes to St. Catharine College from Campbellsville University, where he helped lead the Tigers to the 2000 Mid-South Conference Tournament Championship and 92 wins in three years (99-01). In 1997, he was an assistant at North Florida Community College in Madison, Fla. The Sentinels were 38-18 and had four players drafted into professional baseball. During the 1995 and 1996 seasons, Bramblett was an assistant at Freed-

Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn. During that time, the Lions were 51-56 and reached the post season for the first time in school history in 1996. Three FHU players were drafted into professional baseball off those teams. A 1994 graduate of Campbellsville University, Bramblett was a pitcher and middle infielder for the Tigers (1990-93). He holds a B.S. in History and a B.S. in Communications with an emphasis in Journalism and a Masters in Education from Freed-Hardeman University (1997). Bramblett grew up in Fort Myers, Fla. and graduated from Caldwell County High School in Princeton, in 1989. He is a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association and a veteran summer camp instructor.



■ REGIONAL H.S. ROUNDUP

Lady Raiders claim big win

The South Floyd Lady Raiders have gone through some tough times in recent weeks, but on Monday night the Lady Raiders got just what the doctor ordered in a big win over the Pikeville Lady Panthers.

The Lady Raiders have suffered through some key players departures over the past few weeks but have bonded together to come back strong and post two wins over Shelby Valley and Pikeville in the last two weeks. South Floyd was led in scoring by

Brandi Anderson with 16 points, followed closely by Megan Ousley with 14 and Ashley Johnson with 13. Pikeville was led in scoring by Kalaiah Evans with 11 points and five rebounds. South Floyd exploded early, taking a 17-2 lead after one quarter as Pikeville was unable to find the range from the field. The two teams played on even terms in the second quarter as they exchanged baskets throughout the period en route to a 26-12 lead for South Floyd at the half.

The Lady Raiders began to struggle in the second half, as the Pikeville defense caused South Floyd problems in the final eight minutes. Pikeville would trim the South Floyd lead to 36-27 after three quarters and the Lady Raiders would look to hold on in the final stanza. The duo of Sharee Hopkins and Tabitha Berger would give coach Melinda Osborne some good minutes, scoring five and four points, respectively. Pikeville would rally in the

fourth quarter and make it a two point game, but the Lady Raiders refused to give in and they held on at the end for the 52-50 win. South Floyd will take the court in the 58th District Tournament next week at Prestonsburg High School.

Lady Rebs roll over Pike Central

The Allen Central Lady Rebels are gearing up for tournament play and on Monday night the Lady Rebs looked good in beating a strong Pike Central squad 68-59. Allen Central trailed 14-11 after one quarter, but the Lady Rebs rallied in the second quarter behind the play of Becky Thomas and Terri Mullins who pitched in 18 and 13 points, respectively. Pike Central was led in scoring by Amy Ratliff with 16 points on the evening but in the end it would be too much Allen Central as the Lady Rebs would outscore Pike Central 22-14 in the second quarter and 14-11 in the third on the way to the 68-59 win.

Allen Central scoring: Becky Thomas 18 points, Terri Mullins 13, Jaclyn Martin 12, Tonya Howard 10, Tiffany Turner nine, Megan Harris five and Jackie Brown one. Allen Central improves to 13-13 on the year and will be in action in the 58th district tournament next week at Prestonsburg High School.

— JAMIE HOWELL

■ NAIA WOMEN

Union women 10 better than Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE — Union College put a stop to its 15-game losing streak with a 75-65 Mid-South Conference victory over visiting Pikeville College on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs (7-21 overall, 1-12 MSC) led from wire-to-wire for their first win since Dec. 11. Union opened the game by jumping out to a 16-2 lead with Jennifer Cornett scoring six points and Michelle Lewallen netting five during the rally. Union maintained a double-digit lead for much of the first half, but Pikeville (15-15,

4-9) pulled within six late in half and trailed 37-29 at the break. Charity Burke hit a bucket with 17:32 to go, pulling the Lady Bears within 41-37. However, Union responded with a 14-2 run in claiming a 55-39 advantage. It remained a double-digit margin until the final 3:22 of the contest when Pikeville made a hard charge for the lead. Pikeville cut the deficit to 67-63 off an Ashley Ratliff free throw at the 1:28 mark, but that would be as close as the Lady Bears could get. Union hit 8 of 10 free throws down the stretch to seal the 10-

point win. Mindy Wynn led Union with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Her 21 points gives her 930 career points, tying her with Rhonda Garner for eighth on the Lady Bulldogs' all-time scoring list. Lewallen added 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Tiffany Vice helped out with 12 points and 10 assists. Leigh Logan chipped in 10 points and five rebounds. PC standout Amanda Collins paced Pikeville with 26 points, while Burke knocked in 12. Union will play its final regular season game on Thursday when it hosts Cumberland College at 7 p.m.

Betsy Layne falls to Magoffin County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — The Magoffin County Lady Hornets made it official on Senior Night Monday night. Coach Neil West's team won its 20th game of the season, giving the school its first 20-game winner in the history of the girls' basketball program.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats, winners of 19 games, and also looking for win No. 20 going into the contest, fell in the path of the Lady Hornets, 67-60. Magoffin County held an 18-13 lead at the end of the first quarter and never relinquished that lead in the second quarter, outscoring the visiting Ladycats 15-8 to take a 33-21 lead into the half. In the third quarter, Betsy

Layne outscored the host Lady Hornets 20-15 to pull within seven, 48-41, heading into the final frame. In the fourth quarter, both teams played even, netting 19 points apiece, to finish the final tally seven points in favor of the host Lady Hornets. Seniors Whitney Lovely and Kelli Montgomery, as they've done so many times over the years, led the way for Magoffin County again Monday night, netting 17 and 14 points, respectively. Seven players scored in the contest for Magoffin County. Kim Tackett and Whitney Lykens led the way for Betsy Layne with 10 points apiece. Tabitha Mitchell, Tiffany Meade and Kim Clark all had eight points for Betsy Layne. Senior point guard Devon Reynolds chipped in seven points.

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BLES defeats John M. Stumbo

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Wednesday night, Feb. 13, was Eighth-Grade Night at Betsy Layne Elementary School. The host Bobcats trailed throughout the first half of the game, but came on late and slipped past rival John M. Stumbo 59-57.

This night was supposed to be for the eighth graders who were playing their last home game for Betsy Layne grade school and it was the eighth graders who came up big late for the Bobcats. Derrick Case and Adam Roberts did most of the damage for the Bobcats as the two combined for 37 of Betsy Layne's 59 points.

The victory would not come easy for Betsy Layne as Stumbo

led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter, but the Bobcats would not fold and fought back in the late stages of the game.

John M. Stumbo has a talented tandem of their own in Brandon Kidd and Mason Hall, the two came through with 22 and 16 points respectively. The early play of Kidd had the Bobcat faithful worried as the John M. center won the battle of the boards in the early going propelling the Mustang's to their early lead. Stumbo's Mason Hall also hurt the Bobcats early by nailing the long range shot, his three pointers from five feet beyond the arc shocked the crowd and helped to fire up the Mustang crowd early.

John M. led 11-10 after one quarter and increased their lead

in the second to go into the locker room with a 28-23 lead.

In the second half it was very noticeable that the Bobcats had no intention of losing their eighth grade night game as they picked up the defensive intensity and started to heat up from the floor late in the third quarter. Betsy Layne's Tim Honaker connected twice from three point land in the closing seconds of the third quarter to bring his team back from eight down and Derrick Case hit a short jumper near the end of the quarter to help give the Bobcats their first lead since the opening moments of the game.

In the fourth period the two teams would see-saw the lead early in the fourth, but Betsy Layne would build a seven-

point lead late and Adam Roberts was 3-of-4 from the line in the closing seconds to close the door on the Mustangs and give the Bobcats the victory 59-57.

Earlier in the evening, eighth-graders were honored.

Eighth-grader boys' basketball players honored included Braxton Branham, Derek Case, Colbert Craft, Cody Click, Matt Huff, Justin Lawson, Adam Roberts, Jake Schmoldt, Brandon Senters, Patrick Stapleton, Brandon Thacker,

Derrick Williams and Jason Worrix.

Also honored were the eighth-grade cheerleaders Lauren Akers, Christine Carroll and Danielle Coleman and managers Logan Clark and Kimberly Howell.

Tackett

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Thursday, April 4 at Madison Square Garden in New York City, home of the NBA's New York Knicks, and will be broadcast live on ESPN during prime-time at 8 p.m. For the first time ever, a girls game will be played, and will take place at Madison Square Garden with tip-off at 5:30 p.m., prior to the boys game.

Proceeds from both games will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities chapters of New York and New Jersey. The Ronald McDonald House has

provided a home-away-from-home for millions of family members of seriously ill children since its inception in 1974.

McDonald's All American alumni include such current and former NBA stars as Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant and Grant Hill and current NCAA standouts Jason Williams and Casey Jacobsen.

Tackett is the all-time leading rebounder and the second all-time leading scorer in South Floyd school history. He holds

the record for most rebounds in a game with 19 and most points scored in a game with 40.

The son of Gene and Dianne Tackett of Weeksbury, he remains uncommitted to a college at this time.

Local McDonald's owners/operators Bob and Tom Hutchison extended their congratulations to Tackett.

Tackett is scheduled to be honored prior to the start of Friday's boys' varsity game between South Floyd and Lexington Catholic.

■ NFL

Texans dig deep for starters in first eight selections

by MICHAEL A. LUTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans put their money where the talent was in the NFL expansion draft.

They have the makings of a competitive offensive line, starting with Jacksonville's five-time Pro Bowl tackle Tony Boselli, who became the cornerstone of an expansion team for the second time in his career.

The Texans got a good jump on their defense Monday by grabbing starting cornerbacks Aaron Glenn and Marcus Coleman from the New York Jets and Jaguars defensive tackles Seth Payne and Gary Walker.

The price tag for picking 19 players was more than \$40 million, but the Texans were congratulating themselves for a job well done.

"I'm extremely excited about this group for a number of reasons," coach Dom Capers said. "We have two starting offensive linemen, two starting defensive linemen, two starting cornerbacks and a playmaker like Jermaine Lewis who have all been in the battle before."

The first eight players on the Texans' list cost \$38.5 million of

the \$71.8 million salary cap. The Texans still have free agency and the April college draft to consider.

"These guys are going to be the foundation of our team in terms of ability and experience," Capers said. "You have to expect a lot of leadership out of these guys. They will have a lot to say with how quickly we can come together as a team."

Boselli was the first player chosen by the expansion Jaguars in the 1995 draft and quickly became a dominant offensive lineman.

"We have a Hall of Famer and we haven't played a game," general manager Charley Casserly said.

Texans fans, wearing blue-and-red jerseys and helmets with bulls' horns, cheered the choice of Boselli, who missed most of last season with a shoulder injury that makes him something of a question mark.

"I've been with a group of guys that no one thought could play before," Boselli said. "The sooner this team comes together and becomes cohesive, the sooner we can be good."

The first eight choices came from just three teams — the Jaguars, the New York Jets and Baltimore, all of whom have serious cap problems.

"Obviously, Charley knew the

teams in cap trouble — us, Baltimore and Jacksonville," said Terry Bradway, general manager of the Jets.

For their offensive line, the Texans also picked up guards Jeremy McKinney from the Cleveland Browns and Matt Campbell from the Washington Redskins and tackle Ryan Schau from Philadelphia.

Glenn and Coleman, both Texans returning home, were excited about being chosen.

"I think we have a pretty good chance of being competitive," Coleman said. "You can't be competitive in this league if you don't have two good cornerbacks."

Lewis, a top kick returner, and linebacker Jamie Sharper came to the Texans from the Ravens.

"I look forward to the opportunity, I want to show everybody that I can play wide receiver too," Lewis said. "My return game, I feel, is one of the tops in the league."

But I want to show I can be a receiver too. I thought the last couple of years I wasn't getting used the way I should have been."

Glenn, who played college football at nearby Texas A&M, said he was happy to be coming

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■ MARSHALL

Kueck returns to coach Herd quarterbacks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University football coach Bob Pruett looked back to his first season at Marshall to hire a replacement for departed offensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher.

Pruett has hired Larry Kueck to coach the Herd's quarterbacks next season and has elevated offensive line coach Mark McHale to the offensive coordinator position.

Kueck was Marshall's offensive coordinator in 1996, a sea-

son which produced a 15-0 record and a Division I-AA national championship. That season Marshall's Eric Kresser threw for more than 3,200 yards, Randy Moss had 1,708 yards and 28 touchdowns and Erik Thomas and Doug Chapman both rushed for more than 1,200 yards.

"I am very excited that Larry has decided to come back and work with us here at Marshall," Pruett said. "He was here with us when we first got started and, despite a number of changes on the coaching staff, the offense is

still basically the same as we put in back in 1996."

Since leaving Marshall, Kueck served for three years (1997-99) as offensive coordinator at Southern Mississippi and for the last two seasons in the same position at Southern Methodist.

"I am just happy and excited to be coming back to Huntington and back to the Marshall family," Kueck said. "There is a different kind of feeling there with the fans and that program than at any other place I have ever been."

"I really like and respect Coach Pruett. It is a special place where the people really love and support their program."

Kueck is a 1975 graduate of Stephen F. Austin University in Texas, where he was an offensive lineman. His coaching career has included stops at Rice, Sam Houston State, Lamar, Texas Tech and Mississippi.

McHale will take over as offensive coordinator after spending the last two seasons as the Herd's offensive line coach. He will continue to work with the Herd linemen in his new role as coordinator.

McHale served as offensive coordinator at Southern Mississippi from 1986-91 as well as at Appalachian State and Shepherd College prior to that. During his stint at Southern Miss he recruited and coached future three-time NFL MVP Brett Favre.

Opening

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racing, including the track's owners, employees, drivers and fans.

With the racing season drawing near, HMS Officials are planning on a great year. With just five races in the books at the four-tenths-mile, officials and personnel are very excited about the potential that the facility holds. Expectations for the upcoming season are high.

The 2002 schedule has not been released, but should be made public soon.

Opening day could be delayed after the frontstretch wall did not stand against the combination of heavy snows and rains in January, bringing it down after the newly christened dirt shifted and tossed the wall. Although the weather has been unkind to the Magoffin County track, fans nevertheless will likely flock to Eastern Kentucky's newest dirt track.

"I have the equipment to repair the wall and will do so as soon as the ground will dry a little to hold the equipment," said HMS owner Jim Branham, of Floyd County. "I hope this won't delay the opening, but

we will just have to see how it goes. If there is a delay, it shouldn't be long."

Just a little over two months from now a Saturday has been designated as the opener. April 27 is the tentative opening day.

Cougars

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half-time lead at 33-27.

The teams played even basketball in the third quarter, both scoring 19 points in the period. Elkhorn City was able to stay close thanks to the play of Will Adkins and Will Sellards, the two combined to score 27 of Elkhorn City's 56 points.

Brad Bevens came alive for the Cats in the second half, scoring 11 points, as Elkhorn City had no answer for the hot shooting P'burg player.

In the final quarter the Blackcats would take control of a close game, going on a 23-10

run over the final eight minutes.

The Blackcats also got some quality minutes from T.C. Hatfield, Craig Fleenor, and Trevor Compton as the three gave Coach Jackie Crisp solid play. Elkhorn City would connect only three times from the field in the fourth quarter as the Prestonsburg defense gave the Cougars problems in the final quarter, and the Blackcats would go on to win by a final of 75-56.

Earlier in the evening, Bridget Bellamy was crowned PHS Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Jeremy Clark.

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■ HORSE RACING

Mutuel field heavy favorite in Derby Future Wager

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The mutuel field was the 5-2 favorite in Pool 1 of the 2002 Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which closed on Sunday.

A record \$577,889 was bet during the four-day pool, which is in its fourth year.

The mutuel field includes all 3-year-olds other than the 23 horses listed among the 24 betting interests in the first of three future wager pools.

Johannesburg, the winner of last fall's Breeders' Cup Juvenile, was the second choice

and favored individual horse at 7-1.

Siphonic, winner of the Hollywood Futurity, and Repent, winner of the Kentucky Jockey Club at Churchill Downs last fall, were both next at 8-1.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager is a \$2 minimum wager and a win wager only.

Odds that are in place when the pool closes are final and winning payouts are based on those odds.

The 128th Derby will be run May 4 at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

Reed

double-doubles, I still wish the Cats had him. He's unselfish, understands the game, and pass-

es as well as he shoots. Tell me the Cats can't use a player like that.

Pikeville

Toni Anderson and Adam Reed each had 12 points in the win.

Stephen Purdon led Union (5-23, 0-13) with 25 points.

The Bears return to action Tuesday as they travel south to take on Knoxville (Tenn.). The Bears are currently fourth in the Mid-South Conference, ranked

behind Georgetown, Lambuth, Cumberland (Ky.) and Campbellsville. Top-ranked Georgetown is also in action tonight, taking on Mid-Continent. Georgetown, which has already locked up the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament, scored a 78-70 victory over Cumberland (Ky.) on Saturday.

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son the chance to win a brand new 2002 Suzuki LT-A-500F Vinson 4x4.

The Prestonsburg High School Touchdown Club will present the fabulous ATV, donated by Adventure Motorsports, 789 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, 433-1199. The lucky winner will

be drawn on Sunday at the MAC at 5 p.m. There's still time to purchase chances on the ATV. To purchase chances, call John Earl Hunt at 874-4000. PHS Football Boosters Club urges everyone to not let the chance pass them by, and to support the football team.

Leslie

Pruett said in a national signing day interview. "We'll just have to wait to see what kind of players these signees will be when we get them on campus in August."

The slots Marshall made its top targets were defensive back and quarterback. MU signed four defensive backs - Ivan Clark of Amelia County, Va.; Charles Hall of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Chris Royal and Dennis Thornton, both of Hargrave Military Academy (Hargrave, Va.) - and three quarterbacks - Adam Black of Knox, Pa.; Graham Gochneaur of Kilgore, Texas; and Jimmy Skinner of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Starting MU cornerbacks Yancey Satterwhite and Terence Tarpley, along with safety Chris Crocker, will be seniors this season. Starting quarterback Byron Leftwich also will be a senior. Leftwich is backed by sophomores Stan Hill and red-shirt freshman

Scott Wilks. Sources close to the Herd program felt Pruet and his staff would sign at least one defensive tackle, but it hasn't happened. As an added incentive to Leslie and his position teammates, the Herd head coach has confidence in each of them. Pruet added that he is confident in the young defensive tackles he has. He said he sees potential in all of them. Leslie signed with Marshall out of Prestonsburg High School in 2000 as a defensive end. In his time there, he has played on both offense and defense, as well as special teams. Just one MU defensive tackle, Orlando Washington, will suit up as a senior next fall. Leslie, Josh Cordell, Reggie Hayes, Josh Blakey, Marlan Hicks, Toriano Brown, B.K. Martin and Richard Rogers are underclassmen.

2. Sara Nord, the diminutive point guard for the Louisville womens' team, leads the nation in assists. She recently explained that the Cards' Super-Bowl eve loss to Tulane in New Orleans was because the players were distracted by meeting rappers Bubba Sparika, JadaKiss, Black Rob, Fight Bold and MJG.

I suppose this would be like me meeting Elvis, Roy Orbison, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, and the Platters when I was the age of Nord and her teammates. On the other hand, it's hard to compare because I don't consider rap and hip-hop to be music.

3. The athletics director at Maryland, which knocked Duke off its No. 1 perch with a lop-sided win on Sunday, is Debbie Yow, former womens' coach at UK. President Lee Todd might want to file that away for future reference.

4. Western Kentucky still may be the best mens' basketball team in the state. The Hilltoppers had a 23-3 record heading into Tuesday night's game against Kentucky State. Dennis Felton is one of the nation's hottest coaches, 7-0 center Chris Martin is still in line to be an NBA lottery pick, and freshman point guard Patrick Sparks makes people wonder how UK and U of L could pass him up.

5. Morehead State leads the nation in free-throw shooting, which befits a team coached by Kyle Macy. During his three-year varsity career at UK (1977-'80), Macy made 89 percent of his free throws, still the school record. His Golden Eagles are 14-10 and third in the Ohio Valley Conference largely because of Ricky Minard, perhaps the best player in the league.

6. Georgetown has rolled to a 29-1 record and the No. 1 ranking in NAIA Division I. Marco Morgan had 15 points and 12 rebounds in Saturday's 78-70 win over Cumberland, which was led by Kirill

Yakoviev's 25 points.

7. NASCAR drivers Michael Waltrip, Jeff Green, and Jeremy Mayfield, who all hail from Owensboro, finished fifth, 19th and 39th, respectively, in the Daytona 500. And speaking of Owensboro, Kentucky West-eyan has a 24-1 record and is ranked No. in NCAA Division II.

8. Amy Peterson scored a school-record 37 points in IU Southeast's 124-43 romp over IU Northwest. That's a score that would thrill Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins, whose Bearcats stomped Southern Mississippi by only 52 last week.

9. Issac Knable of Louisville St. Xavier High

won the 145-pound class in the Boys State Wrestling, enabling him to end his career with a 186-14 record. He was unbeaten against in-state competition and won titles in four different weight classes.

10. At 75, Bill Arnsparger, a native of Paris, is returning to the NFL as the San Diego Chargers' associate head coach for defense. Since leaving Blanton Collier's UK staff more than 40 years ago, Arnsparger has held numerous pro jobs, including co-ordinator for the Miami Dolphins' "No-Name Defense" in the early 1970s. He also was athletics director at Florida and head coach at LSU.

11. The Transylvania

University mens' team is struggling on the floor this season, but its new home, the Graham Beck Center, is drawing rave reviews. Last season, playing without a home while the Beck Center was under construction, the Pioneers were ranked No. 1 in the NAIA's Division I.

12. We're more than halfway through February, which means that we can start getting excited about March Madness, the opening of baseball season, the Masters golf tournament, and the Kentucky Derby. Now THAT is good news, indeed.

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Sideline

ferred six DNFs to finish 14th in points.

Burton equaled his career high of six top-five finishes, including a victory in the Pepsi Southern 500 at Darlington, but his top-10 numbers dropped dramatically from 17 in 2000 to just 10 in 2001. Despite that, he still managed to bring home a career high in winnings, \$3,633,692.

Burton started the 2001 season in a hole after getting knocked out of the Daytona 500 in an accident. He charged back to 11th in points after six races, but the rest of his season was plagued by inconsistency that knocked him as low as 23rd in points. Despite being very competitive at a number of tracks, he was never able to get on a roll. He found the Dodge a tough beast to qualify, as he only started in the top-10 eight times and he failed win a Bud Pole for the sixth consecutive year.

The Danville, Va., native began racing karts at age 8. He later drove Street Stock and Late Model Stock Cars on Virginia short tracks, mainly his home track of South Boston Speedway. He was voted most popular driver there in 1989. In 1990 he joined the Busch Series. In 1994 he competed for rookie of the year in Winston Cup, finishing behind his brother.

Outside of racing, Burton is involved with wildlife and envi-

ronmental conservation and has created the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation, which purchases parcels of land in an effort to conserve and protect wildlife habitats. The foundation works closely with other wildlife organizations to help with these causes. It's well-documented, Burton spent most of his short off-season taking time for the many charitable endeav-

ors he's involved in.

Ward Burton's win in this year's Daytona 500 was a triumph for all underdogs.

Bill Davis Racing will forever have its place in 500 history.

Although Ward Burton isn't from Kentucky, he's from Virginia, he feels like a hometown boy, doesn't he? And it's always nice to see a hometown boy do good.

Blackcats

from three-point land.

Music poured in 21 points in the contest on 10-13 shooting from the field. Prestonsburg led 13-11 after one quarter and 30-27 at the half as the Lady Blackcats were aided by the three point shot on this night, shooting a stellar 9-of-18 from the outside.

Prestonsburg would also win the battle of the boards by a slim margin of 22-21. Prestonsburg would extend their lead to 53-44 after three quarters of play. A 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter gave the Lady Blackcats a commanding 16 point lead with 6:00 left in the game. Sheldon Clark would make a big run at the cats in the final six minutes, outscoring Prestonsburg 22-6 in a five minute span.

Sheldon Clark tied the score at 66-66 with 15 seconds

remaining only to see Ramanda Music's shot with five seconds remaining dash their hopes.

Prestonsburg has one game remaining on its regular season schedule. The Lady Blackcats do battle with Pike Central on Thursday. They will begin district tournament play next week as the 58th District's No. 1 seed.

Scoring was as follows:

Prestonsburg - Megan Hyden 24 points; Ramanda Music 21 points; Molly Burchett 11 points; Heather White 8 points; Amanda Webb 2 points; Vicki Bowling 2 points.

Sheldon Clark - Nikki Copeland 32 points; Heather Horn 23 points; Lauren Burke 6 points; Tiffany Meade 3 points; Brittany Horn 2 points.



photos by W.D. Branham

Prestonsburg's Marshall Edwards, a Paintsville pharmacist, came away with a third-place finish in a weekend race in New Orleans, La. Edwards is coached by W.D. Branham. His next event is the Washington D.C. Marathon March 23-24 in the nation's capital.



Clark

tenure as the head coach. The tradition of Sheldon Clark wrestling is known state-wide. So is Woodford County.

It was a great night to be a member of the Woodford County High School wrestling team or to have the last name of Cooper on Saturday at the Capital Plaza Convention Center.

The Yellowjackets won their 11th team title at the State Wrestling Tournament, while three wrestlers with the last name of Cooper and a couple of rare feats in the sport highlighted the night before about 3,500 rowdy fans.

Woodford County had two individual champions crowned as it won a fifth title in the last seven years. The Yellowjackets finished with 233.5 points, while runner-up Campbell County was at 163. South Oldham was third at 162.

Tyler Baldwin, who won as a junior at the 112-pound weight class, downed St. Xavier's Brandon Wuerth 8-7 to win the 119 title. Baldwin finished with a 37-1 record. However, Baldwin, a senior, might not have won his second state title had Prestonsburg junior Nick Chaffin been in the mix. Chaffin, who lost out to Baldwin in last season's state finals, was unable to compete in this year's regional tournament, thus not having the opportunity to advance on to the state event. Chaffin finished his junior season undefeated versus in-state opposition.

The other individual title for Woodford County came at 171 as Eric Slugantz (45-0) repeated as the champion. He whipped Campbell County's Jake Unger 13-4 at 171.

The Cooper's were the talk of the tournament, with Simon Kenton having five with the name and LaRue County having twin brothers.

Three of the seven were victorious in the final round.

Simon Kenton junior Brad Cooper (41-6) beat South Oldham's Billy Whitehouse 14-

5 to win at 130. Brad Cooper was the 119-pound champion a year ago.

His brother, Craig Cooper (36-0), capped off his undefeated senior season with a 6-5 win over Ryle's Jeremy Lovell to win at 152.

LaRue County's Scott Cooper (43-2) won at 140 - an 8-4 decision over Sheldon Clark's John Thompson. But his twin brother, Andrew Cooper, lost an exciting 4-3 decision in two overtimes to Oldham County's Josh Riordan (41-3) at 160.

St. X senior Isaac Knable (46-1) won his fourth straight individual state title when he pinned East Carter's Rodney Perkins in 2:32 at 145.

Knable, who was named Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament, finished his four-year career undefeated against in-state competition. He finished his career with a 186-14 record and also won titles at 112, 130 and 140.

Texans

home.

"I don't know what the Jets were thinking," Glenn said. "But I'll tell you, they did a favor for us. I think me and Marcus will do well on this team. The fact that we played together in New York will make it easier on us to communicate."

"Inside, you guys can never know how I feel. 'I've always been a fan of any team in Texas ... except the Longhorns. I never thought I'd get a chance to come back home and play football."

The Texans are expected to make Fresno State quarterback David Carr the first pick in the college draft in April. In the 17th round, they chose quarterback Danny Wuerffel from the Chicago Bears.

The Texans also have signed free agent quarterback Mike Quinn.

Wuerffel has been a third-stringer for most of his career,

With the fourth title, Knable becomes just the third wrestler in state history to claim four titles. He joins Conner's Robby Clarkson and Woodford County's Joe Carr Jr.

Seneca's Ben Vessels became just the second son of a former winner to claim a title in state history. The senior ran his record to 47-0 with a 9-7 win over Central Hardin's Jon Knight at 189.

Vessels' father, Jim, went 25-0 in 1970 and won the 185-pound title while wrestling for Fern Creek.

Oldham County won another title when Matt Thompson (38-3) beat South Oldham's Ben Denny for the fifth time this season with a 13-5 decision at 103.

Louisville Eastern's Derek Sawyer (35-2) won at 215 with a 6-4 win over Woodford County's Ross Cassity, while Tates Creek's Jason Gray (43-3) surprised Oldham County's Jon Scarborough 10-6 at heavy-weight.

meaning Carr will have to learn quickly. That was one reason the Texans concentrated on quality offensive linemen - or, beyond Boselli and Young, what passes for quality in an expansion draft.

Walker played at Jacksonville for Capers, who was the Jaguars' defensive coordinator.

Walker is the only link among Monday's selections to the former Houston Oilers, who left after the 1996 season for Tennessee. Walker played two seasons in Houston and two more with the Titans.

He pointed out that the city's annoyance was with owner Bud Adams, not the team.

"The fans never hated us," Walker said. "They had it with Bud. I had a great time here. This is a football city and they loved us. But I couldn't blame them being mad at Bud. Why fall in love with a team that's not going to be here?"

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Who's in charge, anyway?

by CLYDE PACK

When I was a teenager in the 1950s, my father worked in the coal mines. He'd come home dog tired with his face so black you could see nothing but the whites of his eyes and a little pink around his mouth.

While Mom fixed his bath water, he'd sit down on the back porch steps, take off his muddy steel-toed work boots, and roll himself a Bugler. Even as he sat there, though, as dirty and tired and bruised as he was, there was never a doubt in my mind that he was the man in charge.

He was just another employee to those who ran the Northeast Coal Company, but at home, he was the boss. He was, as they say, the head honcho. That was simply fact. I didn't question it. As far as I knew at the time, neither did anyone else.

Perhaps that's why I'm somewhat amused every time I pick up the paper and read where some expert with a list of degrees as long as your leg has published the results of another study about the deterioration of the American family. They are constantly blaming the fall and decline of family life on everything from violence on TV to access to the internet to working mothers. While these intellectuals are exchanging theories — some of which

I'll admit to having at least a degree of validity — it doesn't take someone too awfully bright to spot at least one major flaw in their reasoning. I mean, anyone with two eyes, two ears and a vague memory of how it used to be, knows that one of the problems today is that nobody knows who's in charge.

I suppose I have a slight advantage over most adults. Not that I think I'm smarter or anything, it's just that having been a high school teacher for more than 30 years, I lived among teenagers for six hours a day. As a result, I became very enlightened as I overheard conversations from time to time that were simply hard to believe.

Teenagers talk freely about things they've done, places they've been and people with whom they've associated. They openly discuss their not getting home until three in the morning, sleeping until three in the afternoon, and their parents' writing excuses for school with the explanation that their son or daughter was too sick to attend classes.

I think that's just plain sad. I'm for progressive change as much as the next man, but if there's not a reversal in the pecking order pretty soon, by the time today's teens become parents, they'll have to ask their children's permission to use the family car.

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T - G I F T w a n t s t o k n o w

'Do you need a computer?'

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If you are the parent of a school-age child, you know that notebooks, pencils and an encyclopedia just don't fit the bill anymore when it comes to research homework. More and more, our kids are given assignments that require internet research and printed manuscripts. But what if you can't afford a computer? And if our middle school and high school students are feeling the need to have a computer in the home, imagine how our college-bound students are feeling. Although it would be the rare case for a higher learning institution to not provide computer access to its students, still, lines can be long and sometimes it can be difficult for a busy college student to manage to work within the time frame of the center's open hours.

Wouldn't it be nice if your college student could have their very own computer in their very own home, whether it be the family home, an economy-priced apartment, or college dormitory? Computer access, anytime, any day of the week.

Sound like a dream come true? Well, this dream can come true for at least one

Floyd County college-bound student this year through the Floyd County Technology Gift

Incentive Foundation Team (T-GIFT) program.

T-GIFT was born this past September on the Berea College campus. It was here that 14 Floyd County residents convened as part of the Brushy Fork Institute's Leadership Development Program. The program, founded in 1988 at the initiative of Berea College President John B. Stephenson, was designed to promote the development of leadership skills, on the local level, throughout the Appalachian region.

Based on the conviction that the people of the Central Appalachian Mountains have within them the vision and commitment they need to guide their region's development, the Brushy Fork Institute strives to target participants for their programs who have shown leadership potential within their own communities. Brushy Fork then begins the work of aiding these participants in learning how to "stretch themselves" professionally, intellectually, and even emotionally, all in a combined effort to work toward the betterment of their communities.

T-GIFT was born as an offshoot of a "brainstorming" session (actually several sessions) that the Floyd County leadership development team participated in. Although several ideas were generated, some geared toward implementation of increased child care programs/facilities, others geared toward the development of various types of community centers and "county-connectedness" projects, as well as a number of other different and varying projects, the final outcome of the team's session was to implement a program that would incorporate the vision of a better educated Floyd County. Toward this goal, the Floyd County team

set in place a long term goal of implementing a self-sustaining technology gift program that would prove to enhance the educational opportunities of deserving students.

Great care has been taken by the T-GIFT team members to ensure that all students be given a fair chance at winning this award, and please note that the student chosen is not required to be in the upper ranks of his/her graduating class. In an effort to give all students a chance at being the best they can be, the T-GIFT team elected to require that the chosen student have at least a 2.0 ("C") grade point average. T-GIFT recognizes that dedication to "doing" your best is just as honorable as "being" the best.

Please do not hesitate to inform

At least one deserving Floyd County student currently bound for a higher education program, will receive a new computer, compliments of T-GIFT this upcoming spring. To be eligible to receive this award, the student must:

- 1.) Be a Floyd County high school senior or a non-traditional college student (adult) applying to a college, university, or technical school.
- 2.) Currently have and maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- 3.) Become involved in "giving back" to the county.
- 4.) Submit a single-spaced one page essay, along with an official T-GIFT application form. The essay should be entitled: "My Focus on a Community Need and How I would Address It."
- 5.) Submit a transcript of their high school record.
- 6.) Provide a written letter of recommendation from two teachers, and,
- 7.) Mail the completed application and the required documents to the following address by no later than March 15, 2002: T-GIFT, P.O. Box 1802, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

those in your family is nearing and the T-GIFT team members are waiting to hear from eligible applicants.

For information on how to receive an application, please contact your school's Family Resource Center, or Kathy Prater at The Floyd County Times, 886-8506, or Sister Kathleen Weigand at 886-2513.

Members of the Floyd County T-GIFT team are: The Reverend Johnnie E. Ross, Kathy Prater, Kathleen Weigand, Theresa Scott, Mike Vance, David Kraus, Delora Kraus, Lowell Brock, Tiffany Hall, Aaron Collins, Sheila Hall, Steve Damron, Jimmy Walker, and Betty Cavins.

Begin that essay now and help T-GIFT help Floyd County!



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Small World

A Great Lady

I don't know if many people in our county remember a lady named Anne Elliott Stephens, but she was a remarkable woman. Born at Beaver, KY, almost ninety-three years ago, she was part of a big and industrious family that included eleven children. She was never bothered by any lack of opportunity for she could always see work to be done, and she was always willing to do it.

At the age of 23, she had mar-

ried Orville Stephens of Langley, KY, and, together, they made a life and a living. Her son, Jim, said, "Mother was the brains of our family. She always knew what to do and how to do it." From a very early age, she was a church worker, and for several years she served as Postmaster of Hi Hat, KY. She and Orville were active in Masonic organizations and partners in several businesses that included stores and theaters; and always she was a very positive and friendly person, loyal to the people she knew.

Orville passed away several years ago and Anne had moved to Lexington, to live near her two remaining sisters, Zettie and Tillie. Son Jim had moved to Bartlesville, Ok., and a few weeks ago he took her there to spend the winter months. She enjoyed going but looked forward to getting back to her home and her church where she was very involved. But she passed away while there, and they brought her back to her home church for the funeral service, and back to Floyd County for the burial.

I had always known more "about" Anne than I actually knew her. One sister's family had lived on Prater Creek for a while and one of her nieces, Mary Louise Burchett, became one of my dearest grade-school friends. To know one of them was almost to know all of them, and once I went with Mary for an overnight visit to her Grandpa Elliott's home at Beaver. Of course their own children were grown and married, but they enjoyed having the grandchildren around.

Mary Louise was proud of her

heritage and I remember her saying, "I'm a Burchett, but I'm half Elliott." They moved away to western Kentucky, and she has since died, but I have never forgotten her and the good times we shared.

When I learned they would be bringing Anne to Davidson Memorial Gardens, I knew I wanted to go and see the family members who would be there. I got to talk with Anne's sister, Zettie, and her son, Jim, who would be returning with his wife

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School Happenings

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.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Feb. 20 - Parent Support Group - to meet at Clark Elementary School - 9 a.m.

Feb. 23 - Peer Mediation Training.

Feb. 25 - PTO meeting - 6:30 p.m. - school library.

AMS is looking to offer a beginner's computer class for AMS parents and community members. If interested, please call 886-9812 to register.

Recycle and Earn Money for AMS - AMS has implemented an inkjet cartridge recycling program. To help, save your empty inkjet cartridges and bring them to AMS,

or give them to an AMS student or faculty member. (Businesses may call for pick-up.) For further information, call the school at 886-2671 and ask for Lana Wicker, or e-mail to lwicker@floyd.k12.ky.us. Participation in this program will help raise funds for our school.

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. 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.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

Feb. 26 - Central Kentucky Blood Center will hold a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please call center to make an appointment

to donate.

Feb. 28, Mar. 1 - Floyd County Health Dept. will present a Dental Program for grades K-3.

Mar. 19 - Wulfe Bros. will perform "Reflections of the American Spirit" at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from *The Floyd County Times*, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (Feb. 19 and Feb. 21, 1992)

A state Appellate Court Judge ruled, Tuesday, that an investigator for the state Office of Education Accountability does not have to testify before a Floyd County Grand Jury, Wednesday, about an investigation into the Floyd County School System. Appeals Judge John Gardner blocked a decision issued by Floyd County Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo, Tuesday morning, that ordered OEA investigator Phil Austin to obey a subpoena from Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton...The other contenders in the race for eastern Kentucky's first harness racing track apparently threw a shoe down the home stretch, as Prestonsburg crossed the finish line alone in the race for the \$3 million-plus facility. Friday, the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission unanimously approved the application by Eastern Kentucky Racing Inc. president, and Prestonsburg businessman Clyde Woods, to conduct live harness racing and intertrack wagering within the mountains...A Carl D. Perkins Job Corps counselor was arrested, Thursday night, for allegedly soliciting an assault upon a 17-year-old student, January 10. Clarence Trammel Jr., 52, of Wheelwright, was arrested by Prestonsburg police sergeant Jeff Stumbo and charged with criminal solicitation and criminal facilitation in connection with an altercation at the center involving six students, who allegedly assaulted another student...Students and instructors from Prestonsburg Community College (PCC) met in a peaceful rally, Monday afternoon, at the college to protest apparent state funding cuts for community colleges across Kentucky. Linda Smith, president of Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic society member, and sponsor of the rally, led the demonstration to discuss the effects of past cuts and apparent future cuts on community colleges and to ask others to contact their legislators about their concerns as to whether quality education will be allowed to continue within community college systems across Kentucky...The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission needs tour guides for one-day trips with groups visiting the area. A clear speaking voice and good communication skills are important in presenting interesting information about our past and present...Approximately 50

Allen city residents were at the Floyd County courthouse annex, Thursday, to protest an entertainment permit application that would allow, if approved, a beer by the drink roadhouse near a New Allen residential section. The application was submitted by Darrell Preston of Ivel, to sell beer by the drink and operate the Crossroads Lounge, "three tenths of a mile from the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 1428 at Allen," according to the Floyd County Court entertainment application. The application also noted that the business would offer live music and dancing between the hours of 4 p.m. to midnight, and would be closed only on Sundays and major holidays...No further information has been received by the state Division of Air Quality on an application by a North Carolina soil remediation company to locate a mobile soil incinerator in Floyd County. Roger Cook, with the Division of Air Quality, said earlier this week that his office has not received the additional information from Enviro-Spec that is needed to complete their application...There died: Forrest Clinton Stephens, 60, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; David Allen Songer, 38, of Paintsville, Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; John Pack Sr., 95, of Drift, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Arizona (Arie) Caudill, 79, of Plumwood, Ohio, Sunday, at her residence; Eva Evans, 64, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Stephens Branch Road, Sunday; Paul Richard Wright, 40, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mae Hunt, 68, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of Cow Creek, Wednesday, at St. Joe's Hospital in Ypsilanti; Nedra Turner Slone, 44, of McDowell, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Maude Salyers Hannah, 88, of West Van Lear, Tuesday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Adrian Griffith, 31, a former Floyd County resident, in an automobile accident on Saturday, at Bean Station, Tennessee; Mary Mynhier Wolverton, 73, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at her residence; Virgil Shepherd, 63, of Warsaw, Indiana, Thursday, at IU Medical Center; Verdina Sammons, 71, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Verlin "Tuck" Kimbler, 80, of Sitka, Sunday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Lucille Conley Hackworth, 70, of Silver Lake, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Miller's

Manor Nursing Home in Warsaw, Indiana; Warner Roark Jr., 66, of Weeksbury, Tuesday, at his residence; Woodrow Bradley, 59, of Claypool, Indiana, Wednesday, at his residence; Raymond Astor Woods, 76, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at his residence; Bascom Clark May, 49, of Crestwood, formerly of Martin, Wednesday, at the Tri-County Community Hospital; Edith P. Terry, 70, of Wayland, Wednesday, at Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago (February 24, 1982)

An abducted 10-year-old Allen girl, missing nearly 12 hours, was found walking in the vicinity of the Allen Park; she was badly frightened and her clothes had been slashed with a knife...Three Mud Creek men, Tony (19) and Johnny "Buck" (25) Tackett and Melvin Howell (22), were jailed for allegedly beating and stabbing Darrell Hunter, 25, of Printer...Ronald Gullett, 45, of Wheelwright, survived after he came in contact with a power line carrying approximately 45,000 volts of electricity...New South Central Bell opens Prestonsburg Operations Building at Water Gap...There died: Polly Hicks, 62, of Hueysville, Friday, at her home; Troy Calhoun, 76, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at his home; Robert Keith Osborne, 28, of Azusa, California, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, following a brief illness; Daisy Osborne, native of Floyd County, February 12, in Louisville; Otto Hyden, 76, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at his home; Lucian Laferty Sr., 68, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at St. Joseph Hospital; Johnny Neeley, 71, of Abbott, Tuesday, at his home; Edna Mae Martin, 55, of McDowell, Monday, at her home; Minnie Prater, 78, of Greenup, formerly of Hueysville, Friday, at home; and J.C. Finley, 83, of Tennessee, formerly of Wayland, February 14, at Harrisman Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (February 24, 1972)

A grant of approximately \$100,000 has been made by the Office of Economic Opportunity in finance planning of a new comprehensive health program in Floyd County within the

next 12 months...Gov. Wendell Ford said last week he is seriously considering imposing a moratorium of up to 60 days on issuance of new strip-mining permits...The rugged 58th district basketball tournament will get underway at the Prestonsburg High School fieldhouse next Wednesday night, with three of the favored teams, Betsy Layne, McDowell, and Wheelwright, clustered together in the lower bracket...Governor Wendell H. Ford has moved toward construction of not one, but two, highway bridges to span the Big Sandy River in this county. In addition to the Emma bridge, first promised by Gov. Nunn, a span will be built at Banner...Anita Lou Auxier, of Emma, the third-place state winner in the 1971 Conservation Essay, received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and an award certificate at the annual Farm Awards Luncheon in Louisville, February 19; Miss Auxier, 13, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Auxier...Six Floyd County students have been named to the dean's list at Eastern Kentucky University. They are Philip A. Haywood, and Kathy L. May, both of Prestonsburg; James P. Reebes, Melvin; Robert E. Stanley, Betsy Layne; Mary K. Stickler, Drift...Born: a son, Jason Ray, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray Branham, of Prestonsburg, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, January 30...There died: Lawrence C. Thacker, 74, of Pikeville, Tuesday, February 16 at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Jasper Slone, 80, at his home at at Hueysville, last Tuesday; Bryan Douglas Keathley, 14, son of Walker and Thursda Dotson Keathley of Ashland, formerly of this county, February 4, in a Louisville hospital; Mrs. Anna M. Call, 60, of Harold, Monday, at the McDowell Hospital; Dick Robinson, 80, of the Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, last Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Michael Schmidt, 78, Friday, at his home at Rush; Gilbert Samons, 61, of Martin, Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Elizabeth Ann McCown, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCown, of Melvin, last Tuesday, at U.K. Medical Center; Mrs. Lourina O. Slone, 83, of Wayland, Saturday, in a Louisa hospital; Mrs. Dora C. Green, of Sesser, Ill., formerly of the Left Beaver section of this county, Saturday, in Sesser; Mrs. Julia Miller Wallen, 53, of Water Gap, last Wednesday at the U.K. Medical Center; Mrs. Amanda C.

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Birthdays



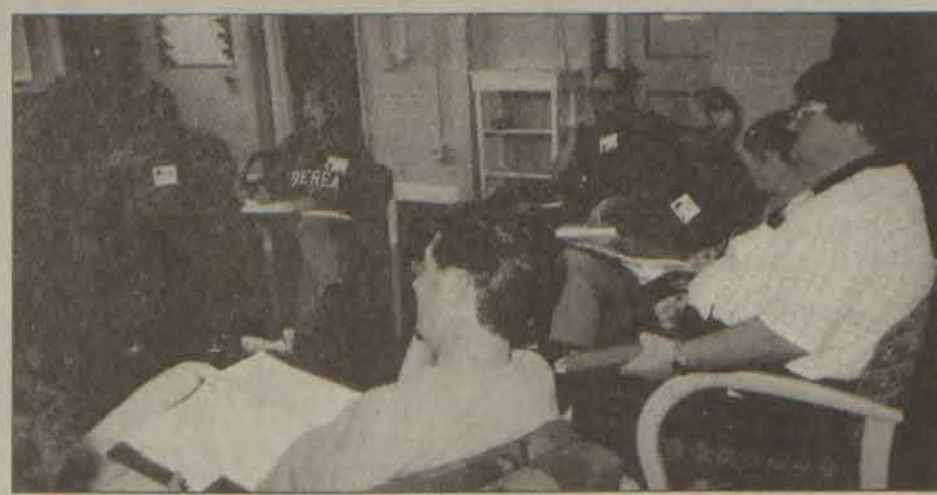
Alexis is 3!

Alexis Makenzi Hall, the daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, celebrated her third birthday on January 10, 2002. Alexis was joined by many family members and friends who all enjoyed her "Barbie" theme birthday party. Alexis is the maternal granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett, and her maternal great-grandmother is Sybol Bentley, of Wayland. Her paternal grandparents are Palmer Hall, of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Ann Dangler, of Indiana. She is the paternal great-granddaughter of Buddy and Marie Stone, of Estill.



It's a girl!

Autumn Faith Stumbo was born on December 21, 2001, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. The daughter of Jessica and Robbie Stumbo, of McDowell, Autumn weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 21 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Phillip Newsome, of Weeksbury, and John M. Stumbo, of McDowell, and Minha Paik, of Lexington. She is the great-granddaughter of Nora Johnson, of Ligon, and the great-great granddaughter of Mary Newsome, also of Ligon, and Estill Newsome, of Pikeville.



Members of the Floyd County Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team (T-GIFT) listen attentively as team members voice their concerns and visions for Floyd County. The team is shown in a "brainstorming" session that took place on the Berea College campus this past September. From left to right are: Steve Damron, Sheila Hall, Jimmy Walker, David Kraus, Delora Kraus, Mike Vance, and Johnnie Ross.

T-GIFT team members were treated to a formal luncheon at Berea College's Boone Tavern upon their arrival to the picturesque college campus. Donna Morgan, Floyd County's Brushy Fork Institute team leader, is shown seated at the head of the luncheon table.



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and daughter to Oklahoma. We talked about the different family members, some who have died and others who live in scattered areas.

I also got to talk to Jack Elliott, a nephew who now lives in Hopkinsville, KY. He seemed pleased that I remembered his father, Bascom Elliott, but I knew him as Mary's "Uncle Bascom." We talked about Anne and some of the contributions she has made, of how she quietly went about facing any challenge.

She was a woman ahead of her time, an inspiration to any woman with ambitions. She leaves a great legacy to the family and friends who will miss her great strengths and pleasant ways.

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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

Feb. 20 - "Time our for Parents" - 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks.

"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.

Weddings



Hall-Rice to wed

David and Lucille Hall, of Middlecreek, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Erica Edith Brook Hall, to Kenneth E. Rice II, the son of Kenneth and Peggy Rice, of East Point. The bride-elect is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is currently attending Prestonsburg Community College. She is the granddaughter of Anthony and Edith Newsome, of Middlecreek, and Verna Jane Hall, of Banner, and the late Ballard Hall. The prospective groom is a graduate of Johnson Central High School, Prestonsburg Community College, and Eastern Kentucky University. He is the grandson of Royce W. Mayo, of West Prestonsburg, and the late Garnett Mayo, and Cloteen Rice, of East Point, and the late Willard Rice. He is employed by Superior Auto Mart of Salyersville.

Yesterdays

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Hunter, 88, of Estill, last Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; William R. Hall, 86, of Auxier, last Tuesday, in a nursing home here; Mrs. Ellen Flannery Salisbury, 71, of Martin, Sunday, in a Martin hospital; John Francis "Jack" Ribble, Jr., 74, Sunday, at his home in Midland, Va.; Mrs. Georgia M. Arnett, 63, of West Liberty, February 4.

Forty Years Ago (February 22, 1962)

Monday will be moving day for the offices of the county superintendent to the new administrative offices in the newly remodeled high school building on Arnold Avenue...The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club was joined, last Thursday evening, by Edward T. (Ned) Breathitt, of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, in its rejoicing over the almost-unanimous acclaim given the junior college legislation by the House of Representatives...W.R. Callihan, of Prestonsburg, has been named chairman of the 1962 American Red Cross fund drive in Floyd County, it was announced this week by Miss Ella Noel White, executive secretary of the Floyd Red Cross Chapter...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Osborn, of Allen, a son, John David, Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Arthur Clarence Carter, 73, former mayor of Prestonsburg, in an auto mishap last Wednesday near Hager Gap; Isadore Horn, 70, of Lackey, Monday, at his home; Mrs. Letha Scalf Compton, 84, last Tuesday, at her home at Hite; Thomas F. Marshall, 85, of Manton, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Richard Frasure, 65, Tuesday, at Martin; Walter Ray Booth, 62, of Martin, Saturday, at Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Vicie Frasure, 83, of Langley, last Thursday, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland; Mrs. Lillie Rose Hughes, 74, of Drift, Monday, at the Beaver Valley hospital; Green R. Allen, 81, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Floyd Jones, 74 of Printer, last Thursday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Orlena Stanley, 76, of Hueysville, Friday, at Homeplace Hospital, Ary, Ky.; Mrs. Thelma Hager, 61, of Cliff, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

was nearing purchase in Floyd County, with acceptance and survey of a Beaver Creek parcel of land...Floyd County, was flu-ridden this week, with every section of the county reporting numerous cases. But for sulfa drugs and penicillin which makes home treatment possible for physicians, hospitals would have been taxed to capacity, it was said...An advertisement in this week's Times expressed interest in dead stock! "Get cash for horses, cattle, mules," read the ad of Darling & Company...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Addington, of Drift, a daughter, Feb. 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Laura Minnie Hatfield, 81, last Thursday, at her home at East Point; Wesley Hale, 75, Sunday, at his home at Hueysville; Adam Prater, of Pyramid, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Malinda Frances Laferty, 58, Thursday, at her home at Allen; James Bentley, 65, native of Brush Creek, Friday, at Logan, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago (February 26, 1942)

Members of the Floyd County rationing board said here this week, that the county's truck and tire quota is insufficient to the needs of motorists whose cars and trucks are essential to industrial and other necessary activities...Floyd County draft board officials this week expressed belief that the new ruling providing for induction of selectees on the same day they are given their physical examination will not apply to the approximately 100 who have been notified to appear here, Monday, to be taken to Huntington, W. Va., for final examination preparatory to beginning military service...A.C.P. committeemen, Smith-Hughes teachers, Farm Security administration supervisors, county farm and home agents, and members of Homemakers' clubs of four counties of this section, attended the district Food-for-Victory meeting held at the Prestonsburg grade school, Thursday, last week...In the community news from Hippo this week, a fairly complex car swap deal was reported. The transactions follow: "E.C. Moore bought a Pontiac from Herb Paul, then swapped it to C.P. Ousley for a Plymouth. Mr. Moore had previously sold Mr. Ousley a Ford truck. Grover Ousley now has the truck and is using it to drive to the Warco compressor station..."...There died: Charles Baldrige, 68, Friday, at his home on Little Paint; Dr. Carl L. Prichard, 71, veteran eastern Kentucky physician, Saturday, at his home at Harold; Thomas Hall, 76, last Thursday, at his home at Myrtle; Edith Derossett, 19, of Dwale, Monday, at Martin General Hospital, as the result of injuries suffered in an auto wreck, Feb. 13; Flora Agnes Harris, 42, native of Cow Creek, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; J.D. Collins, 24, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Beatrice Boyd, 33, Sunday, at Dana; Whitt Chaffins, 32, Saturday, at his home at West Garrett.

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

Feb. 6, 2002

A son, Andrew Ryan Tackett, to Andrea & Brian Tackett.

Feb. 6, 2002

A son, Jackson Drew Butcher, to Stacy & Barry Butcher.

Feb. 7, 2002

A son, Christopher Thomas Pryor, to Kadi Johnson.

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A daughter, Katie Danielle Grim, to Eileen Kay Grim.

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A daughter, Jaydin Ruthine Cole, to Jessica J. Purser.

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A son, Braxton Kyle Ball, to Lisa Ann & Brant Ball.

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A son, Mason Kai Lovely, to Melissa Lee & Jeffery Neil Lovely.

Fifty Years Ago (February 21, 1952)

The Floyd Fiscal Court indicated, at its meeting Monday, that it is planning a common home for the indigents who are charges of the county...Disapproval of the Breaks of Sandy as a national park site will not discourage the Breaks Park Association in its efforts to promote a bistate or interstate park in the scenic area, the organization's president said this week...One UMW hospital in eastern Kentucky became a certainty this week with the presentation of a \$32,000 check for real estate at Whitesburg, and another hospital site

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Luv Homes recognized for \$3 million in sales

Mike Kirk, manager of Luv Homes, Ivel, was recognized for \$3 million in sales. Luv Homes received this award during the 27th Annual Awards Banquet, which was attended by retailers throughout the United States and was sponsored by Clayton Homes, Inc. During the awards ceremony in Knoxville, Tennessee, Kirk was recognized and presented with a plaque for this accomplishment.

Presenting the award was Richard Strachan, president, Manufacturing Group of Clayton Homes, Inc., which was recognized as

Manufacturer of the Year for the third straight year by the Manufactured Housing Institute.

Upon receipt of his award, Kirk recognized his sales and service team as being instrumental in this accomplishment. "My salespeople along with my service people all joined together to make this possible. It took a combined team effort to make Luv Homes \$3 million in sales. I'd like to recognize and thank my sales team, Jim Silliman, Ronnie Coleman, and Johnny Martin, as well as my service folks, Jim Elkins and Tim Setser for their help in this accomplishment," he said.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Clayton Homes is also one of the nation's largest retailers of manufactured homes. Employing over 7,000 people, the company builds, sells, finances, and insures manufactured homes and operates 77 communities. Clayton's retail network includes more than 300 company owned sales centers and more than 700 independent retailers in 33 states.



Richard Strachan, president, Manufacturing Group of Clayton Homes, Inc., presented Mike Kirk, manager of Luv Homes, Ivel, with a plaque recognizing Kirk's accomplishment of \$3 million in sales. Kevin Clayton, right, chief executive officer and president of the Clayton Corporation, was also on hand to offer his congratulations.

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Two houses and barn on 30 acres, located three miles north (on Hwy. 11) of Oneida.
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New home repair program in the works

KHC, RHS, pool funds to create home repair program for rural homeowners

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) and Rural Housing Services (RHS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are combining resources to help resolve one of Kentucky's major housing problems—critical home repairs.

The HouseWorks Program provides funding—a portion of which requires no repayment—to help rural homeowners make badly needed repairs, and help them remain in their homes. Eligible recipients must be both the owner and occupant of the home and have a household income not exceeding 50 percent of the area median income for their county of residence.

"Generally speaking, housing in Kentucky's rural areas tends to be older and less durable than in the rest of the state," said Tom Carew, KHC's director of Appalachian Housing. Kenneth Slone, state director of USDA Rural Development, added "More than 2.5 million housing units in rural America are considered substandard and approximately 50,000 of these are in rural Kentucky."

are eligible to apply for participation in the HomeWorks Program through their local RHS office.

KHC Chief Executive Officer F. Lynn Luallen said, "If we are going to create a better future for all Kentuckians, we must start with improving the quality of housing in many of our rural counties, as with the HouseWorks Program. Safe, decent, affordable housing continues to be one of the most critical indicators of healthy families, communities and economies. We must also continue to build and foster partnerships, as we have with RHS, to most effectively serve Kentucky's families."

KHC, the state housing finance agency, also offers low-interest home buyer loans, homeownership education and counseling, rental housing production financing, a variety of rental assistance and housing rehabilitation programs for the entire state. For more information about KHC, call (502) 564-7630, (800) 633-8896, TTY/V (800) 648-6056/6057, or visit www.kyhousing.org. RHS provides a number of homeownership opportunities to rural Americans, as well as programs for home renovation and repair. RHS also makes financing available to elderly, disabled or low-income rural residents of multi-unit housing buildings to ensure they are able to make rent payments. For more information about RHS, call (859) 224-7322, or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/ky.

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McDowell ARH Employee of the Month

McDowell ARH is pleased to announce that Sharon Newsome has been named as Employee of the Month for February 2002. Sharon is employed in the Dietetics Department and has worked at McDowell ARH for nearly five years. She is a resident of Hi Hat. Sharon and her husband, Bobby, are the parents of three children.

Sharon Newsome

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(PURSUANT TO 401 KAR 5:006 SECTION 4 & 5; KRS-424, and 40CFR 25.5 & 6)

The Southern Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, has drafted a 20-year Facilities Planning Document containing wastewater collection and treatment, and its cost within the planning area, as described therein. The Facilities Planning Document proposes to sewer the Wayland/Garrett area, and to extend service to the surrounding communities. Interested citizens may obtain further information by viewing a draft copy of the

Facilities Planning Document by contacting Bob Meyer, at the above given address, or calling (606) 377-9296, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on Monday through Friday.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wayland Community Center. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Facilities Planning Document and its contents, specifically the collection and treatment alternatives, project cost, financing sources, user charges, and hook up/tap on fee. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting, and shall have a right to comment on the Facilities Planning Document for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by writing to the above address, or before the termination of the hearing, whichever is later. A longer comment period may be requested in writing. All persons who believe any condition of the Facilities Planning Document is inappropriate, inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise not in the best interest of the public and environment, must raise all reasonable issues, and submit all reasonable arguments, facts, and comments with supporting documents to the above given contact person.

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Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Comments pertaining to the documents should be directed by letter to:
Ms. Lucile V. Mullins, Chief Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers 502 Eighth Street Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The David Fire Dept. is accepting sealed bids for the following: The erection of a 40x80x14 metal building. It will have four 12x12 roll-up doors with manual and electric operated openers, and one walk door. Four-inch insulation in walls and ceiling, gutters and downspouts.
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EXHIBIT 2 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION AND INDUSTRIAL AREA SECTION 531 PRIDE PROJECT FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Rolling Acres Subdivision and Industrial Area Project is complete and available for public review. The project is located 8.2 miles southeast of the City of Prestonsburg, along the Levisa Fork and U.S. Route 23, Floyd County, Kentucky. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about 19 February, 2002. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following locations.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase I, II & III bond release on Permit No. 898-5003, which was last issued on January 8, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 45.73 acres. The permit area is approximately one mile north from U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek County Road,

and located one mile north of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 36' 04". The longitude is 82° 38' 56".

The Bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$7,800.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$7,800.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Bond Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$4,400.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,400.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,000.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #5 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$9,200.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$9,200.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

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Reclamation work performed to date includes; backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation, completed Spring, 1995.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002. Written comments, obligations or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 19, 2002.

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Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Services, Inc. (HOMES, INC.) has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation through the HOME program and other Kentucky Housing Corporation funding to perform construction of new homes to be located in Letcher, Knott, and part of Floyd Counties, Kentucky, for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income adjusted to household size and rehabilitations/reconstructions on homes which are occupied by the owners, and whose household income is at or below 80% of the median income in counties of Letcher, Knott, and Floyd. Additionally, HOMES, Inc., has been funded to rehabilitate an existing building in Whitesburg, Kentucky, into transitional housing units for targeted special needs clients. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, HOMES announces it will be purchasing construction materials to perform these construction activities. Additionally, HOMES will contract the following activities: heating/air conditioning, plumbing, dry-wall, site work, grading and paving, potable water system development, water well drilling, on-site wastewater disposal, and asbestos removal and lead-based paint abatement. In addition to standard residential building materials, HOMES will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc.

A pre-detonation warning consisting of a one (1) minute series of long blasts on an airhorn/siren will be given five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short airhorn/siren blast prior to detonation. The all clear signal shall consist of a prolonged airhorn/siren blast following inspection of the site. Personnel are to remain in clear area until a satisfactory, post detonation inspection of the blasting area has been made. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one-half mile. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operational, or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normal sunrise to sunset blasting period, the audible signal described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00022

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. PLAINTIFF VS. GENE BLACKBURN AND TEEN BLACKBURN, HIS WIFE; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the June 22, 2001, and January 25, 2002, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$53,115.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line up the left side of the branch to a maple and to a sycamore stump; thence running around the back side of the Dale Roberts' house down the creek to a popular; thence turning right and running up the hill to where a wire fence crosses the point; thence on up the point with the point and fence with Dale Roberts' line to the top of the ridge between the said Pike and Road Fork and the Deadening Fork; thence turning right up the ridge by the Payne Rocks and following the same ridge to lands of Richard Adkins; thence running down the point with the Adkins' line to the road and/or creek; thence down said road with rights of way line to the beginning. This conveyance includes the surface only, and all minerals are excepted and not conveyed. There is further excepted and excluded from this conveyance the following described tract, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line to a corner just back of his house aforementioned; thence turning right and running up said branch along the side of the hill approximately 255 feet to a double pine in a small ravine; thence turning a right angle down the hill and crossing the branch and up the other side and or the east side of hill approximately 115 feet to a Sweetgum; thence turning right and running down the branch along the hillside approximately 255 feet to a stake 25 feet above and east of a ditch line at back side of road; thence turning left and running around the hillside up the creek by

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION

NUMBER 860-5218
In accordance with 405 KAR 18:120, section 3, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, Telephone (606) 946-3100, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blast-

ing site consists of approximately 13.70 acres, located approximately 0.40 miles northeast of Handshoe in Knott and Floyd Counties, Kentucky.

The area is located 1.90 miles southeast of junction of KY 2029 and KY 7. Also the area is located on Saltlick Creek of Right Beaver Creek, and at Latitude 37 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds, and Longitude 82 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds. Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Saturday, from March, 2002, to March, 2003.

Control of the blasting area will be prohibited by signs and barriers. An authorized representative will prohibit access to the blasting area, at least ten (10) minutes prior to the detonation. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed, only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist.

A pre-detonation warning consisting of a one (1) minute series of long blasts on an airhorn/siren will be given five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short airhorn/siren blast prior to detonation. The all clear signal shall consist of a prolonged airhorn/siren blast following inspection of the site. Personnel are to remain in clear area until a satisfactory, post detonation inspection of the blasting area has been made. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one-half mile. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operational, or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normal sunrise to sunset blasting period, the audible signal described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following property will be offered at public sale at Worldwide Equipment, Inc., Hwy 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY, on 2/26/02, commencing at 11:00 AM:

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1999 Trailstar 34ft Trailer Vin # 1T9DS34C8X1066621
1999 Trailstar 34ft Trailer Vin # 1T9DS34CXX1066622
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The property may be inspected by appointment prior to the sale at Worldwide Equipment, Inc., Hwy 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653.

Cash sales only. Inquiries: CitiCapital Commercial Corp., at 513-677-8700 02-00351-0

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the June 22, 2001, and January 25, 2002, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$53,115.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line up the left side of the branch to a maple and to a sycamore stump; thence running around the back side of the Dale Roberts' house down the creek to a popular; thence turning right and running up the hill to where a wire fence crosses the point; thence on up the point with the point and fence with Dale Roberts' line to the top of the ridge between the said Pike and Road Fork and the Deadening Fork; thence turning right up the ridge by the Payne Rocks and following the same ridge to lands of Richard Adkins; thence running down the point with the Adkins' line to the road and/or creek; thence down said road with rights of way line to the beginning. This conveyance includes the surface only, and all minerals are excepted and not conveyed. There is further excepted and excluded from this conveyance the following described tract, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line to a corner just back of his house aforementioned; thence turning right and running up said branch along the side of the hill approximately 255 feet to a double pine in a small ravine; thence turning a right angle down the hill and crossing the branch and up the other side and or the east side of hill approximately 115 feet to a Sweetgum; thence turning right and running down the branch along the hillside approximately 255 feet to a stake 25 feet above and east of a ditch line at back side of road; thence turning left and running around the hillside up the creek by

way of two large pines located about 15 feet above the persimmon tree and straight on around the hill to road; thence down said road to the beginning. Containing two acres more or less.

For reference of source of title, see deed to Gene Blackburn and Teen Blackburn, his wife, dated September 28, 1988, in Deed Book 322, Page 328, Floyd County Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Donald Combs Combs & Combs, P.S.C. P.O. Drawer 31 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-CI-00228

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF

VS. TIM FERGUSON AND VIVIAN FERGUSON, HIS WIFE; CENTRAL FINANCE SERVICES; FIRST UNION BANK OF FLORIDA; AND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COM-MISSIGNER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 17th day of January, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$63,812.60, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of March, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., that property set out in that certain mortgage of record in Mortgage Book 299, at Page 401, and

said vacant tract or parcel of land located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

TRACT 2
Beginning at a planted iron stake on the right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway No. 1428, the same being a corner of the property now owned by Dale Meade; thence with the said Dale Meade's line across the bottom to a planted iron stake on the bank of Little Paint Creek; thence continuing with the said Dale Meade line a straight line to the center of Little Paint Creek; thence with the center line of Little Paint Creek and the meanders thereof down said creek approximately 325 feet to a point opposite a planted iron stake on the right of way of Kentucky Highway No. 1428; thence a straight line from the center of said creek to said planted iron stake; thence with the right of way line of said Kentucky Highway No. 1428 to the planted iron stake, the beginning, which includes lots 5, 6, 7 and 8.

There is excepted from this conveyance that certain property conveyed by Joseph B. Tharp, III, and Deborah B. Tharp to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, dated March 29, 1990, and lodged for record in Deed Book 336, page 192, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Said Deed is referred to for a more complete description of this exception.

Being the same property conveyed to Tim and Vivian

Ferguson by deed from Unisign Corp., dated September 14, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 441, Page 162, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001,

and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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