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briefs

Miner dies in roof fall

A Knott County man was killed in an underground mine accident.

Manuel Ritchie, 39, of Littcarr, was operating a roof-bolting machine when a slab of rock fell on him, said Holly McCoy, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals.

The accident occurred about 3 p.m. Monday at the Knott County Mining Co. Brimstone No. 1 mine.

Inspectors from the Department of Mines and Minerals and the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration are investigating.

It was the second mine fatality in Kentucky this year.

Interior studies mining in Boone forest

The U.S. Department of Interior said Thursday it is studying proposals to allow underground coal mining in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Geologist Corey Miller said the government was considering requests to

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Today



High: 44 • Low: 24

Tomorrow



High: 52 • Low: 30

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PES supporters decry rumors of possible closing

System says shutdown possible, but not definite

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A meeting of the Floyd County school system's Local Planning Committee (LPC) held Tuesday to consider the school system's growing problems with space utilization has resulted in a whirlwind of protest from Prestonsburg citizens.

Speculation about the possibility of closing Prestonsburg Elementary School as part of a consolidation option has some parents up in arms in disapproval. Word spread quickly of the committee's plans to present to the Floyd County Board of Education discussion about options to re-examine a state-rejected proposal concerning space utilization within county schools.

The motion to recommend to the school board these plans was presented at the committee's Tuesday meeting, a group consisting of 11 members. However, according to voting committee member and PES principal Gwen Hale Frazier, only six members were present to hear a

presentation from architects given as an overview of options for construction proposals at both PES and Clark Elementary School.

Of the six members present Tuesday, Bonita Compton, Robin Hall, Carol Stumbo, Ruth Patterson and vice-chairman Phil Paige voted to present the recommendation to the school board. Frazier said she alone decided not to cast a vote in either direction in relation to the motion.

"They recommended submitting to the board to consolidate," said Frazier. "They said they could save \$300,000 if they consolidate part of Prestonsburg to Clark (Elementary) and then the other part to Allen (Elementary). They would have to redistrict and sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from Allen would come to Adams Elementary."

Frazier also said the group explained that money could be saved through the closing of one of the three schools.

"They said it would save money by closing one school,

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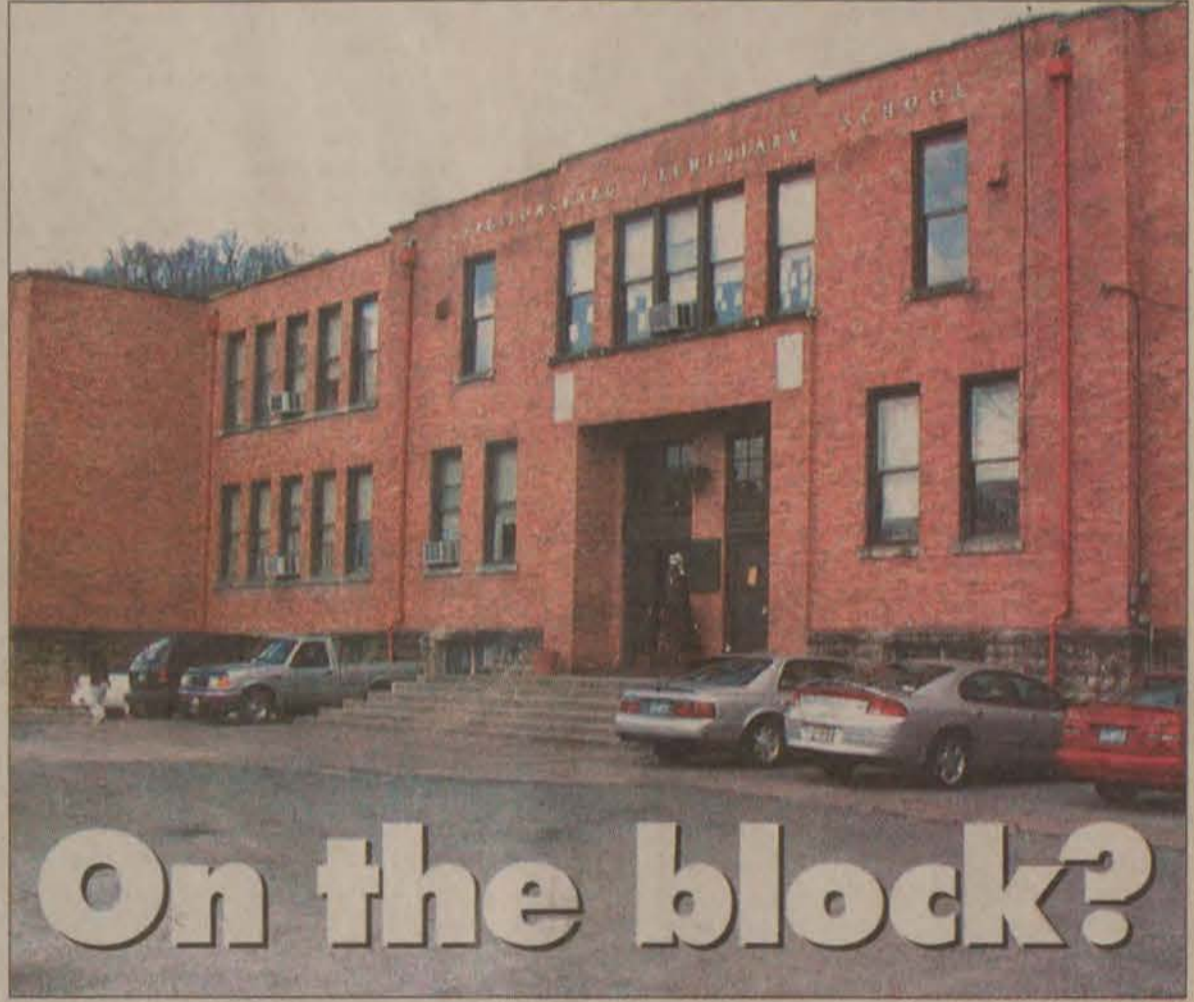


photo by Sheldon Compton

Prestonsburg Elementary School could soon close its doors after a recent meeting of Floyd County Board of Education's local planning committee. The committee met Tuesday to discuss and agree to present to the school board recommendations they hope will serve to lessen the problems the county currently has with utilizing space throughout the county schools. One possibility being discussed could be a consolidation plan which could close PES.

Judge sends basketball case to mediation

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

After issuing an order for mediation between all parties involved with the recently filed lawsuit between Wesley Christian School and the Floyd County Board of Education and hearing a motion from the school board to dismiss the case,

as well as a motion from attorney Ned Pillersdorf on behalf of parents Pauletta Lafferty and Cheryl Hughes for a permanent injunction against the school board, Judge Danny P. Caudill issued on order on Tuesday to schedule another hearing to hear any pending motions in the case to be held on Feb. 25.

The lawsuit, which was brought against

the school board last week after Wesley Christian School received notice from Athletics Director Debbie Daniels concerning three of the school's basketball players — James Lafferty, Mason Haywood and Bobby Hughes — resulted in a decision by Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning to suspend the Floyd County Boy's C Team Basketball Tournament until the matter is

settled.

Daniels wrote in her letter to Wesley Christian School, which was sent on Feb. 8, one day before the tournament was to begin, that the three boys appeared to be ineligible to play in the tournament because the school had not provided the

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Drug case sent to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A Pikeville man, Jason B. Woolley, 24, will go before a grand jury for charges of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of Prestonsburg Elementary school.

Woolley appeared before District Judge James R. Allen in a preliminary hearing on Wednesday for charges of traf-

ficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school and carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Woolley was arrested on Feb. 4 by George Tussey of the Prestonsburg Police Department at the Red Light Diner, located a half of a block from the Prestonsburg Elementary school, where he was allegedly attempting to sell

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Jason B. Woolley, 24, of Pikeville, will face a grand jury on charges of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school and carrying a concealed weapon.

Pair arrested for alleged prostitution in Pike

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A man and woman who signed a document characterized as a sex-slave contract have been arrested by Pikeville police on misdemeanor charges of prostitution and criminal solicitation.

Ike Jason "Sly" England, 31, of Belfry, and Amanda Pinion, 22, of Harold, claim the notarized five-page document was an Internet form they filled out for fun and filed by mistake at the courthouse.

But Pike County Attorney Howard Keith Hall and Pikeville's police department shrugged off the explanations and issued arrest warrants on Wednesday.

Pinion was charged with pros-

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Education cuts total \$14 million this year

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State funding to public schools will have to be cut by \$14 million this year because of unforeseen costs, especially in student transportation, Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit said Thursday.

The cut would be about 1 percent of total funding. It will amount to about \$23 per student in average daily attendance, Wilhoit and

a top aide told a House subcommittee that deals with the education budget.

The news did not end there. Wilhoit and Kyna Koch, an associate commissioner who is a school finance specialist, said Gov. Paul Patton's education budget for the next two years was based on some of the same assumptions that now have fallen through.

Koch said it is likely that school districts would have to make further cuts in each of those years. Other officials said districts are

in a bind already.

"A lot of schools have already worked their budgets and are pretty much depending on this money," said Rep. Charlie Miller, who is a high school principal in Jefferson County.

Oldham County School Superintendent Blake Haselton said districts will have to dip into reserve funds. Unfortunately for his dis-

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Odds and Ends

■ **CADIZ** — A Trigg County teacher's aide has been suspended over complaints that he gave middle school students heart-shaped Valentine's Day treats that turned out to be cat food.

The aide, in his first year as an assistant, was suspended last week pending an investigation.

"He exercised very, very, very poor judgment," said Superintendent Tim McGinnis, adding that the name of the aide will not be released until the investigation is finished. "We don't know why he would do something like this. We're embarrassed, we're apologetic."

McGinnis said the employee took the treats from class to class Thursday afternoon and gave them to students, some of whom "sniffed, nibbled or took a bite" from the treats.

After school officials learned what the aide had done, children exposed to the cat treats were encouraged to wash their mouths out, brush their teeth and visit the school nurse.

There were no reports of illness.

■ **GRAYLING, Mich.** — Don't expect Rande Craig Johnson to make many public appearances in his campaign for Crawford County sheriff. He's in jail, charged with murder.

Johnson, 41, is one of three candidates to replace Sheriff David Lovely, who last week accepted the county's offer of early retirement.

Johnson has been in the county jail since last July, awaiting trial on a charge of killing a man in what police say was a drug deal gone bad. Johnson says he is innocent.

In a letter requesting an application to enter the sheriff's race, Johnson said he has military experience, is familiar with the law and believes justice will be done at his murder trial later this year.

"I feel I would be an outstanding sheriff because I'm quite familiar with many people in our community and have gained the respect of many of the people that I came into contact with over the years," Johnson said in the letter, the Traverse City Record-Eagle

reported Tuesday. "I believe everyone deserves a chance to prove themselves."

■ **BELLEVILLE, Ill.** — A man accused of stealing 92 ponytails has found himself in a hairy position.

Melvin G. Hanks, 54, has been charged with theft by deception and is being held in St. Clair County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

He was arrested Thursday at the 17th Street Designer's Club hair salon in Belleville, where he allegedly was on his 13th trip to collect hair.

The 92 ponytails are worth \$21,300, said Jennifer Cox, the executive director of Palm Springs, Fla.-based charity Locks of Love, which makes wigs for children who have lost their hair because of medical reasons.

Hanks first contacted the store last year, saying he was a courier for Locks of Love and offered to pick up the donated hair to save a shipping and handling fee, said salon owner Gerry Dahm.

"We thought this was wonderful," she said.

About a month ago, Hanks was rude to a salon employee and Dahm contacted Locks of Love to complain, only to find out that the group had no such courier collecting hair.

When Hanks returned to her store last week, Dahm called the police.

Authorities did not know what Hanks intended to do with the hair.

■ **DES MOINES, Iowa** — A group of state senators want to see a fight, but not on the Senate floor.

Legislators in both houses are considering a bill that would ban violent fights in bars for entertainment. Before passing such a proposal, though, mem-

bers of the Senate Business and Labor Committee would like to do some homework.

"I just want to see what it is we're dealing with," said Sen. Mary Lou Freeman, who chairs the committee. "In Iowa, we have a ban on cockfighting. If we have a ban on cockfighting, perhaps we should have a ban on 'extreme fighting.'"

In extreme fighting, people challenge each other to fight with no holds barred. Legislators are concerned that people will duke it out to the death.

They also worry that spectators at the bars are betting on the matches.

Hammond and the other 10 members of the Senate committee admitted they had never seen a live fight, but Sen. Neal Schuerer said he had seen it on MTV.

Committee members agreed that they needed to see a fight before making regulations for the contests. They're planning to take a trip to a fight club sometime this week.

■ **APPLE VALLEY, Minn.** (AP) — Jim Rasmussen should be considered the front-runner for employee of the month at the Minnesota Zoo. After all, he didn't hesitate to stick his hand down a dragon's throat.

The veterinarian was forced into drastic measures after one of the zoo's two Komodo dragons, Doni, ingested a stuffed animal dropped by a visitor last month.

"I ended up putting my arm down his esophagus," Rasmussen said.

Zoo officials were immediately alerted when the dragon swallowed the toy Jan. 19. It occurred about 15 minutes after one of the dragon's two weekly feedings.

A little girl watching the feeding accidentally dropped a

sweater and stuffed animals into the enclosure. Doni ended up swallowing a small stuffed cat.

Six days later, Rasmussen rolled up his sleeves and reached in to help the suffering dragon.

A 4-inch-wide pipe was put down the anesthetized dragon's throat so he couldn't bite the vet if he woke up. The toy had not been digested by the 130-pound dragon, Rasmussen learned immediately.

"It was pretty slimy," Rasmussen said.

Then the job does have its advantages.

"How many other people can say they've been in the stomach of a Komodo dragon and lived to tell about it?"

■ **WHITEFISH, Mont.** — The City Council has decided to begin its meetings 10 minutes later than usual in honor of a former member who was chronically late for meetings.

Dr. Chet Hope served on the council for nine years. He and his schoolteacher wife, Carol, were killed in their house Feb. 10 by their son Jared, who then committed suicide, city police said.

"Chet Hope was rarely on time, and typically arrived at the council meeting approximately 10 minutes after it had begun," said Mayor Andy Feury.

The ordinance declaring the 10-minute delay passed unanimously.

Council member Sarah Fitzgerald said the time change is a fitting tribute.

"Twenty years from now, when people ask why the meetings start at 7:10, the council can tell them about Chester and what he did for the city," Fitzgerald said.

■ **ST. LOUIS, Mo.** — The toilet paper stuck on streets and blowing in the wind isn't the work of teen-age pranksters.

City repair crews are using 170 rolls of toilet paper a day to help repair cracks in St. Louis streets. It's used to keep sealant in place while it dries.

City officials say toilet paper has several advantages over the materials used previously — sand, and sometimes leaf mulch. It's cheaper, it doesn't clog up the sewers and it doesn't stink like mulch.

Three citywide crack-filling operations use so much toilet paper that it's delivered to the street division headquarters on big, flatbed trucks.

The use of toilet paper for street repairs began in North Dakota years ago and is now starting to spread across the country, officials said.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — A state senator is weighing in on the issue of whether the state should force obese drivers to wear seat belts.

"I've seen individuals have trouble getting under the steering wheel, let alone put a seat belt on," Sen. Mike Ross said Tuesday.

State transportation officials are working out the details of a plan to improve West Virginia's poor record of seat belt use by allowing police officers to go directly after violators. Seat belt use now is mandatory, but police can only cite violators if they are pulled over for another traffic violation.

Ross, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, said legislators are ready to support the proposal if a few details can be worked out, like a waiver for people who are obese.

About 21 percent of West Virginians are considered obese, higher than the national average of 17 percent.

In 2000, West Virginians buckled up less than half the time, according to federal statistics.

Study details reuse for Yeager, Tri-State Airports

The Associated Press

■ **INSTITUTE, W.Va.** — Yeager and Tri-State airports could have second lives as industrial and research parks once a new regional airport is opened, says a study submitted to the state Public Port Authority.

The authority and Gov. Bob Wise have decided to move ahead with the construction of a \$350 million regional airport between Charleston and Huntington. The Lincoln County airport would serve passengers from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Yeager Airport's board of directors and the Kanawha County Commission are

against the new airport saying it would be a waste of taxpayer money. They say the Charleston mountaintop airport should be expanded.

On Thursday, Earth Tech submitted a study that said Yeager could be converted into an industrial park. Tri-State Airport near Huntington could be used as an academic and research center associated with Marshall University or the Nick J. Rahall III Appalachian Transportation Institute.

Port Authority members also were expected to review a second Earth Tech study detailing the economic impact the new airport would have on the region.

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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.

Police continue investigation into Whitesburg double murder

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — Police have arrested the wife of a Whitesburg man who was found shot to death along with his son in Letcher County on Sunday.

Belinda Hall Cook was charged Tuesday with hindering apprehension and prosecution, said Trooper Tim Kilburn, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police in Hazard. Kilburn declined to say whether that charge was made in relation to the double murder of Timothy Cook and 4-year-old T.J. Cook.

The murders are the first in Whitesburg in nearly 20 years.

Relatives and others familiar with the case told The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg that Timothy Cook was shot behind his left ear with a small-caliber gun in the living room of his mobile home. The same person who shot him apparently shot his son twice in the chest as the child stood in the doorway between the living room and his bedroom.

State police Detective Chuck Bledsoe would not speculate on

a motive for the shootings.

Family members said the boy apparently witnessed his father's murder and may have been killed so that he couldn't identify the shooter.

"I just can't understand anybody that would kill a kid that way," Whitesburg Police Chief Paul Miles said.

"I would hate to meet the person who could live with himself after doing something that cold," Deputy Coroner Robby Campbell said.

Timothy Cook had recently married Belinda Hall Cook but had been separated from her for about a week. The Whitesburg newspaper said she also is under indictment on charges of obtaining prescription medications by fraud, first-degree trafficking in prescription drugs and second-degree trafficking in prescription drugs. She is accused of selling OxyContin, Tylox and Lortab.

State police have asked that anyone with information about the murders to call the Hazard post 800-222-5555 or 606-435-6069.

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For the Record

MARRIAGES

Teresa Lynn Brown, 42, to Marvin Harrison Corbin II, 44, both of Xenia, Ohio.
 Jodi Lynn Wright, 29, of Pikeville, to James E. Allen, 23, of Royalton.
 Dedra Lynn Dotson, 40, of Mouthcard, to Lowell Thomas Phillips, 56, of Steele.
 Brook Hamilton, 22, to Brian Patrick Hall, 21, both of Teaberry.
 Suzanne Marie Maynard, 31, to William Douglas Shell, 22, both of East Point.

LAWSUITS

Ralph Clark vs. D.W. Dickey Energy Inc.; complaint.
 Douglas Hall vs. Daphnie Hall; divorce.
 Jacqueline Hunter vs. Lewis Hunter Jr.; divorce.
 David J. Spradlin and Ronnie Spradlin vs. Jason Williams; complaint.
 Michael Tackett vs. Corrections Corporation of America; complaint.
 Sandra Howard vs. Netcare Inc.; complaint.
 Malcomb T. Shepherd and

Connie Shepherd vs. Arnold Jarrell; complaint.
 Gordon Wagner vs. Hershel C. Tackett, Katherine Tackett, Hershel Tackett and Kentucky National Insurance Company; complaint.
 Tee Engineering Co. vs. Wayne Wright; complaint.
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Gary Branham vs. Dyna Stidham; complaint.
 Chad Rogers vs. Linda Estrada; complaint.
 Floyd County Board of Education vs. Jeffrey Rivers and Sharon Rivers; petition.
 Ingram Entertainment Inc. vs. Brad Hall d/b/a Tobacco Joint & Video; complaint.
 Gayle Justice vs. Stephen Justice; divorce.
 American Central Finance of America Inc. vs. Toby Akers; complaint.
 Cora Cole, Arthur Cole vs. New Bern Transport Corporation and Jerry K. McKenzie; complaint.
 First Commonwealth Bank vs. Lisa Tackett, Curtis Tackett and Floyd County; complaint.
 Greenpoint Credit vs. Kevin

Hall; complaint.
 Ella Shepherd vs. Walmart Store; complaint.
 Mary Burgess vs. Israel Shepherd and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; complaint.
 Michael McKinney vs. Kerry L. Johnson and DHP Inc; complaint.
 Ralph King vs. Stuart C. King; complaint.

CHARGES FILED

Stanley L. Tackett, 38, West Van Lear, fourth-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment.
 James H. Isaacs, 45, Banner, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, changing drivers while driving in a motor 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 police officer, fleeing or evading police.

Joshua R. Allen, 18, Stanville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Stevie Hall, 44, Allen, second-degree cruelty to animals.
 Glennis A. Gayheart Jr., 29, Staffordsville, alcohol intoxication.
 Earlie Shepherd, 53, David, disorderly conduct.
 September Stewart, age unlisted, Langley, harassment.
 Joann Campbell Carroll, 27, Tram, harassment.
 Cassandra Ramey, age unlisted, Garrett, harassment.
 Tina Hughes, age unlisted, Garrett, harassment.
 Donnie Stewart, age unlisted, Langley, harassment.
 Albert R. Osborne, 51, Hunter, alcohol intoxication.
 Brandon L. Hicks, 20, Ashland, public intoxication.
 Brandon Sallie, 20, Ashland, public intoxication, prescription in an improper container.
 Timmy W. Parker, 29, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Aaron C. Bennett, 18, Ashland, public intoxication.
 Charles Howard, 41, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.
 Deborah Skeens, 37, Prestonsburg, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, criminal trespassing.
 Peter Osborn, 38, Eastern, alcohol intoxication.
 Daniel Osborn, 37, Eastern, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, menacing, resisting arrest.
 Brian K. Blackburn, 31, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Patricia G. Boyd, 29, Martin, theft by unlawful taking, public intoxication.
 Chad Cole, 18, Melvin, harassment.
 Debbie Rowe, 38, Auxier, harassment.
 Harold Baldrige Jr., 47, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.
 Alec Pete Wallen, age unlisted, Martin, fourth-degree assault.

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.

INSPECTIONS

Season's Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Gaskets on some reach-in coolers are in disrepair. Score: 98.
 Subway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted:
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House passes bill, resolution on cemetery issues

The Associated Press
 FRANKFORT — A cemetery preservation bill that would require even family-owned plots to be maintained was passed by the Kentucky House on Wednesday.

The sponsor of the bill said "it is not intended to be burdensome" on families — only to ensure that no more burial grounds get lost.

The bill by Rep. Reginald Meeks would create a Kentucky Historic Cemeteries Preservation Program, which could award grants and lend technical assistance for local cemetery projects.

Overseeing the program would be a board that included directors of the Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Heritage Council and Division of Historic Properties and the state librarian, among others.

How much money the program would have on hand was unclear. The bill would create another "checkoff" option on Kentucky income tax returns for people wanting to designate a donation. Meeks, D-Louisville, said the attorney general's office had \$2 million available in a special fund.

Some rural legislators questioned the effect on family

cemeteries, which currently are exempt from many maintenance requirements. Meeks' bill would repeal the exemption.

"I don't know that we need to be imposing that on small, family-owned cemeteries," Rep. Jeff Hoover, the House minority leader, said in a floor speech. Responded Meeks: "If we don't know where those cemeteries are, we can't preserve them."

Meeks' bill passed 83-15 and was sent to the Senate.

Also passed was a binding resolution to put congressional pressure on the U.S. Forest Service to continue granting access to cemeteries in the Land Between the Lakes Recreation Area.

The Forest Service has taken over management of the 170,000-acre preserve from the Tennessee Valley Authority. There are dozens of burial grounds, left when residents were removed to allow creation of Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said some area residents fear they won't be allowed to maintain the cemeteries or continue burials as they did under TVA. The resolution passed 97-0.

(Meeks' bill is House Bill 572; Gray's resolution is House Concurrent Resolution 104.)

Legislator says women's health 'being held hostage'

by CHARLES WOLFE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Debate on a bill about "emergency contraception" Thursday brought a vigorous exchange in which a legislator said such issues were "being held hostage" to Catholic doctrine.

The legislator who was the bill's most outspoken critic said its proponents can never discuss anything that smacks of abortion or contraception "without slamming the Catholic church."

At issue was a bill in the House Health and Welfare Committee that would permit doctors, physician assistants and

advanced registered nurse practitioners to authorize for any woman — not just their own patients — a prescription for a "morning-after" contraceptive without actually seeing the woman.

Rep. Bob Heleringer, who is Catholic, said it was dangerous to allow anyone to get a prescription from "a complete stranger."

"I don't know who would do that in the medical community," Heleringer, R-Louisville, said.

Supporters of the bill said it could decrease the incidence of abortion, whereupon Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, noted that the Senate has passed "radical" legislation to define life as begin-

ning with fertilization of a human egg.

"We must recognize that reproductive health in this state ... is being held hostage by the belief that contraception should not occur," Stein said. Others think "contraception is a good thing because we want to plan our families," Stein said.

Heleringer said his objection to the bill was legal, not doctrinal, because it would put "bad medicine" into statute.

But "we throw out all the rules, all the common sense" on such issues, Heleringer said. "We can't talk about this bill without slamming the Catholic church. ... I'm not up here voting to engrave Catholic doctrine. I'm talking about medical practice; I'm talking about science."

Stein, who is Jewish and has complained in the past about her own religion being targeted by some of her colleagues, said she was "deeply saddened" that Heleringer took offense.

Rep. Tom Burch, who sponsored the bill and is chairman of the committee, deferred a vote. (The legislation is House Bill 597.)

House committee votes to suspend seat belt law

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A House committee voted Thursday to suspend all enforcement of the law that requires seat belt usage in action on a bill that started out trying to increase usage and enforcement.

Under the proposal, law enforcement authorities would only hand out educational materials and warnings to people caught not wearing seat belts. The \$25 fine now on the books could not be imposed and no citations would be written.

After the House Transportation Committee meeting, however, the sponsor of the revived proposal said it was not his intent to eliminate all seat belt enforcement efforts.

If the bill passes, lack of seat belt usage after July 1, 2004 would become a "primary offense" for which motorists could be stopped, cited and fined. The law now makes it a secondary offense, which means officers must have some other reason to make a stop, other than someone not wearing a seat belt.

The original sponsor of the proposal, Rep. Jodie Haydon, D-Bardonia, said the suspension was an accommodation to win approval from the House Transportation Committee. "In that two years, we'll get some publicity," Haydon said.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, indicated that the dramatic change in direction might not last through the entire General Assembly.

"That weakens it temporarily, doesn't it? If that's what it does, I don't think that will last," Richards said.

The bill must be passed by the full House and Senate before it would become law.

The proposed change in the current practice came as the bill was nearing a vote and was sponsored by Rep. Keith Hall, D-Pikeville. Hall said the interim period is important to promote the importance of seat belt usage and the delay was the only way he would vote for the bill.

Hall said initially his proposal would mean that no citations could be issued or fines imposed for seat belt violations until July 2004.

After the meeting, Hall said he did not intend to eliminate all seat belt enforcement until 2004, only the designation as a primary offense.

The committee voted 15-6 to approve the revised proposal, with one member passing.

The committee heard some emotional testimony about seat belt usage and whether a requirement is an infringement on individual rights.

Rose Geiman of Cold Spring, punctuated her testimony by displaying pictures of her son, 16-year-old Jimmy Geiman, who died in a car crash in November 2000 while not wearing a seat belt.

Geiman said people who argue against seat belt requirements are missing the basic point that their use saves lives without any real cost.

"If someone offered you a miracle drug and it prolonged your life, and it was free, there wouldn't be enough supply," Geiman said.

Robert Cornett, a member of the Jackson city council, said a seat belt requirement that would let any law enforcement officer stop a motorist is misdirected public policy.

"Our system should strive to protect us from the stupidity of others, not the stupidity of ourselves," Jackson said.

House committee approves bill to fine-tune DUI law

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday approved a bill to change a portion of the state's drunken-driving law that has drawn challenges in courts.

The measure would simplify the warning given to drunken-driving suspects before they are given sobriety tests, said Rep. Rob Wilkey, the bill's lead sponsor.

Some DUI defendants have claimed the warning is misleading, prompting numerous challenges that led some judges to throw out results of sobriety tests. In Jefferson County alone, more than 900 challenges are pending in district court, said Wilkey, D-Franklin.

The bill would restore the warning that was routinely given before the DUI laws were rewritten in 2000, Wilkey said. That warning advises suspects that they can lose their drivers' licenses and might be subject to jail and fines.

The bill also would restore a minimum six-month license suspension for first-time DUI offenders who refuse to take the breath test or blood-alcohol test, Wilkey said.

The bill now heads to the full House for consideration.

The 2000 law lowered the blood-alcohol level at which drivers are presumed intoxicated to 0.08, down from 0.1.

(The legislation is House Bill 100)



Vote for and Support Bert LAYNE

I, Bert Layne, would like to announce my candidacy for Magistrate in District 2 of Floyd County. I was born in Floyd County and have lived here all my life. My parents were the late William Taylor Layne and Martha Hale Layne. I am the youngest of 11 children. I am married to Janice Bradley Layne, daughter of the late Gliden and Rosa Huff Bradley. We have one son, Steven Brian Layne, a Respiratory Therapist at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, and one grandson, Steven Bradley Layne, a student at Landsdowne Elementary School.

I graduated from Martin High School and attended Alice Lloyd College, where I obtained my A.A. degree. Later, I attended Morehead State University where I received my B.A. and Masters and finally, my Rank One in Educational Administration, which was received at Eastern Kentucky University. I retired after 31 years of service to the Floyd County Board of Education. I was a teacher for 21 years and served in administration for 10 years, as assistant principal and principal.

I am currently 1 of 4 Commissioners for the Southern Water and Sewer District. I have helped supply water to Henry's Branch, Turkey Creek, John's Branch, Salyer's Branch and parts of Salt Lick. Currently, we are in the process of supplying residents with water at Spurlock on Left Beaver Creek, and planning the installation of a sewer system in the Wayland area.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all the people of District 2, as well as the teachers and all my former students, to support and vote for me as your new magistrate. I will continue my hard work, and as always, I will listen to what the people have to say.

Thank You.
 Bert Layne

Paid for by Bert Layne, P.O. Box 196, Eastern, KY 41622

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced? Go into politics when your opponents will do it for you"

— Mark Twain

Amendment 1

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The News Tribune, Tacoma, Wash., on the campaign finance reform bill:

The House passage of a sweeping campaign finance reform bill last week is a heartening recognition of the public's growing desire to check the influence of special interest money in politics.

But let's not mistake the real reason the Shays-Meehan bill banning "soft money" contributions to political parties finally cleared the House. Nor should the likely benefits of the bill be oversold, should the Senate follow suit as it should.

The Enron scandal, of course, provided the final political momentum needed for the bill's passage — despite fierce, last-minute obstruction by House Republican leaders more concerned with maintaining fat party coffers. Enron gave millions in perfectly legal "hard" money contributions to lawmakers of both parties but got no help from the Bush administration when it counted. Even so, it was obvious that Enron's money had bought easy access to key legislators and regulators, and that this access paved the way for loose regulatory treatment that helped the company build its chimerical empire. ...

The Supreme Court may well find the soft-money ban an unconstitutional restriction on political speech — although a high court ruling last year suggests the court might uphold some restrictions on party spending. And the special interests that now give cash to the national parties could simply choose to pay for political advertising themselves. ...

The News-Sun, Kendallville, Ind., on Bush's "marriage proposal":

Encouraging strong marriages is a worthy goal of all nations that are based on democratic principles and a free-market economy. Simply stated, stable marriages promote emotional and physical health, economic security, strong democracies.

In the United States, children in single-parent homes are at higher risk for poverty, illness and crime.

That is why we applaud President Bush's proposal to earmark \$100 million in next year's budget for programs aimed at strengthening and encouraging marriage among the poor.

Taxpayers spend billions tackling the turmoil caused by homes in chaos. Why not get the government involved in prevention? The government should eliminate regulations that penalize people for marrying and fund programs that encourage family stability.

We urge Congress to think creatively and say "I do" to Bush's marriage proposal.



Think About It

Critic's corner, for lack of a better place to hide

When I came to work Monday morning, I thought I would be met with more of the same procedure — boring board meetings, city council filibusters as full of puff and circumstance as a half-empty bag full of Cheetos — but much to my surprise, I was given an opportunity to have a look at a new blues CD by a local musician, a treat, considering my life-long love of the blues.

I rarely crossover to the features section of our paper, having grown case-hardened and naturally void of any true opinion while taking up residence in the news department. However, this opportunity seemed like something I could enjoy.

So, I listened to the CD while considering the possibility of writing my first

feature article. Afterward, I wrote what could best be referred to as a feature review, but was turned down (rightly so) by the features editor, a very sweet and likable woman you might know by the name of Kathy Prater, who reluctantly said the piece I had written in response to the CD was less of a feature story and more of a review and probably wouldn't work. Smart editor.

In any case, below is the article I wrote. I think you'll probably see that Kathy was correct in her judgment ... but dog-gone it was fun.

The new CD "Down That Road" by local musician Doc Wadkins shows the obvious signs of a new and rising talent, but also reveals the growing pains connected to an early start and should, ultimately, provide Wadkins and his band, with a constructive learning tool for future efforts.

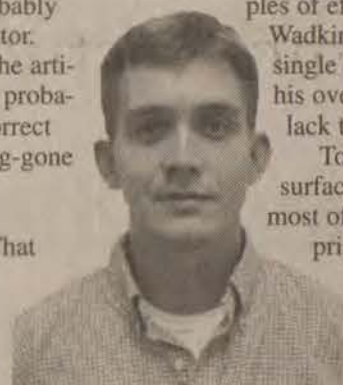
This is not to say that Wadkins does not display in his debut album a certain talent and understanding of the blues, his chosen medium. The hard-edged, Stevie

Ray Vaughn-inspired guitar riffs, which stand as the bright spot of potential in an otherwise flat offering, however, are only slightly overshadowed by Wadkins' undeveloped voice and the too often utilized blues technique of repetition.

Repetition in chord combinations, lyrics and brazen lead riffs are the staples of effective blues music, but Wadkins too often depends on this single ingredient at the expense of his overall accomplishment, or lack thereof.

To begin with and along the surface, Wadkins' lyrics include most of the elements which comprise a traditional pattern of blues/southern rock, however the metaphysical nature of the lyrics themselves seemed forced and labored — existing only as a vehicle to avoid creating an entirely instrumental album. Those having heard the album will find themselves mumbling certain hooks from various songs, but less from enjoyment than from the simple and age-old technique

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Letters

Appreciated story about center

It was very nice of Kathy Prater to come to one of our Prestonsburg Community College Science Center Tours on January 25 and write such a glowing article about it. We enjoyed her company and that of Debra Holland and other teachers from Prestonsburg Elementary.

Special thanks go to Dr. Paul Thompson, who organizes these tours. The other faculty who gave of their time for the tours involving Prestonsburg Elementary included Ken Fuller, Charles Robertson, Tom Vierheller, Chenzhao Vierheller, Judy Bowen, Melissa Forsyth, Lisa Bryant, Kathy Chitti, Mike Dixon and his LEN students, Jenny Dearden and Kaye Allen. A lot of work goes into

making these tours and we enjoy having the public schools pay us a visit. The tours are on Friday mornings from 9 to 11:40 a.m.

I want to clarify some statements I made to Kathy. The next total solar eclipse in the United States will be on August 21, 2017. The next total eclipse somewhere in the world will be this December 4, visible in Africa and Australia.

Dwight P. Smith
Associate professor, mathematics
Prestonsburg Community College

Take it easy on refs

As basketball season is winding down and district tournament time is drawing near, there was a letter in the "Officials Quarterly" I think should be read by all of us,

especially the coaches.

Sure, when we all get into the heat of the game, we want to blame "bad calls" from an official for costing us a game. It doesn't matter that free throws were missed or we just couldn't hit our three-point shots.

The officials are doing this for the love of the game and for the kids. They really don't care who wins the game. That's not their concern. A good official will be professional to all involved, but not too friendly. It surprises me at the people who "dog" the officials the most. The ones who used to do the same thing the officials are doing now.

So remember when you are giving an official a hard time that his wife, daughter or other relative might just be sitting beside you. Sure, I think they miss calls, too, but there's a right way and a wrong way to show your disapproval. Sure, they may make a mistake. But ask yourself this: "Could you

call a game yourself and do any better?" A good official will try his hardest to call a fair game to everyone.

Let's make this tournament one that we can say there was good sportsmanship for all involved.

Jill Conn
Harold

Careless mistakes

My father taught me to love the news. Because of him, I grew up watching an hour of television news each day. It didn't matter that half of the news originated in West Virginia and for a long time, his children knew more about West Virginia than Kentucky. It was the news and it was important.

When I became a teacher of journalism, I took my subject

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At the Movies:

'Return to Never Land'

by MALCOLM RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It would take more pixie dust than Tinker Bell can muster to make "Return to Never Land" fly.

Young children might be drawn in by the color and the action in Disney's animated sequel to its 1953 classic, "Peter Pan." But for grown-ups who might have high expectations based on the original, the story falls flat.

The story starts out in London during World War II's dark days. Wendy has grown up; she's now the mother of two young children, Jane (voiced by Harriet Kate Owen) and a toddler brother, Wendy. Wendy has kept the faith about Peter Pan and Never Land, but Jane dismisses it all as childish nonsense.

"Peter Pan isn't real," she declares. "People don't fly."

Well, Disney will take care of that attitude! Jane is kidnapped from her home by Captain Hook

(voiced by Corey Burton imitating the late Hans Conried, who did the original). Hook takes Jane to Never Land. Peter Pan (voiced by Blayne Weaver) rescues her, but Jane is not interest-



"Return to Never Land" pays homage to the original "Peter Pan" at every turn. But Hook's old nemesis the crocodile has been replaced by a huge octopus that pops its suction cups as if snapping fingers, an echo of the croc's ticking clock. It's an annoying gimmick.

ed in sticking around with him and the Lost Boys, whom she dismisses as "a bunch of silly, ridiculous children." She wants to go home.

As Peter observes, "She acts kind of like a grown-up."

Nonetheless, Peter and the boys eventually win her over and help her get in touch with her

inner child — right before Hook captures Peter and takes him back to the ship. It's up to Jane and Tinker Bell to set him free. This time, in contrast to the original movie, it's Jane who gets to

sentimental, was more compelling.

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There are some visual treats. Hook's ship, which animators generated by computer, is a startlingly weighty presence as it flies over London by night. And Jane's first flight on her own around that ship is delightful to watch.

The narration of the original begins: "All this has happened before, and it will happen again."

It's too bad this sequel happened at all.

"Return to Never Land" was directed by Robin Budd and produced by Christopher Chase, Michelle Robinson and Dan Rounds. Rated G. Running time: 72 mins. One and a half stars.

Confused about the state of TV? Let's clear up some myths

by FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Your 401(k) plan ... skaters' gold medals ... the housecat you loved for being unique — the world isn't always the way you imagined.

The same goes for television. So let's clear up a few of its illusions:

■ Myth: You are changed in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Truth: You are fundamentally the same — at least, in television's eyes.

Befitting a nation where capi-

talism reigns, tragedy and heroism have been tapped for advertisers' campaigns, and nowhere more than on TV.

Defiance in the face of terrorism is being used as a shopper's call to arms, and whatever the product being pitched (cars, beer or the networks' own programming), it proudly wears the Stars and Stripes.

So in a nation where consumerism overshadows citizenship, your patriotic duty hasn't changed, except in urgency: Watch those commercials and buy what they stand for.

Help your nation by helping yourself!

■ Myth: Children are our country's most precious asset.

Truth: They're precious all right. Especially if you can cash in on their precious purchasing power.

No need to lament here the increasingly canny way in which kids programming on commercial TV serves as just one phase of a cross-promoted, multi-platform marketing blitz with similarly branded movies, songs, videos, books and, of course, a line of merchandise to keep the dollars coming.

But what's really dismaying is how advertisers have infiltrated kids shows on public TV.

Before and after the cartoon show "Arthur," a certain cereal sponsor offers this sugar-frosted claptrap: "26 little letters," goes its blurb, "that spell the names that tell the world who we are, and help us make new friends and make the world a nicer place to be." All part of your good breakfast.

Another sponsor, SpaghettiOs, shrewdly co-opts "Sesame Street's" learning-oriented spoof of sponsor IDs by declaring that the show is "brought to you every day by the letter 'O.'"

But worst of all (so far) is a feature on the "Elmo's World" segment of "Sesame Street," where the furry red Muppet plays with his computer and receives e-mail while the PC jabbars, "You've got mail! You've got mail!"

As it happens, one "Sesame Street" corporate sponsor is a certain online service that by now has established "You've got mail" as the company's own widely recognized catch phrase.

A Sesame Workshop spokeswoman says the line on "Elmo's World" will be changed to a more generic "You've got e-mail" by summer. But that doesn't change the fact that, for more than a year, America Online is scoring a juicy product placement in the once-sacrosanct "Sesame Street."

What vendor will be next?

■ Myth: The essential questions asked in any news report are: Who, what, when, where and how?

Truth: With TV news, "when" doesn't always matter.

How often have you seen TV coverage of a fire and wondered: Is this how the blaze looks now, or is this footage hours old?

In pilot, movie studio offers two movies for Internet download

by SIMON AVERY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. has launched an online movie delivery pilot, the first time a major Hollywood studio has offered the public feature film downloads over the Internet.

MGM teamed with CinemaNow Inc., an Internet cinema distributor, for the 30-day trial that features two motion pictures.

"The idea is to throw it out there and see what happens," Stacey Studebaker, a spokeswoman for MGM Home Entertainment in Santa Monica, said Wednesday.

MGM and several other leading studios already "stream" some films over the Internet. This endeavor also gives consumers the option of downloading copy-protected digital video files.

The downloads will offer higher quality playback but be programmed to prevent copying and will be playable for only 24 hours.

Hollywood faces daunting challenges in determining how to deliver movies to consumers over the Internet.

Slow connections are the least of them. It takes nearly 25 hours to download a 90-minute film using a dial-up modem and

more than four hours with a broadband connection. But compression and delivery technologies are constantly improving.

The biggest obstacle is the threat of piracy. As part of the trial, MGM will test CinemaNow billing and security software, including electronic locks.

MGM is testing the waters cautiously with its latest venture. Of the two films the studio is offering, one was a box-office flop; the other has gathered dust in home video for years.

"What's the Worst that Could Happen?" was a critically savaged comedy starring Martin Lawrence and Danny DeVito. It cost about \$45 million to make and only earned \$32 million before debuting on video in December.

"The Man in the Iron Mask" rode star Leonardo DiCaprio's "Titanic" success to a modest \$57 million box-office success in 1998, but has been out on home video for nearly three years.

MGM and CinemaNow will charge from \$1.99 to \$5.99 to view each film, depending on the connection speed and whether a viewer opts to stream or download the content from CinemaNow's site.

CinemaNow, based in Marina del Rey, is controlled by Lions Gate Entertainment.

Legislative Briefs...

■ FRANKFORT — Two bills intended to make deep cuts in Medicaid drug costs won final passage Tuesday in the Kentucky House.

One would allow the state to require doctors to get advance approval before prescribing the most expensive drugs eligible for coverage by Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance

program for the poor and disabled.

The other would cut the fee that Kentucky Medicaid pays to pharmacists for filling Medicaid prescriptions.

The House accepted Senate amendments on both bills, so they can go to Gov. Paul Patton for signature.

Patton is counting on the

advance-approval bill by Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown, to save \$100 million a year. It repeals laws that prohibited Medicaid from requiring prior authorization of new drugs in their first 12 months on the market, when drugs typically are most expensive. The bill passed

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CINEMA 5	Collateral Damage Mon.-Sun., 9:05 only	CINEMA 10	Hart's War Mon.-Sun., 6:50, 9:10; Fri., (4:10), 6:50, 9:10; Sat.-Sun., (1:45, 4:10), 6:50, 9:10

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Alzheimer's association opens regional office



The Alzheimer's Association is the only national voluntary health organization dedicated to conquering Alzheimer's disease through research, and to providing support and assistance to persons with the disease and their families. For more information, call the Regional office at (606) 886-9016, or the Lexington/Bluegrass office at (800) 288-2323.

After several months of planning, the Alzheimer's Association, Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter announces the opening of the Eastern Kentucky Regional Office. The office, which is located in the Big Sandy Area Development District Office (100 Resource Drive), is being started by a generous grant from the Steele Reese Foundation to expand programs and services throughout eastern Kentucky.

The Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter, founded in 1981, serves 52 counties in central and Eastern Kentucky. "This new office will greatly enhance our ability to provide services to persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families in this area," said Tonya Tincer, executive director of the Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter. The Eastern Kentucky Regional Office, will serve 14 counties: Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Pike, Magoffin, Wolfe, Breathitt, Lee, Owsley, Perry, Knott, Letcher, Leslie and Harlan.

The Alzheimer's Association provides a variety of services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families, includ-

ing support groups, educational programs, and the Safe Return identification program, a national registry for memory impaired individuals who may wander and become lost. A toll-free Helpline, (800) 288-2323, is also available for information, support, and referrals to community services available in the local area. The Eastern Kentucky Regional Office will be focusing on developing programs to meet the unique needs of each community. Eugenia Tackett, the new Regional Coordinator for the office said, "I am excited about the opportunity to provide services to the more than 4,000 individuals and families dealing with Alzheimer's disease (in the 14 county area)."



photo by Sheldon Compton
Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb greeted one-time inmate Timothy King at the Floyd County Detention Center on Tuesday. King visited Webb at the center to personally thank him for having made the decision to have him placed in an alcohol rehabilitation center in McRoberts, as opposed to having him serve jail time for alcohol related charges in 1995. King told Webb on Tuesday he had been clean and sober for nearly seven years as a result of his treatment.

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Beavers still busy in Floyd County

This photograph of a large beaver dam was taken by Tom Holbrook, of Floyd County. The dam is located on the Jonah Webb farm, located at Eastern. According to former Floyd County Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, the dam was measured and found to be 6 feet in height.

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92-0.
The bill by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian cuts by \$1 — to \$3.51 from \$4.51 — the dispensing fee for pharmacists. It goes hand in hand with a bill pending in the House to allow pharmacists to collect the lost dollar from customers as a co-payment. Marzian's bill passed 96-0.
(Lee's bill is House Bill 103; Marzian's is HB 170.)

■ **FRANKFORT** — A bill aimed at getting the state to earmark money for the upkeep of its buildings, and to keep the money off limits in lean times, was approved by a House committee Tuesday.

It would be a significant departure from usual practice, Bill Hintze, a deputy state budget director, told the State Government Committee.

"We don't have a good program today. We have a woefully inadequate program" in terms of planning for repairs and renovations that may be needed years in the future, Hintze said.

The bill, which would not take effect until 2004, calls for money to be set aside in restricted accounts for "major maintenance and capital repair" of buildings new and old.

Ideally, amounts set aside each year would equal 2 percent of total value. Money could be used for no other purpose, and the General Assembly would have to appropriate it.

Rep. Tim Feeley, R-Crestwood, told Hintze: "I wish you luck in enforcing this. ... In tough times, oft-times maintenance is what's set aside."

(The legislation is House Bill 444.)

■ **FRANKFORT** — More people would qualify for low-interest mortgages from Kentucky Housing Corp. under a Senate-passed bill the House State Government Committee approved Tuesday.

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, a former teacher and high school basketball coach, said he was looking for a way to help his fellow retired teachers, though anyone within income guidelines would qualify.

Under the bill, Kentucky's income limits would rise to match federal limits — \$53,160 for households of one or two, \$62,020 for households of three or more. State limits currently are \$42,210 for a single person, \$45,210 for two people and \$49,710 for three or more.

The housing corporation, which now makes 2,400 to 3,000 loans a year, may be able to increase that by 1,000. Cheryl Harp, senior director for home ownership programs, said in an interview.

(The legislation is Senate Bill 45.)

■ **FRANKFORT** — A bill approved by a House committee Tuesday would allow the new metro council for Louisville and Jefferson County to decide which mayoral appointments, if any, could be made without its

approval.
The bill by House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark originally would have given the mayor sole authority to appoint some 1,100 people to nearly 130 boards and commissions. Clark, D-Louisville, agreed to water it down after complaints that the bill would create a super mayor.

It was one part of an omnibus bill spelling out powers and responsibilities of the mayor and 26-person metro council.

Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson, who watched the committee meeting Tuesday, said it would have been nice to let the mayor have some free appointments. But, "I will support this bill," Jackson said. "The rest of the bill is worth giving that part up."

(The legislation is House Bill 659.)

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Slave

titution and England with criminal solicitation. Both warrants, Class B misdemeanors, were based on the contents of the contract, Hall said, which called for Pinion "to use her body for free or for money."

Pikeville Police Detective Bruce Anderson said England and Pinion surrendered at the police station. Both were released on bond Thursday after spending the night in the Pike County Detention Center.

Assistant County Attorney Roger Varney said the slave contract itself is void because slavery is illegal.

In interviews this week, England and Pinion, a former Pikeville College student, said they had filled out the contract on the Internet as a joke, then printed it out and signed it. Pinion also

appeared to have initialed every page of the contract.

England said the contract was mistakenly included in a stack of legal documents they took to the county clerk's office on Dec. 19. The sex-slave contract was notarized by a deputy county clerk.

"I didn't know it was in that stack," England said Tuesday. "She didn't know it was in that stack."

England, who is married, and Pinion described themselves as good friends. In an interview, Pinion said she has never had sex with England.

"The contract was nothing," England said. "There was one we filled out that was the exact opposite, in which she was the master and I was the slave. I guess that one made it to the trash can."

Forest

allow mining in two different locations of the forest.

The largest of the two areas is a 315-acre section of the forest in Clay County, and the other is a 64-acre area in McCreary County, Miller said.

He said some mining already takes place in the 700,000-acre

forest.

The government plans to examine the impact the additional mining would have on the forest. Miller said a draft report would probably be completed this summer, and a public meeting would be held around that time.

Cuts

tract, most of those reserves have been earmarked for building projects, said Haselton, who was attending the subcommittee meeting.

The state funds schools according to a complex formula that requires Wilhoit's department to project, two years in advance, school enrollment totals, transportation costs, the number of students in special education, local property values and tax rates, among other things.

The funding predicament is peculiar because no money is being lost this year. In fact, money will be left over — \$20 million in all. "In a normal year, this would be good news," Wilhoit said.

However, the surplus was expected to be \$34 million, and schools usually get to keep any surplus. But Patton took \$34 million from education to balance his current budget.

Meanwhile, actual school

operating costs have been \$14 million over projections, half of that for transportation, which Wilhoit said might be due to a sudden, sharp increase in fuel prices.

The immediate effect is that schools will have to scrape up the \$14 million difference on their own. Their longer-term problem is that Patton's two-year education budget was based on faulty numbers.

Miller, the legislator-principal, said the money shortage might be an argument for expanded gambling.

"I guess what we're going to have to do is put slot machines in," Miller said, alluding to something race tracks are seeking.

"Something's going to have to be done for schools," Miller said. Otherwise, "there's going to have to be a lot of good programs cut from these school systems and there's going to be a lot of people losing jobs."

Closing?

which would be us," said Frazier. "Even though we have 540 students and I think Clark only has roughly 230 students."

Frazier, who explained the motion which passed at Tuesday's meeting was just a recommendation and was not final, said she first heard talk of LPC visiting area schools about two months ago. She said it was mentioned then that LPC was looking at two or three county schools which would be in line for renovations, adding that it seemed Prestonsburg Elementary, a long-standing facility, would be next on that list.

When asked if she felt the recommendation could ultimately lead to the closure of Prestonsburg Elementary, Frazier responded by saying it was "possible that it could happen," considering the enrollment figures.

Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, who explained he was a non-voting member of LPC, stressed during comments made yesterday that no recommendation for any school closing had been passed and pointed to the specific recommendations agreed upon by committee members during Tuesday's LPC meeting to support his statement.

The motions which were passed by the committee, according to Fanning, were that he convey to the school board at its next regular meeting on Feb. 25 the committee's "thoughts and concerns" about vacant classroom space and adequacy of elementary school facilities in the Prestonsburg area and that

the LPC would ask for this information, along with suggestions and directions from the school board, by an agreed date. Fanning also confirmed that he is pushing for a decision be made soon.

"It was my recommendation [to the LPC] that we need to speed up the process of utilizing the space that we have," Fanning said.

Motions were also passed to have Fanning convey those concerns to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and other community leaders, as well as formulating plans for a "community discussion opportunity" to be held in Prestonsburg concerning the issues under examination.

"There was no recommendation to close any school," said Fanning, but added, when asked if a school closing could materialize somewhere in the course of planning, that the school board would entertain such an idea as an option.

"We had an architect present us with some options if Prestonsburg (Elementary) was kept active, and also some options if Clark (Elementary) were kept active and what other areas of Prestonsburg could be changed," said Fanning. "The result might be the closing of a school."

"In the past there have been instances where schools in the county have needed to closed, and yes, it was heart-wrenching and the point of much discussion, but we're not the only school system to have to deal with this sort of thing."

None of the five options pre-

Drugs

a waitress pain pills.

According to Tussey's testimony, the waitress had called the police department after Woolley approached her and asked if she knew anyone who wanted to buy any pain pills. The waitress gave officer Tussey a written statement of the incident.

According to Tussey, Woolley admitted to having pain pills and told him that he had been beaten up the night before. Tussey said he had bruises and a black eye.

After being placed under arrest, Woolley gave officer Tussey permission to search a

bag he was carrying. When Tussey opened the bag, a tire iron fell out. When asked about the tire iron, Woolley said that he had been beaten up before and he wasn't going to be beat up again.

Tussey testified that the hydrocodone prescription that Woolley had in his possession at the time he was arrested contained fewer pills than it should have according to the prescribed dosage.

Judge Allen referred the case to a grand jury and lowered Woolley's bond from \$10,000 cash to \$20,000 unsecured.

sented by architects during Tuesday's meeting offered closing either of the schools, said Fanning, but focused instead on new construction and the addition of new structures to the already existing facilities.

Phil Paige, who conducted Tuesday's meeting in the absence of Chairman Paul Hughes and voted for the recommendation, said it was a matter of completing the required plans requested by the state.

"The recommendation is the start of a process more than anything and will begin with discussion," said Paige. "It's about fulfilling the process for the LPC and our interest is in completing our plan as we are required."

Paige said he feels the group and the school board would be better served to simply allow the process to "complete itself" and then use that information to move forward toward other goals.

Fanning explained LPC's

position as being one of fulfilling a duty to bring together a successful plan that would meet the state's expectations, not as an entity geared primarily at closing any certain school.

"We've done what was suggested by the state when the process was rejected," said Fanning. "Is it a pleasant duty? ... Well, no, but they (LPC) haven't shied away from discussing it, that's for sure, and they are fulfilling their duty in this thing as best as they can."

Fanning said he spoke with Mayor Fannin, who maintains that he is strictly opposed to the possibility of PES closing, about the meeting the following day and explained, among other items, the cost of renovations.

"I'm totally opposed to them closing the grade school," said Fannin, who added the he and other city officials had plans which he feels could help avoid

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Lawsuit

school board with the proper criteria verification.

The school protested with a civil suit which claimed it provided the school board with proper identification and was successful in gaining a temporary injunction against the school board to allow the boys to play in the tournament's first game.

However, Fanning's decision to suspend the tournament prompted another motion on behalf of the students and school by Pillersdorf seeking a permanent injunction so the trio could play and also serving as a response to the school board's motion to dismiss the case.

In the motion, Pillersdorf cites the Second Amendment to the state constitution, which protects citizens from arbitrary state action, in arguing the school's case and pointed out the alleged violations which occurred when Lafferty, Haywood and Hughes were denied their chance to participate in the tournament.

The motion claims that the school board was "well aware" of the status of the three students as early as November and, specifically, that the school had participated in games during that

time period.

"There was no protest, objection or any questions raised prior to or during any of the athletic contests regarding the eligibility of (Lafferty, Haywood and Hughes)," the motion said. "The Floyd County Board of Education made its only known objection on February 8, 2002, via a letter from Debbie Daniels."

The motion further claims the school board was "well aware" of the fact that the three student-athletes had transferred from Allen Elementary to Wesley Christian School, and further illustrates their claim that the board's attempts to exclude the boys from tournament play were "disingenuous" as evidenced by the fact that Bobby Hughes played football for Allen Elementary during the 2001-2002 school year.

"There was no protest, objection or question raised about the eligibility of Mr. Hughes while participating for Allen Elementary," the motion said, "only when participating for Wesley Christian School was there a question raised about (Lafferty, Haywood and Hughes') eligibility."

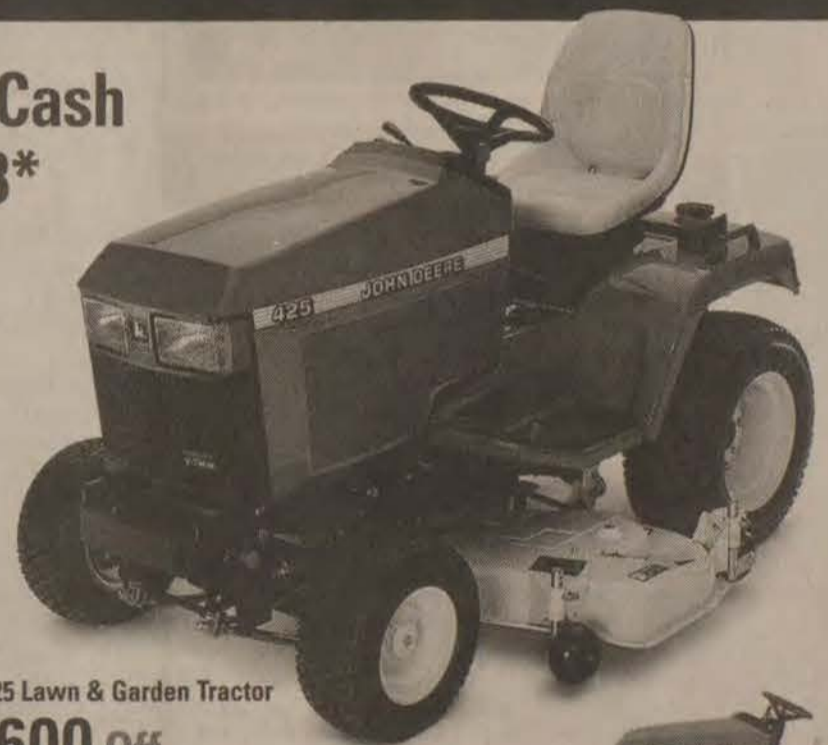
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Think

of rote memorization.

Of the 10 tracks offered, "Love Doctor," is the best example of what Wadkins could do if the young bluesman concentrated his efforts on a single, musical goal. This tune displays any number of well-developed and fairly original lead riffs and would secure Wadkins as a lead stylist, given the proper attention. However, this song, amid several others offered, such as "Open Up It's Cold Out Here," may not leave a hardcore blues listener very satisfied, as it rests on the album's lineup alongside more serene offerings that rely more on soft and relaxing, harmony-based songs.

This track positioning may remind some listeners that Wadkins can be eclectic, but will, in the end, serve only to push blues fans in the opposite direction in search of less variety and more

screaming guitar solos.

Finally, Wadkins forces listeners to second guess his commitment as a true southern blues technician and, in some cases, seems less than confident in how to approach his own music. For example, one track, "Shake That Thang," begins with a lead riff and rhythm run-in that works well as a blues hook, but the illusion is quickly shattered as we hear Wadkins strained vocals open into the song's chorus: "All she wants to do is shake that THING." Wadkins provides a strict contradiction to the carefully titled song, which stresses the more bluesy "thang" as opposed to the grammatically correct, "thing." However, when it comes to expressing this blues character in song, Wadkins'

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Letters

seriously because I knew what the news had meant to my dad. He only had a grade school education, but he knew more about the county, state and nation than anyone else that I have ever known, and he learned what he knew through reading a newspaper.

A few weeks ago, The Floyd County Times asked its readers what they wanted to see in the paper. The Times was asking about the type of stories that readers wanted from the Associated Press. I'd like to answer the question that I wish the editor had asked.

I want a newspaper that covers local news and believes that it is important to cover it well — a paper that cares about getting the story right. Even though it knows that it's impossible to always do that, it sets that as a goal and believes that it is important to try.

I asked The Floyd County Times recently to correct an error that it made in attributing a quote to me during a board meeting that I had not made. I supported my request with a written transcript

of the meeting. The mistake was not acknowledged and the correction was never made.

This week, in a story on another board meeting, The Times reporter described how all the board members had opposed cutting classroom teachers and were looking for other solutions. Examples: One board member suggested selling property; the chair asked that the district "think out of the box," and according to the reporter, I had inquired about technology money that had been placed in escrow.

It's not a big error, but it is simply wrong. After the discussion regarding staff reductions had ended, under a different part of the agenda, I asked for information about which schools had had their equipment upgraded before the technology money had been placed in escrow. I was concerned that some schools had not received this service. There was no connection between the technology money and a reduction in staff.

I would feel better if I thought these were isolated incidents of

inaccurate reporting or even if the errors had been deliberate or malicious in intent. In both cases, they aren't. But they are careless.

I admire some of the young people who are learning how to be reporters as they work for The Times. Sheldon Compton always provides balance, seeking quotes from both sides involved in a story, and can just stun you sometimes with his insight into life. His reflections on passing up a mother and child whose car had broken down could have been written by someone well beyond his years.

But those are rare moments. I miss the good, solid reporting of The Times, the editorials about local issues that could sear the pages that they were written on and make those who were being attacked wish for the underside of a rock, the feeling that no one — no matter how much advertising they might command — could shape what went into the paper. I miss that. I think that my dad would have felt the same.

Carol Stumbo
McDowell

Record

Bread dough setting out and not covered. Score: 98.

Cigarette Outlet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Personal products stored in pop reach-in cooler, paper towels need to be stored in restroom by sink, ceiling in back storage area in disrepair, restroom door cannot be propped open. Score: 95.

Hardee's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Urinal in men's restroom

is broken, all waste containers in food preparation area need lids, overall facility in sanitary condition. Score: 96.

Foodland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not located in an easily seen position in all units used to maintain temperature and also thermometers broken in reach-in freezer, lights in meat room do not have proper shields, food products stored on absorbent material in deli

display, food products stored on floor of walk-in freezer, deli foods being stored uncovered due to missing lids, mop heads being stored on floor in back storage area, hair restraints not in use during food preparation at deli, doors and ceilings of walk-in meat room in heavy disrepair, women's restroom does not contain proper waste basket, towels missing from hand washing sink in deli, outside dumpster is missing lids, floors in meat room are in disrepair and not easily cleaned. Score: 90 restaurant, 90 retail.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Hazel Arnett to Bonnie Daly and Charlotte Williams, property located on Right Fork of Middle Creek.

Bertha Prater to Charles Edward Camp and Joshua Paul Thornton, property location not listed.

John J. Sword and Patsy Sword to Southern Water & Sewer District, property location on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

Gwendolyn Kaye Woods and Darwin Woods Jr. to Ramona Kaye Moore, property located on Jacks Creek.

Gladys Bentley to Ollie Hank Bentley, property location not listed.

William J. Powers, Roger Dean Collins and Sharon E. Collins, Victor V. Goble and Betty S. Goble to Donnie C. Akers and Robyn E. Akers, property located Upper Stillhouse Hollow.

Jeffrey D. Hughes, and Jeffrey D. Hughes, exec., estate of Curtis Lee Hughes, Steven W. Hughes and Krista L. Hughes,

Robert E. Moore to Travis Martin, property located in Martin.

Donald E. Goble and Tamara Goble to Giancarlo Nisimblat and Jennifer S. Basart, property located in Prestonsburg.

Joyce C. Cochran to Ricky Dale Robinson and Tonia Robinson, property location not listed.

Charles Michael Brooks to Charles Michael Brooks and Sandra J. Brooks, property located on Mare Creek.

Joe B. Garrett and Venice Garrett to Charles Lewis and Minnie Lewis, property location not listed.

William G. Hennessee and Betsy Brady to Kinder Family LLC, property located on Pin Hook Branch and Hackworth Branch.

David Ellis and Susan Ellis to J.W. Kinzer, property location not listed.

Lanny Hamilton, Ricky Hamilton, Rita Allen, Benita McNally, Randy Hamilton, Barry Hamilton, Elizabeth Giese, Tandy Hamilton, Nicky Hamilton to Tandy Hamilton and Kitty Hamilton, property location not listed.

Rufus Salmons and Sue Salmons to Steven A. Salmons, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

Carroll Robinson and Reanota Robinson to Monroe Newsome, property located on Middle Branch.

Linda Hicks and Kenneth L. Hicks, Delores Rudy, Chrystal D. Bartrum, Debbie Lynn Castle, Karrie Ciafullo and Tim Ciafullo, Sandra Vestal and John Vestal, John Bartrum II and Tonya Bartrum to Paul E. Castle and Steven A. Salmons, property location not listed.

Obitruaries

Frank Vaughan Sr.

Frank Vaughan Sr., 84, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born on May 6, 1917, in Prestonsburg, Ky., he was the son of the late Harry Wesley Vaughan and Fannie Perry Vaughan. He was a former coal miner at Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., David, Ky., a member of the First Church of God, Prestonsburg, Ky., and a member of UMWA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Jones Vaughan, on March 20, 1999.

Survivors include one daughter, Grace Evelyn (Bruce) Hackworth of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one son, Frank (Leva Kaye) Vaughan Jr., of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one sister, Alberta Baldrige of Prestonsburg, Ky.; seven grandchildren, Chuck Hackworth, David Hackworth, Tony Hackworth, Kevin Vaughan, Grace C. Goodman, Tamara Vaughan and Jennifer Kruzel; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 21, at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Steve Williams officiating.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

(Paid obituary)

Bill Webb Sr.

Bill Webb Sr., 85, of Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg, Ky., died Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in Lexington, Ky.

Born June 16, 1916, in Orchard (Magoffin County), Ky., he was the son of the late Doc Webb and Susie Howard Webb. He was a former coal miner at Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., David, Ky., a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and a member of the UMWA.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Josephine Hale Webb, and his second wife, Lillie Emma Fairchild Webb.

Survivors include one son, Donald R. Webb of Lexington, Ky.; seven daughters, Joyce Ann Conley of Prestonsburg, Ky., Malta L. Harvey of Prestonsburg, Ky., Pauline Edwards of Dwarf, Ky., Lorene Ball of Paris, Oh., Margaret Ousley of Prestonsburg, Ky., Barbara Jean Spradlin of Prestonsburg, Ky., Linda Hicks

of Lexington, Ky.; one half-brother, Eugene Webb of Judston, Ind.; one half-sister, Josephine Star of Tennessee; a special friend, Jackie Campbell of Prestonsburg, Ky.; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, numerous step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren and step-great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Alta Minton and Wanda Kelly; two sons, Johnny R. Shell and Thomas Shell Jr.; and one brother, Manis Webb.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2002, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Jimmy Dye and Roger Hicks officiating.

Burial will be at the Webb Family Cemetery, (Bonanza), Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Edgell Brown

Edgell Brown, 61, of Garrett, Ky., died Thursday, February 21, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on December 30, 1940, in Langley, Ky., he was the son of the late Clarence Brown and Zola Stephens Brown. He was a member of the Rock Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, and VFW in Paintsville, Ky. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for Cyprus Amax.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna Daniels Brown.

Other survivors include two sons, Christopher Brown, and Tyler Devan Brown, both of Garrett, Ky.; three daughters, Kathy Allen, Heather Brown, and Kari Brown, all of Garrett, Ky.; daughter of the heart, Shonda Lawson of Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Ellis Brown, and Ambers Brown, both of Langley, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Guy Brown; and one brother, Mitchell Brown.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 12 noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, and others, officiating.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Less Wallen

Less Wallen, age 79, of Water Gap, Ky., passed away Thursday, February 14, 2002, at his residence, after an extended illness.

He was born June 26, 1922, at Water Gap, Ky., a son of the late Henry (Buck) and Johnnie (Calhoun) Wallen. He was a retired carpenter.

He was married to Jennie (Miller) Wallen who survives him.

He is survived by three sons, and one daughter, Mr. Lester Wallen of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Mr. Jesse Wallen, and Mr. Dean Wallen, both of Water Gap, Ky., Mrs. Mornan Sue English of Sarasota, Fla.; one brother, Mr. John Wallen of Prestonsburg, Ky.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 16, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. James A. Harmon officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Cemetery at Ivel, Ky. Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

(Paid obituary)

Raymond Slone

Raymond Slone, 75, of Warsaw, Ind., died Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 12:05 a.m., at his residence.

Born July 18, 1926, in Prestonsburg, Ky., he was the son of Harmison and Ann Whitaker Slone. He was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Warsaw American Legion No. 49. He had lived in Indiana since 1948. He was a purchasing agent for Tyler Machine, Warsaw, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Shepherd Slone of Warsaw, Ind.

Other survivors include one son, Ron Slone of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; three brothers, Richmond Slone, and Burns Slone, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Burl Slone of New Mexico; one sister, Sally Slone of Warsaw, Ind.; grandchildren, Nathan and Adam Rosengarten of Memphis, Tenn., and Mat Rosengarten of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Ind.

Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Ind.

Graveside services were by the American Legion, No. 49, and V.F.W., No. 1126.

(Paid obituary)

George Lee Thaxton

George Lee Thaxton, age 30, of Charleston, W.Va., formerly of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Monday, February 18, 2002, at the West Penn. Hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa., after an accident.

He was born in Charleston, W.Va., a son of Keith and Joan (McKinney) Thaxton, both of Charleston, W. Va.

He was married to Vada (Collins) Thaxton, who survives him, and resides at Charleston, W. Va.

He is survived by one step-daughter, Miss Stephanie Gibson, at home; two brothers, Mr. Justin Thaxton, and Mr. Mike Thaxton, both of Charleston, W. Va.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Lenvil Campbell officiating.

Burial will follow in the Collins Family Cemetery in Johnson County, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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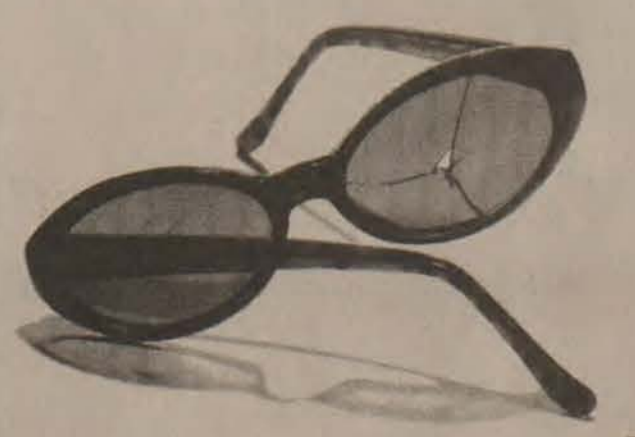
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- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home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

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- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
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- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
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- Insurance Agent _____
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- Law Enforcement Officer _____
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- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
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- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

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

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

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
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- Laundromat _____
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Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Friday, March 29th edition of the Floyd County Times.**

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Piarist School to hold entrance exam

The Piarist School will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshman or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The exam will be given on

Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m., at the school, which is located at the second traffic light on Route 80, in Martin. The Piarist School is a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school. To register or to request more information, call 285-3950, or e-mail: piarist@kih.net or visit the school's website at www.geocities.com/piarist.

Need a computer for college?

If you are a Floyd County High School senior applying to a college, university, or technical school, or a non-traditional college student, you may be eligible to receive a new computer and printer through Floyd County's T-GIFT program. To apply, pick up a T-GIFT brochure at one of the following locations: MSU Prestonsburg Campus, Elizabeth Bishop; Education Pays Career Development Center, PCC, Jean Rosenberg; any Floyd County School Family Resource Center; or contact Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, or call Sister Kathleen Weigand at 886-2513.

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons have changed to February 15-April 30 and Oct. 1-

Dec. 15. During these time periods it is unlawful to: set fire to, or to procure to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., or when the ground is covered with snow.

Highlands Supports

Stop Smoking - Feb. 26 - Meeting Place A - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Save Your Sweetheart Basic CPR Class - Feb. 23 - Meeting Place A & B - 7 a.m to 3 p.m.
 Living Well with Diabetes - Feb. 26 - Floyd Room - 5 - 6 p.m.
 For additional information, contact Highlands Human Resources Department at 1-606-886-7530.

Co-op Extension Services

■ The office is currently taking orders for strawberry plants. Varieties available are Earliglow, Surecrop, and Tribute. Plants arrive in bundles of 25 that will be shipped in mid-March. Order forms and money due in office by February 25. Make checks payable to the Floyd County Extension Office. Call 886-2668 for more information.

■ Spring Beekeepers

Workshop/Bee Give-A-Way to be held on Thursday, February 21, at the Floyd County

Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Participants will be eligible to win one of ten 3-lb. packages of bees (with queen) that will be given away. Bees will be shipped in April. Must be present to win. Sponsored by the Floyd County Farm Bureau Federation.

■ 2002 Floyd County Horse Course to be offered in a 3-part series. Each course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Service Office and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

*Thursday, March 21 - Health and Feeding of your horse;
 *Thursday, March 28 - Selecting the Recreational Horse; and
 *Thursday, April 4 - Fencing and Facilities. For more information call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

Notice to all veterans

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be entitled to VA benefits that you are unaware of. Visit the Disabled American Veterans office located at Ivel, or call (606) 478-9810 during regular office hours, Monday - Friday. Our mailing address is DAV, Betsy Layne Chapter #169, 480 Conn Street, Ivel, KY 41642. There is never any charge for our services.

Free training offered by Mt. Comp Care

Mt. Comprehensive Care

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

Historic Cemeteries

"Exploring Floyd County Cemeteries and Historic Sites" class meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Samuel May House parking lot. From here, the class travels to a chosen site to explore local history. Class is conducted by Dr. Robert Perry. For more information, call (888) 641-4132, or 886-3863, ext. 258.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Computer and Literacy training course for those persons who have never used a computer and have little or no reading ability. Course will be offered free of charge and only if a minimum of three participants enroll. For more information, call 886-0709. *Free G.E.D. classes every

Thursday from 1-4 p.m.
 *Free private tutoring - call 886-0709 for an appointment.
 *Basic and Intermediate computer classes beginning in February. Call the center to enroll.

Attention "Earn while you learn"

The Big Sandy area C.A.P. is taking applications for the senior training program. You must be 55 or older to apply.
 We are located in six counties. Floyd: 886-2929; Magoffin, 349-2217; Pike, 432-2775; Lawrence, 638-4067; Martin, 298-3217; Johnson, 789-6515.

BLHS class of 1982 reunion

Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982?
 Class reunion plans are being made now!

Please, contact us as soon as possible.
 Class reunion committee, call 587-2404 or 478-1980 or 478-1861.

Closing?

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such an outcome, including continued use of the school's playground and additional parking space. "We are totally opposed to moving. We're opposed to moving jobs outside the city and we're willing to accommodate the school board any way we can to see this solved."

Addressing rumors that the city had plans of buying the property on which PES now rests, Fannin said there were no plans for such a purchase.

"We're not interested in buying the property for any use," said Fannin, and then, revising his statement, added the chance of one possible purchase. "The only use, if the Floyd County school systems moves ahead with closing the school, would be that we might try looking at a city school system ... our own school system."

In addition to making his views on the possible closure of the school public through statements yesterday, Fannin also drafted a letter to Fanning about his concerns, finishing his correspondence with a straightforward set of terms.

"As you know, the city of Prestonsburg has lent considerable support to the Floyd County Board of Education in many of the projects undertaken by the board within the Prestonsburg city limits," wrote Fannin. "Should, however, the Prestonsburg Elementary School be closed, the city will have little incentive to provide the Floyd County Board of Education with the level of support and cooperation extended by the city in the past."

Think


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inhibitions in terms of adhering to the soul of blues music takes hold, leaving the listener feeling cheated and suspect of the young musician's conviction.

Wadkins and group should follow the lead of contemporary blues masters such as Vaughn, whom Wadkins names in his "thank-you" section of "Down That Road," and concentrate more on the front man's guitar talents, confident that the other pegs will fall into place without being forced. Until then, "Down That Road" stands as a decent first attempt that could, if sharpened, lead to a good second outing by a local talent who'd probably do better to not underestimate his own abilities and just learn to loosen up a little.


I included the article here because I feel that anyone with dreams deserves constructive criticism on their path to producing quality work. Without this, some of the world's most inspiring minds and talents might have stopped short of success and consequent greatness, a sad alternative when considering all we could have otherwise lost.

And it may be true that no statues were ever dedicated to critics, but very few were ever constructed without their time-tested approval, either.



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Rival programs rival

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

The basketball programs at Kentucky, Louisville, and Indiana need more than just a new influx of talented players. Each has an image problem that must be remedied, a hole that needs to be plugged, and/or an itch that needs to be scratched.

It has nothing to do with coaches. UK's Tubby Smith, U of L's Rick Pitino, and IU's Mike Davis all figure to be around for awhile. The challenge is keeping up with each other while

striving for a place on the cutting edge of college hoops. At each program, everything must be as strictly first-class and up-to-date as Regis Philbin's wardrobe.

At IU, for example, the search is on for something that Hoosiers have never had — a mascot. This is a thornier problem than you might think. At UK and U of L, the mascots are obvious — a fuzzy wildcat and a cute cardinal bird — but what in the name of Branch

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Sideline Shots

Shea, skeleton belong in Winter Olympics

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

With a memory of his grandfather tucked inside his helmet, Shea did indeed win the gold Wednesday, finishing the two runs at Utah Olympic Park in 1 minute, 41.96 seconds.

It all culminated an emotional two months for Shea, the youngest member of America's first three-generation family of Winter Olympians.

His 91-year-old grandfather, Jack, who died last month, was the first double gold medalist in the Winter Olympics, winning two speedskating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games. He was also America's oldest living Winter Olympian.

Shea's father, Jim Sr., was also an Olympian and competed in three cross-country events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games.

He watched with tears in his eyes as his son beat defending world champion Martin Rettl of Austria, who won the silver in 1:42.01. World Cup champion Gregor Staehli of Switzerland, the 1994 world champion who came out of retirement to compete, won the bronze in 1:42.15.

"I think his Gramp was there giving him that little extra push."

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Football

South Floyd, others in KCC lift meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — High school football players of all shapes and sizes will converge on the old Hindman High Gym, Pearl Combs Learning Center, this weekend for the King of the Mountain Powerlifting Meet

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Allen Central rolls over Pikeville

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Rebels have been the 15th Region's most unpredictable team this season, and continue to show that trait on a nightly basis. Tuesday night the Rebels showed their good side as they pounded a Pikeville team that has gone through a rough season

themselves. Allen Central standout Shawn Newsome led the Rebel effort with a game high 35 points, but Newsome was not without help as Rebel big man Daniel Sazabo also turned in a strong performance scoring 18 points in the contest.

Coach Johnny Martin has a team that on any given night can beat anyone in the area, as was evident when

the Rebels rolled through the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Central earlier in the year. Earlier in the season Martin stated, "sometimes we can be pretty bad, but sometimes we can be pretty good."

On Tuesday, the Rebs were that "pretty good" as they led from the

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photo by
Jamie Howell

Daniel Sazabo (52) worked the ball for Allen Central as Pikeville defenders applied pressure.



Piarist KNIGHTS

photos courtesy of The Piarist School

Above: The six Piarist School senior members of the boys' and girls' basketball teams were honored last weekend at the final home basketball game of the regular season. Seniors pictured, left to right, are Kari Ross, Jeremiah Minix, Brian Yates, Shawn Rose, Robert Hall and Morgan Caldwell.

Right: Piarist School senior Morgan Caldwell, of Prestonsburg, was recently honored as a 15th Region All "A" Classic All-Academic Scholar. The award was presented to her by Piarist School athletic director Gary Kidd during the final home girls' basketball game. The award was based on grade-point average, ACT scores and demonstrated athletic ability.



Centre football team honored at banquet

Ortega shares top defensive award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DANVILLE — The Centre College football team was honored at its annual banquet this past weekend at the Cowan Dining Commons on the Centre campus.

The Colonels posted a 9-1 record, finishing second in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The nine victories are the most by a Colonel team since the 1921 team that recorded 10. Centre cornerback Brian

Britt (Danville) received a certificate for being selected to the American Football Coaches Association All-

(See CENTRE, page seven)

Arena comes first, then what?

Former Betsy Layne standout Combs has NFL in mind

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BARDSTOWN — Former Betsy Layne standout Brandon "Bubba" Combs has a golden opportunity laid before him. After taking some time away from playing football, Combs now has the opportunity to begin a pro career, this time with the Louisville Fire, a team relatively near to his new home in Nelson County.

"I'm looking real forward to getting started," said Combs, just days after being notified he had made the team. "This is something I've always wanted to do and I'm very happy to now have the opportunity."

Anyone who even remotely keeps up with the National Football League knows a standout Arena League player now has an opportunity to make it to the big level. Just look at St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner.

"Just look at Kurt Warner and some

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PHS Football Banquet is Sunday



TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Prestonsburg High School football team will hold a reception and awards ceremony Sunday at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Beginning at 4 p.m., the evening's event will celebrate the Prestonsburg's state runner-up team from the 2001 season. The 2001 squad was one of the most successful football teams to ever come out of the entire region.

Sunday's event will also give some lucky person the chance to win a brand new 2002

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ON TAP

Webb, South Floyd play host to state power Lexington Catholic tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lexington Catholic boys' basketball program has two state Class-A titles to its credit. The Knights have won several district and regional tournaments as well as various other tournaments throughout the country. Mention Lexington Catholic in Eastern Kentucky, or anywhere else in the

state as far as the subject goes, and visions of powerhouse sports teams come to mind. Tonight, Coach Danny Haney will bring the Knights into Hi Hat to take on Coach Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders. The game will serve as a huge test for the host Raiders as they head into the 58th District

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Correction:

This photo ran with T.C. Hatfield, the athlete pictured, misidentified as Justin Allen in Wednesday's edition.

photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg's T.C. Hatfield (35) looked to go up for two against the Elkhorn City defense.

Collins named AAC player of the week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — After turning in one solid performance after another, Alice Lloyd College senior Jason Collins has finally been rewarded for his efforts, and not just with a

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Briefs

GOLF

CARLSBAD, Calif.—On a day of shockers in the opening round of the Match Play Championship, none was bigger than Tiger Woods heading to the clubhouse to clean out his locker after a stunning loss to Peter O'Malley, the pudgy Australian who wasn't even supposed to be here.

About 15 minutes after Woods tipped his cap and shook hands with O'Malley, Phil Mickelson watched helplessly as John Cook rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole to send Lefty home early for the third tournament in a row.

David Duval was 2-up with two holes to play against Kevin Sutherland, who birdied the 17th and 18th holes, and sent Duval packing with a two-putt birdie on the 20th hole of the match.

The other top seeds had only minor difficulty as Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, David Tom, Vijay Singh and Davis Love III all advanced. Only Tom was taken to the 18th hole, where he defeated Rory Sabbatini.

GOLD COAST, Australia—Australia's Karrie Webb, seeking her fifth straight Australian Ladies Masters title, shot a 3-under 69 to fall three strokes behind leader Elisabeth Esterl. Esterl, from Germany, won a 66 on Royal Pines' East Course to take a one-stroke lead over Wales' Becky Morgan. Sweden's Annika Sorenstam opened with a 74, and England's Laura Davies shot a 73.

BASEBALL

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Outfielder Bobby Abreu signed the richest contract in Philadelphia Phillies history, agreeing to a \$64 million, five-year extension with a team option that could make the deal worth \$78 million.

FORT MYERS, Fla.—The Red Sox won their arbitration case against Rolando Arrojo, and the pitcher will get \$1.9 million rather than the \$2.8 million he had sought.

BOSTON—The Boston Celtics, hoping to boost their offense for a playoff run, acquired guard Tony Delk and forward Rodney Rogers in a five-player trade with the Phoenix Suns. The Suns received forward Joe Johnson, Boston's first pick in last year's NBA draft and the 10th pick overall, as well as backup guards Mit Palfacio and Randy Brown, and a first-round draft pick in this year's draft.

KISSIMMEE, Fla.—Dane Martinez, counted on to be a key backup for the Atlanta Braves this year, will miss the entire season because of a knee problem, manager Bobby Cox said. Martinez, 37, was diagnosed with chronic patellar tendinitis in his right knee late in the 2001 season. He will undergo surgery March 1 in Tampa, Fla.

HAINES CITY, Fla.—Royals shortstop Neifi Perez admitted he was two years older than he claimed to be.

Perez had listed his birthday as June 2, 1975. But in a morning meeting with general manager Allard Baird, Perez confessed he is two years older, making him 28.

Perez explained that as a youngster, he was told that giving a different age would help him get a professional baseball contract, Baird said.

TAMPA, Fla.—Dwight Gooden was arrested on drunken driving charges and released from jail.

Police said the 37-year-old retired pitcher was charged with intoxication, having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle and driving with a suspended license. He was released from Hillsborough County Jail on \$500 bond.

MINNEAPOLIS—Signaling that baseball was prepared to back off its attempt to fold the Twins, owner Carl Pohlad said he intended to sell the team and commissioner Bud Selig gave his blessing.

CORONA, Calif.—Almost the entire San Diego Padres organization, from players to ball boys to executives, joined 1,500 other mourners at outfielder Mike Darr's funeral.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands—Defending champion Nicolas Escude beat top-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero in three sets in the second round of the \$713,000 ABN/AMRO World Tennis indoor tournament.

Araud Clement ousted Greg Rusedski, and Marat Safin was also eliminated. Ferrero triumphed 5-7, 6-1, 6-0. Safin, a finalist at the Australian Open last month, lost 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 to Bohdan Ulihrach.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—Top-seeded Venus Williams rolled past Anna Koumnikova 6-2, 7-6 (3) and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Dubai Women's Open.

Monica Seles, the No. 2 seed, defeated Tathiana Garbin 6-2, 6-3 and will play Angéles Montolio in the quarterfinals. No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo beat Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Tamarine Tanasugarn defeated Tatiana Panova, Montolio downed Janette Husarova, and Anastasia Myskina topped Jelena Kostanic.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Local favorite Juan Ignacio Chela upset third-seeded Nicolas Lapentti in three sets in second-round play of the \$425,000 Copa AT&T tournament. Chela won 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (1).

Sixth-seeded Alberto Martin retired with an injury after falling behind to another local, Franco Squillari, who won 6-1, 3-1. Lapentti and Martin join top-seeded Gustavo Kuerten, Gustavo Canas (2) and Albert Portas (4), as the early casualties to this tournament.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Top-seeded Tommy Haas beat Jan Vacek 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 in his opening match at the Kroger St. Jude tournament.

American Andy Roddick, the No. 2 seed, controlled his booming serve and beat Lars Burgsmuller of Germany 6-2, 6-3 in 58 minutes.

In women's action, Jana Nejedly of Canada defeated seventh-seeded Jennifer Hopkins of the United States 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Ninth-seeded Irina Seljutina of Kazakhstan withdrew with an upper respiratory infection, giving Silvija Talaja of Croatia a walkover.

BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA CITY—Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar landed his first head coaching job, signing with the Oklahoma Storm of the U.S. Basketball League.

SPORTSBOARD

Ohno, who skated with six stitches in his left thigh, dropped to his knees in the center of the rink when the decision was announced. Kim, who already had started a victory lap with a South Korean flag, threw down the banner in disgust.

Ohno's first attempt at gold ended with him sprawling on the ice in the 1,000, taken out in a crash he didn't cause. He still managed to crawl to the finish, sticking his injured leg over the line to claim the silver behind Australia's Steven Bradbury, the only skater not involved in the melee.

Ohno didn't seem bothered by the injury in the 1,500. After running in the back for much of the 131/2-lap race, he brought the sellout crowd to its feet with a daring pass on three skaters with two laps to go, moving up to second.

"I took a chance, stayed in the back, relaxed and saved some energy," Ohno said.

He still had to get past Kim, the defending World Cup champion.

Coming off the next-to-last turn, Ohno used a burst of momentum and dipped to the inside to get around the South Korean. But Kim moved into his path, prompting Ohno to throw up his arms — a cagey move that certainly drew the attention of the referees.

Having cut off Ohno, Kim cruised around the final turn and crossed the line believing he had won gold. Ohno pumped his fist as he crossed the line, then smiled as he looked toward the replay board.

Kim grabbed his national flag and began to celebrate, but Ohno remained on the ice until the official results were posted.

When the chief referee, James Hewish of Australia, skated over to him in his decision, the crowd gasped in anticipation. Then the announcer revealed it: Kim was disqualified and the teen-ager from Seattle was the gold medalist.

Li Jiajun of China won the silver and Marc Gagnon of Canada took the bronze.

"I waited for the right time to move, and it worked out," Ohno said. "I just did my best, and I shined like a star."

"I came out of the corner with great acceleration, came on him real tight, got inside of him, and he just moved over on me," Ohno said. "He definitely came over on me. Good call."

Short-track races are governed by three officials: the chief referee and two assistants, who move in small circles at the center of the track as the skaters whiz around them. Kim was disqualified for "cross-tracking" — improperly crossing the course to cut off another skater.

Kim refused to comment, but another skater criticized the decision.

"It's absurd that the Korean was disqualified," said Italy's Fabio Carta, who finished fourth.

Ohno hugged his coaches while being cheered from the stands by his father, Yuki, who gave up the jetsetting lifestyle of a hairstylist to the stars and settled down to raise his son alone after Ohno's mother walked out of his life when he was 1.

Ohno went through the disappointment of failing to make the U.S. team in 1996, rededicated himself to the sport and became its brightest star.

He came to Salt Lake City with hopes of winning four gold medals, but that ended in his very first event, the 1,000.

Ohno was out front as he turned into the final turn, but a four-skater crash sent him crashing into the boards — cutting himself with his own blade in the process.

Ohno managed to stagger to the finish, throwing his injured leg over the line to claim a silver medal, one of the signature moments of the Winter Games.

The American rested his injured leg Sunday but worked out the last two days and had no problems when he stepped on the ice Wednesday.

He yawned as he glided onto the rink to a thunderous ovation from the sellout crowd at the Salt Lake Ice Center, where growing interest in the sport was evident from all the people standing outside in a chilly drizzle hoping to buy tickets.

Inside, an Ohno cheering section featured men and women wearing fake dark soul patches on their chins, emulating his trademark facial hair.

After his first race, Ohno had to be brought to the edge of the ice in a wheelchair to receive his silver. He didn't need any assistance for this medal ceremony.

Ohno bounded to the top step on the podium in a leather jacket, brushing back his flowing brown hair as flashbulbs went off all over the arena. He kissed his medal and held it aloft for all to see.

While the American flag was raised, Ohno placed his right hand over his heart and sang along to the national anthem.

In the other medal event of the night, South Korea won its third straight gold medal in the women's 3,000 relay with a world record of 4 minutes, 12.793 seconds.

China won the silver and Canada took the bronze, the same order as the Nagano Games four years ago.

Choi Min-kyung pumped both fists as she crossed the line, eclipsing the mark of 4:13.541 set by China at a World Cup meet in Calgary. She was quickly joined by her three teammates, Choi Eun-kyung, Joo Min-jin and Park Hye-won, who circled the track carrying a South Korean flag while a small contingent from their homeland cheered wildly.

Five more U.S. medals, a fourth gold medal for Bjoerdalen

by LARRY McSHANE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — The latest recipe for American medal success: Start with a third-generation Olympian winning a gold for his late grandfather. Add a local favorite with multihued hair, a stitched-up Sports Illustrated cover boy, and two more golds.

Gamish with Lee Ann Parsley and her silver medal.

The U.S. Olympians continued their unprecedented Salt Lake City roll, riding the skeleton sleds of Jimmy Shea, Tristan Gale and Parsley to three more medals — and that was just Wednesday morning.

Short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno joined the fun later, taking his first gold and second medal of the games after the first-place finisher in the 1,500-meter final was disqualified.

Jennifer Rodriguez's bronze in the 1,500-meter long track speedskating gave the United States five medals on the day, its best single-day haul in Winter Games history. The three golds were the most ever in a single day, too.

The U.S. team's impressive showing — 26 medals now, including a record nine golds — couldn't overshadow the biggest individual star of Salt Lake City: Ole Einar Bjoerdalen of Norway, who became only the third Winter Olympian to win four golds in a single games.

On a snowy slay at the skeleton track, the Americans swept medals in both the men's and women's events — the latter punctuated with a silver medal by Parsley in a 1-2 U.S. finish.

In perhaps the most emotional moment of the Olympics, Shea raced with a funeral car of his grandfather inside his helmet — and then waved the card in victory after claiming the gold medal in the first skeleton event since 1948.

"My grandpa was with me the whole way," said a beaming Shea, whose father and grandfather were both U.S. Olympians.

Jack Shea, who died Jan. 22, was the first double gold medalist in the Winter Olympics, winning two speedskating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games. Jim Sr. competed in three cross-country events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games. He wept while his son competed, and then celebrated with him at the bottom of the run.

About 30 minutes later, Gale — her hair streaked red, white and blue — zipped down her home course to claim an unlikely gold medal. Gale, a Salt Lake City resident, was a competitive Alpine skier for 10 years before trying skeleton.

She had never finished higher than eighth in a World Cup race before collecting the gold. Just one-tenth of a second behind was silver medalist Parsley.

The Americans stayed second in the medals table with their 26 medals (nine gold, nine silver and eight bronze). Germany remained atop the table with 31 (9-15-7), with Norway in third with 18 (10-6-2).

SHORT-TRACK SPEEDSKATING: Apolo Anton Ohno, six stitches in his left thigh from an accident in his first race, finished second yet again — but this time, it was temporary.

In yet another wild finish on the short track, a disqualification turned the 19-year-old Ohno into an Olympic gold medalist just minutes after it appeared he would settle for silver. Ohno, who appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated before the games, was mentioned as a possible four-gold winner.

"It's just an amazing feeling," said Ohno, who barely missed a gold in his first race after a multi-skater accident near the finish. "So many years of hard work."

South Korean Kim Dong-sung was disqualified for blocking Ohno with a half-lap to go. While Ohno exulted in front of the home crowd, Kim — who already had started a victory lap with a South Korean flag — slammed the banner to the ice.

SPEEDSKATING: Jennifer Rodriguez's bronze medal gave the United States eight medals in eight long-track events, equalling the 1980 team as the most prolific in U.S. history.

It was the second bronze of the games for the former inline skater from Miami, a follow-up to her third-place finish in the 1,000 meters.

Rodriguez finished behind the German pair of gold medalist Anni Friesinger and silver medalist Sabine Voecker. Friesinger set a world record in the 1,500-meter race.

Rodriguez's late charge knocked teammate Chris Witt off the medal stand as she sought her second medal of these games and fourth overall. Witt, who was recovering from mononucleosis, said she felt awful after the race.

"This is the most pain I've ever had," she said. "I couldn't see straight. My head was pounding."

HOCKEY: Don't blame Herb Brooks if he's suffering flashbacks.

Brooks, coach of the U.S. hockey team for the first time since 1980, has his team in the Olympic semifinals after a 5-0 victory over Germany. And their opponent — just as it was 22 years ago — is the Russians.

The Americans, behind goals from linemates John LeClair and Brett Hull, breezed past Germany behind the shutout goaltending of Mike Richter.

The Russians, averaging a gold medal game loss from 1998, edged the Czech Republic 1-0 to oust the defending Olympic champion, Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 41 shots, outdueling Dominik Hasek as Russia moved into the semifinals.

Earlier, a surprised Swedish goalie Tommy Salo took a sailing puck in the head ... and stood helplessly as it trickled into the net behind him. Within minutes, the Swedish players were hanging their heads.

Underdog Belarus, on Vladimir Kopat's fluke goal with 2:24 remaining, stunned the heavily favored Swedes 4-3 in one of the biggest hockey upsets in Olympic history.

"I think it hit my glove, and I don't know what else it hit," Salo said. "Somehow, it went in."

The Swedes, who outscored their opponents 14-4 in winning their first three games, lost their shot at a medal. Belarus — listed as a 10-million-to-1 shot to win the gold medal — moved into the semifinals against Canada, which defeated Finland 2-1.

Joe Sakic and Steve Yzerman scored for the Canadians, who are seeking their first gold medal in 50 years.

BIATHLON: Ole Einar Bjoerdalen became the third Olympian to win four gold medals at a single games as Norway won the men's 30-kilometer biathlon relay.

Three-time defending Olympic champion Germany won the silver and France took the bronze.

Only two others had previously taken four gold medals in one Winter Olympics: American speedskater Eric Heiden, with five in 1980, and Russian speedskater Lydia Skoblikova, with four in 1964.

"This is very special," said Bjoerdalen, who said later he would skip Saturday's 50K cross-country race and a chance at a fifth gold.

WOMEN'S SLALOM: Croatia's 3, United States 0.

That's the medal count in the women's Alpine skiing events, where Janica Kostelic of Croatia won her second gold — and third medal overall — in the women's slalom.

Kostelic, who won gold in the combined and silver in the Super G, braved a heavy snowfall to take the slalom. Laure Paquegnot of France was second, and Anja Paerson of Sweden took the bronze.

Kostelic will go for her fourth medal Friday in the giant slalom. The U.S. women's Alpine team was about the only American squad not to lousify in Utah, and could finish with no medals for the first time since 1988.

CURLING: The gold is gone for the U.S. women's curlers, although they remain in the running for a bronze.

The Americans lost 9-4 to Switzerland, snapping a four-game winning streak and setting up a bronze medal contest Thursday against the defending gold medalist Canada.

The Canadians lost 6-5 to Great Britain, setting up a match between the winners and the Swiss for the gold.

In the men's semifinals, Canada advanced to Friday's gold medal game with a 6-4 victory over world champion Sweden. The Canadians will play Norway, 7-8 winners in extra time over defending Olympic champion Switzerland.

Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with 3B Andy Morales on a minor league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Jose Macias on a two-year contract and RHP Jeff Farnsworth, RHP Kris Keller, LHP Mike Maroth and OF Andres Torres on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS — Signed 3B Mike Lamb, RHP Aaron Myette, OF Jason Romano and INF Jason Hart to one-year contracts.

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with OF Alex Sanchez on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tyler Walker and RHP Eric Gamack.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Abreu on a five-year contract extension.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Named Timothy P. Andree senior vice president of communications, effective March 4.

BOSTON CELTICS — Acquired G Tony Delk and F Rodney Rogers from Phoenix for G-F Joe Johnson, G Mit Palfacio, G Randy Brown, and Boston's first-round pick in this year's draft.

CHICAGO BULLS — Activated G Greg Anthony from the injured list. Placed G Norman Richardson on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Named Galen Hall running backs coach, Frank Verducci offensive line coach, and Greg Semken tight ends coach.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed S Clint Finley to a two-year contract.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Named Greg Brown defensive quality control coach.

NEW YORK JETS — Named Jimmy Raye senior offensive assistant coach.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Named James Lofton receivers coach and Cam Cameron offensive coordinator.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named George Catavolos defensive backs coach.

Auto racing

NASCAR Winston Cup

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver pit standings:

Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Richmond.



photo by Jamie Howell

Piarist senior Robert Hall, a career 1,000-point scorer, eyed the basket against Buckhorn.



photo courtesy of The Piarist School

Shawn Rose (11) attempted to power up and over the Red Bird defense.



photo courtesy of The Piarist School

Morgan Caldwell (25) got away on a runout.



photo courtesy of The Piarist School

Kari Ross (23) drove to the basket as Red Bird players trailed. Ross, a senior, scored a career-high 34 points in the final regular season game of her career on Saturday.



photo courtesy of The Piarist School

Freshman Rachel Hill (24) and senior Kari Ross tried to haul the rebound down from opposing Buckhorn players.

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include New Jersey, Boston, Orlando, Washington, Philadelphia, Miami, New York.

Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Detroit, Milwaukee, Toronto, Charlotte, Indiana, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Dallas, Minnesota, San Antonio, Utah, Houston, Denver, Memphis.

Pacific Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Sacramento, L.A. Lakers, Portland, Seattle, L.A. Clippers, Phoenix, Golden State.

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 123, Golden State 115; Minnesota 117, Dallas 100; San Antonio 99, Memphis 93, OT; Seattle 103, Phoenix 91; Sacramento 99, Atlanta 79; Boston 109, L.A. Lakers 108.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 114, Golden State 107; L.A. Clippers 81, Miami 71; Detroit 77, Washington 70; Milwaukee 115, Houston 76; Charlotte 78, Toronto 77; Chicago 113, New York 109; Utah 110, Denver 99; Portland 90, Seattle 84.

Last night's games

New Jersey at Washington; L.A. Lakers at Cleveland; L.A. Clippers at Orlando; Phoenix at Memphis; Boston at Dallas; Minnesota at Houston; Sacramento at San Antonio; Atlanta at Portland.

Friday's games

Sweet 16

Proposed makeup of a committee to study the format and schedule of the boys' and girls' state high school basketball tournaments. Committee would be appointed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association under House Bill 583.

- Two coaches, active or former.
Two current superintendents of school districts with sports programs.
Two current high school principals.
One former female player and one former male player, each of whom participated in the state tournament.
Two athletic directors, active or former.
Two former members of KHSAA Board of Control.
Two active referees.
Two citizen members.
Two state legislators — one appointed by the speaker of the House, the other by the president of the Senate.

Olympics

Winter Olympic Medals Table

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

Ohno wins gold in shocking reversal of first race

by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Apolo Anton Ohno crossed the line second again. Only this time, it was good enough for the gold medal.

In a shocking reversal of his Olympic misfortune, the 19-year-old American won gold in 1,500-meter short track when South Korean Kim Dong-sung was disqualified for blocking him with a half-lap to go Wednesday.

"They can just throw me in the desert and bury me," Ohno said. "I got a gold medal. I'm good now."

Ortega joins Centre College baseball team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE - A familiar face to several baseball diamonds and even more opposing players and

coaches, has returned to the sport he took a near two-year hiatus from.

John Ortega, a sophomore who received All-Conference honors for the Centre College

football team in the fall as a first-year defensive back, is a member of the CC baseball team. The Colonel football team finished just out of the playoff picture, as Ortega a transfer from the

University of Kentucky where he played for the now-defunct UK JV football team, is listed as an outfielder on the Centre baseball roster. In high school, Ortega played under current veteran head

coach Russell Shepherd. He played football for PHS head grid coach John DeRossett while also dabbling in the sport of basketball as one of the top performers in both the 58th District and the 15th Region.

The Centre baseball team broke the school record for most wins in a season posting a 23-16 mark for the 2001 season. The Colonels have been playing baseball since 1880. The Colonels were coached by Ed Rall and Morris Stewart. The previous record was 21 wins in a season set by the 1997 team. Roll returns as the head coach.

"We had a solid group of seniors who were determined and dedicated to having a great year. We only won 10 games in 2000, so this is quite a turnaround," said Rall, talking about the 2001 season. "All of our players are to be commended for the season. Their attitude was positive and refreshing and they were a joy to be around. I'm sorry the season is over."

High points of the season were convincing wins over scholarship schools Cumberland, Bethel (Ind.), Transylvania, and Alice Lloyd. Other highlights included senior pitcher J.T. Kirkland winning conference pitcher of the week and senior shortstop Dan Rall being named to the all-con-

ference team. Chad Cadle, a senior pitcher and third baseman, received honorable mention in the conference and posted six wins, second best in conference play. Senior catcher Josh Moore was honored by making regional academic All American.

Ortega, no stranger to shuf-

Centre graduated nine seniors from the 2001 team:

- Chad Cadle (Lexington)
- J.T. Kirkland (Lexington)
- Mike Vickers (Frankfort)
- Rob Lewis (Frankfort)
- Josh Moore (Ashland)
- Phil Patterson (Versailles)
- Dan Rall (Danville)
- Shane Hartley (Cin.)
- Alex Dunn (Ohio)

fling and handling the daily grinds of playing two or more sports, is also keeping up to par with a high, strenuous and demanding academic bar known to be high at Centre College.

The 2002 edition of the Colonel diamond squad will have some big shoes to fill this spring. But the cupboard is not bare, however, as the Colonels will

(See BASEBALL, page eight)

OUTDOORS

A mystifying waterfowl season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Winter winds usually sweep in from the northwest and across Kentucky bringing with them arctic air and cold temperatures.

"The majority of weather fronts we had this winter came from the southwest or northeast," said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Resources (KDFWR). "Neither are good for migrating ducks. With northwest winds, the birds follow the wind. A bird is not going to fight the weather to migrate."

The southwestern winds brought with them balmy temperatures that kept northern waterways ice-free through most of the 2001-2002 waterfowl season. "There was open water all the way through the northern states," Pritchert explained. "With open water, there is little reason for waterfowl to migrate."

The open water combined with the lack of snow in the northern states kept the birds at home. "Snowfall is the primary factor in migration for both mallards and Canada geese. What you need is a good snow cover in the northern states, at least four inches minimum, but a six-inch snow blanket is even better to cover those food resources. They will only migrate as far south as they have to in a given year. As long as they can find food, they will stay put."

Although migrating conditions were bad, there were still plenty of ducks in Kentucky when Pritchert conducted aerial counts of duck numbers. He observed 118,000 ducks in mid-January; double the number of ducks observed in 1998 and 2000.

"We had good duck numbers, actually, but they weren't doing anything," Pritchert explained. "They were night feeding and moving back to safe areas at first light. They would spend the day on refuges or power plant lakes where there is no hunting."

Also, the good rainfall in December and snow in January filled a lot of backwater and other flood prone areas with water. "The good habitat conditions really spread the ducks out," Pritchert said. He explained that

ducks are very smart and very adaptable and used these conditions to their advantage. They restricted their movement to non-harvest areas during the day.

The goose numbers were not nearly as encouraging. Pritchert said he expects a record low goose harvest for the Ballard and Henderson-Union reporting areas. "The lack of snow cover in the northern states simply kept the geese from migrating south," Pritchert said.

Pritchert observed 263,000 Canada geese in January of 2001. This year, he observed only 37,000. He also said there were hundreds of thousands of geese in southern Wisconsin and in the greater Chicago area that would have migrated south under normal weather conditions.

Despite the poor hunting season, there is reason for optimism. Pritchert said the lack of harvest will mean more birds will be making the trip north to the primary breeding areas. This could translate into good production next year if habitat remains good. Birds should be in great physical shape to migrate this spring, and in prime condition to jump right into nesting. All of this should add up to better waterfowl hunting in the future.

Error in 2002 Sport Fishing and Boating Guide

There was an oversight in the 2002 Sport Fishing and Boating Guide in the special fishing regulations section concerning Fagan Branch Lake in Marion County, also known as Lebanon City Lake. The guide lists special regulations for crappie, bluegill, red ear sunfish and channel catfish. These special regulations were removed for 2002. The only special regulations for this lake in effect this year concern the 12 to 15 inch protective slot limit for smallmouth and largemouth bass. All largemouth and smallmouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately.

The 2002 Sport Fishing and Boating Guide is now available anywhere fishing or hunting licenses are sold or request one by calling 1-800-858-1549.

PRO WRESTLING

NCW ends one TV deal, looks to begin another

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD - Since ending a one-year deal with WHCP-TV in Portsmouth, Ohio, Nationwide Championship Wrestling (NCW) has been in constant negotiations with other television outlets in the West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio market. Although there is no deal signed at this time, we could be close to a decision that would bring NCW action back to the Tri-State area. We can not elaborate on anything yet, but if/when a deal is signed, it will be posted here on the news update. NCW's Rampage program, a 30-minute wrestling show, was popular with many Tri-State wrestling fans.

Rampage can still be seen in Hickory/Charlotte, North Carolina on WHKY-TV (Channel 14) twice a week.

Nationwide Championship Wrestling returned to Morehead Saturday for St. Valentine's Massacre 2002. The last NCW show in January at the Carl Perkins Center was snowed out. Bull Pain was scheduled to defend his NCW title against Sean Casey.

NCW contains some very good professional talent including Hazard wrestlers Johnny Noble, No. 1 contender to Pain's NCW title, and Eddie Browning.

Beau James holds the Mid-American championship while Browning and Brian Logan hold the tag team belts.

NCW FACTS

■ Nationwide Championship Wrestling's NCW Rampage had its first broadcast January 4, 2001 on WHCP-TV. Its last broadcast came less than one year later.

■ While in college, Killer Kurt was on his school's football and swimming teams.

■ Senior official Billy Biggs is a former jockey turned referee. His horse's name was "Little Man Tait."

■ Sweet Scotty Ace claims to be the "Manager of Champions." He has managed superstars in 38 states and 11 foreign countries.

■ The Batten Twins have been in wrestling longer than anyone in NCW. The wrestling twins have competed for over 18 years.

■ NCW Rampage initially aired each Thursday night at 12:30 a.m. on WHCP-TV WB30 - 30-minutes after WWF Smackdown.

■ John Noble, Eddie Browning, Scotty Ace and Billy Biggs all played college baseball.

■ The Cuban Commando is a second generation wrestler. His father, The Cuban Assassin, still competes today all over the world.

■ World-traveler Sabu has wrestled for NCW.

■ "Handsome" Beau James has wrestled in over 150 different federations including USWA, WCW, SSW, NCW, and PPW.

■ The Heartbreakers (Andy Douglas/Kelly Charles) recently captured tag team gold by

defeating The Batten Twins for the Southern States tag team titles.

For more information on Nationwide Championship Wrestling, visit the promotion's website at www.nationwidewrestling.com.

RANKINGS SINGLES

Champion: Bull Pain (258 lbs., Milwaukee, Wis.)

1. Johnny Noble (211 lbs., Hazard)
2. "Handsome" Beau James (281 lbs., Kingsport, Tenn.) Mid-American Champ
3. Killer Kurt (282 lbs., Berlin, Germany)
4. Tracy Smothers (232 lbs., Nashville, Tenn.)
5. Barbarian (328 lbs., Parts Unknown)
6. Cuban Commando (228 lbs., Havana, Cuba)
7. "Southern Shooter" Todd Morton (218 lbs., Bardstown)
8. Eddie Browning (212 lbs., Hazard)
9. "The Player" Brian Logan (238 lbs., Atlanta)
10. Demolition Ax (309 lbs., Parts Unknown)

TAG TEAM

Champions: Eddie Browning/Brian Logan (451 lbs.)

1. The Batten Twins (444 lbs., Huntington, W.Va.)
2. Johnny Noble/Andy Douglas (410 lbs.)
3. The Cut-Throats (440 lbs.)

MOST POPULAR

1. Johnny Noble (211 lbs., Hazard)
2. "Wylde Chylde" Andy Douglas (194 lbs., Indianapolis, Ind.)
3. Killer Kurt (282 lbs., Berlin, Germany)
4. Flex Armstrong (228 lbs., Atlanta, Ga.)
5. Cuzzin Elwood (218 lbs., Dogwalk)
6. Barbarian (328 lbs., Parts Unknown)
7. The Batten Twins (444 lbs., Huntington, W.Va.)
8. "Mr. Happy" Bryan Wayne (410 lbs., Cornelia, Ga.)
9. Joey Bravo (249 lbs., New York City)
10. Demolition Ax (309 lbs., Parts Unknown)

MOST HATED

1. Bull Pain (258 lbs., Milwaukee, Wis.)
2. "Southern Shooter" Todd Morton (203 lbs., Bardstown)
3. Cuban Commando (228 lbs., Havana, Cuba)
4. "Handsome" Beau James (282 lbs., Kingsport, Tenn.)
5. "Ruthless" Roger Anderson (271 lbs., Chicago, Ill.)
6. Sweet Scotty Ace (228 lbs., Madison, Tenn.)
7. Eddie Browning (212 lbs., Hazard)
8. "Maniac" Mitch Ryder (214 lbs., Cincinnati, Ohio)
9. "The Player" Brian Logan (238 lbs., Atlanta, Ga.)
10. Sabu (219 lbs., India)

WOMEN

1. Mercedes (Manhattan, N.Y.)
2. "Foxy Lady" Lexi Fyfe (Charlotte, N.C.)
3. Brandi Alexander (Atlanta,

State swimming and diving this weekend

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 2002 KHSAA Swimming & Diving State Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. Friday's action begins at 10:15 a.m. with preliminary heats in 22 events. The top eight times from the prelims will advance to Saturday's championship heat. Those with next best eight times (Places 9-16) advance to Saturday's consolation heat final.

Boys' & Girls' Diving competition will also be held Friday with prelims and semifinals. The top 16 divers advance to Saturday's finals. Boys' Diving action begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, with the girls' action scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. Saturday's championship competition begins at 11 a.m.

St. Xavier has captured 13 consecutive boys' state team titles and 14 of the last 15. Paul Dunbar is the girls' defending champion, having snapped Sacred Heart's six-year hold on the girls' championship with a win last year.

St. Xavier has 37 overall Boys' State Championships, second nationally only to Honolulu Punahou, HI who has 40. The Tigers' 13 consecutive titles ranks tied for the fifth-longest win streak among national records. On the girls' side, Sacred Heart has 19 overall girls' titles, ranking SHA tied for the sixth-best total among national records.

General admission to the State Meet is \$5 with children six years of age and under admitted free. Fans should park at Commonwealth Stadium in the Blue Lot (marked K) and walk to the Aquatic Center across the street.

Athletes of the Week



ALLEN CENTRAL
REBELS

Daniel Sazabo,
Allen Central,
senior



LADY
RAIDERS

Brandy Anderson,
South Floyd,
sophomore



of Prestonsburg

SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



If you are the sports fan circled here...
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Bring this photo to The Floyd County Times office at 263 South Central Avenue (down the street from the courthouse) to claim your Gift Certificate, which will entitle you to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at **DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG**, and choice of a Times hat or coffee mug.

NEW AT THE TIMES...

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

RACING

**Winston Cup
This Weekend...
Rockingham,
N. Carolina**

Bristol Motor Speedway

NOTEBOOK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Thunder Valley Club offers exclusive package

The best seat in the house for the Mac Tools Thunder Valley Nationals, set for April 26-28, is just one of many perks members will receive when they become part of Bristol Dragway's exclusive Thunder Valley Club.

Not only are members of the Thunder Valley Club provided premium starting line, private grandstand seating, but they also will receive catered dining in the members-only chalet, complete with closed-circuit television. Members also will be privy to driver appearances, accompanied with pit access and private restroom facilities.

Thunder Valley Club members will receive preferred parking with the purchase of two tickets and will gain the option to renew their tickets each year.

Thunder Valley Club seats cost \$200 for a three-day adult pass. A single day pass for Friday is \$60. Saturday and Sunday single day passes are \$90 each. A three-day junior ticket (13 and under) is available for \$75. Friday is free with a paying adult. Saturday and

Sunday single day passes for juniors are \$45.

To become a member of the Thunder Valley Club, call Kevin Watson at 423/764-6555, ext. 256, or by visiting www.bristolstix.com.

First Tennessee gives ATM users the chance to go racin'

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For a list of all First Tennessee ATM locations visit www.1stten.com (See **NOTEBOOK**, page six)



photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

The Richard Petty Driving Experience invades Kentucky Speedway on selected dates during the upcoming race season.

Richard Petty Driving Experience coming to Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

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"The day was all that I expected and

(See **DRIVING**, page six)

Daytona 500 win a big step for Davis

by **MIKE HARRIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Davis is not often recognized outside of the garage area and his name is not usually grouped with famous team owners such as Rick Hendrick, Richard Childress, Joe Gibbs and Jack Roush.

Among his drivers have been Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon and Bobby Labonte, but all raced for Davis before they blossomed into stardom.

Martin, a longtime friend, was his first driver, choosing to link up with the

established Roush Racing but helping Davis sign the up-and-coming Gordon in 1991. Gordon drove for Davis in the Busch Series for two years, but nearly broke his heart midway through 1992 by announcing he was leaving at the end of the year to go with Hendrick.

It's a wound that still hasn't completely healed.

"That's past history," Davis said. "It's probably been over-dwelled-upon. We both can credit each other with getting each other noticed. If we hadn't had

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Bill Davis



Bill Davis: 'I'm just not a quitter'

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LPIR FACTS



Hooters Pro Cup is just one of several events slated for the Willard Kinzer-owned Lonesome Pine International Raceway in Coeburn, Va. this race season. Kinzer, a Floyd County businessman who bought the Virginia track last August, has several ideas in mind for the raceway. One of his first actions was getting LPIR back under the NASCAR banner. Racing at LPIR begins in late-April.

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North Carolina Speedway

Track Facts
Banking/Turns: 22 degrees
Distance: 1.017 miles
Shape: Oval
North Carolina Speedway
A joint venture between Darlington Raceway builder Harold Brasington and landowner Bill Land, North Carolina Speedway's first race was held in 1965. Over time, the track came under control

of L.G. DeWitt, a local trucking company executive who supervised reshaping the original flat mile track into the present, banked 1.017-mile oval in 1969.
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Pontiac trying to overcome on-track disadvantages

by **JENNA FRYER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — No one doubts Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart can compete for the Winston Cup championship this season. The only question is if the two Joe Gibbs Racing teammates can do it while driving a Pontiac.

It's no secret in NASCAR that the Grand Prix is the most disadvantaged car on the track, leaving the five teams who daringly field them fighting an uphill battle, week in and week out.

"I know a Pontiac can win a championship because I did it," said Labonte, the 2000 Winston Cup champion. "But to do so, you have to work your way out of a hole. No one wants to give us any help, so we work hard to get out of it and find ourselves climbing a mountain each and every week."

It's the most mind-boggling situation in NASCAR, especially for General Motors and its Pontiac teams.

In its seventh year without a change to the chassis, the Grand Prix has the oldest body on the circuit. Its last significant tweaking came in July 2000, when NASCAR permitted a new rear bumper cover, a part aerodynamically similar to what the Chevrolets and Fords were already using.

Since then, the maker has stood by and watched NASCAR give concession after concession to the other makes despite obvious struggles by the Pontiac teams. A year ago, the Pontiacs had a distinct disadvantage

(See **PONTIAC**, page six)

photo courtesy of Prince Albert Stables

The Rocky Mountain Horse has made a welcome return from near-extinction. Prince Albert Stables, Emma, offers the beautiful horse.



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These horses can be viewed and ridden at Prince Albert Stables by contacting Sue Wells. It was well coined when said, "There something about the outside of a horse, that's good for the inside of man!"



photo courtesy of Prince Albert Stables

One of the leading stables in the area, Prince Albert Stables offers more information on the web at www.princealbertstables.com.

■ HONORS

ALC players included on all-conference teams



■ Collins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Alice Lloyd's Leah Whitley and Necha Combs were named Tuesday to the first team of the All-Appalachian Athletic Conference women's basketball team, while Eagle Jason Collins made the men's team selected by the NAIA league's coaches.

U.Va.-Wise also had several honorees.

U.Va.-Wise's Tony McDonald earned honorable mention on the men's All-AAC team. Lady Cavaliers Mandy Sexton and Brooke Hardy made the women's honorable mention list.

Ervin and Moore were two of the 14 players named to the

men's all-conference team headed by player of the year David Evans, a Kentucky product from Brevard.

Montreat's Bill Robinson earned coach of the year honors.

First-year Bryan College coach Jim Arnold earned women's coach of the year and conference scoring leader Clair Lowe from Covenant College earned the player of the year honor for women.

Other first team selections for the men's team were: Stacy Ervin and Zack Moore from U.Va.-Wise; Derrick Price, Domingo Hale and Dale Evans from Bluefield College; Tyjuan Campbell from Brevard; Bryan College's Chris Travis; Calvin Jackson from Covenant College; John Sproles from King; Lance Ashby of Milligan; Jesse Gardner of Montreat, J.B. Watkins from Tennessee Wesleyan and Jon Odum from Virginia Intermont

The AAC also picked an all-freshman team with Covenant's Joseph Dickerson, Bryan's Brandon Gordon VI's, Omar Shands, Bryan's Josh Locy, King's Justin Seaver and Milligan's Craig Emmert named to the team.

Montreat's Daryl Horne was named freshman of the year.

U.Va.-Wise placed three men on the AAC's all-academic

team. They were Matt Young, Brandon Green, and Ricky Brown.

Joining Whitley and Combs on the women's All-AAC team were: U.Va.-Wise's Lauren Carr; Brevard's TeKielia Oden and April Palmer; Bryan's Liz Bass, Sarah Bass, and Becky Blesch; King's Rebekah Wilson; and Montreat's Carla Brannock and Jennifer Brooks.

Virginia Intermont's Kelly Salyer and Brandi Owens were among the players on the honorable mention list.

Virginia Intermont's Jessica Lane was among the women named to the all-academic team.

Tracking trainers...

From time to time, one often wonders about what happened to the trainers that trained at Thunder Ridge this past harness racing meet. With that said, here are a few that one current Floyd County owner found at the tracks she and others are currently racing on.

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■ KHSAA

Bill orders KHSAA to study format of state tournaments

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill proposing to change the format of the state high school basketball tournaments for boys and girls was watered down by a House committee Wednesday.

Instead of a mandate, the bill proposes to order the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to study the tournaments' format and scheduling and consider making changes.

The tournaments, both known as the Sweet 16, are the biggest events in Kentucky high school athletics.

At issue is a format in which semifinal games are played on Saturday morning, with winners meeting in a championship game Saturday night.

Such a schedule is too grueling in an era of "full-court, man-to-man, eyeball to eyeball, bellybutton to bellybutton" basketball, Rep. Rocky Adkins, the bill sponsor, told the House Education Committee.

"It is a full-court game and it's more physical ... and that's why we need to look at this," said Adkins, who was a basketball star at Elliott County and Morehead State. "When you play for the state championship, it's the biggest game of your life."

Adkins' bill originally would have prohibited the KHSAA from holding semifinal and championship games on the

same day. A study was the most he hoped for, Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said in an interview.

In support of Adkins, state Rep. Keith Hall of Phelps said his 20 years as a high school basketball referee allowed him to see "behind the scenes the grueling demands on student athletes."

"We've had kids really struggling to make the championship game," Hall said.

In both Sweet 16 tournaments, first-round games are played Wednesday and Thursday. Quarterfinals are on Friday. Adkins said a winner in the second bracket can end up having to play Friday night, Saturday morning and again Saturday night — three games in about 24 hours.

But Julian Tackett, a KHSAA assistant commissioner, said a lower-bracket team has won 28 of the 54 boys' and girls' tournaments in the last 27 years.

And KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout said decisions about the tournament's format should be left to the association's governing body, the Board of Control.

If Adkins' bill is enacted, the KHSAA would have to appoint an 18-person committee by Sept. 1 and make recommendations to the Board of Control before next year's Sweet 16 tournaments.

(The legislation is House Bill 593.)

■ NAIA

Alice Lloyd men lose in AAC Tournament

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BRISTOL, Va. — The Alice Lloyd Eagles face off with the Bryan College Lions in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament opening round on Wednesday at Virginia High School. Unfortunately for Alice Lloyd the outcome was a first round exit as the Eagles fell to Bryan 77-71. Bryan would take command early in the game led by Brett Wright who tossed in 14 points on the night.

Bryan built an early lead, as the Eagles went cold from the field in the first half. Bryan College shot a stellar 17-of-30 from the floor in the first half to build a 39-30 lead at the half.

Alice Lloyd would rally in the second half, as four Eagles finished in double figures in the

contest (Jason Collins 18, Kent Campbell 18, Tommy McKenzie 10, Brandon Layne 10).

Also seeing action for Alice Lloyd were former Floyd County standouts Nick Samons (Allen Central), Ryan Shannon (South Floyd) and John Meade (South Floyd).

Samons would pitch in 9 points for the Eagles and connect on 5-of-7 from the free throw line.

Alice Lloyd would get as close as six late in the game, but Bryan would prevail 77-71 thanks to 50-percent shooting from the field for the game.

Chris Travis led the way for Bryan with 18 points and five rebounds.

Bryan College will advance on in the AAC Tournament to play in the next round.

Lake Cumberland to hold fishing tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — If you're fishing around for something to do in late-March, Lake Cumberland State Resort Park offers one possibility: Participate in the park's annual Spring Fishing Unlimited Tournament, scheduled for March 22-24.

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Pontiac

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in downforce, proved in wind tunnel tests and in on-track competition.

Downforce, which keeps the car stuck to the track and prevents it from swerving — especially in the corners — is important at tracks one-mile in length or longer.

Pontiac had two of its five victories last season on those tracks, but Labonte's win at 1.54-mile Atlanta Motor Speedway was inherited after leader Jerry Nadeau ran out of gas on the last lap and his win at 2.5-mile Pocono Raceway isn't a typical oval because it has just three turns.

The only other three wins belonged to Stewart, who won on two short tracks and a road course.

It has left the five teams — the two JGR teams, two entries driven by Johnny Benson and Ken Schrader for MB2 Racing, and

Stacy Compton for A.J. Foyt Racing — banging their heads in frustration and feeling defeated before they even get to some tracks.

"I can't tell you how many times I've been up in the (NASCAR) truck asking when will Pontiac be treated fairly," said Doug Duchardt, NASCAR group manager for GM Racing. "It's very difficult to understand why our problems are ignored and its even more difficult to get a team to drive a Pontiac when they see in black and white that we are at such a disadvantage."

NASCAR doesn't disagree that the Grand Prix has a downforce disadvantage. Winston Cup Series director John Darby admits the wind tunnel numbers back up the Pontiacs' claim, and based on data only, the car is inferior to the Dodge, Ford and Chevy.

Darby added, however, that

it's hard to allow any relief when the Pontiac is so consistent week in and week out. The two Gibbs cars traditionally run in the Top 10, with Schrader and Benson not far behind. And in the final points standings last season, Stewart finished second, Labonte was sixth and Benson was 11th.

"Sure they go to some tracks and struggle in qualifying," Darby said. "But we don't make rule changes based on qualifying, we do it on results and they have some of the best results in the field. I don't know if I can say they are punished for their hard work, but it's hard to argue they need some help when they are so good every week."

"They certainly aren't locked into this current template for the entire year, but we've got to see, from a results standpoint, that they are really suffering."

The explanation is enough to

make Greg Zipadelli's head spin. Stewart's crew chief knows his team can win its first-ever championship this year, but can't accept that they're forced to work harder to do it.

The way he sees it, the Pontiacs must work harder than everyone else to be competitive and in doing so, harm their chances of getting help from NASCAR.

"We bust our butts to keep up with the Fords and the Chevys and end up getting penalized for it," Zipadelli said. "They know we are at a disadvantage, they know we are going to tracks and don't have a chance no matter what we do, and still won't even the playing field."

"If ever there was a time for us to start looking at another make, it's now and it's serious. Why should we go on this way when we can just go drive another car and not have to work so hard?"

Since the Pontiacs are already down to five teams, Zipadelli's warning of a potential switch would be a blow to General Motors. Since Petty Enterprises took its three teams to Dodge a year ago, the Pontiac fleet became the smallest in NASCAR and another defection could cripple it.

J.D. Gibbs, president of Gibbs Racing, wouldn't address the possibility of switching makes. But he acknowledged there is concern about the current situation.

"We don't want, two years from now, to have to turn to Tony and Bobby and say 'Hey guys, we're sorry, we were in the wrong place. You guys should have championships between you but we couldn't get it done for you,'" Gibbs said.

"Yeah, I think we're at a disadvantage and its real frustrating right now."

But there's help on the way,

albeit a year away. GM has been working for some time on a new Grand Prix that is expected to be on the track at the start of next season.

Douchardt and other GM execs are tightlipped about the model, which is rumored to resemble the current Ford Taurus and Dodge Intrepid. The template must be completed and presented to NASCAR by July 1, and the sanctioning body has to approve or reject it by October.

The hope is that the new

model will address some of Pontiac's problems and be exciting enough to lure a few more car owners to switch over to the Grand Prix.

In the meantime, the five current teams constantly search for a quick fix while desperately hoping NASCAR stops turning a blind eye to their plight.

"It seems like the writing is on the wall for us," Labonte said. "Stink it up and we'll get a level playing field. Well, who wants to do that?"

Driving

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more. Everyone involved from the sign up staff to the pit crews and instructors were totally professional and made us feel like family"

Neil and Julianna Hasbrouck Experience of a Lifetime Loudon, New Hampshire

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Arena

other guys, and you know it's possible to make it to the NFL,"

added Combs. Last season, the Fire had a do-

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American Team. Britt made the first team and was also selected for Special Teams Player of the Year in the Southern Athletic Conference for the third straight year. He was second in the nation in pass interceptions with nine.

Drew Mildren (Oklahoma City) was selected by his teammates as the Bo McMillin Most Valuable Player. Mildren broke sixteen school records as a four year starter, including most passing yardage for a career (7873), and most touchdown passes (54). Britt also won the Homer Rice Most Valuable Special teams player. Britt returned three punts for a touchdown and averaged 15.9 yards per punt return.

John Ortega (Prestonsburg) and Britt shared the Teel Burner Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. Ortega was honorable

mention All-American as a safety. Ortega led the Colonels in tackles with 105, picking off 3 passes and was named first team All-Conference. The most Improved Player Award (Charlie Moran Award) went to defensive tackle Daniel Nipp (Lancaster). Ortega also plays baseball for the Colonels.

The Joe McDaniel Excellence Award was received by senior linebacker Carter Conley (Paris). This award was named after former head coach Joe McDaniel who is Centre's winningest coach ever. McDaniel is currently Centre's athletic director and will retire in June. Conley was a co-captain of the 2001 team and was fourth on the team in tackles with 69.

The banquet concluded with a special tribute to the fifteen seniors on this year's squad.

it-all player, as most Arena players must be, make it to the NFL.

A former Fire offensive specialist/ kick returner, Brian McDonald signed with the Philadelphia Eagles. "We are glad to send one of our players to the NFL," said Arnold. "We hope that we can send many more over the next couple of years." A Louisville native, McDonald played wide receiver for the

Pikeville

start en route to an 83-56 thrashing of the Panthers.

Pikeville would jump out early 8-2 behind the inside play of Brandon Manica who scored seven points in the opening minutes, but that would be the Panthers only lead as A.C. erased the Pikeville lead quickly with a 16-6 run over the remainder of the first quarter to take a 18-14 lead after the first stanza. Allen Central began to take control of the game in the second quarter behind the play of Newsome and Sazabo who combined for 53 of the Rebels 86 points on Tuesday

University of Louisville. During his time with the Cardinals in 1998 he had one rush for 11 yards, and in 1999 he had two receptions for 20 yards. McDonald became part of the Louisville Fire arena team after attending a local area tryout. "McDonald came to the Louisville Fire with a reputation of being all thumbs and unable to catch and he ended the season last year being Louisville Fire's all

time leading receiver with a record of 83 receptions", said Defensive Coordinator Tommy Johnson. McDonald is the single season record holder for all-purpose yards in af2. His statistics with the Louisville Fire for last season include 83 receptions, 1058 yards, 16 touchdowns 13 missed field goal returns for 325 yards with 3 touchdowns, and also 90 kick returns for 1879 yards, resulting in 7 touchdowns, which is a total of 26 for the season. Brian says, "It all started with arena football in Louisville. Now I will have to work even harder to get to my original goal of the NFL. It's a great privilege. Reality has not really set in yet. It's still a dream. Reality will probably set in when I get down there to camp."



Combs, who played with the Kentucky All-Stars as a senior, will begin practice in March with hopes of 1. proving he can play professional football, and 2. proving he can play in the NFL.

McDonald is scheduled to be assigned to a NFL Europe team this month. He will report to NFL Europe camp in Tampa, Fla. on March 4. "It is the Louisville Fire's mission to send more players up to a higher league", says Head Coach Jeff Brohm.

Maybe "Bubba" Combs? Quite possibly. The NFL Europe season is scheduled to start in April 13. The Louisville Fire will open the 2002 season in April in Freedom Hall.

Daytona

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Davis is not often recognized outside of the garage area and his name is not usually grouped with famous team owners such as Rick Hendrick, Richard Childress, Joe Gibbs and Jack Roush.

Among his drivers have been Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon and Bobby Labonte, but all raced for Davis before they blossomed into stardom.

Martin, a longtime friend, was his first driver, choosing to link up with the established Roush Racing but helping Davis sign the up-and-coming Gordon in 1991. Gordon drove for Davis in the Busch Series for two years, but nearly broke his heart midway through 1992 by announcing he was leaving at the end of the year to go with Hendrick.

It's a wound that still hasn't completely healed. "That's past history," Davis said. "It's probably been over-dwelled upon. We both can credit each other with getting each other noticed. If we hadn't had him in the car for a couple of years, we might not have gotten to where we're at.

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Raiders win shootout

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The South Floyd Raiders have displayed that never-quit attitude all season long, and on Tuesday night they found themselves trailing 50-42 at the half, but fought back and found a way to win, outlasting Pike Central 94-92.

South Floyd displays a trait that most teams do not in the ability to not panic when faced with a big deficit to overcome. The Raiders trailed by as many as 24 points against a strong Cawood team in the championship of the WYMT Classic earlier in the season, but fought back to win in an amazing comeback. Coach Henry Webb's team found itself trailing late in the contest with Paintsville in the All-A Classic championship and the Raiders fought back in that game to almost pull off another come from behind win.

On Tuesday, South Floyd was faced with another deficit to overcome as they trailed by double figures against Pike Central. All good-teams find the heart and desire to fight back and the Raiders

did just that Tuesday, trailing 50-42 at the half South Floyd would blister Pike Central scoring 14 straight points in the third quarter to erase the Hawk lead and take a 56-50 lead of their own.

South Floyd would take a 71-60 lead into the final quarter, but Pike Central would mount a comeback of their own led by Barry Sanders who pitched in 21 points on the night for the Hawks. The Raiders were led in scoring by Rusty Tackett with 25. Tackett was recently nominated to the McDonald's All American Team. South Floyd also got strong outings from Michael Hall and Josh Johnson who finished with 24 and 10 points, respectively. Pike Central would outscore the Raiders 32-23 in the final stanza and Sanders would nail two free throws with :23 left to tie the score. South Floyd called on Brian Meade off the bench. Meade then came through, hitting a shot with :04 showing on the clock to give the Raiders the win. South Floyd will begin play in the 58th District Tournament next week as the No. 1 seed.

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McCracker is a Hoosier?

Nobody seems to know, not even legendary Bloomington sports writer Bob Hammel and veteran IU play-by-play announcer Don Fischer. The best explanation

I've heard is that back in frontier days, whenever a guard at a camp in Indiana would hear a strange noise, he would shout, "Who's cher?" Somehow that evolved into Hoosiers.

The way I see it, IU can go one of two ways. It can come up with a generic mascot, such as the fuzzy blob that used to cavort at Western Kentucky home games, or it can try to come up with something unique. The latter course is preferable, but also more difficult.

I think we can safely assume that whatever IU comes up with, it won't ever wear a red sweater, throw a chair, or be fawned over by Dick Vitale. And remember, it must be a mascot for all seasons, not just basketball.

IU is such a liberal university that you can throw out anything to do with the military or firearms. What I envision is a mascot that looks more or less

like Jiminy Glick, the hilarious (and grossly fat) TV interviewer played by Martin Short.

He will wear a black-and-white checkered sport coat, in honor of the Indy 500. IU's colors will be represented by crimson pants and a cream turtle-neck.

He should either have hair-style modeled after Gene Keady's comb-over, or wear a cream 1940s fedora with a crimson band.

He would be called "Mr. Hoosier," and he would be far more hip than Iowa's Hawkeye, Purdue's mule, and Ohio State's buckeye. Oh, yeah. One more thing. He would enter the arena, or stadium, on a unicycle in honor of IU's "Little 500" bike race.

At U of L, there's a dire need for a celebrity fan who will regularly attend games in Freedom Hall and provide the TV cameramen with something to shoot during timeouts.

I mean, all you have to do is look at what Ashley Judd and John Cougar Mellencamp have done for UK and IU, respectively. They get more air time than

the university president, and provide their favorites with a unique recruiting tool.

So let's consider the "A" list of possibilities for U of L.

You have to begin with Louisville native Muhammad Ali, the three-time former heavyweight champion and worldwide icon. But he lives in Michigan and travels a lot, so he probably wouldn't be able to make many games.

The mother of mega-movie star Tom Cruise is from Louisville, and he went to school there during his formative years. But he has so many obligations and demands on his time that it's difficult to see him

attending as many games as Judd and Mellencamp.

Louisville native Paul Hornung wouldn't be bad, but the erstwhile "Golden

Boy" of Notre Dame and the Green Bay Packers now spends his winters in Florida. Former Miss America Heather French Henry lives in Frankfort and works for Channel 41 in Louisville, but, for political reasons, her husband, Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, probably wouldn't want her to become aligned with one university.

The only answer is to turn the job over to Priscilla Barnstable-Brown, who throws that world-class Derby party. Every home

game, she could bring one of her guests. To cite one to-die-for example, it would be cool to see Barnstable-Brown sitting in the crowd with Pamela Anderson or Halle Berry.

Finally, there's UK.

A home game in Rupp Arena has become as predictable as the General Assembly, which always can be counted upon to provide comic relief to the commonwealth. Not to start any rumors, but I'll bet that baggage-checker at

Louisville International Airport fell asleep on the job while reading a Courier-Journal editorial on Sen. David Williams, the paper's newest Republican punching bag.

What's needed at UK, both on the floor and on the sidelines, is less choreography and more spontaneity. The cheerleaders perform like robots, their faces locked into smiling mode. The band plays the same songs. The team works hard at stifling its creativity and basic instincts. In Lexington, basketball is more of a grim exercise than the joyous game it should be.

The atmosphere at both U of L and IU is more fun at least in part because the students get more involved. I don't know why so many UK undergraduates leave student tickets unsold, but

it's certainly worth exploring and correcting. The older folks who have the money to buy the best seats don't contribute much to the environment.

I'd like to see IU get rid of its striped warmup pants and for UK to adopt them. And instead of simply shooting before a game, I'd like to see the Cats run a Globetrotters-like passing and layup drill to the tune of "Sweet Georgia Brown." Adolph Rupp let a couple of his teams do that in the late 1950s, and the fans loved it.

I'd also like to see Coach Tubby Smith adopt a more uptempo, run-and-press style that would allow his players to take advantage of their quickness and athleticism. I can't remember the last time I saw a UK player hit a teammate with a perfect behind-the-back pass that leads to a crunching dunk. The crowds love that stuff almost as much as the players.

Call me crazy, but I'd love a return to the days of the Pete Maravich-Dan Issel shootouts in the late 1960s. You know, the ones where UK always beat LSU with Maravich scoring 55 points and Issel 40.

Now that, friends, was show biz at its best.

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Sideline

And they join an elite group. The Sheas are just the second family to have athletes of two generations win gold medals. Bill Christian was on the U.S. hockey team that won gold in 1960, and his son Dave was a member of the "Miracle on Ice" hockey team at the 1980 Lake Placid Games.

Shea's victory gave the United States a record seven gold medals with four days to go in the games. Americans have won six golds four times at the Winter Olympics, most recently at the 1998 Games.

Skeleton, in which competitors race headfirst down the ice at about 80 mph on a sled that looks like a large lunch tray, made its first appearance in the Winter Olympics since 1948 and only its third ever.

How fitting Shea capture gold in the event. The winter-sport Olympic athlete lobbied a great deal to get the sport back in. "Bobsled is the champaign of the Winter Olympics; skeleton is the moonshine - it gives it a kick," said Shea.

Wearing a gold medal his grandfather won in 1921, Shea had the fastest first run on a snowy morning and then did just enough on his second one to hold off Rettl.

When his sled, airbrushed with the American flag, slowed after his final run, Shea couldn't wait to celebrate. He was so excited he fell off. He then pulled out his grandfather's funeral card and waved it as fans chanted "U-S-Shea! U-S-Shea!"

It was great!

It was a great time to be an American, even if you were at home, watching the event unfold on TV.

What about the skeleton event? Well, I think it's safe to say it's not for everyone.

The skeleton sled consists of a fiberglass or steel saddle, a pair of rounded steel runners and handles. The runners must be made of a solid piece of steel, and no plating or coating is allowed. It is not permitted to warm up the runners or use any substance that improves sliding. There is no steering mechanism on a skeleton. Instead, athletes steer by shifting the weight of their shoulders and sometimes lightly touching their feet to the track.

I won't say I know much about the skeleton, or any events of the Winter Olympics for that matter, but I do know an athlete when I see one. Jim Shea is an athlete. He's a warrior.

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South Floyd

Tournament next week at Prestonsburg High School. It will also be Lexington Catholic's final game before they begin play in the 42nd District Tournament to be held at East Jessamine High School. Both teams are No. 1 seeds in their respective districts.

It's no big secret, Lexington Catholic is a basketball program built on tradition and excellence. Lex. Cath. is Kentucky's winningest basketball program over the past decade and has attained five seasons with 30-plus victories over the past ten years.

Over the past seven seasons, the Knights have played in some of America's premiere prep events. They have been champions of the City of Palms Classic in 1996, Great Florida Shootout in 1997, the Fifth Third Bank Kentucky Holiday Classic in 1996 and 1997, and the Kreul Classic in 1999.

But to its credit, the South Floyd program has some credible stats of its own, including region and district titles.

Haney and Webb scheduled the game back in the summer. Not shying away from some very good opposing basketball teams, Webb and the Raiders have played one of the tougher schedules in all of the state this season.

Tip-off for tonight's varsity

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action is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with junior varsity play preceding the second and final contest of the night.

A look at Lexington Catholic boys' basketball...

1991-92: Lexington Catholic achieved a 30-8 record, a Class "A" State Championship, and finished as Kentucky's Sweet Sixteen State Runners-Up.

1995-96: Lexington Catholic captured a 30-5 record, defeated the nation's top prep school, Maine Central Institute, and was a semi-finalist in the Sweet Sixteen.

1996-97: Lexington Catholic won its second Class "A" State Championship, ascended to a No. 11 national ranking in USA Today, and finished with a 31-2 record.

1997-98: Lexington Catholic attained a No. 3 national ranking in USA Today by defeating the nation's No. 2 ranked team, Chicago Whitney Young, and the nation's No. 5 ranked team, Oak Hill Academy, before ending the season with a 33-3 record.

1999-00: Lexington Catholic won the Kreul Classic and ended the season at 32-5 as Kentucky's Sweet Sixteen State Runners-Up.

Collins

win for his team.

Collins is the Appalachian Athletic Conference player of the week for the week of Feb. 18. He is the first Alice Lloyd men's player to garner the honor this season, joining Lady Eagles Necha Combs and Leah Whitley as other players from the Pippa Passes school to be honored this campaign. Whitley was named player of the week for Jan. 7, while Combs, just two weeks ago, shared the award with Covenant College's Clair Lowe.

Last week, Collins played a pivotal role in helping lead the

Eagles to a pair of wins. In the two games, wins over Virginia Intermont (88-66) and Milligan (75-69) Collins, a 6-4 forward, had consecutive double-double outings. The 22-point win over Virginia Intermont saw Collins score 22 points, grab 16 rebounds, dish out six assists and add three steals. The Accoville, W.Va. native tossed in 12 points and pulled down 17 rebounds in the win over Milligan. He also had six assists in the win over Milligan. One of his 17 rebounds in the win over Milligan was board No. 1,000.

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Banquet

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. 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 urges everyone to not let the chance pass them by, and to support the football team.

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KCC

hosted by the Knott County Central High Patriot football team.

The 2002 KCC Patriot football team is hard at work for the upcoming season, like most area squads, with weight lifting in full swing.

One Floyd County high school sending lifters to the meet is South Floyd. Coach Nathan Jones will have some of

his Raiders taking part in the event, competing.

Knott County Central has released its football schedule for the 2002 season. The Pats played the Raiders in a rain-soaked scrimmage prior to the start of last season, but will not meet South Floyd this season, neither in pre-season, unless plans change, or the regular season, which is all but set in stone.

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Christine Steele (right), mother of Priest School senior girls' basketball player Kari Ross, was honored last weekend at the final home game of the regular season for her work in keeping the official scorebook for the team.

Baseball

return ten seniors for the 2002 campaign including star pitcher Ryan Moore. The 6-2 Moore posted an excellent E.R.A. of 2.50, good enough for third in the conference. Moore also ranked 8th in the league in strikeouts. Starting centerfielder Scott Schlegel (.300 avg.) also returns along with three-year starter Travis Kern at second base. Part-time starters Evan Mecklenborg (.279), Craig Schroeder (.417), and Mick Wigal (.292) will also be counted on heavily this year. Other Colonels who should see

lots of action included Chuck Courtemanche (.333), Tim McLaughlin, and Jimmy Fischer. Another key to the Colonels' success will hinge on the pitching of senior Seth Parsons (3-2) and junior Matt Durham (2-1). Durham batted .400 in 2001 and is a versatile performer. Centre will also count on two players who missed the entire 2001 season because of injury and studying overseas. Junior pitcher and shortstop Mike Pierce (knee-injury) has the ability to be an impact player, and Chuck Beard

started many games as a sophomore. Add a more than versatile Ortega to the fold, and the Colonels are a very capable contender this season.

Centre will open the 2002 season Sunday at Transylvania University. The first home game of the season is slated for March 3 against Denison University. The Colonels schedule includes 36 games. The SIAC Tournament will be hosted by Millsaps College April 24-28 in Jackson, Miss., one of the conference's southern members.

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Belfry standout Lovell signs with Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY - A four-year starter at Belfry High School is the first signee for next year's freshman class at Pikeville College.

Jessica Lovell signed a letter of intent to join the Lady Bears in a ceremony at her school.

Lovell has been a part of two state-tournament teams and has played at Belfry since her seventh-grade year. She has scored 1,143 points in her career and handed out 566 assists. In addition, she has 373 steals and has pulled down 228 rebounds.

"Jessica is a talented player who will help us on the perimeter next season," said Coach Bill Watson. "Her speed and quickness will be big assets for her on this level. Signing her gives us a lot of young, talented players in the backcourt, and we feel good about our opportunities there for years to come."

Watson was referring to three members of this year's freshman class, Jill Kimberlain, Ashley Melvin and Ashley Ratliff, all guards from Pike County high schools.

Lovell is the second player to join the Pikeville College

women's program this semester. Summer Jones transferred to Pikeville College from East Tennessee State in January.

Prestonsburg High alum Amelia Conley, a redshirt freshman, will also have first-year player status next season.

"Jessica is a quality young lady who comes from a winning program, and she will be a perfect fit for our program," said Watson. "We're excited about adding her to our family."

The Lady Bears were back in action last night against Georgetown. Results were unavailable at presstime.

Kent State downs Marshall, 116-76

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENT, Ohio - Trevor Huffman scored 25 points and Andrew Mitchell added 21 as Kent State beat Marshall 116-76 Tuesday night, clinching the Mid-American Conference East Division and at least a share of the league's regular-season championship.

The Golden Flashes (21-5, 14-1), who have never won a league title in 51 years in the MAC, would win the championship outright with one more win or a loss by Ball State.

The victory over Marshall was Kent State's 12th straight and clinched the No. 1 seed in the MAC tournament to be held March 7-9 at Gund Arena in Cleveland.

Kent State made a team record 16 3-pointers on 28 attempts. The Golden Flashes set the tone midway through the first half with a 20-0 run. Mitchell started the run with driving layups on back-to-back possessions.

Kent State led 44-21 with 4:46 remaining

before Marshall scored again. The Golden Flashes matched their highest scoring half of the year when Huffman beat the halftime buzzer with a fallaway 3-pointer from the top of the arc, making it 61-33.

Ronald Blackshear led Marshall (12-13, 6-9) with 26 points, including 21 in the second half. Tamar Slay added 16. J.R. VanHoose had 10.

Kent State's bench played the final 14:09 and extended their lead mostly against the Thundering Herd starters.

Reserve Anthony Wilkins scored 17 points while making 5-of-7 3-pointers for Kent State. Huffman was 5-of-7 on 3-pointers and Mitchell was 4-of-5.

Kent State tied its record for points in a game, matching the 116 scored against Delaware State in 1975.

Marshall, still very much alive in the hunt for a first round home game in the MAC Tournament, now travels to Amherst, N.Y. for a Saturday meeting with the University at Buffalo. The tip is set for 7 p.m.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



Just a 'sweet' week

So I hear I just allowed a major holiday to slip by without much note - I've been wracking my brain trying to figure out just what these folks are talking about and how I could have possibly allowed a "fun-filled" day of festivity to pass me by. Hmm, come to think of it, seems I did get hit in the head with a candy heart a couple of days ago. Guess that's better than getting hit in the heart with a "candy promise."

Saw Britney Spears' new movie, "Crossroads," over the weekend. After viewing the first 10 minutes of the movie, I'm in a bit of a quandry about the words of her new song - "I'm not a girl, not yet a woman." "Cause if that wasn't a woman prancin' around that room in her underwear, then it's been way too long since I saw that famous Tom Cruise scene in "Risky Business."

If, over the course of the next few weeks, your teenage son keeps asking for movie money over and over, you can bet that it's all being spent to view the first 10 minutes of Britney's flick - after that, the boy will be in "hog heaven" - lost in a dreamworld where only he and this golden tressed goddess exist. I'll wager money that he would even be in dire danger if the theatre were to catch fire - "Fire? Yeah, Brit, you light mine, too" he'd dream on...

As far as the rest of the movie goes - I'll just say that it had a lot of heart but very little soul. Everyone did a

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JWT plans Summer Theatre Workshop

Where can area students expand their theatrical knowledge and make new friends at the same time? At Jenny Wiley Theatre's Summer Theatre Workshop, of course. Students enrolled in the workshop will receive instruction in diction, voice projection, body movement, dance, mime, vocal performance, music and rhythm, theatre terminology and stage directions, stage blocking, memorization, basic costume, set and prop design, audition techniques, perfor

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Tips to help you feel good and live longer

If you want to look good, feel good and live longer, health experts recommend eating a balanced diet and good old-fashioned exercise.

Although it can be tempting to go on the latest fad diet and easy to watch television on the couch instead of working up a sweat, this type of lifestyle can be detrimental to your health. Fad diets are quick fix-it solutions that probably won't keep weight off in the long term.

For healthy eating, choose a diet low in fat and cholesterol and high in veg-

etables, fruits and grains.

Exercise, besides helping you lose weight, can improve your health, lift your spirits, give you more energy and reduce stress. For overall fitness, experts recommend at least 30 minutes of moderately intense physical activity (such as walking, cycling, swimming or yard work) on all or most days of the week.

So how do you get motivated? Remember that small changes add up, so you don't have to tackle everything at once. Concentrate on one thing at a

time and you will gradually develop a new, healthy lifestyle. Here are some tips on how to incorporate healthy nutritional and fitness changes into your daily life:

- Look ahead. Plan your meals ahead of time to avoid eating on the run and making poor food choices.
- Shop wisely. Hit the outside aisles first. That's where the vegetables, fruits and grains are usually found.
- Order carefully. In restaurants, ask

for foods that are broiled, grilled, baked or steamed instead of fried.

■ Substitute healthy alternatives. For example, use lowfat yogurt instead of mayonnaise and sour cream, flavor vegetables with lemon juice and herbs instead of salt, and use two egg whites instead of one whole egg in your favorite recipes.

■ Sneak extra exercise into your routine. Take the stairs instead of the eleva

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Father Ross, at altar, offers a sacramental blessing during Sunday morning's service. Arthur Leach, a longtime member of the church, is also shown.

The little brown church

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The church bells rang out a melodious invitation as the snow fell down around Prestonsburg's "little brown church" this past Sunday morning. Even the priest himself stood at the door, welcoming all to enter, as the altar boy tolled the church bell.

"The little brown church" is formally known as St. James Episcopal Church, located on University Drive near the Prestonsburg Community College campus. I, accompanied by Dr. Phyllis Puffer, a PCC professor of sociology, had traveled to the small church to attend Sunday morning services in the peaceful chapel.

A more welcome greeting could not have been extended by any as we entered the building and located seats on the church's front pew. As I settled myself and glanced about, I took note of the beautifully decorated stained glass windows that for some reason, I had failed to take note of before in my many passings from the outside.

According to Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, "St. James was named after James, the first apostle to go on a mission journey." In Ross', "History of St. James, Prestonsburg," (a work

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Kevin Ross served as altar boy during Sunday morning's service.

This Town That World

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

If I weren't afraid you would think the record has stuck I would say this hasn't been one of my better weeks.

THE PUTTEROFFER

Why I wait until the afternoon of press-day to indite these few lines is something of a mystery to me. I concede the point that I'm lazy, a chronic putteroffer, and am usually short on material. Yet I know the job has to be done, that I'm the guy it has been entrusted to, and that procrastination is simply a big word which will do me no good whatsoever. And still I wait till it won't wait any longer. Then I have at it with both forefingers, punching away.

I try to remember now: Have I recounted this experience or that story in earlier columns? I leave them lie. I hear a definition of The Twist that's downright clever, but I resist the temptation to use it. I found my forehead, trying to think of that quip I heard or concocted, but it will not emerge from limbo.

So, there being no escape, I write, as follows:

I am reminded that these new ready-tied, clip-on ties is the greatest invention to come along since the non-sinkable fly-line.

TRY IT!

The Floyd County Times hasn't sponsored an essay-writing contest in a long while. It occurs to me we could do this and offer a "grand prize" of \$50,000 (which we do not have and could not get) and still be safe with this sort of thing:

Complete this sentence—"I would not marry a beautiful, young heires to a million-dollar fortune, because—" and restrict your statement to 25 words or less.

REMINDER

Pity the poor hypochondriac! His groan is echoed by a chortle: If sympathy were dollars, he would be a pauper. And finally, to everybody's surprise except his, he ups and dies.

The only record we have of one of these people ever getting even with the unsympathetic world he had departed is a will which a certain man wrote, providing that his monument should bear these words: I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK!

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Things to Ponder: Who's in charge of the Dating Game?

by MABLE ROWE
LINEBERGER, PH.D.

When out of town last weekend and eating dinner at a nice restaurant, a group of seven, who looked to be high school students, were seated at the next table. There were four girls dressed in long dresses with their hair carefully styled in an "up-sweep" of curls. The three guys were dressed in dark suits and white shirts. Details had been covered, such as two of the young gentlemen sporting boutonnières and one of the girls had a wrist corsage of two small red flowers

with various trimmings that had been so popular in the 1950's. A big guess was that they would eventually end up at a school Valentine dance, since St. Valentine's Day had just passed and two of the girls' dresses were solid red. Each of the group looked the prime example of their age under the probable circumstances. Some appeared as though they might be more subdued than they commonly would be in the lunchroom at school. It seemed extremely nice that the "old" girl had been comfortable enough to go along with her peers and to be further accepted by her peers to do so. One of the girls came from

one side of the table to the other side to make sure that the boy across from her had his bouton-

niere pinned 'just right'. No one else seemed the least concerned about neither the flower's position

nor the girl making the adjustments. Except for the one 'spare' girl, Except for the one 'spare' girl, the three girls and three boys had seated themselves in pairs next to each other around the table. Not unexpected for the age group, most everyone ordered French Fries with the lovely meat entrees. An additional guess was that one or several of them had driven without the supervision of an adult driver.

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The above scene came to mind, while reading a newspaper article, "Culture that urges teens to fall in love seems wrong" by Betsy Hart, a frequent commenta-

tor on CNN and the Fox News Channel. In the writer's opinion, "Most parents, thinking it perhaps unwelcome but certainly inevitable, go along with this now longstanding American tradition, which at some point turned into an obsession with teen romance." I'm sure that many of you have made or heard comments made to young children, perhaps, 5 to 7 years old, about their having a 'boyfriend' or 'girlfriend.' The implication is an already pairing-off males and females at their early age, bearing with a member of the opposite sex

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THE DIFFERENCE

The visitor to Florida told the oldtimer there he found the weather such that he was not able to tell winter from summer. "Oh, yes, you can," the other replied. "In winter we have Cadillacs and Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In summer it's Fords and Chevys and stuffed shorts."

One fellow here became so confused by the changing weather that he couldn't decide whether to wear flippers or snowshoes to work.

STEADY, FELLOW!

Tom Dingus and I have played (?) a couple of rounds of golf recently. I tell this to set all rumors at rest and forestay disciplinary action from the Exalted Order of Anglers, Liars and Alibi-Makers:

My golf game is such that I'll be with you guys, just as soon as the water is fitten.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know that the Red Cross, immediately following the flood of 1957, spent \$525,000 for the relief of flood-stricken Floyd countians—or had you forgotten, as we had? Well, the Red Cross is back again to help after last week's flood. Its dollars-and-cents expenditures will not be as heavy as in 1957, for the need is not so great, but the spirit of Red Cross—willing and ready to serve, not perfectly, but gladly—is the same.

Strikes us that Floyd County's people, especially those of us who have been fortunate in escaping flood losses, should get together and subscribe without delay that small Red Cross quota of \$7,000 for this year. If we can't, or won't, we don't deserve the help this county has received at the hands of the Red Cross.

Postscript

By Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

Bits & pieces

The actress Judith Light, who starred in the popular TV sitcom *Who's the Boss*, had an interview recently to talk about a play she's in now on Broadway.



Asked if she had carefully planned her career, she responded with an old proverb: If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.

I don't know the origin of the proverb, but I appreciate it. In fact, I'm thinking of printing it out in large type and putting it on the wall.

I've always been in awe of those people who claim to have their careers or other aspects of their lives mapped out. Here in five years; there in five more, etc. And some effectively follow the plan.

Perhaps it's because of flaws in my plans, but my life has never stayed on a track. I suspect God has had a few laughs at my expense—and will, no doubt, have more.

I mourned the death of Waylon Jennings. Fortunately for us, he left his essence. We can access his gifts any time we want on our music machines, and we can hear his voice narrating *The Dukes of Hazzard* in syndication night or day on cable TV.

He never knew it, but he furnished the theme song for my monster dog Bubba. From his puppyhood, Bubba has been a "good old boy." He digs in flower beds with abandon, ignoring devices meant to keep him out. He chases any critter that moves, specializing in moles, frogs and, sadly, cats.

Yet, who can stay mad at him when he leans against your leg or looks at you with boundless love or slinks away when he knows he's done something to disappoint you?

Waylon's song captures Bubba's soul, and maybe his own: "Just a good old boy, never meanin' no harm, been in trouble with the law since the day he was born." That's Bubba. Thanks, Waylon and crew.

You know I keep harping on how our nearby state lines are totally arbitrary. Our neighbors to the east and south in West Virginia and Virginia are much the same as we are. Regardless of the lines on a map or where our state capitals are, we share a common heritage, culture and economy. We are the same people whether we're in Allen, Kentucky, Iaeger, West Virginia, or Haysi, Virginia.

This has been reinforced for me by one of my co-workers. Cheryl Marshall, operations manager at WMMT in Whitesburg, lives just outside Wise, Virginia, where she was raised and has spent most of her life.

Via Internet, she has been researching her ancestry and has been learning how regionally integrated her family is. She had already known that she had people in Letcher, Perry and Breathitt counties. But that was common in the old coal camp days, as people traveled throughout the region to work the mines and related jobs.

She's learned recently that one set of great-grandparents migrated up the Big Sandy and settled in Lawrence County, with some descendants going on to Carter County along the Ohio River.

Her lineage, as far as she's been able to learn, forms a spider's web that extends across western Virginia, up the Big Sandy and into the Kentucky River basin.

I realize the same thing talking to my friend Jim Spencer, one of the "old regulars" in our cemetery group. Jim can cite his Virginia roots from courthouse to courthouse. In Kentucky, his roots are prominent in at least two counties, and

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in progress) the priest writes, "What a fitting name, James, the patron of pilgrims and the first of the disciples mentioned to have gone on a missionary journey, and what a journey (the establishment of the church) would become for the original fifteen" who first joined to lay plans for their new church home.

The initial meeting of the Episcopal presence in Prestonsburg was held on June 18, 1967, at the Floyd County Courthouse, at 6 p.m. Sixteen "pilgrims" were present. Among the original members of the Episcopal community were Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Short and daughter, Nancy; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keenon; Ms. Betty Popp, daughter Peggy, and son, Bill; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stanley; Mrs. Isabel Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark; and, Mr. and Mrs. Haliem Kawaja.

Services were later held in a variety of locations, among them Prestonsburg Community College and the Ragen Chapel, housed in the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad building in Prestonsburg.

In December of 1968, a generous gift was bestowed upon the emerging Episcopal community in the form of an acre of land, located on the "north east corner of a parcel of land, located between Auxier Road and U.S. 23." The land was a gift to the Episcopal community from Mrs. Susan Porter Elliot, a native of Prestonsburg who had migrated to Huntington, West Virginia. According to Ross' history, Mrs. Elliot wrote at the time that she had "chosen the best of what I have to give to God." The remaining acreage was to be sold to the University of Kentucky for an "expansion" project - this project later becoming known as "Prestonsburg Community College."

Although the University of Kentucky later attempted, through legal measures, to obtain also this "north east corner" for their needs, a higher plan prevailed, the Episcopal pilgrims remained dedicated and steadfast to their cause, and on Palm Sunday, April 15, 1973, the first Holy Eucharist was held in the "little brown church."

Today, it is interesting to note that although the University of Kentucky would have altered the plans of the struggling religious community in their quest for a home, the Episcopalians harbor no ill will toward the institution, as might best be exemplified in the fact that the church offers a free lunch to all PCC students and college personnel each semester during each day of each finals week.

Episcopal church services resemble in many ways those of Catholic churches, for when you attend an Episcopalian service you



Arthur Leach, of Prestonsburg, receives the offering from a few of the church's youngest members.

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for a romantic relationship, even if it is not a sexual one.

Even though parents want their offspring to be accepted by their group in a reasonable way, there is no good thing that can derive from young teenagers pairing off in an exclusive romantic relationship. Exciting attachments of the heart can be so special, "O! It's so great! Someone besides family and someone my age actually cares about me!" Attachments are not a 'bad' thing, but a 'good' thing. We're supposed to give our hearts to another. What happens though when the adolescent begins at an early age making a practice of giving her heart and almost inevitably ends up having to take it back? This might mean leaving some emotional attachments behind so that the heart is 'deadened' in bits as each experience passes or holding on to the 'baggage' of these relationships, such as feeling rejected and abandoned over and over again, to be carefully relayed into future relationships. There's also the possibility that dating begins so 'casual' that romantic relationships are turned into an insignificant thing and played down.

Besides the matter of the hearts, one cannot ignore the natural impact on the young bodies of the various 'dating' rituals involving close body contacts with hugging and kissing. Then there's the modern teasing conversations of long telephone calls. Some of the teenagers have described extended episodes of 'phone sex' in the middle of the night, when parents are asleep. Although young people need opportunities to learn 'appropriate' interactions, the endangerment of being able to be alone for long periods

will take note of the presence of altar boys, the processional cross, an altar prepared for a sacramental service, and a congregation who partake of communion wafers and wine.

Among some of the differences between the two, Rev. Ross noted that the Episcopal church "observes very strictly the Christian calendar, as opposed to the Roman calendar," as well as noting that "there is no position in the Episcopal Church that is equal to the position of the Pope in the Catholic Church." Other differences are that Episcopal priests are not required to adhere to the rule of celibacy; women may become ordained priests in the Episcopal Church; and, Episcopalian believe in "God's real presence during the Eucharist, or The Lord's Supper," said Ross. "Another notable difference is that women may become ordained priests in the Episcopal Church," he continued.

Among the most basic Episcopalian beliefs are: Belief in God, Belief in Jesus Christ, Belief in the Holy Spirit, and a committed belief in love, forgiveness, freedom, and a belief in listening - to God - through the use of prayer. Episcopalian like to remember the simple acronym, ACT, which stands for Adoration, Confession, and Thanksgiving.

"Being not raised in the Episcopal church, but rather in the Baptist and Methodist faiths, when I first attended an Episcopalian service in my young adulthood, I left the service thinking, 'Either there is something extremely holy about what these people are doing, or they are crazy,'" said Ross. "Since that time I have come to understand the reasons behind the actions and to understand that that there are holy reasons for what is done."

"I believe, as a priest, that we are all a part of God's creation, made in His very image, and that from the very beginning we were given the freedom of choice. We are free to choose love and to live in harmony with God and His creation, or we can choose to create destruction. Temptation was not intended to lead us to sin, but to make us stronger Christians."

The St. James Episcopal Church has a current membership of 107. The church operates a food pantry for those who are in need that is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the month of January, the food pantry served 4,044 meals to area families. Sunday School begins each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m., with chapel services following at 11 a.m.

Rev. Ross invites all who wish to investigate the Episcopal Church to contact him through the church office or to attend any church service.

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 a.m. to 11 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

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 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment, for more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

School Committee meetings schedule:

*Curriculum Committee - Every third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

*Budget Committee - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.

*Attendance/Discipline Committee - First Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

*Extra-Curricular Committee - First Tuesday of each month at 3 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 p.m.

School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

Feb. 20 - "Time Out for Parents," support group meeting - 9 a.m.

Feb. 22 - "Manners" presentation, 5th grade - 12 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 - 5:30 p.m., school

days.

FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

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 a.m. until 1 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 and 2 p.m.

The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

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 - 11 a.m. Call 377-2678.

*Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

*Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

*Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5 - 8 p.m. Call 886-9860.

*Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6 p.m.

*Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 -

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Family Medicine

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Deep vein phlebitis can be deadly, needs prompt evaluation

blood. This causes some additional swelling and pain at the site of the phlebitis.

Though superficial phlebitis is painful, it isn't a life threatening condition because there are many other superficial veins that can assume the work of the damaged one. Also, the risk of the blood clot breaking loose and causing serious problems is quite small.

Superficial phlebitis is treated by elevating the involved limb, providing heat over the affected area, and supplying compression to decrease swelling. Also, rest and the use of aspirin, indomethacin or other antiinflammatory drugs are often part of the therapy. The most intense discomfort usually subsides in a few days, but total healing can take months. Rarely, the vein(s) never return to a completely "normal" state.

Now, let's look at phlebitis of the deep veins, also called deep vein thrombosis. This condition usually involves one or both legs, and there are several things that can increase its likelihood.

These "predisposing factors" include: prolonged inactivity such as sitting during a long trip or being bedridden, recent surgery (particularly involving the abdomen, hip, or heart), some types of cancer, and even hormone therapy such as estrogen replacement or birth control pills. Also, pregnancy and delivery, obesity, and blood disorders like polycythemia can increase your risk.

Thrombophlebitis of a deep vein is a serious condition because there are fewer deep veins to take up the work of the blocked one. This causes swelling of the leg. The greatest risk, however, is that part of the blood clot will break loose and be carried to the lungs where it causes a pulmonary embolism—a serious and potentially fatal blockage of circulation to the lungs. Consequently, any unexplained leg swelling or swelling with associated leg pain should be evaluated by a physician to determine if it's caused by phlebitis, and if so, whether the problem is with superficial or deep veins.

Deep vein phlebitis is treated with powerful anticoagulants that are commonly called "blood thinners." This is usually started in the hospital and then continues with oral medicine for months or perhaps for life. IV medicine to dissolve the blood clot or surgery to remove it is also of benefit for some. In other situation a filter is placed with the large vein of the lower part of the body, called the vein cava, to filter out any clots that do break loose. After the acute episode is under control, it is usually necessary to wear support stocking to limit leg swelling.

I can't tell you why your mother has leg swelling, but I can tell you that it is important for her to promptly see her physician to determine if she has phlebitis.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Question:

My mother is 67-years-old and has diabetes and other health problems. Her legs are very swollen, hot and painful. Would you explain phlebitis and why it is painful?

Answer:

Phlebitis, which is also called thrombophlebitis, is the inflammation of a vein and should not be confused with inflammation of an artery. The condition can be divided into two broad categories based upon the vein or veins that are involved — superficial and deep. Superficial veins are those that run

close to the skin while deep veins are those that are within muscles.

Leg swelling can result from phlebitis of either the superficial or deep veins, so I'll start by explaining the superficial variety first. Superficial veins, usually those of the arms or legs, can become inflamed from injury. The most common causes of this are trauma from an accident or from medical treatments such as receiving an IV or an injection of medicine into the vein. If you develop this type of phlebitis, the first thing you'll probably notice is a red and swollen area over the vein. Later, a blood clot will form within the vein and, thereby, block the flow of

Birthdays

Madison is one year old!

Madison Cheyenne Jarrell turned one year old on February 21, 2002. Madison is the daughter of Carl Jarrell Jr. and Virginia Griffith. She is the paternal granddaughter of Joe Goble and Rosie Boyd Goble and the late Carl Jarrell. Her maternal grandparents are Avious Griffith and the late Russell Griffith.



Good Food Good Health

The Goodness of greens

from the American Institute for Cancer Research

While children in the classroom are learning about the contributions of African-Americans during Black History Month, there are also lessons to be learned in the kitchen.

Cooked greens were found on African-American—and Southern—tables long before they appeared on the menus of fashionable restaurants. Edna Lewis, the grand dame of African-American cooking, and a national spokesperson for Southern cooking, remembers growing up in rural Virginia and picking wild greens not only for food, but for medicine. "If you were sick," she writes,

"your neighbor might walk a mile or more to pick something green to bring to your bedside, and then sit by the bed to feed and comfort you. Those greens were like black folks' health food."

Greens are low in calories and fat. They are also rich in fiber and vitamins A and C. Greens also contain naturally-occurring substances called phytochemicals that help fight cancer. A single serving of leafy greens is estimated to contain more than 100 different phytochemicals.

The most common greens are collard, kale, chard and broccoli rabe. They all look quite different. Collard greens have large, cabbage-like leaves and are a muted green, sometimes tinged with blue. Most varieties of kale have ragged or frilled leaves, ranging in color from bluish to almost black, magenta, yellow, or gray. Chard usually has dark green leaves that are usually ruffled. The leafy green broccoli rabe (also called rape or rapini) has 6- to 9-inch stalks and clusters of small buds that look like

broccoli.

When you buy greens, look for those that are crisp and unblemished. The darker the color, the higher the nutritional value.

Leafy green are highly perishable and should be used within a few days of purchase. If you are not going to cook them immediately, wrap them, unwashed, in damp paper towels and refrigerate in a plastic bag with a few air holes so the greens can breathe.

Greens can be full of soil and grit, so wash them carefully before cooking. They should not be cooked in pans made of aluminum, which gives them an unpleasant taste. Keep in mind that greens cook way down. A pound of fresh greens will result in 1 1/2 to 2 cups of cooked greens, or about 4 servings.

After you try this recipe, you may agree with Edna Lewis that, "Greens are a dish that most Southerners would walk a mile for."

Garlicky Greens

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

3/4 cup sliced leek, white part only

1/2 cup chopped scallions (about 3), both green and white parts

1 Tbsp. minced garlic (2 large cloves)

3 cups chopped kale

1 cup chopped broccoli rabe

3 cups collard greens cut in 1/2-inch ribbons

5 cups fresh spinach

1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add leek, scallions and garlic. Saute until leeks are limp, about 4 minutes.

Add kale, broccoli rabe and collards, stirring until wilted. Mix in spinach. Add broth and simmer, stirring occasionally, until greens are tender, about 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 101 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 214 mg. sodium.

Piarist School to hold entrance examination

The Piarist School will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshman or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The exam will be given on Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m., at the school, which is located at the second traffic light on Route 80, in Martin.

The Piarist School is a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school. Now in its twelfth year, the School has small class sizes and offers a solid academic program taught within a Christian atmosphere. Free transportation is available from selected locations in Prestonsburg, Harold, McDowell, Paintsville, Salyersville, and Pikeville. The School also has a unique week-long field studies program during each of its four years. Every Piarist School graduate has been accepted to four-year colleges and many receive substantial scholarships.

The School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including academic team, science olympiad, envirothon, drama, Y-club, and Beta club. The school also participates in the Kentucky Youth Assembly

and the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. The athletic program consists of basketball, golf, cross country, and track and field. The School is operated by The Piarist Fathers and offers its students individualized attention as well as many Advanced Placement and lab sciences courses.

Following the nearly four-hundred-year-old tradition of the Piarist Order, the School has as its mission to provide students of all backgrounds an education that launches them on a life-long search for and love of truth, a search that will result in their participation in the building of a more humane world and in living a life consistent with the faith they profess and with the laws, traditions, and cultural heritage of our democratic society.

All students must successfully take and pass the standard STS High School Placement Test before they are admitted to the school. To register for the March 9 test, or to request more information, call 285-3950 or email: piarist@kih.net or visit the school web site at: www.geocities.com/piarist.

JWT



mance preparation and production. In addition, all students will visit the rehearsal of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and receive a free pass to see "Joseph's" opening production.

With the success of the 2001 Workshop, the staff has planned to expand the program to include additional students and make workshops more age specific. The age group divisions are 6-9, 10-12 and 13-15 and the maximum amount of students per age group is 15. The theatre has also planned to add extra staff to handle the task of providing quality instruction. A letter received from the parents of Dillon Watts, Aspen Grender, and Tori Short, three of last season's students states, "Thank you for the many ways you and your assistants made Summer Theatre Workshop such a fun and memorable experience for our kids. We were so impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm you exhibited as you exposed the group to the magic of theatre and performing."

Summer Theatre Workshop begins Monday June 24th and runs through Monday July 15th with the final performance that evening on the JWT Mainstage. The application fee is \$175.00 per student. Due to the overwhelming response to the pro-

gram, pre-registration has already filled the 6-9 age-group, but there is still space in the 10-12 and 13-15 age groups. Tuition grants are available through Very Special Arts of Kentucky and are considered on a case by case basis. Call the theatre today for more information at 606-886-9274 or check out our education page on the website at www.jwttheatre.com

Live

tor. Park at the far end of the parking lot and walk to your destination. Get up from your desk during the day to stretch and walk around.

■ Do chores yourself. Mow your own lawn, rake your own leaves and carry your own groceries.

■ Make exercise fun. Choose an activity you enjoy and one that fits your lifestyle. Find an exercise partner for motivation and socialization.

■ Set realistic goals. If you miss a day, just get back on track the next day and don't give up if you don't see immediate results. Be sure to work some rest days into your schedule.

For more tips, call 1-800-638-5433 for the free Life Advice brochures "Eating Right" and "Fitness and Exercise."

School

4 p.m. Call 886-0709.

*Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

*Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Feb. 20 - "Time our for Parents" - 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

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■ "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.

Eyes

great job of trying to act out some memorable scenes, but really, considering Britney's young and very charmed life thus far, what kind of heartaches could she possibly have lurking in her past to prepare her to realistically portray anguish and disillusionment? I'm guessing like, none, to be exact. Thus, you can't really blame her when she fails to move you to tears. And, it's a little hard to allow your heart to swell for her as she gives that "first-time" L.A. audition that has the entire attending audience, as well as the record-company professionals, applauding her remarkable "first audition" performance.

In the span of just one short film, Britney goes from high school geekdom (yeah, like we really believed that one, anyway) to a highly polished performer with the confidence of a reigning pop queen (you know, like a Britney Spears or someone).

I know that when we lay down our money at the ticket window, we are expecting to enter a world of fantasy, after all, that's why we go in the first place. But, at the same time, we do enjoy it when what we're watching contains a certain amount of plausibility.

"Crossroads" contained very little and if one of my daughters

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takes off in the middle of the night in a "sloppy jalopy" sometime during her high school years, thinking all she has to do is arrive in L.A. where the "magic fairy dust" will hit her full in the face and make all her dreams come true - you can bet I'll be blamin' Britney.

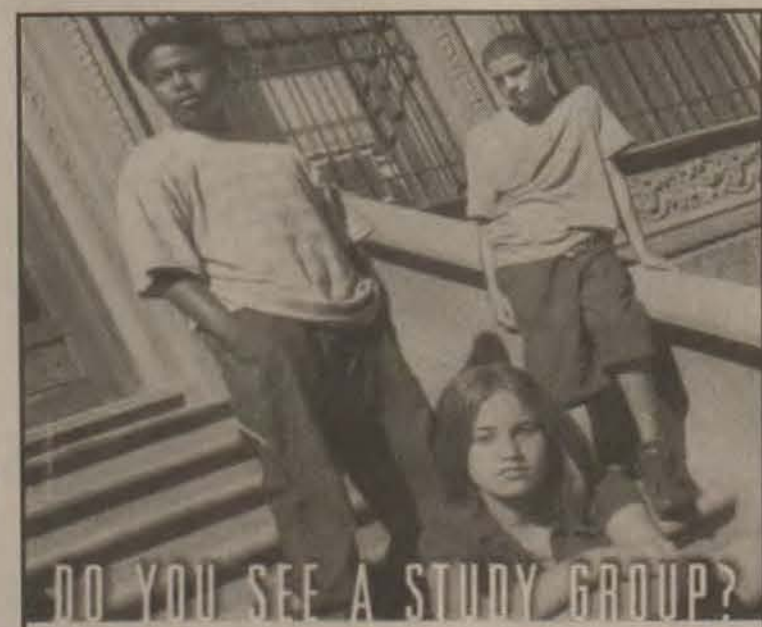
Here's a thought that my sister-in-law, Donna Fairchild Prater, passed along this morning via e-mail - it's a good one to share, so pass it along: "Too much love never spoils children. They are spoiled when we substitute 'presents' for 'presence.'"

Postscript

he can show easily how the two are connected over hills and through gaps.

Our natural coalitions are regional. We are Appalachians first. Then we are defined by the states in which we pay taxes. Blood, they say, is thicker than water.

That's not to say we should deny our Kentucky identity. But it is to say we should not expect Frankfort to understand us, to care about us or to save us. We should be looking at ways to strengthen our regional ties, to form coalitions that signify our commonality.



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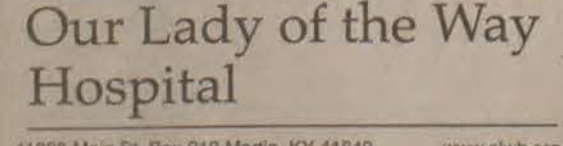
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SHIPS OF THE DESERT

THE USE OF CAMELS IS RECORDED THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES. THESE "SHIPS OF THE DESERT" HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART IN THE DASEANTRY OF THE BIBLE. THE PATRIARCHS TOOK MUCH OF THEIR WEALTH IN THE NUMBER OF CAMELS THEY OWNED. WHEREVER THE NOMADIC TRIBES OF ISRAEL WANTED TO WANDER CAMELS ALWAYS DID THE LEG WORK. FOR ONE WEALTHY PATRIARCH TO SEND A PRESENT OF A DOZEN OR SO CAMELS TO ANOTHER WAS NOT UNUSUAL. AND CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE EACH CAMEL COULD CARRY (WEIGHT OF 500 POUNDS) A FEW OF THESE LONG LEGGED BEASTS MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRINGSING NOT ONLY THE BEST TENT AND FURNISHINGS BUT ALSO THE NEEDFUL PARAPHERNALIA. THE CAMEL WAS STUPID, ILL-TEMPERED, AND SOMETIMES VINDICTIVE, BUT OH HOW NECESSARY TO THE DAILY LIFE OF THE WANDERER OF THE DESERT.

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295

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

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

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

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

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

FCDC COAL INCORPORATED 836-5337 ISSUED020114

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of an application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, for the rural

community transportation services in the big sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments be made in person or through written submissions. The application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2002.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is requesting sealed bids for the repair and refinishing of certain concrete and metal structures at various locations of the Commission's sewer system.

Bid documents may be picked up, at no cost, at the office of the Commission at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Potential bidders will ask for "Bid Documents- Repair/Refinishing of Concrete and Metal Structures."

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David M. Ellis Assistant Superintendent Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653 ATTN: Sealed Bid

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The Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

David M. Ellis Assistant Superintendent

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5425

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 mile east of Betsy Layne in Floyd and Pike County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.28 surface acres and will underlie 314.48 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 335.76 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.64 miles northwest from CR-1510, and located along Pike-Floyd Hollow.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broadbottom and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by the East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation; Oakie & Eunice Lawson; Jeffery Bentley; James & Aileen Maynard; Jimmy & Karen Crum; William T. & Diana L. Patton; James Gunnels; Williams Maynard; Bobby & Joyce Slone; Mike & Sandy

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1397. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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