

Parents angered by end of band

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The halls of most Floyd County elementary and middle schools are no longer alive with the sound of music after lack of funding caused many band programs to be cut

from the curriculum.

The decision to remove the band pro-

grams has struck a sour note with some parents of Adams Middle School students who actively participated in the school's band. Diane Pickard Hall, parent of one of

the students, believes that the cut will be

very detrimental to those who were Middle School and Allen Central High involved with the program.

"Music makes a difference in lives, to take it away is a tragedy," Hall said. According to Hall, Valeria Coburn, former music instructor for Adams, is now teaching a class in music theory and splits her time between Adams

School.

"They want to teach music theory because it is on standardized tests, but there is not going to be any application. There are no basketball, football or cheerleading questions on the tests" Hall said.

According to Hall, many of the parents purchased their children's instruments directly from Don Wilson when the company visited the school.

"Although you are just renting the instruments, you do not get any of your

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briefs

Whitesburg teen killed in ATV wreck

COWAN - A Whitesburg teenager died when an all-terrain vehicle she was riding flipped over on her, authorities said. Letcher County Coroner Delbert Anderson said Angela Kay Williams, 16, of Ermine, was riding an ATV up a hill Tuesday at the Town Road Playground at Cowan when the vehicle flipped and fell on her. The Whitesburg High School junior suffered a crushed skull, Anderson said.

A funeral for Williams was held Friday.

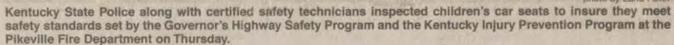
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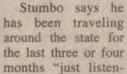
Governor, lt. governor, AG positions not ruled out

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Although saying it. would be "hard to leave Floyd County," 95th district state Rep. Greg Stumbo appears closer than ever to asking voters for a promotion.

Long the subject of speculation concern-

ing his future political plans, Stumbo expressed an interest running for in statewide office during a Democratic fundraiser held at his Stone Crest home on Thursday.





Greg Stumbo

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ing" to people and it appears that "what concerns the people most is the drug problem." He asserted that Floyd was not the only county in Kentucky with this problem.

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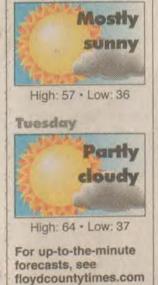
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New child seat techs put lessons to practice

by LANA FULLER PIKE COUNTY BUREAU

PIKEVILLE - Pike County Health Department child prevention safety technician and instructor, Suetta Clevinger provided a 32-hour technician class to the Kentucky State Kentucky Police, Vehicle Enforcement and Harlan Fire Department, along with Pike and Floyd County public health personnel this week at the Pikeville Fire

Department.

Clevinger told The Floyd County Times that she graduated 13 persons this week as technicians. Becoming a technician means that these individuals are now certified to perform safety inspections of children's car seats.

On Thursday the new technicians tried their newly acquired skills at an inspection point at the Pikeville Fire Department.

The purpose of the course is to make the public aware of the necessity of having properly installed safety seats throughout Kentucky. The local effort specifically targets Pike and Floyd counties.

Any person who owns a car seat that is out of date or whose child has outgrown the seat can contact Clevinger at the Pike County health Department at (606) 437-3500, ext. 321 to have their seat replaced.

Those wishing to have their safety

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Husband, wife share court date, but not strategy

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A husband and wife, Darvin and Angela Johnson, both appeared in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday, at which time the wife was arraigned on charges stemming from a 1991 rape of a minor, while her husband was sentenced to five years pursuant to a plea on July 26 in which he agreed to testify against her.

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by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A codefendent in a robbery case from October of last year, Gregory Hill, pleaded guilty to robbery on Friday in exchange for a recommendation of 10 years from the commonwealth.

Hill, who is already serving time as a result to a plea of charges in Pike County, agreed to enter a guilty plea to the second-degree robbery charge, a class C felony, and to testify against alleged

accomplice Stoney Hill, 31, of Shelbiana. In exchange for the plea, the prosecution recommended a 10-year sentence to run concurrent with the time he is currently serving.

As previously reported, Det. Greg Roberts of the Kentucky State Police said that Stoney Hill allegedly robbed the Action Food Mart at Ivel Oct. 21, 2001, while armed with a knife.

Roberts said that he responded to an armed robbery report at the Action Mart

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Greg Hill, left, conferred with his attorney, Harolyn Howard, and prosecutors as they reached a plea agreement in which a recommendation of 10 years was given in exchange for a guilty plea to second-degree robbery and testimony against alleged accomplice Stony Hill.

photo by Loretta Blackburn



Odds and Ends

CARTERET, N.J. -

What's so funny about a radio personality duct-taping himself to a utility pole to create a "human billboard"?

Apparently nothing.

A judge slapped Gregory Tyndorf with a \$500 fine and cited him for disorderly conduct, saying the Aug. 14 stunt could have caused an accident.

Tyndorf, 30, known to listeners of WHTZ-FM in Secaucus as "Greg T The Frat Boy," staged the event in Carteret in a parking lot near Exit 12 of the New Jersey Turnpike.

"He picked one of the busiest intersections in Central Jersey, if not the state," Municipal Court Judge Allen Comba said during sentencing Wednesday.

Tyndorf, who lives about 15 miles away in East Brunswick, said he did not know the site was so heavily traveled.

He said the stunt was meant to show support for Ira Joe Fisher, a WCBS-TV weatherman whose contract was not renewed.

Tyndorf was suspended on the pole for about 20 minutes before police cut him down and handcuffed him.

BOVILL, Idaho – When town, said other people's cows Lloyd Hall's cows come home, his neighbors tend to complain. Now, they've retaliated.

The Bovill bovines leave their calling cards on streets and lawns. Residents became so irate over the latest visitation that about 50 marched into City Hall on Monday to demand some action.

By Tuesday morning, Hall, a 77-year-old former mayor who served 45 years on the City Council, was complaining that somebody had corralled seven of his herd and he wanted them back.

"They're worth about \$600 a piece," he said.

City Councilman Phil Stradley later confirmed that he and other residents had loaded five of the unbranded cattle onto a truck and taken them to a livestock pen as stray cows. Hall can claim the penned cattle if he pays \$20 a head plus impoundment costs.

"It's an ongoing thing for at least six consecutive years," current Mayor Brad Dorendorf said of his predecessor's wandering herd.

Hall, who owns 17 cows and a substantial amount of the

are also guilty.

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. - A food pantry got a windfall of 3,600 eggs this week after police confiscated them from high school students about to celebrate homecoming with an egg fight.

Police seized the 300 dozen eggs late Wednesday as the junior and senior classes of Appleton North High School gathered at a park for the annual, unofficial homecoming event.

'We knew it was coming through our grapevine, and we let the police know," Appleton North Principal Barry O'Connor said. "It's not a part of homecoming that we endorse by any means.'

Police officers made no arrests. They donated the eggs to the St. Joseph Food Program.

"We see 200 families a day, so everybody will get a dozen eggs today," pantry manager Joann Johnson said.

GREELEY, Colo. - The Fightin' Whites now have their own brew.

The Smiling Moose Brew Pub and Grill decided to start selling a micro beer named after the intramural basketball team at of University Northern Colorado, and grill manager Ed Tucker said the beer and the team are getting some added attention.

The Fightin' Whites adopted the nickname to show their dis-

pleasure with teams that use Indian nicknames. A number of American Indians play for the Fightin' Whites.

Player Solomon Little Owl says the idea of a Fighting White Wheat beer cracks him up.

"I'm glad people recognize the potential of our mascot campaign," he said.

The team has sold more than 15,000 mascot shirts and hats, he said.

It also is setting up a scholarship fund to distribute profits from the sales to support the education of American Indian students.

Two men charged in Beverly murder appear in Perry Circuit Court

by LEAH JETT HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD - The men charged with the brutal murder of a Perry County woman, Tamara Beverly, age 24, appeared in Perry Circuit Court Oct. 2.

Jimmy Browning, age 24, and Ance Neace, 25, both former boyfriends of the victim, were arrested and charged with

murder in March 2001, after the covered in the victim's lungs. woman's body was discovered at a remote location near Vicco in a septic pond.

Beverly, who had been severely beaten before her death, had been reported missing by family members a few days before her body was discovered. Autopsy reports revealed that the actual cause of death was drowning. Fluids from the septic pond were dis-

Her body was weighted down with a commode.

Beverly was the mother of five small children. Allegedly, the woman had a history of domestic violence with both defendants. Beverly and Neace had a child in common. According to court records, Beverly and Neace had been involved in a custody dispute shortly before her death. Beverly had an active emergency protective order against Neace at the time of her death.

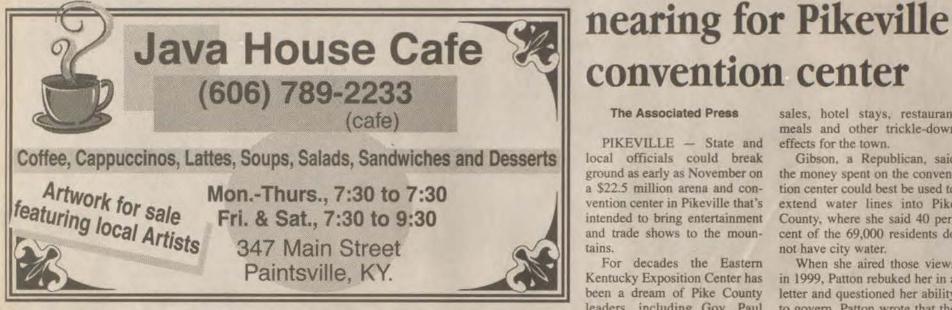
Neace, who is represented by Harolyn Howard with the Pikeville Public Defender's Office, faces the death penalty.

Browning is the defendant who led Kentucky State Police to the victim's body. In his initial statement that he gave police shortly after his arrest, he denied any participation in the beating or drowning Tamara Beverly. Browning admitted to helping Neace dispose of evidence and driving to the murder scene.

Browning was not eligible for the death sentence because no "aggravating circumstance" existed in his case.

In August, Browning agreed to plead guilty to murder in exchange for a recommended sentence of 20 years. According to prosecutors, a standing offer of 25 years had been available to Browning since the time of his arrest last March. Browning had also told his attorney, David Johnson, that he would be willing to testify for the prosecution at Neace's trial.

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Request for Bids from Certified Installers for Septic System Installations

The Big Sandy Area Development District in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete installation of the systems within sixty (60) days of the date of the award.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request.

convention center **The Associated Press**

PIKEVILLE - State and local officials could break ground as early as November on a \$22.5 million arena and convention center in Pikeville that's intended to bring entertainment and trade shows to the moun-

Groundbreaking

For decades the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center has been a dream of Pike County leaders, including Gov. Paul Patton, a former county judgeexecutive.

But it's been criticized by current Judge-Executive Karen Gibson and others who believe the money should be spent on extending water lines to rural residents.

Bids for the 7,000-seat arena will be opened Oct. 24 - and if

sales, hotel stays, restaurant meals and other trickle-down

effects for the town. Gibson, a Republican, said the money spent on the convention center could best be used to extend water lines into Pike County, where she said 40 percent of the 69,000 residents do not have city water.

When she aired those views in 1999, Patton rebuked her in a letter and questioned her ability to govern. Patton wrote that the expo center would help the local economy grow, and said Gibson has "already demonstrated that you have absolutely no concept of how to grow the economy of Pike County so I intend to make those decisions so long as I am governor."

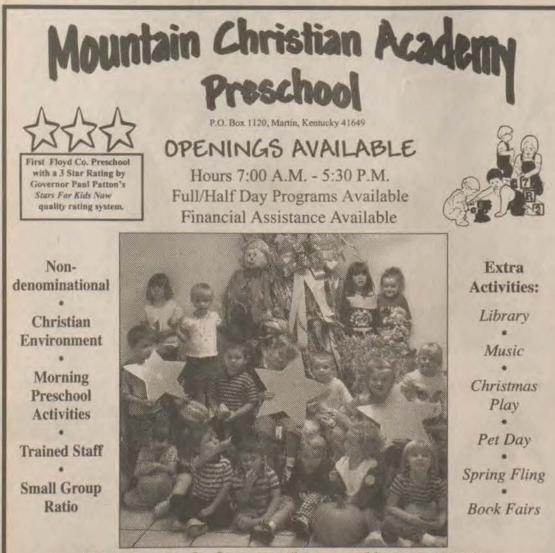
Individual bids will be accepted and contract awarded for the following areas in Floyd County:

#12-1017 Dwale, Garrett, Martin, Melvin, and Stanville areas.

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until Monday, October 25, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 and proof of worker's compensation insurance or a worker's compensation exemption form is required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate, and rate each bid based on their submitted Bid. The Big Sandy Area Development District will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfctory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The Selection Committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.



For more information, call: 285-5141

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they meet the projected budget, groundbreaking is planned for sometime next month, said Donna Damron, the project's executive director.

Construction, delayed when original bids in January came in \$8 million too high, is expected to take 18 months, with an opening in 2004 or 2005.

Patton, Pike County judgeexecutive from 1982-1991, called the groundbreaking an "important milestone" in a project discussed since the 1970s. "The citizens of the region will be the ones to benefit from all the hard work because they will have a state-of-the-art convention center in their back yard," Patton said Tuesday.

Damron said the arena will bring concerts, expositions and other events to Eastern Kentucky, which has no such large facility.

Damron, who was judgeexecutive from 1994-1998, championed the center during her term. When she lost her reelection bid in 1998, she was hired to oversee the project, a job that earns her \$60,000 a year.

Sada Napier, who lives outside Pikeville, said all county residents should have water before an arena is built. "I think the people deserve city water," she said.

Napier and her husband have lived on Sookeys Creek outside Pikeville since 1968. The couple and their neighbors got water lines three years ago.

Before that "we had a drilled well, and it was awful," she said. "The water was muddy."

Lisa Haynes, who lives in Pike County, said she supports the arena because it would provide entertainment for adults and children.

"I think we need it," she said. "Teenagers need something to do."

A 1997 study - which examined a variety of issues, including who might use the facility concluded the arena and convention center would generate \$10 million annually in tickets foday in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 2002. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House. was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date:

In A.D. 54, Roman emperor Claudius I died, after being poisoned by his wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the U.S. Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.

In 1845, Texas ratified a state constitution.

In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.

In 1944, American troops entered Aachen, Germany.

In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign.

In 1962, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," by Edward Albee, opened on Broadway.

In 1974, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 72.

In 1981, voters in Egypt participated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

Ten years ago:

Vice President Dan Quayle, Sen. Al Gore and retired Adm. James B. Stockdale clashed in a freewheeling vice-presidential debate in Atlanta.

Five years ago:

A jet-powered car driven by British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green streaked across

Nevada's Black Rock Desert at speeds topping 764 mph, faster than the speed of sound. However, the car couldn't complete two runs within the 60 minutes required by record-keepers. (Green officially broke the record two days later.) In Quebec, Canada, 43 senior citizens and a bus driver were killed when the bus plunged into a ravine.

One year ago:

Ukraine's defense minister and air defense chief offered to resign, conceding that the military was involved in the explosion of a Russian airliner over the Black Sea Oct. 4 that killed 78 people.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Nipsey Russell is 78. Lady Thatcher, former British prime minister, is 77. Playwright Frank D. Gilroy is 77. Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 64. Actress Melinda Dillon is 63. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 61. Actress Pamela Tiffin is 60. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 58, Actor Demond Wilson is 56. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 56. Singermusician Sammy Hagar is 55. Actor John Lone is 50. Model Beverly Johnson is 50. Writerproducer Chris Carter ("The X-Files") is 45. Actor Reggie Theus is 45. Singer Marie Osmond is 43. Actress Kelly Preston is 40. Country singer John Wiggins is 40. Actress Tisha Campbell-Martin is 34. Olympic silvermedal figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 33. Country singer Rhett Akins is 33. Rock musician Jan Van Sichem Junior (K's Choice) is 30. Singer Ashanti is

Thought for Today:

"Children are the true connoisseurs. What's precious to them has no price - only value." - Bel Kaufman, American author and educator.



BB gun robber makes deal

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Leburn man accused of first-

Safety

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seats inspected can contact KSP at (606) 433-7711, Pikeville Fire Department at (606) 437-5120 or the Harlan Fire Department at (606) 573-4130.

Those who have children but cannot afford safety seats can receive assistance from the above organizations.

degree robbery for holding up an Autobahn station at Eastern with a BB gun on May 16 pleaded guilty to second-degree robbery on Friday in exchange for a recommendation of five years.

As a result of a pretrial conference, Scott Andrew Halbert, 19, opted to plead to a lesser charge in exchange for the fiveyear recommendation and agreed to testify in the case against alleged accomplice, April Leigh Cook, 21, of Mousie.

As previously reported, Cook entered the Autobahn and appeared to be checking it out.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo, attorney Ned

Pillarsdorf and Floyd Circuit Court Judge John David Caudill

appeared to be enjoying themselves at a Democratic fundraiser

raise money in Floyd

held Thursday at the home of state Rep. Greg Stumbo.

House Democrats

As she was leaving, Halbert entered the store wearing a ski mask and a heavy jacket and was believed to be in possession of a shotgun when he demanded that the clerk get the money from the register. After getting the money, Halbert and Cook left the scene in a Gray S10 pickup.

According to records, the couple was apprehended about a half mile from the scene of the robbery and upon searching the vehicle, police located a bag of money, a blue ski mask and a green army jacket.

The weapon, which turned out to be a plastic BB gun, was located on a graveyard near the area where Halbert and Cook were apprehended.

early that morning and conduct-

According to Roberts,

Deal

ed an investigation.

tive since 1991 and after he was eventually found living in Floyd County. According to Commonwealth's

Couple

Attorney Brent Turner, Angela Johnson, 38, was charged for allegedly participating in the crime by holding the 13-year-old girl down while she was assaulted.

As previously reported, Darvin Johnson had been a fugi-

Prosecutors offered Johnson a five-year sentence in exchange for a guilty plea to the charge of third-degree rape and testimony against Angela Johnson, who had opted to go to trial.

Angela Johnson was indicted August 28 on a class C felony of complicity to commit seconddegree rape by allegedly aiding Darvin Johnson in engaging in

in both incidents.

Apparantly, Hill had robbed the Ivel Action Mart and then moved on to the Western

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Express in Pikeville. Gregory Hill was later linked to the robbery and charged as a result. Details of his involvement are unavailable at this

a class D felony of first-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sexual contact with the cumstances which exposed the Florida, he was extradited to minor by forcible compulsion, and another class D felony of

sexual intercourse with a minor, first-degree unlawful imprisonment by allegedly restraining the liberty of the minor under cirminor to a risk of serious physical injury.

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photo by Loretta Blackburr

George Adkins, 54, of Grethel, pleaded to trafficking in hydrocodone on Friday in exchange for a three-and-a-half-year recommendation and the dismissal of a persistent felony offender charge.

Adkins enters reluctant plea

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - It appeared that a Grethel man didn't want to plead guilty to charges of trafficking in hydrocodone, but he did so anyway on Friday in exchange for a recommendation of three-and-ahalf years and a dismissal of a persistent felony offender charge

On Feb. 27, George Adkins, 54, was indicted on single counts of first-degree possession of cocaine and second-degree trafficking in hydrocodone. He was also indicted for a misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana and a class C felony count of being a persistent felon.

He appeared in court Friday

mendation and the dismissal of the persistent felony offender charge. He willingly entered a guilty plea to the possession charges but appeared to be reluctant to plead to the trafficking charge.

As Judge John David Caudill's policy is "nobody pleads in my court that don't believe they are guilty," the judge was hesitant to accept the plea. After conferring with his attorney, Adkins willingly pleaded guilty to the charge.

Caudill inquired as to if Adkins was pleading because he is guilty or because he wanted to get rid of the persistent felon charge, and Adkins admitted he was guilty.

Caudill accepted the plea realizing that he was pleading for a lesser sentence as opposed

Pikeville City Police were investigating another robbery at the Western Express Mart in

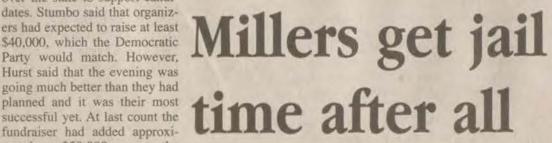
Pike County. Roberts said that through the investigation they were able to accuse Hill of being the culprit time.

Stumbo

Stumbo also confirmed that he is considering a run for statewide office in 2003. He said he is looking at the attorney general's office, as well as accepting an invitation to run for lieutenant governor on a gubernatorial candidate's ticket. He vowed that regardless, he would not leave Floyd County.

he has thought about it.

Stumbo said he plans to make an announcement within the next 30 days concerning his plans for the 2003 races for statewide office.



by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Two to go to seek treatment at men who pleaded guilty to Crossroads, and according to a to enter a plea in exchange for a charges relating to a burglary probation officer's report, "He three-and-a-half-year recom- to wanting to admit to the crime. and received probation earlier didn't like it and he wanted to this year, John Paul and Jerry William Miller, were back in court Friday, for a revocation hearing that resulted in both men being sent to prison for a year.

Continued from p1 Stumbo also confirmed that

he has been encouraged by some people to run for governor and

"Maybe one day," he said.

failed to stay. said that he had allowed Miller

five of the House Democratic leaders, visited the Stumbos at their home on the top of Stone Crest Golf Course. Stumbo expressed pleasure to have many of the legislators who helped fund the course see the results that Speaker Pro-Tem Larry Clark, of Louisville, described as being "overwhelmingly beautiful.'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN

STAFF WRITER

Majority Floor Leader Greg

Stumbo opened his home to sup-

porters Thursday evening, as he

and his wife, Mary Karen, host-

ed this year's fourth House

cus director, proposed the pur-

pose of the event was to raise

awareness of candidate Herman

Lester, who will run against

Republican Howard Cornette

Several supporters, including

for the 94th district seat.

Johnathan Hurst, House cau-

Democratic fundraiser.

PRESTONSBURG - House

Clark said that tourism in Kentucky is a \$8.3 billion industry that employs about 167,000 people and golf courses like Stone Crest are "what it is all about.

House Democratic The Caucus is composed of 65 members and raises money from all

fall's condidate

"I am looking forward to serving the three-county district and will be glad to help other Eastern in legislators Kentucky," said Lester.

over the state to support candi-

dates. Stumbo said that organiz-

\$40,000, which the Democratic

Party would match. However,

Hurst said that the evening was

going much better than they had

planned and it was their most

successful yet. At last count the

fundraiser had added approxi-

mately \$50,000 to the

fundraiser, Democrats could

insure that their candidate would

have the necessary resources to

win. The party was drawing

attention to Lester, who is this

Hurst said that because of the

Democratic campaign fund.

District 94 includes portions of Letcher, Harlan and Pike counties. Cornette, who was present at the fundraiser, was moved into the 94th district from the 91st.

Speaker House Jody Richards, of Bowling Green, was present to share that he had served as House speaker for eight years and in January, he will have been in that position longer than anyone in the commonwealth's history.

Both John Paul Miller, 22, and Jerry William Miller, 21, appeared to face revocation charges for failing to complete a required drug treatment program that they had agreed to when probated.

John Paul Miller had failed to complete a stay at the Layne House in Prestonsburg, as well as violated rules by using alcohol and failing to report to his probation officer.

Jerry William Miller had been sent to Crossroads, but had come home.

Caudill expressed irritation toward Miller and told him that statistics show that he has a 1 percent chance of staying out of jail without treatment.

Judge John David Caudill

"All I can do now is encourage you to seek it on your own," said Caudill in reference to treatment.

He told Jerry William Miller that he would not have any sympathy for him if he saw him again and he would give him the maximum sentence for the crime, He informed Jerry William Miller that he would see that he was sent to Eddyville as soon as possible, where he could get a look at the "real world."

Band

money back if you turn them in," Hall said.

Hall also explained the effect that band had on her life when she was in school.

"I played the flute for a year, then I starting riding horses competitively. I still regret stopping," Hall said.

Hall said that she is also concerned that the high school band programs would not be sufficient for students once they reached that age.

"There is no more feeder program, by the time they get to high school they have other things on their minds," Hall said.

Amanda Price, parent of a 12year-old student, does not think that the decision was fair.

"It's not fair to them. I think they should have the option to be in band if they want to." Price said.

Price also said that her daughter was very upset when she learned that the band program was being cut.

"She was very upset, she really enjoyed playing music," Price said.

Rhonda Yates, parent of a 14year-old student, believes that band was an alternative to other school programs and should not have been taken away.

"I hate that they cut it, it gave students something else to do. If they didn't want to play sports, they could always be in band," Yates said.

Karen Lowe, parent of an 11year-old student, has contacted the Floyd County Board of Education about the matter.

"They said it had something to do with the site-based council." Lowe said.

Lowe said that she was told that the parents did not want the program back.

Both Lowe and Hall said they they have contacted the Floyd County Board of Education and were informed that cutting the band program was a site-based council decision, not a board decision.

"I called Frankfort, and they

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told me that because Valeria Coburn split her time between the schools, it was a board matter," Hall said.

Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent of Floyd County schools, said that it was a site-based council decision to cut the band program from the schools.

"Site-based councils determine how the allocated funds are going to be deployed," Fanning said.

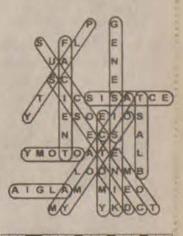
Hall also said that she does not understand why Betsy Layne Elementary is the only school that still has an active band program

"The site based council of Betsy Layne Elementary decided to keep the band program," Fanning said.

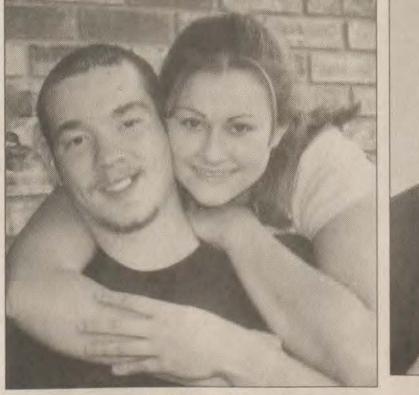
Diane Pickard Hall said that she is willing to go as far as it takes to get the band program back

"I will go to Frankfort, or all the way to Washington if I have to," Hall said.

MEDICAL SUFFIXES







Smith-Little

Micheal L. and Pauline Smith, of Bevinsville, and Ricky and Kathi Little, of Wheelwright, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Sarah Lynn and Adam Matthew. Sarah is the granddaughter of Elva and Wilma Jean Smith and Mary Sue and Virgil Triplett, of Bevinsville, and Paul W. and Mildred Johnson, of West Carrollton, Ohio. She is the great-granddaughter of Hattle Mosley, of Bevinsville. Adam is the grandson of Harrison Horn and the late Linda Lou Horn, of Banner, and the late Johnny and Ruby Little, of Melvin. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will be performed on Saturday, October 26, 2002, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Reynolds-Owens

Miss Amanda Beth Reynolds and Mr. Nicholas Owens are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Amanda, the daughter of Bryan and Lucy Reynolds, of Printer, is a student at Morehead State University. She will graduate in December with a degree in special education. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Dye, also of Printer, and Mayme Reynolds, of Berea, and the late Bev Reynolds. Nicholas, the son of Robert and Mildred Owens, of Lewis County, is assistant manager for Owens Construction and general manager of Abarms Investing and Management. He is also co-owner of the Laundry King Wash-O-Rama, in Morehead. The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, October 19, 2002, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the First Baptist Church, McDowell. The gracious custom of an open church wedding and reception will be observed.

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Freedom of the

Guest*V*iew War draws near

The broad support voiced by Congress for the use of military force to disarm Iraq sends an unequivocal message to the United Nations Security Council: The American people stand together in their resolve to eliminate the threat posed by Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

The 296-133 vote in the House, buttressed by similarly strong support in the Senate, for a resolution authorizing President Bush to go to war if necessary ought to spur the Security Council to action. What is needed now is a tough Security Council resolution making it clear that Baghdad must accept unrestricted weapons inspections or face the certainty of military action, carried out under U.N. authorization, to enforce Iraqi disarmament.

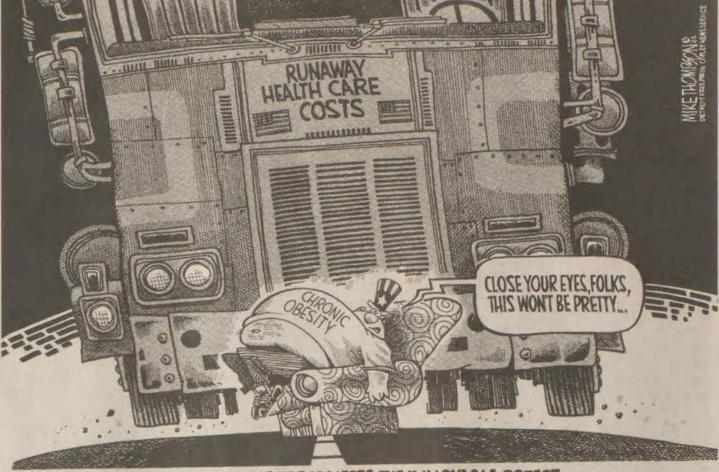
By their united response, lawmakers on Capitol Hill sent a useful warning to Hussein as well: If Iraq fails to dismantle its illegal nuclear, chemical and biological arms programs, war is inevitable, period.

In his Cincinnati speech earlier this week, President Bush stressed that he still hoped to avoid an armed clash and that he regarded war as a last resort. The surest way to avert a potentially bloody shooting conflict is for the Security Council to act decisively on a disarmament resolution and for Hussein to abide by it. Unfettered international inspections that effectively defang the Iraqi regime are far preferable to war. They must be given one more chance to succeed before hostilities are initiated by the United States and its allies. In the end, however, Hussein by his own actions will determine whether war comes. If the Iraqi dictator continues to defy a lengthening list of U.N. resolutions, if he continues to misjudge America's determination to eliminate the threat he represents, there will be no way to avoid bloodshed. Our hope is that an unambiguous Security Council resolution, backed by all five permanent members, will demonstrate to Baghdad that its continuing recalcitrance is futile.

Polls show that about two-thirds of Americans favor military action to deal with Iraq. The House vote roughly mirrored that political reality, which is exactly what the Founders had in mind when they required House members to face election every two years, thereby keeping them closely attuned to public opinion. It is significant, though, that the resolution approved yesterday attracted more votes on the House floor than the 1991 measure endorsing the use of force to eject Iraqi occupation troops from Kuwait. ... Following Thursday's vote in the House, President Bush declared that "the days of Iraq acting as an outlaw state are coming to an end." The world must hope that Saddam Hussein recognizes that ineluctable truth and changes course before it is too late.

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press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society. - Felix Frankfurter



THE IRRESISTIBLE FORCE MEETS THE IMMOVABLE OBJECT

-Jim Davidson

Do you have class?

Some time ago, my wife and I attended a graduation exercise for a class of nurses at one of our fine hospitals in nearby Little Rock. Near the end of the program, the head instructor read something titled, "What is class?" that was so good that I went to her afterwards and asked for a copy of it.

In today's times, we often hear it said of someone that they have "class," but have you ever thought about what the word "class" really means when it's used in this way? Well, in layman's terms, the person who has class is just someone who has good manners in all situations, especially when they are hurt or wronged in some way.

As you read this article about "class" it might be well to think about it as it relates to your life.

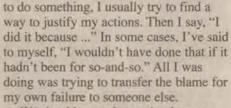
"Class is considerate of others. It knows that good manners are nothing more than a series of petty sacrifices.

"Class bespeaks an aristocracy that has nothing to do with ancestors or money. The most affluent blue blood can be totally without class, while the descendant of a Welsh miner may ooze class from every pore.

"Class never tries to build itself up by tearing others down. Class is already up and need not strive to look better by making others look worse

"Class can walk with kings and keep its virtue. and talk with crowds and keep the common touch. Everyone is comfortable with the person who has class, because he is comfortable with himself.

"If you don't have it no matter what else you have, it doesn't make much difference."



We should never be too hard on ourselves, because if we do that on a regular

> basis, all we are doing is putting ourselves down and the result will surely be low self-esteem. We do, however, need high standards because it's the only way to improve.

When it comes to personal accountability and establishing a standard for personal behavior, I don't believe you can improve on the qualities mentioned in the article on class. Ask yourself, "do I have class?" If you don't, would you like to have it?

Of course, it takes much more than just saying it to make it so, but the first

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- beyond the beltway

U.S. motive in Iraq may be tainted

by DONALD KAUL

The White House would have us believe that our new "National Security Strategy," made public last month, is a noble, highminded document, placing the United States firmly on the side of international freedom, justice and equality.

They have to be kidding.

Actually it is a scary document that reserves for the American president the right to attack anybody, anytime, for whatever reason he deems necessary, without saying please or thank-you to anyone.

For those of you who say "Damn betcha" to that, let me point out that it flies in the face of 60 years of a collective security policy that has worked remarkably well for this nation and given it a position of moral authority granted to no other great power. Without that authority we become just another brutish, thug nation that bullies the world because it can. The ash-heap of history is littered with the carcasses of similarly arrogant "superpowers" - ancient Rome, 17th century Spain, 18th century France and 19th century England, to name just a few.

The document - which has been dubbed Bush's First-Strike Manifesto says: "While the United States will constantly strive to enlist the support of the international community, we will not hesi-

To me, the contents of this article have a way of penetrating to the depths of my very soul. I especially like the thought "class never makes excuses, it takes its lumps and learns from past mistakes." Wouldn't we all be better off if we could learn to do that?

I know many times when I have failed

step is to start acting like a person who has class. Who knows? It may be the beginning of a whole new way of living and a source of encouragement to those around us.

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tate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise our right of self-defense by acting against ... terrorists ... we must deter and defend against the threat before it is unleashed."

Which sounds fine, but only if you accept the premise that the United States is the only absolutely trustworthy nation in the world, one that would never act out of selfish or base motives.

As Americans, we accept that premise as a matter of course. The rest of the world laughs at it. As well they might. We talk

about being friends of freedom and democracy around the world but we have never hesitated to quash democracy or support repressive regimes when it suited our interests - which is pretty much always. For example

When the democratically elected president of Guatemala, Jacobo Arbenz Guzman, nationalized 200,000 acres of

United Fruit Company land to give to peasants in 1952, the CIA launched Operation Success to overthrow him. After U.S.backed rebels deposed him in 1954, the country fell into a civil war that lasted 36 years and cost hundreds of thousands of lives.

When a secular revolution knocked off the Shah of Iran in 1953 and the new prime minister, Mohammed Mossadegh, nationalized oil wells controlled by a British company, the CIA went to work again. Its Operation Ajax resulted in a 1954 coup that put a new Shah in place and returned the oil wells to Western control. The Shah's brutal regime eventually produced the revolution that gave us the Ayatollah Khomeini.

When Chileans elected a Marxist, Salvador Allende, as president in 1971 and he nationalized the copper mines owned by foreign companies, our Johnny-on-the-spot CIA orchestrated his overthrow by 1973, keeping the country's copper supply safe for American giants like ITT and AT&T. Allende's successor, Gen. Augusto Pinochet, ruled for the next 25 years by torture, terror and death squads. He was our friend, too.

When leftist Patrice Lumumba was elected President of Congo in 1960 ... Oh, never mind. You get the idea. If we care about freedom and democracy at all, it's our

own and - given the shenanigans in Florida and those of our Attorney General - I'm beginning to have my doubts about that.

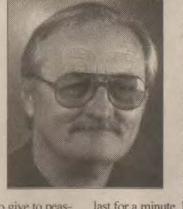
Our approaching war with Iraq is being justified as necessary to our security (although you have to wonder why his immediate neighbors don't feel the same sense of peril) and as a blow for freedom. I don't believe that

last for a minute. If you're looking for a plausible reason, the following statement seems to be more in line with the facts:

"The U.S. administration wants to destroy Iraq in order to control the Middle East oil, and consequently control the politics as well as the oil and economic policies of the whole world."

It's a hell of a thing when a dime-store Hitler like Saddam Hussein makes more sense than the president of the United States.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.



Faith Extra

Religious leaders urge caution toward Iraq

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Some Kentucky religious leaders are urging restraint as President Bush weighs a possible military strike on Iraq.

One prominent theologian, though, said Tuesday that forcibly removing Saddam Hussein's regime would be a just cause.

"I believe the president has given adequate justification for military action," said the Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

"I think the question will come down to how large and extensive the military action should be to deal with this specific threat."

Some other prominent church leaders in the state were more cautious about exerting military might to topple Saddam.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly condemned Saddam in harsh words, but said he was "very concerned" about the United States waging unilateral military action against Iraq. "It is clear that Saddam Hussein runs a repressive regime that presents a threat to peace and stability in the world," Kelly said. "But it is also clear that military action should be a last resort, and our country must address serious moral principles such as just cause, danger to

civilians and the probability of success" before attacking Iraq. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) also has urged restraint. Its General Assembly Council last month urged Bush to "speak

in ways that encourage peace, rather than war, and refrain from language that seems to label certain individuals and nations as 'evil' and others as 'good.""

The council said U.N. weapons inspections should resume and be allowed to run their course without threats of pre-emptive strikes. It said the United States should avoid a goit-alone approach toward Iraq that "perpetuates the perception ways to talk and build consensus throughout the world."

The Trappist monks cloistered at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown have been reading newspaper accounts of the brewing confrontation with Iraq. The abbot, Father Damien Thompson, said a pre-emptive strike would cast the United States as an aggressor nation.

"There is no justification for war with Iraq since they haven't attacked us," Thompson said in a telephone interview.

United Methodist Church Bishop James R. King Jr. said that as Christians "strive for a world filled with peace and harmony we must, however, protect ourselves and those who put themselves in harm's way for the preservation of our values."

Aly A. Farag, the imam, or religious leader, at Faisal Mosque in Jefferson County, said Muslims dislike Saddam but are frustrated by what they perceive as inconsistencies in U.S. policy that condemns Iraq

for its aggression but does nothing to stop Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

Farag said Iraq poses no threat to the United States, and that military action is unnecessary to keep Saddam in check.

"A rigorous inspection process will bring its fruits without war," Farag said. "And Saddam is going to go sooner or later."

Farag, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Louisville, said he worries that Muslims and their religion might become targets of unwarranted criticism as war talk escalates. He cited comments by the Rev. Jerry Falwell in which the conservative Baptist minister called Muhammad, the founder of Islam, a terrorist.

"The atmosphere is getting poisoned and it is getting out of context," Farag said. "These religious words and hatred have nothing to do with a regime that nobody likes in the Muslim world.

Stan Miles, rabbi at Temple Shalom in Louisville, called war "the greatest of human tragedies" and said he hoped that Saddam would allow complete access for U.N. weapons inspectors. Barring such access, he said, the only alternative appears to be military confrontation.

"I think I understand the motivation of our president, particularly in our country today because indeed 9-11 was, yes, a very physical attack, but even more so it is an emotional attack and the wounds haven't even begun to heal," Miles said. Miles said he thinks the pres-

ident has presented "absolute evidence" that Iraq has harbored terrorists.

In reaching his belief that military action against Iraq is justified, Mohler cited the "justwar theory" - which he called a traditional Christian way of wrangling with the difficult question of war.

"It is based upon the understanding that war is an evil but sometimes it is the lesser of evils," he said. "The use of any violence must be morally justified. In the case of Iraq, the president was making the case that

use of violence began with Saddam Hussein and that Iraq continues to threaten the use of such violence. Therefore, some action is justified."

Massey could face \$85,500 in fines after spill

by JOEDY McCREARY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - A Massey Energy Co. subsidiary could face \$85,500 in fines by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection after a coal treatment plant spilled 100,000 gallons of coal slurry into two Logan County streams.

The DEP will recommend Bandmill Coal Co. be fined between \$3,200 and \$3,500 per day - a maximum total of \$10,500 - in administrative penalties for three days of coal slurry cleanup on Rum Creek

and the Guyandotte River, DEP investigator Joe Hager said Friday.

Bandmill also faces fines up to \$25,000 a day for three days - a total of \$75,000 - for water quality violations, DEP Enforcement Coordinator Mike Zito said.

A ruptured pipe at Massey's Bandmill preparation plant near Logan caused the 6-mile-long slurry spill Tuesday morning.

Massey investigators blamed the spill on human error, saying an opened valve allowed slurry

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Court says Ten Commandments display unconstitutional

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - A federal appeals court on Wednesday said the General Assembly's latest effort to display the Ten Commandments was a thinly disguised effort at government endorsement of religion.

The decision by the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals prohibits the state from displaying a huge granite monument to the biblical directives that was ordered by the 2000 General Assembly.

Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, who sponsored the resolution, said the ruling ignores the historical role of the Ten Commandments and infringes

by Chief Judge Boyce Martin of Louisville noted there are ways for the Ten Commandments to be displayed in the context of other historical and non-religious material.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, which filed suit to halt the display along with several clergy members, did not argue that the Commandments cannot be displayed in any manner.

"Indeed, to their credit, they proposed a number of alternative displays in the district court, including a historical display showcasing the various influences on our law by both secular and religious sources," Martin noted in his opinion.

The monument, six-foot tall

Capitol Annex. While the resolution said other materials should be placed with the monument, Martin's ruling said the monument dominated the display and noted that the legislative resolution did not specify what other materials should be used.

"In our view, this indicates that the other components of the display are an afterthought, at best, secondary in importance to the Ten Commandments, and suggests that the Commonwealth acted with a

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that 'might makes right.""

John Detterick, executive director of the General Assembly Council, said Tuesday sentiment that among Presbyterians contacting church headquarters in Louisville has strongly favored the council statement.

"We are called to be peacemakers and are called to go the extra mile," he said. "That means that we continue to find

on his own practice of his Christian faith.

of it," said Robinson.

Even if an appeal is not pursued to the U.S. Supreme Court, Robinson said the legislature will continue its efforts to promote the display of the Ten Commandments.

start over," Robinson said.

and four feet wide, was donated to the state in 1971 by the "This to me is not the finish Fraternal Order of Eagles. It stood until the late 1980s in an obscure area near a parking lot, when it came down for a construction project. It has been in storage since.

The 2000 resolution directed that the monument be placed "We think this will help us to next to the giant floral clock that is the featured display in the Indeed, the opinion written area between the Capitol and the

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Moderates willing to back candidate with conservative ties

The Associated Press

COVINGTON - When the Kentucky Baptist Convention elects its president next month, a group representing moderate Baptists says it can support a pastor who had the backing of conservatives when he ran before.

Mainstream Baptist of Kentucky plans to support Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville.

Former KBC President Jim McKinley said in June he planned to nominate Badgett at the convention's annual meeting, set for Nov. 12-13 in Williamsburg. No other candidates have been announced.

Badgett had the support of the convention's conservatives when he ran unsuccessfully for president in 1999 against the Rev. Terry Wilder, pastor of Burlington Baptist Church.

Badgett still has the support of John Michael, president of the Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network, a conservative Baptist group.

"I personally think that Paul Badgett is an excellent choice as a candidate for president," Michael said. "I think most conservatives will be able to support Paul Badgett."

Badgett could not be reached for comment.

Badgett earned moderates' support after Wilder appointed him to lead a 2000 Baptist Faith and Message study committee. In that role, "he impressed both friend and foe for his fairness, lack of agenda and balanced approach to problem solving," Mainstream Baptist Co-chairman Herbert Booth of Burlington wrote in an e-mail to members on Monday.

The left and right wings of the convention have not agreed on a candidate for president since about 1979, the year of the conservative takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention, Booth told The Kentucky Post.

"The beauty of all this is that we are turning a corner here," he said. "I think this is a bold step forward for Kentucky Baptists."

Wilder said, "It's saying that all Baptists can work together. We have had elections where moderates and conservatives just about went at it tooth-and-nail."

The president of the convention, who serves for a term of one year, appoints members to the committees that run Baptist institutions such as Georgetown Campbellsville College, University and the five hospitals in the Baptist Healthcare System. He also serves as a spokesman for Kentucky's 760,000 Baptists and more than 2,500 Baptist churches.

Badgett has assured Mainstream members that he will have no political litmus test for appointees, said Bill Shoulta, cochairman of the Mainstream group and pastor of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville.

"We met with Paul, and he assured us of his fairness," Shoulta said. "We have no reason to doubt that. We assured him we were not endorsing him - we're not endorsing anyone - but we feel we can give him our support.'

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Rachel Dawn Anderson, died Wednesday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elberson (Junior) Bentley, 58, of Langley, died Friday, October 4, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Zora L. Coleman, 87, of Printer, died Sunday, October 6, in Marietta, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Janet Faye Prater Copas, 62, of Lucasville, Ohio, a native of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, September 29, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Dane Copas. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 2, under the direction of McKinley Funeral Home, Lucasville, Ohio.

Glenn Darrell Hall, 63, of Topmost, native of Lackey, died Wednesday, October 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Janet Sublett Hall, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Malone Hall, 63, of Clinton, Michigan, native of Galveston, died Friday, October 4, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Joan Rice Hall. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Katherine Rice Salisbury, 80, of Printer, died Wednesday, October 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Saturday, McDowell, died September 28, at Topmost. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

under the direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

William S. (Bill) Tufts, 94, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, October 5. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Masonic services were conducted Monday, September 7, at 7 p.m., at the chapel.

Eva (Evie) Tussey, 79, of David, died Friday, October 4, at the Central Baptist Hospital, after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Tussey Sr., Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Pike County

Alcus Arrant, 82, of Ransom, died Monday, October 7. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Helen Victoria Breedlove Baker, 78, of Glencoe, Alabama, formerly of Hellier, died Monday, October 7, in Alabama. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lawrence "Dud" Blackburn, 86, of Pinsonfork, died Monday, October 7, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Ina Helvey Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Gary Daugherty, 54, of Cynthiana, formerly of Jamboree, died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Bobby W. Elkins, 68, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, October 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann Lucas Elkins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the Don Avery Slone, 30, of direction of Lucas & Hall

conducted Friday, October 11, 81, of Pikeville, died Thursday, October 10, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

> Johnny D. Rowe, 54, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, Octtober 9, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

> Charles L. Scott, 68, of Regina, died Tuesday, October 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Florene Coleman Scott. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

> Walter Reed Young Sr., 78, of Bradenton, Florida, native of Pikeville, died Monday, October 5, at Blake Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Helen Jeanne Anderson Young. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 11, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

> Danny Allen Thompson, 51, of Virgie, a native of Pikeville, died Friday, October 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Patty Thompson.

> Nineveh Webb, 84, of Upper Chloe, died Wednesday, October 9. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, in the Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church, and burial was in the Webb Family Cemetery, Upper Chloe.

> Pauline Doretta Stacy Young, 67, of Hurley, Virginia, died Monday, October 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 11, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

> **Knott** County Edith Muncy Combs, 87, of Versailles, formerly of Sassafras, died Wednesday, October 2, at Bradford Square Nursing Home, Frankfort. She is survived by her husband, Ira H. Combs. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 5, under the direction of Blackburn and Ward Funeral Home.

ed Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Bertha Morris, 71, of died Tuesday, Mayking, October 1, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Martin County

Matilda Jane Hackney Spaulding, 54, of Crum, West Virginia, died Saturday, October 5, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Randy D. Slone, died Friday, October 4, at home. He is survived by his wife, Anna Lee Slone. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Larry Phelps, 52, of Garland, Texas, formerly of Meally, died Thursday, October 3, in Garland, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Wanita Blair Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Tom Scott, 75, of Inez, died Monday, September 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, the direction of under Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Elva L. Castle, 82, native of Johnson County, died Saturday, October 5, in Gables Nursing Home, Marysville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Freshwater-McDonald Funeral Home, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Murel Click, 88, died Friday, October 4, under the Saturday, October 5. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, 11 a.m., at Riceville New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, the Staffordsville.

Milburn M. Conley, 73, a Kentucky native, died Saturday, October 5, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of Wellman Funeral Home, Circleville, Ohio.

John S. "Sam" Delong, 13, son of Brian K. and Brenda L. Morando Delong, died Monday, September 16, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 20, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio.

Frances B. "Frankie" Hart, 76, died Tuesday, October 1, at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Bel Air, Maryland. Funeral services were held Friday, October 4. Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Delano Lemaster, 64, Johnson County native, died Friday, October 4, at Audubon Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, at Chestnut Grove Enterprise Church. Burial was in the Skaggs-Young Cemetery at Lowmansville.

Larry Phelps, 52, of Garland, Texas, formerly of Meally, died Thursday, October 3, in Garland, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Wanita Blair Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Robert Paul Reed, 67, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, October 2, at Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Luria Curtis Fyffe Reed. Funeral services were conducted

direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lilly "Frozie" Adams Sparks, 84, died Friday, October 4, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Noah Stapleton, 98, died Sunday, October 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Emma Adams Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Billie Ray Wells, 59, died Sunday, October 6. Funeral serwere vices conducted Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Doris Moore, 74, of Louisa, died Friday, October 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Shelvie Jean Crum, 66, of Louisa, died Friday, October 4, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Michael Curtis Robinette, 55, of Louisa, died Wednesday, October 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 5, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Virginia M. Brumfield, 79, of Lawrence County, died Monday, September 30, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Rachel Dawn Anderson, died Wednesday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Malone Hall, 63, of Clinton, Michigan, died Friday, October 4. at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lucille Thomas, 69, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, October 8, at Hospice Home, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Galen L. Thomas. Funeral services were

Funeral Home

Brenda Gail Cartmill Fields, 62, of Pikeville, died Monday, October 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral serwere conducted vices Wednesday, October 9, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Robert E. Justice, 52, of Kimper, died Tuesday, October 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Robbie Justice. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Bessie Clay Lee, 98, of Toler, died Wednesday, October 9, at the J.J. Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Delphia Ratliff McKinney,



Virgie "Bug" Hamblin, 90, of Dema, formerly of Meally, died Saturday, October 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Heasteen (Teeny) Mosley, 57, of Stanford, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, October 2, at home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 4, under the direction Nelson-Frazier Funeral of Home.

John Bud Ritchie, 85, of Talcum, died Wednesday, October 2, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Don Avery Slone, 30, of McDowell, died Saturday. September 28, at Topmost. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sheila Walker, 33, of Bulan, died Friday, October 4, at Dwarf. She is survived by her husband, Timothy Walker. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Malone Hall, 63, of Clinton, Michigan, died Friday, October 4, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Ann Hughes, 56, of Deane, died Saturday, October 5, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conduct-

Arnita (Goble) Dulli Arnita (Goble) Dulli, age 65.

of Knoxville, Tennessee, died Thursday, October 10, 2002, at the Fort Sanders Regional Hospital at Knoxville, Tennessee, after an extended illness.

She was born September 9. 1937, at Endicott, a daughter of the late Bill and Alma (Sexton) Goble.

She was married to Albert F. Dulli who preceded her in death. She was retired, having worked at Wal-Mart in the Craft department.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons-in-laws; one son and one daughter-inlaw, Mikki and Jeff Stooksbury Knoxville, Tennessee, of Samantha and Ronald Hill of Pickford, Michigan, Dr. Paul and Susan Pyles of Biloxi, Mississippi; four brothers and one sister, Avery and Jane Goble, Billy Goble, and Bobby Goble, all of Prestonsburg, and Paul Goble of Campbellsville; and Woney Lee Tackett of Portsmouth, Ohio; three nieces, Kristi and Amber Hill of Pickford, Michigan, Sarah Pyles of Hamilton, Ohio; one special niece, Glenda Bogus of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Brother Robert (Buddy) Ousley and Brother Robert McDavid officiating.

Burial will be in the Goble and Ousley Cemetery, at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at the funeral home, Saturday, October 12, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Active pallbearers are: Avery Goble, Billy Goble, Bobby Goble, Jeff Stooksbury, Bobby Hopper, Tyler Goble, and Jimmy Goble. (Paid obituary)

Odis Ousley

Obituaries

Odis Ousley, 76, of Claypool, Indiana, died Wednesday, October 10, 2002, at his residence.

Born April 21, 1926, in Paintsville, he was the son of the late John and Eva Bradley Ousley. He had lived in Claypool since 1962 moving there from Prestonsburg. He attended Kosciusko County First Baptist Church, and retired from Tyler Machinery. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Bradley Ousley, whom he married in 1945, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Dan and Sue Ousley of Silver Lake, Indiana, and Kenneth and Maureen Ousley of Fort Wayne, Indiana; two daughters, Carol and Raymond Salmons of Claypool, Indiana, and Debra and John Seitz of Mentone, Indiana; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 12, at 11 a.m., at the Kosciusko County First Baptist Church, with Pastor Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Graceland Cemetery, Claypool, Indiana, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Memorials may be sent to Home Health Care and Hospice, or Cancer Society of Kosciusko County, (Paid obituary)

Billy Clinton Ray

Billy Clinton Ray, 68, of Modesto, California, died Tuesday, October 1, 2002, of natural causes, at his home.

He was born February 20, 1934, the son of Rufus and Mandy Ray of Wheelwright. He had lived in Modesto since 1957. He worked at Food Machinery Corp. for 25 years, and then at Norris Industries for one year. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church. He enjoyed gardening and working on cars. He served in the Army from 1951 to 1953.

He is survived by two children, Molly Mandy Walker, of Modesto, California, Billy Ray II of Las Vegas, Nevada; brothers, Aubrey Ray of Jefferson, Ohio, Rufus Ray Jr. of Weeksbury, Roger Ray of Wheelwright, Russell Ray of Hi Hat, Ricky Ray of Melvin; sisters, Mary Ordell Ray of Williamson, Drema Burga of Waukegan Illinois, and Bonita Caudill of Marion, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and four brothers.

A graveside services was held Friday, at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella California.

Salas Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)



KSP investigates murder and arson at Maces Creek

by LEAH JETT HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD - According to a statement issued by Kentucky State Police on Oct. 4, foul play is suspected in the death of 67-yearold Thieo Begley of Maces Creek.

Officers responded to a call at Begley's residence during the early morning hours on Oct. 1.

The victim's home was destroyed by fire, but police suspected that the man was already dead before the fire was started.

Arson investigator James C. Burnett has confirmed that the fire is being investigated as an arson case in addition to the ongoing murder investigation. KSP Det. John Pratt is leading the murder investigation with the assistance of other officers.

On October 3, Pratt traveled to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort to witness the victim's autopsy. At this time police are releasing few details about the murder investigation.

The actual cause of Begley's death had not been released as of press time.

In March 2001, the victim's son-in-law, Dana Lloyd Napier, contacted local reporters about a fire that happened at Thieo Begley's residence. Though no arrests were made after the fire that Napier reported to the media, he alleged that several members of his family had been the target of arson. Napier made statements in the press that a 22 year-old man, who was also a relative of Napier's wife, started the fires.

According to the police, Begley had failed to pursue an investigation into the fire that caused extensive damage to his residence last spring.

No charges were ever filed and no suspect was ever arrested for the fires that occurred at Maces

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to enter a water line. That raised pressure inside the pipe, causing it to rupture.

Massey

"We reacted as quickly as we could, with as many resources as we could, and worked pretty much around the clock to get the cleanup complete," Massey spokeswoman Katharine Kinney said.

Kinney declined to comment on possible fines.

The maximum fine for administrative penalties is \$5,000 per day, Hager said.

Bandmill's quick response and its willingness to comply with DEP orders to restore the Rum Creek habitat - led to the reduction. Massey officials are ordered to prepare a restoration plan, submit it to the DEP for approval and restore the stream.

"This stream has the potential to be something positive," Hager said. "It's unfortunate that the spill occurred, but at least something positive could come out of it."

Hager plans to submit the proposed administrative fine early next week to the DEP's assessment office in Nitro.

Zito declined to estimate the fine for water quality violations until his department conducts more research.

The water quality fine "hinges on analytical informaweek

Hager said the assessment office in Nitro will notify Massey of its fine in a letter. The company has 30 days to appeal the fine, which could be raised or lowered during the appeals process.

Va., is West Virginia's largest coal producer and the seventh largest in the nation. The company, which owns 18 mining complexes in central Appalachia, employs about 5,000 people in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

In April, Massey was fined \$110,000 by the U.S. Mine and Health Safety Administration after a Kentucky subsidiary, Martin County Coal, spilled more than 300 million gallons of coal sludge into the Tug Fork, blackening more than 60 miles of the waterway in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Coal slurry is a mixture of water, fine coal particles and other waste from washing coal to prepare it for market.

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predominantly religious pur- was not possible to tell whether it pose," Martin said. The Ten Commandments are endorsement or establishment of

Creek in March 2001

In May 2001, Dana Lloyd Napier was arrested and charged with first-degree murder for the shooting death of his cousin and neighbor, Darryl Eddington.

The Eddington murder was not related to the allegations of arson that Napier made to reporters shortly before Darryl Eddington was killed. According to Napier, he and his cousin Darryl were involved in a property dispute at the time of

by ROGER ALFORD

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ment that uses images of the

Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks

continued to spread throughout

The ad mixes the voice of Italian-American state Sen.

Eastern Kentucky on Friday.

play on prejudices and fears.

Eddington's death.

Throughout his trial Napier maintained his innocence. However, a jury convicted him of murder in July. He is currently serving a 25-year prison term. Recent victim Thieo Begley, Napier's father-in-law, testified as a witness for the prosecution at the trial that was held in Prestonsburg.

Police are not releasing what they suspect may have been a motive in the Oct. 1 murder.

Political ad stirs debate in

However, sources who knew Theio Begley and other family members speculate that robbery may have been a motive.

According to acquaintances of the victim, Begley was suffering from many health problems and taking prescription narcotics. Also, the victim lived on a fixed income and received a check the first week of each month.

Pratt said that there are several different leads that are being investigated at this time.

Police are asking that anyone with any information concerning the murder and arson investigations to contact KSP Post 13 at (800) 222-5555 or (606) 435-6069.

Murder

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At this time Perry Circuit Judge Douglas Combs has not decided whether he will accept or reject Jimmy Browning's guilty plea.

Browning's trial was scheduled to begin in Perry Circuit Court this month but has been rescheduled to begin in January in the event that his guilty plea is not accepted.

Browning has been lodged in the Perry County Detention Center since his arrest last March.

Neace's trial is scheduled to begin in November in Perry Circuit Court.

Both cases are being prosecuted by attorneys Karen Timmel and Luke Morgan with the Attorney General's Office.

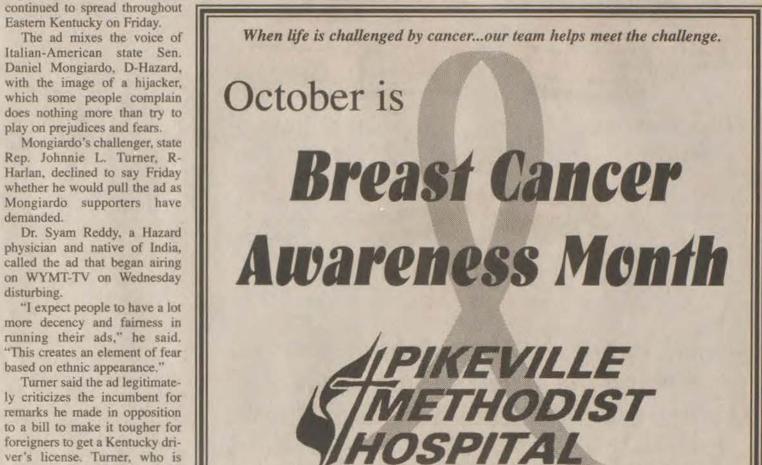
Harlan, Leslie and Perry counties, also opposed the bill.

Eastern Kentucky senate race

Mongiardo, while arguing against the bill that would toughen drivers' licensing pro-

Senate seat that represents Bell, cedures, said: "The acts of 9/11 were probably the most brilliant act of war ever conceived." The ad closes with Mongiardo say-

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urges women over 40 to have a mammogram each year. Women who are at high risk should have mammograms as early as possible.

Massey, based in Richmond, Rep. Johnnie L. Turner, R-Harlan, declined to say Friday whether he would pull the ad as Mongiardo supporters have demanded.

Dr. Syam Reddy, a Hazard physician and native of India, called the ad that began airing on WYMT-TV on Wednesday

disturbing. "I expect people to have a lot more decency and fairness in running their ads," he said. 'This creates an element of fear based on ethnic appearance." Turner said the ad legitimate-

ly criticizes the incumbent for remarks he made in opposition to a bill to make it tougher for foreigners to get a Kentucky driver's license. Turner, who is challenging Mongiardo for the

PIKEVILLE - Ethnic outrage over a political advertise-

tion," Zito said. "Whatever route we go down, I couldn't even guess.

Zito said he plans to discuss penalties with DEP and state Division of Natural Resources investigators at a meeting next

believed by some religions to be a religion. code of conduct from their deity. The three-judge panel was not

unanimous. Judge Alice Batchelder of Ohio said the case was not ready for consideration because the display had not been erected and it

photo by Jarrid Deaton Libby Castle demonstrated her sewing skills at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center on Wednesday.

From sowing to sewing

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

AUXIER - The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center held its final sewing class for a special group of students of Wednesday.

Mountain use. the from Comprehensive Care Auxier Greenhouse Training Program, center is considering another spent four weeks in the class run for the class in the future. learning how to sew.

and ended at 2:30 p.m. with the group," Schafer said.

students completing one project a week.

According to Sue Schafer, with the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, the students created t-shirts, backpacks, purses and tissue box holders.

The students will keep all of The students, 12 women their creations for personal

According to Schafer, the

"We are thinking about The class began at 9:30 a.m. doing it again with a different

amounted to a government

But Edmund A. Sargus Jr., an Ohio federal district judge assigned to hear the case, sided with Martin.

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The Ten Commandments have been at the center of several recent legal battles in Kentucky, including local efforts to post them in classrooms and courthouses. Almost without exception, courts have ruled that the displays were intended to promote religion.

Robinson complained that his own exercise of religion is being restricted by the rulings.

"It's important for us as Americans, it's important for us as Christians for us to be able to do this," Robinson said.

Robinson said opponents usually search out "liberal judges" to take their cases.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood, a Republican, ruled on the case initially and said the monument display would also be unconstitutional.

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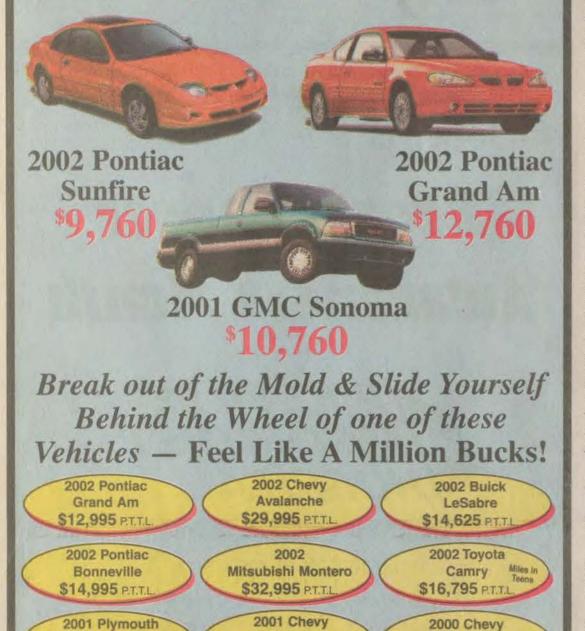
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Legislators, cabinet fight elder abuse on multiple fronts

FRANKFORT -At many levels of government, there's growing awareness that older citizens living on their own need greater protection against abuse, neglect and exploitation. That concern is driving legislative initiatives in Washington and Frankfort. The Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC) is also working to improve the protective services it offers all elderly Kentuckians, whether they live independently or in long-term care

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CFC Secretary Viola Miller said that, while protection of elderly people in nursing homes needs improvement, domestic violence aimed at seniors is also a major concern. "Kentucky's vulnerable elders are not being adequately protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation, both in the community and long-term care settings," Miller said in a letter sent today to members of Kentucky's congressional delegation.

"As is the case nationally, incidents of elder abuse in Kentucky are underreported, current law does not ensure a seamless system of protection among state agencies, and, too often, abuse recurs."

Miller's letter urges Kentucky's members of Congress to support the Elder Justice Act of 2002. Introduced in the Senate last month by Sens. John Breaux (D-La.) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the bill would create Offices of Elder Justice at the Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice to serve programmatic, grant-making, policy and technical-assistance functions. Other provisions call for more consistent funding and closer coordination among public, private and nonprofit entities involved in prevent-

Debate

ing, "9/11 will pass."

Mongiardo admits making the remarks, but he said his words were taken out of context.

"I have confidence that the people of eastern Kentucky will see through what Johnnie is trying to do," he said.

Turner said his wife and his Silver, a sociologist who has children are Spanish-American, worked in eastern Kentucky for

ing elder abuse.

In a request for co-sponsors, Breaux and Hatch said their bill applies lessons learned from combating child abuse and violence against women to the fight to protect seniors.

"We need a combined law enforcement and public health approach to study, detect, treat, prosecute and, most importantly, prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation," they said.

A study commissioned by Congress indicates the scope of abuse and neglect suffered by seniors living in their own homes.

The National Elder Abuse Incidence Study showed that approximately 450,000 elderly persons in domestic settings were abused, neglected or both during 1996. When elderly persons who experienced self-neglect were included, the estimated number of victims rose to 551,000.

Only 21 percent of the estimated number of cases of abuse, neglect or self-neglect during 1996 were reported to adult protective service agencies. The researchers believed that finding confirms what they call the "iceberg" theory-that official reporting agencies hear about only the most visible types of abuse and neglect.

The research showed that most victims of elder abuse and neglect were women and that about 90 percent of accused perpetrators were related to the victims. Adult children were the largest category of abusers.

Like the federal bill, legislation under review in Frankfort would also strengthen protections for vulnerable seniors. State legislators are considering measures that would stiffen criminal penalties for those who abuse the elderly, clarify the roles of the state agen-

take advantage of that is an insult

to the people who died," she said.

"It is a shame. It is so low to take

advantage of something like that.

It's wrong. It should be con-

demned."

cies involved in

protecting vulnerable adults and target predatory lending practices often used to victimize seniors

Aided by an Adult Protective Services Advisory Council, the cabinet is crafting legislative proposals of its own. Among other things, these proposals would ensure that the cabinet

collaborates closely with the Long-Term state Care Ombudsman and with the Cabinet for Health Services' Office of the Inspector General, which licenses and regulates nursing homes. The cabinet also will work to see that criminal penalties for elder abuse are placed in sections of state law commonly consulted by police.

Other reforms that can be made under existing law are already being put in place. For example, through changes in training and staff assignment, the cabinet will strengthen its regional offices' capacity to promptly investigate reported instances of abuse and neglect in nursing homes and other alternate care settings.

The cabinet and advisory council are also planning a public awareness campaign aimed at alerting all age groups, including the elderly themselves, to the existence of elder abuse and educating them in ways to identify and combat the abuse, neglect or exploitation of older citizens.

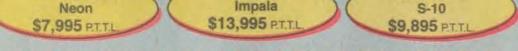
CFC Deputy Secretary Tim Jackson, who is leading the cabinet's efforts to improve services to the elderly, said the goal is "a more seamless system of protective services for all vulnerable elders . . . Everything we've done to date holds the promise of a better quality of life for all older Kentuckians.

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the 9/11 tragedy. "For someone to rity or if it is considered anti-American.

The ad is trying to paint the incumbent in the light of somebody who supports terrorists, rather than someone who protects civil liberties," she said.

Mongiardo, whose grandfather immigrated to Kentucky in 1910, called the ad an act of des-



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2000 CHEVY 1500 4x4	\$13,900.00 P.T.T.L.
2002 GMC ENVOY (high polish black, 4x4, sunroof)	\$26,800.00 P.T.T.L.
2000 TOYOTA TACOMA	
1998 CHEVY S-10 (auto., 4.3 V6)	\$ 3,900.00 P.T.T.L.



and that he is not trying to create bigotry against people with dark skin.

Turner said Mongiardo is trying to divert media attention away from his remarks by claiming that the ad is unfair.

'That's a good political spin, but it's totally untrue," Turner said.

Canta Arya of Hazard, a native of India, said she believes Turner is making an issue of Mongiardo's dark skin, hair and eyes.

"It bothers me a lot," she said. "Looks have nothing to do with it. This country is made of immigrants. God made every one of us different. God has made us all equal."

Arya, an American citizen, said people still are hurting from

some 20 years, said the advertisement could backfire on Turner.

New York City native Roy

"What I've found is that people are somewhat disgusted with dirty campaigns," Silver said. "People I've talked to think this is an example of that. The imagery is very stark here."

Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky University, said Turner is likely to lose the support of ethnic groups that make up only a small percentage of voters in the district.

"He's trying to capture the votes of people who are more likely to be afraid of people with ethnic backgrounds," she said.

Stewart said Turner appears to be banking on some public opinion polls that suggest Americans now are more willing to regulate speech if it affects national secu-

peration. "I have never seen anybody stoop so low to feed their need for power," she said. "To use the deaths of nearly 3,000 men and women for political gain is unconscionable."

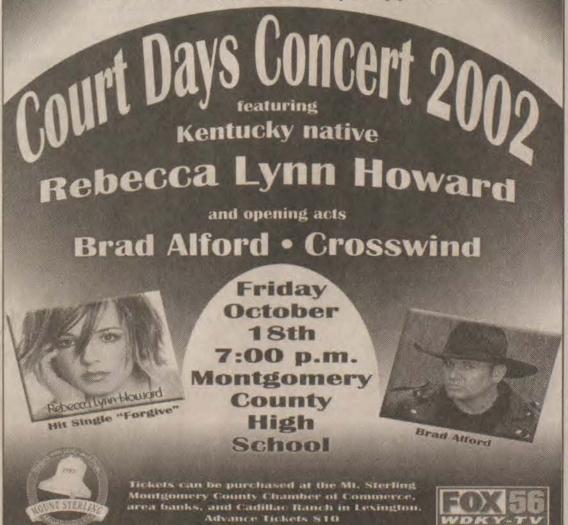
Turner said the terrorist attacks were cowardly acts against the American people. He said he vehemently objects to them being referred to as a brilliant act of war.

"I'm a veteran," Turner said. "I served this country. I just wanted to show the truth to the people."

Ernestine Cornett, general manager of WYMT-TV, said the station won't refuse to run the ad.

"It's simply a question of law," she said. "We cannot censor political ads."

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COMMENTARY

Real loyalty through the toughest times

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Do you have any idea how hard it is to be an Atlanta Braves fan? Do you?

Let me tell you, it isn't easy. Not by a long shot.

This has to be the most frustrating team in not only baseball – no, if it was just baseball, we could handle it – but also in all of sports!

I'm telling you, my frustration is boiling over here.

This year was a microcosm of the last dozen.

Last off-sea-

Sheffield from the

Dodgers, giving

up Brian Jordan.

Sheffield is prob-

ably the better of

Truth be told,

son, the Braves made a trade to

pick up Gary



Bentley

the two, although it's debatable. Who knows for sure.

But the Braves brain trust, General Manager John Shuerholz and Manager Bobby Cox – the older gentleman who sits in the dugout and mishandles his starting pitchers, but we'll get to that later – assured us loyalists that this trade would pay off ... in October.

"We will be a better club offensively with Sheffield," they assured us.

On behalf of Braves fans everywhere, allow me to say a good, solid, hearty, "Yeah right."

Come on. You knew better than that when they said it. I knew better. I'd imagine even they knew better. That's the story of the Braves. Best team in the game for six months.

(See BENTLEY, page three)



Coaches meet, Betsy Layne pulls out

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Regional

"Breathitt County is right up there

with the best Class

looking forward to

- SAID SERGENT

2A teams in the

state, but we're

the move into

District Seven.

BETSY LAYNE – Football coaches in Class 2A, Region Four, District Eight met and had their annual meeting this past week. One change that came out of the meeting involved the Betsy Layne football program. Betsy Layne decided to drop out of district play next season.

With Betsy Layne out of District Eight, the others teams residing in the district will now have an extra game to fill on their respective schedules.

District Eight teams for next season will include Prestonsburg, Belfry, East Ridge, Pike County Central, Shelby Valley, Magoffin County and Sheldon Clark. Magoffin County and Sheldon Clark are the two newcomers to the district. Both programs

Pikeville

linemen

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come to Class 2A from Class 3A.

Sunday, October 13, 2002

Whitesburg is also moving out of District Eight. The Yellowjackets will join Breathitt County in District Seven, along with Cawood,

(See BLHS, page three)

- Hazard strikes early, holds on to beat South Floyd -



Brandon Little (12) looked to turn the corner against the Hazard defense.

photo by Steve LeMaster

BASEBALL Paintsville Little League holds annual meeting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – The Paintsville Little League held its annual meeting on Sunday, Sept. 22, for the purpose of electing the 2002-2003 Board of Directors. The elections are required by Little League Baseball Incorporated and all due paying members were eligible to vote.

The officers are as follows:

- Robert Lyons President
- John Miller Vice President
- Carl Lewis Player Agent
- Joe Sloan Treasurer
- Keith Adams Safety Officer
 Brian Johnson Secretary

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	Harry Meek

Kevin Conley.

At the meeting, the new Board of Directors approved and ratified, the 2003 Constitution and Operation

(See LEAGUE, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Former three-sport all-state performer Set Branham, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, was back in Floyd County this past week. Branham, who is also a graduate of the University of Utah, still resides in Utah.

COMES UP SHORT

RAIDERS' EFFORT

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – It didn't take the visiting Hazard Bulldogs long to find the end zone or put points on the scoreboard Friday night. But the visiting Dawgs didn't look as if they expected the fight they would eventually get from the South Floyd Raiders. South Floyd took a 28-12

photo by Jamie Howell

Nick Jamerson

running room on a punt while Matt

Setser looked to make a block.

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loss but not before it made a statement in a game which the Raider head coach felt was pivotal to the South Floyd grid program.

"This is the type of game that gets your football program going back in the direction where you want it to go," said Raider head coach Donny Daniels after the game. "You hate to lose a football game, but I felt like our kids played

by JAMIE HOWELL

SPORTS WRITER

never lose back-to-back games to the

same team, and losing three times in a

BELFRY - The Belfry Pirates

PRESTONSBURG VS. BELFRY

Blackcats fall to Belfry

in crucial district game

aggressive, especially in the second half."

Hazard started with workable field position at the South Floyd 47yard line to begin the game and wasted little time in finding paydirt. Bulldog quarterback Steven Sizemore found receiver Chris Olinger for a 53-yard touchdown

(See RAIDERS, page four)

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE College to kick off hoops season Tuesday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE, Ky. – The annual beginning of the college basketball season will take place Tuesday night at the Pikeville College Gym.



As part of the school's annual Founder's Week activities, Basket-ball Blastoff will begin Tuesday at 7 p.m. There is a lot

Watson

of excitement and enthusiasm around the colteams this season,

lege's basketball teams this season, and the public's first glance will take place at the annual showcase.

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After knee surgery, Johnson in Who's Who

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Topnotch athletes always seem to battle back from the gravest of situations and the worst of odds. Prestonsburg High School senior Rachel L. Johnson had knee surgery in December 2000. Following the knee surgery, Johnson returned to playing sports, but was forced to wear a brace. Now, in her senior year of high school, she's a member Who's Who Among American

(See KNEE, page three)



row to the same team is out of the question, but that had been the case for the Pirates as they had lost the last three meetings with the Prestonsburg

(See BELFRY, page four)

courtesy photo

The South Floyd volleyball team was in action on the road last week at Paintsville. Paintsville is the site of this week's District 30 Volleyball Tournament. Roundballs hit gym floors this week

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Area high school basketball players and coaches throughout Eastern Kentucky are on proverbial pins and needles as the start of the fall practice season nears. On Tuesday, teams throughout the state can begin practicing.

A pair of girls' basketball coaches in the 58th

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NFL **Couch doesn't** back down from tearful outburst

by TOM WITHERS ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio - Tim Couch didn't duck and he didn't scramble. One day after tearfully assailing Cleveland fans for booing him and then

"If fans don't like the way I'm playing or the way we're playing, they have a right to boo us or boo me," he said.

sideline with a concussion, the Browns quarterback refused to take back a single word. "If fans don't like the way I'm playing or the way we're play-

cheering as he

staggered to the

ing, they have a right to boo us or boo me," he said. "But to cheer

when I got hurt, that's a whole other level with me. I don't agree with that at all.'

Following Sunday night's 26-21 loss to Baltimore, Couch choked back tears as he recounted the moment in the fourth

(See COUCH, page three)

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE NAIA VOLLEYBALL: Georgetown downs Pikeville

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

GEORGETOWN - The Georgetown College volleyball team (10-7, 1-0 Mid-South Conference) kept its amazing conference winning streak alive tonight, Wed., Oct. 9. GC defeated Pikeville College (11-2, 0-2 MSC) by a 3-0 final, 30-22, 30-25, 30-21.

The Tigers have not lost a conference game or match since November of the 1997 season. The streak includes 31 matches and 93 straight games. Freshman Carolyn Schnurr led the Tigers with 20 kills, a .567 hitting percentage and four service aces. Senior Dawn Sparks tallied 13 kills and a .667 hitting percentage, while sophomore Jessica Leonard had 14 kills and 10 digs. Freshman Shannon Alford tallied 11 digs and seven kills in the victory. Kara Hellmann had 44 assists on the night to go along with eight kills and seven digs.

Stewart's gone from worst to first crashes, controversy and criticism, the points standings for the first time

NASCAR RACING

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by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CONCORD, N.C. (AP) - His season started with heartbreak, caused by a blown engine two laps into the Daytona 500.

but Tony Stewart has weathered it all to climb from the absolute bottom all the way to the top.

Stewart, one of the preseason picks to win the Winston Cup, is on the verge of actually doing it. With six The road since has been full of races left in the season, he's on top of

in his NASCAR career.

It's a spot he didn't know if he could get to, especially after his lastplace finish at Daytona - a race he was heavily favored to win after dominating runs in the days leading up to the event.

"There was no way I ever could have dreamed after Daytona that we were going to be where we are today," Stewart said on a media conference call to discuss his 72-point lead over Mark Martin.

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NAIA FOOTBALL

Several PC linemen hail from Eastern Kentucky

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Look at the Pikeville College football roster this season and it differs somewhat from the one in the Bears' first season in Mid-South Conference play last fall.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Adam Bailey, a player who originally signed with Eastern Kentucky University out of high school, found his way back to college football after a brief time away from the game. In 2000, Bailey decided



Bailey

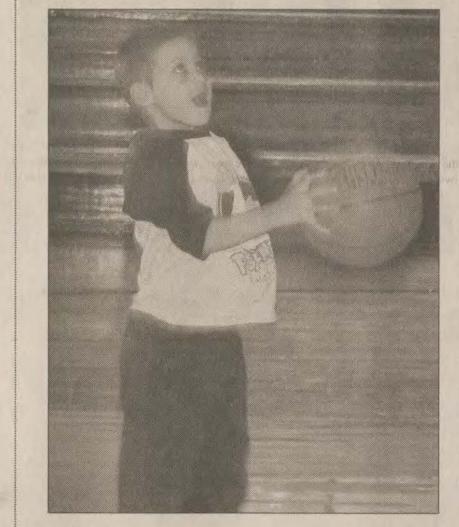
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to head back closer to his native Floyd County. He came back to Pike County to attend Pikeville College and play football for an old lineman, Bears head coach Zak Willis.

Bailey isn't alone on the PC grid team when it comes to fellow Eastern Kentucky linemen. A pair of Paintsville Tigers joined the Pikeville team this fall. Tiger Class of 2002 grads Matt Runyon and Chuck Hicks are on

the team. Both were coached in high school by David LeMaster. Runyon is the son of Paintsville High basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon. Both Paintsville grads saw a considerable amount of playing time when the Tigers took on Georgetown College earlier this season

ACADEMIC CHAMPS 1996 - 1997



Meade Memorial School in **Johnson County** is in the middle of its pee-wee basketball season. **Pictured above is** one of the league's four coaches, Charlie Lyons, working with players. Lyons is joined in the coaching ranks by league organizer and **Meade Memorial Family Resource** Center overseer Joanie Daniel, Barry Spriggs, and Steve LeMaster. The league holds games on Sunday. Play will conclude in early-November.

JOHNSON COUNTY YOUTH BASKETBALL



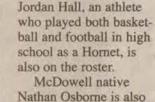
While the Bears stayed close on the scoreboard, the Tigers out-hit PC .407 to 195. GC racked up 64 kills to just 24 by the Bears.

Eliza Davenport was one of the leading players for visiting Pikeville under head coach Missy Gragg.

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Runyon





Phelps High product

on the team. He wears No. 53. The Bears' top long snapper is also Eastern Kentucky born and bred. He is Cory Ellis. He hails from Raceland. Willis is in his third season as head football coach at Pikeville College. Before coming to Pikeville, Willis has spent four seasons as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South

Osborne

Carolina, where he spent his final season with legendary coach Lou Holtz. Willis has a B.A. from Furman University, where he was a part of an NCAA Div. I-AA national championship, and an M.A. from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The coach began his professional career at Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., where he worked his way to assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

ARCA **ARCA driver** killed in crash at Lowe's

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. - The second driver killed in a year at Lowe's Motor Speedway has led to questions over whether or not the minor league ARCA series should be competing on the 11/2-mile track.

Eric Martin crashed into a wall Wednesday, then was broad-sided by another car, killing him instantly.

Last October, 25-year-old Blaise

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Couch has a change of heart

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS WRITER

Former Leslie County star, former Kentucky Wildcat star, former number one pick in the NFL draft, Tim Couch, has had a change of heart about Cleveland Browns fans

The fans in the stands booed Couch after he was helped off the field after suffering a concussion of sorts

in a 26-21 loss to Baltimore last Sunday. Couch was smothered in the end zone after going for a fumbled snap that eluded the signal caller. The Ravens pounced on both Couch and the ball, causing Couch to be helped off the field.

An array of cheers echoed throughout the Cleveland Browns stadium as Couch was staggering to the sidelines, causing Couch, afterwards, to vent his wrath on the Browns fans. The ex-quarterback for Kentucky said the "cheers" will not soon be forgotten by him.

But on ESPN, Couch offered an expla-

nation and had a forgiving spirit about him. I remember covering some games Couch played football in at Leslie County and three high school basketball games he was in. I remember speaking to him briefly after Leslie County lost to Allen Central in basketball. He was cordial and accommodating, to say the least.

Cleveland fans, who were the reason for the loss of the original franchise because they did not support Art Modell's Browns,

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OUTDOORS

2002-03 Ky. Hunting Seasons

DEER

Modern Gun November 9-24, 2002, Zones 1-2; November 9-18, 2002, Zones 3-4 Archery September 21, 2002 - January 20, 2003, Statewide

Muzzleloader October 26-27; December 14-20, 2002, Statewide Youth Weekend Oct-ober 19-20, 2002, Statewide

Crossbow December 2-11, 2002, Statewide Zone restrictions determine which days either sex deer or antlered deer only is permitted. Hunters must check the 2002-03 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide for county zone assignments, harvest restrictions & other deer hunting requirements.

TURKEY

Fall (archery only) Now - January 20, 2003, closed during a county's modern gun deer season

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South Floyd Donny

head coach **Daniels** saw his team play inspired football in the second half of Friday night's dis-

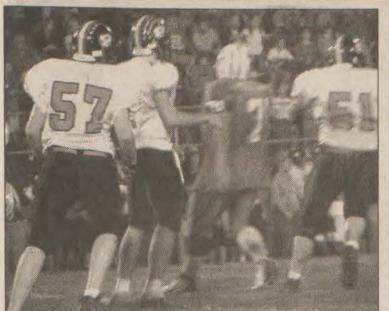


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Fire

Johnson also has dance classes

from Dance Etc. on her impres-

Prestonsburg

Department. She has also

worked as a Q95 board opera-

dent plans to attend college.

She is still undecided on a

Tim and Sharon Johnson. She

has two younger siblings, a sis-

ter, Allisa Johnson, and a broth-

ing ceremonies were held in the

Betsy Layne Principal

Margaret Vaughn said a mixture

of different sets of circum-

stances led the school to cancel

its Friday night game against the

to come to Betsy Layne with just

a 1-5 mark on the season. Prior

to the forfeit win over Betsy

Layne, Knott Central's only win

of the season came in Week One

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is unclear what type of schedule

Betsy Layne will play next sea-

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In the future, the PHS stu-

Johnson is the daughter of

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Prestonsburg quarterback Joey Willis and offensive linemen Charlie Johnson (55), Jordan Caldwell (57) and Andrew Burchett (51) looked for the ball.

Knee

High School Students - Sports Edition. The book honors America's top student-athletes.

Johnson is a six-year member of the Prestonsburg High volleyball team. She has been a member of the 4H Teen Council and PHS Science Club and has served as a 4H camp counselor and a PHS peer mediator. In addition she has also been a member of her church's youth group as well as a tutor for the Tutorial East Kentucky Program.

Not limited to just volleyball or any other sport or sports,

BLHS

Knott County Central, Leslie County and Middlesboro. Middlesboro moves up a class from 1A.

Whitesburg head coach Tony Sergent, a coach will guide his team in a different district next season, hopes his team fares well in its new district.

"Breathitt County is right up there with the best Class 2A teams in the state, but we're looking forward to the move into District Seven," said Sergent.

Betsy Layne was scheduled to host Knott County Central Friday night in a homecoming game. However, the game was called off. However, homecom-

Couch

Sports

wanted Kelly Holcomb instead of Couch. With Couch out, naturally they knew that Holcomb would be in the lineup. Holcomb nearly led the Browns back to a victory.

Couch, who started the season on the disabled list, got strong support from teammates and the Browns coaching staff. Coach Butch Davis remains in Couch's corner in spite of the slow start he has shown in just two games. I believe the Browns will one day, real soon, become a Super Bowl champion and I think Couch will be the one who takes them there. He always did have a competitive edge about him and always wanted to win. He proved he was a winner both at Leslie County and Kentucky.

Tuesday marks the beginning of high school basketball practice and it looks like the South Floyd Raiders will get the nod for yet another district championship. Of course, you have to play the regular season schedule and then a tournament before determining that, but on paper things favor Coach Henry Webb and the Raiders.

Michael Hall returns for his senior season and he has been a dandy since his days in elementary at Osborne Grade School. Hall did not play middle school

First

South Floyd Middle School. He was on the varsity roster at South Floyd and has proven he did not make a mistake in going to the varsity early.

> Another Hall, Tyler by name, is another outstanding player who can shoot the daylights out of a basketball and he is a junior this season. When I saw Tyler play in middle school and the way he could hit from the threepoint arc, I knew he was a "can't miss" player.

> But the hub of the South Floyd program has been Henry Webb. He came up through the ranks, paid his dues, and someone had enough sense to finally make him head coach of the boys' varsity team.

Before his arrival as the head man, South Floyd was the doormat of the 58th District. It was not if they were going to lose, but my how much. Today, the program has made a complete turnaround and is no longer that doormat but the doorway into the 58th District. The Raiders have, under Webb, been one of the most consistent winners in the 15th Region and the state over the past five seasons.

Coach Webb took a grade school team at McDowell in his journey to the high school level.

basketball as an eighth-grader at He found some success there before he was announced as the girls' head coach at South Floyd. While the girls' program showed much improvement under Coach Webb, still no titles came their way. Webb was an assistant with the boys' varsity as well, assisting Barry Hall. Hall's decision to step down and become the school's athletic director placed Webb just where he always wanted to be - boys' varsity basketball at the high school level.

The decision was a good one and the Raiders have been running every since. Respect always breeds respect. The Floyd County Board of Education had enough confidence and respect for Webb that they made him the school's principal as well. Not only has he turned around a basketball program but a high school as well, earning the respect of the teachers and the entire student body.

I have known Coach Webb ever since he was in grade school at Martin and he played on my Junior Pro basketball team. I watched him come of age and I had the privilege of covering him in his senior year of high school and several games at Alice Lloyd College, where he was one of the nation's top scorers.

I have always respected him and held him as a fine young man and nothing has changed my opinion of him to this day. He has always been a "kid" that grew up - and on his own and became a fine young man that Floyd County can be proud of. Thanks, Henry, for all the good memories!

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Week

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District will enter their third seasons at the helms of respective programs ready to rise to the forefront of the district and region chases. Betsy Layne is the defending 58th District girls' basketball champion. Melinda Osborne will return at South Floyd, while Cindy Halbert, a long-time head coach at her alma mater, Belfry High School, returns at Allen Central.

Betsy Layne, under head coach Cassandra Akers, is the defending district champion.

"Coach (Gary) Hopkins and I are very excited about the up coming year. We will have a few

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Procedures, that Little League mandates each league have. The area boundaries are defined on a map, outlining the limits for player participation and then submitted to the District 7 Administrator, per Little League requirements. "This is when the Paintsville Little League outlines our regulations, prepares for the upcoming season and submits the proper documentation, to Little League headquarters," said President Bob Lyons.

Each league is required to adopt a Constitution, regulations, operational procedures, a safety manual and define its boundaries on a map. If each President does his/her job this fall, then our District 7 wouldn't have any problems, in the spring and during All-Stars.

District 7 is compromised of 18 leagues, from 7 different Continued from p1

counties and is within the Central Region headquarters, of Little League Baseball. Each league has representatives attend meetings conducted by District 7 Administrator Arnold Wheeler, that cover everything from boundaries, to All-Stars. "Arnold does a tremendous job and doesn't get the credit he deserves. I have the utmost respect for him," added Lyons

Anyone interested in volunteering within the Paintsville Little League program, can complete the volunteer applications that will be available in January, at various local businesses. Each volunteer, must undergo a background check and coaching training/certification. "We look for good people first, then qualifications in the baseball field second," said Lyons.

"I'm ecstatic, to be honest. ... That first race of the year when we left Daytona, we were devastated after the week that we had had. It just shows that you can't give up."

There have been plenty of times Stewart could have given up on this season, his fourth in Winston Cup. He rebounded after the Daytona disappointment by winning at Atlanta in March, but he had a nasty wreck the next week at Darlington that left him hospitalized for a night with a sore back.

The injury forced him out of the car the next week at Bristol midway through the race, putting Stewart back into his routine of struggling through the early part of the schedule.

"We've always known that the first eight races of the year are where we get ourselves at such a deficit that we never can recover from it for the remainder of the season," Stewart said. "Starting the first race of the

Although he's never won at

Lowe's, he scored a career-best second in the October race here last year and has four top-fives and six top-10s on the 1.5-mile track.

But Stewart, the 1997 Indy Racing League champion, isn't making room for the championship trophy just yet.

"I'm cautiously optimistic right now," he said. "I've run for enough points championships in 23 years of racing, and won enough championships. I mean, there are six races left to go and the best attitude that we can take going into those six races is, We've got to win a couple of these.

"As much as we want to protect our lead, the best way to protect our lead is go out and win races, and then the points seem to take care of themselves."

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quarter when Browns fans some of whom think backup Kelly Holcomb should be starting - turned on him.

While recovering a fumble near Cleveland's goal line, Couch was hit by four Ravens, including linebacker Peter Boulware, whose helmet appeared to slam into the back of Couch's head.

Wobbled by the blows, Couch was dazed as he attempted to walk back toward Cleveland's huddle. Seconds later, he dropped to a knee hoping his head would clear.

As medical personnel rushed onto the field to assist Couch, some fans started to cheer knowing that Holcomb, who started the first two games this season while Couch nursed an elbow injury, would be coming into the game.

"I'll remember being on the ground, a little dazed and hearing cheers," Couch said. "It's tough. To have the rest of the country watching as home fans cheered when I got hurt, is something that didn't set well with me. It's embarrassing for me, and it's tough for my family to sit in the stands and watch that.'

Couch said the rough treatment from the crowd has forever changed him.

"Now I can expect what's going to happen every time 1 walk into the stadium," he said. "I guess I'll treat every game like a road game because yesterday was like playing on the road."

While Couch was being helped, several of his offensive teammates huddled over him in support.

"That's our guy," tight end Mark Campbell said. "He's the backbone of the offense. If we don't have him we're missing a lot more than just our quarterback. Tim's our leader. He's going to take us to the Super Bowl."

Before that can happen, Couch is going to have to play much better than he did against the Ravens.

In just more than three quarters, the former No. 1 overall draft choice, went 16-of-26 for 216 yards with one TD and two interceptions. Couch said the picks were a direct result of try-

seemed to target him early. "I kind of got caught up in trying to do that and I hurt the team," Couch said. "I threw a couple of interceptions trying to do stuff like that and that's not the way I've been playing this year.'

ing to win over a crowd that

Still, Browns coach Butch Davis said Couch played better than his stats showed.

"I thought he played well," Davis said. "There's one or two things that I wish he wouldn't have done.'

Davis again diffused any notion of the Browns having a controversy. quarterback Holcomb led Cleveland's frantic fourth-quarter comeback, throwing two TD passes and barely missing on a third in the closing seconds that would have given the Browns a remarkable win

Asked if Couch would start this Sunday at Tampa Bay, Davis said, "If he's healthy enough, absolutely he is."

Davis remains Couch's biggest supporter. Nothing has changed his belief that Couch is the quarterback who will eventually get Cleveland a Super Bowl title.

Davis said he has no plans to switch quarterbacks - unless Couch suddenly becomes a different person.

"If I thought he was selfish and just playing for himself, and he was just playing for stats and uncooperative and didn't want to learn the offense and was just free-lancing and using Sundays as his own format, absolutely I'd consider changing," Davis

"But that kid is a hell of a kid, and he wants to win so bad. He wants to win for the team and for the city and for all the right reasons. He stands in there and gets hit right in the face and delivers throws and battles.'

year, leaving there 43rd in the points, it was falling right into that pattern again."

His Joe Gibbs Racing team eventually got Stewart and the No. 20 Pontiac back on track even as the driver was battling a series of off-track problems.

In August, he punched a photographer following a disappointing day at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That led the temperamental Stewart to seek anger management help, but the worst was still to come.

He was bombarded by other accusations in the weeks after Indy, with one fan's claim that he shoved her at Bristol even going to a grand jury last month before he was cleared of any wrongdoing.

It meant that no matter how good he was running on the track, critics still shrugged Stewart off - certain his problems would prevent him from ever winning a Winston Cup title.

And they pointed to last season, wondering if Stewart's almost yearlong stint on probation prevented him from making a stronger run on champion Jeff Gordon. Stewart finished a distant second to Gordon in the standings, never challenging for the lead.

But Stewart's team is putting all the problems in the past and focusing solely on the task at hand.

"What some people have said in the past is that because of that emotional roller coaster we've been up and down - that we can't, we won't be able to overcome some of those things and win a championship, but we'll win our share of races," said crew chief Greg Zipadelli. "I want the statement to be that we can win races, we can lead laps and we can win a championship."

They're certainly the favorite, starting with this weekend's race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He's won at four of the six remaining tracks on the circuit and has always been strong at the suburban Charlotte track.

Before Annika Sorenstam, Se Ri Pak And Karrie Webb There Was Nancy Lopez



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Comments

Couldn't hit my Senior League pitchers in October.

Here, dear reader, is the typical year of an Atlanta Braves fan.

January: The pain of last October is about gone now. It's been two months since somebody unworthy eliminated our fair team, and because I love baseball better than life itself, I'm starting to miss seeing Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux mishandled by their manager.

Raiders

strike on the first play from scrimmage. Following an extra point kick, Hazard held a 7-0 lead.

South Floyd stalled on its first drive, giving the ball back to Hazard following a failed attempt to convert on a fourthand-one with 9:30 showing on a first quarter scoreclock.

Robert Blanton scored Hazard's second TD on a 20yard scamper with 7:59 remaining in the first period. Hazard, after a PAT boot, led 14-0.

Brandon Little ran for a first down to get a significant South Floyd drive going after Hazard's second score in the opening period. With Little and McCray helping carry the offensive load along with Wes Hall and Landon Hall splitting time under center, South Floyd notched its first score late in the first quarter. Little scored on a 13-yard run to pulled the Raiders within eight tallies of Hazard at 14-6. A Landon Hall conversion pass try to Justin Hall following the score was incomplete.

The Hazard offense ended the first quarter with the football and driving.

George Pankey, who found the end zone in the first quarter only to have his score called back on a holding penalty, went in to score from 10 yards out just six seconds into the second quarter. Hazard then led 21-6.

The South Floyd defense held its own for the remainder of the quarter until less than oneminute remaining when Sizemore struck on another scoring pass. The Dawgs took a 28-6 advantage into halftime.

February: Cold, bitter cold, is warmed only by the fact that pitchers and catchers will soon report, and the annual, "I think we're going to be better than last year," quote from Cox. Loyalists chuckle, think to themselves, 'Sure we will," which is shortly followed by, "Well, if the bullpen improves ...

March: Play begins in spring training, and the Braves lose four of their first five. Doesn't matter,

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big chunk of the third quarter scoreclock away when it took the opening kickoff and drove. South Floyd had its opportunities on the first drive to open the third period but couldn't make the most of them. However, the Raider offense would not be denied. Little found the end zone for the Raiders with 8:20 left to play. Landon Hall's conversion pass attempt was broken up short of the end zone. The 28-12 final then stood.

South Floyd's offense took a

Daniels was impressed with the way both this offensive and defensive units performed in the second half.

We made some adjustments at the half that we maybe should have made earlier in the game that helped us," said Daniels. "Our coaching staff did a great job of preparing our kids for this game. Our kids are just growing. We've come so far since that first game of the season on the road at Harlan.

"If there was an offensive

South Floyd isn't totally out of the playoff picture. The Raiders will need to win out and get some help. A chance of making it into the football post-season is still there for the Raiders.

South Floyd (3-5) returns to action on Friday night when it hosts Allen Central (2-4).

GAME NOTE

Friday night's second half effort marked the first time in school history a South Floyd grid defense was able to hold a Hazard offense scoreless in a half.

though; it's baseball season. And, of course, March Madness. To be honest about it, until Tubby's Cats get eliminated, little attention is paid to spring training.

April: The season begins, and the Braves open with a thud. By the end of the month, they're in third place, but you can see this squad starting to come around.

May: My birthday comes in the middle of the month, and usually the team takes that as a signal to pick things up.

June: By the end of the month, Chipper Jones is hitting .340 and the magic number is single digits.

Hoops

Bill Watson is set to begin his sixth season at the helm of the Lady Bears, and none of them has brought on this much anticipation. Amanda Collins and Teccoa Gallion, two members of the 1,000point club, are returning for their

Belfry

Blackcats. On Friday night at Vipperman Stadium, the Pirates looked to settle the score with Prestonsburg and did just that by coming away with a hard fought 20-12 win over the Blackcats and claiming a possible district championship.

In a game that saw Belfry not get a first down until the midway point of the second quarter, points were hard to come by. The first quarter had only one Blackcat first down on a 30-yard pass from Joey Willis to Nick

Prestonsburg had a first and ten from the Belfry 15 yard line only to have the drive stall on two penalties called against Prestonsburg. Belfry had no success against a stingy BLackcat defense in the first quarter as the duo of Rudy and Josh Pennington controlled the line of scrimmage for the Blackcat defense. After a Prestonsburg punt with 3:46 remaining in a scoreless first half, Belfry started a seven-play 65-yard drive capped by a two-yard touchsenior seasons and will join forces with former Shelby Valley star Summer Jones, a transfer from East

July-August: The Braves go 49-

5 in these two months. Guaranteed.

All is well. And in these two

months, us gullible ones begin to

think, "You know, maybe this is

wrapped up long ago, the calm

before the storm hits. The Braves

are still winning, a lot, but you

scared because of Halloween and

the flock of horror flicks that

always come, but Braves fans have

other reasons to be horrified. It's

October: Most people are

September: With the division

"We certainly should have a solid inside-outside attack with those players," said Watson. "We

down plunge by Doug Howard with :53 remaining in the first half and the extra point made the score Belfry 7, Prestonsburg 0 with 53 seconds left in the half. Prestonsburg took the kickoff at the midfield stripe and on the first play from scrimmage, Joey Willis found Nick Jamerson between two Belfry defenders for a 50-yard touchdown pass and Prestonsburg had cut the lead to 7-6 at the end of the first

The second half was more of the same as both offenses struggled early in the quarter until Belfry's Doug Howard again found a seam in the Blackcat defense and raced 26 yards for the Pirate touchdown at the 7:04 mark of the third quarter. The extra-point was no good Belfry led and 13-6. Prestonsburg got it's ground attack going late in the quarter as Mikeal Fannin rumbled for a 42- yard gain on a nice second effort. Following two solid gains from Jamerson the Blackcats found paydirt on an 11 yard touchdown run from Fannin and the conversion attempt was no good.

Belfry led 13-12 with 11:53 remaining in the game and after both offenses sputtered, Belfry was faced with a fourth and one from midfield and was set to punt only to see a Blackcat offsides called and the Pirates marched down the field and scored the game winning touchdown with :51 seconds remaining to set the final score of 20-12 for the Belfry Pirates. With the win, Belfry assumes command of the district and a possible home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

rior team is about to send the Braves to an early vacation.

November: The only good thing is Thanksgiving. My mom makes the best dressing in the world.

December: The pain is still there, covered only by watching the children open their gifts.

As Andy Griffith would say, "It's a fun time."

The most frustrating part of all this is watching Bobby Cox in the dugout. Don't get me wrong; I like Bobby. It's obvious he's a player's manager. They love him and love playing for him.

But he's got to be the most can-

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have a senior at the point in Courtney Mercer and several players who got considerable experience last year. We should have a pretty potent attack, and we'll need it to handle the schedule we face."

Shortly thereafter, the men's basketball team will take the court with a lot of new players joining the familiar faces on the roster.

Returnees such as Toni Anderson, Greg Davis, Joey Mirus and Michael Thomas will lead a talented squad of transfers into the 2002-03 season.

'We think we have made ourselves a lot better through a tremendous amount of hard work," said Randy McCoy, who will head the Bears for his fourth season. "Our returning people played a lot of basketball this summer and the new players offer a lot of positive things. We're excited about getting the season started."

The Lady Bears will open the regular season on Nov. 2, traveling to Bristol to play Virginia-Intermont. The first home game is Friday, Nov. 8 in the Mr. Gatti's Invitational.

The Bears season will commence when Alice Lloyd comes to town on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30.

Hunting

Fall (shotgun) December 4-8, 2002

SQUIRREL

Fall Now - November 8, 2002; November 11, 2002 -January 31, 2003

RABBIT & QUAIL

November 11, 2002 -February 10, 2003, in the following counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster. November 1-8, 2002; Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

good sign they are excited about

are participating in volleyball

so, it will be a couple of weeks

the start of a practice season

ruin her Late Model Series title

"We have several girls who

Teams often opt to celebrate

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Nashville's

the up coming season.

before they can join us."

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tankerous person ever. My dad says he couldn't stand to sit beside pitching coach Leo Mazzone for a whole ball game, because of Leo's tendency to rock back and forth. I say I'd rather sit with Leo during a game than Bobby, who will argue with an umpire if his pitcher rolls one to the plate and it's called a ball.

But the most frustrating part of watching Cox through the years is how he mishandles his starting pitching.

Take, for example, the way things went in last week's division series. In games one and four, he went waaaay too long with Tom Glavine, I know Glavine is the man, and I've often said if I had to win one game I'd want him on the hill. But he didn't have it either game, Yet Bobby stuck with him especially in Game Four, entirely too long.

But in the other three games, Maddux and Kevin Millwood pitched very well. Yet neither last past the fifth because Bobby was too eager to turn things over to his bullpen. As a result, the Braves struggled to hold on to one, were winning in a rout in another and couldn't hit water falling out of a boat in Game Five.

I'm telling you, this is frustrating.

Yet come March, I'll be right here, checking out the spring training scores and seeing who they've added to try to make this year better than last. Always happens. Stupidity is an illness I cannot deny

They keep saying, "Wait till next year." I've heard that enough. Maybe with this new stadium, someone in Cincinnati will open the pocketbook and get some talent in the Queen City and I can get more serious about my other favorite team.

Wait a minute. A winner in Cincinnati?

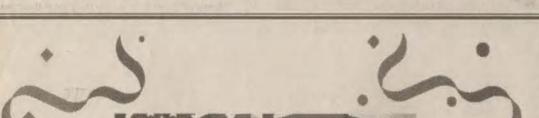
Guess I'll stick to my tomahawk. Better to win in the summer than not win at all.

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November 11, 2002 - January 31, 2003, in all other counties.

GROUSE

November 11 through the end of February in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln. Letcher, Lewis, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell,



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know what's coming.

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Week

new faces working their way on to the Lady Raider basketball team," said Osborne. "We have been running and lifting weights for a few weeks now. I have consistently had the same number of girls out every day. That is very pleasing to me and a

ARCA

Alexander was killed instantly when he wrecked with Kerry Earnhardt during an ARCA race here.

bination of the ARCA cars and the track worked, we would not allow the series to run here," said track spokemsan Jerry Gappens. "But we feel very good about the series and understand this wreck was a violent one that was very, very rare."

"I'm all right," after he spun and rammed the wall backward coming out of the fourth turn during practice. But the other car, driven by Deborah Renshaw, came around the turn going at least 160 mph and plowed into Martin's car on the driver's side.

The 33-year-old Martin died of massive internal injuries.

Renshaw, 25, was taken to University Hospital in Charlotte, where she was in fair condition and being examined for possible ankle injuries.

She has had a tumultuous racing year, beginning in July when fellow drivers plotted to tracks, including Lowe's.

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with a special type of practice.

"As for special practices, we always have a special practice," added Osborne.

The South Floyd Raiders, coached by Henry Webb, will begin practice with a fourth straight 58th District championship in mind. The Raiders also have a 15th Region and 15th Region All 'A' titles to their credit in the past three seasons.

Allen Central is expected to have one of its best girls' basketball teams since the early-90s. The 2002-03 edition Halbert puts on the floor features the most collective talent she's had since her arrival at the school in 2000. The Lady Rebels have also been hard at work.

"The girls have worked hard really hard after a successful summer," said Halbert. "We're looking forward to getting started, we'll have some girls playing volleyball who'll join us when their season ends.'

The Allen Central volleyball team enters this week's District 30 Tournament as a favorite.

The Johnson Central Lady Eagles are the defending 57th District and 15th Region champs. In Pike County, Coach Rodney Rowe will enter his first season as a defending region champion coach. Shelby Valley returns a substantial amount of talent from last year's regional championship team to the hardwood again this season.

Most all area teams won't begin play until early-December.

chances at Fairgrounds Speedway. They pooled their money, had a driver "If we didn't think the comintentionally finish behind her during a race and paid for him to protest her finish.

She was disqualified when her car failed inspection. But the protest led to considerable attention and caught the eye of Rick Goodwin, who planned to put Renshaw in a Busch series car

Martin radioed his team, next season. Martin wrecked during practice for the EasyCare 150, the final race of the season for the Automobile Racing Club of America, a 50-year-old training series for drivers hoping to move up to NASCAR. Qualifying was canceled and

the field for Thursday night's race was set by season points.

ARCA drivers are required to wear head and neck restraints. They usually drive old Winston Cup cars and the safety requirements are not as strict. But ARCA president Ron Drager said all drivers must prove they are qualified to race on certain



FRANKFORT - Unemployment rates fell in 84 Kentucky counties between August 2001 and August 2002, rose in 32 and remained the same in four counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. Kentucky's seasonally adjusted jobless rate in August was 5.2 percent.

jobless rates at or above 10 percent, while six counties recorded doubledigit rates in August 2001. Woodford County's 2.3 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Bracken, 2.4 percent; Oldham and Jessamine counties, 2.5 percent each; Franklin County,

In August 2002, four counties had 2.7 percent; Campbell County, 2.9 percent; Cumberland, Gallatin and Marion counties, 3 percent each; and Fayette, Garrard and Henry counties, 3.1 percent each

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate -10.8 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 10.1 percent; Butler

and Letcher counties, 10 percent each; Clay County, 9.4 percent; Carter County, 8.5 percent; McCreary County, 8.3 percent; Allen and Nicholas counties, 8.2 percent each; and Calloway County, 8 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

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Medicare AND YO



Donna R. Morton Medicare Benediciary **Outreach Coordinator**

Does Medicare help pay for screening tests to detect prostate cancer?

ANSWER:

Yes. Medicare Part B covers prostate cancer screening tests for all Medicare eligible men age 50 and older. A digital rectal exam is covered once every 12 months. The \$100 deductible and the 20 percent coinsurance apply to this test. The Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test is also covered by Part B once every 12 months. The PSA is not subject to the \$100 deductible or 20 percent coinsurance.

> What is a Medicare deductible?

ANSWER:

KAPT achieves 7.6 percent return in 2001



State Treasurer Jonathan Miller's daughter, Abby, age 5, helped him apply for his KAPT contract. Looking on Is big sister, Emily Miller, age 8.

CHAMBER NOTES Home Furniture & Appliance to host ribbon-cutting and open house

The owners and employees of Home Furniture and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce are inviting Chamber Members and Floyd County residents to attend the store's ribbon cutting and open house on Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Glynview Plaza.

Home Furniture is locally owned and operated by Rocky Rowe and Edith Butcher, both lifelong residents of Floyd County.

Home Furniture opened its doors to the public in October 2001 and is now celebrating one year in business. Home Furniture offers high quality furniture at a low price and places quality service to customers as a number-one priority. When cutomers visit the store, they will speak with an owner and be treated as a person not a number.

The showroom is filled with beautiful pieces and customers can view hundreds of fabric swatches to choose your frame and material to custom build that perfect set for your home. Home Furniture sells brands like T.L. Bayne and King Koil, which are both manufactured in Kentucky.

Home Furniture claims the title of the "King of Credit" because they own their own

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LOCAL NEWS

Yes. Medicare Part B covers pneumonia shots at 100 percent of the Medicare approved amount and is not subject to the \$100 deductible. This important vaccination is covered as often as ordered by your doctor.

> Does Medicare cover the services of a **Chiropractor?**

ANSWER:

Manual manipulation for subluxation of the spine is the only chiropractic service that is covered by Medicare. A chiropractor is defined in the Social Security Act as a physician for only one service, manual manipulation or treatment of subluxation of the spine. You don't need an X-ray to prove you have a subluxation of the spine. Medicare Part B helps pay for this type of service on a limited basis at 80 percent of the Medicare approved amount, subject to the \$100 deductible.

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing Impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet.



by JONATHAN MILLER KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER

It's been a year since Emily and Abigail Miller - my two daughters - were the first Kentucky children signed up for KAPT, Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition. More than 4,200 other Kentucky families joined us shortly thereafter - making it easier for them to afford college for their children or grandchildren, as KAPT guarantees the cost of tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices, all with a completely tax-free investment.

As expected, getting KAPT for

my kids has brought me a great sense of comfort and peace of mind, knowing that they will obtain college diplomas without significant financial debt. But KAPT's investment value in its inaugural year was far better than expected.

The "rate of return" on a typical KAPT account last year was 7.6 percent, tax-free. That's because your investment is indexed to the annual increase in tuition at Kentucky public colleges and universities. By contrast, a safe investment in Treasury bills averaged around a 2.8 percent rate of return. And it gets worse - much worse. The S&P 500 declined 18 percent during that time period, while the NASDAQ fell more than 32 percent!

I am hopeful that a rebounding economy and our efforts to restore corporate accountability will result in a healthier stock market in the coming months. However, last year's experience proves that there is no safer or more secure investment in your child's future than KAPT. Particularly in a shaky economy, KAPT is an unbeatable deal, because no matter how high tuition rises or how low the stock market falls, your investment is guaranteed to pay for

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Standard and Poor's changes **KY** rating

FRANKFORT, Ky.- Kentucky State Budget Director Jim Ramsey issued the following statement today in response to the expected announcement by Standard and Poor's of a

downgrade of Kentucky's credit rating from "AA" to "AA-":

"The downgrade by S&P was not unexpected as the credit rating agencies have been looking closely at the impact of the recession on all states. Forty-six states have experienced budget shortfalls in the last two years resulting from the economic downturn. The downgrade is a reflection of our weakened economic condition and the actions the Commonwealth has taken to address shortfalls. The Commonwealth, like many other

ed.

For more details regarding Standard and Poor's announcement, you may visit their Web site at http://www.s tandardandpoors.com/ RatingsActi ons/Ratings News/Public Finance/ind ex.html

Tax amnesty raises four times

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's tax amnesty program that ended Sept. 30 raised four times the amount of money expected - nearly \$80 million.

The total may inch higher as the last applications and paperwork are completed, Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton said Friday.

The program even outpaced the

proceeds of the first amnesty in Kentucky, which raised about \$61 million in 1988 even though that covered a much longer period of time.

Payments ranged from more than \$6 million to a single penny.

The biggest payments were often settlements of disputes the Revenue Cabinet had with taxpayers, Mayton said. And a penny payment might have also meant the elimination of a much larger

penalty or interest liability.

"Getting rid of penalty and interest is a good financial decision to them," Mayton said.

Payments came from every Kentucky county, every state but Vermont and six foreign countries. While most of the money came from existing tax disagreements, Mayton said many payments came from individuals and companies that were not on the books.

The state expected to receive

about \$7 million next fiscal year from such previously unknown sources and Gov. Paul Patton said that figure may have to be revised because of the large amount.

There were 8,950 individuals and 7,891 companies that paid \$79,870,575.03, with 87 percent of the total paid by businesses.

The General Fund, which is the source of money for most ordi

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states, has used budget reserves and one-time resources to offset revenue shortfalls in order to keep from making drastic program cuts. As a result, our capacity and flexibility to deal with future fluctuations in revenue is limit-

The immediate impact of the rating action will be to slightly increase our borrowing costs on future bond issues. The action brings us back to the "AA-" rating the Commonwealth had throughout the mid-90's. While we are disappointed with



Graphic arts program leads to rewarding careers

By Rachelle Burchett

"I am back!" says Andy Jones, a 2000 graduate from Johnson Central High School and a recent graduate from Mayo Technical College. Jones graduated from Mayo with a diploma in electronic prepress and now he is back to study printing. "I took classes at Mayo during high school and that's when I knew that I wanted to attend Mayo after graduation. I like technical programs and I especially like working with computers. Not only did Mayo have the classes I wanted but it is close to home." In the Graphic Arts Program Jones will learn how to produce such items as business forms, magazines, labels, legal documents, books, and other documents. Graphic arts is a growing industry that becomes more in demand daily. In the industry there is a great need for trained designers, layout artists, keyliners, computer typesetters, photolithographic platemakers, press operators, bindery and finishing personnel. Those are all big words that describe the people who make the printed materials we read for pleasure, in formation and work. They print the newspapers, books, magazines, brochures and flyers that we enjoy on a daily basis."

Mandy Stepp is a new student at Mayo and is also enrolled in the graphic arts program. Stepp is a 2002 graduate from Sheldon Clark High School, and with her creative abilities and love for art she felt graphic arts held a future for her.

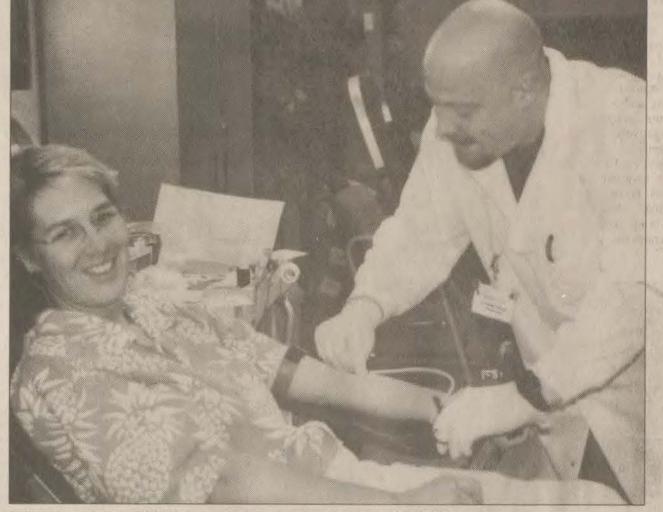
"That's all it takes," said instructor Lori Lewis, "A little creativity and an interest in the

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ALC names Alumna and Alumnus of the Year

Priscilla Fraley, of Hi Hat, and Rufus Fugate, of Hyden, were honored as the 2002 Alice Lloyd College Alumna and Alumnus of the Year at a banquet held on Friday, September 13, on the campus of Alice Lloyd College. The two were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to Alice Lloyd College and community.

Priscilla (Pat) Hall Fraley, of Hi Hat, is a native of Floyd County. She attended Wheelwright High School, and completed Mayo Vocational-Technical School's business program in 1963. She then began her professional career, and the following year married Don E. Fraley, Jr., her husband of 38 years. They have one son, Robert D. Fraley. While fulfilling the commitments of family, church, and career, she never gave up her dream of earning a college degree and diligently pursued her educational goals by enrolling in college classes as her schedule allowed. Through determination and perseverance, her dream was realized when she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alice Lloyd College earlier this year.



Kelly Adam, director, PCC Wellness Center, gives blood at recent blood drive.

Wellness Center blood drive

Compton accepts position

By Rachelle Burchett

Tammy Compton, a licensed clinical social worker, has recently assumed the position of coordinator of the human service rrogram at Prestonsburg Community College.

Compton graduated from the University of Louisville with a master's degree in social work. She has been an instructor in the human services program for the past two years at the college. A resident of Johnson County and a previ-

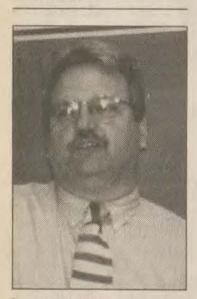


ous employee of Mountain Comp, she finds many rewards in helping others. She has now focused her goal on helping others find the same rewards that she found within the human services

Tammy Compton

profession. Tammy's goal has become more reachable due to the recent partnership developed between Prestonsburg Community College and Lindsey Wilson College. With this partnership students will now be able to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in human services on the Prestonsburg campus. "This is a great opportunity for anyone with a desire to help others. At a time when many people are looking for a meaningful career, the human services arena makes sense," says Compton.

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Dr. John Furcolow

Local doctor speaks at Alice Lloyd College

Alice Lloyd College students, faculty, and staff received an inspiring lecture from a local physician in late September. Dr. John Furcolow, of Highlands ARH, spoke to Professor Christine Stumbo's sociology classes about his recent mission to Peru. Dr. Furcolow, board certified in internal medicine and critical care, joined a team of physicians, pharmacists, physicians assistants, dentists, medical students, and others as they traveled to one of the poorest villages in Peru and treated over 1700 people. 90% of those who received medical care had never seen a doctor.

The ALC students were truly impacted by Dr. Furcolow's lecture, which was supported by pictures and stories. Many of the students who attended are aspiring physicians.

By Rachelle Burchett

The Central Kentucky Blood Center recently conducted a blood drive at Prestonsburg Community College's Wellness Center. Kelly Adam, Wellness director, and Jennifer Deadren, health promotion director, schedule at least two blood drives per year at the center.

"I feel it's important to provide services, such as giving blood, to the faculty, staff, and students on campus. Our Wellness Center heavily promotes good health and in doing so we offer other important services such as first aid and CPR training," Deadren said.

"This semester's blood drive went really well," Adam added, "we reached our goal of 32 donations by 1:30 in the afternoon."

Giving blood is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community in hopes that it will help save a life. Adam and Deadren, both leading by example, gave blood themselves. The changes make for a wonderful

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C.A.R.E.CLUB C.A.R.E. Club shows they do

By Rachelle Burchett

The C.A.R.E. Club (Community Awareness Reaching Everyone) at Prestonsburg Community College has already begun helping others this semester. The C.A.R.E. Club was formed through the Human Services Department in order to promote student involvement within the community.

Due to damages sustained by a fire, the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Big Sandy organization lost their local shelter in Prestonsburg, and are currently trying to operate from the individual homes of the current staff and directors.

The C.A.R.E. club realizes the importance for agencies such as this to keep on functioning without interruption and volunteered to help them continue their good work. During the past semester, the club has held bake sales and pizza sales on the Prestonsburg campus to raise money for agencies that are in need of assistance and the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization was definitely in need. The club decided to donate \$150 to the agency in an effort to help them get back on their feet. Although the club realizes that this donation isn't a large sum, they also realize that every little bit helps.

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to work?

"I truly know what it is like to be down and out," said John Milleson, a student at Prestonsburg Community College. Milleson's life was devastated when he suffered an industrial accident that left him unable to work in the manual labor field.

"I became depressed and completely lost my self-esteem - even to the point of losing everything. When I said I truly knew what it meant to be down and out I was referring to a time in my life when I had given up on life and was living in my car without food or money. It was then that I realized that I was the only person that could change my situation and I decided to retrain my thoughts and focus on becoming a productive community member."

Becoming a productive community member is just what Milleson has done. He now has 90 plus college hours and is working toward becoming a social worker. He began

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Kentucky River Coal donates \$2500 to Challenger Center

Danny Maggard, left, chief engineer at Kentucky River Coal Corporation, presents a check for \$2,500 to Dr. Jay K. Box, right, president and CEO of Hazard Community College, for the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky. Brian Elsea, center, flight director, is with the two in front of a mural located in the center. Dr. Box, who is also co-chair of the Challenger Center board, thanked Maggard and Kentucky River Coal for their donation. Schools wanting to schedule a Challenger Center mission can contact Tom Cravens, center director, at 436-5721 or 800-246-7521, ext. 7813.

U.S. Bank announces enhancements to retirement planning web site

U.S. Bank Institutional Trust and Custody recently launched major enhancements to its retirement planning web site for plan sponsors and participants. The site located at gettinghere.usbank.com, and contains new educational and fund information, as well as new account management tools.

"The enhancements for the 'U.S. Bank Getting There' web site enables plan participants to have a more active role in planning and managing their retirement accounts, and allows plan sponsors to manage their retirement plans online, and more efficiently," said John Paulus, senior vice president of product management and marketing for U.S. Bank Institutional Trust & Custody, "it gives them instant

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Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate is seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county

access to the detailed information they need, when they want, and in a truly paperless environment. The new site also provides the opportunity for us to share data and information with our clients in a secure and encrypted environment."

U.S. Bank Getting There includes investment education tools and guidance, allowing plan participants to act upon this information immediately or another time. The newly-enhanced site also allows plan participants to:

enroll online anytime, anywhere, and at their convenience;

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the action, we continue to have a very strong capital management program and good relationship with the capital markets. The Finance and Administration Cabinet will continue to examine our debt structure to maximize refunding and other costsav ing measures in an effort to offset any negative cost of the rating reduction.

This action confirms that Kentucky has long-term structural problems in its revenue structure that should be addressed to bring into balance recurring revenues and recurring expenditures."

inquiries:

create multiple loan scenarios and request loans; access detailed transaction

history; review their plan's investment

choices and obtain prospectuses; evaluate asset allocation

strategies and develop their own portfolio, and

obtain plan highlights and other educational material.

U.S. Bank Getting There introduces point and click plan administration for plan sponsors. New features also allow plan sponsors to:

approve participant loans and distributions;

transmit contribution files in a secure and encrypted system;

view and download allocaton reports;

III administer plan messaging, forms, and documents online; access plan demographics and

usage reports, and review on-demand reports for

plan optimization analysis.

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nary state goods and services, will receive most of the money. And it needs it.

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The state started the fiscal year on July 1 in a \$150 million hole from poor revenue receipts last year, Patton said.

"It helps to get through this year," Patton said.

Nevertheless, the panel of economists who make the state's official revenue projections are scheduled to meet Nov. 1 to revise their forecast and it is expected to plummet, prompting another round of budget cuts.

An unexpected windfall will get distributed to local governments, including schools. Some property taxes were eligible for the amnesty and about \$2.7 million will be distributed as the local share of those taxes.

For those who did not pay past due taxes during amnesty, the price of tax evasion has gone up. Penalties for the taxes increased on Oct. 1.

Arts

field." Lewis is also a Mayo graduate and is also currently at Prestonsburg enrolled Community College. She enjoys working with the students and watching them evolve into valuable employees with needed skills.



Rocky Rowe and Edith Butcher, both lifelong residents of Floyd County, own and operate Home Furniture in the Glynview Plaza in Prestonsburg.

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finance company - Eagle Financial Services Inc. This management team has but one goal - to offer high quality furniture at an affordable price to everyone.

The Chamber is encouraging everyone to welcome Home Furniture to the Chamber and Floyd County.

For more information call the Chamber (606) 886-0364 or Home Furniture at (606) 886-9656.

Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from October 4 to 11.

Pikeville Division Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

Plenny Doyle May and Lindsay Ryan McCoy May, of Raccoon.

Garris Dale McCown and Lenora Gail McCown, of Pikeville.

Kenny Mullins and Pamela D. Mullins, of Hager Hill.

Charles Thomas Parsley and Vickie L. Parsley, of Hueysville. Bill John Blackburn and Kimberly Jane Blackburn, of

Prestonsburg. Luckie Johnson and Donna Sue Johnson, of Topmost.

Kenneth R. Webb and Eula Faye Webb, of Whitesburg.

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his college Prestonsburg College and vows that the 'Ready-to-Work'' program has helped him accomplish so much. "If it weren't for this program my educational experience would have lacked great quality. It was the Readyto-Work Program that helped me overcome many obstacles that stood between me and my education." Since Milleson refocused his life that day in his car things have been difficult but every day looks brighter. He recently attended an open forum for the Ready-to-Work Program at Prestonsburg Community College and to his surprise he was one of the recipients of a free computer.

Bremen W. Slone, of Jenkins. Robert S. Slone, of Hindman. David Allen Burton and Marcia Gail Burton, of Whitesburg. Mary C. Cress, of Ermine.

Donell Morton, of Isom. David C. Caudill, of Blackey.

David N. Ratliff and Brenda R. Ratliff, of Elkhorn City.

Vonetta Lucas and Onas Lucas, of Thornton.

Ronda K. Deaton, of Whitesburg.

James E. Noble, of Premium.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt

Douglas Charles McClure II and Bridgette Michele McClure, of Meally.

Christopher Shawn Williams Tymsone Machelle and Williams, of Hager Hill.

Thomas Shehee, of Jenkins. Fred Allen Carter and Sabrina Carter, of Elkhorn City. Joel Broadhead, of Hardy.

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education at where I once was. I want to Community encourage them and help them gain back their confidence." Milleson's heart is definetly in his job as he helps others at Martin County Works in Inez get their GED and computer skills. "It's a reward in itself helping others better themselves. I can sympathize with their pain and discouragement and use my personal experience to offer them encouragement. The Ready-to-Work program is a partnership between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC); Ready-to-Work is designed to promote the success of Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP) recipients who attend community and technical colleges and to provide short-term training opportunities. If your story is similar to Milleson's, take his advice and decide to make a difference in your life. Call today and see how the program can assist you in getting the education that you have always wanted.

familiar and friendly presence on the campus of Alice Lloyd College, where she has served in a number of capacities for 39 As Director of years. Foundation and Corporate Giving, she is instrumental in raising funds that make it possible for the school to operate each year. Her devotion and loyalty to the College go unmatched, and she never hesitates to assist in any activity that will benefit ALC. Priscilla possesses a genuine

love for others, and she demonstrates this clearly and enthusiastically in her daily life. Her desire to serve God is exemplified through her church work as a member of the Church of God of Prophecy. During the 36 years she has been with the organization, she has served as youth director, missionary leader, gleaner leader, choir director, Sunday School teacher, children's church assistant, song leader, clerk and treasurer, CPMA leader, and assistant pianist. She has also assisted her husband in his pastoral duties over the past 25 years and in his work as a district overseer. Priscilla is currently serving as a member of the Church's State Camp Board.

Priscilla has been recognized on many occasions for outstanding service to her fellowman. She was a member of the Price Community Club for several years during which she served on their scholarship committee. In 1998, the Club honored her and her husband as "Outstanding Citizens" in their community. Priscilla's expertise in the area of grant writing has been solicited by a number of organizations for which she has conducted workshops.

Priscilla is devoted to her family and quickly acknowledges that there is nothing she enjoys more than spending time with them, especially her two granddaughters, Stephanie and Stacy, who are her pride and joy.

Rufus Fugate, of Hyden, is a native of Perry County. He Mountain Pine attended Settlement School, Vicco High

Rufus credits Alice School. Lloyd with making it possible for him to attend college, and in 1953 he earned an Associate Degree on the campus of ALC (then referred to as Caney Junior College). Mrs. Lloyd sent him on to the University of Kentucky as one of her prestigious Caney Scholars, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1968, he received a Master's degree from North Carolina State University.

Rufus has committed his life to providing service and leadership to our region. His career as a University of Kentucky Agricultural Extension Agent in Leslie County spanned 33 years, and his retirement in 1990 has not slowed him down.

Rufus is a well-known and respected public servant. He assisted in organizing the region's L.K.L.P. program and Kentucky River Area Development District. He was instrumental in coordinating an area chapter of United Way and has served on the Board of Governors of Frontier Nursing Service. He is presently a member of the ARH Advisory Committee and a charter member of the Leslie County Fish and Game Club. He also helped to secure a public water system and improved road access in his county.

Rufus has been recognized as Man of the Year by the Leslie County Fiscal Court and Male Lion of the Year by the Lions Club. He is a member of the ALC Alumni Board of Directors and the UK Agriculture Alumni Association. As a member of the Presbyterian Church for 35 years, Rufus has served the church in a number of capacities.

Rufus is a well-known nature enthusiast and has compiled a collection of stories, legends and myths about Kentucky wildflowers. He eagerly conducts wildflower slide lectures at clubs, schools, and state parks, where he also demonstrates the art of woodcarving. A few years ago, Rufus was instrumental in persuading the Kentucky General

poplar tree" as Kentucky's State tree (it had earlier been changed to the "coffee tree" by state officials).

Rufus is a devoted family man, and nothing gives him more pleasure than sharing time with his wife, Clarinda Jane, their two children, Effie Layne Stidham and Martin Lee Fugate, and their four grandchildren: Josi, Becca, Darlene, and David.

By enrolling in the graphic arts program you, too, could become an individual with experience that is in high demand. Put your creative mind to work and let Mayo do the rest.

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C.A.R.E. club members Erica Ousley, B.J. Conley, and Pamela Powers present Lisa Bentley, case manager, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy, with a check for \$150.

CARE

The Big Brothers-Big Sisters will gladly accept donations of any amount to help them reorganize and establish a local shelter. The organization is designed to mentor to young children. Children are recommended to the agency and then evaluated. If they are proven eligible, they will be able to spend three hours every other week with a caring adult.

"A lot of people say that they would love to volunteer but don't have the time to provide 'quality time'," said Lisa Bentley, Big Brothers-Big Sisters case manager, "but what they don't realize is that quality time could be a trip to the grocery store or changing the oil in your car. This is considered quality time to children who are starving for attention."

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The club's goal is to make a positive impact within the community and to challenge you to reach out and do the same.

So look within your community and find a non-profit organization to help.

Remember, although your donation may be small, it is the small ones that are added together that can make a difference.

For more information about the C.A.R.E. Club and its contributions to the community, contact Tammy Compton, Human Services Coordinator at PCC, at 886-3863, ext. 286, or to make a donation to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Organization, send an email to bigbrobigsis@ mikrotec.com

"I had no idea that I would be receiving a computer today. It will definitely make things easier for me to have a computer at home.'

Milleson's attitude and perception of succeeding in life will definitely be an advantage to those he comes in touch with. "I want to help others who are

Compton

opportunity for anyone, especially those who are unable to leave home to continue their education. Once again Prestonsburg Community Col-Olege has opened its doors to help expand educational opportunities.

For more information concerning this new opportunity

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tomorrow's college costs.

That's why now, more than ever, is a good time to get KAPT for your children or grandchildren. Our latest enrollment period has begun and lasts until Jan. 27, 2003. To find our more about KAPT, or to sign up your children or grandchildren, call us toll-free at (888) 919-KAPT, or check us on the web at www.getKAPT.com.

With state budget uncertainties potentially resulting in greaterthan-normal tuition increases in Continued from p2

contact Tammy Compton at 886-3863, or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 286. You can visit us web. on the www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu. Check out the new Interstate Natural Gas Community Service Award. Details are on the web. See you there!

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coming years, we expect KAPT's prices to rise significantly next year. But if you sign up before Jan. 27, you lock in today's rates, and never have to worry about increasing college costs or a declining stock market. And we have a pricing plan that is affordable for every family budget, with our Value Plan starting at \$1 a day for newborns and toddlers.

So join my family and get KAPT! There is no better investment in your children's future.





Here's a back-to-school "Pop Quiz" for all you moms and dads

Question: How many school lunches have you packed in your career as a parent?

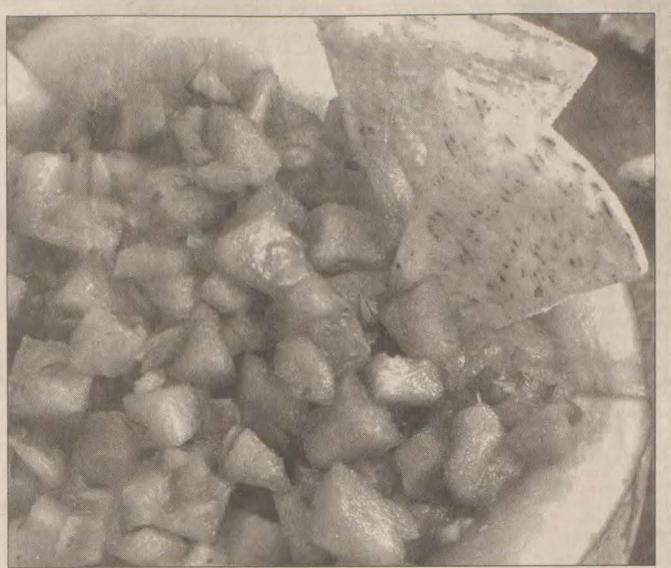
For a rough estimate, count up the total years your kids have been going to school, then multiply by 180 (the average number of days in a school year). The figure is worth a culinary badge of honor, according to my personal calculations, and I'm still serving 'em up Monday-



Friday. My kids will eat an occasional school lunch when their favorites are on the menu, but in between it's peanut butter and jelly (cut the crusts!) and anything new I can stir up from home

As I was reorganizing the kitchen this week, I realized I rely on timesaving tips and creative twists for assembling these "meals to go." Here are my favorites:

1. Involve the kids in planning and preparing. Before you shop, make a list together of lunch-bag basics, emphasizing healthy ingredients and variety. Include fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-wheat breads and low-fat crackers. Good conve-



WATERMELON is more than great taste

HOPPING

BLOCK

by Philomena

Corradeno

Enrico Caruso said, "Watermelon - it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash you face." Funny, yes. But too bad the famous opera tenor didn't know what we know about this luscious, juicy fruit.

Today we know watermelon is a good source of vitamins A and C, supplies potassium, which helps keep the body's water balance and helps pre-

vent leg cramps. It also provides some iron and calcium. Watermelon contains more lycopene - that's the nutrient that may help prevent certain 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

- I tablespoon chopped scallion
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers

Combine watermelon, green pepper, lime juice, cilantro, scallion and jalapeno peppers; mix gently but well. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or more.

Dear Diane... The little things

DEAR DIANE:

I have been married to my husband, "Woody," for a little over a year. I am also three months pregnant. He and I waited until marriage to become intimate, and I never before lived with a man prior to this marriage. I have now reached the stage in marriage where I am discovering those "little things" that really irk me.

Most of those things I can deal with, but one I have become unable to tolerate is his messiness. I am a very neat person, and never really realized that Woody is such a slob. I know it is petty to constantly nag him, so instead I keep it inside until I explode. One such incident happened last week.

Woody took two days off from work just to chill out at home and to get some of the decorating done in the new house. I worked from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. When I got home, I found that he had only moved the piano from the living room to the dining room and hung two sets of shelving (both with my mother's help). The dishes from the night before and from his lunch that afternoon were still in the sink (even though we have a dishwasher), and he was sitting at the computer playing a video game and waiting for me to make him dinner.

I was so ticked off that I turned around, walked right back out, got my own dinner and drove around until I cooled off.

What can I do make him see that I need his help around the house, especially now that we are expecting a baby? How can I get him to be more considerate?

- TIRED IN TULSA

DEAR TIRED:

"Exploding" won't accomplish anything as you've probably already discovered. Woody obviously isn't lazy (he did, after all, redecorate while you were at work), so what he probably needs is a checklist of things he needs to remember to do. Let him know that it's time for him to step up now that the baby is on its way, and that you need him to pull more weight around the house - including cleaning up after himself.

Some cholesterol drugs are many splendored things

nience foods to stock up on are raisins, string cheese, unsweetened applesauce and 100 percent juice in serving-size containers.

2. Create a lunch-making "Deli Station." Keep everything in one cupboard or drawer close to the breadbox and refrigerator to store lunch bags, cookie cutters for cutting out sandwich shapes, coins for purchasing school milk, and extra minipacks of fast-food restaurant condiments such as ketchup, mayonnaise and salt and pepper.

3. Keep a stash of surprises to brighten up lunchtime. When they're close at hand, you'll be inspired to tuck in a colorful napkin, a silly straw or a funny family photo. Use bright stickers to secure sandwich bags or to close a paper lunch bag. For older kids, toss in a fortune cookie or tear out a cartoon from the newspaper.

4. At the beginning of each week, cut up and chill veggies, and they'll be ready to add to lunches in the morning.

5. Keep foods fresh from home kitchen to school cafeteria. Tuck ice-gel packets around perishable food in an insulated lunch bag. On a cold day, fill a thermos with soup or a hot dog smothered with heated chili beans topped with grated cheese.

cancers - than any other fresh fruit or vegetable.

Aside from its health benefits, who would deny its great taste and soothing comfort? We can make it part of our daily diet by including it in our cuisine. We needn't wait for

that big picnic or family reunion. Here are some ideas: Prosciutto wrapped around a honeydew melon or cantaloupe is a familiar hors d'oeuvre. How about a paper-thin slice of prosciutto atop a slice of watermelon as an elegant first course? (Don't forget the knife and fork for this, and remove the rind.) The sweet, watery juice is the perfect accompaniment for the salty meat.

Here are other ideas:

WATERMELON FIRE & ICE SALSA

- 3 cups seeded and diced watermelon
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper 2 tablespoons lime juice

CARIBBEAN SALSA

2 cups chopped seeded watermelon 1 cup chopped fresh pineapple 1 cup chopped onion 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro 1/4 cup orange juice

Serve with chips or as an accompaniment

for chicken or fish. Makes about 3 cups

I tablespoon chopped jalapeno pepper

OR 1 tablespoon jerk seasoning

salsa

In bowl combine watermelon, pineapple, onion, cilantro, orange juice and jalapeno. Mix gently but well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour to blend flavors. Stir before serving. Makes 8 servings.

CHICKEN AND WATERMELON SALAD WITH BLUE CHEESE

5 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and cubed

(See BLOCK, page five)

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am on Zocor to lower my cholesterol. My numbers have been cut in half. My doctor told me it also prevents osteoporosis. Was he pulling my leg? - S.T.

ANSWER:

Your doctor gave you the straight scoop.

Zocor (simvastatin) is one of five statin drugs. The "statin" name comes from the fact that all these drugs' generic names end with "statin." The other four are:



Mevacor (lovastatin), Pravachol (pravastatin), Lescol (fluvastatin) and Lipitor (atorvastatin). It's only a little stretch of the truth to say the entire world is on one of these drugs.

Statin drugs' main function is to lower cholesterol, a job they do most effectively. Most cholesterol comes from the liver's production of it and not from what we eat. The statin drugs gum up the liver's cholesterolassembly line.

Statin drugs provide many other unanticipated benefits. They are an adjunct in osteoporosis prevention. They promote bone formation. People who take these drugs lessen the chances of having a broken bone by 60

(See HEALTH, page five)

I've always been partial to a hearty bowl of soup. Maybe it's because of my Eastern European heritage; maybe it's because Mom stirred up some of the best pots of soup ever, even when she didn't have an abundance of ingredients to choose from; maybe it's because it's just comforting and cozy. Whatever the reason, I hope you enjoy!

VELVETY CHICKEN AND RICE SOUP

1/2 cup chopped onion 1 (16-ounce) can fat-free chicken

soup

"Soup" is a good four-letter word

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 cup hot cooked rice

1 (2.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained

> (See FOODS, page five) by JoAnna M. Lund



Chicken Soup for the Soul: A note in my mailbox

Ron Wenn and Nancy J. Cavanaugh (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEACHER'S SOUL")

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The note I picked up from my mailbox at school read "Call Margaret at 555-6167." Both the name and number were unfamiliar to me, but as a highschool automotive instructor, I got calls all the time from people who were looking for someone to fix their cars. During my lunchtime at school that day, I dialed the number.

"I'm calling for a Margaret," I said. "Yes, this is Margaret," a voice

answered. "This is Ron Wenn. I have a message here that says to call you," I continued, all the while wondering what kind of car trouble this woman had.

"Oh, I'm glad you called. If you'll just give me a few minutes of your time, I have something to tell you that I think you'll be interested in hearing.

"All right," I answered, looking at the clock. I only had a few minutes before I needed to be back to class.

"I'm a nurse at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital, and yesterday on my way home from work I was driving down 290 when my car started acting up."

"Uh-huh," I said looking at the clock

"It was late at night, and I was alone. I was so afraid to pull over, but finally my car just quit, so I coasted to the shoulder. I sat there for a few minutes wondering what to do."

I didn't want to sound impatient, but I really needed to get back to class. "Would you like me to take a look at your car, ma'am?" I asked.

"Just let me finish," the woman answered.

I tapped my pencil on the stack of papers in front of me as Margaret continued her story. "Suddenly, two young

guys, about 20 years old, pulled up behind me and got out. I didn't know what these guys were going to do. I was so scared."

"They asked me what happened, and they said that from the sound of things, they might be able to get the car running again, so I popped the hood.

"I sat in the car praying that these guys weren't up to no good. A few minutes later, they yelled at me to try to start the car. I couldn't believe it! It started right up! The guys slammed the hood and told me the car would be fine, but I should take it somewhere soon and get it checked out."

"And you'd like me to take a look at it and make sure everything's OK, right?" I asked.

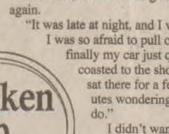
"No, not at all, just listen," the

woman went on. "I was so grateful. I thanked them over and over and offered them money, but they wouldn't take it. That's when they told me they were former students of yours."

"What?" I asked in surprise. "Students of mine? Who were they?"

"They wouldn't tell me. They just gave me your name and the school's number and made me promise to call to thank you."

I couldn't believe it. I didn't know what to say. Besides teaching my students about fixing cars, I always tried to teach them things about life - about going the extra mile, being honest and using what you know to help other people. The thing is, I never really knew if



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cosmos.

Make exercise enjoyable

I had a foot operation about two years ago, which caused

me to quit exercising. I'm try-

Betty, many people who

have had an operation

find it difficult to return

to a structured fitness routine.

The time spent recovering can

take you away from your normal

routine. When you are able to

return to your fitness routine,

often it's a challenge to re-moti-

vate yourself. There are several

ways to get back in the mood to

able. We can easily talk our-

selves out of going to the gym or

exercising to a video. Working

out in a structured exercise

group found at your local fitness

facility, or even with a couple of

motivated friends, can be a great

source of support and also hold

you accountable for attending

ENJOY. Running can be a great

source of exercise, but if you

don't enjoy it, you are not going

to stick with it. Find fun and

innovative ways to exercise,

such as taking a dance class, hik-

ing a trail, cycling or signing up

or completing a local hiking trail

Set goals. Finishing a race

for a charity 5K walk/run.

Find activities that you

scheduled workouts.

Make yourself account-

exercise and enjoy doing it.

ing to get started again, but I just

can't find the motivation. I used to

run and walk, but now it just seems

like it's too much trouble and there's

not enough time. Can you help? -

Betty in Arizona

Books: Seeing in the Dark

"Seeing in the Dark: How **Backyard Stargazers Are Probing Deep Space and Guarding Earth from** Interplanetary Peril" By Timothy Ferris (Simon & Schuster, \$26) **Reviewed by David Smith**

If someone had told me six months ago that I'd be writing a gushing review about a book on astronomy, I'd have fallen out of my chair laughing. Astronomy?

Sam

& Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver

and Dave Smith

'Tami," is in a very strange rela-

tionship. About a year ago, she

started dating a mutual friend of

ours, "Thomas." She fell desper-

ately in love with him, but after

about 10 months, he broke it off.

She was crushed - she told me

that she was sure that Thomas

was the man she'd marry. It's

been a couple of months now, and

Thomas has gone back to the sin-

gle life and has been dating again,

but Tami hasn't. I just found out

that now Thomas and Tami are

what she calls "friends with ben-

efits" - they're sleeping togeth-

er, but not dating. I'm appalled. Is

PERPLEXED IN PALAT-

this normal? Is this healthy?

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

me a calculus textbook to review?

Boy, was I wrong. After reading Timothy Ferris' riveting "Seeing in the Dark" I'm actually considering buying a telescope.

Not since Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" has a writer captured the poetic majesty of the universe. Says Ferris: "If you have seen plasma arches rising off the edge of the Sun, yellow dust storms raging on Mars ... the glittering star fields of Sagittarius

Get outa here. Why not just hand and the delicate tendrils connecting interplanetary galaxies ... if, in short, you have seen not only this world but something of other worlds too - well then, you have lived."

Ferris not only takes us on a journey from our own solar system back in time to the beginnings of our universe, he also brings us back down to earth with personal stories of the amateur stargazers who have contributed and continue to contribute -to humanity's knowledge of the

One of the best is about Stephen James O'Meara, who, as a teenager, saw and mapped the radial spokes of Saturn's rings. "Professional" astronomers said it was just a trick of the light -until the Voyager probe proved O'Meara right.

If you've ever looked up into the night sky and wondered just what was going on up there, "Seeing in the Dark" is the perfect book to explain it all - and get you started on your own personal journey of discovery.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

A dangerous and hurtful relationship

SAM SAYS:

"Normal" is a highly subjective term. Everyone is trying to be normal, but nobody seems to know what "normal" really is. Forget about normal. Either a relationship works, or it doesn't. Either people are happy, or A close friend of mine, they're not. Normal shouldn't enter into it.

> If two consenting adults decide that they want to have casual sex with no strings attached, that's their business. Hey, if it works for them and makes them happy, what's wrong with that?

Now, is it healthy? That's another matter entirely. In this particular case, I don't think it is - not for Tami, anyway. If just a couple of months ago she thought she would marry Thomas, I'm sure she still has feelings for him, and she's probably still in love with him. Every time she sees him, it must fuel that fire. She may even

have convinced herself that as long as she's still in his life (and in his bed), that she can somehow persuade him to come back to her.

Since he's dating again (and since he's the one who ended the relationship), he's obviously gotten over her. There's not much chance that he's suddenly going to change his mind and decide to get back together with her. As long as Tami is seeing Thomas and hoping for a reconciliation, she's not going to move on with her life. She needs to break it off, cold turkey, and start thinking about the possibility that there may be someone else out there for her - and maybe then she'll realize that she'll never meet that guy unless she starts dating again.

DAVE SAYS:

As Tami's "bestest" friend, you have a moral obligation to slap some sense into that poor deluded girl.

Tami and Thomas don't have a "friends with benefits" relationship. The reality of the situation is that whenever the Tomcat strikes out at the club, he knows he can just call up Tami. Some friend.

What's dangerous and hurtful about this "relationship" is that Tom knows that he's toying with Tami's true love for him, and he doesn't give a damn about her feelings. He just wants her to put out. Tami is willing to put up with this humiliation because she's fooled herself into thinking that she'll be able to change Tom. Fat chance.

Be honest. Be brutal if you have to. A little painful talk from a friend - you - will save her a mountain of hurt in the future.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or email them at asksamanddave@ mindspring.com.

1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken breast

Foods

1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

1/2 cup fat-free sour cream

In a large saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion for 5 minutes or until tender. In a covered jar, combine chicken broth and flour. Shake well to blend. Add broth mixture to onion. Mix well to combine. Cook over medium heat until mixture starts

Block

dressing

Soul

Iceberg lettuce

3 cups cubed watermelon 3 cups cubed pears 1/2 pound sliced mushrooms

without stopping can give you the incentive you need to continue your exercise program.

Work out with a pro. Hiring a personal trainer to aid you in your fitness program is another great way not only to hold yourself accountable, but also ensure that you are exercising safely and effectively. Research your local area for a certified, experienced and educated personal trainer. It could be one of the best investments you can make.

Mix it up. Keep your exercise program diverse and fresh. Try new and exciting exercises and activities. Avoid staying with the same routine for too long, and most of all, HAVE FUN!

Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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to thicken, stirring often. Stir in rice, mushrooms, chicken and parsley flakes. Add sour cream. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until mixture is heated through, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 194 calories, 2 g fat, 22 g protein, 22 g carb., 407 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 vegetable.

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Combine chicken, watermelon, pears, mushrooms and blue cheese. Toss gently with dressing. Refrigerate I hour,



Halloween is a few short weeks away, and most of America's youth - and young at heart - are deciding what they would like to do for this deliciously wicked holiday. Trick-or-treating, parties, haunted houses and scary storytelling all make the grade, and New York's Westchester County has come up with a bevy of activities to satisfy the Halloween fantasy of children and adults alike.

Westchester County is Washington

Relive Legend of Sleepy Hollow

enjoy the festivities of the "Legend Weekend" at Washington Irving's Sunnyside, the author's former home in Tarrytown, which is now a historic landmark, and at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. Daytime activities include storytelling, puppet shows and walks about the gorgeous grounds. But stay tuned for the night, because odds are good that you'll run into the Headless Horseman as he rides the grounds of Philipsburg Manor. (www.hudsonvalley.org, 914-631-8200)

In Sleepy Hollow on Friday and Saturday of that same weekend, gather the children for a special reading of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" in the actual Old was so in love with, and Brom Bones, her jealous suitor. Washington Irving himself is buried nearby in the old churchyard. (www.olddutchburyingground.org, 914-631-1123)

For a bit of a change, on the Saturday the 26th at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville, catch a showing of Boris Karloff's "Frankenstein," with a re-written score performed by the Chappaqua Orchestra. (914-747-5555).

Or on Sunday, Oct. 27, you can attend the Halloween Family Event at the Gothic Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown featuring a host of Halloween activities and an interactive "spooky" tour. (www.lyndhurst.org, 914-631-4481.)

Irving country. That is to say, it is the setting for one fantastic and chilling story - "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Although there will be many activities throughout the month of October, here are a couple centered around the legend and a few that just sound fun. Enjoy!

On the weekend of Oct. 25-27, you can

Dutch Church featured in the book. The reading will be done by Ward James Riley, and reservations are required for this 8 p.m. reading. Come earlier in the day to wander through the graveyard to pay homage to the major characters of the book, including Katrina Van Tassel, whom Ichabod Crane

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1/2 pound blue cheese, crumbled 1/2 pint low-calorie Italian

mixing occasionally. Serve on bed of lettuce. Makes 6 servings.

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Look for our latest books,

"Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," "Chicken

Soup for the Teacher's Soul"

and "A Second Round of

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the students learned any of this. "Mr. Wenn, are you still there?" Margaret asked.

"I'm still here," I answered.

grateful I am," Margaret said. hung up the phone.

I walked back to class feeling inspired with the knowledge that my students had helped someone because of what I taught them in my classroom. I

Statins keep the artery interior free of obstructing buildup in ways unrelated to their cho-They diminish artery inflammation. Artery-wall inflammation provides the soil for

that they guard against Alzheimer's disease. They might protect the eye from macular degeneration, one of the most common causes for elderly. They might also protect people from developing

lowering turns out to be their sole benefit, that is enough inducement to justify their use.

phlet Controlling Cholesterol provides an in-depth discussion of cholesterol and its treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for

had just gotten the greatest reward a teacher could ever get.

"Well, I hope you know how

"I hope you know how grateful I am to you, Margaret. Thanks for calling," I said and

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My 14-year-old daughter has declared herself a vegetarian. She hasn't eaten any meat for three months. She looks good and has not lost too much weight. Is this a healthy diet for one as young as she is? - K.D.

ANSWER:

Most people on this planet live on a diet that qualifies as vegetarian. Those people have learned how to eat a balanced vegetarian diet, so they do not suffer any deficiencies of vitamins or minerals or protein.

A 14-year-old is not savvy enough to plan a wholesome vegetarian diet. She could run a risk of getting too little iron, B-12 or calcium. Support her diet as long as she agrees to see a dietitian for information on how to gauge a healthy vegetarian diet. You go to the sessions with her.

The word "disaster" originally meant "bad star" Everybody knows that soaking in water will make your skin on your hands and feet get wrinkled. It's not well-known,

however, that the water you're soaking in makes a difference. If you're swimming in the ocean, you'll wrinkle more slowly than if you were taking a bath at home.

The female Tasmanian devil gives birth to about 20 babies at a time, but the competition starts right away. In the mother's marsupial pouch, there are only four nipples, so 16 of the litter are out of luck.

Astrologically minded readers might be interested to know that the English word "disaster" originally meant "bad star."

Dragline silk, the stuff that spiders use to hang from a branch or a ceiling, is they end up eating each other.



stronger than any other material ever made by an animal. It's been postulated that a braided rope made from this material would only have to be the diameter of a pencil to stop a fighter jet landing on aircraft carrier, and the silk could withstand an impact five times more powerful than Kevlar. So why haven't we seen this miracle product on the market? No one has yet been successful in farming spiders -- if you put them together,

Add to the list of brilliant headlines seen in actual newspapers: "War dims hope for peace;" "Iraqi head seeks arms;" "Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says;" and "Red tape holds up new bridges."

It's still not known who observed: "The first essential for leadership is a group of dumb guys to follow you.'

Thought for the Day:

"Being constantly with children was like wearing a pair of shoes that were expensive and too small. She couldn't bear to throw them out, but they gave her blisters." --Beryl Bainbridge

Comments?

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The etymology of spam

Many people believe the term "spam" that refers to the unwanted, unsolicited e-mails that clog mailboxes everywhere is derived from the canned Hormel meat.

Well, kind of. If it weren't for a classic comedy sketch from the British comedy show "Monty Python's Flying Circus," it may have been known by its technical term, "UBE," which stands for "Unsolicited Bulk E-mail."

In the Monty Python sketch, a lady walks into a restaurant for some breakfast. As the waitress recites the menu, the patron quickly realizes that no matter what she chooses, she's stuck with at least one side dish she's not keen on. "Eggs and Spam; eggs, bacon and Spam; Spam and sausage; Spam, Spam,

bacon, Spam, tomato and Spam first intrigued enough to try ...," spouts the waitress. As the customer's face falls, a group of Viking diners begin to rhythmically sing "Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam ..

Finally, after much wrangling with the waitress ("Could I have eggs, bacon, Spam and sausage without the Spam?"), and after being drowned out more than once by the Vikings, the patron screams, "I don't like Spam!"

The legend on the Internet is that, like Monty Python's Vikings chanting "Spam, Spam, Spam," electronic spam drowns out all other voices. Unwanted input harms legitimate communication.

So why do spammers spam? They know it doesn't work. Legitimate businesses that are at

spamming to get new business get such a negative response --few new customers and hate mails asking to be left alone that they give up.

No, a spammer has one thought on his mind: Annoy as many people as you can. Come on, do you really think that the spam that promises to "increase the length of a certain body part by 50 percent" was sent by a legitimate business?

Now the government is talking about allowing ISPs to sue spammers, which may anger free-speech advocates who say the First Amendment protects spam. Hopefully, that won't be necessary, as there are some programs and practices you can use to help eliminate spam.

More on that next week.

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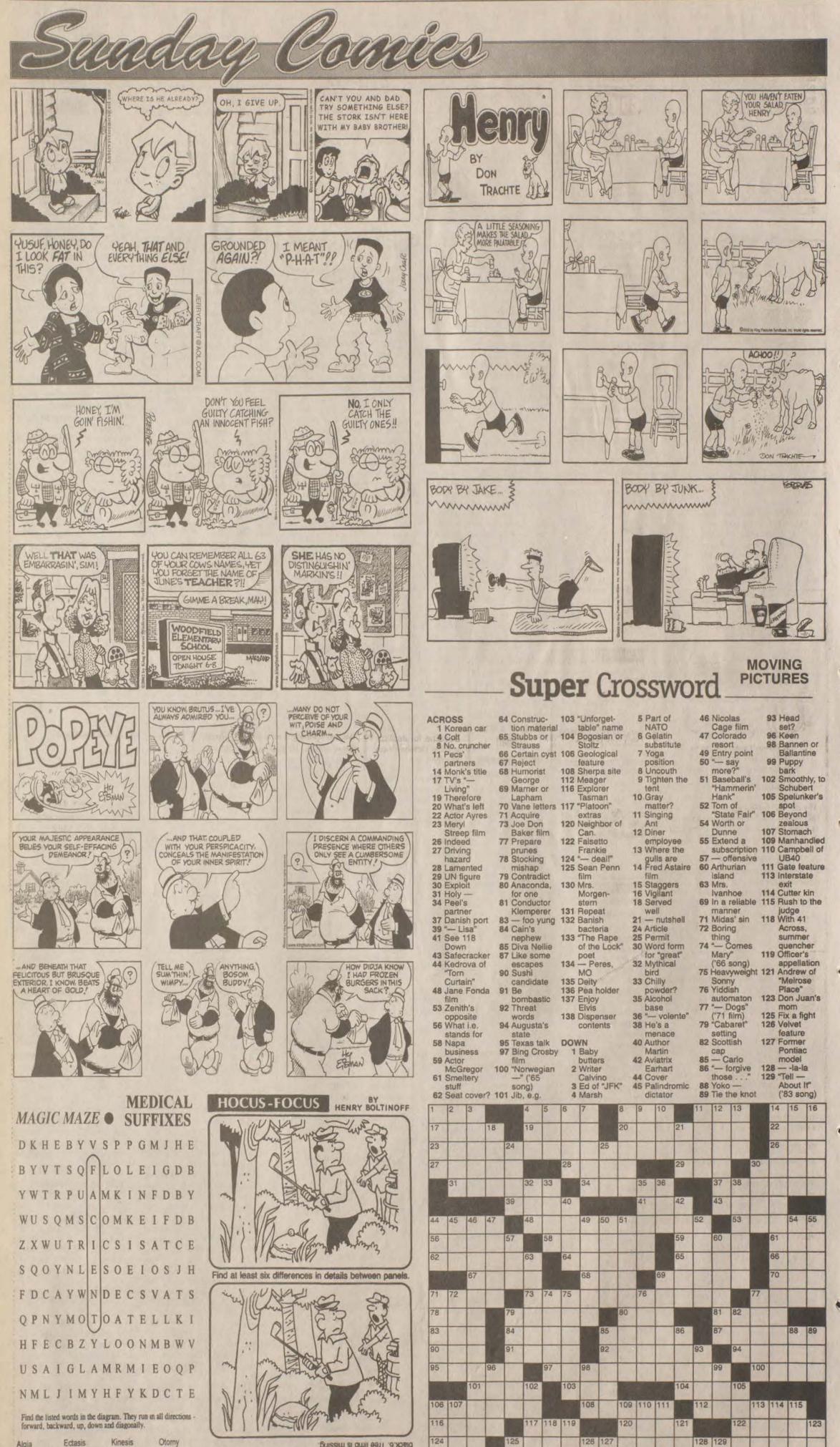


artery obstruction. Questions?

Some evidence suggests



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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Ma can be found on page A2

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