

Jury orders Ky. West to pay mil by JARRID DEATON

HINDMAN - A Knott County jury has ordered Equitable Resources Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company to pay in excess of \$270 million to Fairon Johnson of

STAFF WRITER

According to a statement issued by Johnson's attorney, Johnson's water well pump house exploded on June 5, 2000, causing Johnson to suffer serious burns

Johnson has since recovered from the second-degree burns on his face, ears and neck that kept him in a hospital burn unit for eight days.

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Gary Johnson, attorney for Fairon Johnson, said the company had removed the steel casing from natural gas wells, allowing waste gas, brine and saltwater to seep into the fresh water aquifers. The attorney said the practice is common across the region, which he said means other residents could be injured in the same way Fairon Johnson was.

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"He just walked in there and flipped a switch to turn the pump on," the attorney said. "When he did that, it blew up."

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company and Equitable Resources Inc. deny the allegations and will appeal the case, according to a press release from the company.

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"We continue to believe that these

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allegations are completely without merit," Kentucky West Virginia Gas President Jeff Burke was quoted as saying.

Burke also said that he believes that the company will receive a full and fair review by the Kentucky Court of

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Knott named 'Certified Clean County'

HINDMAN - Gov. Paul Patton officially designated Knott County as a "Certified Clean County" on Wednesday.

At a roadside ceremony near the Knott and Floyd county line, Patton unveiled a sign proclaiming the honor

"I congratulate the leadership in Knott County for their commitment to have a clean county," Patton said. "A mandatory solid waste collection service, combined with a commitment to keep the county clean, will virtually guarantee that Knott County will be one of the cleanest counties in the commonwealth

Knott County received a \$234,000 state grant to clean up its 81 illegal dumps. To be certified, counties must have a

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Civil War battle returning

Friday

Middle Creek Battlefield dedication, re-enactment set for Oct. 25-27;



Union and Confederate "troops" will converge on The Forks of Middle Creek once again to reenact the battle which launched then-Col. James A. Garfield's political career.

#1897 and Humphrey Marshall Camp 34-star Union flag while Kentucky #1492, occupy the meadows alongside Routes 114 and 404 just outside Prestonsburg.

Opry performer Ron Vanover sings The Star Spangled Banner.

Participants in the afternoon pro-

Inmate fools jail 10 months Gets longer sentence

for giving false name

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Hanes City, Fla., man who duped Floyd County Detention Center employees into thinking that he was someone else for 10 months will spend two extra years in jail after pleading guilty to original charges to avoid an indictment for perjury.

William Claude Bentley's ruse was discovered by Charles Hanger, of the Department of Probation and Parole. Hanger found that Bentley had given a false name -Ricky Flores - and Social Security number after he had pleaded guilty to charges of third-degree burglary, first-degree fleeing and evading, receiving stolen property and firstdegree criminal mischief, all class D felonies that stemmed from the November 2001 burglary of Stanville Food World.

Bentley was offered a recommendation of (See INMATE, page three)

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Tomorrow

Tuesday

great-grandson of Garfield to attend

PRESTONSBURG Floyd County and the Big Sandy River Valley may seem like an unusual place for career-defining moves of a future United States president. On January 10, 1862, however, Union Army Col. James A. Garfield, the 30-year-old commander of the 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, ignited his political career with a battlefield victory at The Forks of Middle Creek.

In just a few weeks, James R. Garfield of Mentor, Ohio, will travel for the first time to the scene of his great-grandfather's Union victory.

The Middle Creek National Battlefield Site Dedication and Reenactment Weekend begins on Friday, Oct. 25, when Sons of Confederate Veterans, Andrew Jackson May Camp

On Friday evening, while campfires burn and re-enactors prepare for battle, the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation will host a reception at the Samuel B. May House in Prestonsburg.

Visitors to the May House will be greeted by Col. James A. Garfield and his wife, Lucretia, portrayed by Ed Haney and Debra Weinkamer, interpreters from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor, Ohio.

They will be joined by Dr. Robert Mallin, a retired surgeon from Santa Fe, N.M., who will demonstrate an authentic Civil War period surgeon's medical kit and instruments.

The highlight of this year's reenactment weekend is a gala celebration at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Confederate soldiers will present colors while the Allen Central High School Marching Rebels play Dixie. Members of the James A. Garfield Camp 142, Sons of Union Veterans from Cleveland, Ohio, will raise the

gram include John B. Wells III, master ceremonies; Transportation of Secretary James C. Codell III; Tourism Secretary Ann R. Latta; Education Arts and Humanities Secretary Marlene Helm; Dennis Miller, historian from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site: fiddlers Ann, Josh, and Stacy Carriere of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros; Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin; Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson; state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner; state Rep. Hubert Collins; Kentucky Historical Society President Walter A. Baker; and Kentucky Heritage Council President Jacquelene Mylor.

Col. Randy White, will make a special presentation on behalf of the 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Garfield's battalion), which is the name adopted in 1986 by the Army ROTC unit at the University of Akron.

The 450-acre Middle Creek

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Court reopens dispute between church, hospital

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - The Court of Appeals on Friday reopened an ongoing dispute between the United Methodist Church and a Pikeville hospital that has carried its name for 80 years.

The church bought the original site of Pikeville United Methodist Hospital in 1922. later creating a corporation to run it that

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Weighted classes still uncertain

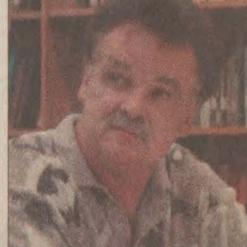
by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - It appears that the motion adopted by a Prestonsburg High School Site-Based Council on August 1 to weight certain classes may not be available to current students as Principal Ron Hampton reported the Board of Education informed

(See CLASSES, page three)

Russell Shepherd, math instructor and site-based council member at PHS, said that students are criticizing the AR policy, saying, "Let us read what we want to read."

photo by Loretta Blackburn



PHS council mulls reading scores

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - As a strategy to counteract an 8.8-point drop in CATS reading scores, the Prestonsburg High School Site-Based Council adopted a motion Thursday to change the accelerated reader policy.

According to Jamie Adams, library media specialist, the reading scores of PHS on the Kentucky Performance Report Accountability Trend showed a drop from 55.7 in 2001 to 46.9 in 2002. One reason offered for the drop was that students were not

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Odds and Ends

SAGINAW, Mich. -Sixty-four years after they went their separate ways, high school sweethearts Donna Baldwin and Rene Hall are tying the knot.

In the late 1930s, they attended school dances, went on long walks and ice-skated in the park. After graduation, they parted and eventually married others.

When Hall's wife of 61 years died in June, he thought of his old girlfriend. The 81-year-old Baldwin and 82-year-old Hall planned to get married Friday in Clare,

"We lost touch, but you don't forget someone you cared for," Hall said.

Baldwin had settled down in a cottage on Lake George near Harrison after her husband of 56 years died in 1998.

Hall, who lives in Bradenton, Fla., read Baldwin's husband's obituary and recognized her name.

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August. He asked her to wear a after an Australian woman who red rose so he would know her after all those years.

"I couldn't believe it when he called," Baldwin said. "I was pretty shaky walking into the hotel, but it just clicked. We felt like old friends."

They talked for just a few hours before Hall returned to Florida, but they stayed in touch and Hall proposed over the phone.

"It's kind of a fairy tale," Baldwin said. "People are very interested in our story. Some women say, 'There's hope for me yet.""

PHILADELPHIA - A judge said a man's insurance company wasn't responsible for the cost of a \$12,475 engagement ring the man gave to a woman he met on the Internet who later dropped out of his life.

Allen Smith, of Philadelphia, He found her phone number, filed a theft claim under his and they met for lunch in homeowner's insurance policy

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called herself Bergittia von Buelow de Rothschild stopped returning e-mails and phone calls shortly after their engagement in 2000.

Smith said a private detective discovered that the woman had lied about her identity. When he tried to get the 2-carat diamond ring back, she dropped out of sight, the suit said.

Convinced that the woman was a con artist, Smith filed a fraud complaint with police and a theft claim with his insurer, Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Stephen E. Levin ruled that even though the woman had misrepresented herself, her actions could not be considered criminal theft.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in 1999 that an engagement ring is a conditional gift that must be returned if a wedding does not take place, but Levin said failing to abide by that standard would be considered a breach of contract, rather than a criminal offense.

Smith's attorney, Joseph Zenstein, said he would appeal. "If you are conned out of something, that is a theft," he said.

Smith courted Rothschild for several weeks via e-mail, then proposed on the last day of her first visit to Philadelphia in February of 2000, Zenstein said.

"He fell in love with her looks and her personality," he said.

The woman returned to Australia and her whereabouts are now unknown, Zenstein said.

Levin said Smith hadn't sufficiently proven that Rothschild entered the relationship with the intention of tricking him into giving her a ring.

ELLETTSVILLE, Ind. When Jim Bristoe told his wife he wanted to build a cannon that would shoot a pumpkin a mile, she told him he wasn't all there.

But he built one anyway,

with a 30-foot-long barrel. It is ton pumpkin cannon to the first **Conner** takes live questions on Louisville TV

by ANABELLE GARAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - The woman suing Gov. Paul Patton fielded e-mails and answered questions from callers during an unconventional live television appearance Thursday.

Tina Conner appeared live on WAVE-TV's 5 p.m. newscast, smiling during some encouraging comments and remaining calm during a few critical ones.

Conner is suing Patton and the state for sexual harassment, claiming her Clinton nursing home got extraordinary assistance from Patton's administration. She alleges Birchtree Healthcare was then was run into bankruptcy by state regulators after she ended her two-year affair with the governor.

Patton has acknowledged the affair but denied helping or punishing Conner.

When asked if Patton should bear more of the blame for the affair, Conner said at the time

powered by a 700-gallon air tank and is appropriately named "Ain't All There." It looks much like a mobile anti-aircraft gun.

"You don't need to cover your ears, but you're going to know I shot it," the 42-year-old electrician and mechanic said during a demonstration on Wednesday.

When Bristoe fires the cannon, a 10-pound pumpkin is hit with 11,300 pounds of force. The pumpkin projectile leaves the muzzle at about 900 miles per hour, he said.

During the test, the cannon fired a pumpkin through the rear of a Pontiac.

Bristoe plans to take the 2-

later. The daytime talk show ost

and psychologist approached

her about appearing on the pro-

and admitting my mistakes,

there is some sort of healing in

that and in hopes that I will

eventually be able to face my

fellow neighbors and not feel

the way I feel inside," she said.

"I feel by coming forward

gram, Conner said.

annual Pumpkin Propulsion Contest at Verizon Wireless Music Center near Noblesville on Saturday.

The contest is sponsored by Indianapolis radio station WRZX-FM. It's the brainchild . of morning show host Gonzo Greg and his colleagues.

"It's more of an exhibition than a competition, and we don't know what to expect in terms of entries," said Greg. He added that it sounds like Bristoe will probably win.

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. - State Rep. Dennis Cleary won't be able to count on the support of his family this Election Day.

The Republican, who represents Wolcott and Southington; is seeking a sixth term in the General Assembly. But relatives have taken out a newspaper ad and planted signs on their lawns in support of his opponent, Democrat John "Corky" Mazurek.

The ad, printed in the Wolcott Community News, reads, "We are tired of Dennis ... Are you?"

Jude Cleary said family members believe his brother is a "corrupt" and "self-serving" politician.

Jude Cleary said the family campaigned heavily for Dennis in 1992, when he ran for his first term. The falling-out has to do with Dennis Cleary's handling of his father's estate, an issue that has been taken to Waterbury Probate Court, Jude Cleary said.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 2002. There are 72 days left in the year.

On Oct. 20, 1973, in the socalled "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy she didn't have the strength to Attorney General William B Ruckelshaus resigned.

violating the civil rights of three civil rights workers who were murdered.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Today's Highlight in History: Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

> In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Miss.

In 1981, three members of Weather the radical Underground were arrested following a bungled armored truck robbery in Nyack, N.Y.

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say no.

"I'm not an elected official," she said. "I felt pressured, I felt fearful of him, his power over my facility."

Another caller asked why Conner took advantage of the favorable treatment and only complained when the affair ended. Conner defended her lawsuit to the interruptive caller, saying she filed suit because the residents of her nursing home were also victims of the stateissued citations.

"The problem I have is that when I no longer slept with the governor, we were unfairly treated and received violations that we have the proof that were unfair and untrue," she told another caller.

Conner acknowledged that taking tips on upcoming inspections was improper but said she doesn't know whether it was illegal.

Conner recently taped an appearance for the "Dr. Phil" show that is set to air sometime

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

■ In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

In 1944, during WWII, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90

In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of

Ten years ago:

The host Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Atlanta Braves, 3-2 in game three of the World Series, taking a 2-1 lead. (This was the first World Series game to be played outside the United States. During the pre-game ceremony, a Marine color guard presented the Canadian flag correctly, two days after another guard held the banner upsidedown before game two.)

Five years ago:

Hungarian-born U.S. financier and philanthropist George Soros announced he would donate as much as \$500 million in aid to Russia over the next three years. Mir cosmonauts performed history's first "internal spacewalk" (because

(See HISTORY, page seven)



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Battle

National Historic Landmark. The battlefield site, some 300 acres within the larger area, is located at the junction of Routes 114 and 404 just west of Prestonsburg. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and declared a National Historic Landmark in 1992, the property was donated in 1998 to the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation by the Fitzpatrick family of Floyd County.

Franklin D. Fitzpatrick, founder and president of the Foundation, said that the Forks (of Middle Creek) Farm, as the property was called, had been in his family since 1798. At the time of the Battle of Middle Creek, it was occupied by his great-greatgrandparents, Minerva and Henry Clay Fitzpatrick.

To his knowledge, none of Fitzpatrick's ancestors actually participated in the Battle of Middle Creek.

"Most of the men in the 5th Kentucky and 42nd Ohio were either from Garfield's home state of Ohio or from places like Wytheville and Abindgon in Virginia," Fitzpatrick said. Some were from Tennessee, and a few from the Big Sandy River Valley, but those were mostly from downriver places like Catlettsburg.

"This is a celebration of our history," Fitzpatrick said, "not only the history of my family's

allowed several directors to

As the hospital grew, its rela-

tionship with the church

changed and it outgrew its origi-

nal location. The hospital bought

an existing facility and deeded it

to the city of Pikeville with the

consent of the church. The city

issued bonds to pay for the new

was settled with a new set of

bylaws and a new agreement

Hospital

be chosen by the church.

National Battlefield area is a stewardship of these hallowed grounds, but the heritage of Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky. We have established a living history memorial to the men who fought in the Confederate 5th Kentucky and Union's 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. We encourage all Eastern Kentuckians to join us for this historic occasion."

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has spent more than \$18 million on projects in the Middle Creek area. An earthen berm was built along Route 114, which screens the road to give visitors a sense of seclusion and also minimizes the impact of traffic noise during re-enactment events. Rehabilitation of Route 114 from the Mountain Arts Center to Clark Elementary School included widening the road, the addition of turn lanes, and reinforced grass shoulders.

Instead of conventional guardrail, the area features a 32inch high guardwall formed from tinted concrete to resemble a native sandstone rock wall. The guardwall serves as a spectator wall along the perimeter of the battlefield.

In addition, three bridges leading to the battlefield feature tinted concrete sidewalls and abutments that match the spectator wall.

Following the dedication ceremony, visitors will be treated to dinner on the grounds, including pulled roast pork, soup beans and cornbread, homemade coleslaw, potato salad, and beans baked

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students from The David School will prepare and serve desserts, including gingerbread, dried apple stack cake, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, fresh apple cake, Mrs. Robert E. Lee cake and buttermilk cake.

After dark on Saturday evening, a fireworks display will symbolize Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall's "burning of the stores" as his Confederate troops retreated in defeat toward the Pound Gap Road. Military units called their supply wagons "the stores;" Marshall ordered the 5th Kentucky to burn the stores so that Garfield's troops would not be able to benefit from confiscating the supplies.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m., re-enactors under the direction of Owen Wright and Jimmy Epling will recreate the Battle of Middle Creek

"We are still accepting registrations from folks who want to re-enactment," the ioin Fitzpatrick said. "Anyone interested in actually participating as a re-enactor should contact Owen Wright at (606) 886-0344."

All the Middle Creek weekend events are free of charge and open to the public. In case of rain, the dedication ceremony and dinner will still be held at the site.

"The city of Prestonsburg is allowing us to use their enormous tent," Fitzpatrick said. "It has side flaps and can easily seat 500 people, so we won't let the weather affect our schedule.'

For more information, contact George, Kentucky Sara Transportation Cabinet, Highway District 12, (606) 433-7791, or visit the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation website at www.middlecreek. org.

Classes

him that to do so would be against policy.

Hampton reported to the council on Thursday that the board of education had informed him that if the school incorporated weighted classes into its curriculum, it would have to be for the fall 2003 incoming freshmen.

Hampton said that the delay is due to the graduation contract that is made with each student as they enter high school. They are informed of how many credits they will need to graduate as well as what classes they will need. "You can't change that in midstream," said Hampton.

Family asks for help finding missing woman



Tina Reynolds Wright

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

BANNER — Family members of a missing Banner woman are asking the public for help in locating her.

Tina Elizabeth Reynolds Wright, 23, has been missing since August 21, according to her family.

According to information provided by the family, Wright was last seen in the Dorton/Pike area in a 1979 Chevy Malibu. A man by the name of Ronnie was seen driving the vehicle.

Wright was wearing short pants, a white t-shirt with blue writing on it, white socks and a pair of adidas shoes when she was last seen.

According to Chris Lafferty, Wright's stepfather, the family contacted Kentucky State Police about one month ago to get assistance in finding Wright.

"She hasn't been in contact with us in two months. We have no knowledge of where she is," Lafferty said.

If anyone has information about Wright's whereabouts, the family is requesting that they contact Chris and Leetha Lafferty at (606) 886-2445.

that the state had informed him that they would not support the

The council finally agreed that they would have to have proof that they were breaking a law or the classes would remain weighted. Vance asserted that if the issue were not resolved by the end of the year the classes would be classi-

Hampton said that to resolve the issue he had contacted Anne Keeting, state school board attorney, to ask for written clarification.



Kentucky Secretary of Tourism Development Ann Latta presents

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Taylor. "If he thought he could

pull one over on the court, he

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Bentley belongs to a man in

"But his plan backfired," said

He stated that the Social

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin with a check for \$100,094.49 to be used on the Mountain Top Recreation Project, which includes the Stone Crest Golf Course. The check is a down payment on a \$1.5 million grant for the project. Latta said that the grant would not have been possible without the help of state Rep. Greg Stumbo, left, and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, right.

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was mistaken."

Inmate

probation from the com.nonwealth in exchange for the plea. He had served over 10 months and was close to getting out on probation when Hanger made the discovery that the name RicKy Flores and the Social Security number that Bentley

had given did not match. According to Wayne Taylor, assistant commonwealth's attorney, the plea entered by "Flores" was set aside based upon the fraudulent behavior of Bentley. Taylor said that the commonwealth offered Bentley three straight years for another plea and in exchange they would not pursue perjury charges, which is another class D felony.

Talor said that Bentley is wanted on numerous felony to Florida to face charges there.

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South Bend, Ind., and there were eight men named Ricky Flores, yet none of them were born in Kentucky. Taylor said that apparently Bentley had made everything up and as a result, "It

wears anything but an orange jumpsuit.' Bentley will spend two more . years in Kentucky's prison system and then will be transported

will be a long time before he

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location and to upgrade equip-By 1991, relations had strained and the hospital's board filed a lawsuit that challenged the church's role. The dispute

Millions

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Appeals that would agree that accident that occurred in the the award does not bear any rea- well house was caused by the

that said the hospital and church would not be legally or financially responsible for the other.

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When four seats on the board were open in 1998, the other directors recommended four candidates that the church rejected. That prompted the latest legal disagreement about the role of the church and the corporation in running the hospital.

A unanimous ruling from a three-judge panel Friday said a summary judgment for the board should be overturned because the church did not have enough of an opportunity to pursue its case.

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sonable relationship to the facts presented at the trial.

"We certainly empathize with Mr. Johnson and are pleased he recovered," Burke said. "But the gas well in question is by no means associated with this accident."

The company alleges that the

Reading

reading for pleasure, but for points.

Tommy Poe, curriculum coordinator, said that in the new policy, points were gone. Poe said that he had asked Adams to call other high scoring schools, such as Johnson Central, to see how they were doing in accelerated reading and the policy that they created was a compilation of what they learned.

Russell Shepherd, math instructor and council member, said that the AR program had received criticism from students and they protested, saying, "Let us read what we want to read."

Adams agreed that students could not always read what they want because of the point system and suggested that they use the Star test to determine the student's reading level and let them choose their own books starting at the lower end of their comfort zone

"We have to get them to read," said Tim Blankenship, English instructor and council member.

Blankenship said that the school needs some policy to get

Clean

mandatory garbage collection program. In return, the state pays for 75 percent of the cost to clean up illegal dumps.

Counties must clean up all illegal dumps, continue to monitor the sites and employ a solid waste coordinator with enforcement powers.

Knott County became the fourth county to receive the designation, following Grant, the problem of illegal dumps.

accumulation of naturally occurring gas in the water well pump house, which did not have ventilation, and was not related to the gas well adjacent to the property.

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The Associated Press also contributed to this article.

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instructor Sharon Sammons,

who said that her son had failed

English even though he had a B

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Complaints about the per-

He said that the council didn't take that into consideration when they passed the motion.

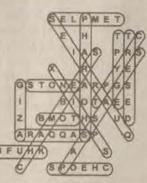
Two of the council members, Blake Burchett and Tammy Vance, disagreed with the board's decision. Burchett requested that they put the information in writing and tell the council why they could not support the motion.

Hampton said that he had asked Supt. Paul Fanning to send someone to the meeting, but Fanning conveyed that he was understaffed. Vance said that the district could not change a school council's decigrades was voiced by dance sion unless a law had been broken and asserted that they had not shown the council that.

"District does not set the rules for our school," said Vance.

Burchett claimed that he didn't want the proof from the district because he didn't trust them and Blankenship said that he requested that they hear it from an would be in agreement for AR to attorney. Hampton informed them

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

OurView **Editorial roundup**

The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa., on the need to focus on terrorism:

Ever since the United State launched its counteroffensive against al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, it has been an open question whether Osama bin Laden survived. There is still no definitive answer, but recent events indicate that the terrorist organization is still capable of causing mayhem and death.

The devastating explosions on Bali over the weekend are the clearest example. ... It was the worst terrorist attack since Sept. 11, 2001. ...

The terrorist activity started earlier this month with the bombing of a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen. It continued with shooting attacks on U.S. Marines in Kuwait that resulted in the death of one Marine and the wounding of another. Both of those attackers were killed, and another 15 individuals linked to al-Qaida were arrested.

The attacks occurred on the anniversaries of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan and the attack on the USS Cole in a Yemeni harbor two years ago. They also coincided with the appearance of new tapes of Mr. bin Laden and his chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri that have been interpreted as urging followers to start a new round of terrorist strikes. ...

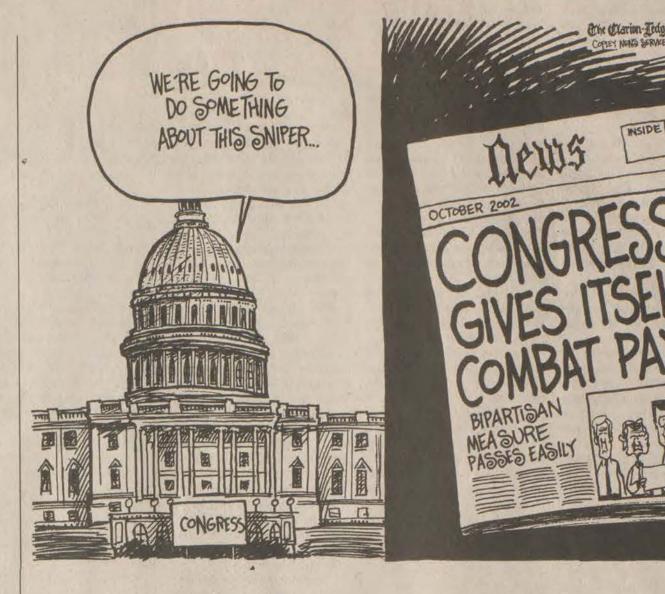
It all goes to emphasize that, despite the attention given Iraq in recent months, the United States must focus on the war against terrorism. Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein might represent a disease that must be quarantined, but al-Qaida and its terrorism are the virulent virus that can still erupt without warning and kill. ...

Chicago Tribune, on sniper-induced fear in Washington:

The sniper who is taunting police and gunning down victims at random is doing far more than frightening the residents of the Washington, D.C. area. His twisted spree of killing has sent a shudder through every American.

We can imagine what the fear must be like in Washington and its suburbs. We can imagine because the victims are just ordinary people, going about daily routines - pumping gas, mowing the lawn, going to school, shopping at a strip mall. ...

When police catch him, they will likely find an explanation. There's already one tantalizing clue: a Tarot card with the message, "Dear policeman, I am God." That suggests a set of personality traits to criminologists, so the maniac may start to come into focus. Many think his skill with a rifle suggests someone with military or police training. Some theorize he's an intelligent, middle-aged white man who has recently suffered a humiliating setback that triggered the spree. In this age, is it too much to wonder if these could be the deliberate acts of a terrorist? ...



-Jim Davidson

I loved you enough

While enthusiasm is the most contagious, love is the strongest of all human emotions and it was placed in each of us by a loving God as a way to express our appreciation and commitment to those people and things that mean the most to us

When we truly love someone it is only natural to have that person's best interests at heart. There is no greater love in all the world than the love parents have for their children. This is a Godlike instinct that is not only present in humans, it is also present in the animal kingdom.

We see examples of this on every hand, and one that comes to mind is the very vivid picture I remember of a mother hen being burned to death in a fire and when she was removed, her baby chicks were still alive under her lifeless body. Now, as the song goes, "If that isn't love, I don't know what is.' If you are a parent, grandparent, guardian or someone else responsible for rearing a child, have you ever heard these words from your child: "You don't love me!" Now, I'm sure in some cases the words "You don't love me" are actually true. There are some people who never feel love and because of this, it's

impossible for them to give love. However, in most cases the child who says, "You don't love me" is actually using these words as a tool to get what he or she wants.

In recent years, discipline has become a major problem in our nation's schools and also in millions of homes across America. If we are to reverse this trend, it is important for us to understand the difference between "true" love and doing what is best for our children, as opposed to letting them use our emotions to do things that may not be in their best interests.

Here I'd like to offer

7. Show your child that you are wise _ enough and strong enough to be the boss

8. Be honest with your children. Tell them the truth. 9. Be generous with

praise and when it comes time to criticize, your child will believe you and respect your judgment.

Raising children in today's times is not easy. There are so many pressures and problems in existence today that were not around 50 years ago. But children

are a blessing and they are a gift from God.

If we do a good job of raising them, when

they are old enough to understand, we

can say "Do you remember when you

used to tell me. 'You don't love me.'?

Well, the truth is, I loved you enough to

ask you to clean your room, to not make

excuses for your lack of respect and bad

manners. I loved you enough to let you

stumble, fall and fail, so that you could

learn to stand alone. But most of all, I

loved you enough to say 'no,' when you

hated me for it. This, my child, was the

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hardest part of all."



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Television and war - both good to avoid

by DONALD KAUL

President Bush gave a speech in "prime time" last week outlining his case for going to war with Iraq and ... the major networks didn't carry it! ABC ran "The Drew Carey Show" while the president balanced us on the brink, CBS had "King of Queens" while NBC featured "Fear Factor." Which leads me to a question:

Why do they call them "major" networks?

It can't be because they're important, because they're not. I mean, here the nation is, gearing itself up for war and the networks can't tear themselves away from the junk they purvey 24/7 — not even for a half-hour! - in order let us know what the boss thinks?

Their lame excuse was that the White House did not expressly ask for the networks to carry the speech, which was in itself astonishing. (White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said they didn't want to give the networks the erroneous impression that the president was going to declare war or anything.) I don't understand it, not on either end.

some positive suggestions and guidelines to help us deal with this problem. In administering discipline and punishment to children, here are nine principles that should be observed:

1. Do not discipline in anger.

2. Do not discipline in retaliation.

3. Do it in such a way as to not embarrass and humiliate the child.

4. Let the discipline be reasonable and let discipline be an expression of love.

5. Above all, ask God to give you divine wisdom in raising that child.

6. Keep your cool. Children need the confidence that only a steady hand and a settled soul can offer.

Edward R. Murrow must be whirling like a dervish in his grave right now.

In any case, the speech was carried by CNN, C-SPAN, MSNBC and the Fox News Channel. It drew approximately 17 million viewers, a terrific number for

cable news but a pathetic one for a country that prides itself on being The World's Greatest Democracy.

What is happening to this nation anyway?

There was nothing really new in the speech, but it was by far the president's most coherent attempt to explain his bellicose stand on Iraq. He said that Iraq, "by its techno-

logical capabilities, by the merciless nature of its regime" as well as its ties to terrorist forces throughout the world, poses a unique threat to us and to the rest of the world.

Saddam Hussein, he said, has proved himself to be a duplicitous foe who has ignored or circumvented all efforts to monitor the rebuilding of his war machine, including nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs. Unless Saddam agrees to real, verifiable disarmament, complete with unfettered U.N. inspections, we must destroy him.

Which sounds good when you say it fast, but it slides by a couple of significant problems, namely:

If Saddam Hussein has these terrible weapons of mass destruction ready to go, why wouldn't he use them if we attack? And if he doesn't have these weapons, what's the hurry in attacking him?



in by Israel, simply inflame the rest of the Muslim world and inspire even more terrorist attacks against us?

He never answers those questions sate isfactorily and probably never will because he doesn't have to. Our brave Congress has fallen sheep-like into line, its members cowed by the prospect of losing the next election to a chestpounding jingo.

Conservatives are always quick to pounce on liberals who dare to oppose wars. Personally, I have never felt the need to apologize for being slow to support a war. It is not a small thing to

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Faith Extra

Don't have a prayer? Prayers lines · mean you can always call for one

by BOBBY ROSS JR. ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Out of a job, "Snooky" from Maryland turns to a 1-800 number

It's not an employment service, though. It's a 24-hour prayer line.

The call reaches the home of an 89-year-old woman - one of a legion of volunteers - who writes down the woman's prayer request and asks God to help.

"Be with her right now, Lord, and help her shut her eyes and

see you," the volunteer prays. "Let her open her ears and hear what you have to say just to her.

The Nashville-based Upper Room Living Prayer Center, an ecumenical ministry funded by United Methodist Men, receives more than 25,000 telephone prayer requests each month and an additional 5,000 by e-mail, fax and regular mail.

It is one of many telephone lines and Web sites across the nation trying to connect people with God.

From the Assemblies of

God's "1-800-4-PRAYER" line in Springfield, Mo., to the Peale Center for Christian Living prayer center in Pawling, N.Y., volunteers take prayer requests around the clock.

Mary O. Benedict, manager of the Upper Room prayer line, said callers like the anonymity the ministry offers. Volunteers ask only for first names and home state or country, but providing even that information is optional.

The telephone requests are forwarded around the world to 350 prayer groups who recite the prayer for 30 days.

"People sometimes are afraid to have other people know they have a problem," Benedict said. But with the Upper Room prayer line, "they can call and know they're safe and share that

concern and have someone pray for them."

Sometimes callers can get help even if a volunteer isn't immediately available. "At the tone, leave your message and rest assured that your request will be prayed for," said a recording on the Peale prayer line recently. A voice on the Silent Unity Prayer Ministry in Kansas City, Mo., comforts callers on hold with the recording, "While you wait, be assured that God's love is with you."

Yet callers should still be careful not to be too trusting, watchdog groups like the Dallas-based Trinity Foundation warn. They advise against giving an address or credit card number to people working for prayer lines.

"I've always said, 'If you call

a prayer line and they want anything more than your first name, hang up on them because God knows your last name,"' said Ole Anthony, Trinity president.

While Upper Room is a ministry of the 8.3-million member United Methodist Church, volunteers are from several Christian denominations. About 120 people in Nashville routinely answer calls on weekdays.

Some work from the Upper Room office, but most have calls forwarded to their homes. Nationally, 6,000 people working two-hour shifts keep the line staffed at night and on weekends - 365 days a year.

"There's so many people that don't have a place to turn," said Clayton Easter, a prayer line volunteer in Columbia, S.C.

The prayer line started in

1977 as a vision of Maxie Dunnam, who was then an editor of Upper Room devotional magazine. The publication still advertises the toll free number - 1-800-251-2468 - but some find the line through chance. A Texas waitress told North Carolina volunteer Jim Davenport she saw the line on a dollar bill she received as a tip.

Margie Smith, 71, answers calls for two hours every Tuesday and Thursday whether she's in Nashville or at her family's retirement home in Florida. On a recent morning, her phone rang 28 times.

"The Lord has blessed me in many, many ways. If I can impart some of the Lord's blessings on the people that call, that

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Religion news in brief

Catholic church lawyers form task force to study abuse

CINCINNATI — Experts in church law have formed a task force to study how they can help America's Roman Catholic bishops implement their new disciplinary policy for priests who sexually abuse children.

The Canon Law Society of America, which ended its annual meeting Oct. 10 in Cincinnati, will give the panel three months to produce a report on the bishops' plan. Critics, including some church lawyers, say the policy violates clergy dueprocess rights and Catholic teaching on redemption.

The policy approved in June bars guilty priests from all church work and, in some cases, from the priesthood. The bishops adopted the reforms after a flood of reports this year about church leaders moving accused priests from parish to parish over the years instead of punishing them.

Canon lawyers hope to ensure that the rights of all are protected, said the Rev. Kevin McKenna of Rochester, N.Y.

being," Ellenson said. "This knowledge inspires them to feel a responsibility to the past and gives them the courage to respond creatively in their own voices to the demands of the present."

A Jewish congregation survey completed last year found 26 percent of the 3,727 congregations in the United States are Reform.

Provost Norman J. Cohen has been serving as acting president. Cohen took over when Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman resigned two years ago after an accusation of sexual misconduct dating back several years surfaced while he led the school. No details of the claim were released.

Catholic schools superintendent resigns

CLEVELAND — The head of Cleveland's Roman Catholic schools, who was a leading proponent of the city's landmark school voucher program, has announced she will step down in June.

Sister Carol Anne Smith, 54,



The Rev. Lawrence O'Keefe of Gallup, N.M., the society's new president, will form the task force. The society has 1,800 members, including lay people and priests, most of whom have degrees in canon law.

Ellenson inaugurated as president of Reform movement's seminary

CINCINNATI – Rabbi David Ellenson has been inaugurated as the eighth president of the school that trains clergy, educators and others for service in Judaism's Reform movement.

A ceremony for Ellenson was held Sunday at a synagogue in Cincinnati, where the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is located. The 127year-old school has three additional campuses, in Jerusalem, Los Angeles and New York.

Ellenson has written and lectured extensively on modern Jewish history, ethics and thinking, tackling subjects ranging from conversion to Judaism and medical ethics.

"Our students internalize the history and memory of the Jewish past into their very

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played a key role in the fight for vouchers that culminated in June, with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that state money can go to Cleveland children who want to use vouchers to attend religious schools.

"Her leadership was absolutely essential to the Catholic educational story in Cleveland," said Michael Guerra, president of the National Catholic Education Association in Washington, D.C.

The majority of the 51 schools participating in the city's voucher program are Catholic schools.

Smith, who belongs to the Sisters of Humility of Mary, said she is leaving to seek new challenges. A search committee has been formed to find a new superintendent.

"I will be in dialogue and discernment with my congregation before deciding my next service to the church," Smith said.

She has said that religious leaders have a responsibility to help public schools improve as well.

"I have been very grateful to have had a role in moving forward the school choice program agenda in this nation."

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Troy Bentley, 83, of Beaver, died Thursday, October 17, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 20, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Nelson-Frazier Teaberry. Funeral Home, Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Lucille Samons Brown, 49. of Frankfort, formerly of Martin, died Friday, October 11, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

James E. Cooley, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, October 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Emogene McCarty Cooley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Frasure Hall, 79, of McDowell, died Tuesday, October 15, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Opal Brown Hayes, 87, of Ligon, died Friday, October 11, at her daughter's residence in New Boston, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lucille Ousley, 93, of Allen, formerly of Hippo, died Friday, October 11, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

D. THARP

Bessie Sexton, 92, of Garrett, died October 12, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Leonard Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jasmine Renee Woods, infant daughter of Jason and Tina Hall Woods of Killeen, Texas, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, October 9, in Killeen, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Harold Blake Adams, 63, of Virgie, died Saturday, October 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Karen Adams. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lindsey LeeAnn Branham, daughter of Randall and Tammy Tackett Branham, of Caney Creek, was stillborn Tuesday, October 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, October 17, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Jessie Elizabeth Blackburn Browning, 85, of Belfry, died Wednesday, October 16, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 19, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Herman Michael Carroll, 48,

Home.

Pike County

of Island Creek, died Friday,

D. KAZEE

October 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nellie E. Doyle Chapman of Stone, died Tuesday, October 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Sadie Mae Chapman, 66, of Kimper, died Wednesday, October 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Edd Chapman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m., under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Genevieve Ruth Bolling Combs, 79, of Tifton, Georgia, died Tuesday, October 15, in Panama City, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 18, under the direction of Albritton-Beaumont Funeral Directors.

Garry Ervin Daugherty, 54, of Cynthiana, formerly of Phelps, died Thursday, October 10, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Hurley Daugherty. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 14, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Mollie Meek Elkins, 96, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, Octtober 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 18, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

Arlene Coleman Elswick, 65, of Dublin, Ohio, formerly of Lower Pompey, died Sunday, October 13, in Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Landen Elswick. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Julia Ratliff Farmer, 95, of Regina, died Wednesday, October 16, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

October 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral

Elder Frank Hopkins, 77, of Virgie, died Sunday, October 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Newsom Hopkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 17, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Peewee Hylton, 64, of Jenkins, died Monday, October 14, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Mullins Hylton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 17, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Herbert Bartley Jr. 35, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, October 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 18, under the direction of Bailey 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.

Mary R. Wheeler McCown of Mount Sterling, died Sunday, October 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Homer McCown. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of Herald & Stewart Funeral Home.

Quince McCoy, 75, of Pikeville, died Sunday, October 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Osborne McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ollie Newsome, 82, of Benton, died Thursday, October 10, in a Princeton hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 13, under the

Service.

Geoffrey Brent Nickell, 25, of Zebulon, died Wednesday, October 16, at his home. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 20, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Marilyn Darlene Prater, 62, of Matewan, West Virginia, died Wednesday, October 16, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Prater. A memorial service was held Friday, October 18, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Martha J. Taylor, 88, of Rising Sun, Maryland, a Pike County native, died Thursday, October 10, at Calvert Manor Healthcare Center, Rising Sun. She is survived by her husband, James B. Taylor. Funeral serconducted vices were Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of Crouch Funeral Home.

Stephen Brian Keith Ward, 18, of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, October 12, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, the result of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Nineveh Webb, 84, of Upper Chloe, died Wednesday, October 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Aileen Potter Wright, 77, of Dorton, died Friday, October 11, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Sammie Wright. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Fannie Baldwin, 89, native of Denver, died Tuesday, October 8, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 11, under the

direction of Calfee Funeral direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

> Maude "Mac" Daniels, 92, of Paintsville, native of Magoffin County, died Monday, October 7. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

> Delano Lemaster, 64, of Shepherdsville, native of Johnson County, died Friday, October 4, at Audubon Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Sara Rebecca Howard Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Sylvia VanHoose, 75, native of River, died Wednesday, October 9, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Earl VanHoose. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Letha Wells, 77, died Saturday, October 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

James A. Witten, of West Palm Beach, Florida, native of 🧖 Johnson County, died Saturday, October 5, in West Palm Beach. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Lawrence County

Willie Perkins, 74, of Ulysses, died Wednesday, October 9, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Christine Webb Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 11, under the direction of Inez Funeral Chapel.

Martin County

Roscoe Lyons Jr., 60, of Lovely, died Thursday, October 10, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. He

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Barry Neal Fleming, 40, of Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, October 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Rose Fleming. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 18, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Anita Mae Harmon Fuller, 39, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday,



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Congressional candidates reveal finances as Election Day nears

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - With just three weeks to go until Election Day, many congressional candidates are hoping to use whatever campaign cash they have to get their message out to voters. But not everyone is looking at the same balance sheet.

The candidates had to file fund-raising reports with the Federal Election Commission Tuesday for the three-month reporting period that ended Sept. 30.

In the Senate race. Republican incumbent Mitch



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"We appreciate all of the business from Floyd County!"

McConnell had nearly \$3.5 million on hand at the end of last opponent, month. His Democratic challenger Lois Combs Weinberg, had about \$1 million.

Despite that disparity, Weinberg's campaign manager, Tim Shock, said \$1 million was plenty.

"I can assure you \$1 million in the last three weeks is certainly enough money to deliver an effective message in Kentucky," he said.

McConnell has received roughly \$5.1 million in contributions to date, according to his report. He received about

\$324,000 during the three-month reporting period that just ended.

So far, individual donors have contributed about \$3.9 million to McConnell's war chest, while political action committees representing interest groups have given him roughly \$1.1 million.

Weinberg has taken in about \$1.5 million in contributions this cycle, with \$259,000 coming in during the three-month period that just ended. In addition, Weinberg has given her campaign \$265,000 and loaned it \$241,000.

"The fact that Ms. Weinberg is forced to dip into her personal family fortune to a large extent demonstrates that she is having a difficult time getting support from Kentucky voters," McConnell campaign manger Hunter Bates said.

Shock disagreed, saying it showed that Weinberg was a candidate who was "willing to put her money where her mouth is and make sure that this campaign has the resources to deliver its message."

Individuals have given Weinberg about \$1.3 million. Political action committees representing interest groups have given her about \$188,000, and Democratic Party committees have given her about \$17,000.

Political observers are keeping an eye on the 3rd and 4th District House races in Kentucky.

In Louisville's 3rd District, Republican incumbent Rep. Anne Northup reported having about \$945,000 on hand to fend off a spirited challenge from Democratic challenger Jack Conway, who had \$386,000 at the close of the reporting period. Northup has taken in nearly

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commit a huge and powerful nation to armed conflict and it should be done with great deliberation, after all other avenues are exhausted.

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 of the need for spacesuits) to restore power to the damaged Spektr module of the space station.

One year ago:

During a visit to Shanghai, China, President Bush challenged Asian leaders to help "save the civilized world" by joining his war against terrorism. Officials announced that anthrax had been discovered in a House postal facility on Capitol Hill.

Today's Birthdays:

Dancer Fayard Nicholas is 88. Columnist Art Buchwald is 77. Actor William Christopher is 70. Actor Jerry Orbach is 67. Country singer Wanda Jackson is 65. Actor Earl Hindman is 60. Singer Tom Petty is 52. Actress Melanie Mayron is 50. Baseball All-Star Keith Hernandez is 49. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 44. Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 38. Rock musician David Ryan (The Lemonheads) is 38. Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander) is 35. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 31. Country musician Jeff Loberg (Emerson Drive) is 26. Actress Jennifer Nicole Freeman ("My Wife and Kids") is 17.

Thought for Today:

"Cynicism is intellectual dandyism." — George Meredith, English poet (1828-1909).

Odds

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Cleary's younger sister, Christine Sergi, told the Record-Journal of Meriden that neither she nor her mother would vote for him.

"I am voting for Corky," she said.

Dennis Cleary dismissed his family's comments in a written statement.

"There have been sibling rivalries since Cain and Abel, Those same conservatives mock liberals for being naïve about the way the world works, for believing that one can reason with an enemy and negotiate itself out of war.

Perhaps, but to me the conservative belief in force is far more naïve. Despite historical evidence to the contrary, they cling to the belief that if you bully people and smash them, you will prevail.

Oh, it generally works at first, but victory inevitably breeds overweening arrogance

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and eventually the counterforces set in motion by the initial victory generally act to bring about ultimate defeat.

Fortunately, the American public will be too busy watching television to notice.

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. is survived by his wife, Gracie Lyons, Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Gracie Maynard, 72, of Inez, died Sunday, October 13, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Virgil Plummer, 78, of Salyersville, died Saturday, October 12, at Salyersville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Eva Howard Plummer. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Delmer "Dale" Miller Jr., 29, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, October 9, in Royalton. He is survived by his wife, Bridgett

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Miller, Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 13, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Knott County

Della Hall Bates, 94, of Kite, died Thursday, October 17, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

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and anyone with integrity and maturity would keep it within the family," said Cleary, the ranking member of the legislature's Public Health Committee.

Jude Cleary said that despite his ad urging people not to vote for his brother, he doesn't know much about Mazurek.

"I think just about anybody would have to have more integrity than my brother Dennis," Cleary said.

Prayer

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is all I can hope for," said Smith, a Presbyterian who credits prayer with helping her husband of 47 years survive lung cancer.

Some callers want God to cure their cancer. Others need help fixing broken relationships. A few hope to win the lottery. Jim Roy, who retired as the center's manager on Sept. 30, said the volunteers don't try to convince callers to pray for something else, but instead hope God can move the person in the right direction.

"We can't be in the judgment business," Roy said. "We can't be into counseling or giving advice or proselytizing or telling our problems. We simply pray for them."

In one case, that meant honoring the prayer request of a woman who called every day for two months asking God for a red Jeep Cherokee. A few years later, she called back.

"She said, 'I didn't get the new red Jeep Cherokee,'" Roy said. "But she said, 'The evangelist who led me to Christ drove up in a brand new red Jeep Cherokee."

"That was a good lesson for all of us."



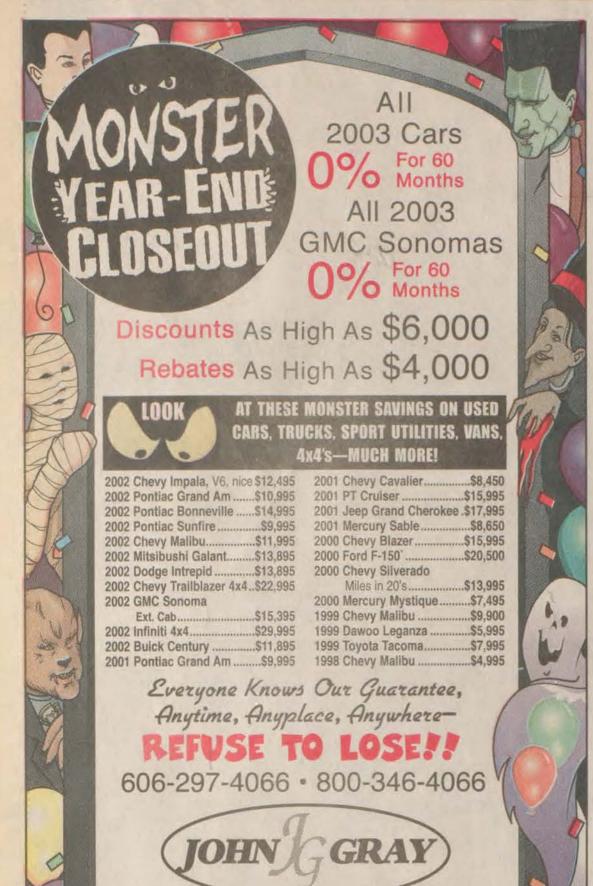
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Fiscal court adds 15 to county road system

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Fiscal Court adopted 15 roads into the county road system at its meeting on Friday.

Roads adopted included Prater's Lane in Hueysville, Joel Crisp Branch in Martin, Little Cemetery Road in Weeksbury, Mike Vanderpool Road in Minnie, DAV Drive in Ivel, Damron Town Road in Weeksbury, Tackett Road in Printer, Elmer's Lane in Weeksbury, Weeksbury Hill road in Weeksbury, Sword Lane in Weeksbury, Meadowbrook in Harold, Storm Hollow, George Hoover Road in Hippo, Young's Lane in Weeksbury and Cuff Lane in East Point

While the court adopted

Reveal

\$2.5 million in campaign contributions to date. Of that, she raised about \$700,000 during the period that just ended.

Individuals have given Northup about \$1.7 million. She's taken in about \$722,000 from political action committees and \$59,000 from Republican Party committees.

Conway has raised about \$1.2 million, with more than on hand, while Republican \$250,000 coming in during the most recent three-month period. He has given his campaign roughly \$10,000 and loaned it

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many roads into the system, it general fund by \$260,000. also recommended that one be closed to all vehicles weighing in excess of 15 tons.

Sugar Loaf Road, located in Sugar Loaf, will be temporarily closed on Oct. 21, to all vehicles in excess of 15 tons due to hazards to the safety and welfare of the general public.

The weight limit on the road will remain in effect until all repairs to the roadway are complete.

The court also authorized the filing of condemnation actions in the Floyd Circuit Court for the purpose of acquiring easements for the implementation of the Auxier Swage Collection Project.

Also at the meeting, the court amended the budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year by increasing the receipts from the

The court also accepted the tax rates that were submitted by the Floyd County Board of Education. Floyd County Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson explained the reason for the acceptance of the tax rates.

"The school board is its own governing body. They set their tax rates," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, the school board would have to send out its own tax bills and then attempt to collect them if the court did not accept the rates.

The court also approved the hiring of Donald Willis to the 911 Department, the appointment of Joe Jacobs to the Sandy Valley Water District Board, and the appointment of Cindy Hackworth to the East Kentucky Recycling Authority.

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\$260,000 of that during the three-month reporting period that just ended.

About half of Lucas' money came from individuals, while the other half came from political action committees representing interest groups.

Republican challenger Geoff Davis had \$300,000 cash on hand as of the end of last month, according to his campaign.

During the recent threemonth filing period, Davis took in about \$183,000 in contributions. To date this cycle, he received roughly \$605,000 in contributions. Individuals gave him \$437,000, while the rest came from political action committees representing interest groups and Republican campaign committees.

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\$50,000.

Individuals have contributed about \$812,000 to the Conway campaign. Political action committees have given him nearly \$375,000, while Democratic Party committees have given him about \$19,000.

In northern Kentucky's 4th district, Democrat Ken Lucas reported having about \$624,000 Geoff Davis had about half that amount.

Lucas has raised about \$1.1 million to date, taking in about

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COMMENTARY

Like father Like son

I realized something the other day. Turns out, my dad and I aren't so different after all.

Someone probably needs to go pick him up. Assuming he bothers to read his oldest son's weekly writings, it's entirely likely he just fainted. Oh well; I hope he didn't hit his head.

I've known for some time now that I inherited a few of his traits. I'm pretty stubborn, and while I'm sure he'd blame that on mom, he'd know better. And as time as passed, I've picked up his tireless work



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down in front of the television. Even there we share some habits - our muting nearly every commercial comes to mind but I thought we were very different

(See BENTLEY, page three)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL **Blue-White** game nears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Kentucky's annual Blue-White game will be played on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. The annual intrasquad scrimmage is played each fall before the Wildcats begin exhibition play. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds from the event will benefit the Boys and Girls Club. The general admission seats are currently on sale at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at ukathletics.com. Seats also can be purchased by calling 859/257-1818 or 800-928-CATS. UK students with a valid ID will be admitted free. Kentucky's 2002-03 season will open on Monday, Nov. 25 in Maui, Hawaii in the Maui Invitational against PAC-10 team Arizona State. The game will be televised live on ESPN beginning at 9 p.m.

Blackcat air attack grounds Pike Central

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

Regional

PRESTONSBURG The Prestonsburg Blackcats played host to Pike Central Hawks on the Homecoming Night at Josh Francis Field, and came away with a huge win for the returning alumni, 62-16.

Mikeal Fannin scored five touchdowns and Nick Jamerson added three the victorious Blackcats. for Prestonsburg came into the contest with a sputtering offense that had produced only 12 points at Belfry the week before, but on this night the Blackcats

⁽See AIR, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell The Prestonsburg defense gave chase to a Pike Central ball carrier.

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The championship is Paintsville's first in the sport of volleyball.

HONORS Locals among nominees for Wendy's High School Heisman Award

> by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

The best of the Class of 2003 is quickly emerging with the release of this year's Wendy's High School Heisman nominees. Student-athletes from Floyd, Pike, Knott, Johnson and Carter counties are among the nominees.

The award was created in 1994 in partner ship with the National Association of Secondary School



Principals and the Heisman Memorial Trust.

'Being nominated for this leadership award above all of their peers is a great feat," said Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy and program spokesperson.

"These students have shown superior ability to set goals and achieve them. They are well rounded: they have worked hard and demonstrated maturity and integrity. It is a great honor."







Games On

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Tap

habits, something those who I worked with as a teen-ager at Quality Food will probably be surprised to read. But one place

I felt like we

were different

was when we sat

TIGERS BEAT ALLEN CENTRAL, WIN DISTRICT

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - After losing to Paintsville earlier in the week, the Allen Central High volleyball team knew it would have to defeat the host Tigers twice to win the 30th

District Volleyball Tournament. And before they could get back to a match against Paintsville, they would have to defeat a fellow Floyd County team, South Floyd.

The Rebels disposed of the Raiders early on Thursday night. winning in two games, 15-4, 15-2.

Then came the showdown with Paintsville. Allen Central won the first match from the host Tigers, winning two of three games (15-10, 13-15, 15-7).

The second match would again

(See WIN, page four)

photo by Steve

South Floyd's Todd Caudill

(57) closed in on Allen Central ball carrier James

Prater in the first quarter of Friday night's Raider win.

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photo by Jamie Prestonsburg High School head football coach John DeRossett and Floyd County Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson were among those present for a field house open house on Thursday night at Josh Francis Field.

CLASS A FOOTBALL South Floyd wins 'Battle of the Beavers'

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd took an aggressive approach to Friday night's 'Battle of the Beavers' contest against rival Allen Central. The Raiders went

into the game with playoff and postseason hopes still alive. It was also Homecoming at South Floyd. The Raiders couldn't find the end

zone on their first possession of the

(See BATTLE, page three)



ALC basketball teams meet media



photo by Steve LeMaster

ALC men's basketball coach Gary Gibson (left) was flanked by seniors Kent Campbell (middle) and Nick Sammons. Campbell is a graduate of Perry County Central High School. Sammons is a graduate of Allen Central High School where he also played basketball.

Rice set to coach first season of college ball

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College men's and women's basketball teams were present at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center on Thursday afternoon to meet members of the media. Both ALC programs feature several former area players. One team,

(See ALC, page four)



photo by Steve LeMaster The old gym in Maytown has a new look thanks to the help of several kind volunteers.

RENOVATION **Old Maytown gym** gets new look

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

MAYTOWN - Thanks to some very helping hands, several pairs of helping hands, the old Maytown gym has a new look.

Several groups from outside Eastern Kentucky borders made major contributions to the renovation project. Dan Chauncy and his family, overseers of the

Area nominees follow.

Tiffany Slone, Knott County Central

Bradley Parke, Knott County Central

Andrew Burchett, Prestonsburg Stephanie Webb, Prestonsburg

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DIRT TRACK RACING **Final BoB event scheduled**

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

The final points race of the 2002 racing season for the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will conclude on Saturday night, October 26 at the Lake Cumberland Speedway in Burnside.

The feature was seven laps complete when Steve Barnett's' car came to a stop on the back straight with a broken drive shaft bringing out the caution flag. While the cars were being lined back up rain started to fall on the three-eighths mile track and continued which made track conditions hazardous and forced the postponement of the remaining laps of the feature until October 26.

The lineup will take the green flag to start the eighth lap and those cars that pitted during the caution flag will restart behind the cars on the lead lap of the race.

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photo courtesy of BoB Tour Knott County dirt track driver Eddle **Carrier Jr has** wrapped up the Battle of the **Bluegrass Series** points title.

ALC softball program on schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - The once dormant Alice Lloyd College softball program is on schedule to field a team again in the spring of 2003. The team will be coached by ALC women's basketball coach Tom Rice. No stranger to softball, Rice is looking forward to also handling the softball coaching duties at the NAIA institution

"It's a definite go now," said Rice. "At first we didn't know for sure, but it's now a sure thing.

Softball equipment was recently ordered. The team is currently looking for a field. In previous seasons, not enough ALC females showed enough interest to field a softball team. Rice now has enough signed up. Among those interested are freshmen Devon Reynolds and Kim Tackett of Betsy Layne and Shannon

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL **GAMES ON TAP**

FRIDAY

Allen Central-Pikeville Bath County-Lewis County Beli County-Perry County Central Betsy Layne-East Ridge Boyd County-Greenup County Breathitt County-Madison Southern Clay County-North Laurel Fleming County-Mason County Ironton, Ohio-Belfry Johnson Central-Lawrence County Knox Central-Knott County Central Leslie County-Estill County Nicholas County-Raceland Phelps-Fleming-Neon Powell County-Morgan County Rowan County-Ashland Blazer Russell-East Carter Shelby Valley-Prestonsburg Sheldon Clark-Magoffin County South Floyd-Paintsville



BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Courtesy photos ACTION...Betsy Layne Elementary School has enjoyed success this season in both football and girls' basketball. The boys' basketball season begins next month at the school.



McMurray courtesy photo

on fast-track to stardom

NASCAR

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by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Jamie McMurray sat on the couch in his hauler, his hand casually resting on his girlfriend's knee.

He smiled and laughed - even blushed a little - as he talked about how much his life had changed since he met his the woman he calls his good-luck charm just over six months ago.

Cielo Garcia, NASCAR's former Miss Winston model, really didn't have anything to do with McMurray's rise from a nobody in the Busch Series to a somebody in the Winston Cup series - a status cemented Sunday with his victory at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

But you won't convince NASCAR's newest "Young Gun" of that. Hired by Chip Ganassi just over six weeks ago, McMurray is certain Garcia had a lot to do with it.

(See MCMURRAY, page three)

STATS, INFO. Winston Cup Schedule, Points

Cheer squad competes in Louisville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The East Kentucky United Cheer Starz Allstar Cheerleading squad traveled to Jefferson County to compete in the regional JamFest Cheer/Dance Competition. Over 150 cheer/dance teams registered for the

(See CHEER, page three)



courtesy photo

courtesy photo The Betsy Layne Elementary Ladycats head into the end of Floyd County play battling with Adams for the top spot in the county.

Betsy Layne's 2001 Homecoming Queen, Christine Carroll, was escorted by Brandon Senters this fall in ceremonies. Senters recently battled back from a major surgery. He is now doing well.

MOREHEAD STATE

Morehead State releases 2002-03 men's basketball schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD - The 2002-03 Morehead State University Basketball Eagle Basketball Schedule features 15 home games and road trips to Alabama, Arizona State and Ohio State.

Following a home exhibition game against Kentucky Sports

Reach on Nov. 12; the Eagles will open regular season play in Tempe, Ariz., against the Arizona State Sun Devils, On Dec. 14, MSU will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to meet the State Ohio Buckeyes. Tuscaloosa, Ala., will be the site of a Dec. 23 game between the Eagles and the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Among the nonconference home opponents are Marshall (Dec. 17), IUPUI (Dec. 28) and IPFW (Jan. 14).

Several MSU games will be televised. The MSU-Tennessee Tech game in Cookeville, Tenn., on Jan. 4 will be aired by Fox Sports Network South at 2

(See SCHEDULE, page four)



The Youth-Only Firearms deer season, statewide, continues today as part of a twoday hunt. Persons under age 18 may hunt deer with a firearm during this special season. Persons under age 16 who hunt deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who remains in position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times

hunting. However, hunter orange clothing requirements apply for youth and adults alike, and hunter education requirements apply for those hunting.

Several hunters in the area went into this

(See HUNTING, page three)



Paintsville High School studentathlete Lucinda Castle won the most valuable player award of the 30th District Volleyball

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

Feb. 17 - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton) Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth) March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin) March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart) March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin) ■ March 24 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch) April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth) April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte) April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) April 28 - NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson) May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart) May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin) June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)

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PROFILE

Team owner has talent for picking winners

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chip Ganassi gained a reputation in CART for finding unknown drivers who suddenly blossomed into superstars. Now, it seems, he is working his magic in NASCAR.

Jamie McMurray burst into the consciousness of NASCAR fans everywhere last Sunday with his startling victory in Charlotte in only his second Winston Cup race.

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in others.

Turns out I was wrong there too.

For years I'd walk into his living room and shake my head while he stared at some news program or another, while his conservatives debated someone else's liberals. It didn't really matter the topic, and there was no need for it to be nearing election time. If two, or three, or four people were arguing about something political, he's there.

I remember once asking him, while he tried to ignore me to concentrate on the tube, if there

McMurray

So far, the 26-year-old McMurray has been a breath of fresh of air.

"Jamie showed a lot of heart when I first met him," Ganassi said. "He's got great communication skills, and I think what you see is a genuine person."

Unlike most of the Winston Cup winners, who can rattle off the name of every sponsor who ever gave them a dollar, he was emotional, excited and downright giddy in Victory Lane.

Driving Sterling Marlin's car after he was forced out of it two weeks ago with an injury, McMurray hardly knows the names of his crew members let alone all the sponsors. So he did the best he could, hoisting one of the sponsors' beers up for the cameras and urging America to "Go buy some Coors Light."

Then he turned to Garcia, who lost her job as Miss Winston two weeks ago when McMurray was promoted to NASCAR's top series, and let her gingerly wipe a tear off his cheek.

"Everything in my life has changed since I met her," McMurray said. "I was living in Kentucky, I was driving in the Busch series, I wanted a Winston Cup ride but didn't know if I would get one.

"Then I met her. I moved to Charlotte, I got a job with Chip and now I'm a Winston Cup winner. It's just been unbelievable. It's like a dream I don't want to wake up from."

It was almost deja vu from a decade ago, when another young, excitable driver would celebrate each win with his former Miss Winston girlfriend and praise her for her role in his success.

was anything - just one single thing - that either side could say that would change who he voted for. It didn't matter to me; I was just looking for a bone here. "No," he said,

"Then why sit there and watch it! If you know who you're going to vote for, what difference does it make?"

I was never satisfied with his reply.

But then came tonight, when I decided on the subject of this column. I was going to tell you about some of my favorite sports shows, the one I religiously tape

Jennifer Brooke Sealy -

although they are in the process

of divorcing - and win four

his way to the same superstar-

him when Ganassi plucked him

out of the Busch series six

weeks ago to drive a third

Winston Cup car for him next

season, true racers had been

aware of McMurray's talent

level for years, certain he'd

Cup points leader, was 14 when

he met McMurray in their early

go-karting days and recognized

12, and I don't know how tall he

is now, but I'll bet he wasn't

over two feet tall - he was the

smallest kid I'd ever seen in a

go-kart in my life," Stewart said.

"But he won most of the nation-

al races in his division that year

McMurray wasn't toiling in

the Busch series when Ganassi

hired him for a ride originally

earmarked for Ricky Rudd. But

when Rudd went elsewhere,

Ganassi took a gamble and lis-

tened to team manager Andy

Graves' recommendation to take

"Jamie was probably 10 or

Tony Stewart, the Winston

eventually get a big break.

his potential.

in his class."

McMurray could well be on

Although few had heard of

Winston Cup titles.

dom.

either daily or weekly, and always watch faithfully.

Then it dawned on me. These shows were ESPN the Magazine's The Sports Reporters (ital) and Pardon the Interruption.

Oh my goodness.

Turns out, I am my father's son.

We like watching people argue.

Wait a minute. That's not it. We like arguing. Period.

The only difference in us is the subject matter. He favors politics; I'm interested in sports.

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a look at McMurray.

Then, when Marlin was injured, the team turned the No. 40 Dodge over to McMurray so he could get some early experience

McMurray's anonymity was partly due to his never having won on either the Busch series of the Craftsman Truck series.

"Everyone wondered why Chip would hire me because I had never won a race," McMurray said. "Well, what they didn't realize is that I am never on a series long enough to win a race. I could have won in trucks, but I was hired to move up to Busch before I had enough time.

"And I might still win in Busch before the season is over, but if I don't, it's because I'm going to Winston Cup."

Now that he's a Cup winner in his second start -NASCAR record - McMurray doesn't have to worry about the critics who said Ganassi made a mistake in hiring him.

"I thought it was going to be just unbelievable pressure to prove I belonged," McMurray said. "Now it's just going to pressure to keep winning. But I can handle it. I've got my goodluck charm."

Award

Sara Dotson, Phelps

Adam Dotson, Phelps Adam Rice, Paintsville Megan Randle, East Carter Since last April, principals, teachers, guidance counselors and athletic directors from every high school throughout the

United States have been invited

to nominate two seniors - one

male and one female - for the

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award. Each nominee receives a certificate of recognition, and moves on to the next phase of the competition. The program is currently in the nomination phase

During each phase, the field is narrowed, As students progress, they are judged by a

Think about it. What is the difference in, say, Crossfire and The Sports Reporters? Very little. One features four guys arguing about politics; the other four guys debating sports. The same can be said for Inside Politics and PTI. It's two people arguing. The difference is semantics.

This idea originally came about through the message board in one of the fantasy sports leagues I'm in. A debate raged for a couple of days between myself and former News-Express sports editor Brad Lockard over who the most dominating player in the NFL is these days.

Brad and I have had some good discussions through the years. We've even flat-out argued a few times, although it is

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lit up the Hawk defense as senior quarterback Joey Willis threw for over 300 yards in the game.

Prestonsburg put 40 first half points on the board by scoring early and often. Mikeal Fannin got the scoring underway after gaining 27 yards on a screen pass on the Blackcats first play from scrimmage, Fannin went six yards for the Blackcat touchdown which put Prestonsburg ahead 6-0 after the missed PAT.

On Pike Central's next drive, the Hawks fumbled away the pigskin and Prestonsburg took over first-and-10 at the Pike Central 49 yard line. It took two plays for the Blackcats to once again find paydirt, this time courtesy of a 46-yard touchdown pass from Willis to Jamerson that put the Blackcats

Battle

game but after holding the Allen Central offense, found paydirt midway through the opening quarter and never looked back. South Floyd would eventually score a 30-0 win.

South Floyd quarterback Landon Hall found receiver Justin Hall for an 80-yard touchdown pass score. Josh McCray added the conversion run to give the Raiders an early 8-0 lead.

Allen Central couldn't make the end zone later in the quarter either. The Rebels stalled and host South Floyd took full

rare that we disagree on either political or sports forums. But when we do, we've been known to speak our minds and let each other have it.

Interesting, though, that in the end, we've never walked away mad. I'm sure neither of us has ever lost one of these tet a tet's just ask us, we'll tell you - but it's never hurt the friendship. If anything, it's thrived.

I enjoy a good debate. I've been told I just flat love to argue. That's possible, I suppose. And Lord knows I love to talk. There's no question about that.

So when the time comes, I welcome a good exchanging of ideas. Brad does too, so we have

a good time when it happens. My dad is the same way, I'm

sure. One thing about it, he may

ahead 12-0 with 6:35 remaining in the opening quarter.

Pike Central refused to fold early as the Hawks took the kickoff and proceeded on a 65 vard touchdown drive that was capped by a 17-yard touchdown strike from Justin McCurry to James Howard at the 4:18 mark of quarter number one and the two point conversion brought the Hawks within four at 12-8. The momentum switch would be short-lived as Prestonsburg needed only :55 seconds to score on a 54 yard touchdown pass from Willis to Jamerson at the 3:23 mark of the 1st quarter. The two point conversion was carried in by Jamerson, and the Blackcats led 20-8 at the end of quarter number one. Pike Central drove deep into Blackcat territory early in the

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Patton-thrown pass and returned it 37 yards to the South Floyd 47-yard line where the Raiders set up shop and went to work.

Brandon Little found the end zone for South Floyd's third and final score of the first half on a 47-yard run with 8:09 remaining in the opening two quarters. The Raiders held the 22-point lead at the break.

Allen Central ended the first half with possession of the football. The Rebels also began and ended the third period with possession of the pigskin but failed

to score in the third 12-minute

third quarter, South Floyd got its

final touchdown in the fourth

quarter on a 13-yard run by

McCray. A McCray conversion

run made it a 30-0 final in favor

"We got a real good team

South Floyd (5-4) finishes its

effort out of our kids," said

South Floyd head coach Donny

season on Friday night when it

hosts Paintsville (6-2). Still

undefeated in the district,

Paintsville scored a home victo-

ry of its own over Hazard, 22-13

Friday night at Memorial Field.

of the host Raiders.

After going scoreless in the

period.

Daniels.

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not be a fan of the "loud mouths" on ESPN, but he sure gets worked into a lather about the ones on CNN.

One of his few desires in life is to see our cable system add FOX's full-time news station to his listings. Like many people, he believes it favors his point of view.

I wonder how much he'd enjoy it, though, if the other side wasn't there too.

My dad and I have had our share of arguments. These are not like mine with Brad; he has won these, clearly. But we don't have that problem so much any-more.

Funny, as I've gotten older, I've come to realize we're not so different after all.

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second quarter, but a fumble gave the ball back to Prestonsburg and the Blackcats took advantage as Fannin rumbled 65 yards up the middle to put the Blackcats ahead 26-8 with 11:18 remaining in the first half.

After Pike Central was unable to produce any offense. the Blackcats scored again on a 50-yard pass from Willis to Fannin and the two point conversion put Prestonsburg in command 34-8 with 1:55 remaining in the first half.

Pike Central was faced with fourth and two from their own 15 yard line with :20 seconds left in the first half and a Blackcat timeout forced a punt. Prestonsburg took over 1st and 10 from the Pike Central 35 yard line with 13 seconds left in the first half. Joey Willis calmly stepped back and hit Fannin on a 35-yard screen pass with only :05 showing on the first half clock, and the Blackcats went into the locker room in front 40-8 at the half. During halftime, Abby Shaffer was named Queen Homecoming at Prestonsburg in front of a big crowd on hand for the event. Prestonsburg took the second half kickoff 40 yards in two plays capped by a 25-yard touchdown run by Fannin and the two point conversion put Prestonsburg in front 48-8 with 10:03 left in the third quarter.

After Pike Central failed to produce any offense, Nick Jamerson fielded a Hawk punt and raced 70 yards for another Blackcat touchdown and Bart Barnette's kick put the Blackcats in front 55-8 with 8:07 left in the third quarter. Pike Central would add another score late on a 1 yard plunge from Eric Coleman to make the score Prestonsburg 55 Pike Central 16 after the two point conversion, but this Homecoming Night belonged to the Blackcats as Kevin Jervis would finish off the scoring with a one-yard touchdown with 2:07 left in the game and Michael Morrison's PAT concluded the scoring as the host Blackcats came away with the impressive 62-16 win over Pike Central on Homecoming 2002.

Jeff Gordon went on to marry

New

Maytown gym, also played a pivotal role in the renovation. The Maytown L.L.C. is up and running hard.

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church of Louisville was a major help, as was the Boston Area Service Group of Massachusetts. The St. Matthews Catholic Church of Winter Haven, Fla. made one of the greatest contributions through donations of time and paint.

Riverview United Methodist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, nine people total, arrived in early-August and stayed some two weeks in Maytown to make sure the project went well on its way of being completed.

The Boston and Louisville groups each numbered 21. St. Mary's Church of Mokena, III. had six people pitch in and help re-do the gym.

Fifty rolls of roofing were

Cheer

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event, one of the best of its kind. The all-star unit, which consists of girls from Knott, Leslie and Perry counties, finished fourth in the Large Junior Elite Division. The group also received a bid to compete in the National JamFest Cheer/Dance Competition in Indianapolis in February of next year.

The all-star squad also placed fifth at the Paramount Kings Cheer/Dance Island Competition in Ohio over last month's Labor Day Weekend. The fifth-place showing enabled the group to receive a bid to the UCA National Cheer/Dance Competition in Dallas early next year.

The all-stars are coached by Angie Back, LeighAnn Brewer, Shane Noble, Wayne Noble, Emaline Noble and Nicole Rose.

Continued from p1 donated by the Christian Appalachian Project. The group from St. Matthews Church in Florida donated 10 gallons of white paint. Father Ralph Beiting donated the yellow and gray paint for the inside of the gym.

Area volunteers included Bobby Prater, Jackie Brown, Brett Campbell, Justin Carroll, Justin Hall, Terri Hall, Kim Hall, Shane Hall, Jessica Slone, Mitch Justice, George Gray, Paul Patton, James Stanley, Jeannie Chauncy, Beth Chauncy and Dan Chauncy.

And the job isn't finished yet. The gym is over 72-years-old and is constantly needing repairs. The amount of help from the area totaled around 150 hours. Much more time put in from area residents is needed for the gym to remain well maintained.

The gym is available for rentals. An auditorium, dorms and a picnic shelter are also available.

A fitness center, Progressive Fitness, is now located inside the old school building at Maytown. Other programs are also available inside the building.

For price lists on the Maytown L.L.C., call 606/285-0539.

BoB

Those cars a lap down or more will remain that way to start the race. There will be 33 laps left in the feature.

There were 34 entries on hand for the event with 22 earning starting spots in the main event. No other entries for the race will be accepted and no one else can start the feature that is seven laps in. By virtue of starting the feature

panel that includes past Heisman winners, and leaders in education, athletics, business and community service. The journey to the final award includes five phases.

The 12 National Finalists will participate in the Heisman weekend festivities from December 13-15 in New York City. ESPN2 will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy' High School Heisman Ceremony. Awards Tom Mueller, President and COO of Wendy's North American, Griffin, program spokesperson, and Dr. Gerald Tirozzie, Executive Director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, will present the 2002 award.

On the Net: www.wendydhighschoolheisman.com

Hunting

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weekend excited, particularly the younger hunters.

The American Woodcock Season is also now open. It opened on Saturday and continues through December 2. The daily limit is three woodcock and the possession limit is six. The American Woodcock is an overlooked game bird that inhabits moist soil areas. Woodcock use their long bills to probe the moist ground for worms, grubs and other insects.

advantage of the situation. McCray scored on a 40-yard

run with 3:08 left to play in the opening period. Wes Hall then found receiver Adam Tackett on a conversion pass for two more points to give South Floyd a 16-0 advantage.

South Floyd got the ball back and was driving at the end of the first period when the quarter ended.

A bright spot for Allen Central came in the opening seconds of the second quarter when Dustin Hammonds intercepted a South Floyd pass. However, the Allen Central possession was short-lived. Freshman Ryan Johnson intercepted an Alex

Winston

June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett) June 16 — Michigan 400,

Brooklyn. (Matt Kenseth) ■ June 23 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

July 6 – Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)

■ July 14 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Kevin Harvick)

July 21 - New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Ward Burton)

July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond. (Bill Elliott)

Aug. 4 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, (Bill Elliott) ■ Aug. 11 — Sirius Satellite

Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)

Aug. 18 – Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Dale Jarrett) Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Jeff Gordon)

■ Sept. 1 - Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon) Sept. 7 - Chevy Monte

Carlo 400, Richmond, Va. (Matt Kenseth)

Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon. (Ryan Newman)

Sept. 22 - MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)

Sept. 29 - Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan. (Jeff Gordon)

Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

■ Oct. 13 - UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C. (Jamie McMurray)

500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

Rockingham, N.C.

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Nov. 10 - Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 17 - Homestead

400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Tony Stewart, 4.128. 2. Jimmie Johnson, 4,031. 3. Mark Martin, 4,006. 4. Ryan Newman, 3,963. 5. Rusty Wallace, 3,946. 6. Jeff Gordon, 3,917. 7. Matt Kenseth, 3,823. 8. Bill Elliott, 3,787. 9. Kurt Busch, 3,766. 10. Ricky Rudd, 3,758. 11. Dale Jarrett, 3,720. 12. Sterling Marlin, 3,703. 13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,624. 14. Jeff Burton, 3,568. 15. Michael Waltrip, 3,492. 16. Ricky Craven, 3,347. 17. Jeff Green, 3,300. 18. Bobby Labonte, 3,286. 19. Dave Blaney, 3,159. 20. Robby Gordon, 3,138.



🔳 Oct. 20 - Martinsville

Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400,

Continued from p2 Eddie Carrier Jr of Leburn is

the 2002 STARS Battle of the

Champion.

sent.



Abby Shaffer was crowned Homecoming Queen at Prestonsburg High School for 2002.

Wes Hall (4) looked to haul in the football for South Floyd.

photo by Steve LeMaste

Win

start out Coach Larry Maynard and Allen Central's way. However, host Paintsville was not willing to finish second in the district on its home court. Paintsville scored one of its biggest wins in the tournament by blasting Allen Central 15-5 in the second game of the championship match. Paintsville topped the Rebels 15-11 in the third and final game of the championship match.

Following the end of the championship match, an alltournament team was named. Named to the team were Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne); Tasha Rice (Betsy Layne); Holly Burton (Johnson Central); Breanne Daniels (Johnson Central); Amanda Shepherd (Magoffin County); Jennifer Howard (Magoffin County); Brittany Zimmerman (Prestonsburg); Miranda (Prestonsburg); Lafferty Brittany Horn (Sheldon Clark); Tiffany Meade (Sheldon Clark): Leslie Holbrook (South Floyd); Megan Hall (South Floyd); Tiffany Turner (Allen Central); Continued from p1

Jackie Martin (Allen Central); Tori Maynard (Allen Central); Shellie Hayes (Allen Central); Jenny Fuller (Paintsville); Stacy Meade (Paintsville); Whitney Reynolds (Paintsville) and Kayla Blanton (Paintsville). Paintsville's Lucinda Castle was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The Tigers finished the tournament without a single match

Both teams advance to next week's Region 8 Tournament at Pike County Central High School.

SCOREBOARD

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p.m. EST. The MSU-Eastern Kentucky game in Morehead on Feb. 15 will be televised live by WYMT-TV, Hazard, with a 7:05 p.m. EST tipoff. The MSU-Ohio State game is scheduled to be a part of the ESPN Plus package, The Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship game will be aired nationally at 4 p.m. EST on ESPN2.

The 2001-02 Eagles finished the season 18-11 overall. Coach Kyle Macy's squad finished second in the OVC regular season with an 11-5 league mark and advanced to the semifinals of the league tournament.

First-team All-OVC guardforward Ricky Minard and third-team all-league guard Marquis Sykes head MSU's list of returnees. Also back are 2001-02 starters Ike Lopez (center) and Kyle Hankins (guard).

Season tickets for Eagle and Lady Eagle home games are available by calling 606/783-2088.

ALC

the men's squad, is coached by former June Buchanan School head coach Gary Gibson. The women's team is coached by Tim Rice, a Floyd County resident and the former head boys' basketball coach at Betsy Layne High School. Rice takes over for Denise Campbell who left the ALC women's program to take the head girls' job at East Ridge High School.

Each team has three returning starters. Both teams also have newcomers. Rice will coach a team with just two seniors and seven freshman. Andrea Kelly, a graduate of East Carter, and Leah Whitley, a Menifee County grad, are the seniors. Delores Jenkins (Perry Central) and Erica Webb (Lawrence County) are the two juniors on the women's team. Sophomores are Allen Central's Shannon Sizemore and Sarah Gooding of Fleming County. The rest are freshmen.

Nick Sammons (Allen Tommy McKenzie Central). (Johnson Central) and kent Campbell (Perry Central) return for the men's team. Leading scorer Jason Collins and Brandon Layne have graduated and are now absent from the

Winners

ALC men's program.

Two freshman on the Rice's first-year college team are both Betsy Layne grads. Devon Reynolds and Kim Tackett will each play their first seasons of college basketball this fall. Rice expects each to contribute early. Reynolds may even start. The returning starters for the women's team are Kelley, Whitley and Jenkins. Whitley was third in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) in scoring last season. The ALC women finished last season with a winning record of 17-16.

"I'm pleased with how hard the girls have practiced," said Rice. "They've worked real hard. And in the same time, they've been very receptive to me and my style of coaching.

"We anticipate to play 8-10 girls, if not everybody. We feel we can be competitive in the conference.'

As a first-year college player last season, Sizemore saw a great deal of playing time. As a sophomore, Rice expects her to play a couple of different positions.

Men's head coach Gary Gibson is upbeat about his team's chances this season. The Eagles finished last season 11-

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19. Without Collins, an All-American, the ALC men's team will have to look to another scorer or two, or three.

According to Gibson, his team will run a three-guard offense with Sammons, McKenzie and Matt Spencer. Campbell and Jimmy Burchett are expected to start at the other two positions. Floyd County natives John Meade and Ryan Shannon, both South Floyd High graduates, will be among the first coming off the bench in the early stages of the season.

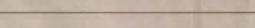
Betsy Layne grad Jeremy Daniels is the top newcomer for Gibson.

Gibson felt the media day was a good thing for all of the ALC basketball players.

"We thought it would be good for all of the kids," said Gibson. "It's a good way for the players and coaches to interact with the media."

Both ALC programs open up on Tuesday, Oct. 29 against Kentucky Christian College.

Note: A full in-depth preview of both the Alice Lloyd men's and women's basketball programs will appear in next Sunday's edition.





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McMurray wasn't even considered a star in NASCAR's Busch Series, where he has been a regular since the start of the 2001 season, nor in the Craftsman Truck Series, where and there and recommended he raced before that.

That's why it was a surprise last month when Ganassi chose the 26-year-old driver from Joplin, Mo., to fill a new third seat on the team Ganassi coowns with Felix Sabates. He was to join holdovers Sterling Marlin and Jimmy Spencer for the 2003 season.

When Marlin suffered a season-ending fractured vertebra in his neck two weeks ago in a crash in Kansas City, Ganassi figured the kid might as well get some seat time in NASCAR's top stock car series. It would help him prepare for a run at the 2003 rookie of the year award. Ganassi was stunned when

NASCAR's newest "Young circle in two races.

"I'm as surprised as everyone else," Ganassi said. "Quite honestly, when we asked Jamie to sit in the car, we said, 'Let's work hard and hope for the best.' "

McMurray's showing certainly has not hurt Ganassi's image as a star-finder, though he always gives a lot of credit to others.

"Everybody wants to look at me for that, and it's not about me at all. It's about the team," Ganassi said, giving credit to team, and seeing how the guy team managers Tony Glover and Andy Graves and crew chief Lee McCall.

Graves really discovered McMurray, first noticing him in 1999 when the kid broke into the truck series.

"He won a few poles and was doing pretty good," Graves said. "My dad was in the truck series then, crew chief for Ron was a good kid.

Darlington "In September), a few of us were sitting up in the truck and Felix said, 'If you had to take a young kid, who would you

McMurray. I told Felix that Jamie had a lot to learn but he might be a superstar someday.

"Felix called Chip right then him." Graves said.

The cautious Ganassi decided to get some advice from someone who had been around NASCAR a lot longer than him. He sought out Jim Hunter, NASCAR's vice president of corporate communications, for his opinion of McMurray.

"Chip Ganassi, of all the people I've ever known in this industry, he doesn't need any help identifying talent," Hunter said, chuckling.

"We did have some discussions and I told him some things about Jamie I thought were true. Jamie McMurray is an outstanding young driver and he's certainly coachable.

"I just told Chip, 'There are Gun" found his way to victory a lot of drivers out there who can go fast, but you've got to find one who can go fast all day.' "Hunter added. "Jamie is going to be an asset to that team.

Ganassi, who had a short career as an Indy-car driver before moving into ownership in 1989, said he has no secret way of spotting talent.

"It isn't anything special that I see," he said. "It's just a lot of factors - things I hear from other owners and people on my team and outside my handles himself on the track and off the track."

His choices in recent years have definitely been something special.

When Ganassi hired Alessandro Zanardi to drive for his CART team in 1996, the response general was: "Alessandro Who?"

It didn't take long, though, Hornaday, and he said Jamie for people to find out that "Alex" Zanardi was the real (in deal. The Italian drove to rookie of the year and third in the points while veteran teammate Jimmy Vasser gave Ganassi the first of an unprecedented four

get?' I told him I liked straight Champ car championships.

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Zanardi won the next two CART titles, then left for Formula One. Ganassi hardly missed a beat, hiring virtually unknown Juan Pablo Montoya of Colombia, who dominated CART in 1999 on the way to a championship in his rookie season, then won the Indianapolis 500 for Ganassi in 2001.

By that time, Ganassi was looking for other worlds to conquer.

In the middle of the 2000 season, Ganassi bought majority ownership of a NASCAR team from Sabates and inherited Marlin, a veteran who hadn't won a race since 1996 and was considered on the downside of his career.

Ganassi reorganized the team and, surprising a lot of people, kept Marlin in the driver's seat of his new Dodges in 2001. The second-generation driver responded to the new environment by winning twice and jumping from 19th to third in the season points. This season. Marlin led the points for 25 weeks and was still a close fifth when he was injured.

Despite the success Marlin enjoyed in the car, when Ganassi put McMurray in the No. 40 Intrepid for six of the last seven races of the season, nobody but McMurray was excited.

In his debut at Talladega, McMurray would have had a top-10 finish if the team hadn't miscalculated and he ran out of gas. He finished an unnoticed 26th.

Then came that amazing win, setting a NASCAR modern era record for the quickest victory in the last 30 years.

Ganassi was asked repeatedly what it was that caused him to zero in on McMurray.

"I think a lot of these young kids today have the talent,' Ganassi said. "It is down to demeanor. ... Everybody is fast these days. After I met Jamie, I kept using the word 'heart.'



Hazard Community College participates in 'Adopt-a-Ghost'

Hazard Community College and all its campuses are participating in the statewide "Adopt-A-Ghost" program to benefit the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky. Sandy Phipps, HCC professor, is coordinating this fundraising event.

During October, Spina

Bifida Awareness Month, HCC employees and students are urging others to "adopt" a paper ghost for a \$1 donation to the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky. The "proud parents" will be invited to sign their names on the ghosts and the ghosts will be put on display

within the college for all to see. Phipps, whose son Johnathan was born with spina bifida, said that she became involved in this program to "benefit Johnathan and families like ours who deal with spina bifida on a daily basis...and to help find a way to prevent birth defects such as spina bifida." Phipps also said that students from the Ti Complex at LBJ Elementary School, in Jackson, also have ghosts that are "up for adop-

tion.' Haddix Food Mart and White Flash II, both businesses

located in Breathitt County, are participating in the effort as well.

Spina bifida is the number one disabler of newborns. The birth defect is caused when the spinal column fails to close properly during the first four weeks of pregnancy. Often

referred to as "open spine," spina bifida occurs in one in 1,000 births in the US. However, in Kentucky, spina bifida occurs at twice the national average - one out of every 500 children is born with

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October 25 dinner deadline for Arsenic and **Old Lace**

Friday, Oct. 25, is the pproaching deadline to make eservations for dinner perfornances of the Little Theatre of lazard's production of Arsenic and Old Lace."

The production is part of ne Greater Hazard Area erforming Arts Series and 'ill be performed as a dinner leatre production during the riday and Saturday shows.

The production will be Nov. 2 and 3 at the First Federal enter at Hazard Community ollege. Those not interested attending the dinner show e invited to attend the inday, Nov. 3 matinee proiction.

The play provides irresistible fun for the whole family. The hilarious misadventures of the Brewster sisters give the pre-holiday season a slightly wicked twist. Anxious to help elderly gentlemen find a peaceful and final resting place, the kindly sisters administer a lethal elderberry wine concoction to them and, following, bury the gentlemen in their cellar. Add to the madcap mix three nephews - one who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt,



potluck dinner on the grounds, complete with a ing guitar; Almeda Wireman, playing banjo; Tom Sheffel, playing guitar; Randy Bryant, playing the "doghouse" bass; and Mark Wireman, playing mandolin. Members of the Commuter and Non-traditional Student Organization (CANSO) at Lees organized the ees. Shown above, from left, are: Darrell Watts, playevent.

CAMPUS CONNECTION Keeping up with technology and progress

There is still time to take a class, acquire a skill, and enjoy the satisfaction of learning! Something is going on all of the time in the Big Sandy Community and Technical College district.

Education has changed tremendously since I was in school. My third-grade son is able to do math problems that I wasn't taught until sixth grade. I am sure for those of you that are parents you are often amazed at the rate your children are learning. This can only tell us one thing - education is vastly evolving and technology rapidly advancing.

College isn't just for those graduating from high school anymore. It is for anyone. Education has broadened its wings and has made learning an easy accessible thing to do.

Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College have taken learning to an even higher level with BIT (Business Industry Training) Classes. BIT classes offer a variety of ways to help those within the business field.

For example, if you own or manage a business and have a training need, Harold Burton, coordinator of community and economic development at Mayo, and Jackie Bowling, coordinator of community and economic development at PCC, are able to visit your place of business and do an onsite analysis. In doing this they are able to propose positive changes that will increase the productivity and efficiency of your business They are also able to set up custom short-term training for your business either at one of the campuses or at your place of business. They are also able to provide your employees with computer training on new software or simply just to improve your business as a whole. We may live in the beautiful moun

(See DINNER, page three)



Sarah Noble, ALC freshman

Following the Purpose Road

High school seniors seem to rush the progress of their last and final year, just to calm the anxiety of what lies ahead. Graduation day, then summer comes and goes ... but, what's next? In my case, Purpose Road was in my near future, as I chose Alice Lloyd College to be my "home away from home" for the next four years.

Alice Lloyd College, although just a hop, skip, and a jump away from my home in Garrett, appears to create a world within itself between these two gates. This Pippa Passes campus offeres small classes with small prices, along with a reputation that is far from small. Becoming an Eagle seemed to be the perfect transition for me, from high school to college.

Leaving behind the security of home, family and friends is always hard. Fortunately, everyone on campus went out of his or her way to make me feel welcome. Living in a dorm, eating in the Hunger

"Pie in the Face" event, and music made for a delightful fall day. "A Touch of Home" provided entertainment at the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College for students and college employ-

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HCC holds Capping Ceremony at Whitesburg Area Technology Center

The Hazard Community College Technical Campus Practical Nursing students held a "capping ceremony" Phyllis Morris, division chair, presided while instructors Andrea Johnson and Brenda Smith presented each student with their nursing cap in the traditional Florence Nightingale Lamp Ceremony.

Both the lamp and the nursing cap are symbolic of nursing. This ceremony marks the successful comple-

tion of the foundation period and prepares these students to enter into a more responsible clinical period. Shown above, front row, from left, are: Melody Smith, Bridgette Sanders, Vicki McGinnis, Janet Adams, Laura Roark, Clayshan Roberts, Christy Doyle, Crystal Polson, Vivian Day. Back row, from left, are: Misty Collier, Sarah Hall, April Fleming, John Cunniff, Julie Stidham, Lori Deal, Renata Breeding. (See PROGRESS, page three)

FRANKFORT **Partnership links** employers with workplace training

FRANKFORT - Employers and employees across the Commonwealth are benefiting from a partnership that helps businesses raise their workers' basic skill levels.

The Workforce Alliance brings together agencies that provide workforce education and training. Through the Council on Postsecondary Education Adult Education Fund, the alliance funds the basic skills portions of workplace projects

The alliance is a collaboration among the council, the Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Adult Education and Literacy, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Cabinet for Economic Development.

Workforce Alliance funding is a tool the Commonwealth can use to raise employees' skill levels and prepare them for advancement in the workplace, said Michael B. McCall, president of the community and technical college system known as KCTCS.

"Well-educated workers are positioned to fill the high-skill, high-wage jobs that Kentucky employers are creating," McCall said. "In the workplace of the 21st century, education definitely pays."

Successful programs such as the Workforce Alliance will be examined at the Governor's Summit on Quality of Life in the Commonwealth, scheduled

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'Education Pays' for HCC students

Two Hazard Community College students are among the 25 to receive "Education Pays" Scholarships which were presented by Gov. Paul Patton and Secretary Allen D. Rose.

Both scholarship winners are nursing students at the Lees College Campus of HCC. They

were Stacy Ballard, age 25, of Beattyville and Jacquline May, 44, of Lerose

Ballard was nominated by Judy Banks of the Department for Employment Services. May was nominated by Haley Sandlin of the Owsley County Adult Education, Department for

Adult Education and Literacy.

In an analysis of Kentucky's job growth, a report by the Department for Employment Services states that education will continue to be one of the most critical factors to one's success in gaining employment in a chosen field. HCC President and

CEO Jay K. Box agrees. "Whether a student enrolls in college for the first

time or comes back after many years, we see that their income increases as the result of obtaining more education."

Dr. Box congratulated Stacy Ballard and Jacquline May on their achievement.



Codell named AASHTO president

James Codell III, Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, was handed the gavel in a special ceremony this past Tuesday, marking his ascension to the Presidency of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for the coming year. Codell, who has been AASHTO Vice-President during the past year, was welcomed to the top job by outgoing AASHTO President Brad Mallory, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. Commissioner Joseph Perkins of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities was elected AASHTO Vice-President for the coming year.

President Codell thanked his own staff members from Kentucky for their hard work, and expressed his appreciation to the AASHTO Board of Directors and other officials and staff of the group in attendance at the meeting.

He also outlined his three emphasis areas for AASHTO action in the coming year: reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, a process in which AASHTO will work closely with Congress to ensure adequate and improving multiyear financing for U.S. transportation; heightened safety in all transportation modes; and environmental leadership in transportation.

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton Medicare Benediciary Outreach Coordinator

My doctor has asked me to sign a "private contract" and says he will not bill Medicare. What is a 'private contract' with a doctor and how does it work?

In this situation a private contract is an agreement between you and a doctor who has decided not to give services through the Medicare program. If you sign a private contract with your doctor you need to be aware of the following:

Medicare won't pay any amount for the services you get from this doctor.

Wou will have to pay whatever this doctor or provider charges you for the services you get. Medicare's limiting charge will not apply.

Vour doctor must tell you whether Medicare would pay for the service if you get it from another doctor who will bill Medicare.



Andrew Dorton, pictured third from left, of Citizen's National Bank, was present at South Floyd High's Raider Stadium for a scoreboard dedication prior to South Floyd's home game against Hazard of Friday, Oct. 11. Also pictured are South Floyd Middle School principal Zenith Hall (far left), South Floyd High teacher and coach Barry Hall (second from left), and South Floyd High principal and boys' basketball coach Henry Webb.

Kentucky's agricultural diversification program hailed as national model

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and the National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices co-sponsored a policy forum for the top ten tobacco-growing states last week in Louisville. The forum focused on how state governments have invested their Master Settlement Funds toward agricultural diversification and development, and tobacco prevention and cessation. An official with the NGA noted that Kentucky's innovative investment, of both human and financial capital, is leading the way in agricultural diversification on a national level. Technology Policy Studies. "I can't overstate how important this is. This is a national model that combines top-down strategic coordination and battam up pleasing."

Chamber Chamber welcomes new members

By Regina Becknell, Executive Director, FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce held their "Eggs & Issues" Breakfast Meeting on October 9th, from 7 to 9 a.m., at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. In shared sponsorship, the Chamber and the Prestonsburg Rotary welcomed our government officials, who shared information on our county to both Chamber and Rotary members. We send our sincere thanks and appreciation to Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Deputy Judge Executive Brett Davis, City of Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, and Senator Johnny Ray Turner, who was present at the meeting, for their support of both the Chamber and Rotary organizations. The conducting panel also included our Chamber President, Mr. David Tackett, of Community Trust Bank, and Prestonsburg Rotary President, Mr. Michael Vance.

During the iEggs and Issuesi event, the Chamber welcomed and recognized the following new Chamber Members:

CareAmerica of Eastern Kentucky, Mrs. Judee Hale, representative. Mrs. Hale originally joined the Chamber as an individual member. She now represents her employer, a new local and regional business. CareAmerica. (606-432-9095)

Prestonsburg Rotary, Mr. Michael Vance, President. Rotary members present included: Dave Kraus, Gan Maddiwar, Eugene Blackburn, Lowell Mitchell, Michael Vance, Jim Walker, John Shiber and Surekha Maddiwar. Rotary Meetings are held each Tuesday morning, at 7:30 a.m. at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge. Beginning January 2003, meetings

Your doctor must tell you if he or she has been excluded from the Medicare program as a result of violations.

Will my Medigap policy or other supplemental insurance pay for the service?

Your Medigap policy will not pay in this situation. Many other insurance plans will not pay for the service either. Check with your insurance plan.

my doctor submit a claim to Medicare for the service?

A No claim should be submitted and Medicare will not pay if one is submitted. A doctor or provider who has chosen to initiate a private contract has chosen to 'opt out' of the Medicare program for a period of two years. In other words, if the private contract is signed with one Medicare beneficiary, the same contract must be signed by every beneficiary the doctor treats. The contract allows the doctor to furnish

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"What Kentucky is doing is the right focus on re-energizing the entrepreneurial spirit in the tobacco community," stated Phil Psilos, the NGA Director of Economic and bottom-up planning.

Kentucky has made a historic effort to diversify away from tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50% of

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Jil Toncray named SAR Coordinator

FRANKFORT- Kentucky Adjutant General D. Allen Youngman has named Frankfort native Jill Toncray Search and Rescue Coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM).

A retired paramedic who once served as the state's paramedic program coordinator, Toncray remains an active volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician. Her on-scene rescue experience is mainly with water rescue and recovery and vehicle

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photo by Steve LeMaster

The Allen Central Middle School Junior Quarterback Club, represented by Tim VanDine (left), manager of C&S Signs of Prestonsburg, presented an appreciation plaque to Azul Grande for supporting the ACMS football team during its 2002 season. Edward Mata, Azul Grande manager, accepted for the restaurant.

Wolfe County educator named Milken winner

FRANKFORT - Howard Kenneth Osborne, principal of Campton Elementary in Wolfe County, is one of Kentucky's newest recipients of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, which includes a financial reward of \$25,000.

Osborne was notified of his award on Wednesday, Oct. 16, when Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, Gov. Paul Patton and representatives of the Milken Family Foundation visited his school. Last week, Spencer County teacher Ruth Ann Sweazy also was named a Milken Family Foundation winner.

Osborne, a member of the Commissioner's Principal Advisory Council, has more than 25 years of experience in education. He earned an associate's degree from Alice Lloyd College, a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree, Rank I and superintendent's certification from Morehead State University. Colleagues describe him as a motivator who

always has the best interests of children in mind.

At the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in Los Angeles next April, winners will receive a check for \$25,000. There are no restrictions on the use of the award the winners may use the money in any way they choose.

The award provides public recognition and a cash reward to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals. The foundation was established in 1985, and the first awards given in 1987. Cacky has participated since 1993, with 40 recipients

since then. This year, 100 educators from 46 states were selected as winners. LOCAL NEWS Knott named a certified Clean County

FRANKFORT - Gov. Paul Patton announced today that Knott County is officially a Certified Clean County. At a roadside ceremony near the Knott-Floyd county line, the governor unveiled a sign proclaiming the honor.

"I congratulate the leadership in Knott County for their commitment to have a clean county," Patton said. " A mandatory solid waste collection service, combined with a commitment to keep the county clean, will virtually guarantee that Knott County will be one of the cleanest counties in the Common-wealth."

Knott County received a \$234,000 state grant to clean up its 81 illegal dumps. To be certified, counties must have mandatory garbage collection. In return, the state pays for 75 percent of the cost to clean up illegal dumps. Counties must clean up all illegal dumps, continue to monitor the sites and employ a solid waste coordinator with enforcement powers.

This is Kentucky's fourth Certified Clean County dedication. Grant, Menifee and Washington counties have already received their Clean County certification. Nine other counties are currently working towards certification. They are: Bell, Hardin, Harlan, Kenton, Letcher, Magoffin, Meade, Pike and Warren. Patton created the Certified Clean County program last year to encourage counties to address the problem of illegal dumps.

support of the program. I will con-

tinue to use the program to ensure

my success." The program allows

the hospital to retain valuable

employees by giving them oppor-

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of OMHS.

tunities to advance within the sys-77

"What we're very proud of is

that we've been able to take indi-

viduals who have started at entry-

level positions, and they've been

able to enhance their education,

enhance their skills, and move up

within the organization," said

Greg Carlson, president and CEO

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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 Oct. 11 to 18.

Pikeville Division Chapter 7

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

David W. Johnson and Bonita S. Johnson, of Langley.

Jennifer R. Blair, of Prestonsburg.

Bobby Allen King and Teresa Lynn King, of Hager Hill.

Bryan Keith Whitten Sr. and Theresa-Marie Whitten, of Prestonsburg.

Danny Eugene Fields and Nancy Lucille Fields, of Inez. Tony Caudill, of Vicco.

Herman L. Hayden and Wilma June Hayden, of Meally. Elmer Lee Justice and Betty

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their names on the ghosts and the ghosts will be put on display within the college for all to see,

Phipps, whose son Johnathan was born with spina bifida, said that she became involved in this program to "benefit Johnathan and families like ours who deal with spina bifida on a daily basis...and to help find a way to prevent birth defects such as spina bifida."

Phipps also said that students from the Ti Complex at LBJ Elementary School in Jackson have ghosts for "adoption." Haddix Food Mart and White Flash II, both in Breathitt County, are participating in the effort as well

Spina bifida is the number one disabler of newborns. The birth defect is caused when the spinal column fails to close properly dur-

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Din, and making new friends quickly began to feel, and to become, routine. The personal attention and relationships I have already formed between my fellow students, as well as my professors, are ones that cannot be duplicated on any other campus. I am finally on the road to achieving my goal of attending Pharmacy school, and ALC is my starting point. I have found that the quality of people Lou Justice, of Pikeville. Jack Eugene Baker and Doris Lee Baker, of Raccoon.

Dennie Lee Hensley and Thelma Jean Hensley, of Lovely. SAmuel Shelby Caudill and

Vicky Lynn Crum, of Nippa. Harles Kyle Watts, of Mousie, and Janie Lynn Watts, of Lackey.

Sylvia Marie Jones, of Salyersville. Jeremy Lee Bellamy and

Regina Dawn Bellamy, of Prestonsburg. Billie Jo Watson, of

Prestonsburg.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt

Michael Childress and Ginnie Childress, of Lookout.

Mike Reynolds and Carolyn Reynolds, of Littcarr. Vernon Osborne, of

Prestonsburg.

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ing the first four weeks of pregnancy. Often referred to as "open spine," spina bifida occurs in one in 1,000 births in the U.S. However, in Kentucky, spina bifida occurs at twice the national average - one out of every 500 children is born with spina bifida.

The condition varies in its levels of effect, from slight discomfort to loss of sensation in the lower limbs to complete paralysis from the opening down. Recent studies have concluded that if a woman takes 0.4 milligrams of folic acid 28 days prior to pregnancy, she will reduce the chance of having a baby with spina bifida by up to 72 percent.

During October, the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky asks local businesses to participate in one of its largest fundraisers. The "Adopt-A-Ghost" program brought in nearly \$20,000 last year. The money raised in this fundraiser goes to help support the many services the association offers free of charge to individuals and their families.

If you would like to participate in the "Adopt-A-Ghost" campaign, contact Sandy Phipps at 1-800-246-7521, ext. 326, or e-mail her at sandy.phipps@kctcs.edu. All donations are tax deductible, and checks are payable to "Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky."

For more information about spina bifida or folic acid, please call the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky at (502) - 637-7363 or send an e-mail to sbak@sbak.org.

Training

for Oct. 17 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort.

The summit - sponsored by the administration of Gov. Paul E. Patton, the Cabinet for Families and Children, KCTCS and the National Governors Association - is intended to produce longterm collaboration aimed at achieving Patton's goal of raising Kentuckians' standard of living at least to the national average by 2020.

"Kentuckians enhance their earning potential as they improve their skills through education and training," said Cabinet for Development Workforce Secretary Allen D. Rose. "The Workforce Alliance is helping individuals better themselves while helping employers build a stronger workforce.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2002, the Workforce Alliance funded adult education and training projects valued at \$856,000 for 127 companies and more than 7,400 employees. Projects addressed basic skills and subject areas such as communication, critical thinking, computation, English as a second language, reading, writing, problem solving, team building, use of technology and introduction to computers.

"Postsecondary education reform in Kentucky is about providing the education and training that Kentuckians want and Kentucky employers need," said Sue Hodges Moore, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education. "Our businesses, our communities and our people all benefit through initiatives like this."

One of the most successful Workforce Alliance projects to date is continuing at Owensboro Mercy Health System, where a self-paced program teaches job skills and increases employees' chances of receiving promotions.

Progress

tains of Eastern Kentucky and our communities may not compete with that of larger cities but we do have the ability to keep up with the ever-changing technology and keep our business at the top of the line with the modern, up-to-date educational facilities that we have within our communities.

If you own a business and would like to set up onsite or campus training, Mayo and PCC would love to assist you. If you of many other skills offered on a www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu.

Model

OMHS is not only a hospital, but also operates a medical-based fitness center called the HealthPark and an urgent care center called Convenient Care.

Working through Owensboro Community College, a KCTCS institution, and the Department for Adult Education and Literacy, OMHS uses a WorkKeys-based program to help employees improve their skills and advance through the hospital system. WorkKeys, a product of ACT Inc., tests a broad array of work skills and provides targeted instructional materials. The employer supplied 12 computers and a lab to which employees have 24-hour access.

Hospital employees begin the program by taking WorkKeys' Applied Mathematics and Reading for Information assessments. Then they start an individual program utilizing tools available in the hospital Educational Development Center to improve their skills. The center offers small-group instruction and a variety of computer- and paper-based study materials.

After completing an average of four to six weeks of self-study, employees take a post-test to determine new skill levels. Employees use these skill level scores to identify positions fo:" which they may be qualified. OMHS offers a \$250 stipend to any employee who completes the program and raises skills to specified levels.

The Educational Development Center set a goal of testing 300 employees during the first year. In all, 318 employees took at least the first WorkKeys assessment test, and more than 230 completed the post-test and were awarded the \$250 stipend.

OMHS employees have realized many benefits. Some transferred to higher-paying jobs within the hospital; others were able to climb the career

ladder in their current areas. Still others found a new sense of self-esteem that allowed them to more confidently deal with challenges in the workplace and at home.

"The program encouraged me to enroll in college. Once I did, it helped me to be successful, even in those classes where I felt the most inadequate, like math," said Shawna McHenry, who is a preradiography student at Owensboro Community College.

"I wouldn't have been able to pass the math classes without the

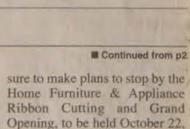
New

will be held at 12 noon each Thursday at Jenny Wiley Lodge.

Pricecutters Public Wholesale, Ms. Carrie Gibson, owner. Located 285 Bayes Branch Road, East Point (606-886-6343). Ms. Gibson is also a proud member of the Chamber Bucks Gift Certificate Program.

Microtel Inn, Mr. James Clark, Manager, and Ms. Linda Howell. Located behind the Mountain Arts Center. (606-889-0331).

Note: Chamber Members be



Opening, to be held October 22, at 10 a.m. at 119 Glynview Plaza. Showing our support of area businesses keeps our county growing.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization created to serve local businesses and business owners. Call the Chamber office for more information (606-886-0364). We are iBusiness Helping Businessî.





David Tackett, left, President, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Judee Hale, right, to the Chamber as representative of CareAmerica of Eastern Kentucky.



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regular basis on one of our campuses, why don't you give them a call? You can reach Harold at 789-5321, ext. 225 or Jackie at 888-641-4132, 228.

We can't keep technology from growing but we can keep our businesses and ourselves ready and up to date with the availability of the BIT classes.

It's never too late to call, remember your business's future depends on what you put into it and education is a great cornerare an individual who just wants stone. Don't forget you can to learn to use a computer or one always visit us on the web at

as well as the quality of education offered at Alice Lloyd College cannot be beat. I am proud to finally be a part of that.

Dinner

one who bears an uncanny resemblance to Boris Karloff and one who's engaged to a minister's daughter - toss in a policeman who thinks he's a and enduring comedies in playwright, sprinkle with a few

AASHTO

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Codell emphasized his support for enactment by states of primary seat-belt laws, saying the 42,000 annual death toll on the nation's highways cannot continue. Primary, as opposed to secondary, laws let police make a traffic stop if they suspect a driver or passenger is not buckled up when state law requires it. Secondary laws only allow citation for lack of belts if another traffic violation caused the stop.

Medi-Care

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services that are normally Medicare approved without having to file a claim with Medicare.

May I receive services from other providers that bill Medicare if I sign a private contract?

any Medicare doctor for other Medicare covered services and those doctors are required to file claims with Medicare.

questions about Have Medicare? 1-800-Call 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.

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Call today to make reservations for the dinner theatre performances of this enduring American stage classic to be performed in our area on Nov. 1 and 2. Contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 800-246-7521, or 436-5721, ext. 8067.

Toncray

Capital City Rescue Squad and and Search and Rescue prothe Shelby County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Toncray also brings training experience to the position, having served 16 years as curriculum specialist with EMS in continuing an exceptional level Kentucky. She is currently a duty officer with KyEM.

"Jill's broad range of experi- responders."

Adopt

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Kentucky's Master Settlement array of investment areas Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Since the inception of the program in January 2001, the Agricultural Development Board has reviewed over 1400 proposals and approved over 750 proposals committing over \$96 million to an array of county, regional, and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. These projects fall in an

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extrication as a member of the ence with emergency response grams in the Commonwealth make her a natural for this job," comments Kentucky Emergency Management Director Malcolm Franklin. "We look forward to of search and rescue training and coordination for Kentucky's including development of a value-added processing infrastructure, technical assistance programs, market and feasibility studies, and on-farm financial assistance.

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"Through investments with the Agricultural Development Fund, we have made notable progress in the past year in reducing dependency on tobacco. Our commitment though must be sustained," said John-Mark Hack, CEO of the Agricultural Development Fund and Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. "There is still much work to be done to ensure a sustainable rural economy for future generations. We have embarked on a long-term project that demands the continued commitment of future General Governors, our Assembly, and the citizens of the Commonwealth.'

Linda Howell, left, and James Clark, right, of Microtel Inn, are pleased to become new members of Floyd County's Chamber of Commerce.



Chamber President, David Tackett, left, welcomes new member, Carrie Gibson, and her business, Pricecutters, to Chamber membership

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed the Prestonsburg Rotary Club to Chamber membership. Pictured in photo, from left to right, are: David Kraus, Gan Maddiwar, Eugene Blackburn, Lowell Mitchell, David Tackett, Chamber President, Michael Vance, Rotary President, Jim Walker, John Shiber, and Surekha Maddiwar.

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charge to individuals and their



dy Creative family fun by Donna Erickson Make and Taste Amish Whoopie Pies

In Lancaster County, Pa., it's not uncommon to find roadside stands featuring a regional specialty called "Amish Whoopie Pie." According to legend, when children would find these yummy treats in their lunch bags, they would shout "Whoopie!" These dessert treats are more like a cake than a pie or a cookie, and they're



so big, you'll no doubt want to share one with a friend. The first recipes were made from chocolate, but this adaptation using pumpkin has become our family favorite.

1. Preheat oven 350 degrees F.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine 1 cup of vegetable oil with 2 cups of brown sugar. Mix well.

3. In a second bowl, whisk 2 eggs, then add them to the first bowl. Continue stirring as you add 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

4. In a third bowl, combine the following dry ingredients: 3 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

Pecan crush tops off peach cobbler

When the producers were ready to introduce their new Take Control Spread, they invited the talented restaurateur, chef, lifestyle and cookbook author, TV personality and gorgeous former model Barbara Smith to create some recipes for them.

"I'm not a chef - I'm a cook," said Smith, when she demonstrated her menu creations at a press function a few months ago. So, the dishes she prepared were simple and home cook-friendly. Among HOPPING them were shrimp chardonnay soup,

1 tablespoon cornstarch 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg Pecan Crunch Topping*

> Thickly slice peaches to make about 6 cups. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease six 4by-2-inch ramekins or an 8- or 9-inch baking dish. Combine peaches, brown sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in large saucepan. Mix gently and

cook over very low heat until peaches are

just tender and syrup has thickened, about

10 minutes. Spoon peach mixture into pre-

pared ramekins. Evenly spread Pecan

Crunch Topping (recipe follows) over

heated 350 F oven 15 to 20 minutes** or until top is

golden. Let cobblers stand 5 minutes before serving.

**Note: If baking dish is used, bake 20 to 25 min-

peach mixture in ramekins. Bake in pre-

Dear Diane... Different views.

Hello, readers. Diane here. Every day my email inbox is filled with letters from you asking for advice. Every so often, though, I get letters from readers who wish to comment on advice I've given. Below is a response to a letter wherein I tried to discourage a young woman from getting a tattoo of one of her grandmother's doodles. I thought the whole idea was asinine and told the young woman so in no uncertain terms.

DEAR DIANE:

Usually I'm in agreement with your advice. However, in your response to "Wanting the Ink" in Indianapolis, you came down rather hard on her.

Now, I have no tattoos and am not an advocate for body artistry that compromises the bodies we were born with, but you may want to keep in mind that in some cultures, tattoos embody religious, spiritual, ancestral and other meanings that have little to do with being "asinine."

I visited Auckland, New Zealand, not too long ago, and a classic example of this is the Maori people. Ironically, some of the more "trendy" younger members of the tribes see tattooing as old-fashioned, but still respect the orthodoxy of their elders.

I just think your broadsweeping view of tattoo art is close-minded. Not all people (even young Americans) who want to have "ink done" are future Hell's Angels. - Melanye, via e-mail

DEAR MELANYE:

I agree that tattoos have religious and cultural significance to aboriginal peoples, but "Indianapolis" is about as Maori as Florence Henderson.

Using your reasoning, I should've suggested to "Indianapolis" that she go the whole nine with the "aboriginal thing" and get a lip-plate and have her neck stretched with a dozen or so neck rings. How fashionably multicultural! Sure, she may feel empowered, but she'd look like a total boob and probably get fired from her job.

I don't like tattoos. They aren't art. But if you want to mutilate your body, then at least use this rule of thumb: If you wouldn't paint it across the front of your house, don't put it on your body.

Enlarged prostate is "old man's curse"

1 teaspoon baking powder 1 tablespoon cinnamon

- I tablespoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt

5. Add dry ingredients to first bowl and stir. The consistency will be similar to batter for pumpkin bread. Scoop 1/4cup quantities of the mixture onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool slightly, remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Assemble by spreading your favorite vanilla frosting on one baked "cookie." Top with another to resemble a giant sandwich cookie. Dust with powdered sugar and serve. Makes 10.

Tip: For a creative twist, add 1/4 cup prepared chestnut puree for every cup of vanilla frosting.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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jerked red snapper with mango chutney, cookies, spiced nuts and a peach cobbler with pecan topping. With Smith's permission, I'm passing along the peach cobbler recipe.

Research and clinical testing prove that the product can lower the

"bad" cholesterol while the "good" remains the same. This means it may reduce the risk of heart disease when eaten twice a day as part of a diet low in saturated fat. Available in Regular and Light, it's in the margarine section of the dairy case. Because the Light spread is a lowfat product, it may not produce the same results in cooking and baking as the Regular.

Here now is the Peach Cobbler with Pecan Crunch Topping. It's easy and deliciously spiced.

PEACH COBBLER WITH PECAN CRUNCH TOPPING

6 large ripe peaches, peeled and pitted 2/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar

ktoberfest

We've Americanized the spelling of Octoberfest. We've streamlined and defatted the hearty German food. And, many of us will dance polka in our minds instead of at a street dance. One thing hasn't changed though ---we look forward to this very special time of the year, when anything and everything seems possible. Bring on the Oktoberfest Fare!

1 1/4 cups chopped onion 1 (16-ounce) package reduced-fat

utes.

3 cups cooked noodles, rinsed and drained

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup

1/2 cup water

1 (14 1/2-ounce) can Bavarianstyle sauerkraut, drained

I teaspoon dried parsley flakes

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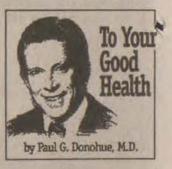
by JoAnna M. Lund

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have the old man's curse. I must get up three times a night to urinate. My doctor tells me it's because my prostate gland is enlarged. There is no cancer. I have had ultrasound pictures of the gland, and they showed no cancer. My doctor has me on a medicine, Flomax. Can medicine take care of the problem? Isn't surgery the only cure? Does this medicine shrink the gland? - F.B.

ANSWER:

You might never need an operation. Some men can live with an enlarged gland using medicines to keep symptoms under wraps. Your medi-



cine, Flomax, does not shrink the gland. It and its two brothers - Cardura and Hytrin relax the muscles that surround the bladder outlet and the muscles found within the prostate gland. Contractions of those muscles make it impossible to completely empty the bladder. That's why an enlarged gland makes a man run to the bathroom day and night. There is a medicine that shrinks the gland.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Through the footsteps of time

Matt Adams (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE GOLFER'S SOUL - THE 2ND ROUND") Reprinted by permission of Matt Adams. (c)2001 Matt Adams.

The men crouched behind low stone walls. Musket fire pierced the air above their heads, randomly seeking the warm flesh of the unlucky one who happened in its path. Worse yet were the sorry souls cut down by cannon fire, the evil spheres that succeeded in the demise of multiple patriots with every blast.

It is hard to imagine the angst, the fear and the nobility of the brave soldiers who squared off on this rocky slope.

I was flooded with emotion as I strode down the majestic fairways of the Carnigie Abbey Course in Portsmouth, R.I. On a perfect New England spring day, I was playing golf with new friends Don, Patrick and Bill.

We had just hit our drives on the tight, slightly dogleg left, par-4 6th hole. I was struck by the sight of a Colonial-era graveyard surrounded by massive stones, stones that for hundreds of years had silently stood as sentries to the confine of its occupants. While the inscriptions

were moving, I found it even more fascinating that this noble site must have sat in near obscurity for two centuries before its liberation from the scrub brush by the artistic stroke of the golf-

course architect.

Describing my emotions to Bill, he was quick to note that directly beneath us, less than 20 yards off the tee, was cken for the Sou

the final resting place of 40 former slaves who had lived and farmed the property during part of

its long history. Approaching our drives, I turned to Manny, my caddie, to express reverence for this special place, when Manny informed me that far more

was to come. On cue, Bill

explained that this beautiful, rolling property on Narragansett Bay was the location of numerous confrontations during the American Revolution. Specifically, the hole we were playing

was the very site of the "Battle of Bloody Run," where estimates are that 500 to 2,000 men had lost their lives and were buried beneath the ground on which we strode.

I stood for a minute in awe, consumed by the thought that a place that was now so beautiful could have been the site of such violence.I can never remember feeling on a golf course the way I felt that day. Part of me felt out of place, as if I was violating this land that still belonged to the hearts, sounds and emotions of its past. Another part of me felt a true reverence, a sense of common union with this spot and an appreciation for the people who had been there before me.

That's when it hit me.

How wonderful, how fantastic is this game of golf that by using this land as

the canvas upon which a beautiful and challenging golf course would unfold, this distinguished land would be freed from its past and from the obscure pages of history. I will admit that I did not know a thing at that time about the "Battle of Bloody Run," much less the actual spot where the battle took place.

Now, thanks to Carnegie Abbey, the efforts and the sacrifices of these brave men would not be lost to obscurity, but would be remembered and forever celebrated because of numerous historical markings and environmental sensitivity.

I love the game of golf, not only for its dignity and camaraderie, but because every now and then the game becomes a vehicle to explore and appreciate something deeper - as on this day, a garden memorial to people who gave so that we may enjoy the moment.



by Philomena

Corradeno

Makes 6 servings.

PECAN CRUNCH TOPPING

1/2 cup granulated sugar

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Avoiding lower - back pain

Books: "I Thought My Father Was God"

"I Thought My Father Was God: And Other True Tales From NPR's National Story Project" Edited ans produces by: Paul Auster (Picador USA, \$15) Reviewed by E.B. Waddell

If you picked a true story to share with the world, what would it be?

In 1999, author Paul Auster posed this question to the American public on the

Sam

& Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver

and Dave Smith

My boyfriend, "Stu," and I

have been living together for

three months now. He's a great

guy, and I love him soooo

much! But, something happened

two weeks ago that has me

in the middle of his lower back

(just below his beltline). It was

the grossest thing I'd ever seen

in my life. After Stu noticed the

growth on his back, he went into

the shower and popped it with a

safety pin he'd dipped in alco-

hol. I'll spare you the details of

the "explosion" and subsequent

majestic

Stu developed a HUGE boil

rethinking our relationship.

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

National Public Radio program their first public appearance. "All Things Considered." He received more than 4,000 responses, and the majority of them were pretty darn fascinating. Auster picked the best of the lot to read on the weekly radio segment, but many worthy submissions had to be left by the wayside. Eventually, Auster decided, there would have to be a book.

This is that book. It contains 179 of the very best stories some appeared on the radio program while others make

Divided into categories like Love, Death and Animals, they are full of amazing coincidences, hilarious observations and touching memories. They are funny, disturbing and just plain odd. They are all glimpses into the lives of others, experiences that each one felt compelled to share.

Most of us are not professional photographers. But those blurry, off-center photographs of our loved ones still mean more to us than the most priceless works of art. Likewise, these stories were not selected for literary merit or style. It is just a book of stories, the kind you might hear around the table at a dinner party, the kind that might be passed down through a family, and some that are just there, ready to be taken as you will. But each one means quite a lot to someone, somewhere.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

Should a boil ruin a relationship?

odor. Since witnessing this and disgusting thing - as event, I cannot bring myself to touch my boyfriend. I can't get the images of that huge boil spoojing all over my shower's tile work. Should I break up with Stu?

GROSSED-OUT IN GEORGIA

DAVE SAYS:

And to think, if Stu had spent more time in the shower, he would've never had that Frankenpimple. Irony can be pretty ironic sometimes

No, you shouldn't break up with Stu. Everyone gets some kind of pimple on their body at some point in their lives. I'll bet you've had a zit or two on your face during the course of your life, and yet Stu still kisses you, doesn't he?

The human body is a gross inevitable gross things about

you've just discovered. If you need any more confirmation of this, try watching the Jerry Springer show. Or visit my relatives. There are (or will be) some gross things about you that might turn Stu's stomach, trust me. But, hey, that's what love is all about: developing an emotional immunity to your significant other's fluids, parasites and fungi. If you can't stand the agar, get out of the Petri dish, sister.

SAM SAYS:

I suppose I could say something pithy like "Love Stu, love his boil," but even I can't believe that. It should be more like, "Love Stu despite his boil." As Dave so succinctly put it, love is about getting over the

your partner. Until you learn to do that, emotionally you're still a juvenile.

What you need to do is supplant that horrid mental image with a good one. Think of something that Stu has done for you that you really enjoyed - a great backrub, a nice dinner out, bringing you flowers for no reason. Then whenever you find yourself beginning to obsess about the boil incident, redirect your thoughts to the good image. It will take some effort at first, but before long you'll find the shower scene fading from your memory.

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.

Lower-back pain, unfortunately, is a common occurrence among active adults today. More than 80 percent of the adult U.S. population has in the past or is currently dealing with lower-back pain.

Common signs of a lowerback condition include numbness in the legs or feet, difficulty in pointing or flexing the feet, and discomfort when sleeping. Current fitness programs fail to improve or even worsen the condition. If you have any of these signs or some not mentioned, it is very important to consult your physician. Allowing these symptoms to continue will only make the condition worse and may cause additional injury.

Weekend warriors and seasoned athletes alike are finding themselves having to deal with back pain. As you develop your fitness plan, incorporating a lower-back program can be a great way to prevent yourself from joining ranks with the sorely afflicted.

Three primary causes of low-back pain - poor posture, flexibility and muscle balance - can readily be addressed throughout your day and during exercise:

Be conscious of your posture and spinal alignment. Even while sitting at a desk, remember to sit up straight with your chair at the proper height to the desk, keep your abdominals slightly contracted, your upper back straight (not slumping over) and your head in a neutral position. Increase your flexibility

by taking time to properly

Foods

1/8 teaspoon black pepper (1 cup) servings.

In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute onion and frankfurters until browned. Stir in noodles, tomato soup and water. Add sauerkraut, parsley flakes and black pepper. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 8

shoulders and legs. Five minutes of stretching can help promote blood flow to the lower-back area and help prevent injuries from sudden movements. When exercising, work

stretch your back, neck,

all muscle groups to prevent them from becoming imbalanced. Implementing a core stability workout (abdominals and lower back) and functional training (engaging in exercises that mirror your everyday life) into your workouts will be extremely beneficial.

Avoid becoming a statistic. Think with your back, and you'll keep coming back to fitness.

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Each serving equals: 194 calories, 2 g fat, 12 g protein, 32 g carb., 912 mg sodi-

um, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Meat, 1 Starch, 1 Vegetable.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com

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ornaments, you can share your vacation with Dickens characters and sing carols around one of the 12 Christmas trees. Enjoy dinner with Mrs. Cratchit, a guest favorite. Skytop room prices begin at \$165 per night during the winter and include three daily meals, all well-prepared and delicious. To get more information about the resort, call 1-800-617-2389 or log on to www.sky-

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December, when things turn magical for the

Christmas season during the Charles

Dickens Weekends. In a setting decorated

with thousands of Christmas lights and

which to do so.

For starters, Skytop is no slouch when it comes to keeping its guests occupied. Lodgers (kids and adults alike) can choose among many included activities, such as archery, miniature golf, the many varied hiking trails, indoor or outdoor swimming downhill or cross-country skiing and yearround Saturday picnics. Adults can enjoy the services of the spa, or get in a round of

The events are kicked up a notch during November's Edgar Allen Poe Weekends. The stone lodge makes a perfect backdrop for this creepy writer's stories. And you and the kids can enjoy a Prince's Ball, Poe's Freakish Feasts, a Grand Magic Show and a

Skytop lodge is Poconos gem

of

golf. More activities are available.

not to mention the whirlpool, ice skating,

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Skytop Lodge resort is located in the

Pennsylvania, just 100 miles from both New

York and Philadelphia. The resort is com-

prised of a picturesque grand lodge with 125

guestrooms and suites, an inn overlooking

its 18-hole golf course and several more-pri-

vate cottages located near the lodge. All this

sits on 5,500 acres of pristine natural beau-

ty, with 30 miles of hiking trails. It is quite

the quiet resort lifestyle, it can seem, well,

For those who have never experienced

a sight, and it offers quite an experience,

Pocono Mountains

dull. No city to bustle about, no list of sights to hurry to, just activities to enjoy or not enjoy and an all-inclusive environment in

very scary laughing contest. The same exuberance is shown in youramerica@hotmail.com.

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The original name of actor Nicholas Cage was Nicholas Coppola -- director Francis Ford Coppola is his uncle. He changed it because he wanted to make it as an actor on his own merits, not because of his famous relative.

It was George Bernard Shaw who observed, "Youth is wasted on the young."

The largest seed in the world belongs to the double coconut palm of the Seychelles Islands: A single seed can weigh up to 40 pounds.

Sputnik" is a shortened form of the Russian term meaning "traveling companion of the Earth."

Some have speculated that Walt Disney World might be a singular phenomenon: the world's only people trap operated by a mouse,



Historically, the G.I. Joe doll has sold better during times of peace than during times of war.

The United States wasn't the first country to think that a canal across the Isthmus of Panama would be a good idea for sea travel and commerce. The French tried building one first, but they failed.

The Romans had a god for almost everything, it seems -- their god of boundary

markers was known, appropriately, as 'Terminus."

The first nation to ban slave trading was Denmark -- and this was way back in 1792

Beginning in 1789, the annual salary of the president of the United States was a whopping \$25,000. After 84 years, it was doubled to \$50,000, then after 36 years it was increased to \$75,000. In 1949 the president got a raise to \$100,000, and it stayed there for 20 years. In 1969, it was doubled to \$200,000, and just last year it was doubled again - President Bush makes \$400,000 per year.

Thought for the Day:

"The worst thing about some men is that when they are not drunk they are sober." --William Butler Yeats

Spam - scourge of the virtual domain

Anyone who's had an e-mail address for any significant period of time knows the frustration of a mailbox clogged with useless junk e-mails we all have come to know as spam.

To some, it's freedom of expression. Isn't that, after all, what the Web is all about? The ability to send a message to anyone literally for nothing, each address a small point of light through which the possibilities are endless.

Interfere with one's right to send spam, the argument goes, and you play with the constitution. Then we slide down that slippery slope, and before you know it, the spam police are beating down your door, those jack-booted thugs confiscating your modem and your first-born child.

Banning spam may be good

enough for the Europeans and the Japanese, but not us Americans. We want to know about discounted Viagra, earning a living working from our homes and "Crystal's new Webcam," wink wink, nudge nudge, say no more!

What about my right not to receive spam? I've earned that, haven't I? Why should I be forced to change my e-mail address every two years just to avoid getting spammed?

Ah, but now along comes the software company that's going to save me from all that spam. Install this simple utility, they say, and you won't get any more spam. Sure, this protects spammers' First Amendment right to tell people about how mortgage rates are at an all-time low, but this utility will act as a spam shield. Happy days!

Beware of strangers bearing gifts, I say. Remember how not too long ago, millions of people were downloading free filesharing utilities, only to find that some these "utilities" contained Trojan horse computer viruses? Your so-called utility may be useful to somebody else in ways you didn't expect.

On second thought, it's all too much to consider. I think I'll

just change my e-mail address ... again. It's a whole lot easier, and besides, it's my own fault in the first place for posting it on that bulletin board for the whole world to see.

What's the expression? "Constant change is here to stay" Or was it, "The more that things change, the more they stay the same"?

Yeah, my brain hurts, too.



1/8 teaspoon salt 2/3 cup chopped pecans 6 tablespoons Take Control Spread

In small bowl combine granulated sugar, brown sugar, oatmeal, cinnamon, salt and pecans. Add Take Control Spread and using two knives or with fingers, cut it or rub Take Control Spread until mixture is crumbly. Spread evenly over mixture in ramekins.

NEW PRODUCT NEWS: Terra Harvest Foods is nationally marketing Mr. Krispers Natural Gourmet Rice Chips, a cholesterol-free snack that is baked, not fried, and is made with all-natural ingredients. There are four flavors: Salt with Cracked Pepper, Sour Cream and Onion, Classic Barbeque and Cheddar Salsa. Especially good for munchers who are allergic to corn or wheat.

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It is Proscar. It blocks testosproduction. terone Testosterone promotes gland growth. A lack of the hormone shrinks the gland. Shrinkage can take six months.

The newly written pamphlet on prostate disorders answers questions about the gland's many problems and their treatments. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 1001W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Is it OK to take vitamins with other medicines? I take a vitamin to pep me up. It worked until I started taking blood pressure medicine. I take the two at the same time. Since taking the blood pressure medicine, I have lost my pep. Does blood pressure medicine work against the vitamin? - T.R.

ANSWER:

It's not a good idea to take vitamin at the same time

you take another medicine. Vitamins can interfere with the absorption of the medicine. Do other medicines interfere with vitamin absorption is a question whose answer I cannot find.

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Play it safe. Take the blood pressure medicine three hours before or three hours after you take the vitamin.

I don't want to dash beliefs, but vitamins boost a person's pep only if that person is vitamin-deficient.

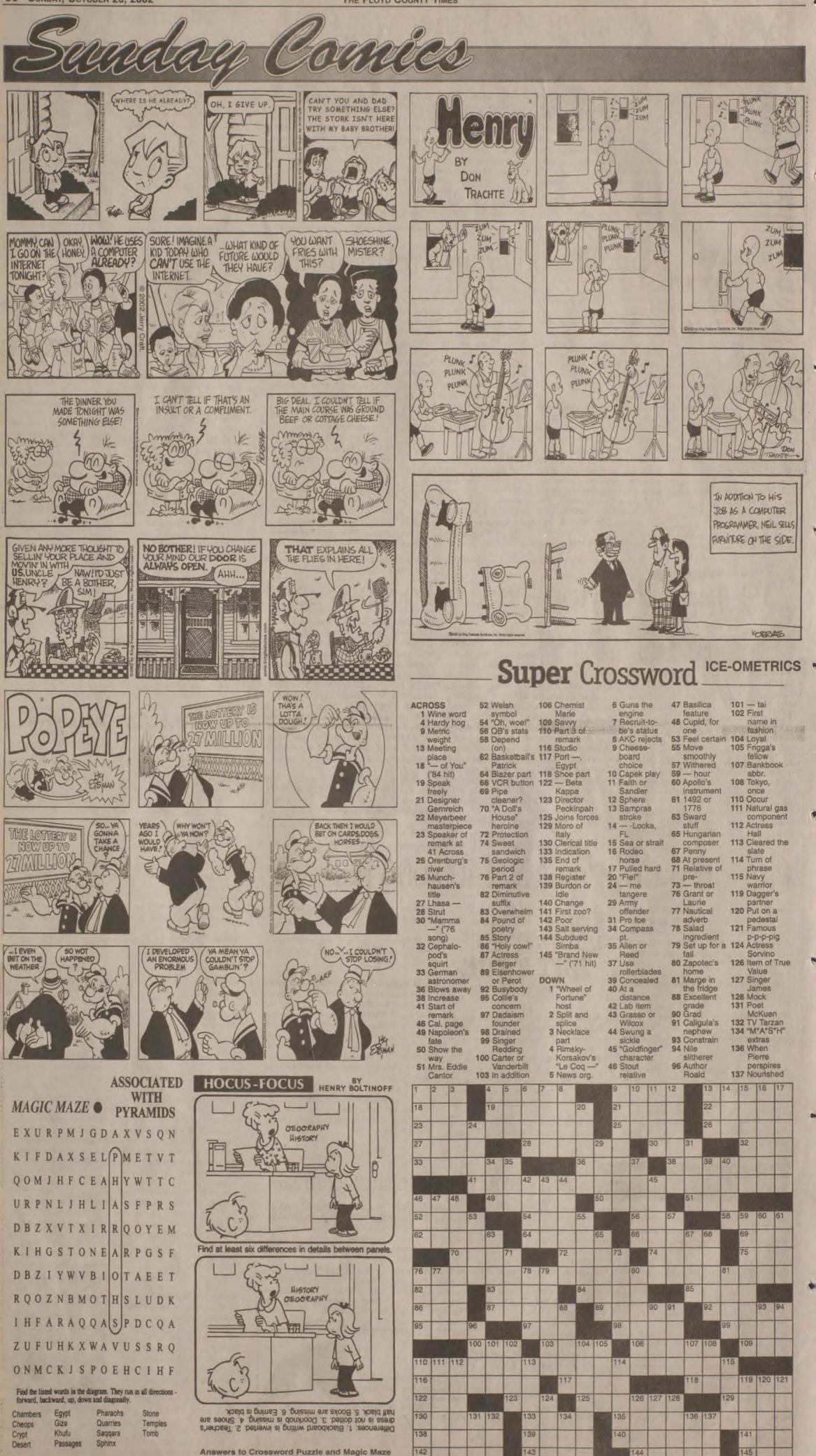
Many blood pressure medicines can make a person feel washed out. If the change in schedule doesn't perk you up, then ask your doctor if the blood pressure medicine could be making you feel blah.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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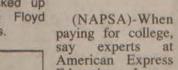
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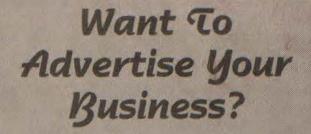
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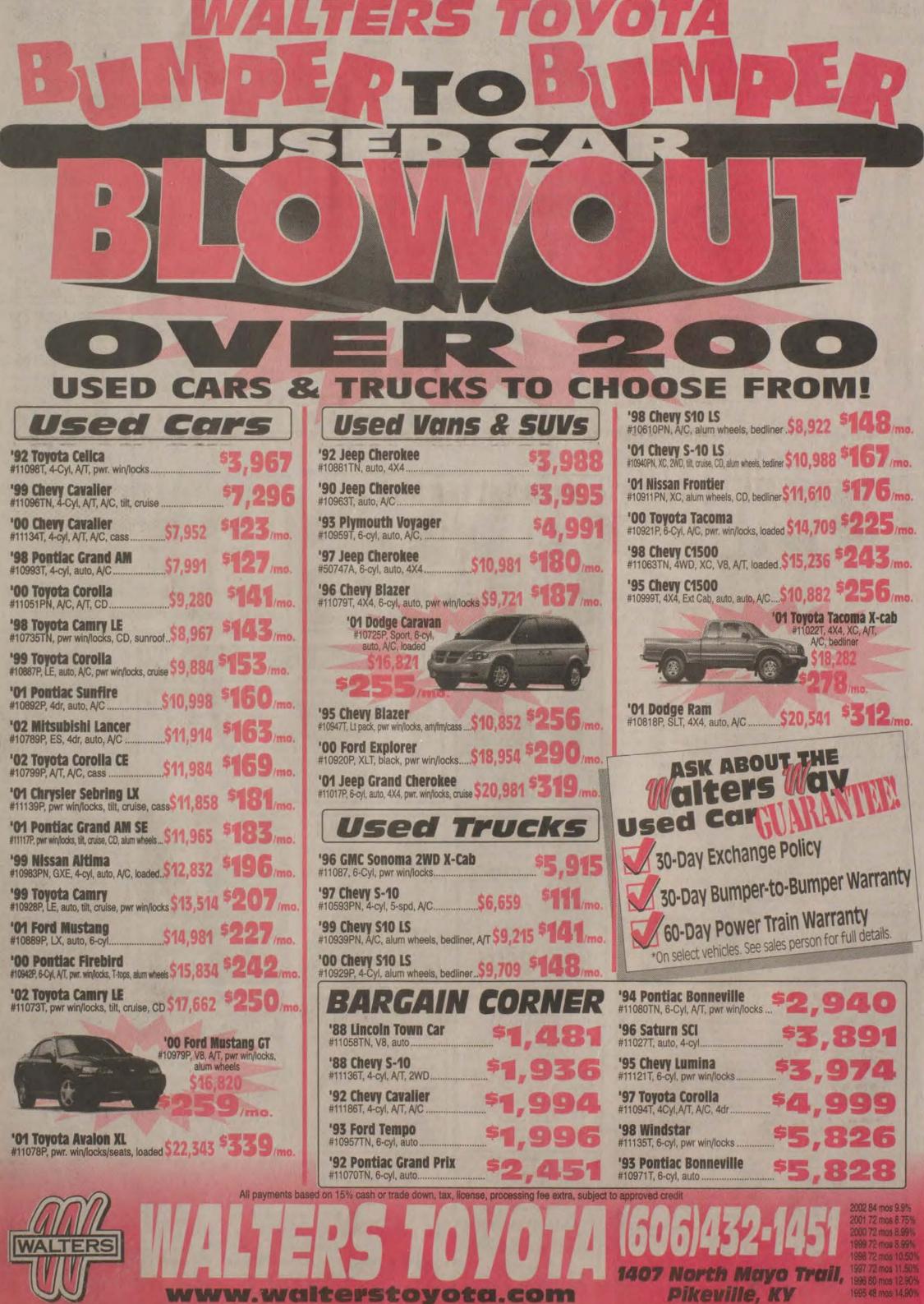
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