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Slurry suit delayed 10 months

The trial of a lawsuit state regulators filed against Massey Energy Inc. over a Kentucky slurry spill has been delayed for 10 months.

The trial now is scheduled to start Oct. 14, 2003, a state Department of Environmental Protection lawyer said. It had been set for Dec. 18.

On Friday, Wayne County Circuit Judge Darrell Pratt delayed the trial because of a crowded court docket, said DEP lawyer Jay Lazell.

In June 2001, the DEP filed the lawsuit against Massey subsidiary Martin County Coal Co. over the October 2000 slurry spill from the company's Big Branch impoundment near Inez, Ky.

On Oct. 11, 2000, the floor collapsed from under the impoundment. More than 250 million gallons of slurry poured into an adjacent abandoned mine, out into Wolf and Coldwater creeks and into the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River, along the Kentucky-West Virginia border.

Lawns were buried up to 7 feet deep, and all the fish were killed in two streams. Drinking-water supplies were fouled along more than 60 miles of the Big Sandy.

The DEP wants to force the company to pay civil

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Drug suspect turns self in

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — A Water Gap man wanted in connection with over \$400,000 worth of drugs seized from his home during a raid by the Kentucky State Police turned himself in on Wednesday.

Millard Pennington, 43, was taken into custody at Allen by the Kentucky State Police.

Warrants were obtained against Pennington for his involvement with the drugs that were found at his residence on Tuesday.

Pennington is charged with cocaine trafficking. Numerous criminal drug charges will be pursued through federal court in conjunction with Special Agent Ryan McComas of the Ashland office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

McComas said Thursday that Pennington could also face an additional federal charge related to an alleged domestic abuse violation. He could not, however, confirm whether or not police are investigating anyone in relation to the bust besides those already charged.

On Tuesday, officers discovered more than 140

pounds of marijuana, half a pound of cocaine, various prescription pills, 20 quarts of moonshine, one weapon and over \$14,000 in cash at Pennington's residence.

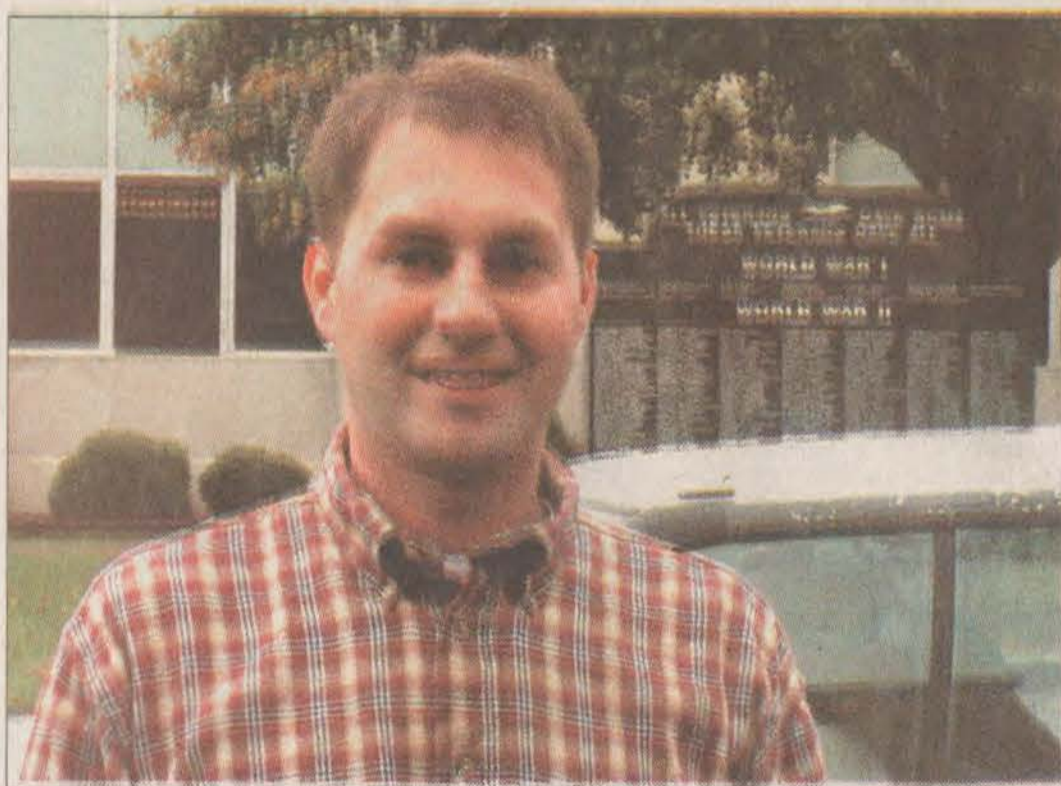
Three other suspects were arrested at Pennington's home during the raid.

Charles "Rooster" Kidd, 43, of Harold, Brenda Pennington, 37, of Prestonsburg, and Katherine McKinney, 39, of Prestonsburg, all received trafficking charges with Kidd being charged with

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Millard Pennington



James "Alan" Williams, who beat incumbent Commissioner Ermal Tackett in the race for District 4 magistrate, is the first Republican to hold a Floyd County seat since 1957 and, at 29, he is the youngest member of the fiscal court.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

First GOP magistrate in 45 years credits Democrats, 'clean' campaign

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

While James "Alan" Williams, 29, of Prater, is the first Republican to be elected to a Floyd County office since 1957, he contributes 80 percent of the support he received in Tuesday's election to Democrats.

The last year a member of the GOP

served in any Floyd County office was when Edgar Howell sat on the fiscal court and the late Gorman Collins Sr. served as sheriff in 1957. According to census figures, most Floyd Countians — 63 percent — weren't even alive the last time a Republican held a county office.

That 45-year drought finally came to an end Tuesday, when Williams

beat incumbent Democratic Commissioner Ermal Tackett, who has served the fourth district for 17 years.

Williams said that his father, Keith Williams, ran against Tackett in a fourth-district magistrate's race 13 years ago and was beat by approxi-

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Woman accused of trying to pass drugs to inmate

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg woman who went to visit inmate Billy Lazar at the Floyd County Detention Center on Oct. 29 was retained after allegedly trying to pass him marijuana.

According to court records, Stella F. Combs, 34, was charged with first-degree promoting contraband for passing a pack of

Marlboro into the jail for Lazar. Upon opening the pack of cigarettes, the officer found a marijuana joint and a small amount of what appeared to be marijuana.

Officers arrested Combs at the detention center and charged her with public intoxication, with the police report stating that she couldn't stand on her feet.

Combs was also charged with possession of

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Plaintiff blames defective air bag for causing wreck

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

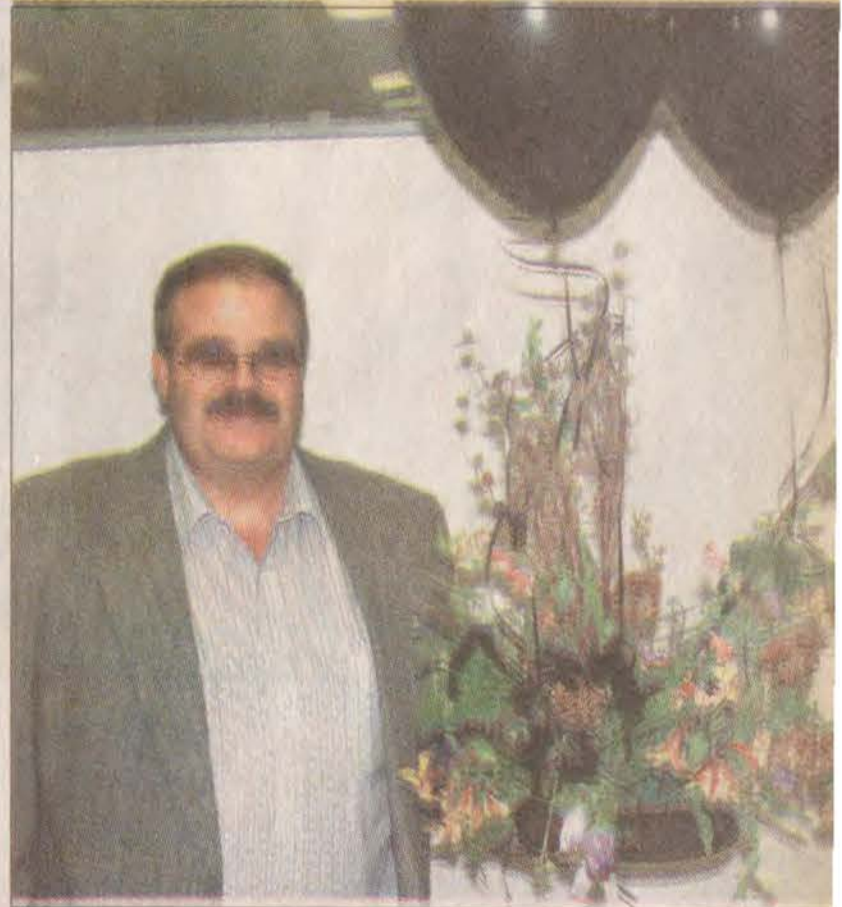
PRESTONSBURG — A man involved in an accident as the result of a prematurely deployed air bag has filed a complaint against Bruce Walters Ford and Toyota Motor Sales seeking compensation.

The complaint, filed October 28 by Georgie Hamilton, states that on March 2, the air bag in

Hamilton's 1998 Toyota Corolla deployed and caused him to lose control of the vehicle. Hamilton alleges that he struck a power pole near the right-of-way along Route 122 at McDowell when the air bag deflated.

Hamilton claims to have purchased the vehicle from Bruce Walters on June 22, 2001, and alleges that they were negligent in not rec-

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Lowell Samons Jr., a Democratic candidate for Floyd County Jailer in the May primary election, received an assortment of dead flowers flanked by two black balloons on Wednesday morning, the morning after the general election. A card with the flowers was addressed, "To All of the O Democrats." Samons said he thought the flowers, sent anonymously, were a cute gesture. The flowers and balloons were delivered to Samons Service Station in Banner.

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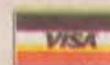
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■ **DENNISON, Minn.** — The 81 voters in this small town liked Dave Nash so much that they elected him to his first public office on Tuesday. In fact, they elected him to two of them.

Nash, 62, was elected to the City Council post to which he had been appointed last December. He got 26 votes. He also got 36 write-in votes for mayor.

"This election result is real good, because there's lots of work to do here and we need a whole city council to do it," Nash said. "We've got 168 people in town and we ought to be a growing community."

Things didn't look good for Dennison city government going into Election Day. There were only two candidates listed for four seats on the City Council and nobody was on the ballot for the mayor's job, since being mayor means being city dog catcher and weed inspector for only \$100 a month.

In the end, it turned out all right. With write-in candidates, the new City Council will have just one vacancy: Nash's, when he steps down to become mayor.

■ **MIAMI** — Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan made sure that election night was going to be memorable.

As ballots were being counted in the governor's race, Brogan dropped to one knee, pulled out a diamond ring and asked Courtney Strickland to marry him.

When the 26-year-old law student accepted, the couple broke the news to Gov. Jeb Bush, former President George Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush as they watched election coverage.

Later, he introduced her to the crowd gathered at the Bush/Brogan election party before the governor made his acceptance speech.

"I wanted the opportunity to share an incredible experience with people who mean a great deal to me," Brogan said.

Brogan, 49, lost his wife and childhood sweetheart Mary to

breast cancer in 1999 after 23 years of marriage. He met Strickland two years ago when friends introduced them.

"For a period of time while I was still smiling on the outside I lost my smile on the inside and she gave it back to me, so I asked her if she would consider being my wife," Brogan said.

Brogan, who is known for his sense of humor and big smile, talked about the engagement after Bush addressed reporters Wednesday.

When asked where he bought the engagement ring, Brogan joked, "The giant claw machine out at the South Florida fair — it cost me 20 bucks and I got 50 pounds of gumballs before I could finally get to it."

■ **ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — Susan and Jerry Wortley decided to visit the Alaska Experience Theatre for a tour of its earthquake simulation auditorium.

So when a magnitude 7.9 earthquake shook Alaska on Sunday, they simply marveled at how authentic it felt.

"We got our money's worth," Jerry Wortley said.

The theater has one auditorium with a 180-degree screen showing Alaska scenery and a smaller auditorium devoted to one of the state's defining events: a major earthquake in 1964.

Customers watch a 20-minute show during which a hydraulic system shakes the floor to give them a taste of sitting through an earthquake.

"Apparently there are two simulations," Wortley said. "We had three."

With summer over, business was slow, and Anchorage couple were the only visitors to the downtown tourist attraction at the time.

Even afterward, as they viewed displays in an adjoining gallery and aftershocks made the ground shake again, the Wortleys didn't catch on.

Susan Wortley thought her wobbly legs were a residual effect of the simulator.

"We thought, 'This was really good,'" she said.

■ **CHICAGO** — Bushman has lost some of the charisma he had when he was the major attraction at Lincoln Park Zoo.

He is stuffed. Officials at the Field Museum think the lowland gorilla can still draw a crowd a half century after his death and plan to give him a more prominent place among the institution's other artifacts and antiquities.

"For every kid who grew up in Chicago in the 1930s and '40s, a trip to the zoo to see Bushman was mandatory," Museum president John McCarter said. "Certainly for my generation, he

was an icon."

Bushman will be given a more prominent spot on the institution's main floor, the centerpiece of a new exhibit.

Bushman came to Chicago as an orphaned baby gorilla in 1930. One the largest gorillas in captivity at the time, he drew an estimated 100 million people to Lincoln Park Zoo in his 20 years there. He first gained national fame at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, and could be counted on to throw a handful of dung at the crowds standing outside his cage.

"We are privileged to have him," McCarter said. "He gives us a great opportunity to tell the story of primates."

■ **STATELINE, Nev.** — And the winner is — Kenneth Wilson of North Carolina.

No, Wilson hasn't won an election. He was after something he thought was worth a lot more.

The Waynesville, N.C., man outlasted 242 other finalists to win the National Champion of Slots title at Harrah's Lake Tahoe

late Monday.

The 65-year-old is scheduled to collect the cash in \$50,000 installments over 20 years.

The retired paper worker and the other contestants each began with zero points. After three 15-minute rounds, Wilson had scored 21,742 points — 988 more than the No. 2 finisher.

"I'm sure it's gonna feel great when I wake up," Wilson said. "My head's kind of spinning right now."

He and wife Helen have two sons and three grandchildren.

"We're not sure how we plan to spend the money just yet, but we do need a new car, so that will probably be the first thing," he said.

■ **HOLDREGE, Neb.** — Rep. Tom Osborne still can't get away from football talk.

During a meeting Monday at Holdrege City Auditorium, the Nebraska football coach turned Republican congressman was

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2002. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1837, Mount Holyoke Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

In 1942, Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1988, Vice President

George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans' winning control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Ten years ago: Volunteers began reading aloud the 58,183 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as part of a tribute marking the tenth anniversary of the monument. Some 350,000 people rallied in Berlin against racist violence.

Five years ago:

Chinese engineers diverted the Yangtze River to make way for the Three Gorges Dam, the most ambitious construction project in modern China's history. Evander Holyfield won the IBF heavyweight title in a fierce fight against Michael Moorer in Las Vegas.

One year ago:

In a prime-time address, President Bush called on Americans to defy acts of terror by strengthening their communities, comforting their neighbors and remaining vigilant in the face of further threats. U.S. jets struck Taliban targets across northern Afghanistan and fierce fighting was reported around the Taliban-held city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Tropical Storm Lingling continued to batter the Philippines; the storm left more than 200 dead.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Norman Lloyd is 88. Actress June Havoc is 86. Jazz singer Chris Connor is 75. Singer Patti Page is 75. CBS newsmen Morley Safer is 71. Singer Bonnie Bramlett is 58. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 53. TV personality Mary Hart is 52. Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 50. Actress Alfre Woodard is 49. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 48. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 41. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 35. Actress Parker Posey is 34. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 33. Actress Roxana Zal is 33. Singer Diana King is 32. Actress Gretchen Mol is 29. Actress Tara Reid is 27. Actress Azura Skye is 21. TV personality Jack Osbourne ("The Osbournes") is 17.

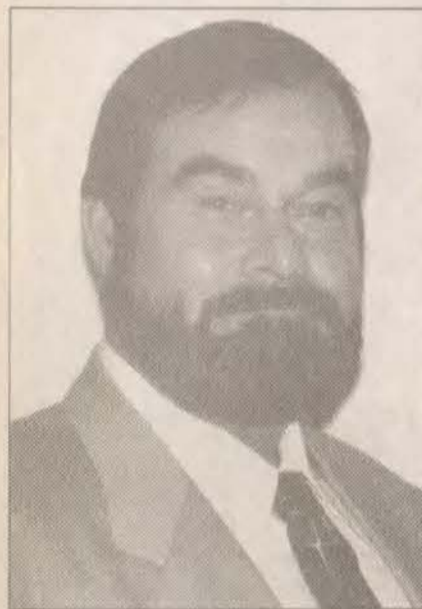
Thought for Today:

"Religion is love; in no case is it logic." — Beatrice Potter Webb, English sociologist (1858-1943).

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Heating program taking applications

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Since the early 1980s, the Big Sandy Community Action Program has been helping families stay warm throughout Eastern Kentucky through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

As winter approaches, they are once again taking applications.

LIHEAP is state and federally funded and receives its funding through the Kentucky Association for Community Action, which contracts with 23 community action agencies to operate in all 120 counties.

Big Sandy CAP provides services to Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin, and Magoffin counties and assists anywhere between 1,500 to 1,600 families each year in Floyd County alone.

The assistance is provided through two components, subsidy and crisis. The subsidy provides assistance to all eligible households, whereas the crisis helps eligible families experiencing a home heating crisis. Where subsidy assistance is based on level of poverty and the type of fuel used for heating,

crisis is limited to the amount necessary to relieve the crisis.

Applications for subsidy in Floyd County will be taken during the period of Nov. 4 through Dec. 13 and will be taken in alphabetical order based on the first letter of the head of household's last name at the Big Sandy CAP office on the first floor of the courthouse annex building on Westminster Street.

Floyd County's application schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 4: A
- Nov. 6: B
- Nov. 7: B
- Nov. 12: C
- Nov. 13: C
- Nov. 14: D, E
- Nov. 18: F, G
- Nov. 19: H
- Nov. 20: H
- Nov. 21: I, J
- Nov. 25: K, L
- Nov. 26: M
- Dec. 2: M
- Dec. 3: N, O, P
- Dec. 4: Q, R
- Dec. 5: S
- Dec. 9: S
- Dec. 10: T
- Dec. 11: U, V, W
- Dec. 12: X, Y, Z
- Dec. 13: Open

Those in need can contact

Tammy Jervis, Floyd County Coordinator, at 606-886-2929. Other county contacts are Jenny Randall, Johnson County, at 606-789-6515, Larry Dotson, Pike County, at 606-432-2775,

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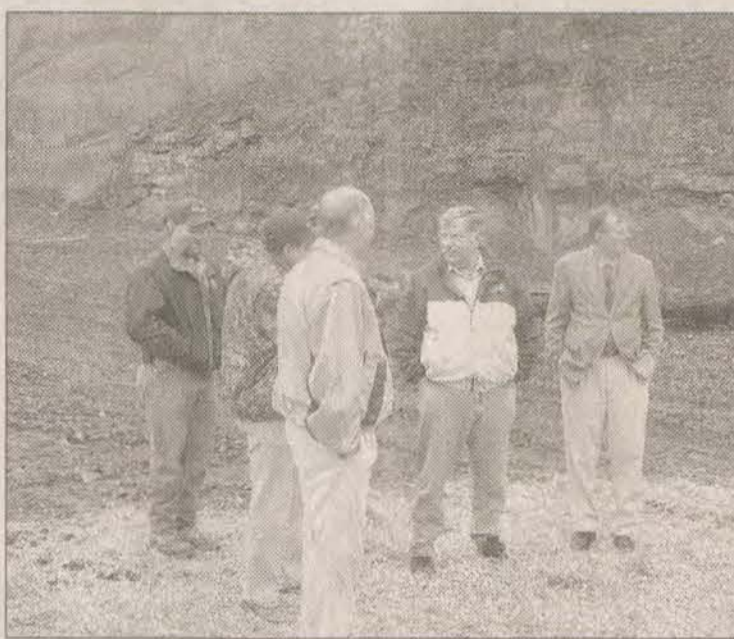


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State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, state Rep. Greg Stumbo, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Carl Campbell, commissioner of surface mining, discussed the planned cleanup of an abandoned mine located at Spewing Camp in McDowell on Monday.

\$3.66 million to be spent for mine cleanup

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Members of the Department of Surface Mining held a press conference on Monday to announce the cleanup of an abandoned mine area located in Spewing Camp in McDowell.

According to Steve Hohmann, director of abandoned mines, the project will cost approximately \$3.66 million.

The site currently contains 7 million cubic yards of refuse and

has been a refuse site since 1950, according to Hohmann.

Hank List, secretary of the National Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, was scheduled to arrive at the site by helicopter but was forced to turn around due to heavy fog.

List, along with the late James Bickford, former secretary, were both involved in the project.

Arrest

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trafficking in more than eight ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Millard Pennington is behind held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$500,000 cash bond.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Trooper John Hunt.

Drugs

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marijuana pursuant to a search that turned up what appeared to be a small amount of marijuana.

Combs was arraigned on Oct. 30, when a \$10,000 cash bond was set.

Lawsuit

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ognizing the damaged condition of the automobile and air bag, therefore resulting in an accident.

Hamilton alleges that Toyota was negligent in manufacturing the automobile and caused

Hamilton to be injured.

He is suing for compensation for medical expenses, permanent impairment, pain, suffering, and mental anguish.

A civil complaint presents only one side of a dispute.

Slurry

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penalties for the water pollution violations caused by the spill. The agency also wants compensation for fish kills caused by the spill. The DEP also alleged that Martin County Coal was negligent and created a public nuisance.

The DEP asked for monetary compensation and an unspecified amount of punitive damages.

Massey lawyers argued that the West Virginia DEP could not force Martin County Coal to pay civil fines for water pollution when the pollution originated in Kentucky.

In Kentucky, Martin County Coal has agreed to pay the state

Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement \$3.25 million in penalties and damage claims for the spill. The company also paid a \$225,000 fine to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Service.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration also fined Martin County Coal \$110,000 for safety violations related to the spill.

So far, the fines sought from or paid by Massey have amounted to less than three-tenths of 1 percent of Massey's 2001 revenues.

Massey has said it expects to spend \$46.5 million to clean up the spill.

Republican

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mately 300 votes. Coincidentally, James Williams pulled in 314 votes more than Tackett on Tuesday to win the election.

Williams professed that even though it was the Republican Party that encouraged him to run, it was "all the people's" desire for a change that got him elected.

The party had originally requested Keith Williams to challenge Tackett, but when he refused they suggested that his son could win the race. When approached with the idea, Williams said that it was two days before the deadline. However, he agreed to enter the race because he wanted to be magistrate.

"I thought I could win if I could get supporters out to the polls," said Williams.

He knew that it was a matter of getting voters to show up and vote to win the election. On Election Day, Williams said that his family stayed on the phone all day reminding neighbors to get out to vote and apparently enough went to the polls.

Williams estimates that 80 percent of his votes came from Democrats, because "there aren't many Republicans" in the county.

In a county where "vote buying" is common, Williams expressed pride in saying that he entered the election with the stance that he would not buy a vote, win or lose.

"I was determined to run a clean campaign," said Williams.

He said that he went house to house in his campaign efforts and met over 4,000 people, offering them that he would work for the people and do a good job. He made his own campaign cards on his home computer, did no radio or newspaper ads, and only did a television ad two weeks prior to the election. Williams said that his entire campaign cost him a mere \$900.

Expressing pride in his clean campaign, Williams said that he wanted the people of Floyd County to know that a candidate could win in that manner.

Williams works in forestry and has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Kentucky. However, he says that what would help him serve "all the people of his district" most would be his experience in construction.

Williams said that he wanted to say thanks to the voters for their support and to thank God "for letting me be magistrate."

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Guest View

A little change could be good

On Tuesday, as Republicans were seemingly taking control everywhere else, they were establishing a beachhead locally.

It's been 45 years since Democrats have had to share power in Floyd County, but they're in for a refresher lesson soon.

For the first time since 1957, a Republican will join the ranks of the fiscal court when magistrates are sworn in to office in December.

Without endorsing one party over another, we think that the end of one-party rule in Floyd County could turn out to be one of the best results to come from Tuesday's election.

Regardless of which party is in power, it is generally not a good thing for any government to be so thoroughly dominated by one party as Floyd County has. Open debate is essential for good government, and there can be no debate if only one side is represented.

That is not to say there are not potential pitfalls ahead. Indeed, one only needs to look to Frankfort or Washington to see the problems of over-the-top partisanship. But we will hope that our local officials show a greater maturity than their counterparts in our state's and nation's capitals.

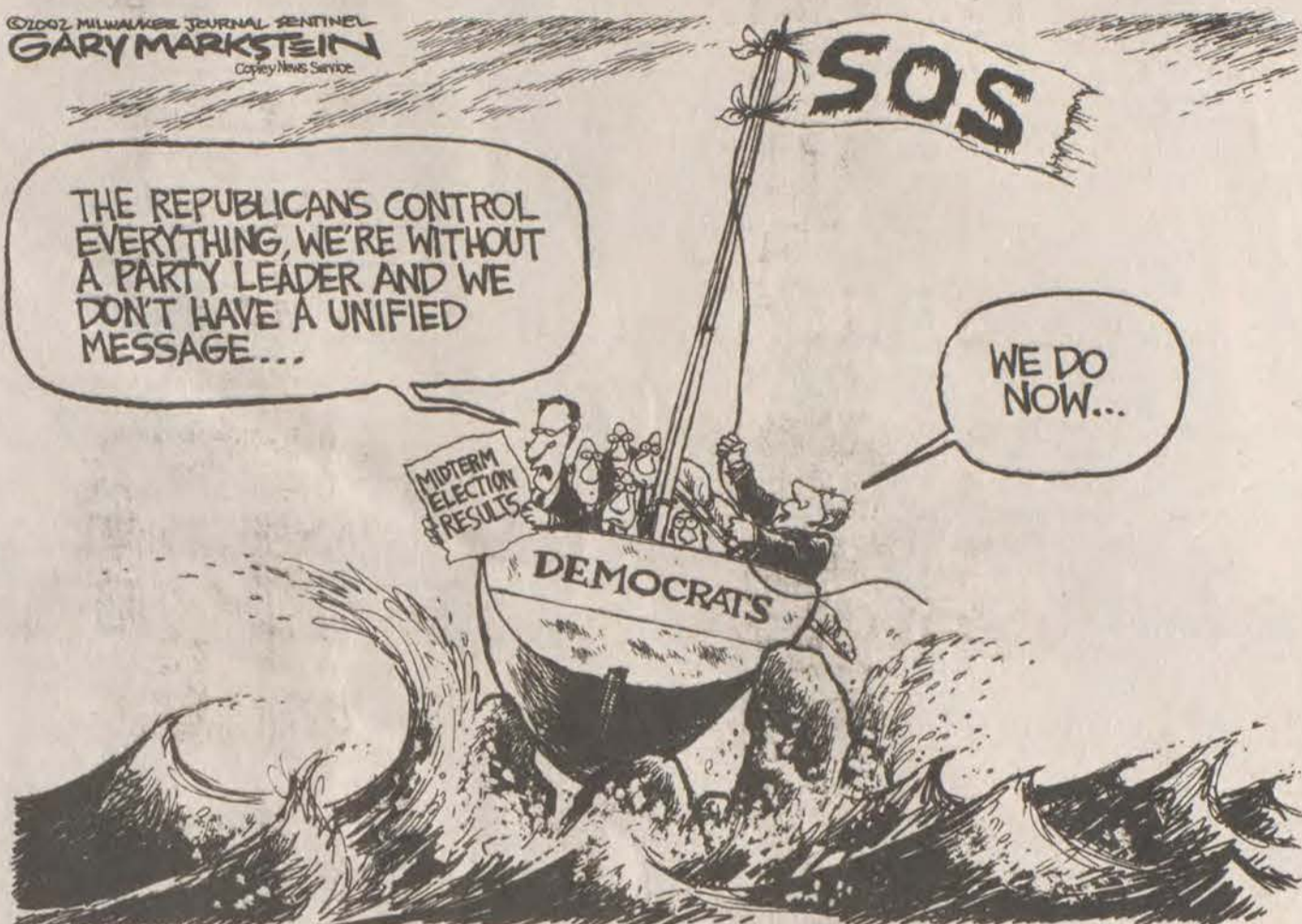
For our newly-elected Republican magistrate, that means raising objections when his conscience dictates the need to do so, but not just to be objectionable. Raising a fuss just to raise a fuss would remind voters too much of the rancorous bickering they've seen in Congress and the state legislature, and jeopardize the chances of any future GOP wins.

For the Democratic majority, it means not freezing out their colleague from across the aisle. Doing so would serve to punish voters of the fourth district for exercising their god-given right to vote for whomever they wish.

That being said, we expect — even look forward to — some healthy debate when our new fiscal court convenes.

— The Floyd County Times

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In the moment

'We love to see you smile'

It seems that most of us are unaware of the effect we have on others as we go cruising through life. Oh sure, we realize it when someone is yelling in our face or contrarily walking away from us. Even though I try to be in touch with the way others perceive what I am doing and saying, I am guilty of neglecting to be concerned about your reaction at times.

And there are those who affect us. How quickly do we think about effects when we are reacting to someone in a negative way? Then we say, "Hey, I don't like the way you are acting."

But what about those who effect us in a positive way? How often do we show appreciation for it or even recognize it? I

have done that and, when I think about it, I realize that it's selfish of me to just receive good cheer and go on my merry way without giving something back.

In my busy life, I often find myself in some drive-thru seeking nourishment and, since I have to stick to a budget, I'm usually choosing from a value menu. Quite often I find myself cruising through McDonald's, morning, noon or night, and it occurred to me the other night that there was a reason for that. The food is good but not any better than Wendy's or a number of others. A posted sign that read, "We are now hiring someone with a smile," tripped a switch in my head and I thought, "It works".

You see, there is a lady that works at McDonald's in Prestonsburg and she is usually on the morning shift. Many

mornings I roll through there to get food and coffee and often times I'm not too thrilled. It's early, I am still tired from the day before, and there are things to do that are less than pleasing. Yet, there she is, this lady, presenting my coffee with a smile, a real smile. I know its real because no one can present a fake smile like that.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

That wonderful smile has brightened many a dull morning for me and caused me to realize, "Hey, it ain't all that bad."

I've worked in fast food and I know that there isn't a lot to smile about. The money isn't great, the stress is high and the pace can be crazy. So I don't pay too much attention when I don't see happy people at the window, but I do pay attention to things that occur often and this lady has given me that smile every time that I have ever

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Letter

Clearing up concerns

As a professor of business and economics at Prestonsburg Community College for 17 years, I would like to take this opportunity to hopefully clear up some concerns about the consolidation of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College.

An exciting opportunity is almost available for students in the Big Sandy District! The opportunity that is being brought before the community is the consolidation of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College. While the concept may alarm some people at first, let me describe two current examples as to how this consolidation will benefit students.

Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College represent two of the 28 institutions that make the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The technical colleges are accredited by the Council for Occupational Education and the community colleges are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and

Schools. Students who attend Mayo Technical College and earn credits toward degrees, diplomas and certificates are unable to transfer those credits to Prestonsburg Community College due to requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The consolidation of the two colleges would eliminate this problem and local citizens who wish to earn a high quality credential from Mayo Technical College and then transfer to the local community college to earn additional educational credentials would be able to do so. There are numerous examples of students through the years who have been unable to gain additional credit due to the current situation.

Another opportunity that exists with the consolidation is the expansion of currently offered certificates, diplomas and degrees. For example, if a student earns a CISCO certificate from Mayo, the student has the opportunity to go to work and/or continue their education and earn a two-year degree in information technology with the Cisco option at Prestonsburg Community College. Therefore, the student will have obtained both a certificate and a two-year

degree and be more marketable in the workforce. Other benefits of the consolidation initiative include:

1. High quality technical and transfer curricula will be more accessible to students;
2. Greater efficiency will occur due to the economies of large scale operation; and
3. Greater efficiency will result through the integration of duplicative programs and services.

Please don't allow the "gossip" to interfere with the opportunities consolidation can bring. One school is NOT taking over the other school, nor is any institution losing their name. We are just trying to increase opportunities for students. Please support our efforts.

Kathy Clark
Professor, Business and Economics
Prestonsburg Community College
Prestonsburg

Hall sends thanks

I would like to thank the citizens of Allen that voted for me in my race for city council. I want to congratulate the winners on a job well

done. I would also like to thank the people that did not vote for me. You did vote and this is what makes our country so wonderful: that choice.

I hope to see great things from this council and mayor. Ernestine (Tina) Hall Allen

Give meeting a try

Every year the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers send home a survey regarding the "Time Out for Parents" program. This is a parent support group sponsored by Floyd County Safe Schools and Our Lady of the Way Hospital. By show of survey, numerous parents/guardians are interested in attending. However, when time and dates are posted/sent home with students, we are fortunate to have only a few participate.

This year, South Floyd Youth Service Center and Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center are collaborating in an effort to build our numbers of attendance up. Thus far, we have been unsuccessful.

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By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Say what you will about Eminem — that he's a misogynist and a homophobe, that his profane, violent rhymes taint the young minds of his fervent followers.

The man has undeniable charisma, so it comes as no surprise that he proves he can act in "8 Mile," his film debut.

After all, Slim Shady — or whatever he calls himself when he raps about killing his ex-wife and stuffing her body in a trunk — is nothing but an act, a side show for shock value.

What does come as a surprise is the softer side of Marshall Mathers III — that beneath the bravado, there is vulnerability. He wasn't afraid to turn himself into a sympathetic figure, and by doing so, he's turned himself into a movie star.

True, "8 Mile" pretty much follows Eminem's life story: He stars as Jimmy Smith Jr. — "Rabbit" to his friends — a white kid from a poor black neighborhood in Detroit who immerses himself in rap culture as an escape from his alcoholic mother and dead-end factory job.

Rabbit hangs out with his childhood friends, falls for a wannabe model named Alex (Brittany Murphy), and hones his skills, hoping to snag a recording deal that will take him far from the decrepitude of the city's 8 Mile Road.

But as Mariah Carey infamously proved last year with "Glitter," not all pop stars are comfortable standing in front of a camera and playing thinly veiled versions of themselves. Where Carey was stiff and self-conscious, Eminem is positively magnetic.

It certainly doesn't hurt that he has Curtis Hanson on his side. The "L.A. Confidential"

'8 Mile'



"8 Mile," a Universal Films release, is rated R for strong language, sexuality, some violence and drug use. Running 111.

Three star (out of four).

director found the perfect balance between giving Eminem room to swagger and reining in the rapper's rage. The result: It's as if Eminem isn't even acting. Hanson's stylistic approach

to "8 Mile" is just as natural; it's so raw, it's practically a Dogma 95 film. With cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto ("Amores Perros"), he's stripped down the images to grainy grays and

blues, bathed them in natural light and shot them mostly with hand-held cameras. The look enhances Eminem's innate immediacy, with his steely blue eyes and no-nonsense lyrics.

The power of his performance is enough to make you forgive the fact that "8 Mile" is essentially a rap version of "The Karate Kid," with Eminem in the Ralph Macchio role, Mekhi Phifer is his Mr. Miyagi, and a bunch of rich rappers who cruise around Detroit in a plush SUV fill in for the dreaded Cobra Kai karate students.

So we know that, after coming up lame in his first rap battle against his rivals, Rabbit must return to the same stage at the end to emerge victorious. There's so much noise and fun and energy to the climax, though, it doesn't matter that we saw it coming from the opening credits.

Despite the predictable formula, screenwriter Scott Silver wisely avoids taking the easy route every time; there are sev-

(See MILE, page seven)

Revenue forecast not as bleak as some expected

FRANKFORT — The revenue outlook for this two-year budget period may not be quite as bleak as some had predicted.

Initial figures presented to the state's official revenue forecasters on Wednesday estimated receipts would fall \$330 million below the estimates made before the 2002 General Assembly session.

Some earlier estimates put the shortfall as high as \$700 mil-

lion, but the source of those figures was never clear.

The forecasts will be critical as legislators try once again to put together a budget, something they failed to do on two occasions earlier this year. As a result of the legislative failure, Gov. Paul Patton installed an informal spending plan, which the state has been operating under since the fiscal year began July 1.

The biggest hit will be this year. The previous revenue forecast for this year was for receipts of \$6.937 billion. Numbers put out Wednesday by Patton's budget office estimate receipts of \$6.739 billion, a difference of nearly \$199 million.

The state economy is expected to turn around in the 2004 fiscal year, with solid growth, but with receipts still \$131 million less than estimated last year.

The Consensus Forecasting Group, a panel of university and government economists who are charged with making revenue estimates will make their official projections on Nov. 15. It is those numbers that must be used to create a budget for the remainder of the biennium, though June 30, 2004.

Figures from the state budget office usually form the basis of the forecasting group's estimates.

Contemporary music program hits a high note with Pikeville College students

PIKEVILLE — The sounds from Shane Newsome's guitar echo the jazz tune he's been composing. Sitting alone in the music room, his concentration is steady as he works to master the techniques that will one day make him a great guitarist.

The Pikeville College sophomore from Hi Hat may someday pursue a career in the music industry. He, along with several other students who share an interest in music, are taking classes in contemporary music studies, a new minor added to the College's curriculum last year.

The program offers in-depth study in the history and literature of jazz, rock, pop, and country music styles. Students take classes in improvisation, arranging and composition, music theory, applied music lessons, and have performance opportunities in both combos and large ensembles. The minor is also structured in such a way as to allow students to pursue an emphasis in the music business, computer and electronic music, arranging, music theory and composition or performing. Most classes are required; however, classes in music appreciation and the history of jazz and rock, which examines the evolution of the musical styles beginning with its African and European roots through the present time, are open to all Pikeville College students.

Newsome, who has been playing the guitar seriously for about four years, said his decision to attend Pikeville College was influenced by the opportunity to study contemporary music.

"I knew the program would offer a lot of good ensembles and a lot of classes that would give me a new perspective on music," he said. "The classes I'm taking will make me a better musician."

Newsome also said he appreciates the enthusiasm of his instructors.

"Their excitement spreads to the students," he said. "If we can get a lot of people interested, maybe at some point the College will offer a major in music. I believe the interest is there."

Music education was once a part of Pikeville College's teacher education curriculum, but a lack of interest and a decline in the demand for teachers brought the program to

a close. Today, music is back and interest both in the classroom and in the community, is growing. Last year the College's choir and community choir had more than 60 members. Students from local high schools and musicians from the community join the College's symphonic band for concerts. The choir and the community choir sing in local churches, and both the choir and the band perform as part of the Pikeville Concert Association's annual

concert season.

The music program is a collaborative effort, combining the education, experience and talents of three individuals - Brad Daniels, assistant professor of music and director of bands, Alan Robinson, assistant professor of music, and Jennifer Hughes, instructor of music.

Daniels is affectionately known on campus as "the man who brought music back to the

(See MUSIC, page seven)



Nathaniel Brown, John Hensley, Shane Newsome, Cody Smallwood, Brandon Blackburn and Kim Fields are among the students studying contemporary music at Pikeville College.

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Charamaine Lynn Woods, 18, to David Earl Gayheart, 38, both of Martin.
 Brandi Shanda Vincent, 23, to Gregory Scott Hicks, 25, both of David.
 Marcia Morgan, 44, to Randy Bell, 46, both of Minnie.
 Mary Ellen Stacy, 18, to Ronnie James Mullins Jr., 27, both of Stanville.
 Joan Evamae Adkins, 39, to James Douglas Fairchild, 50, both of Prestonsburg.
 Darla Susan Wells, 21, to Sheldon D. Jarvis, 34, both of Auxier.
 Dorothy White, 46, to Charlie Miller, 41, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Bob Moore vs. Jody Roberts and Sonia Roberts; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
 Asset Acceptance Corporation vs. Michael Howell and Tonya Howell; debt collection.
 Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Ricky Keens and Stephanie A. Keens; debt collection.
 David May and David Franklin May II, vs. Stifel, Nicolaus and Company and Regald B. Smith; petition to confirm arbitration award.
 Proctor Dotson vs. Kristie Dotson; divorce.
 Teresa S. Trout vs. Todd I. Trout; divorce.
 Joshua Willie Bates vs. Jane R. Newsome Bates; divorce.
 Ambers Brown vs. Wynne E. Grinrod; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
 Chandra Nicole Tackett vs. Bryan David Tackett; divorce.
 Wanda K. Vanderpool Murphy vs. Kenneth R. Vanderpool; petition for health care insurance.
 Edna J. Spradlin vs. William T. Spradlin; petition for health care insurance.
 Stella R. Noble vs. James L. Noble; divorce.
 Theresa Ousley vs. Gary Ousley; divorce.

Tracy Thacker vs. Brian Thacker; divorce.

Small Claims

Brenda Burchett vs. Jarrod Williams; debt collection.
 Triple M. Credit vs. James Rister or Nicole Rister; debt collection.
 Judith Ann Isaac vs. Billy Joe Johnson and Johnson's Automart; compensation for automobile damage.
 Wesley Christian School vs. Estill Porter and Kristy Porter; tuition collection.
 Wesley Christian School vs. Doug Tackett and Robyn Tackett; tuition collection.
 Wesley Christian School vs. Jessica Blanton; tuition collection.

Charges Filed

Michael T. Eads, 42, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, harassment.
 Joey Crum, 19, Martin, criminal facilitation to second-degree assault.
 James R. Syck, 48, Harold, possession marijuana.
 Edith Johnson, 44, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication, criminal trespassing.
 Bennie Feltner, 46, Bulan, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 Rita Jo Yates, 39, Martin, theft by deception.
 Lisa Walters Vanover, 25, Printer, theft by unlawful taking.
 David E. Ferrell, 46, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Gregory D. Gayheart, 20, Fisty, alcohol intoxication.
 Melissa Handshoe, 28, Hueysville, criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct.
 Elizabeth Ousley, 28, David, public intoxication.
 Aaron Wicker, 29, Mousie, alcohol intoxication.
 Bruce Huff, 45, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication.
 Cory allen Williams, 19, Van

Lear, alcohol intoxication.
 Randall L. Boyd, 28, Banner, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeff Turner, 39, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
 Della M. Hall, 52, Harold, alcohol intoxication.
 Roy Rogers, 45, Harold, alcohol intoxication.
 Timothy Wayne Noble 21, Hazard, criminal possession of forged instrument.
 Jamie Spurlock, 30, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Donnie Leo Jr. Shepherd, 41, Prestonsburg, flagrant non-support.
 Aaron Jackson, 35, Garrett, flagrant non-support.
 Brian W. Kidd, 30, Betsy Layne, theft by unlawful taking.

Inspections

May Valley Elementary, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometer on milk unit, personal item stored with food items, hair restraints not used properly, wooden handled utensils not easily cleanable. Score: 94.
 Martin Senior Citizens, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: thermometers not conspicuous in refrigerator unit, box of food on floor, no towels at hand wash sink, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 95.
 B & B Pit Stop, Maytown, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations noted during inspection. Score: 100.
 TS Tobacco Mart, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations noted during inspection. Score: 100.
 Save A Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bags of potatoes observed stored on the floor, no hand drying device or hand towels at hand wash sink in produce processing section, ceiling tile missing in men's restroom, light shield missing, entire store appears clean and well maintained. Score: 94.
 Hobert's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not clearly located in all units, hair restraints

not in use, clean utensils not stored properly, paper towels not accessible at hand sink, floors constructed poorly, walls in some disrepair, mop head stored on floor. Score: 92.
 Country Deli & More, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not located in all units, food item not covered, hair restraints not in use, carpet in back storage, light out. Score: 94.
 Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations recorded. Score: 100.
 Action Express Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easily located, hair restraints not in use, storage of clean utensils improperly, mop stored on floor. Score: 92.
 Allen Central High School, Easter, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hair restraints not properly used, wooden handle utensils not easily cleaned, outside dumpster not covered, light missing. Score: 93.
 Hitching Post Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all units, restroom walls and ceiling in disrepair, freezer has no light. Score: 97.
 Handshoe's Grocery, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not easily located, food storage bags on floor, retail area not well lighted, moderate amount of liter in retail section. Score: 96.
 The Market Place, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in all units, food items stored on the floor, hair restraints not used properly, gasket on refrigerator in bad repair, wiping cloth use not restricted, cooking utensils in need of cleaning and sanitizing, food trays stored on floor, no hand drying device, restroom is in need of more routine cleaning, floors in disrepair, ceilings are in very bad repair caused by numerous leaks, back section of the storage area has a lot of debris in need of cleaning. Score: Food: 89, Retail: 93.
 Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not conspicuous in

all units, refrigerator door in bad repair, floors in disrepair, ceiling in disrepair, some lights not shielded, cleaning equipment not properly stored. Score: 93.
 Prestonsburg Elementary, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some counter tops in rest rooms not easily cleanable, some stalls show signs of corrosion, some lavatories not under pressure, floor of basement flooded, janitor closet not locked, Wite-Out found open on desk. Score: 85.
 Opportunities Unlimited, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Open window not screened, light shield missing, janitor's closet not locked, floors and walls in disrepair. Score: 87.
 Hot Rod's Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not present in all units, doors in disrepair, no chemical test strips, equipment needs cleaning, floors in disrepair, ceilings in disrepair. Score: 94.
 Our Lady of the Way Cafe, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floor tile in back storage area in disrepair, light in refrigerator not working, facility currently under renovation. Score: 98.

Property Transfers

Estill Jarvis and Ella Jean Jarvis to Johnny Ray Harris and Jacqueline Goble, property location not listed.
 David T. Jones and Virginia Jones and Melissa L. Layne to Steve Webb, property located on Henry's Branch, on Right Beaver Creek.
 Jimmy D. Reed to Quicksilver Landing LLC, property located on Fred's Fork Road.
 Patsy L. Reed to Jimmy D. Reed, property location not listed.
 Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation Inc. to Floyd County Public Library District, property located corner of N. Arnold Avenue and Goble Street.
 Ethel Dickinson, executrix of the estate of Esther Mae Goodman to David L. Dickinson and Ethel Dickinson, property location not listed.

Brenda Calhoun Fitch

Brenda Calhoun Fitch, 56, of Dwale, died Tuesday, November 5, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.
 Born August 16, 1946, in Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Greenville and Magdalene Elliott Calhoun. She was a disabled school teacher and a member of Benedict Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.
 She is survived by her husband, Gordon Fitch.
 Other survivors include one sister, Iris Jean Calhoun of Dwale; and one uncle, Keith Shannon (Bucky) Elliott, who was like a brother to her.
 Funeral services will be conducted (today) Friday, November 8, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Doug Lewis and Jim Smith of Ravenna, officiating.
 Burial will be in the Dwale Community Cemetery at Dwale, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

George McKinney

George McKinney, age 66, of Harold, formerly of South Amherst, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2002, at the home of his son, in South Amherst, following a 15-month illness.
 Born November 17, 1935, in Osborne, he moved to Lorain, in 1960. He was a 22-year resident of South Amherst prior to returning to Kentucky in 1993.
 He served in the US Army from 1954 to 1962, when he received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Occupation Medal, and the Marksmanship Medal. He was employed at the Lorain Plant, of Ford Motor Co., for 30 years, retiring in 1993, from the painting department. While living in Lorain County, he was a member of Washington Street Church of Christ. He was a member of Uppertoles Church of Christ in Kentucky.
 Survivors include his wife of forty-four years, Evelyn McKinney (nee Adkins); his sons, George and Gregory McKinney, both of South Amherst; two brothers, Willard Moore, of Amherst, and Dean McKinney, of Port Clinton; one sister, Gay Leboda, of Lorain; and five grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Mary Ellen McKinney (nee: Kidd) and by one sister, Rosemary Williamson.
 Funeral services will be held Friday, November 8, (today) at 1 p.m., at the Hempel Funeral Home, 373 Cleveland Ave., Amherst, Ohio, with the Rev. Steven Cain officiating.
 Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, South Amherst, Ohio.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Samuel May Leslie wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one.
 Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, and prayers, or spoke comforting words; and additional thanks to all who called with deepest sympathy and could not be with us. Thanks to Highlands Regional Hospital third and fourth floor nurses and doctors for all their care. A special thanks to Pastor Paul Aiken, Jim Sherman, Arnold Turner, Mary Holbrook, Hack Thornberry, and Rev. Joe Allen, for their comforting words and beautiful songs, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
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Moments

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seen her, which is quite a bit.
 That night I took the time to ask her co-workers for her name and then, when I sat down to eat, I decided to write while I still felt the gratitude for her cheer. Thus, I want to say thank you to Brenda Slone for brightening my day and reminding me that a smile is better than a frown.

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Music

hill" after nearly two decades. A music teacher in the public school system for 27 years, Daniels came out of retirement in the fall of 1996 to start Pikeville College's chorus and community choir and the symphony and pep bands. Today, he conducts the 50-member symphonic band and the spirited pep band, which rallies Pikeville College athletes and fans during sports events. Daniels, who holds a bachelor's and master's degree in music from Morehead State University, teaches symphonic band, private brass instruments for the music minor, and a class designed for the elementary music teacher. He also recruits students for the College's music program.

Robinson teaches music theory and arranging, private guitar, and directs ensembles. He earned his bachelor's degree from Berklee College of Music and his master's degree from

Eastern Kentucky University. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. When he's out of the classroom, Robinson plays music with his personal jazz group, 4-Cast, and with a progressive instrumental rock guitar group. He also teaches private guitar lessons and judges marching band and solo and ensemble competitions. He has completed his first book on guitar methods and is recording a CD featuring instrumental progressive rock music.

Hughes joined the Pikeville College faculty last year. She teaches private piano and voice, music theory, and music appreciation. She also directs the College's 60-member concert choir and community choir. Hughes is active in the Kentucky Music Teachers Association, serving on the executive board, and is a member of the board of directors of the Pikeville Concert

Association. She is currently working on a doctorate in music at the University of Kentucky. She earned a bachelor's degree in music at Morehead State and a master's degree from Indiana University. Hughes has had extensive stage experience as a classical pianist, both solo and collaboratively, with more than 150 recital appearances over the past six years. She has also performed and studied at the Academie de Musique in Gargenville, France.

Odds

pulled away from questions about Iraq, the new farm bill and water by a question about football.

Franklin farmer Don Wright asked Osborne about Nebraska's 27-24 loss to Texas that was decided when the Cornhuskers were intercepted in the final seconds.

Osborne, who said he was watching from the press box, thought the pass — not a kick — was the right call.

"The kick could have been blocked. We already had two failures," Osborne said. "On the other hand, we had time to throw to the end zone. The odds are 40 percent you make it."

"There's lots of reasons you do it. If Nebraska had kicked the field goal and missed, everybody would have complained. 'He should've thrown the ball in the end zone,'" Osborne said. "Sometimes it's a no-win deal."

Wright played high school football with Osborne and they graduated together from Hastings High School in 1955.

Osborne easily won re-election Tuesday.

■ **TULSA, Okla.** — It seems as though 6-foot penguins would be hard to hide, but Tulsa officials are still looking for two penguins stolen from their perches around the city.

Four penguin sculptures that were part of a citywide promotion of a new zoo exhibit were stolen over the weekend.

Two have been found floating in the Arkansas River, one damaged but repairable, the other broken into pieces.

Two remained missing Monday.

"If we had found them in good condition, or they had been returned to us undamaged, we probably could have looked the other way and turned the other cheek," said Mary Collins, executive director of Tulsa Zoo Friends. "But this has gone too far."

The four fiberglass penguins were worth more than \$10,000 total, she said.

Mile

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eral small twists you may not expect, and the ending isn't entirely a happy one.

If there is a weak link, it's Kim Basinger as Rabbit's mother. Hanson worked wonders with Basinger in "L.A. Confidential," the film that earned her a supporting-actress Oscar; here, she's singularly shrill and selfish.

Murphy is a joy to watch, though, as she has been consistently in scene-stealing supporting roles from "Clueless" to "Riding in Cars With Boys."

But to paraphrase an Eminem song, it would feel so empty without him. Thankfully, since he's in practically every frame of the movie, we never have to know what that's like.

"8 Mile," a Universal Films release, is rated R for strong language, sexuality, some violence and drug use. Running time: 111 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Seeking Quotes for Janitorial Services

USDA-Rural Development is seeking interested parties to submit quotes for janitorial services for the building located at 214 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY, phone (606) 886-9545, ext. 4. The period of service would be from December 2, 2002 until September 30, 2003. Please submit your name, address and phone number to the USDA-Rural Development office in Prestonsburg no later than November 18, 2002.

Robinson said the goal of the music program is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sophisticated contemporary music.

"We also want to enhance their individual performance skills, as well as their mastery and application of general music theory principals," he said.

Students in contemporary studies have a variety of career opportunities, according to Robinson.

"Some graduates begin play-

The city has more than 65 penguin sculptures scattered around the city.

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Making a toilet bowl cleaner isn't exactly rocket science, but it is to a Milwaukee company that has designed a way to clean the space shuttle's version of a toilet.

Pak Technologies Inc. makes Sani-Flush, a chemical cleaning tablet dropped into household toilets to clean them with every flush.

A version of that will be on the space shuttle Atlantis when it

ing professionally following their college experience, either as a soloist or in a group, as opportunities arise," Robinson said. "Other opportunities include freelance work and studio work as performers and writers or private teachers, and some graduates also move into business and industry careers or other music-related careers."

For more information on the contemporary music studies minor at Pikeville College, contact Alan Robinson at robinso@pc.edu.

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launches Sept. 8, giving NASA a chance to test the product for possible use in the international space station now being developed.

Pak started working on the project in August 1998. With the first design, astronauts would have to manually put the tablet into the toilet's tube and then remove it after use.

The astronauts didn't like that version.

"It was the 'yuck factor,'" said Kevin Schuele, president of Pak.

The current design has the tablet already in the tube, he said.

Letters

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I would like to explain what this parent support program is. We meet with a presenter and discuss different topics that are important in our children's lives, as well as our own. There is no "boss" in the meeting, no one attacks or judges anyone else's ideas. We all have a chance to give input. Throughout discussions, you will learn a variety of ways to deal with various situations. By listening to other parents who have children older than yours, you will become aware of things you may need to look for/expect. Vice-versa, when parents listen to how you have effectively dealt with certain situations, it helps them out also.

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O.Cissy Williams
Coordinator, Rainbow Junction FRC



Students from the Perkins Job Corps Center carpentry and maintenance departments observed National Make a Difference Day by working with the Johnson County Road Department at the Johnson County Park. The students were supervised by Dennis Conley, shown in photo, and Roy Picklesimer.

Perkins Job Corps Center student observe 'Make a Difference Day'

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY
KELLY MILLER

Volunteer service has always been an integral part of the American character, and recent events in our nation's history have reaffirmed the importance of helping others. When you answer the call to serve those in need, you offer hope and fill your own life with greater purpose.

"Make a Difference Day" is the largest nationally recognized day dedicated to helping others. It is a great example of what can happen when dedicated individuals come together to serve a cause larger than self. President John F. Kennedy is well remembered for having said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." If you can touch just one person's life, and that person in turn helps to change someone else's life, then that's real service.

The Perkins Job Corps Center believes in community and that one person can make a difference. Each year, the Perkins Center participates in National Make a Difference Day when students and staff return enthused and energized from their involvement in giving back to their community. This year, Perkins volunteers worked in Johnson, Floyd, Magoffin, and Pike counties.

In Johnson county, the center group worked at the Johnson County Park with the Johnson County Road Department. The Perkins Center carpentry, maintenance and health and wellness students provided landscaping materials and refurbishing needs as well as assisting in this year's Environmental Day at the park. Over 400 fourth grade students from throughout Johnson County attended.

Perkins Center students also assisted Paintsville Elementary

with their "50's Day Dance" event. The event is held in honor of those students who display positive attitudes and who have had perfect attendance throughout the first 50 days of school.

In Floyd county, culinary arts students from the center provided catering services to the Samuel May House reception for those attending the historical Battle of Middle Creek re-enactment.

In Magoffin county, health occupation students assisted the Salyersville Health Care Center with their fall festival event in an effort to raise funds that will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for residents of the center.

In Pike county, culinary arts students once again provided catering services. This time, they visited the Pikeville Extended Campus for a brunch hosted by Bell South. Bell South held the brunch in order to provide information about their services to employers, and also to students, in regard to employment opportunities.

The center's students and staff are well deserving of commendation for their generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve as volunteers. Efforts such as those exhibited by the Perkins Center groups go a long way in the effort of ensuring responsibility in communities toward creating brighter futures for all. It's neighbors helping neighbors that reminds us all that we are not alone. One person can make a difference.

The Perkins Job Corps Center strongly believes in community service and will continue to strive to better their community in any and every way possible. If you have a project that needs assistance, or you if you would like to participate in an ongoing project with the Perkins Job Corps Center, please contact Kelly Miller, at (800) 497-4001.

Pike man survives two close calls, but lives to collect \$1 million

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

LOOKOUT - A "monster" of a rattler, shown in accompanying photo not yet quite dead, was clubbed to death by Teddy Elswick Sr., who recently caught the snake in his barn, a few days after one of Elswick's horses "mysteriously" died. Elswick believes the horse may have fallen victim to the rattler's bite.

Elswick discovered the huge rattler in his barn just two days before he was scheduled to appear in Floyd circuit court for a trial related to injuries he sustained following a collision with a Krispy Kreme delivery vehicle. The vehicle collided with Elswick's pickup one morning in 2000, when Elswick was returning home from his job as a coal miner after working the night-shift. Elswick received a ruptured back as a result of his involvement in the accident.

Following the accident, Elswick was unable to return to work. "About the only thing I was able to do," Elswick said, "was to gin around some and feed my horses." This past September 28, Elswick had gone to his barn to check on and feed his horses when he found the 62-inch snake stretched out across the back of the barn floor.

According to Elswick, the rattler attempted to escape into an area filled with bales of hay where, "I'd never be able to find it," he said. Barn tools were located on the other end of the barn and Elswick says that he would never have been able to get to them in time to stop the rattler from hiding away. Elswick then reports that he saw a pipe, "about two foot long," which he picked up and used to strike the snake.

Elswick's son, Teddy Elswick Jr., came upon the scene and managed to drag the snake from

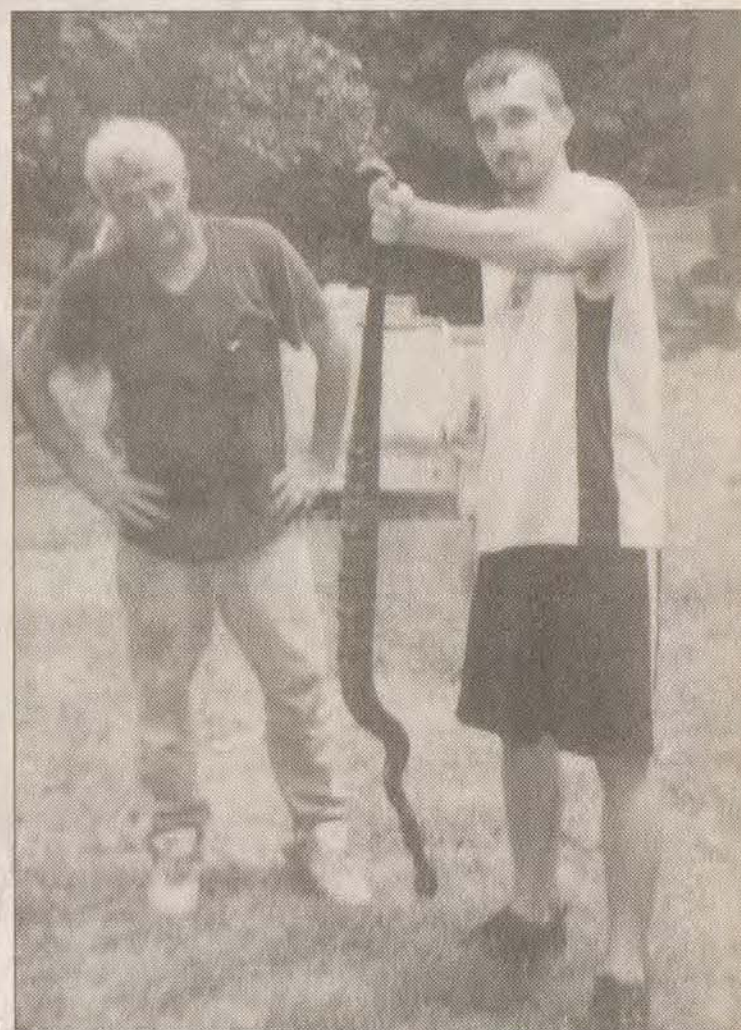
the barn. All turned out okay, with no further injuries to either horses, or man. A search of the area turned up no more rattlers.

Things also turned out well for Elswick in regard with his court case - a few days following the incident with the rattler, Elswick was able to settle the matter out of court, garnering himself a \$1 million settlement.

"Things worked out just fine," commented Elswick's attorney, John Kirk, "but you'd

have to say Teddy had two close calls, the (traffic) accident which could have killed him, and, of course, the rattler which could have done him in like he figures it did to his horse."

"We didn't think to tell Teddy, 'don't get involved with any snakes before your trial,'" Kirk said. "Bobby (Rowe)" - Kirk's co-counsel - "and I just about fainted when we found out what had happened," Kirk added.



Teddy Elswick Sr., left, and his son, Teddy Jr., right, successfully clubbed to death a 62-inch rattler snake that was most likely the cause of the death of one of Elswick's horses this past September. Elswick discovered the snake stretched out across the floor of his barn as he entered to feed his horses.

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There are currently more than 25 million living American veterans, many of whom put their lives on the line to preserve our freedoms. Our veterans served on the land, at sea, and in the air, from the shores of Omaha Beach and the jungles of Vietnam, to the sands of the Persian Gulf, the mountains of Afghanistan, and many other battlefields around the globe. Through each of these challenges, the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard have protected our country and liberated millions of people around the world from the threats of tyranny and terror.

Our proud veterans have also helped to shape

the American character. They have given us an extraordinary legacy of patriotism and honor, and their service represents the highest form of citizenship. So that young Americans can better understand the commitment and sacrifice of these heroes in securing the blessings of liberty, I ask all schools to observe November 10 through November 16, 2002, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I encourage educators to invite veterans to teach our young people about their experiences. By sharing their knowledge on some of the most proud and dramatic moments in our history, they can help educate and inspire a new generation of Americans.

On the observance of Veterans Day in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower called on all citizens to not only remember "the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly..." but also to rededicate themselves "to the task of promoting an enduring peace..." Today, almost 50 years later, we remember the dedication of our veterans, and resolve ourselves to upholding their legacy of justice, liberty, and opportunity for all.

In recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided

(5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2002, as Veterans Day and urge all Americans to observe November 10 through November 16, 2002, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

GEORGE W. BUSH

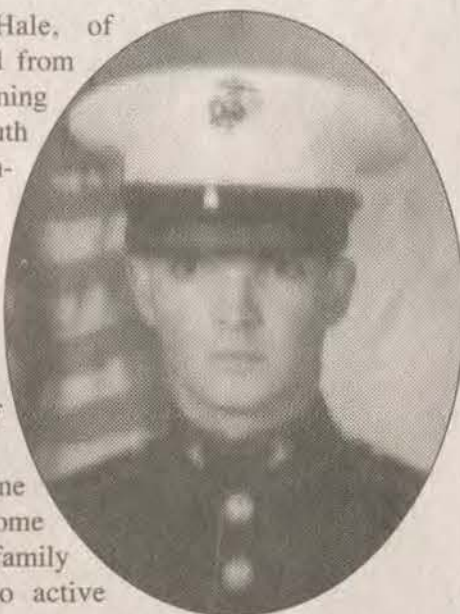
PFC Brandon Hale Completes Marine training

Brandon E. Hale, of Gunlock, graduated from Marine Corps training in Parris Island, South Carolina, on November 1, 2002.

PFC Hale is a 2002 graduate of Salyersville High School. He is the son of Preston and Kathy Hale, of Gunlock.

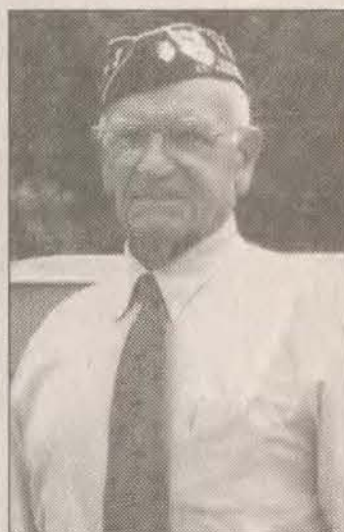
The new Marine recently returned home for a visit with his family before returning to active duty.

Brandon's family and friends describe him as being a "very dedicated individual with good Christian morals." He has two sisters, Katherine Leigh and Melodie. His eastern Kentucky family and friends will pray for his safety during his tour of duty.



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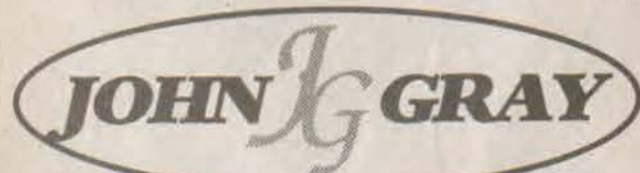
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Flags today in tribute wave for those loyal ones who gave of their youth, their hopes, their might, For a cause they knew was right. Morning bells sound their call, Pause and say a prayer for all. All who served valiantly that men might be ever free, Toll of bells, drums' slow beat, silence falls in every street. In each heart swells the plea: Keep us safe, but keep us free!

—John McCrae

Carl Wilson Allen

Carl W. Allen served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant during World War II.

He served in the European Theater and participated in "Operation Overlord," which was the code-name for the Normandy Beach Invasion.

A member of a heavy artillery unit, he swam ashore after his landing boat was sunk and fought with an infantry unit. After being hospitalized in Paris, he joined his reformed unit, and they moved into Belgium, where German troops surrounded them for months, in what is known today as The Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Allen's ground combat unit fought in the following campaigns, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He received from his commanding General, "The European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal" for his participation in the Normandy Invasion. Mr. Allen also received five (5) "Bronze Stars," which is the nation's fourth highest combat award for "heroic or meritorious service." Each Star represents a different engagement against an enemy of the United States or an "opposing foreign force." A "Victory medal of Honor" was also given to Mr. Allen for his heroic service during World War II.

Herbert Prater

Oct. 29, 1911-Mar. 6, 1997



Herbert Prater served in World War II, having been stationed in Puerto Rico, a country he described as being "most beautiful."

Prater, a U.S. Army Sergeant, taught English to native Puerto Ricans during his years of service.

He later returned home to Floyd County to his parents, Adam and Lulie Prater, and his beloved Pyramid home. He taught school in a one room school house and later married one of his former students, Ruth Douglas Prater, the daughter of Miley and Laura Hicks Prater. The couple had four children, Sandra Lynne, Herbert Douglas, Kathy Jo, and Barry Frederick.

Mr. Prater was employed by the Floyd County Board of Education as Director of Pupil Personnel for many years until his retirement from the system.

He has six grandchildren, Susan Renee Prater, Julia Katherine Lailie Prater, Sarah Abigail Victoria Prater, Emily Katelyn Baldrige, Elliott Cameron Baldrige, and Elizabeth Lauren Baldrige.



Navy Officer Gregory A. Barnett, returns from Guam, October 27

E-7 Chief Navy Diver, Gregory A. Barnett, son of Billy and Judy Barnett of Bucks Branch, Martin, Ky., is stationed in San Diego, California. Greg is a 17-year veteran of the Navy, and was in Desert Storm, and now in the War on Terrorists.

Greg graduated from Martin Grade School and Allen Central High School and attended Mayo College as an electrical student. In 1985 he joined the Navy.

Greg is married and lives now in San Diego, California, with his wife, Brenda, daughter, Kaylea and son Zack Barnett. Greg also has one son, Jonathan Barnett of Hueysville, Ky. He has three sisters, Angie Waugh of Allen, Ky., Kim Nelson of Bucks Branch, and Krissy Hayes of Lexington. One special grandmother, Daisy Barnett of Bucks Branch, and lots of friends and family.

We are all so proud of him and all that he has done for our country. We love him and pray that God will take care of him in all his travels.

Bill and Judy Barnett

DAV Chapter 169 members receive honors at state convention



Shular Hurd, left, receives his "Disabled American Veteran of the Year Award" from Larry Roberts, newly elected Senior Vice-Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Kentucky.

The Betsy Layne Chapter 169 of the Disabled American Veterans recently attended the organization's state convention in Louisville. The convention was held at the Executive West Hotel. Shular Hurd, DAV Chapter 169 treasurer, was chosen as "Disabled American Veteran of the Year" for 2002 by the organization's executive body. Hurd was recognized for the work he does for his fellow disabled veterans, their widows and children. Hurd endures pain from his own handicaps to work as a state service officer who files claims for compensation and pensions for disabled veterans and their families. He also serves as a volunteer van driver who transports veterans who do not have other transportation to the outpatient clinic in Prestonsburg.

Hurd resides at Ivel with his wife, Phyllis, who is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Betsy Layne.

Larry Roberts, commander of the Betsy Layne Chapter 169, was elected to the state's second highest office in the Kentucky DAV unit. Sr. Vice-Commander, Roberts, a state service officer, has held the following positions in the DAV unit, prior to this most recent election: Department Inspector for the eastern portion of Kentucky; 1st Jr. Vice-Commander, Dept. of KY; 1st Sr. Vice-Commander, 7th district, Dept. of KY; member of the Constitution and By-laws Committee; member of the Legislative Committee; and volunteer DAV van coordinator. Roberts resides on Prater Creek.



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Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
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First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Marlin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial), Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
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Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E. Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
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Lancaster Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heister Jr., Minister.
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Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Stanton, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David, Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
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Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
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Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Faye, Minister.
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Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St., Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.
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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright, Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Zion Deliverance, Wayland, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Arnett, Pastor.
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COMMENTARY

Racing industry betting they can prevent rigged races

LOUISVILLE - The thoroughbred racing industry is justifiably worried that, because of the scandal arising from the Ultra Pick Six bet on the October 26

Breeders Cup program, the sport might find itself victimized by a crisis in confidence.



Billy Reed
Columnist

In other words, track patrons might decide to gamble elsewhere because they no longer believe they're getting a fair

shake from an industry whose computer software and security procedures have been exposed as woefully outdated and unreliable.

To win the Breeders Cup Ultra Pick Six, a bettor had to correctly pick the winners of the

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BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

From the Notebook

My Big Fat Sports Notes:

Tonight, the onus is on Pike County Central and Phelps.

As reported here two years ago and repeated last year, it has been ages since a Pike County football team not representing Pikeville or Belfry high schools won a playoff game.



Rick Bentley
Columnist

For the record, ages is 27 years in this case. And the kicker? The last school to accomplish this feat doesn't even exist any-

more! It was Elkhorn City that turned the trick, pulling out a 27-20 win over Pineville in 1975.

Do you realize what has happened since then? Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Hillary Clinton and now George W. Bush have been president; the Reds were good; Kentucky has won three national titles; we'd never heard of Iran or Iraq; Ken Anderson passing to Isaac

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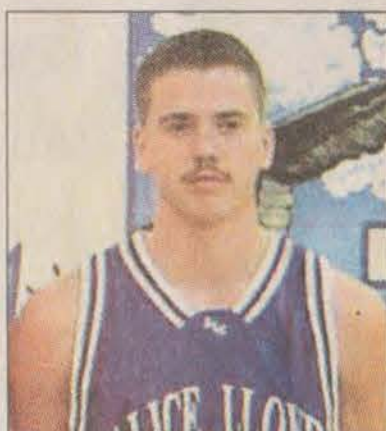


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ALC senior Nick Samons chipped in eight points in the Eagles' loss to rival Pikeville Wednesday night.

No. 25 Pikeville beats ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College Bears opened the season with a 96-77 win over longtime rival Alice Lloyd Wednesday night. Five Bears reached double figures in a game that saw the Bears shoot

just under 50-percent from the field and 75-percent from the line. Senior Jarius Michael led the team with 23 points and eight rebounds as the Bears won the rebounding battle 41-33.

"It's a nice way to start the season," said coach Randy McCoy, who opened his fourth year with

the win.

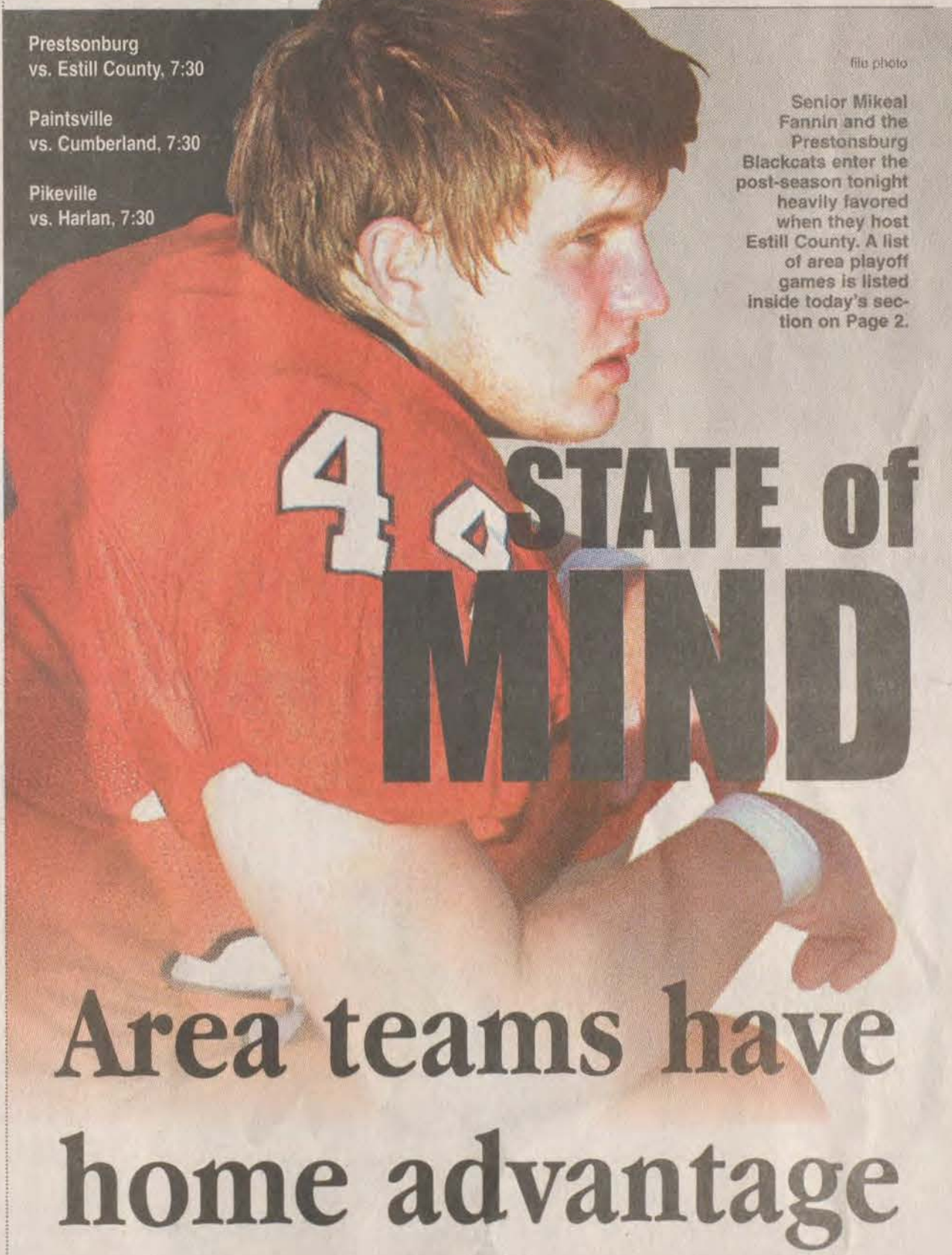
"We did a lot of things right and have some things we need to improve on, but that is pretty typical of an opener." Michael was 8 of-12 from the field and 7-of-9 from the line for his total, and he

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Prestonsburg vs. Estill County, 7:30

Paintsville vs. Cumberland, 7:30

Pikeville vs. Harlan, 7:30



file photo

Senior Mikeal Fannin and the Prestonsburg Blackcats enter the post-season tonight heavily favored when they host Estill County. A list of area playoff games is listed inside today's section on Page 2.

Area teams have home advantage

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Belfry, Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Pikeville, Breathitt County. What do these Eastern Kentucky high school football teams have in common? They're all hosting home games in the first round of the State Playoffs.

In contrast, other area teams, including Phelps, Pike County Central, Leslie County and Hazard will take to the road for the first week.

If most coaches have their choice, of course, they'd rather host a game than travel.

"It's always real nice to have the first game at home," said Paintsville head coach David LeMaster. "Anytime you have to go on the road, especially in the playoffs when you have take longer trips, it's tough."

However, once a team gets so far in the post-season, does it really matter?

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett has said in the past, like most all other coaches, he'd rather be at home, but still agrees that once you go so deep in the playoffs, the home field advantage could basically go either way or hang in limbo.

Last season, Prestonsburg, after winning the regional championship traveled to Mason County where it eventually rocked the host Royals, thus earning a spot in the State Finals.

Prestonsburg and Paintsville, upon winning tonight, will more than likely have to pack their bags and hit the road for away games next Friday night.

Breathitt County, Belfry and Pikeville all have home field advantage throughout the playoffs. A complete list of tonight's games is listed in today's section. Most all area games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. kickoffs.

RECRUITING

Service says Hall, Simpkins among state's best

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SHEPHERDSVILLE - Some time before the first basketball hit the floor in pre-season boys' high school basketball practice this fall, Rick Bolus was busy scouting and ranking the state's talent.

The recruiting guru ranks Highlands' Ross Neltner, an LSU signee, as the top prospect in Kentucky. Rounding out the top-five the way Bolus sees it are Sean Booker (Ballard), Rajon Rando (Eastern), Michael Bush (Male) and Shawn Ballard (Madison Central). Rose Hill eighth-grade sensation O.J. Mayo is ranked sixth.

Two 15th Region players are listed in the Best of the Rest category. South Floyd senior Michael Hall and Paintsville junior

Shane Simpkins are both listed. They are the only two players out of the 14th and 15th regions to make the list.

Bolus is in his 30th season as publisher of High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service. He is also co-camp director of the Blue Chip Basketball Camp which is held at Georgetown COLLEGE. The camp's web page is www.basketball-camp.net.



■ Simpkins

AC grid season ends with blowout loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - This year's high school football season didn't end quite the way the Allen Central Rebels had planned. Allen Central, with returning talent on both sides of the ball, under second-year head coach Robert Mayton, looked to possibly make a push for the playoffs. After beginning the season 2-1, Allen Central dropped its last seven games of the season, including close contests against Fleming-Neon and Phelps which with wins would have meant the post-season for the Rebs. Allen Central managed

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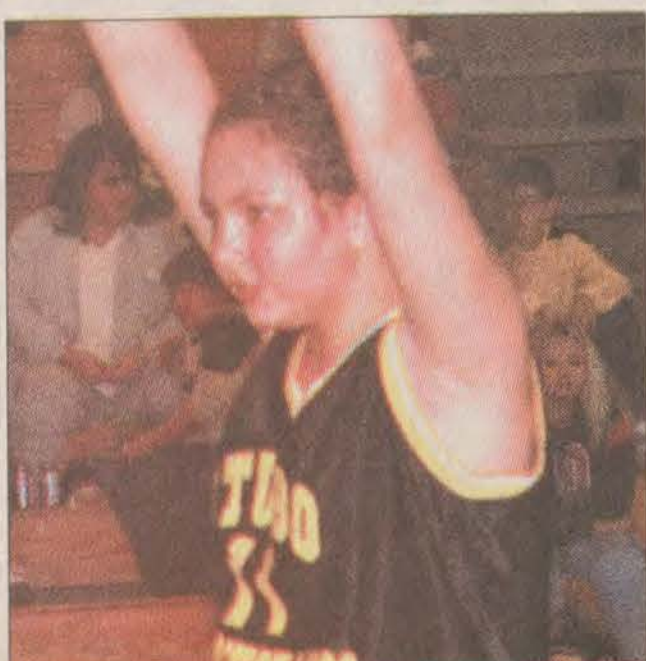


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John M. Stumbo center Megan Hamilton defended on a Betsy Layne inbounds pass.

Stumbo comeback falls short, Betsy Layne advances

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Leading 9-2 midway through the first period, things were looking good for the Betsy Layne Elementary girls' basketball team. Then Stumbo battled back. Despite leading 23-10 at the half, Betsy Layne

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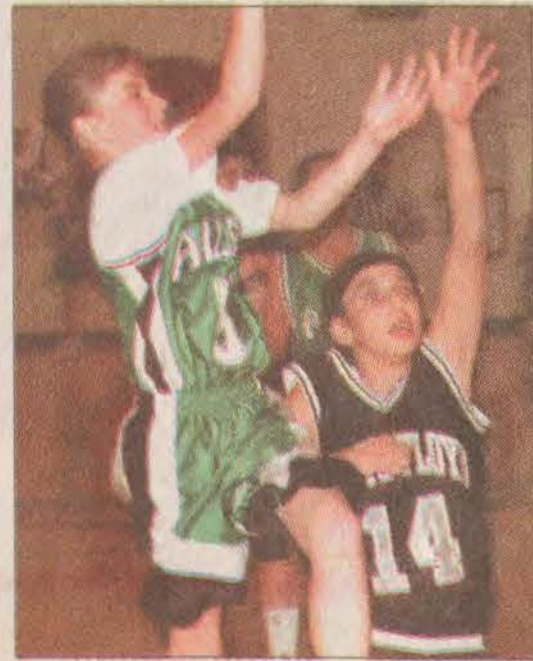


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Allen guard Chelsie Madden went in for a lay-in against South Floyd's Vanessa Skeens. Madden scored four points in the loss. Skeens netted a game-high 18 points in the contest.

S P O R T S B O A R D

College Basketball: Lady Bears run past Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Pikeville College Lady Bears flexed their muscle on the road Tuesday evening in a 79-60 win over first-year head coach Tim Rice and Alice Lloyd College (1-2).

Tecco Gallion hit for 36 points and Amanda Collins added 16 to pace

Pikeville to the win. Gallion also had 14 rebounds to lead all players in that category and scoring. Courtney Mercer added nine points for the Lady Bears.

Pikeville committed 20 turnovers compared to Alice Lloyd's 28.

The Lady Bears, coached by Bill Watson, are now 2-0 on the season.

Pikeville was in control at the half, leading 44-25. Each team put up 35 points

in the second half.

Leah Whitley led the host Lady Eagles with 14 points. Delores Jenkins finished with 11. Nine different players broke into the scoring column for Alice Lloyd. Other scorers included Andrea Kelley (8), Erica Webb (6), Kristina Thompson (6), Sarah Gooding (4), Devon Reynolds (4), Shannon Sizemore (4) and Beliscia Mullins (3).

Betsy Layne grad Kim Tackett, a teammate of Reynolds on the high school ranks as well, played along with Bridget Smith (Shelby Valley) and Amy Johnson. All three players played but did not score.

Reynolds tallied the most assists for Alice Lloyd with five dish outs.

Caitlyn Ryan and Amelia Cody each had six points apiece for the Lady Bears. Ashley Ratliff had four points and Carrie

Hamilton finished with two on a field-goal.

Johnson Central grad Selena Williams played 19 minutes but did not score. Williams led Pikeville in blocks with four. She also pulled down four rebounds and dished out an assist. Mercer led Pikeville in assists with six.

Prior to its loss to Pikeville on Tuesday

(See **LADY BEARS**, page three)

FOOTBALL THIS WEEK GAMES ON TAP

Class A

- Beechwood-Fairview, 7:30 p.m.
- Evarts-Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Cross (Louisville)-Somerset, 7:30 p.m.
- Middlesboro-Phelps, 8 p.m.
- Paintsville-Cumberland, 7:30 p.m.
- Pikeville-Harlan, 7:30 p.m.
- Raceland-Dayton, 7:30 p.m.

Class AA

- Bardstown-Taylor County, 7:30 p.m.
- Belfry-Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
- Breathitt Co.-Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Lloyd Memorial-East Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison Southern-Whitesburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Prestonsburg-Estill County, 7:30 p.m.

RANKINGS

Poll ranks Paintsville No. 17 in the state

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SHEPHERDSVILLE – Rick Bolus, publisher of High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service, has released his annual top-20 boys' basketball poll. Bolus, who is also co-camp director of the Blue-Chip Basketball Camp, ranks defending champion Lexington Catholic as the state's top team. Catholic is followed in the rankings by Pleasure Ridge Park (2), Warren Central (3), Eastern (4), North Hardin (5), West Jessamine (6), Rose Hill (7), Ballard (8), Scott County (9) and the Ross Neltner-led Ft. Thomas Highlands (10). Paintsville, a team which ended last season with a runner-up finish in the 15th Region, is ranked 17th.

Corbin, a 13th Region squad, is ranked No. 11.

Other teams ranked:

- DeSales (12), Ohio County (13), Elizabethtown (14), Mason County (15), Frankfort (16), Fern Creek (18), Owensboro (19) and Male (20). Bolus lists Bates Creek as the Darkhorse Team.

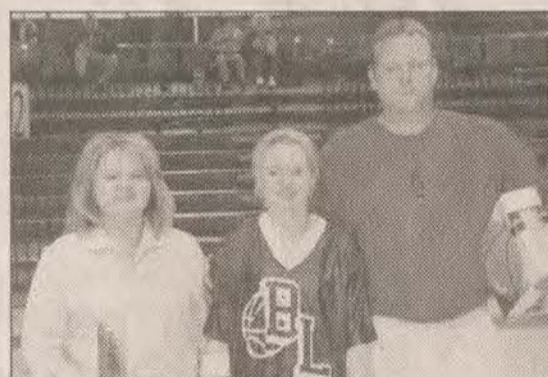
The high school boys' basketball season gets underway in early-December.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Winston Cup

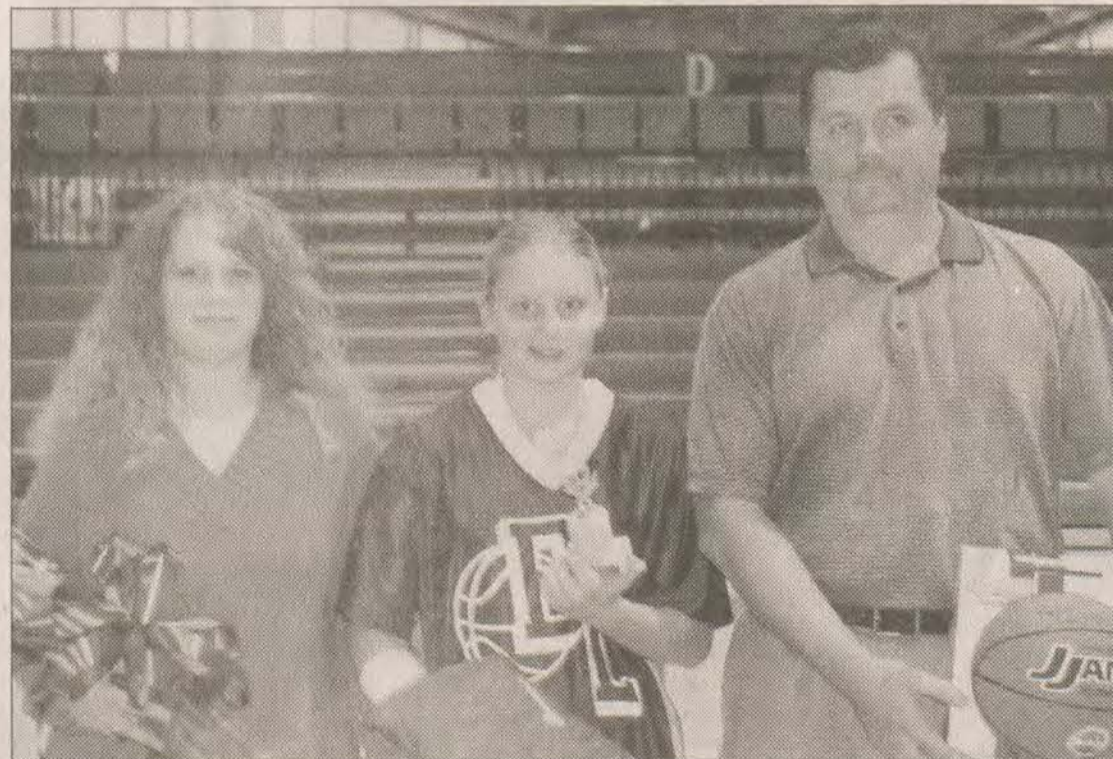
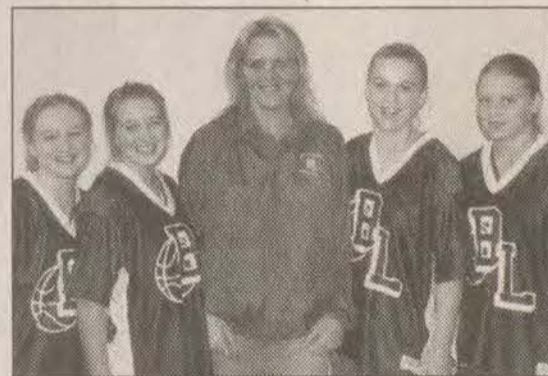
Driver Standings

1. Tony Stewart, 4,549.
2. Mark Martin, 4,437.
3. Jimmie Johnson, 4,330.
4. Ryan Newman, 4,324.
5. Kurt Busch, 4,301.
6. Rusty Wallace, 4,283.
7. Jeff Gordon, 4,282.
8. Matt Kenseth, 4,209.
9. Dale Jarrett, 4,154.
10. Ricky Rudd, 4,093.
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 4,005.
12. Jeff Burton, 3,967.
13. Bill Elliott, 3,939.
14. Michael Waltrip, 3,842.
15. Ricky Craven, 3,736.
16. Sterling Marlin, 3,703.
17. Bobby Labonte, 3,688.
18. Jeff Green, 3,597.
19. Dave Blaney, 3,485.
20. Robby Gordon, 3,465.



BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY EIGHTH-GRADE NIGHT

Eighth-Grade Night was held recently at Betsy Layne Elementary. The eighth-graders honored included players Lindsey Boyette, Kayla Case, Kellie Case, Shereece Lee and manager Samantha Bush. The BLES girls' basketball team scored a first round win over John M. Stumbo in the first round of the Floyd County Girls' Basketball Tournament Wednesday night.



A LOOK AT SPORTS

UK's Bogans imperative leader

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS WRITER

Like everyone else, I am disillusioned with professional basketball and trying to be patient while waiting the start of the high school and college roundball season. Of course, high school basketball will not tip off until the first week in December but the Kentucky Wildcats will be in

action Monday night when they face Athletes in Action.

I know! I know it is just a scrimmage game, but right now anything that resembles roundball time is fine with me. In fact, and I am ashamed to admit this, I have watched a couple of NBA games.

The Cats just played their annual Blue/White game and you cannot really determine anything from that,

but Keith Bogans hit five of eight three-point shots in scoring 30 points.

Bogans will have to be "the man" for UK this season. I think the Cats may struggle early, but hopefully, by SEC time they will have started to jell. The newcomers will really have to step a contribute early. One newcomer, Kellenna Azubuike added 26 points.

The problem the Cats are going to have will be on defense. They are also going to find it hard to rebound with most of the teams on their schedule, especially teams in the SEC.

The problems the Cats are going to have will be on defense. However, Tubby has promised us a more "in-

(See **LEADER**, page four)

AUTO RACING

Roush ponders ... Owner considering appeal for 25-point penalty

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. – Roush Racing is considering an appeal of NASCAR's 25-point penalty against Mark Martin and team owner Jack Roush.

Martin finished second Sunday in the Winston Cup race in Rockingham, but his No. 6 Ford failed postrace inspection because the left-front spring did not meet the minimum number of coils.

The driver was docked 25 championship points, Roush lost 25 car owner points and crew chief Ben Leslie was fined \$5,000.

Martin, hoping to win his first series championship, is second in the standings with two races remaining and had cut series leader Tony Stewart's points lead to 87. The penalty

(See **ROUSCH**, page four)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ortega's defense, punt return help lead Centre to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARYVILLE, Tenn. – Centre College scored three times in the first quarter Saturday and went on to snap a two-game losing streak with a 33-7 victory over Maryville (Tenn.).

Jeremy Britt rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown to lead the Colonels, who led 24-0 at halftime and had all of their points on the board before Maryville scored late in the game.

Centre coach Andy Frye said it was an important win for a team reeling from consecutive losses after a 4-0 start and facing a difficult game this weekend against No. 4 Trinity.

Helping lead Centre to the win was Floyd County product John Ortega. A Prestonsburg High School graduate, Ortega returned a punt for a touchdown and added some stellar defense play in the victory.

Maryville (0-7) managed only 221 yards and turned the ball over four times against the Colonels' defense. That was thanks in part to Ortega's defensive efforts.

Cornerbacks Kevin Tytus and David Duncan each had an interception for Centre, as did linebacker Matt Ellis.

The Fighting Scots' only score in their homecoming game came on a touchdown pass with 2:30 remaining against second- and third-team Centre defenders.

And the Centre coach said he was also pleased with special teams play that included a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown by Ortega, a blocked punt by Britt and strong kickoff coverage.

Ortega was Centre's leading tackler with five solo stops and six total tackles, followed by Sam Beiting and Daniel Nipp with four each.

H.S. BASKETBALL

BL girls will play host team in panorama

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAWOOD – Officials at Cawood High School recently finalized the pairings for the upcoming Trojanette Shootout at Cawood High School. The mix of teams features units from four different regions.

Out of the 15th Region, Betsy Layne, the defending 58th District champ, travels to play the host school in the third game of the event at 6 p.m. Leslie County, a team out of the 14th Region, also plays in the pre-season event.

The panorama is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23.

The game against Cawood will be the first pre-season contest for Coach Cassandra Akers

(See **PANORAMA**, page four)

Lady Raiders hold on to win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG

Vanessa Skeens came up with one of her biggest individual efforts of the season and a host of teammates contributed in different offensive and defensive categories to lead South Floyd Middle to a 28-27 opening round win over Allen in the Floyd County Girls' Basketball Tournament Wednesday night at Adams Middle School.

Ashley Moore and Ashley Fletcher scored four points apiece to lead Allen out to a 9-6 lead through one quarter. The Lady Raiders took control in the second period, outscoring the Lady Eagles 11-3 to lead 17-12 at the break. Skeens got seven of her game-high 18 points in the second period.

The Allen comeback fell just short in the second half. South Floyd won the third period 6-5 before Allen doubled it up in the final quarter 10-5 to lose by just one point. Allen had its chances from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter but could not make good on enough attempt. The Lady Eagles went to the line 14 times in the final period, hitting on just six attempts, less than half. Tiffany Hall scored two and Skeans added three for South Floyd's five in the final period.

Heather Dean scored four points and Hall, Katie Crum and Stephanie Stone each had two points to round out the scoring for the Lady Raiders.

Fletcher paced Allen with eight points. Moore finished with seven while Aleisa Hall, Chelsie Madden and Brittany Waugh all had four points apiece.

South Floyd's win advanced the Lady Raiders to a second-round meeting with host Adams. The host Lady Blackcats had a bye in the first round. Results from last night's game were unavailable at press time.

Stumbo

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was held to just four points in the third quarter and zero in the final period. However, the half-time lead was enough for the Ladycats to hang on for a 27-23 win.

Kayla Case and Kaitlin Lawson accounted for 25 of Betsy Layne's 27 points. Twenty-one of the pair's 25 came in the first half. Each player was held to two points in the third quarter. Case ended the game with 12 points. Lawson led all scorers with 13.

Krista Flannery led Stumbo in scoring with seven points. All

seven of Flannery's tallies came in a nine-point fourth quarter. Each team scored four points in the third period.

Racheal Hamilton and Megan Hamilton each had six points apiece for Stumbo. Keturah Tackett and Shelby McKinney rounded out the Lady Mustangs' scoring effort with two points apiece.

With the win, Betsy Layne advanced to a meeting with another first-round winner, Allen Central Middle. Results from that game were unavailable.

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Mile, the Juvenile, the Sprint, the Filly & Mare Turf, the Turf, and the Classic. The odds against are astronomical, though not as high as the odds of buying a winning lottery ticket.

Of all the Pick Six tickets sold around the world, only six had the correct combination. All were sold at the same betting facility in Pennsylvania, and all had the same unusual betting pattern — a single horse picked in the first four races, coupled with every horse in the final two.

Although nobody has yet been charged with attempted theft by fraud, authorities are working on the theory that a team of computer hackers found a way to get inside the computer system so it could bet on the last two races after the first four had been run.

As racing officials scramble feverishly to change their computer codes and upgrade their security systems, it must be noted that this is only the latest example of what can happen when the sports world is corrupted by gamblers seeking an unfair advantage.

Amid all the hullabaloo over the University of Kentucky's 100th basketball season, for example, you probably won't find much written about the 50th anniversary season of 1952-53. That's because Coach Adolph Rupp's Wildcats were prohibited from playing a schedule due to what amounted to the NCAA's first "death penalty."

In the fall of 1951, Frank Hogan, the crusading district attorney in New York City, charged more than 30 current or former college basketball players in seven states with accepting money from gamblers to "shave points," or make sure their teams' final margins of victory were under the number of points by which they had been favored.

Of the six UK players who were named, only Bill Spivey, the 7-footer who had led the Wildcats to the 1951 NCAA title, maintained his innocence. Although he twice passed voluntary lie-detector tests, and came out of a perjury trial with the jury hung 9-3 in his favor, Spivey never again played for UK, nor was he ever allowed to play in the NBA.

After a New York judge named Saul S. Streit issued a scathing 63-page indictment of Rupp and the UK basketball culture on April 29, 1952, the

Southeastern Conference ordered its members to not play Kentucky in 1952-53.

When the NCAA followed suit three months later, Rupp was forced to cancel the season.

So that winter, while Indiana was on the way to winning the NCAA title, UK's fans had to be content with watching a series of intrasquad games between teams captained by Cliff Hagan of Owensboro and Frank Ramsey of Madisonville in Memorial Coliseum.

Returning to action in 1953-54, Hagan and Ramsey led the Wildcats to a 25-0 record, but declined to play in the NCAA tournament because Hagan, Ramsey and Lou Tsiropoulos were graduate students, who then were ineligible for post-season play.

But college basketball and racing aren't the only sports which have been infiltrated and undermined by crooks and gamblers.

The Chicago White Sox, who lost to Cincinnati in the 1919 World Series, came to be known as the "Black Sox" when it was revealed that several players, including "Shoeshoe Joe" Jackson, had taken bribes to throw the Series.

This caused Judge Kenesaw "Mountain" Landis, the commissioner of baseball, to institute the Draconian rule that keeps Pete Rose out of the Hall of Fame today: Any player caught gambling on baseball would be banned from the game for life.

Through the years, gamblers have made it their business to know which players are injured, or which are using performance-enhancing drugs, so they can use this "inside information" to give them an edge.

As long ago as 1963, the NFL dished out a year's suspension to Green Bay's Paul Hornung and Detroit's Alex Karras for betting on their teams to win, and as recently as last winter, the Olympic figure-skating competition was tainted when it was learned that a French judge had accepted a bribe from Russian gamblers to help make sure a certain team won — or lost, as the case may be.

Indeed, it's always to the advantage of bookmakers when a heavy favorite loses. When that happens in the Kentucky Derby, for example, the bookmakers keep all the money that has been bet on that horse.

ing to the area where he led Johnson Central to a 15th region title, added 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting. The 5-11 guard led the Eagles with seven rebounds.

Allen Central graduate Nick Samons and Pike County product Shannon Akers (Shelby Valley) had eight points each for the Eagles. Ryan Shannon had seven points and seven assists. Pikeville will return to the court tonight when it hosts Warner Southern College. The Royals are ranked No. 2 in the nation in NAIA Div. II.

Pikeville

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added two blocked shots. Senior guard Toni Anderson added 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting, including all three of his trifectas. Junior guard Greg Davis had 11 points, while post players Teon Knox and Joe Mirus had 10 each.

Alice Lloyd got a huge game from senior forward Kent Campbell. The Hazard product who played his freshman season at Pikeville before transferring to the Pippa Passes school, led all scorers with 25 points and pulled down six boards for the Eagles. Junior Tommy McKenzie, return-

Notebook

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Curtis meant the Bengals were worth watching; Cal Ripken hadn't played a big league game; and Howard Cosell had people turning into ABC every single Monday night.

But in the interim, Johns Creek, Mullins and Virgie not only haven't won, they don't even exist anymore, and their replacements, Shelby Valley and Pike Central, haven't won in November either. Elkhorn City was closed in May, and Phelps hasn't gotten it done ... yet.

Both Phelps and Johns Creek have had some pretty solid teams since then, but when the playoffs began, they were eliminated.

Now, here's where we are. Pike County Central has gone 6-4 since opening its season on a hot August night against, ahem, Phelps. The Hawks have a potent passing combination in Justin McCurry to Bobby Mullins. Six of their regular-season opponents made the playoffs, and the Hawks went 2-4 against them.

But, they're playing the state's best Double-A team in Breathitt County (although I'd love to see them have to put that claim on the line at either Belfry or Prestonsburg), and doing it in Jackson. It's not impossible, but it will be tough. Still, when push comes to shove, we'll be a big ol' Hawk fan come Friday night.

As for Phelps, Bill McKinney has done this before. The Hornets struggled early to the tune of a 104-8 combined loss to PCC and Cumberland. But after starting 1-5, Phelps won three straight and then last Friday played a pretty good Hazard team to a 19-14 final.

Tonight, they hook up with Middlesboro, which went 7-3 on the season and 6-0 in the district. But obviously this isn't the Middlesboro of a few years ago when they were just killing people, and with Phelps playing well, anything is possible.

Allen Central

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just one touchdown in its last three games of the season, scoring eight points against Pikeville on Friday, Oct. 25. Allen Central's season ended on Saturday night with a 53-0 loss to Kentucky Country Day.

Seniors who participated in their final game on Saturday night included offensive and defensive standouts Alex Patton, Dustin Hammonds, Derek Kennedy, James Prater and Randy O'Neal. Defensive stopper Jon Bailey will also be missing next season following graduation in the spring. Allen Central's two wins during the season came over Betsy Layne (0-10) and Jenkins (0-10).

Here's even more motivation to the Hawks and Hornets. I'm gonna keep pulling this one out every November — just like the Pikeville/Belfry column, the hey, it's baseball season column and the baseball predictions that never come true column — until someone other than Pikeville and Belfry wins a game.

Good luck, guys. I never thought I'd say it, but this ER without Clooney, Edwards and LaSalle is pretty entertaining.

Shelby Valley and East Ridge both played last week seeking wins to give them .500 seasons. Neither got them, because the Cats played Belfry and the Warriors faced Prestonsburg, but both are to be commended. I don't know how many people thought either would be in that position in August.

I know they were upset in the playoffs and I know I get aggravated watching him sometimes, but if I'd have had a vote for National League manager of the year, I'd have gone with Bobby Cox.

Forget the BCS, the AP and the coaches poll, Miami is the best college football team in the country.

Just in case Bill Watson was the only one who noticed, I'd like to point out that the Bengals actually won a football game last week. Now they're

only one game behind the expansion team and he can get off my back to write about them.

I keep hearing good things about East Ridge basketball. Sounds like the players and coaches are having a good time up there.

So are the Rams going to pull the whole Freddy Krueger act and make it to the playoffs or has this last three-week period been a dream?

If Marshall Faulk can stay healthy and keep getting the ball 25 times a game, I believe they can make it. But they can only afford one more slip; two means the season is in the crapper.

How about Derek Abney? Two punt returns in one quarter? This guy is amazing. And somehow, all those so-called experts in the NFL will pass on him come April's draft and someone will get a steal on the free agent market.

Lady Bears

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night, the ALC women dropped a game on the road Saturday against Knoxville (Tenn.) College. Rice got his first win of the season the first time out in a game against Kentucky Christian on October 29.

Each team hit on 13 free throws. Pikeville was 13-of-15. The host Lady Eagles finished 13-of-18.

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NASCAR: Gordon living life to the fullest

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — On a recent, rainy night of qualifying, Jeff Gordon didn't wait for NASCAR to suspend on-track activities.

He'd already run his lap and knew he wasn't fast enough to take the pole even if qualifying resumed, so he saw no reason to stick around.

Instead, he grabbed some friends and caught a concert by hip-hop star Nelly, who mentions

Gordon by name in one of his songs.

There was a time when Gordon would never have dreamed of doing that, when the race track and everything going on around it was the most important thing.

That was before this year, when the 31-year-old Gordon shook up his life.

He's getting a divorce and breaking free from his corporate poster-boy mode. He's hanging out with friends more, partying a little bit here and there, and learning to enjoy the spoils of his success.

"I have noticed that this season he is, quite frankly, more like the Jeff Gordon who burst on the scene years ago, full of vim and vinegar," said NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter. "He's running wide-open again."

After 10 years and four Winston Cup championships, this has been a defining year for Gordon.

He went 31 races without a victory — the longest winless streak since it took him until his 42nd career start to make it to Victory Lane.

Although he's seventh in the points standings and still mathematically in contention to defend his Winston Cup title, he's long accepted he won't win his fifth championship this season.

He's disappointed, but not devastated.

Racing and winning is still the most important thing in his life, but it's not the only thing.

"I think in a lot of ways, I've enjoyed life more this year than I have in past years, but at the same time, I've had a lot more complications, a lot more headaches," Gordon said.

One of the headaches is the ongoing split from his former wife, Brooke, who filed for divorce in March. The legal wrangling thrust Gordon out of the sports pages and into the tabloids and followed him through most of the season.

"The divorce is something I'm really, really looking forward to getting behind me," he said. "I think I can have a much more enjoyable life once that's behind me, providing a lot more balance."

Finding that balance has been a main focus of this year for Gordon.

When he first came into NASCAR, those who knew him remember an excitable young kid who wanted to win races and have as much fun as he could while doing it.

Somewhere along the way he changed, became reserved and left the NASCAR community in Charlotte for an isolated life in Florida.

He won races and champi-

onships, earned more money than any other driver in history, and focused a lot of time and energy in becoming a corporate spokesman.

The Gordon everyone had known before he became a superstar was gone, and his circle of friends had drifted away.

It was Gordon, his wife, and a schedule packed full of commitments.

"When he came into the NASCAR garage, he was so happy to be there, doing what he wanted to do, and then it was almost like he took a leave of absence," Hunter said. "He is the epitome of a racer. That is what he does, that is what he wants to do, and maybe he went through a period of time when he was dislodged from that through his other responsibilities."

"Now, he's back to being a racer."

Gordon insists he's the same person he always was. But there came a day when he didn't like the image that was being presented, didn't like the way he was living, didn't like focusing on just one thing.

"I haven't changed, I just think I'm just being a little bit more myself than I have," he said. "I think I got a little reserved, a little bit overprotective about who I was and what I portrayed out there in the public eye."

"My life changed drastically in the first four, five years of Winston Cup. I think it made me nervous. Instead of just dealing with it head-on, I kind of backed away from it and hid a little bit too much."

Breaking out of his shell hasn't been without its share of speed bumps.

Although he's spending a lot more time in Charlotte, and a lot more time in his office at Hendrick Motorsports, his sudden presence took getting used to.

Robbie Loomis, his crew chief, spent the first year of their partnership operating on a business-only relationship. With Gordon now hanging around so much — and single again — they became buddies. And that, Loomis said, doesn't always bode well in racing.

"I identified it was going that way, and for us to be successful on the track, you can't let yourself be too good of friends," Loomis said. "Without either one of us saying anything, we kind of backed it up and got back to business."

"We had to spend what time we had together talking about the race car and not other things. The

focus has to be on the team."

In fact, Loomis can point to three races from the early part of the year he believes Gordon should have won. He blames himself for letting wins at the Daytona 500, Bristol and Martinsville get away.

"There were missed opportunities because I didn't bring the focus in," Loomis said. "Part of it is because I let myself get too close and be a friend and let my racing part get away."

But the new single Gordon, and the ongoing divorce, never distracted the driver, Loomis said.

"When he got in the car, his driving was good," Loomis said. "Maybe when he downloaded and got out of the car, he had a bigger fish to fry. But whatever race car was sitting there, he got the most out of it that day."

And that is what Gordon has always maintained.

After 10 years of big-time racing, of being one of the biggest names in NASCAR history, he's felt like he's lived 100 years. He feels like an old man trapped in a young man's body, searching for the right mix of professional success and personal happiness.

While looking, he never lost the focus of being one of the greatest racers ever.

"I don't want life to just be a big party and have fun, that's not what it's all about," he said. "You've got to work hard for everything that you get that's good, and then you've got to learn how to work hard at enjoying what you've accomplished."

"I just want to be happy, and I want my life to be balanced. And I'm not saying I've figured it all out, but I'm working on it."

Panorama

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and her team.

Bucky Burkhart is the Cawood head coach.

A complete list of games follows.

Trojanette Shootout at Cawood High School
Saturday, Nov. 23

- 2 p.m. — Whitley County vs Pineville
- 4 p.m. — Middlesboro vs Erlanger Lloyd
- 6 p.m. — Cawood vs Betsy Layne
- 8 p.m. — Barbourville vs Leslie County

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bish in just under 40 seconds. Hard to believe!

I like the old park although it did seem "artificial" the first time I walked into it. But it was a nice setting for a ball game.

I wonder what my good friend Dale McKinney thinks about all this. I may have to contact him and get his opinion on the matter. His radio station, WMDJ has been carrying the Reds for many, many years.

Well, that is about it from here in Florida. Good sports everyone and be good sports!

Lady Rebs outlast MCA

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Guard Elizabeth Dingus was the only player on her team to break into double-figures but it was ultimately enough as the Allen Central Middle School (ACMS) Lady Rebels scored a 32-19 opening round win over the Mountain Christian Academy Lady Falcons in the Floyd County Girls' Basketball Tournament. Play was close in the first

quarter (Allen Central led 6-5) before the Lady Rebs opened the game up in the second period and on into the second half. ACMS led 16-10 at the half and 25-13 at the end of three quarters.

Amanda Thacker pushed in nine points and Whitney Moore ended the game with six for the Ronnie Patton-coached Allen Central Middle team. Brandi Brown and Sara Johnson finished with five and two points, respectively. Kendra Sammons and

R.obyn Warrix scored six points apiece to lead MCA in the scoring column. Valerie Richards netted four points and Katie LeMaster finished with two. Center Kellie Farthing added a first-quarter free-throw for the Lady Falcons.

The MCA girls struggled at the free-throw line, especially in the fourth quarter, hitting on just two of eight attempts.

ROUND TWO: Last night, ACMS vs. Betsy Layne, results were unavailable at



Newsome will start at two-guard for OU Southern

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

IRONTON, Ohio — The Ohio University Southern Trail Blazers enter the 2002-03 season with what looks to be their best team yet.

Ron Reed is the head coach of the Trail Blazers, and he's eager to get started. Shawn Newsome, a recent Allen Central High School graduate, enters his first season in the program. Newsome, the state's

leading scorer last season in his senior high school campaign, will start at the two-guard position for the Trail Blazers.

"We're more talented this season than the first two years that I was here," said Reed. "But we're still as young as we've been. Most of them could still be playing high school basketball." Reed is also anxious to see Newsome perform as a starter.

"We are fortunate to have a player like Shawn in our program," said Reed.

Newsome averaged 32 points per game last season. After leading the state in scoring, he was selected Third Team All-State.

Other newcomers joining Newsome in the Southern program include Matt Hunter (Boyd County) and Travis Kielmar (Portsmouth Clay, Ohio).

Two other Kentucky players, Joe Fraley (Elliott County) and Brandon Raeuchle (Anderson County), are projected starters at forward and center. Fraley is a senior. Raeuchle is a sophomore. Kielmar is expected to start at another forward slot. Earl Willis, a freshman guard out of Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, Illinois will start at point guard for the Trail Blazers.

Reed, a graduate of Morehead State University, is a former coach at Lawrence County High School. Ohio University Southern will open its season on the road Monday at Temple Baptist. Tip-off is set for

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dropped him 112 points behind heading into Sunday's race in Phoenix.

Geoff Smith, the team president, said Tuesday, "We are evaluating all avenues of recourse available to us, including invoking the NASCAR appeals process, and have asked our outside counsel to assess our

options for recourse against the manufacturer and distributor of the spring.

"We quite naturally are upset that we received exactly the same penalty as that imposed on two other teams that altered springs with the expectation of obtaining a performance advantage."



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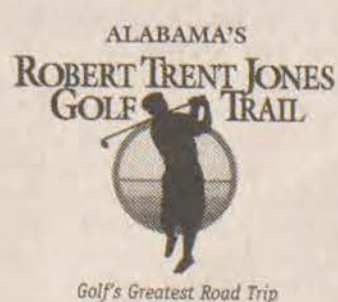
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THROUGH MY EYES

Elusive illusions

Well, the big day is finally over - congratulations to all the winners and now, please, can we just get back to normal? Creatures of habit like



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

me don't do well when things are hanging so precariously in the balance.

I don't think it has had anything to do

with the election at all (well, maybe one bad day did), but life has kinda been beatin' me up a little lately. Nothing physical, mind you, but oh, the storms that have raged within of late have left little behind in their wake.

My mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, is slipping even further away from me, as well as life as she once knew it. No matter how

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THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

It is exactly 3:56 p.m., as I start this. I should be through by 4 p.m., if I write only what is in mind as of this moment.

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"SOMEBODY" PEEKED

Hanging on the wall in front of this desk is a memento left behind by Charles Goble, during a recent visit here from West Liberty. It's a folder-type thing, and the flap reads, "In case of fire raise this flap!" Well, somebody raised the flap, and here's what the next word was: "Not now, stupid—just in case of fire."

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VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics office of the State Health Department occasionally runs into items which are more interesting than cold statistics would be expected to be. For instance:

On death certificates of the last century, causes of death were on a few occasions listed as "to mean to live" and "shortness of breath." ("Heart

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photo by Willie Elliott

Roy Tackett, pictured with his wife, Alma, in the backyard of the couple's home.

**ROY TACKETT
A HERO IN HIS WAY**



LEFT: Cover of the book, "Squadron of Deception," by Stephen Hutton, that contains photograph of Floyd Countian, Roy Tackett, and details of one of Tackett's assigned duties in the mountains of Wales.

by WILLIE ELLIOTT

Sometimes our next door neighbor can be a candidate for hero status and sometimes the person who has performed a heroic deed doesn't even realize the significance of his/her actions until much later in life. Such is the case with McDowell native, Roy Tackett.

During World War II, Roy was stationed at RAF Valley, Wales where he was a corporal in the Army and served as a military policeman. Roy's commanding officer of Headquarters 1407th Army Air Force Base Unit ordered him to locate the downed plane "The JIGS UP." Roy found the plane and reported such to his superiors. Roy later finished his tour of duty and returned home to marry Alma Newsome. Roy and Alma had two children, Becky and Freddie.

Stephen Hutton, American author, began searching for information about the crash of "The Jigs Up," a plane that his father had flown many times, but for some fateful reason was not on board the night it was downed.

Brendan Maguire, who lives in Holyhead, Wales, learned that Hutton was searching for information and was able to give information that allowed Hutton to get in touch with my neighbor, Roy. Sutton does not recall how Maguire learned the whereabouts of

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POSTSCRIPT

Observations

Some notes after Halloween on Thomas Street in Auxier: Broken eggs on street, egg cartons discarded in ditch. Cups, cans and plastic bottles on grass, in ditches. Candy wrappers everywhere.

Did anyone think to give hand-outs on litter and responsible behavior?

My radio station, WMMT (at least I like to think of it as mine), was asked to man a table at the

Hemphill Community Center for a safe Halloween on Oct. 31.



Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

The station was in the middle of its fall on-air fund drive, with the Bluegrass Express show on Thursday as

one of the most popular evenings. Two staff members were needed to answer phones; another staff member had to be in Virginia; and I accepted the challenge of the trick-or-treat set. (After all, I had previous experience at the safe Halloween activity at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.)

This was my first time in that section of Letcher County. I had been as far as Millstone and Seco on a corridor of coal camps in eastern Letcher, but no farther.

Hemphill is on the other side of Fleming-Neon, a town I'd heard of

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Experts Say Myth That the Pill Adds Pounds May Lead to Unintended Pregnancies

A new survey just released by the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health reveals that the battle of the bulge not only affects women's diet and exercise choices, and their self-image, but even influences what method of birth control they use.

The survey of more than 1,300 women, OB/GYNs and nurse practitioners shows that many women still believe birth control pills cause weight gain, and almost half say weight gain is a good enough reason to discontinue or not start the Pill.

Shockingly, women concerned about weight gain also say they may choose a less effective method of birth control than the Pill, or even no method at all, which may result in unintended pregnan-

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Things to Ponder: What makes kids care?

As I continue to work with children of all ages, it seems that the reports of violence and cruelty to others is heard more often these days than in the past. Although there is no "local official research", an impression is that there are several different ways in which young people are inappropriate to each other, resulting in the "victim" acting out unusual behaviors. One way is when students are non-accepting of each other. Recently, a fourth grade girl, who had been an "A" student with lots of friends before, began consistent-

ly expressing an extreme dislike for school, having physical complaints on school day mornings, having a decline in grades, and showing a change in behaviors this school term. The student was resistant to describe what was happening with her classmates, but her mother was quick to explain how her daughter's classmates were different this year, from before. "There's a half mix," which was defined as the number of poor students in her daughter's classes. While at a school function, one of her daughter's classmates said to the

mother, "Bet you buy all of her clothes at (an expensive store out of town)." Her mother was probably correct in her conclusion that her daughter's classmates had been making remarks about her daughter's clothing and were socially isolating her from the group. A source of violence and cruelty in adolescents sometimes is the emotional, verbal, and physical abuse among dating teens. An experience has been that often parents are unaware of these circumstances until one teen wants to stop dating the other. The one feeling reject-

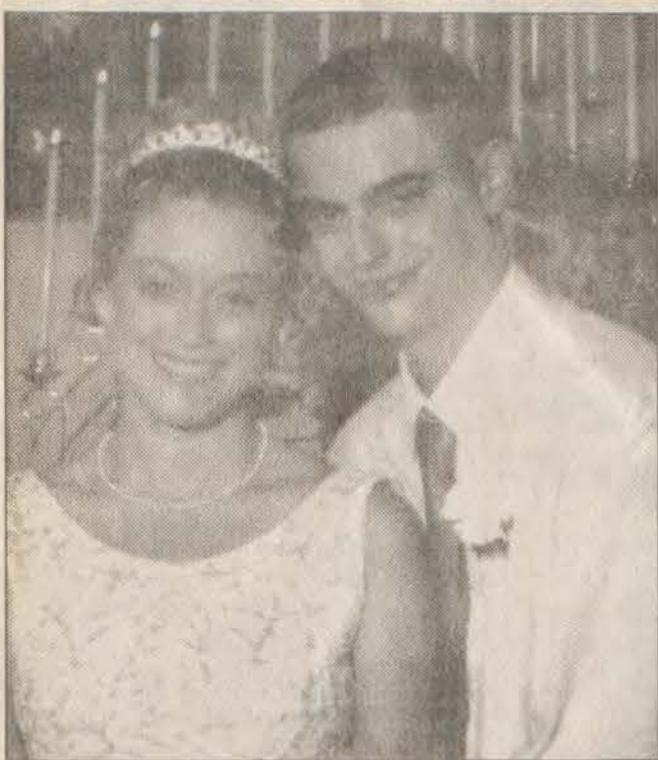
ed typically acts out so everyone knows. Also, the experience has been that boys are likely to abuse girls more often than vice versa. Not unexpected, these couples show characteristics similar to spouse-abuse. Of course, parents and society are very concerned about what can be done to prevent such circumstances. Major questions become, "What makes kids care about each other? How can gentleness to each other in a violent world be taught?"

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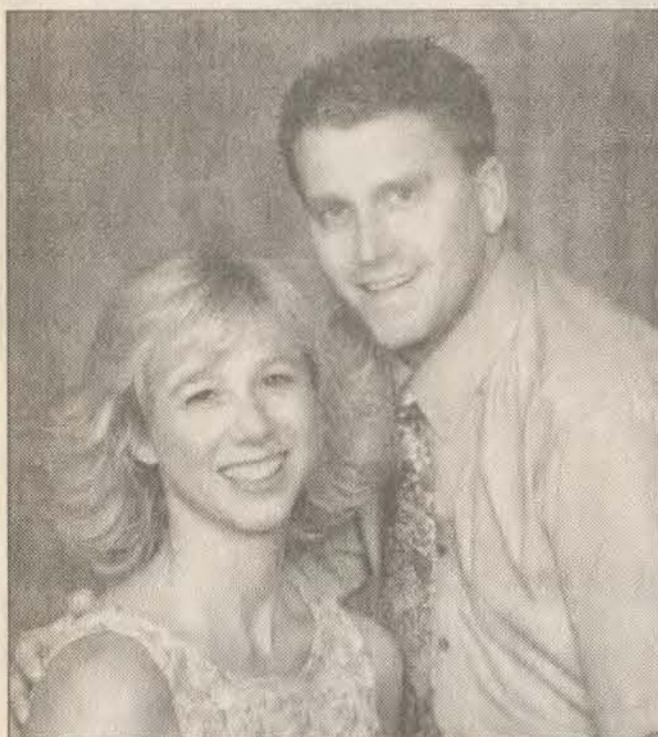
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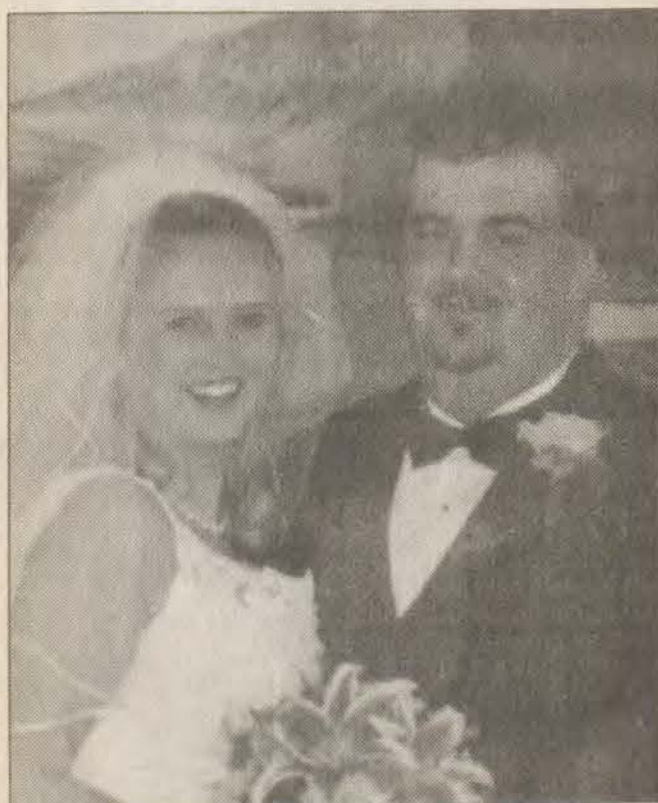
Merion-Spurlock

Misty Fawn Merion, the daughter of Stan and Cindy Curry, of Emma, and Kevin Ray Spurlock, the son of Donnie and Margaret Spurlock, of Manchester, were united in marriage on Saturday, September 28, 2002. The wedding ceremony was held at Muddy Gap Baptist Church, in Manchester. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. The couple spent a honeymoon vacation in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and returned to reside in Lexington.



Rayl-Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Alta Rayl, of Ada, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Linda Phillips, of Kenton, Ohio, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Tricia Renee and Brian Douglas. Tricia, a 1989 graduate of Bluffton High School, and a 1995 graduate of Lourdes College who holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing, is also a board certified lactation consultant. She served for seven years as a nurse and lactation consultant in Hardin Memorial Hospital's Obstetrics Department, and is currently employed by Hardin Home Health. Tricia is the granddaughter of Elsie Hyden, of East Point. Brian, a 1991 graduate of Ridgmont High School, has been a state licensed financial consultant since 1994. Currently, he is contracted with Huston Financial Services, Inc., of Findlay, Ohio. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. The couple will wed on Saturday, February 1, 2003, in a ceremony that will take place at the County Line Church of the Brethren. A reception will follow at the Kenton Community Building. Serving as Best Man will be the groom's brother, Todd Phillips, of Belle Center, Ohio, and Matt Ledly, of Mt. Victory, Ohio, will serve as groomsmen. Michelle Lark, of Sandusky, Ohio, will serve as the bride's Matron of Honor, with Joy Bischoff, of Kenton, Ohio, serving as bridesmaid. Serving as Jr. Bride/flowergirl/ ringbearer will be the bride's daughter, Kayla Rayl.



Cline-Spradlin

Mary Cline, the daughter of Earl and Sherry Cline, of Allen, and Shawn Spradlin, the son of Patsy Spradlin, of Spurlock, were united in marriage on October 26, 2002, in a ceremony that was performed at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. David Garrett, minister, officiated. A reception was held at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, immediately following the wedding ceremony. The new bride is the maternal granddaughter of Vanie Sellards and the late James Sellards. Her paternal grandparents are Edith Cline and the late James Cline. The newly wed couple will reside in Allen.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is

located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Nov. 4-15 - CANNED FOOD DRIVE.

Nov. 8, 12 - Nutrition programs, K-1.

Nov. 8, 13, 15, 19 - Physical activity programs.

Nov. 11 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., school library. Public invited.

Nov. 14 - "Time Out for Parents." 1-2:30 p.m.

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and

immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER / JOHN M. STUMBO ELEM.

The Bridges Project is in the school Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

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Eyes

much you attempt to educate yourself on this horrific condition, no matter how much you think you know, no matter how much you hang on the belief that it "won't be that way" for your loved one - eventually you have to face the fact that no matter how much you read/study, no matter how much you learn, and no matter how much you want to believe that things will be different for your family, the fact that you are in blatant denial of the reality of the situation will hit you full-force when you're looking the other way.

I had to take my mother to see her urologist a few weeks ago, a man who has been understanding and helpful beyond belief for the past three years or so (thank you, Dr. McDonald!), and a doctor who my mother has shown great faith in during her years in his care. This time, though, the situation was starkly different.

I think I subconsciously realized that I was in trouble when I arrived at the nursing center where my mother now resides to find her engaged in a battle of wills with the attendants who were attempting to dress her for her appointment.

Although I have often seen my mother engaged in such battles with family members and caregivers, this time, I saw a resolve within her that I had never encountered before. She was bound and determined to have her way - no holds barred.

No one was going to change her clothes, comb her hair or take anything away from her. Not that anyone was trying to take anything away from her, mind you, it's just that she perceives it that

way when anyone attempts to change or remove her clothing, bedding, etc. Think of the tiny toddler screaming at the top of its lungs, "It mine!" as they cling to their beloved possession with all the might their little bodies can muster and you have an idea of the sort of situation I'm talking about. Only in the case of an Alzheimer's patient, it isn't a tiny toddler you have to gain control over, it's a fully grown adult.

In times past, I have been able to talk my mother into doing anything for me upon presenting a kindly phrased, calm request. But not this day. This day, I had to be witness to my mother calling out my name and pitifully beseeching my presence as I stood right by her side, holding her hand and touching her face, begging, in my own way, for her to recognize that I was there, right by her side.

I felt like a ghost, calling to be noticed from the great beyond. As if my physical presence had vanished from the room and I existed as nothing more than an intruding specter.

There are many times in our lives when we encounter feelings of helplessness - children get hurt, sometimes even when we are standing vigilantly by their side; loved ones experience heartbreak or disappointment that we can do little to assuage; or maybe we watch as a traffic accident occurs just a few yards ahead of us. There are many, many saddening events in this world of ours, but in my world, very little has saddened me more than standing helplessly by as my mother forgets.

Grief comes in varying stages when Alzheimer's

moves in. I recall the day my mother was formally diagnosed - her refusal to admit the truth of the physician's words, my tears as I drove home alone knowing that a change had occurred that would ultimately impact our lives in ways unimaginable.

I grieved as I watched my mother, in her own way, come to grips with the reality of her situation. The confusion in her eyes, the desperate attempts to bring order to her world, the panic when she couldn't make it all come together in a form that made sense to her.

Today, I grieve when I visit with her and I realize that we can't talk about the time my brother and I got live bunnies for Easter or about the day she taught me to bake cupcakes because my Brownie troop was having a bake sale and she was busy with other tasks. I grieve when I go to Wal-Mart and see all the pretty Christmas decorations and the festive holiday clothing. My mother loved to shop for pretty clothes and she loved to decorate our modest home at Christmastime. She delighted in the "oohs" and "aahs" of her grandchildren when the Christmas tree lights were first plugged in.

I realize that I am speaking of my mother in the past tense, knowing full well that she is still alive. But, in many ways, my mother is already gone - and it feels very much as though I have been robbed of a precious gift.

As this holiday season approaches, I know I will struggle with ways to make it meaningful for both my mother and myself. "We all move

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World

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failure" is a good, all-inclusive reason that surely was listed.)

And the folks in that office have found that there are some people who would like to appeal, for the record, older than they really are, since it sometimes pays. One person went so far as to scorch the pages of a Bible to make it look older, and thus scotch any question as to the authenticity of the genealogical record in it.

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Somebody reported finding my lost temper when they drained Dewey Lake. Now they can start looking for my hopes for good fishing.

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ARE WE UNGRATEFUL?

Has Floyd County lost its capacity for gratitude? Or is it, like the fellow Senator Barkley often told about, insisting that the Red Cross hasn't done anything for it lately?

Floyd Red Cross Chapter is behind with its rent, behind on the salary of its one paid worker. Floyd County had a quota of \$6,700 when the Red Cross fund drive was begun early this year, and the people of the county had contributed only \$2,200 of that amount as of this week.

This is the Red Cross, which after the flood of 1957, spent \$525,000 in Floyd County alone. It is the same organization which spent \$13,000 in this county only last spring, when a smaller and less disastrous flood hit the county.

Must we have a disaster every six months, to remind us that we have stood in need and that that need has been met by the Red Cross.

Thanksgiving time is at hand. It's a good time. Maybe more of us will remember this friend who has stood by Floyd County in dark days. Count among your blessings, the blessing of being willing to give, rather than always demanding to receive.

Ponder

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Needless to say, parents cannot completely control all of the things that affect their children's lives, since children have to spend much of their time away home and in the "real world," a place that can often be harsh and uncaring. There is also the extreme incidences of violence with almost three million crimes occurring on or near school campuses every year, with 16,000 per school year or one every six seconds. National data has shown that many high school boys thought it was all right for a boy to strike his girlfriend if she angered him, while nearly 17,000 people were killed by their domestic partners, during the early 1980's.

In the past, children were viewed as not developing a sense of real caring about others until they reached adulthood. In contrast, a group of researchers (Waxler, Yarrow, and King) discovered that even very young children had a pretty well developed sense of empathy, an ability to understand another's feelings. When a parent had a headache or was crying due to receiving bad news, 2-year-old toddlers reacted with concern, by showing a desire to "fix" the problem and offering comfort and compassion to the parent in distress. Many studies and news reports have shown older children organizing ways to respond quickly and with concern to a classmate, friend, family member, neighbor, or, to a stranger, who is hurt. In addition, children have a natural affinity for animals and a desire to help them. Recently, there was news coverage of a young teen beginning a shelter for unwanted dogs. One study (Magen and Aharoni) supported that teenagers who were involved in helping others felt very positive about their lives and had high hopes for their own futures.

Even though children are exposed to violence, on television and on the streets, there are some things that a parent can attempt to help encourage their children to become caring, just, and responsible. Similar to other behaviors that need shaping by parents, a basic issue for the parents is to be frank, honest, and upfront with the behaviors you like or don't like. Let them know how much it means to you that you behave with kindness and responsibility: speak up in a firm and honest fashion, as soon as you see them doing something inappropriate; and keep your focus on the behavior and not on the child personally, such as "What you did is not very nice" versus "YOU are not very nice!" It is so important to let your children know how highly you regard their kind behaviors toward others. "I saw how you helped the boy who fell and how thoughtful you were. I felt so proud of you!"

This is definitely an area where the parents' actions speak louder than words. Since children observe their parents and other adults, for ways to behave and it is more likely that your children will be, if you are consistently, caring and compassionate. Again, as in other circumstances, "Do as I say, not as I do" just does not work, especially when it comes to teaching about caring. It is well known that your children will pay more attention to what you do, when it is opposite of what

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Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Husband's "night sweats" may signal underlying disease

Q My husband has severe night sweats, so much so that he is soaking wet — his clothes, the bed sheets, everything. Can you tell me what I can do about this? I know diabetes runs in his family. His mother sweats a lot as well, and she is a diabetic. Is this something that I should be worried about?

A You are right to be concerned about your husband's night sweats as they are often a symptom of an underlying medical problem. Sometimes, however, they can be due to things as simple as anxiety over a fami-

ly or work situation, taking an aspirin or acetaminophen before bedtime, or drinking an alcoholic beverage too close to bedtime. One study at Hershey Medical College even discovered that the tendency to sweat at night may sometimes be hereditary.

However, since I have not had the opportunity to examine your husband or to talk with his physician, it's impossible for me to make a diagnosis or to discuss his exact problem. I can, however, give you some general information about night sweats.

Night sweats are relatively common in menopausal women due to hormone

fluctuations. These can be quite severe and last from weeks to years. Severe night sweats in this group of people are usually managed by hormone replacement therapy (HRT). We know that this is not your husband's problem, however.

Night sweats in either gender are often a symptom of an infection. Your husband should check his temperature in the early evening for about a week and see if he's running a fever. Many infections — such as an abscess, tuberculosis or even HIV — can cause a low-grade fever associated with night sweats, and few other symptoms. Sinus or dental infections can also be smoldering and cause only night sweats without many other symptoms. Malaria, a classic night sweat producer, is becoming more common in the southern, humid regions of the United States.

Non-infectious illnesses, such as diabetes, thyroid disorders, sleep apnea or

even malignancies, can cause night sweats. They are also linked to pheochromocytomas — usually benign tumors that are most often found in the adrenal glands.

It's important to note if night sweats are associated with other symptoms such as swollen lymph nodes, chest pain, daytime sweating or unintentional weight loss. The total constellation of symptoms will help your physician close in on the correct diagnosis and treat any underlying cause that may exist.

Here's a summary for your husband as well as any of my other readers who may be experiencing night sweats: Go to your doctor with a good history and be able to answer some basic questions. How long has this been going on? Are you running a temperature? Have you noticed other symptoms like weight loss, swollen glands or chest pain? Did you travel outside of the country, especially

to tropical or subtropical areas immediately prior to the start of your symptoms.

Don't assume that the sweats are due to menopause just because you are a middle-aged woman. If they are, your doctor can help. Otherwise a thorough workup to determine the cause may be in order. In the meantime, avoid caffeine, alcohol and vigorous exercise too close to bedtime. Light bed clothes and covers can be helpful as well as a tepid shower before bed. Ultimately, finding and treating the underlying cause is the best way to deal with persistent night sweats.

Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Or, e-mail Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu.

Organizations



Days Gone By

Eastern Kentucky women have long been fans of beautiful homes and beautiful things. These ladies, all members of the Lackey, Garrett, and Wayland Woman's Club, took a moment some years back to pose with a few of their flower arrangements and hand-crafted quilts. The ladies are Mrs. Earl Castle, Mrs. R.H. Messer, Mrs. M.M. Collins, Mrs. Mike Staley, Mrs. Charles Hornsley, and Mrs. W.T. Hatcher. (Photo submitted by Dr. Richard and Mrs. Lurlie R. Howard, of Winchester. Date of photo unknown.)



Attend EKEA Delegate Assembly

On October 4, the Eastern Kentucky Education Association (EKEA) met at Morehead for the Delegate Assembly. The group heard Dr. Roger Cleveland speak on the topic of "Equity." Pictured from left to right, front row, are, delegates Ruth Patterson, Jennifer West, Dr. Cleveland, Stephanie Hammonds, and Donna Collins. From left to right, back row, are Janie Jones, Vicki Slone, Rick Jones, and Charles Collins.

Floyd County 4-H Teen Council 2002 - Off to a great start!

By Savannah Campbell, 4-H TEEN COUNCIL SECRETARY

The 4-H Teen Council is off to another great year. Everyone is excited about all that we want to accomplish this year and all the plans that have been made so far. September 5 marked our first meeting, but four of the most important things decided at this meeting were decided months before September.

This past June, we elected our officers: Shannon Hicks, president, Casey Price, vice-president, Megan Goble, treasurer, and Savannah Campbell, secretary.

The four officers met on September 3, for an organizational meeting. They discussed who would present at the upcoming meeting, what topics would be discussed, and exchanged personal ideas of what we wanted to see happen this year in 4-H, as well as what we wanted to have taken off the yearly agenda. One idea was to add to each Teen Council meeting, someone to demonstrate a craft, a talent, etc., at the beginning of the meeting.

At the September 5 meeting, the entire Teen Council met and discussed a variety of things such as the leadership challenges we would be hosting at each school, how we would facilitate them, and what things we wanted to do.

The things we wanted, as a group, to do varied. Most agreed that we would like to do a lot more community service projects, perhaps clean up Jenny Wiley Theatre again, plant flowers around town, etc. We also want to present another Community Theater production and to go on another educational trip. We also discussed fundraising ideas.

In conclusion, it appears that 4-H Teen Council has another wonderful year ahead. We will strive to keep the community posted on all of our events and to continue to submit articles to the local newspaper. Watch for the articles and pictures to see what we "little 4-H'ers" are up to.

The 4-H Teen Council is open to all between the ages of 13-19. For more information about the Council, or to inquire

about joining, contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office at 886-2668, and ask for Chuck Stamper, 4-H Agent. Or you may email Mr. Stamper at: cstamper@uky.edu.



Floyd County 4-H Teen Council officers, 2002. Seated, left, Shannon Hicks, right, Megan Goble. Standing, left, Savannah Campbell, right, Casey Price.

School

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Nov. 11 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m. CATS Presentation will be given at this time (for 01-02 school year).

Nov. 12 - "Time Out for Parents," 1-2:30 p.m. Topic: Communication Skills. Door prize will be given away. Refreshments will be served.

Nov. 12 - "Parent University," 5:30-8:15 p.m. Location: ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL. FREE chili dinner, door prizes. Workshops will include Body Recall, Financial Aid, Internet Safety, Family Literacy, Crisis Management, and How to Survive the Teenage Years. To pre-register, or for more information, call 886-7088 or 886-9812. *Licensed childcare will be made available for those who pre-register by Nov. 8.*

Nov. 19 - Family Reading Night, 7 p.m., school library.

Nov. 19 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., auditorium.

PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their home-room teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

The PHS Band program is currently engaged in their annual fruit sale fundraiser. A delicious array of naval oranges, red grapefruit, tangerines, and Washington apples are available in a wide assortment of packages. To order, contact any band member, band parent, or Mr. Michael Bell, PHS Band Director. Deadline to order nearing. Fruit will arrive in early December. *Great gift idea!*

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FRYSC

Nov. 14 - School photo retakes and Sports photos.

Nov. 15 - "Science on Campus," Prestonsburg Community College, 7th grade.

The Bridges Project is located in the school, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Resource Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Center Coordinator, Darren Newsome. 587-2233.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

Monday - McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

Tuesday

Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

Wednesday - McDowell Family Resource

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WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Nov. 12 - "Time Out for Parents," support group meeting, 9:30-11:00 a.m., in school library.

Nov. 15 - Parent and Child Holiday Activity, "Craft Camp." For more info., call the center.

TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Pageants

"Most Beautiful" Aleigha Nichole



Aleigha Nichole Slone, the three year old daughter of Chad and Melissa Slone, of Bevinville, participated in the "Little Miss Patriotic Pageant" held October 13, 2002, in Martin. Aleigha won honors in the 2-3 (age) category by being named "Miss Photogenic," "Overall Most Beautiful," and "First-Place" winner. She received two beautiful tiaras, two trophies, and a plaque for her accomplishments. Aleigha is the granddaughter of Clark and Sylvia Thornsberry, of Melvin, and Vernon and Debra Slone, of Bevinville. She is the great-granddaughter of Geraldine Osborne, of Wheelwright, Hazel Slone, of Bevinville, Goldia Hall, of Melvin, and Mary Jane Thornsberry, of Bypro. Aleigha was sponsored in the pageant by her aunt and uncle, Elisha and David Tackett, of McDowell. Her aunt, Dorothy Sammons, helped her prepare for the event, and her sisters, Debbie Hall and Debbie Thornsberry, arranged for her ride in the city's "Red, White and Blue Festival Parade."

Vet

Roy and Sutton did manage to correspond with one another.

Roy wrote a letter to Hutton that included details about the search for the "The JIGS UP" aircraft. Roy said he spent more than three days searching the crash site for clues of the missing eight men. His letter said all that he found was one propeller, a landing gear, and some assorted bits of metal.

Someone on the scene had the foresight to take a photograph of Roy at the crash site. Hutton later said the quality of

the photo that Roy possessed was of better quality than the one the Air Force had given him so he included Roy's photo in his book "Squadron of Deception."

Hutton, in his book, said Roy was called to do his duty and that he did it very well under the most hazardous of environmental conditions. "I can tell you that the Holyhead Mountains by the Irish Sea with those rugged cliffs are the most treacherous in the country of Wales. I've been there myself and climbed the very edges of the mountains where the JIGS UP crashed. Brendan Maguire can also attest to this fact, as he is a member of the Holyhead Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Mountain Rescue team. Brendan and his teams have performed miraculous recover-

ies and rescues, saving many lives."

Hutton has this to say about Roy's efforts in the rescue event: "I don't know what else Roy Tackett did during World War II, but one thing I do know for sure - he bravely scaled some very rugged and treacherous terrain in the North of Wales (you can tell that from his picture) trying to find eight airmen who not long before jumped from their stricken aircraft - eight men who unfortunately perished on a cold December night a few days before Christmas. Lucky for me, one of these men was not my father, but still, each was the son, the brother, or husband from a soon-to-be stricken family who would never again see the face of their loved-one, now claimed by the Irish Sea. Even

though the eight bodies were never found, that doesn't mean that Roy and the other search teams didn't desperately try. In fact, Roy worked with one of over a dozen teams searching for the lost men. That being said, it strikes me that all searched with the same spirit, eagerness, and determination as if they were searching for their own brother. Yes, I think that Roy did his duty, and he performed it magnificently, as God and Country would have him do it, like so many other men and women who served our country during that last Great War. And it is because of them and the work they did back then that the United States remains free today and that the rest of the world was liberated from tyranny and oppression."

Hutton has a web page: www.36rcm.com and the site has a copy of the picture that was shot of Roy on that tragic day many years ago when this country struggled to keep their

freedom.

This past summer, Roy had a more pleasant reminder of those days during the war - a

daughter that he fathered while serving overseas came to visit and stayed with him for a few wonderful weeks.

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Myth

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According to health care providers surveyed, weight gain is the major concern they hear from women asking about Pill side effects.

"The good news for women is that weight fears linked to the Pill are outdated thanks to lower doses of estrogen in many of today's pills," says Susan Wysocki, a nurse practitioner, president and chief executive officer of NPWH. "The recent data from two clinically controlled trials studying an ultra low-dose 20 microgram (mcg) birth control pill called Alesse shows that women did not gain weight on this pill compared to place-

More than half of the women surveyed said they would be likely to use a birth control pill that does not cause weight gain. NPWH is encouraging health care providers to educate patients on birth control pill options, including low-dose 20 mcg pills that have been proven to cause no change in weight.

"The new survey confirms that it's time to debunk the myths associated with the Pill and weight gain," adds Wysocki. "Today's low-dose pills can enable women to use effective contraception without worrying about wiggling into their summer swimwear."

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Monstrous Melons

Flora Akers and sister, Towana Frasure, nurtured a great crop of watermelons this past growing season. The largest melon in the sisters' patch weighed 82 pounds and was 33 inches long. Flora and Towana also report that they had several melons that weighed 60 pounds and over. The sisters say that they could not have been more pleased with their crop, which they refer to as "a labor of love (because we love watermelon)."

Betsy Layne inducts new members to National Honor Society

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002, thirty-two new members were inducted into the Betsy Layne High School National Honor Society. This is a student organization that is very active in community service by volunteering in school and community functions. There were sophomores, juniors and seniors that were inducted into the prestigious group. Only those students who earned a 3.4 GPA, or better, were invited to join. The students were required to write a brief essay expressing their interest in the club.

Trish Robinson, president, Chase Hamilton, vice-president, and Brittany Osborn, secretary, put a great deal of time and effort into this year's induction ceremonies. The unsuspecting new members were called into the BLHS gym where they were

instructed to draw numbers and wait their turn for (fake) interviews. During the "interviews," the students were asked an assortment of questions and made to answer a Calculus problem in fifteen seconds. When they could not complete the task, they were told they were ineligible. On the other side of the door, a "surprise" induction party awaited.

During the induction ceremony, each new member was given a candle to light. They were then asked to take an oath to their school, community, and fellow NHS members. Afterwards, all were treated to a lunch of catered Subway sandwiches and other luncheon foods.

The BLHS new National Honor Society members are: Tiffany Boyd, Daniel Isaac,

Kristina Parsons, Jimmy Mack Williams, Breanne Akers, Phillip Akers, Kim Burton, Barbara Case, Krista Daniels, Jessica Deskins, Lyndsey Frasure, Tonya Johnson, Amanda Lewis, Casey McMillan, Samantha Meade, Sean Mullins, Ashley Ousley, Valerie Slone, Michael Stewardson, Kayla Tackett, Missy Tackett, and Jessica Tibbs.

Eyes

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on the fringes of eternity," American photographer, Ansel Adams, has been quoted as saying, "and are sometimes granted vistas through the fabric of illusion."

Strangely, this quote reminds me of the Alzheimer's patient, moving cautiously along the fringes of their existence, and grasping, from time to time, to the occasional moments when, without explanation, they are granted brief moments of clarity before once again being pulled by the cold and selfish grip of Alzheimer's back into a world where, sadly, only illusion exists.

Ponder

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you say you expect. Although there is not always time to be as active as you might want, whenever and how ever you can, try to do small acts of caring that can be part of your family's life. Examples would be doing a favor for a neighbor, helping with a church project, and speaking up when someone is cruelly teasing a classmate. Another great idea is to have other caring people around your children so that they have several role models. Also, find some way, through an organization, church, or hospital, where your children can volunteer. Son John volunteered daily at the local hospital, when he was in high school and could not find a summer job.

It is understandable that parents worry about how their efforts with their children at home might be undermined by outside influences, such as their friends, violence in their neighborhoods, television shows and movies, or "heroes" who are selfish, rude, and mean to others. One study found that children who see kindness on television tend to copy the same behaviors.

In contrast, some parents are concerned about their children's reactions to seeing even more suffering and distress in others. These are understandable fears, since children can become sensitive to the suffering of others, especially those who are already emotionally fragile. Another issue is that not all giving is healthy for the person doing the giving. This becomes a major problem when a child begins putting the needs of others above his own, which could be a sign of his giving too much.

How would you rate the children in your family with regard to their level of caring for others? Please remember that "ways of doing" will not "work unless there is the indestructible link of caring between parent and child (Segal)." "Experts point out that when children feel a more secure base at home, they're more likely to venture out and pay attention to others; it's when they feel deprived of love and nurturing that they focus on themselves and their

own needs. Furthermore, that nurturing is, in itself, a perfect role model for children."

Dr. Lineberger is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg.

New Arrivals

- October 28, 2002**
A daughter, Cayleigh Aren-Marie Sexton, to Shaunna and William Sexton
- October 28, 2002**
A son, Trevor Joseph Wright, to Belinda and Tyron Wright
- October 28, 2002**
A son, Caleb Lee Bryce Slone, to Agatha Lynn and Frankie Lee Slone
- October 29, 2002**
A son, Caleb Alexander Williams, to Tina Louise Williams
- October 29, 2002**
A daughter, Olicia Dawn
- October 28, 2002**
Paige Tackett, to Jessica Dawn and Brian Keith Tackett
- October 29, 2002**
A daughter, Kaylee Jo Blanton, to Tabitha Blanton
- October 31, 2002**
A son, Holden Spencer Goff, to Angela Carole and Christopher Larry Goff
- October 31, 2002**
A son, Rodney Skyler Haddix, to Sherretta and Brian Haddix
- November 1, 2002**
A son, Austin Craig Tackett, to Rosetta Rowena Brewer

Postscript

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for most of my life. The unusual hyphenated name was familiar from high school days when athletic contests were just about the only local geography lessons we received.

I think my mouth may have gaped open when I drove into the downtown section. The main street curves softly to the left, with a perpendicular street going off to the right. Neat rows of two-story, brick buildings line the way, each with large windows for displaying wares to phantom customers.

All but about three of the windows are bare. Nothing is there. The storefronts are starkly, eerily empty. This is a ghost town, the remnant of a once-thriving village. It looks almost as if the place has been evacuated in the wake of a disaster.

It's even more dramatic than the shell buildings of Wheelwright because the

Fleming-Neon business district is bigger.

There is no big WalMart nearby. A former grocery store is boarded up. No one, so far as I know, is planning to open a crafts cooperative. Certainly, no tourists will want to see ruins in an area where they are a dime a dozen.

This little town in eastern Letcher County is a kind of symbol of the death of small towns. It is also a poster town for coal-field poverty. Where miners and their families once filled the streets, there remains only the semblance of life. Most of the former residents have gone elsewhere in search of prosperity; those who have stayed represent a blend of despair and hope.

If you're having trouble grappling with the reality of this region's past, present and perhaps future, go to Fleming-Neon.



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The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest of KY Route 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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BUSINESS-COMMUNITY LEADER FOR LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (LPC)

The Floyd County Board of Education is accepting nominations for business-community leader (1) to serve on the Floyd County Local Planning Committee (LPC) until completion of the LPC process. Members of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) will be responsible for the development of a Master Educational Facility Plan and District Facility Plan for Floyd County that will assist in determining future school facility construction, and major renovation priorities.

The Floyd County School Board will select one (1) member from nominations received to serve on the Local Planning Committee (LPC). Please submit nominations, including a letter of agreement to serve on the Local Planning Committee to: L.P.C. Search, Floyd County Board of Education, 103 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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Friday, November 8, 2002

Cars - Buy 'em, sell 'em, fix 'em, love 'em

An embarrassing
tale for his
mechanic

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Tom and Ray:

I hope you can help a beleaguered father. I need to know how deeply I am mired in you-know-what. I gave my 17-year-old son my old, 1991 Isuzu Trooper when I got a new vehicle. I knew that even though it didn't appear to leak oil, it needed oil every now and then, so I admonished him to check the oil and add some when needed. Last night he was here visiting, and I asked him if he had checked it lately. He said that he couldn't remember. We walked out to the vehicle and lifted up the hood. After checking the dipstick and finding it down a bit, I said, "We should add some oil now." He just stood there looking at me. So I said, "You DO know where to add the oil, don't you?" He promptly took the cap off of the power-steering-fluid reservoir and said, "The last time I added some, it only took a little bit before it started overflowing." Now what? How much trouble am I in? And where can I take it to be fixed without being laughed out of the parking lot? — Tom



RAY:

Well, we have all kinds of good news for you, Tom. Good news No. 1 is that it's only a '91 Isuzu Trooper.

TOM:

Good news No. 2 is that it could have been worse. He could have dumped the wrong fluid into the transmission.

RAY:

Good news No. 3 is that there wasn't room for him to put much motor oil in there.

TOM:

Power-steering fluid is a thinner oil, without many of the additives you find in motor oil. And my guess is that the

(See CLANK, page three)

Behind the Wheel

Jaguar XK

by ANN M. JOB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After six years on the market, the Jaguar XKs still exude a classic elegance.

No wonder Jaguar officials chose not to tamper with the cars' sleek exterior styling during a major prod-

(See WHEEL, page three)

2003 Jaguar XK8 Convertible

BASE PRICE:

\$69,975 for XK8 coupe; \$74,330 for XK8 convertible.

AS TESTED:

\$74,975.

TYPE:

Front-engine, front-wheel drive, five-passenger, mid-size sedan.

ENGINE:

4.2-liter, double overhead cam, 90-degree V8.

MILEAGE:

18 mpg (city), 26 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED:

155 mph.

LENGTH:

187.4 inches.

WHEELBASE:

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CURB WT.:

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(See TEST, page two)

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Test

Brake Assist and traction-control systems firmly establish the performance character. Our tester came with a 2.4-liter, turbo-assisted 197-horsepower engine offering 210 foot-pounds of torque. Mated to a fully electronic Geartronic five-speed automatic transmission, the S60 accelerates from zero to 60 mph in just over 8 seconds.

As for the respected Volvo safety, the S60 comes with standard Side Impact Protection System, including side-impact airbags and Inflatable Curtain. There's also a Whiplash Protection Seating System, seat belts with pyrotechnic pre-tensioners, dual-stage front airbags, plus Volvo's safety cage construction.

Inside, you'll enjoy the S60's leather-faced seating, excellent instrumentation, spacious leg and headroom, and numerous occupant amenities. Rear-seat access is a breeze thanks to the four-door format. Volvo has excelled in interior ergonomics, as all dials and controls — albeit not those on the steering wheel — are easy to activate. As for steering-wheel controls, we never liked them much, regardless of make of car.

Like all Volvo models, the S60 comes with an

Environmental Product Declaration certified by Lloyd's Register of London. It declares that environmental standards are met for the car as long as it lasts — Volvo's cradle-to-grave approach to environmental management.

The Volvo "safe approach" and home safe perimeter lighting system, beyond what's obvious from the name, adds a nice radiance along the sides of the car at night, not unlike landscape lighting along a garden walkway. There's also the engineering "marvel" of the trunk lid, which lifts well out of the way — to the point where the

license plate is facing the front of the car — virtually eliminating the chance for a bump on the head as you remove the groceries.

The S60's suspension is fully independent, with strut and anti-roll bar, anti-dive geometry up front and a multi-link setup in the rear. Important numbers include 19 mpg city and 26 mpg highway EPA figures, a 106.9-inch wheelbase, 3,230-pound curb weight, 13.9 cubic feet of cargo space and a hefty 21.1-gallon fuel tank.

The S60 is obviously bred as a performance-oriented sport sedan, graced with what the

company likes to call a "decidedly Scandinavian character." But it's that Swedish-bred character that looks good against both U.S. and other foreign styles as well. The base price is \$33,375, and our tester added \$400 metallic silver paint, \$1,300 leather seating and a \$625 destination charge. By the way, a power sunroof is standard, and very noteworthy.

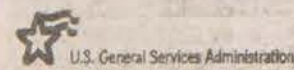
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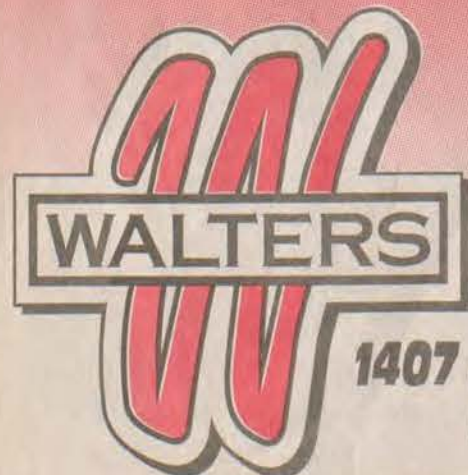
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Wheel

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uct update for the 2003 model year.

But underneath the long, dominating hood and rich, English-tailored XK interior, some 900 parts numbers have changed compared with the 2002 models.

This reflects everything from a new exhaust system to more powerful engines and new, six-speed automatic transmission.

"The engineering changes ... are substantial and significant," said Russ Varney, chief program engineer.

The XKs — sold as coupes and convertibles — wowed auto critics at their debut in 1996. Much praise went to their timeless styling which was inspired, in part, by Jaguar's E-Type, also known as the XK-E, from the 1960s.

In recent years, Jaguar has been pushing the sporty component of the cars, adding performance variants under the R label, for example, with supercharged engines and sport suspensions.

The 2003 changes continue the theme of making the XKs more overtly sporty.

In fact, the test 2003 XK8 convertible propelled forward ferociously when I pressed the accelerator, and I felt my body being pushed back forcefully into the seat.

The sound of the powerful V8 was intoxicating even if I acceler-

ated from a lowly 25 miles per hour.

Yet as strong as the power delivery was, it was also smooth. There was no raw, ragged sense as the car rushed ahead.

Jaguar officials said they not only improved engine performance this year, they worked to produce more engine growl through the rev range.

The 4-liter AJ-V8s — one is naturally aspirated, the other is supercharged — that have been in the XKs in prior years have evolved into 4.2-liter units now.

The bigger engine size plus the new six-speed transmission help give the naturally aspirated powerplant that was in the base XK8 test convertible 294 horses and 303 foot-pounds of torque at 4,100 rpm. Last year's model had peak torque of 290 at 4,200 rpm.

As a result, this sleek convertible can zip from standstill to 60 mph in 6.3 seconds. Last year's car took 6.7 seconds, according to Jaguar officials.

Performance of the supercharged XKR is improved, too.

Horsepower is up to 390, and there's a full 399 foot-pounds of torque available at 3,500 rpm. It's enough to get the XKR coupe and convertible up to 60 mph in less than 5.4 seconds.

Note this compares with 300 horsepower and 325 foot-pounds

of torque in the naturally-aspirated, V8-powered Lexus SC 430 convertible.

The V8-powered Mercedes-Benz SL500 offers 302 horses and torque of 339, while the supercharged V8-powered SL, the Mercedes SL55 AMG, delivers 493 horses and torque of 516.

Still, I am disappointed to see that even as performance is increased in Jaguar's new XKs, the car's dead pedal — an area on the floor to help drivers brace themselves with their left foot during aggressive driving — remains too far forward to be of use to someone who's 5-foot-4. Even my 6-foot-tall husband had difficulty using it.

This was a problem in the first XKs in 1996, too. I either had to sit at an angle in the driver seat to use the pedal or I had to move the driver seat so far forward I was sitting uncomfortably close to the airbag in front of me.

Last year's standard 17-inch wheels on the base XK8 are 18-inches now, rippling up very high on the side fenders of the car.

In the tester, the big tires also conveyed a lot of road surface imperfections through the steering, giving me a busy steering feel.

The ride felt a bit busy, too, though I didn't feel harsh jolts.

Inside, the XKs are still a bit cramped. Interior storage is mini-

mal, and the side edges of the convertible roof that come down onto the door windows are quite low and made me feel constrained.

Don't expect to get much use out of the XK back seat, either. Despite the size of this car — 187.4 inches long, which is nearly the same length as a Mazda MPV minivan — the XK8's back seat has nearly nonexistent legroom.

Also lacking: A safety rollbar. Intended to provide occupant protection in the event of a rollover crash, pop-up rollbars are standard on competitor luxury convertibles such as the SC 430 and SL500.

Even Audi's A4 Cabrio, which is priced some \$35,000 less than an XK8, has them.

Asked about the pop-up rollbars, Ian Oliver, principal engineer for the XK powertrain, said each XK provides rollover crash protection through the strong pillars on either side of the windshield.

Side airbags are standard on each XK, too, helping crash protection in a side collision.

At least Jaguar officials said fit this year to make stability control and emergency brake assist standard on all XKs. These are technologies that have become commonplace on many other luxury cars.

But the XKs continue with old-style CD changers. In the tester, I

had to get out of the car and open the trunk to load six new CDs. Note that a 320-watt Alpine sound system is standard on the base XK8.

But most other vehicles, including mainstream models, now have in-dashboard CD players that accommodate a half-dozen CDs.

The CD changer wasn't the only thing that required me to get out of this Jaguar.

The XKs have power-operating fabric tops, but the cover, or boot, that goes over the folded-down fabric still must be installed and snapped down manually.

Jaguar said it didn't raise prices for the 2003 XKs. With starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$74,975 for a base XK8 convertible, pricing is sort of in the middle of the competition.

The SC 430 starts at \$62,600, while the SL500 starts at \$86,655.

There have been no recent safety recalls of the XK Series cars, but they were the subject of several recalls in the early years, according to records of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The last recall, in 1999, involved 189 cars from the 1999 model year. Cracks in the gear teeth of the automatic transmission could potentially cause it to lock up at speeds below 15 mph, the

government recall said.

In 1998, 5,379 XKs built from July to October 1997 were recalled to check and modify the throttle cable system to ensure full operation of the throttle after a potential problem was found with the cable adjuster bracket nut.

Also in 1997, 2,303 XKs built from July to November 1996 were recalled to check whether the output shaft retaining rings on the rear differential might become displaced, allowing the shaft to separate and resulting in possible loss of vehicle control.

Sales of the XKs have been declining in recent years, from 6,729 in calendar 2000 to 5,137 last year. Through 10 months of 2002, sales are down another 26.6 percent from levels in the comparable period of 2001.

Despite the company push toward performance, Jaguar said only 25 percent to 30 percent of XKs sold are R models.

Convertibles make up some 20 percent of total XK sales.

XK buyers have household incomes of more than \$250,000 and have average age between 45 and 55, the automaker said.

Sixty percent are men, and many are entrepreneurs.

Because the XKs are low-volume models, Consumer Reports does not list owner trouble reports.

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worst thing that will happen is, eventually, the power-steering pump might get fried. I'd be concerned about the seals in the pump being eaten away by the motor oil.

RAY: The solution is to simply flush out the system. Assuming the pump is not leaking already, just take it to any repair shop and ask a mechanic to drain the power-steering fluid and replace it with new stuff. It can be done manually, or by a machine that sucks out the old stuff and pumps in new stuff.

TOM: And if you're embarrassed, you don't even have to tell the mechanic why you're doing it. Tell him you and your son do it every year as preventive maintenance. And tell him there's no significance whatsoever to the T-shirt you're wearing that says "I'm with Stupid."

What's the big idea with dealership surveys?

Dear Tom and Ray: What's up with dealer customer-satisfaction surveys? After I get my car serviced, the dealer sends me a four-page, already-filled-out survey identical to the one Honda is going to send me — with "excellent" checked in every box. The dealer tells me that if I can't check "excellent" on every item, I should call his customer service manager. Should I play along with this? Does Honda really think its dealers are all perfect? What's the point of the survey if it tells you what results it wants? — Rob

RAY: Great question, Rob. Over the past 10 years or so, car companies have become obsessed with the notion of customer satisfaction. That, in itself, is not a bad thing.

TOM: And a whole industry has sprung up to measure this quality called "customer satisfaction." J.D. Power and Associates is probably the best-known of the bunch.

RAY: Anyway, to encourage their dealers to improve customer satisfaction, car companies started putting some teeth in the survey results. In some cases, they based executive pay increases on customer-satisfaction scores. The executives, in turn, used customer-satisfaction scores to influence dealer allotment — how many of the desirable, or highly profitable, cars a dealer gets to sell each month.

TOM: So with all this stuff riding on their customer-satisfaction scores, is it any wonder that the

dealers don't want to leave anything to chance?

RAY: It's against the rules for them to literally fill out the survey for you and sign your name, but they'll do everything short of that to get good scores.

TOM: The intent of the mailing is to influence your opinion, and also, if you're not satisfied, the dealership wants you to call it first to give it a chance to make you satisfied.

RAY: Or, barring that, convince you somehow that your lousy experience must have been at some other dealership, not this one. And if that doesn't work, it wants a chance to send Tony Soprano to take you out before you ever have a chance to check "pretty good" on one of its surveys.

TOM: So our advice would be to fill out the survey any darn way you want. Suggesting that you put "excellent" in every category makes the survey meaningless. It's like a kid who tells the teacher, "Here's how I'd like to see my report card filled out. If you can't give me all A's, please call my father, the mayor."

RAY: If your experience really was excellent, then, by all means, say so in the survey. That'll reward those dealerships that really do go out of their way to provide excellent and honest service.

TOM: But if your experience was average, mediocre or downright lousy — if you weren't treated well, your car wasn't ready when they said it would be, or you were surprised by the final

price of the repair — then say so in the survey and send it on in. The results are obviously important to the dealer. And getting lousy marks will give those dealerships that need it an important message: You can't cover up bad service one customer at a time. ... It's time to shape up, guys.

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