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briefs

Turner voted to Senate leadership

by MARK CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Senate Democrats, destined to remain the minority for two more years, have selected new leadership to try to salvage something out of their relationship with the Republicans in charge.

Ed Worley, a former Richmond city manager just elected to his second term, was selected floor leader. Johnny Ray Turner of Drift, who is in his first term, was chosen caucus chairman. Bob Jackson, the most senior member of the new leadership team who is in his second term, was chosen as whip.

The former leadership team, floor leader David Karem of Louisville and David Boswell of Owensboro, chose not to run again, while Marshall Long of Shelbyville retired from the legislature.

"My approach will be to have a healthy, working relationship with them," Worley said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Since Republicans took over the Senate in 2000, partisan conflict has been commonplace, much as the Republicans clashed with Democrats in the preceding years.

Under Republican Senate President David Williams, however, the GOP openly punished Democrats, removing them from long-held committee posts, refusing to recognize them during

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Officers plead guilty

Prosecution not seeking jail time



Amos Darvin Blackburn was beaten during a traffic stop one year ago.

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The trial of Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Bobby Hackworth, 38, and Dayton police officer Terry Meadows, 41, came to an abrupt end on what was

expected to be the last day of testimony when both defendants entered plea agreements with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The two officers were charged with violating the civil rights of Amos Blackburn, 52, during a traffic stop on April 9, 2001.

Meadows was charged with using excessive force when he allegedly struck, kicked and beat Amos Darvin Blackburn during the traffic stop.

Hackworth was charged with



Bobby Hackworth

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MAGIC AT THE MOVIES



Fans turned out to see Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Friday night at the Strand Twin in Prestonsburg, where a majority of the viewers spoken to gave it a positive review. The followup to last year's blockbuster is widely expected to rake in hundreds of millions of dollars.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Judge denies shock probation

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge Danny P. Caudill once again informed the "magic bullet" shooter, Mickey Lee Keller, that he was not eligible for probation in Floyd

Circuit Court on Friday. Keller filed his own motion for shock probation according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Keller was sentenced in July to five years in prison for firing the one bullet, previously referred to as the

"magic bullet," that struck three victims.

Keller pleaded guilty on June 25 to three counts of second-degree assault — a class C felony — for discharging a bullet that hit three men

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Kidnapping, attempted murder charges filed

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Harold man was arraigned on charges of kidnapping, terroristic threatening and attempted murder on Thursday, for allegedly detaining Jeffrey Young, of Tram, with a gun.

According to court records, the alleged event took place on October 14 at which time Paul Roberts, 48, is accused of restraining Young by holding a gun to him and threatening to kill him.

Roberts was served the arrest warrant on Wednesday at the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, at which time a \$100,000 bond was set.

Roberts' attorney, Stephen W. Owens, filed a motion

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Records reveal more about drug bust

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case against a Water Gap man accused of trafficking in cocaine after over \$400,000 in drugs were seized from his home on November 5, was referred to the grand jury Tuesday, while an affidavit for the original search warrant, filed on Wednesday, shed new light on the numerous items confiscated from his residence.

In addition to the previously reported 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 recovered from the home of Millard Pennington, 43, the affidavit listed several other items.

The search warrant affidavit, filed by Tpr. John Hunt of Kentucky State Police, contains a list that includes 143 individual bags of marijuana, six individual bags of cocaine, two sets of large scales and numerous prescription pills.

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Hearing scheduled for Left Beaver ambulance proposal

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — Left Beaver Fire and Rescue will present its case for expanding its ambulance service area during a hearing next month with the state Cabinet for Health Services Certificate of Need Office.

Left Beaver's ambulances currently serve the southern half of Floyd County. If it is successful, Left Beaver's license would allow it to provide ambulance service throughout Floyd County.

First, however, the proposal must survive a hearing in Frankfort at 9 a.m., Dec. 2, at which time Left Beaver and its supporters would provide reasons for the expansion, while those against the expansion would have to opportunity to argue against it.

Daniel Gullett, of Left Beaver, said he believes that some people with other ambulance services might be opposed to the expansion, fearing it would mean a loss of business. However, Gullett said it is not Left Beaver's

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Man who mistakenly shot elk surrenders hunting license

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON — A hunter who thought he had shot an enormous deer last year only to be told later that it was one of the heavily protected elk that had been released in the region has surrendered his hunting license.

Randolph Stidham, 39, of Barwick, pleaded guilty Thursday to illegally killing the elk, which he hauled to Jackson in the

bed of his pickup truck to show his girlfriend.

That's where he learned that what he had bagged was no giant deer but one of the elk that Kentucky wildlife officials have been trying to restore to the state's Appalachian mountains.

Stidham and his girlfriend, Brenda Combs, 49, of Jackson, who was charged with aiding and abetting, had faced more than \$10,000 in fines and up to a year in

jail for what even the local prosecutor says was likely a case of mistaken identity.

As part of the plea agreement, the charge against Combs was dropped. Stidham lost his hunting privileges for three years and agreed to pay a \$700 penalty.

"That was the first time I ever went deer hunting in my life, and I'll never go again," Stidham said Friday.

State wildlife officer Jamon Halvaksz

said he was amazed that someone could mistake elk, which are as big as cattle, with the much smaller deer.

"I would have liked to have seen them go to a hunter safety school for wildlife identification," Halvaksz said. "They're not poachers. They didn't need to be put in jail. They didn't need a big fine levied. They just needed education."

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Odds and Ends

■ KENOSHA, Wis. — A store's offer of limited edition Barbies for just \$1 drew scores of shoppers who overwhelmed the supply of the dolls — and the store's staff.

As part of a grand opening celebration, The Save-A-Lot discount food store planned to sell the Millennium Wedding Barbie, which normally go for

\$49.99, to the first 100 shoppers Wednesday for \$1.

"We had 46 people outside at 5 a.m.," said store manager Chad Houtsinger, and the crowd kept growing.

"There were people screaming and yelling at the employees," said Kim Quezada of Kenosha, who arrived with her friend Peggy Marshall, hoping

to buy two of the dolls. They left instead with bags full of other merchandise and a promise that the store would call them when more dolls arrived.

Store spokesman Dan Kimack said people wouldn't be left entirely out in the cold. Store workers took the names and phone numbers of about

150 shoppers who had lined up early and planned to have dolls shipped in for them.

■ SANTA CLARA, Calif.

— A scientist has memorialized some well-known humans for their conservation work by naming ants after them.

Edward O. Wilson, a Harvard University scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, named a shiny brown ant from Veracruz, Mexico, *Pheidole mooreorum*, after Intel Corp. co-founder Gordon Moore and his wife Betty. The Moores are leading environmental philanthropists.

He named a Central American ant *Pheidole harrisonfordi* — after Conservation International Vice Chairman and actor Harrison Ford.

■ HOUSTON

— A Houston store for space buffs is helping the Russian Space Agency seek potential space tourists with \$20 million to spare.

That's about what California businessman Dennis Tito paid for a week-long trip to the international space station aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft last year. 'N Sync singer Lance Bass had to cancel his plan to do the same in October because his sponsors missed payment deadlines.

The financially strapped Russian space industry is continuing efforts to finance its participation in building the space station through attracting moneyed space tourists, and The Space Store in Houston is among companies and organizations helping out.

"We're just trying to get the word out," store owner Dayna Steele-Justiz said. "If you have the money, time, resources and can pass the training, you can go."

The store, across from the Johnson Space Center in south Houston, also is peddling a few less expensive items to holiday shoppers.

Among those is a full-scale replica of the space station's U.S.-built \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory, which was added to the outpost in February 2001. Price: \$2.5 million.

■ SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va.

— Unlike Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, a Martinsburg woman saw no reason to cover her nakedness as she read the Bible this week

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Mended Hearts Chapter 220 plan 'Lights of Life' memorial

The Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter #220, will sponsor a "Lights of Life Tree" this holiday season. The display of light and beauty will be located at Highlands Regional Medical Center, on a handsome live tree. The "Lights of Life" tree will illuminate the night from December 3 until past New Year's Day, as a reminder to all of the importance of remembering and caring for others.



For a gift of only \$5, a light will be placed on the "Lights of Life" tree, symbolizing the life of a person you wish to honor or to memorialize. Each donation will be acknowledged by a card sent to the person you wish to honor, or to the family of the person you wish to remember. In addition to the card, a receipt will

be mailed in acknowledgment of your tax-deductible contribution.

A gift to the "Lights of Life" holiday tree will automatically register your invitation to be a guest at a reception and tree lighting ceremony that will take place on Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m., in Meeting Room B. The lighting ceremony will take place at 7 p.m., at the entrance to the medical center.

The objectives of the Mended Hearts organization is to offer help, support and encouragement to heart disease patients and their families. This objective may be achieved in the following manner: By visiting, with physician approval, in order to offer encouragement and support to heart disease patients and their families; by distributing informational material of specifi-

cal educational value to members of the Mended Heart Inc., organization and to heart disease patients and their families; by establishing and maintaining a program of assistance to physicians, nurses, medical professionals and health care organizations in their work with heart disease patients and their families; by cooperating with other organizations in education and research activities pertaining to heart disease; by establishing and assisting established heart disease rehabilitation programs; and by planning and conducting suitable programs of social and educational interest for members, and for heart disease patients and their families.

The Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter 220, currently sponsors two nursing scholarships at Prestonsburg Community College.

To make a donation to the "Lights of Life Tree," make your check payable to "Big Sandy Mended Hearts," and mail to the following address: Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chapter 220, P.O. Box 1821, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

For further information about Mended Hearts Inc., or the "Lights of Life Tree," you may telephone (606) 886-3494.

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McConnell chosen for No. 2 Senate leadership post

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Sen. Mitch McConnell was chosen Wednesday for the second-highest leadership post in the new Republican Senate, and said he would use his influence to advance President Bush's agenda.

The Kentuckian was unopposed for Republican whip, making him deputy to soon-to-be Majority Leader Trent Lott when Republicans reclaim the Senate after their gains in last week's election. McConnell succeeds Don Nickles of Oklahoma, who was limited by rules to a six-year term.

"My job is about rounding up support and winning votes on the president's agenda," McConnell said in a telephone interview.

McConnell said his election as whip culminated a lengthy, but quiet, campaign to build support among GOP colleagues. His selection was guaranteed when Larry Craig of Idaho dropped out and backed McConnell.

The leadership election in Washington marked a memorable November for the 60-year-old McConnell, who last week became the first Kentucky Republican elected to four consecutive Senate terms.

"Two landslides in a little over a week is something I'm not accustomed to," he said. "It's a nice feeling."

McConnell said his role in shepherding legislation through the Senate would give him opportunities to benefit Kentucky.

"In this job I will be in the middle of virtually every piece of legislation that comes across the floor," he said. "I am going to be looking for a way to make as much of that benefit our state as I can."

McConnell said his top priority for Kentucky in the next Congress would be putting together a tobacco buyout plan

for farmers and quota holders who want out of tobacco production.

McConnell's selection was hailed by Jim Bunning, Kentucky's other Republican senator. McConnell was praised as a master strategist in the speech nominating him for whip, Bunning noted.

"I think that pretty well sums up the reason why he went in with such gusto, because of the respect of his peers in the Republican caucus," said Bunning, adding that the sentiment is shared by Democrats.

Political observers said that Kentucky would reap benefits from McConnell's ascendancy into the upper tier of GOP

Senate leadership.

"Anytime a state has one of its senators in the majority leadership, it usually means money, projects and influence," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

Paul Blanchard, an Eastern Kentucky University political science professor, said McConnell was a perfect fit for the whip's job.

"In spite of the Republican victories last week, the votes are still going to be very close and you need somebody like Mitch McConnell who certainly knows how to count votes and certainly

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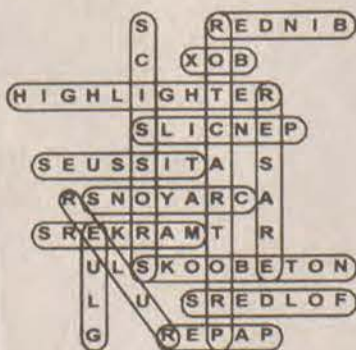
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The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2002. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

On this date:

■ In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

■ In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

■ In 1917, sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon, France.

■ In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born in Winnetka, Ill.

■ In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

■ In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

■ In 1968, NBC TV outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a TV special, "Heidi," on schedule. (Viewers were deprived of seeing the Raiders come from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

■ In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod I.

■ In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando, Fla., "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

■ In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Ten years ago:

Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Hank Brown of Colorado made an unprecedented tour of Vietnam's military headquarters, but found nothing to substantiate reports of American prisoners sighted there after the Vietnam War.

Five years ago:

Sixty-two people, most of them foreign tourists, were killed when six militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt; the attackers were killed by police.

One year ago:

The Taliban confirmed the death of Osama bin Laden's military chief Mohammed Atef in an airstrike three days earlier. Burhanuddin Rabbani, the Afghan president ousted five years earlier by the Taliban, returned to the capital Kabul. Lennox Lewis knocked out Hasim Rahman in the fourth round to get back his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles. Former U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., whose political career was ended by the Abscam bribery scandal, died in Denville, N.J., at age 81.

Today's Birthdays:

Olympian-turned-politician Bob Mathias is 72. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 64. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 60. Actress Lauren Hutton is 59. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 58. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 58. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 58. Movie director Roland Joffe is 57. Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is 54. Actor Stephen Root is 51. Actress-producer-director Yolanda King is 47. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 44. Actor William Moses is 43. Entertainer RuPaul is 42. Actor Dylan Walsh is 39. Actress Sophie Marceau is 36. Actress-model Daisy Fuentes is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 35. Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 34. Actress Leslie Bibb is 29. Actor Brandon Call is 26. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 22. Actor Justin Cooper is 14.

Thought for Today:

"We have so many words for states of the mind, and so few for the states of the body." — Jeanne Moreau, French actress.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

In 10 months, Candice Leigh Gilley went from selling Mary Kay Cosmetics to friends, to becoming independent sales director and turning a part-time job for extra cash into a career.

Effort to make a little spare change turns to lucrative career

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

In the process of making a little money on the side to assist her while she gets through college, Candice Leigh Branham Gilley, 20, found a career in selling Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Gilley grew up in Floyd County, but moved to Dorton when she started attending

Pikeville College. She had been presented with an opportunity to sell Mary Kay and while contemplating it for three months, she said that she really didn't think it was worth her energy. However, she needed money and accepted an invitation to a meeting by a director.

Gilley said that when she saw the car her director had earned, along with free insurance, license

and tags, a new interest was piqued.

"I thought that if she could do that, so could I," said Gilley.

Gilley started putting effort into selling Mary Kay. She started having skin care classes, making sales and getting recruits.

The requirements for the position of director — and thus being eligible for a car — are having at least 30 recruits and meeting a certain level of production. Gilley started pursuing this goal in November 2001 and 10 months later she made director.

Gilley now averages \$2,000 a month in commission and it continues to increase as her business grows. Gilley's husband recently went on strike and what was intended to bring in extra cash has been paying a house payment. She just received her new car last month and is proud of what it represents.

"I had a nice car and I loved it, but this one means more because I earned it," said Gilley.

Recalling the first time she viewed herself in her director's suit, Gilley said that she stood in front of the mirror and thought, "I did it."

Gilley said that the purchase of a \$100 showcase changed her life. She plans to continue her education at Pikeville and obtain a degree in communication, which she believes will further her career. She says that the Mary Kay motto, of "God, Family and Work," in that order, fits her views.

Gilley said that there were those who discouraged her, but it only fueled her desire to attain her goal. Her determination and perseverance produced a career that Gilley says she loves and a boost of self-esteem that she expresses gratitude for.

Mary Kay independent sales director Candice Leigh Branham Gilley can be reached at (606) 639-6695.

Elk

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The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources took a harder line after the incident Nov. 12, 2001. The deputy commissioner, Roy Grimes, said anyone who can't see the difference between elk and deer could just as easily have shot someone's cow. He said such a person should not be allowed to hunt.

Elk can weigh as much as 800 pounds, with the antlers alone stretching 6 feet long and weighing 50 pounds. Deer are about a fourth the size.

Stidham said he didn't see such a stark contrast in the elk he shot at a distance of about 200 yards.

"The antlers might have been a foot long," he said. "It had two big antlers sticking straight up that looked just like deer horns. It had a tail on it just like a deer. I believe it was crossbred. It looked more like a deer than it did an elk."

Stidham said he can't go anywhere in the county without someone recognizing him as the man who shot the elk.

"It has been embarrassing," he said. "I feel like they owe me an apology. I've never been in trouble in my life, never bothered nor done nothing to anybody. I just don't think it was right."

After learning that the animal wasn't a deer, Halvaksz said Stidham turned himself in, a move the local prosecutor said showed the shooting wasn't intentional.

"It was cut and dried that he did shoot an elk," said the prosecutor. Breathitt County Attorney Hershel Branson Jr. "Whether or not it was his intent, that was very cloudy. Probably he thought he was shooting at a deer."

Halvaksz said one of the first things he did in the investigation was check to see if Stidham has impaired vision. He said the man's driver's license showed he didn't need glasses.

Wildlife managers began reintroducing elk to Kentucky in 1997 in 14 counties in the state's Appalachian region. Overhunting had pushed them into extinction in the state more

than 150 years ago. The population now is about 2,000 elk, most of which were shipped from Utah, Arizona, Oregon, North Dakota and Kansas.

Poaching of the elk has been a problem. Halvaksz said someone killed another of the big animals two weeks ago in Breathitt County. And wildlife officers had to shoot an elk last month after it chased children and a school bus driver away from a Knott County bus stop.

With the mistaken elk case concluded, Halvaksz said meat from the animal now will be donated to the needy.

A taxidermist used the animal's antlers and hide to make a full body elk mount that will be displayed publicly alongside a deer mount to show people the differences between the animals. "Maybe that will help to make sure this doesn't happen again," Halvaksz said.

Turner

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debate and even refusing to allow them to offer legislative proposals.

Democrats in the Senate had divisions of their own, which Williams tried to exploit.

Williams appointed Worley and Turner to the important conference committee on the budget earlier this year over the objections of Democratic leadership. It was viewed as an acknowledgment that the two had reached accommodations with the GOP.

Jackson said Democrats must pick their fights.

"There's a time when you have to stand up and you have to fight," Jackson said. "And there's also

times when you have to be a statesman."

Jackson said lawmakers will have to work together to put together a budget in the 2003 session.

The new leadership was chosen at a meeting Tuesday in Lexington, which had not been previously disclosed. Leadership elections are ordinarily held in public during the first few days of the odd-year sessions.

Worley and Jackson said the early meeting of Senate Democrats was so the new leadership could get to work.

Jackson said the election will still have to be ratified in January.

Charges

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for reasonable bail on Wednesday, stating that his client is being treated for throat cancer via an experimental chemotherapy drug and is on the medications of OxyContin and hydrocodone.

Owens proposed that the weight of the evidence is unclear and appears to rely

heavily on Young. Owens' motion states that Roberts posted a \$5,000 cash bond on behalf of Young, who Roberts met in jail. The motion offers that at 48, Roberts has been a life-long resident of Harold and has property valued at \$250,000. Owens states that although a \$100,000 bond may be considered reasonable by a bond schedule, it denies the defendant bond at all if the defendant cannot post the cash and consequently denies Roberts the presumption of innocence.

Prosecutors ask persistent felon charge to be dropped

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney's office brought a motion before Floyd Circuit Court on Friday, to drop a persistent felony offender charge against a Royalton man accused of rape, robbery and sodomy.

Randy Fletcher, 28, was indicted on charges stemming from a Jan. 23 incident in Prestonsburg in which he is accused of raping and sodomizing a woman he was robbing. He was discovered in a Salyersville court by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor on Oct. 30, at

which time he was served with the indictment that contained six felony charges.

The charges were three class B felonies of first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy and first-degree robbery at which time he was armed with a deadly weapon, as well as two class D felonies of first-degree wanton endangerment and theft by unlawful taking and a class A felony count of being a persistent felony offender, which carries a potential sentence of 20 or more years in prison.

Taylor stated that it appears that the felony charge that prompted the persistent felon charge was amended to a misdemeanor, rendering the charge void.

Ambulance

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intention to compete with other services, but to supplement them.

"I think it's a plus. It's a win-win situation for the community," Gullett said.

Gullett said he is currently seeking letters of support for the expansion, as well as people willing to go to the hearing in

Frankfort to testify on behalf of Left Beaver.

Left Beaver Fire and Rescue is Floyd County's oldest ambulance service. It was originally formed in 1978 to serve the Left Beaver Creek area, which at the time did not have consistent ambulance service.

Guilty

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permitting the assault on Blackburn to happen and was also charged with making false statements on Oct. 5 about the alleged incident to Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Jerry Garner during the course of the investigation.

The defense made a motion on Thursday to recess until Friday so that the defendants could decide if they wanted to testify on their own behalf. It appears that the defense decided to enter pleas instead of taking the stand.

"Obviously, the United States has met its burden of proof in the case," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Rosenthal.

Terry Meadows pleaded guilty to a single count of violating the civil rights of Amos Blackburn by using excessive force during the traffic stop.

Judge Karen Caldwell questioned Meadows about why he was pleading guilty to the charge.

"Are you pleading guilty today because you are guilty?" Caldwell said.

"Yes ma'am," Meadows

replied.

Seth Rosenthal, attorney for the United States, recommended that the sentence for Meadows not include a term of imprisonment.

The maximum sentence that could be imposed on Meadows is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Bobby Hackworth pleaded guilty to being an accessory to the assault for witnessing and failing to stop the incident, and attempting to cover up the assault by providing false information during investigation of the event.

The prosecution recommended that the sentence for Hackworth not include a term of imprisonment.

The maximum sentence that could be imposed on Bobby Hackworth would be five years in prison and a fine of \$125,000.

Sentencing for both men is tentatively scheduled for March 2003.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was out of town on Friday and could not be reached for comment.

Denial

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who were riding a four-wheeler on a country road near his house at Hershel Owens' trailer park in West Prestonsburg on June 17, 2001.

As previously reported, the one bullet passed through the calve of one of the riders and went through the thigh of another before becoming lodged in the

rear of John Mark McKenzie, who was driving.

At the time of formal sentencing on July 19, Judge Caudill informed Keller that state law requires that if a person is convicted of a felony on that level and a weapon such as a gun is used, the person is ineligible for probation.

Drugs

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Also seized from Pennington's residence were numerous pieces of jewelry, two wire feed welders, a weed eater, two multi-function power center inverters, an electric generator, a pressure washer, a lawnmower, an air conditioner, a Shop Vac vacuum, a 1999 Harley Davidson motorcycle, a 1995 Buick, a 1995 GMC pickup, \$13,843 in cash, a pontoon boat

motor and trailer, a Honda all-terrain vehicle and a Toyota Tacoma.

As previously reported, Pennington, taken into custody on Nov. 6, is also a candidate for criminal drug charges which will be pursued through federal court in conjunction with Special Agent Ryan McComas of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Time to seriously consider gambling

with meaningful tax reform unlikely to occur in the 2003 General Assembly session, it's time for a serious look at allowing slot machines and other forms of gambling in Kentucky as a way to ease the revenue shortfall.

While Sen. David Williams is standing in the way of placing slots at the state's horse tracks on moral grounds, it is a business, not a moral, decision.

Besides, it would not exactly be a strange, brand-new concept to Kentuckians, who have been going to the state's eight racetracks, where legalized gaming has been conducted — and highly regulated — for more than a century.

Slot machines at horsetracks and even possibly some other places looks more attractive in light of the latest budget projections from Gov. Paul Patton's office. The figures reveal a revenue shortfall of about \$160 million this year and \$360 million next year.

The recent election put Pennsylvania and Maryland in position to expand gambling at their tracks, which would further weaken the horse racing industry in Kentucky. This is just added incentive to look at slots in the commonwealth.

As long as the Bluegrass State refuses to offer the slot machines, Kentuckians will continue to spend almost \$2 billion each year on out-of-state gaming and related services.

Last year alone, the state's residents spent more than \$400 million at the six Ohio River casino boats in Indiana and Illinois.

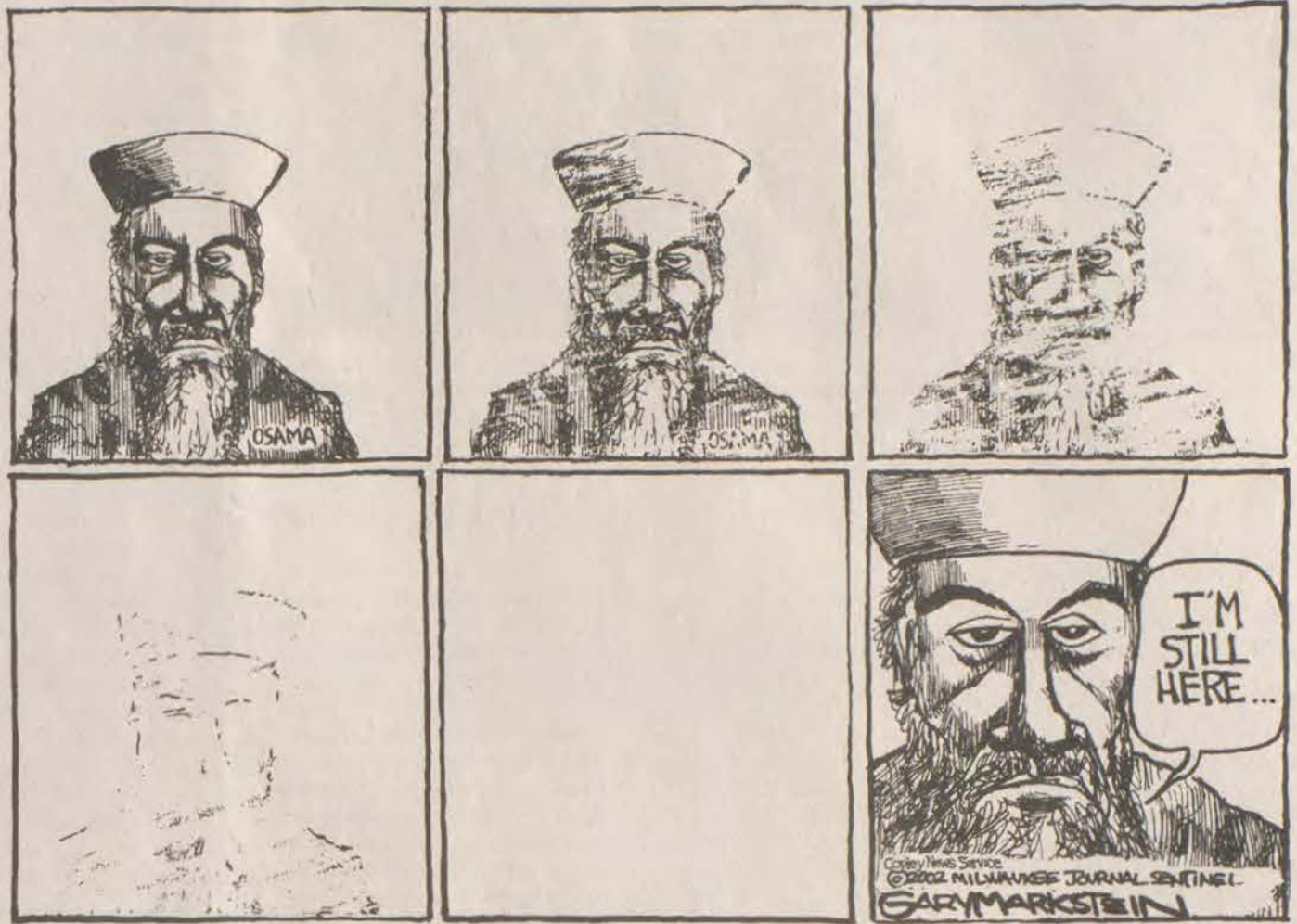
It's understandable that politicians want to keep meaningful tax reform off the agenda, especially if such reform involves raising taxes in some sectors.

Rather than sitting back and waiting for legislators to look at the business community as a prime target to increase lagging revenues, groups like the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce are aggressively pointing to alternative gaming as what should be a politically acceptable way of raising revenue.

It should be done. Besides dollars spent on the actual gambling and related services, Kentuckians left behind \$95 million in Illinois alone in gaming taxes last year. Combine that with the millions in tax dollars going into surrounding states' coffers and it should not take legislators long to see the opportunities being missed by Kentucky.

It would not be taking much of a chance to approve legislation allowing that \$95 million in taxes to go toward improving Kentucky's schools, roads and communities rather than pouring it into other states' pockets.

— The Daily News, Bowling Green



— Jim Davidson

Seven stages of a marriage cold

It's been said that "marriage is a deal in which a man gives away half of his groceries in order to get the other half cooked." While there may be some truth in this humorous definition, the institution of marriage is very important to the success of our nation, and a good marriage is certainly to be treasured.

If you are a married person or planning to get married, I believe you will enjoy this little story I discovered some time ago. It's called, "The Seven Stages Of A Marriage Cold." This story has been around for some time and I'm not sure where it came from originally, but it illustrates the fact that in most cases the happy, blissful state of marriage goes downhill with the passing of time.

While it certainly doesn't have to be this way, and there are exceptions to the rule, the first few days, weeks and even months of marriage are usually very

happy times. As you read this story, just keep in mind that each stage of the cold represents one more year of marriage, by the way the wife's cold is handled by the husband.

Seven Stages of a Marriage Cold

First year: The husband says, "Sugar Dumplin', I'm worried about my baby girl. You've got a bad sniffle and I'm putting you in the hospital for a general check-up and a good rest. I know the food is lousy, but I'll have your meals brought in from the deli. I've already got it arranged."

Second year: "Listen, Darling, I don't like the sound of your cough. I've called Dr. Miller to rush over here. Now go to bed like a good girl, please, just for your old dear papa."

Third year: "Honey, maybe you had better lie down. Nothing like a little rest when you feel puny. I'll bring you something to eat. Do we have any soup in the house?"

Fourth year: "Look, Dear, be sensible! After you feed the kids and get all the dishes washed, maybe you'd better

hit the sack for a while."

Fifth year: "Why don't you get up and get yourself an aspirin? And stop complaining so much!"

Sixth year: "If you would gargle or something, instead of sitting around and barking in my face like a seal, I would appreciate it!"

Seventh year: "For Pete's sake, stop sneezing! What are you trying to do? Give me pneumonia?"
If you are a married person, I hope you have one of the happiest marriages to be found anywhere, whether you have been married for three days or 50 years. I'm sure you know, marriage is one of the most basic and most important institutions in our society.

Let's keep in mind that a successful marriage is built on mutual trust, love and a lifetime commitment to each other. I believe someone said it best with these words: "Marriage is not looking at each other, it is looking in the same direction together."

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— beyond the beltway

'War' and money are hard to beat

by DONALD KAUL

As I reviewed the results of the recent election, I was reminded of the observation — made some 85 years ago — by the great wit, H.L. Mencken:

"Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

Let's review the bidding:
■ It was an off-year election, one in which the governing party (in this case, the Republicans) almost always loses votes.

■ The economy, which had been robust during the previous eight years of Democratic rule, has gone into a slow, two-year downward spiral, something sitting presidents usually get blamed for.

■ The federal budget surpluses of the Clinton years gave way to deficits, with no hope of reversal in the foreseeable future.

■ The Bush administration keeps talking about privatizing Social Security, even as the stock market keeps going down, taking with it the retirement funds of many who are now looking forward to spending their golden years in penury, rather than Florida.

■ A team of snipers recently roamed the Washington area, shooting innocent passersby at will while the president denied that we needed new

laws that would make such killers easier to apprehend.

■ We have gone from being the most admired country in the world to being perhaps the most despised. Not everyone hates us, of course. Some merely dislike us.

And the result of all of this? The Republicans strengthened their hold on the House of Representatives and reasserted control over the Senate, thus giving President Bush so splendid a victory that the Supreme Court didn't even have to be called in to help. In the short space of two years, George Bush has gone from being a decidedly minority president to Godzilla in jeans.

What's wrong with this picture?

It's upside down, is what's wrong with it. And what turned it upside down? It was President Bush himself; there's no other explanation.

Riding high approval ratings (67 percent), he put his political capital at risk by going out and beating the drums for Republicans and, more importantly, raising mountains of money for them — something like \$140 million — enough to give Republican candidates all over the country a significant advantage in scurrilous ad campaigns.

Moreover, he played the war card brilliantly; convincing most people that we had to go to war with Iraq because it had attacked us and that he needed a Congress he could rely on in a crisis. Never mind that Iraq really hadn't attacked us and that going to war without international support is a lousy idea at best. The American people trust their president.

As to why they like and trust him, I have to admit that I don't have a clue. It's not like Ronald Reagan. I didn't particularly like him either but I could understand why other people did. Mr. Bush's charm, however, escapes me entirely. To me he is the most unprepossessing president of my lifetime — an unabashed protector of the rich and powerful with the mental acuity of a geranium. What's to like?

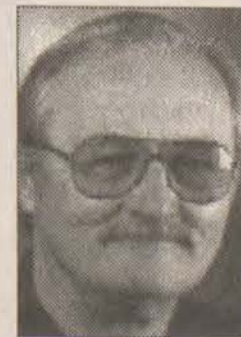
I suppose all of those people who, during my career, have accused me of being "out of the mainstream" are right. I'm out of the mainstream.

It will be very difficult for the Democrats to wrest control of the national government from the Republicans — ever again, absent a catastrophe.

What the Democrats traditionally have to sell is that the Republicans are the party of big business while they, the Democrats, are the party of Mencken's common people. But the Republicans get big bucks from big business and outspend Democrats by a crucial 3-2 margin, on the average. The only way Democrats can make up the cash differential — common people being more willing to spend their money on food and rent than on campaign contributions — is to get it from big business.

Faced with two parties of big business, voters will always choose the real one. Pray for the Republic. If you can't pray, tell a joke.

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



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Pikeville pastor chosen as KBC president

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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The Kentucky Baptist Convention voted unanimously to select Pikeville pastor Paul Badgett as its president in a show of unity Tuesday in a denomination dogged at times by divisions. On the opening day of the convention's annual meeting in Williamsburg, conservatives and moderates alike supported Badgett

in the first uncontested election for KBC president in more than a decade.

After years in which conservatives and moderates backed different candidates, Badgett said his election signaled a unity within the convention, which claims a membership of 771,000 Baptists.

"I don't like labels and I don't like to label other believers," Badgett said in a telephone interview following his election. "I like

the term Christian much better than I do moderate and conservative, and I think that has had a great deal of appeal on both sides."

Badgett was seen as being aligned with a conservative faction in a previous run for KBC president that was unsuccessful.

However, Badgett's role on a 2000 Baptist Faith and Message study committee alleviated any concerns moderates might have had about his presidency, former

KBC president Jim McKinley said Tuesday.

"He is the kind of man that we saw we could trust, regardless of his conservative views," McKinley said.

McKinley said the harmonious election showed that many Kentucky Baptists are "tired of fussing and arguing."

"We can have differences and still do the basic will of God," he said. "We may have points where we differ, but the end result is nobody is going to cast any stones. I believe we are growing up as Christians in the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

The Rev. Les Hollon, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Jefferson County, said the lack of controversy in choosing the leaders could serve as an example to Baptists in other states.

"We are not going to be divided around issues that have afflicted other state conventions," he said. "The mentality that seeks to define who one is by who one is against is not true to the character of Kentucky Baptists."

The Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said the election showed Baptists are "not just defined by controversy but by common hopes and aspirations."

Mohler said that Badgett's

election was a "basic recognition of the deep conservatism of Kentucky Baptists that hold the biblical truth and expect their leaders to do the same."

Badgett, 53, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, said on theological matters, Kentucky Baptists are "much closer than the outside world might think." By breaching any divisions, the denomination can focus on its outreach to spread the Gospel, he said.

Besides fostering unity within the denomination, Badgett said, his goals for his one-year term include increasing baptisms and bolstering missions programs.

The last time an election for president of the convention was uncontested was in 1991, when the candidate was Glenn Mollette, who was then the pastor of First Baptist Church in Pikeville, KBC staff said.

Badgett is an Ashland native and an Eastern Kentucky University graduate. He earned a master's degree from Liberty University and has worked as pastor or assistant pastor at four churches.

Eugene Siler of Williamsburg, a judge with the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was unopposed in his election as first vice president of the KBC.

Cupholders, cushions taking seat in churches

by JOHN SEEWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PERRYSBURG, Ohio — Laurie Wuerfel and her two young sons slipped their coffee and hot chocolate into the cupholders, eased into cushioned chairs and waited for the sermon to start.

"Who wants to sit in church if you're uncomfortable," said Wuerfel as she sat in the burgundy theater-style seats at CedarCreek Church in suburban Toledo. "I grew up in a Catholic church, and I hated sitting on those benches."

Some denominations are

increasingly moving away from rigid, wooden pews that have been around for centuries, manufacturers say. Chairs with cupholders, and plenty of space and padding are finding their way into churches where clergy say the seat can be as important as the message.

"For many first-timers, the only way they make contact with the church is on their behind," said Steve Korn, a teaching pastor at CedarCreek, a non-denominational Christian church. "If they're comfortable, like the service and the building, they'll probably come back."

The 1,400 seats in the church's 2-month-old building have 4-inch padding and cupholders.

Mike Wedel, president of Garnett Church Furnishings, which has been making pews since 1879 in Garnett, Kan., said pews also have been getting wider and more comfortable in recent years.

"I don't know if it's because rumps have gotten bigger or because of the demand for more comfort," he said.

Theater-style seats are popular in large, new Christian churches, southern Baptist churches and synagogues, said Les Lundberg, worship sales manager for Irwin Seating Co.

Still, some denominations — such as the Roman Catholic church — prefer traditional pews, said Lundberg and other seat makers.

In early churches through medieval times, worshippers stood throughout services, said Duncan Stroik, an associate professor of architecture at Notre Dame University. Pews began appearing as sermons lengthened.

Stroik said the current trend of theater-style seating is a throwback to a movement in the mid-19th century, when Protestant churches in America modeled their buildings after theaters with sloping floors and individual seats.

Within a few decades, churches and architects wanted to return to a more traditional look and began designing simpler worship buildings.

The new boom in comfortable church seats has coincided with the growth in the last decade of mega-churches that seat thousands.

"The theater has become the model again," Stroik said.

Irwin Seating, one of the world's biggest seat makers, jumped into church seating within the last year after installing seats in places such as



Elaine and Paul Gearheart were honored by Dr. Michael McCall, president of KCTCS, for their contributions to the college.

PCC dedicates new student center

PRESTONSBURG — A large crowd gathered in the atrium of the new Student Center Building to breathe life into the fifth building to be added to the Prestonsburg Community College Campus.

The atmosphere was electric as the voices of people filled the beautiful new facility. Dr. George Edwards, president of Prestonsburg Community College and CEO of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, welcomed visitors and dignitaries to the campus and the new building.

"We are happy to be able to expand our campus with a Student Center Building," Edwards said. "Students are why we are here and we are glad to be able to provide them a place to experience campus life and access valuable services to help them with their educational growth."

Jerry Kanney, vice chair for the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Inc., called the building a "first class facility" for students to study and learn together in.

Dr. Margaret Lewis from the Morehead State University-Prestonsburg extended campus, commented on the long time collaboration between MSU and PCC.

"It is appropriate that we are opening this building dedicated to students because students are the lifeblood of both of our institutions," Lewis said. She went on to express her anticipation of the next building project, already in progress, which will house both Morehead State University students and Prestonsburg Community College students.

Frank Fitzpatrick, a graduate of PCC and a member of the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Board spoke to those gathered about the collaboration between the East Kentucky Science Center project.

"It is a privilege to be located on this campus," Fitzpatrick said. "The new science center

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Weinberg resigns from state board

by LANA FULLER
PIKE COUNTY BUREAU

Bill Weinberg, a five-year member of the state Board of Education, resigned on Wednesday after a heated debate of the controversial federal law commonly referred to as "No Child Left Behind."

Weinberg resigned in protest of the federal accountability system which would test students in only two areas, math and reading. Kentucky presently tests in seven subject areas.

The federal system would also implement a measurement of students' performance based on socioeconomic status of the students and also place them in minority groups. The present system of measurement measures students on an equal basis and neither minority nor socioeconomic status is a factor in determining the performance of Kentucky students.

"'No Child Left Behind' seems calculated to make the nation's public schools look bad," Weinberg told reporters after Wednesday's meeting. He referred to the law as "a cynical attempt by the Bush administration ... an excuse for them to move into vouchers, which is what they want to do anyway."

Weinberg is an attorney from Knott County and former state legislator. Weinberg's wife, Lois Combs Weinberg, was defeated in the United States Senate race by Mitch McConnell on Nov. 5 election. The issues she ran on during her campaign included education reform and focusing on Kentucky families.

Bill Weinberg was reappointed by Gov. Paul Patton to a second four-year term on the board last spring. Weinberg said in the meeting on Wednesday that he would be sending a letter of resignation to Patton.

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State hopes to avoid dramatic changes in schools

by CHARLES WOLFE
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FRANKFORT — State education officials are hoping that the federal government will allow Kentucky to continue what it has done for the last decade — use its custom-tailored testing system to judge whether schools are performing up to snuff.

If not, Kentucky's system will have to be dramatically changed to comply with the new federal education law commonly known by the name

it was given by President Bush — No Child Left Behind.

Kentucky has until Jan. 31 to tell Education Secretary Rod Paige how it intends to implement the law. The Kentucky Board of Education decided Wednesday to ask Paige for permission to do certain things its own way.

It wants, among other things, for schools to be allowed to move at different speeds toward a statewide goal of proficiency by 2014. The new law envisions a single "starting point" for all schools

— a point well below the level at which many schools already are performing.

High-performing schools, especially those with negligible numbers of minority students or students with disabilities, could rest on their laurels for several years, many officials believe.

"The irony is, we'll have a lot of children left behind if we go with a literal interpretation," Jeff Mando, a member of the state school board, said Wednesday.

Regulations for implement-

ing the law are still being drawn up. Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit said Paige and his department have promised to be flexible and to consider a state's history when passing judgment on its implementation plan. "In the absence of any specific guidance, we have to take them at their word," Wilhoit said in an interview.

The federal law requires that all students — regardless of race, disability, income level or limited English-speaking ability — make "adequate year-

ly progress" toward proficiency. Schools, districts and entire states are to be held accountable for the results. To gauge progress, students in grades 3 through 8 are to be tested yearly in math and reading.

Complicating matters for Kentucky, and other states that took the plunge for school accountability years ago, is that "adequate" progress and student "proficiency" are yet to be defined or are being left for each state to define on its own.

Under Kentucky's system, students have four performance levels in each of seven academic subjects — novice, apprentice, proficient and distinguished.

The state board wants schools to continue being rewarded for a student's incremental progress. The federal law calls for a "pass-fail" system in which there is no payoff for a student who improves but falls short of proficiency.

The board also wants to continue having all students assessed. The federal law requires 95 percent of students to be tested, meaning 5 percent could legally be excluded. Wilhoit said that seemed aimed at states that have demonstrated only minimal expectations for students.

The board also wants school performance to continue being judged biennially on the basis of a single "accountability index" covering all academic subjects. The federal law calls for annual judgments based on separate math and reading scores. Kentucky's test experts say separate scores are inherently less stable, increasing the chances of a school being wrongly identified as not making adequate yearly progress.

The state board's chairwoman, Helen Mountjoy of Utica, said the law penalizes Kentucky and any other state that would set a high standard for proficiency.

The board could allow schools to use exclusions to disregard scores of many low-performing and transient students "if all we wanted to do was look good for the feds," Mountjoy said. "We set a minimum competency, and we could be in compliance tomorrow."



James R. Garfield, of Mentor, Ohio, traveled to Prestonsburg for the first time and participated in the dedication of the Middle Creek National Battlefield Ceremony Oct. 26. He is the great-grandson of President James A. Garfield, who as Col. Garfield, led federal forces against a Confederate army at the Battle of Middle Creek on January 10, 1862. Here he accepts a Kentucky Colonel Certificate from Kentucky's Tourism Development Cabinet Secretary, Ann Latta as issued by Governor Paul E. Patton. Frank Fitzpatrick, founder of the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation looks on.

Questions and answers about differences in state and federal school accountability laws

The Associated Press

Kentucky has until Jan. 31 to tell the federal government how it plans to implement the education law commonly known as No Child Left Behind. It differs in several ways from Kentucky's current system for judging how schools are performing.

Here, in question and answer form, is how the Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky Department of Education officials explain major differences.

Q: How is progress to be measured?

A: Under the federal law, every school would have the same "starting point" and "growth line" toward a goal of proficiency in two subjects — reading and math — by 2014. In Kentucky's system, each school has its own baseline. Performance scores reflect seven academic subjects.

Q: What about schools already at or near the 2014 goal?

A: State officials say those

schools might not be required to demonstrate further growth for several years, at least in theory.

Q: How is performance to be judged?

A: The federal law calls for schools to be judged annually on a "pass/fail" method based on numbers of students who reached proficiency. Kentucky gives credit for incremental progress toward proficiency. School performance is judged biennially, not annually.

Q: What is expected of students?

A: The federal law expects all students, including those in sub-groups based on race, disability, income and limited English-speaking ability, to reach the state's proficiency

goal by 2014. Under Kentucky law, a school has until 2014 to reach proficiency on average.

Q: Who gets counted?

A: Under the federal law, schools would only be accountable for students who had been enrolled for the entire school year. Kentucky schools are accountable for every student enrolled when tests are given, which is in spring.

Q: Who gets tested?

A: The federal law requires testing of 95 percent of a school's total enrollment and 95 percent of each sub-group. That would allow 5 percent of students to be excluded. Kentucky requires all students to be tested. The Department of Education says actual test rate is about 98 percent.

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Carnegie Hall in New York and Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"We expect we'll double our business in the next five years," Lundberg said. The Grand Rapids, Mich.-based company, which only installs the theater-style seats, now works on up to 15 church projects a month, he said.

Part of the strategy of putting comfortable seats in churches is to attract those who may have been turned off by traditional denominations.

"They're almost looking for a non-church look," Lundberg said.

The company is hoping to expand its reach into denominations such as the Roman Catholic church.

"We're never going to sell there until we develop a kneeler option," Lundberg said. "What you fight is really tradition."

Sauder Manufacturing of Archbold, Ohio, which says it is the nation's largest maker of church pews, says its sales have increased over the last two years.

Sauder's designers and engineers work on making church pews that retain a traditional look while still providing comfort.

Leaders at Montgomery Community Baptist Church

near Cincinnati decided on a compromise when building a new sanctuary in 1998 — wooden pews with individual padding, made by Sauder.

"You still see pews when you walk in from the back of the room," said building supervisor John Sedziol. "For some people, that's important."

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Auburn, N.Y., chose wooden pews without padding during a renovation in 1997.

Dedicate

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will be completed with the next year and we look forward to partnering with PCC in the new building."

Joe Wise, a KCTCS Board of Regents member introduced Dr. Michael McCall, the keynote speaker.

"It is truly truly an honor for me to be here today to dedicate this student 'Life' building," Wise said. "This building will change the lives of many many people. It will be a meeting place for students, a place to rest, a place to study, a place to meet people who will impact the future."

In his introduction of Dr. McCall, Wise referred to him as

McConnell

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knows how to persuade people to vote his way," Blanchard said.

McConnell said the mood among Senate Republicans was one of "exhilaration" as they gathered for the leadership elections and to plot strategy for the next Congress.

McConnell laid out a broad agenda topped by homeland security, bankruptcy and terrorism insurance legislation and the president's faith-based initiative proposal. Republicans also want to make permanent the \$1.35 trillion in tax cuts that Bush pushed through Congress last year but are set to expire in 2010, he said.

Another priority is to speed up confirmation of judges whose nominations stalled when Democrats controlled the Senate, he said. Among the judicial nominees awaiting confirmation is Kentucky law professor John Rogers to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

McConnell said that Republicans hoped to pass the

homeland security legislation — Bush's top priority — in the lame duck session, as well as take action on several judicial appointments, including Rogers.

McConnell said he would reach out to Democrats in pushing legislation. "I know that in order to advance most legislation, you need to be able to compromise and reach across the aisle," he said.

Sabato said McConnell's rise to the No. 2 spot could eventually put him in line to become Republican Senate leader after Lott.

"You never underestimate Mitch McConnell," Sabato said. "Everyone has learned that. Nobody expected him to get elected to the Senate, nobody expected him to be re-elected. Nobody expected him to turn Kentucky into a Republican stronghold. And nobody thought he'd be in the leadership. So majority leader is a possibility one day."

the person who will lead this great college system into the future.

Dr. Michael McCall addressed the assembled crowd with words of hope and anticipation for the future.

"This student center will give students opportunities to meet, mix, study and interact, the opportunity to work together as a student body," Wise said. He talked about the vision of KCTCS to provide students an opportunity to grow and expand their minds.

Dr. McCall honored two people for their support of the college and their investment in its future. Paul and Elaine Gearheart have been longtime supporters of the college. Paul Gearheart has served on the college's board of directors as well as the foundation. He has supported the college, both financially and administratively for many years. His continued commitment to education is well demonstrated in his latest contribution of furnishings and decoration of the new conference room in the Student Center Building.

Paul Gearheart spoke to the crowd, comparing our role as educators, students and community members with a story about two islands, belonging to two different countries, separated by the international date line.

"It's like standing on the small island looking across at the big island ... looking into a different country, a different time, indeed looking into tomorrow," Gearheart said. "We are standing on a shore, looking into the future for young people ... poised and ready to step out into tomorrow."

The ceremonies concluded with ribbon cutting, tours and refreshments.

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Goldie A. Spears Baker, 83, a native of German, died Sunday, November 10, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Teddy Bates, 27, of Wayland, died Saturday, November 9, at Wayland, as the result of an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Wayne (Duke) Clevenger, 21, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 11, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elaine Ward Collins, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 10, at the Prestonsburg Health Center, Prestonsburg. Memorial services were conducted Friday, November 15, at 11 a.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, Burke Avenue, Prestonsburg. Entombment was in the Lawn Park Mausoleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Alan Curtis Duncan, 47, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, November 4, at home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Brenda Calhoun Fitch, 56, of Dwale, died Tuesday, November 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Millard F. Hamilton, 94, of Harold, died Wednesday, November 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Delcie Salisbury Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pearl Hamilton Justice, 84, of Harold, died Friday, November 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elmer Lafferty, 47, of Auxier, died Wednesday, November 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Layne Lafferty. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hawley Martin, 82, of Flatwoods, a native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, November 13, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jerry Morgan, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 11, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vanecie Newsome Tackett, 84, of Bowling Green, native of Melvin, died Thursday, November 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Audrey Slone Wiley, 80, of Estill, died Tuesday, November 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Grant Parker Adkins, infant

son of Jimmy Reed and Teresa Adkins of Greasy Creek, died Wednesday, November 13. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Nina Sue Branham Akers, 60, of Island Creek, died Tuesday, November 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bobby R. Akers. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Norma H. Bartley, 90, of Jacksonville, Florida, a native of Pike County, died Tuesday, November 12. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home.

Rena Hackney Belcher, 81, of Belcher, died Tuesday, November 12, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lettie James Belcher, 95, of Regina, died Monday, November 11, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Geraldine Maynard Blackburn, 72, of Vero Beach, Florida, a native of Belfry, died Friday, September 27, at her home. Graveside memorial services were held Saturday, November 9, in the family cemetery, Merrimac, West Virginia.

Kevin Rae Franzen, 42, of Louisville, formerly of Virgie, died Wednesday, November 6, in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Owen Funeral Home.

Steve Hatfield, 50, of Jamboree, died Wednesday, November 13, at the Phelps Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Etta Miller Hatfield. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Dr. Merle Sue Phillips Hendrix, 59, died Sunday, November 10, at Floyd Memorial Hospital, New Albany, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Gehlbach & Roysse Funeral Home.

Ralph Terry Johnson, 80, of Ormond Beach, Florida, a native of Jonancy, died Friday, November 8, at Ormond Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Johnson.

Sidney R. "Sid" Young Jr., 78, of Forest Hills, died Sunday, November 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Juana Hash Young. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Ben Lee, 78, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Burnette Lee. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Thomas LePage, 78, of Hardy, died Sunday, November 10, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. A memorial service was planned at a later date. Arrangements, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Irene Kropowitz Muncy, 79, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 12, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Muncy. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, in St. Francis Church. Arrangements were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Robert Lloyd Reynolds, 74,

of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, November 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Chaney Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Carol Lou Robinette, 51, of Pikeville, died Friday, November 8, at Stanville, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She is survived by her husband, Billy M. "Rod" Robinette. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ralph Scott, 65, a Pikeville native, died Sunday, November 10, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Everett Harvey Smith, 57, of Piqua, Ohio, a native of Ransom, died Saturday, November 9, in Piqua. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Smith. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 12, under the direction of Melcher-Sowers Funeral Home.

Johnnie Wallace Smith, 88, of Canada, died Saturday, November 9, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Donald Ray Sparks, 64, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Thursday, November 7, at Mingo Manor Nursing Home, Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Jeffery Keith Tackett, 43, of Virgie, died Sunday, November 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Randy Gene Thacker, 39, of Hatfield, died Sunday, November 10, in the Emergency Room at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Helen Wertz, 84, of Mingo Manor Nursing Home, Williamson, West Virginia, died Friday, November 8, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Nola A. Yates, 95, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, November 11, at Mingo Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Rose M. Yates, 36, of Marrowbone, died Saturday, November 9, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Nola A. Yates, 95, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, November 11, at Mingo Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Virginia Gail Young, 55, of Hatfield, died Tuesday, November 12, at the Charleston Area Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jessie Young. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Knott County

Lucille F. Morgan, 91, of Emmalena, died November 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services

were conducted Monday, November 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Willard Thacker, 86, of Garner, died Sunday, November 10, at the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

Virginia Vanderpool Barker, 79, died Saturday, November 9, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Stanley Branham, 75, of Boons Camp, died Thursday, November 7, at Highland Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Georgene Collins Branham. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Branch Jackson, 82, died Tuesday, November 5, at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

George Ward Jr., died Friday, November 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ward. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Donald Dean Marshall, 41, died Monday, November 4, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 7, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Byrd William "B.W." McDonald, 61, of Paintsville,

died Wednesday, November 13, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center Emergency Room. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Lyon McDonald. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Garlin Moore, 66, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, November 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Lemaster Moore.

Donald Ray Sparks, 64, of Williamson, West Virginia, a native of Van Lear, died Thursday, November 7, at Mingo Manor Nursing Home, Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Dorothy Jean Roberts Vanhoose, 72, a Johnson county native, died Tuesday, November 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Lowell (L.T.) Cornette, 66, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Monday, November 4, at Mt. Carmel West, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Matthew Horn Jr., a native of Warfield, died Wednesday, November 6, at home. Funeral services were conducted by Voran Funeral Home, Melvindale, Michigan, on November 9.

Donald Dean Marshall, 41, died Monday, November 4, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son

Funeral Home.

Rebecca Ooten, 66, of Inez, died Thursday, November 7, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Columbus Ooten. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Glenn H. Preece, 66, died Wednesday, October 30, at Cleveland Clinic. He is survived by his wife, Iva Dean Perry Preece. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 4, 1 p.m. at Hager Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Lawrence County

Ernest "Bus" Webb, 88, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Sunday, November 10, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Odds

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at Shepherd College.

Barbara Marie Harmison, 49, was charged with indecent exposure, disturbance of school and disorderly conduct, according to Jefferson County Magistrate Court records.

Campus police on Tuesday told Harmison she couldn't preach unless she received permission from the school's student affairs department, court records said.

Later that day, police received a call that she "was reading from the Bible and she was totally nude" on the steps of a building on campus. Her clothes were in a pile beside her.

"There were people standing all over and there were classes going on," Patrolman R.A. Houchins said.

The woman did not say why she was reading the Bible while nude.



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Rebate 3,000.00
\$23,464.84



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\$17,623.00

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JOHNSON COUNTY

Paintsville Middle moves to 3-0 on season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Looking to up its record to 3-0 on the season, the Paintsville Middle School boys' basketball team took on Johnson County Middle School, a traditionally strong team. Paintsville held on to win the game 45-44. JCMS trailed by as many as 10 points late in the game before battling back to tie the Tigers. Paintsville, with the win, now has three wins opposed to no losses.

Paintsville began the season with wins over Magoffin County and Warfield.

The Tigers defeated Magoffin County 55-41 in the first game of the season. JD VanHoose paced the Tigers with 16 points. Blake Bundy added 14. Shane Cantrell and Daniel Pugh finished with 12 and nine points, respectively. Shane Grim and Travis Ison added two points apiece.

Eric Arnett led Magoffin County in scoring with 12 points. Eric Gibson and Shane Prater each had seven points. Devon Rice scored six points, while Dan Russell and Clay Fletcher added four and three points each, respectively. Quenton Bentley and Chase Carpenter rounded out the Magoffin County scoring with one point each.

Host Paintsville defeated Warfield 53-36 Tuesday night to improve its

(See SEASON, page three)

BASKETBALL

Bobcats must sort out injuries

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne boys' basketball head coach Brent Rose thinks his team is compiling some freakish injuries in the preseason as several players have missed practice time due to those injuries. However, one Bobcat is now back to top form. Michael Akers has been cleared to play by the doctor and, according to his coach, is at about 75-percent.

"We are going to bring him along slowly and hope that he will be completely healthy by Magoffin," said Rose

Brenton Akers, a junior for Betsy Layne had an appendectomy last Sunday and is out 4-6 weeks. Betsy Layne hopes to get healthy in time for their opener at Magoffin County on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Raiders return to the weights

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd High head football coach Donnie Daniels isn't one to sit back and wait on anything. Following a 4-6 record in his first season back at the helm of the Raider football program, Daniels has his team back in the weight room, lifting weights and conditioning in preparation for next season. South Floyd just missed the playoffs this season. A win over Fleming-Neon would have put the Raiders in the post-season as a No. 4 seed ahead of Phelps. South Floyd also played the No. 3 Seed in its district, Hazard, tough at home before falling.

"Our kids know it'll take some hard work to get to where we want to be," said Daniels. "We can't just sit back and expect things to happen and not have to work for them."

— Blackcats fall to Breathitt in region semis —

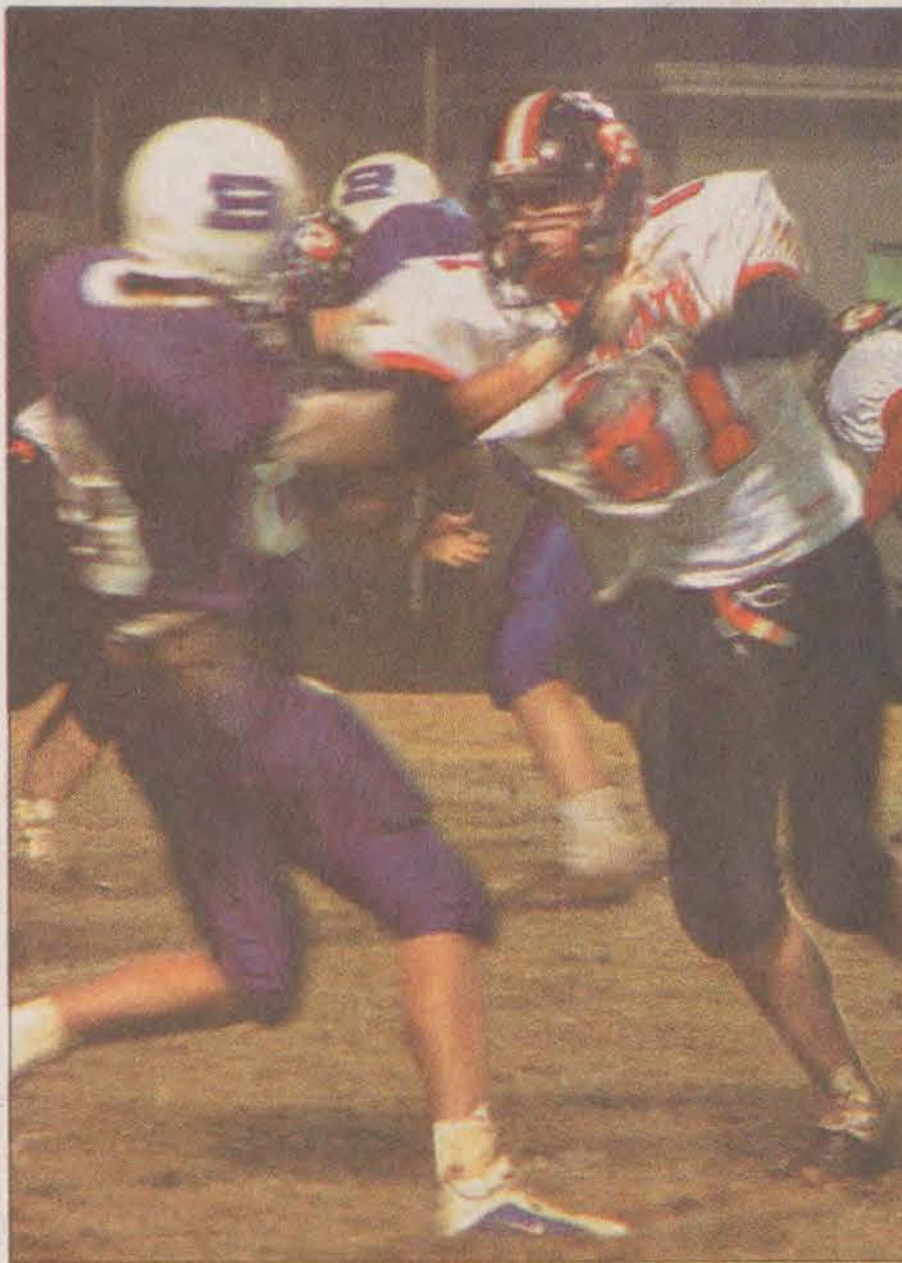


photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg sophomore John Mark Stephens (81) battled with an opposing Breathitt County player in the first half. Stephens scored Prestonsburg's first touchdown of the game on a reception in the back of the end zone.

Prestonsburg grid season ends, 42-24

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON — It was the best of times for the host team but less than best for the visiting team. Sixteen seniors for the Prestonsburg High School football team played the final game of their high school career Friday night when the Blackcats fell to Breathitt County on the road in

Jackson, 42-24. The win improved the Bobcats to 12-0 on the season. Prestonsburg ends its season with a record of 8-4. The Blackcats entered Friday night's game looking to take one step closer to a third consecutive regional championship.

Host Breathitt County, coached by Mike Holcomb, got on the scoreboard

(See GRID, page four)

CLASS A	
Christian Academy-Louisville	7
Fort Knox	3
Crittenden County	18
Murray	8
Danville	35
Holy Cross (Louisville)	0
Mayfield	28
Ballard Memorial	0
Middlesboro	35
Paintsville	8
Newport Central Catholic	47
Raceland	7
Pikeville	28
Hazard	0
CLASS AA	
Belfry	39
Madison Southern	6
Breathitt County	42
Prestonsburg	16
Corbin	36
Bardstown	21
Larue County	33
Elizabethtown	8
Mason County	49
Lloyd Memorial	21
Russell	47
Carroll County	0
Webster County	20
Monroe County	10
CLASS AAA	
Bell County	14
Ashland Blazer	12
Boyle County	30
Pulaski County	9
Bullitt East	12
East Jessamine	0
Highlands	52
Scott	0
Hopkinsville	25
Warren Central	0
Lexington Catholic	29
Covington Catholic	27
Rockcastle County	37
Boyd County	0
CLASS AAAA	
Boone County	40
Eastern	38
Christian County	24
Daviess County	6
Henderson County	40
Graves County	13
Henry Clay	35
Woodford County	7
Male	27
DuPont Manual	0
Paul Dunbar	33
Scott County	21
St. Xavier	28
Seneca	6
Trinity (Louisville)	31
Dixie Heights	16
Kentucky Country Day	55
Caverna	12

FLOYD COUNTY

MCA rolls past Allen

Falcons claim third-place in Right Beaver Classic

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Jeff Riley has been away from coaching basketball for quite a while, however the former Prestonsburg High School coach is once again roaming the sidelines as head coach of the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons. On Thursday evening, Riley's Falcons tangled with the Allen Eagles in the consolation game of the Right Beaver Classic and came away with a 61-52 win and third-place in the tournament. During Riley's coaching tenure at Prestonsburg, the Blackcats always played with great pride, and his

(See MCA, page three)

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Can professional sports survive?

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS WRITER

I love sporting events of just about all sorts with the exception of ice hockey. I have never quite gotten into the ice arena bit yet, and probably never will.

But for most sports, I enjoy them, although some I do not understand their scoring process. However, it is the action of a sporting event that catches one's eye.

I have admitted down through the years that my first love is basketball. I used (past tense) to love to play the game, and wish I could still yet, but time has a way of altering even that. Although I do get out on the outside court with our young people here at the

(See SPORTS, page three)

No CWD in sight, but hunters' care urged

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Kentuckians are being reassured that there is no evidence of chronic wasting disease in the state's whitetail deer herd, yet wildlife managers suggest that hunters here take minimal precautions nonetheless.

Chronic wasting disease is a neurological disease seen in some deer and elk that is similar to mad cow disease in some domestic animals.

The ailment, the result of a deformed protein or "prion," is always fatal in deer and elk, although there is no indication that it can be transmitted to humans.

After being noted for some years

in western states, a chronic wasting disease outbreak was seen in Wisconsin last year, and most recently a single case was detected in a wild deer in extreme northern Illinois.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources managers are monitoring by testing samples of deer taken during the ongoing state firearms whitetail season (Nov. 9-24

in Zones 1 and 2, and Nov. 9-18 in Zones 3 and 4) for the disease, but there has been no indication of it anywhere in the state.

Meanwhile, despite calling deer hunting safe in terms of the disease, hunters are urged to use some added precautions in handling animals

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TOURNAMENT

Host Rebels win Right Beaver Classic

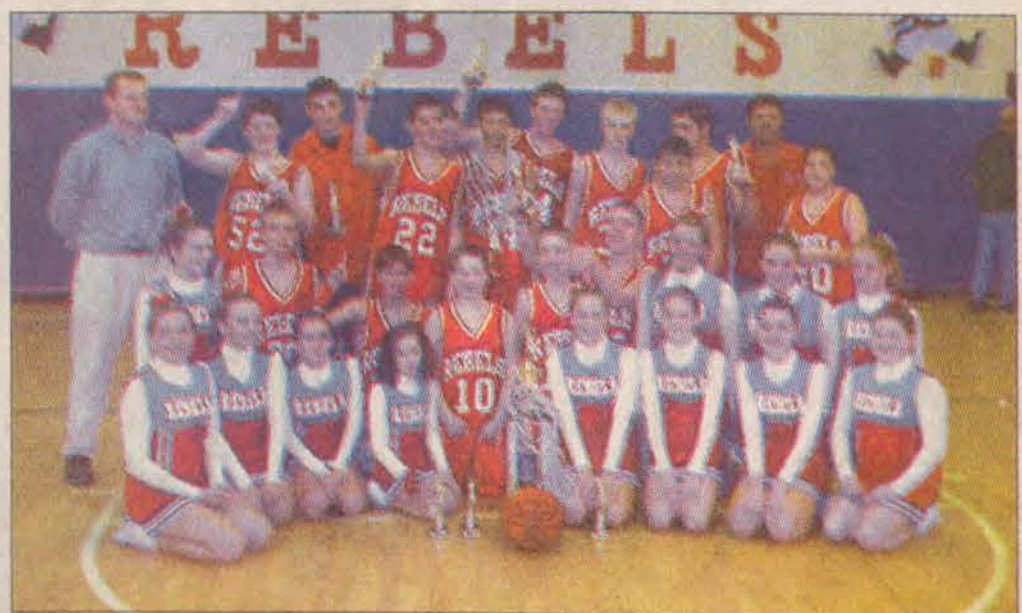
Collins, Martin score 18 each to lead the way

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — It wasn't always easy for the Allen Central Middle School boys'

basketball team in its quest for a Right Beaver Classic tournament title. The host Runnin' Rebels trailed South Floyd Middle 15-12 at the end of the first quarter in Thursday night's championship game before outscoring the Raiders 10-3 in

(See HOST, page three)



S P O R T S B O A R D

Perceptions of Eastern Kentucky football changing

by MIKE FIELDS
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

LEXINGTON — Twenty years ago, high school football in many parts of eastern Kentucky was little more than a diversion before basketball season arrived with all its hoopla.

Friday nights under the lights didn't hold much appeal to sports fans in the mountains. There were exceptions, of course. Corbin, Cumberland, Paintsville and Pikeville, to name a few, had winning football programs and enthusiastic fans.

But many schools treated football as

a second-class sport, which showed in skeletal coaching staffs, shoddy facilities that rarely included a weight room, and disinterest among some of the best athletes.

"There used to be a stigma attached to being a football team from eastern Kentucky," said Philip Haywood, who

has coached in the region for almost 30 years. "Whenever you went and played somewhere else, you really weren't taken seriously. Nobody paid much attention to you."

How times have changed. Mountain football has improved dramatically over the past 20 years.

It was already on the rise in the early 1980s, but Pikeville burnished the region's football image by winning three consecutive state titles starting in 1987.

Tim Couch's record-setting passing (See FOOTBALL, page three)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ALC JV begins season with 2 losses, but shows promise

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Coach James Moore and the Alice Lloyd College junior varsity men's basketball team opened its season this week with a pair of losses.

On Monday, the Eagles traveled to Union College to play the JV Bulldogs and came away with a 92-80 loss.

Jeremy Jackson paced Alive Lloyd in the setback to Union, scoring 27 points. Dustin Jones added 20 points for the JV Eagles. Cody Reynolds pushed in 14 points and Matt Taylor 10 in the loss to Union. Dock Johnson and Jeremy Akers each had three points apiece in the loss to the Bulldogs. Union led ALC 52-34 at the break before posting the victory.

In another game played on Thursday night, the ALC JV unit fell to King College's JV at home, 77-70.

Jackson was the leading scorer against King. He netted 21 points. Byron Hall finished with 10 points while Akers tossed in nine. Johnson and Reynolds each had seven points apiece, while Taylor finished with six. Brandon Morgan added five for the Eagles.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Winston Cup

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

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)
- Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

MARCH

- March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin)
- March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart)
- March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin)
- March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)

APRIL

- April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth)
- April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte)
- April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson)

MAY

- May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart)
- May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin)

JUNE

- June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett)
- June 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn. (Matt Kenseth)
- June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

JULY

- July 6 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)
- July 14 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Kevin Harvick)

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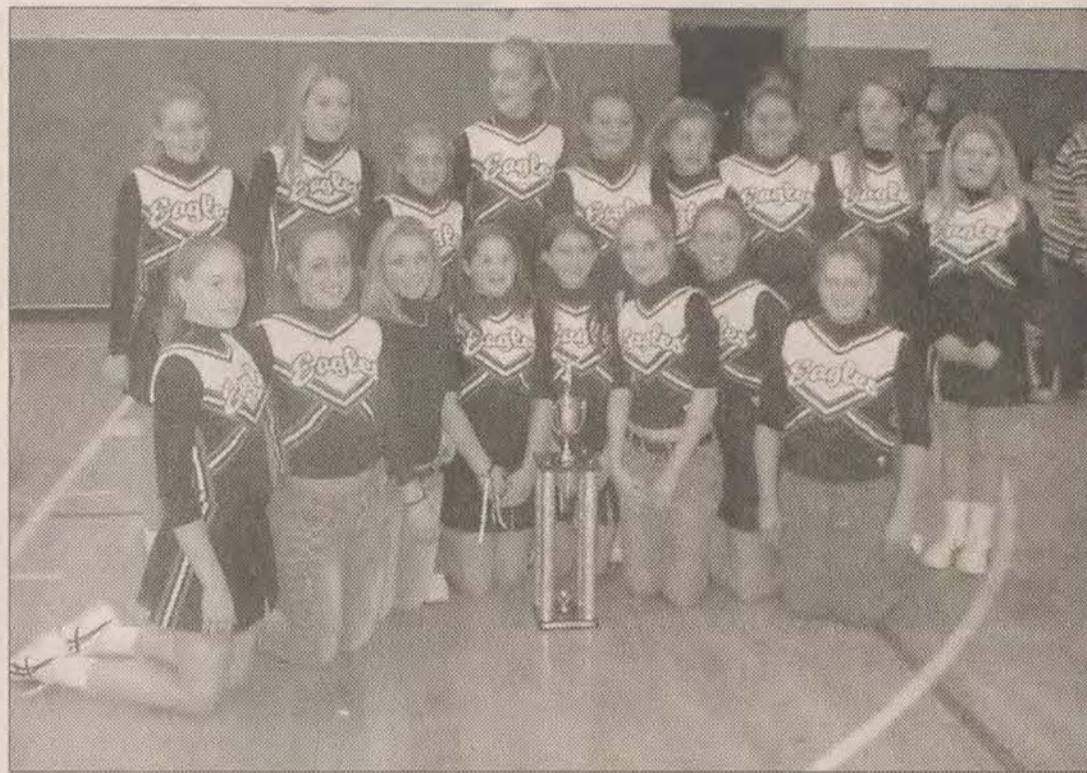
CHANGES

South Floyd gym floor undergoing facelift

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The floor in Raider Arena at South Floyd High School is undergoing a major facelift. Fans who enter the gymnasium this season will be looking at a different floor as some new changes are underway. South Floyd

(See GYM, page three)



The Allen cheerleading team took first-place honors for the Right Beaver Classic. The cheer squad from Adams Middle School placed second.

photos by Steve LeMaster



WIN! WIN! WIN!

The Allen Central Middle School Runnin' Rebels defended their home court on Thursday night with a championship game win over South Floyd. Pictured at left cutting the net is Josh Martin.



Allen Central Middle School's dance team placed first in the dance team portion of the Right Beaver Classic.

photo by Steve LeMaster

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

Track for a new generation

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRES

SALISBURY, N.C. — Bobby Labonte wanted to go racing with his 8-year-old son, Tyler, but the options were limited — with no tracks close to their North Carolina home.

So he has set out to change that, planning to build a state-of-the-art racing facility for quarter midget cars — and perhaps prepare a new generation of NASCAR drivers.

"There's a lot of racing in

North Carolina, but there isn't specifically any quarter midget racing," said Labonte. "The closest thing we have right now would be Atlanta, or something in Pennsylvania or New Jersey."

"Tyler wants to race, but I can't take him to Atlanta on Saturdays, and right now, he doesn't want to do it without me. Maybe through this, he can get to a point where he's comfortable to do it."

Quarter midget racing events are held nationwide at venues as large as Indianapolis Motor

Speedway and as small as neighborhood parking lots. There are 60 permanent sanctioned quarter midget tracks around the country, but none in the North Carolina, South Carolina or Virginia areas.

Labonte hopes to open it next spring. His plans call for a 1/20th-mile asphalt track with grandstands that can hold about 500 fans, suites, a fuel building, an infield care center, a playground, a souvenir stand and parking that can accommodate

(See TRACK, page four)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Michael selected to all-district second team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University's Brian Lowder and Peter Martinez were both selected to the Verizon University Division Academic All-District IV football team Thursday, while Jason Michael, a former Lawrence County standout, earned second-team honors. Lowder and Martinez will now appear on the ballot for the Verizon Academic All-America squad, which will be released Monday, Dec. 2.

Michael, a senior who hails from Louisa, stands in the top-10 in the Gateway in five statistical categories, including pass efficiency (2nd - 140.3 rating), touchdowns (3rd - eight), passing yards (7th - 102.1 ypg), total offense (8th - 144 ypg) and scoring (8th - 4.8

(See MICHAEL, page four)

H.S. FOOTBALL

P'burg '03 schedule taking shape

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Never one to shy away from a challenge, the Prestonsburg High School football program already has commitments from four of the state's premier high school football programs for games next season, head coach John DeRossett announced this past week.

Out-of-district opponents for this season for the Blackcats included Lawrence County, Whitley County, Paintsville and Boyle County. The Blackcats went 2-2 against the four teams with wins coming on the road over Whitley County and Paintsville.

Lexington Catholic, Lawrence County, Pikeville and Ashland, how's that for out-of-district games. Prestonsburg will play each of those four programs next season, including a road trip to play the Knights of Lexington Catholic.

Pikeville, Ashland and Lexington

(See SCHEDULE, page four)

Arizona teammates Walton and Gardner head preseason All-America team

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona teammates Luke Walton and Jason Gardner were among the five seniors selected to The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.

David West of Xavier was the leading vote-getter on the team announced Tuesday and he was joined by Kirk Hinrich of Kansas and Erwin Dudley of Alabama.

Walton and Gardner became the fourth pair of teammates to be selected to the preseason team, which started before the 1986-87 season. One of the other sets also came from Arizona, Mike Bibby and Miles Simon before the 1997-98 season.

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Football

at Leslie County in the mid-1990s won the mountains a ton of positive publicity.

Picking up on the buzz created by Couch, more coaches adopted wide-open offenses, and that got more kids (and fans) in eastern Kentucky interested in the game.

And powerful state championship teams at Bell County,

Breathitt County and Middlesboro confirmed that eastern Kentucky football could be as good as it gets anywhere.

"Mountain football is competitive now," said former Pikeville coach Hillard Howard. "We've learned how much work it takes to win at the highest level, and most schools are committed to that hard

work. It used to not be that way."

That is not to say eastern Kentucky was devoid of great football before the 1980s, only that it was scarce.

One place it could be found was Harlan County, where Ed Miracle coached Lynch East Main to four Class A titles and four runner-up finishes between 1959 and 1971.

Corbin was regarded as an elite football program before the playoffs were even established in the late 1950s, and the Redhounds enhanced that reputation by claiming state titles in 1976, 1980 and 1982.

Paintsville, led by coach Walter Brugh, and Cumberland showed they could hang with the best. Between them, they reached the state finals five times between 1978 and 1986.

Then came Pikeville's unprecedented three consecutive titles. The Panthers' success created a gold

standard for eastern Kentucky football.

"A lot of mountain schools got their programs going in the right direction in the 1980s," Howard said. "But when we went to Louisville and won three in a row, a lot of them realized they could go down there and win, too."

Schools across eastern Kentucky started borrowing from Pikeville's playbook. They instituted off-season weight training and conditioning. They began beefing up their schedules and playing host to bowl games so they could play teams from other parts of the state. They started persuading the best athletes to try football. And most important, they started hiring better coaches.

Then, in 1994, along came Couch, throwing the ball all over the place in Mike Whitaker's wide-open offense at Leslie County. Couch went on to earn

national high school Player of the Year honors, legendary status at the University of Kentucky, and eventually the No. 1 spot in the NFL draft.

Mountain kids who had once only dreamed of shooting hoops started dreaming of firing spirals.

"Used to be, if you went around eastern Kentucky you'd only see kids shooting at basketball goals on the side of a house," said former Corbin Coach Larry Adams. "Now you see kids throwing and catching footballs, too."

Mike Holcomb, taking a cue from Leslie County, installed a pass-happy attack at Breathitt County.

"One reason I did it was that style attracted athletic kids to football who'd just stuck to basketball in the past," Holcomb said. "And it's worked pretty good for us."

Whether they're passing or running, more mountain teams are

competitive these days.

Football programs throughout the hills of eastern Kentucky, from Lawrence County to Sheldon Clark to Hazard to Bell County, need no longer feel inferior to other parts of the state. Their facilities are better, off-season weight training is a rule rather than an exception, coaching staffs are more capable and more dedicated, and the region's better athletes are discovering a sport other than basketball can be fun to play.

"I think it's safe to say we've earned a measure of respect over the last 20 years," Haywood said. "A lot of teams in eastern Kentucky have shown they're capable of playing football with anybody in the state, and that's something we can all be proud of."

Urged

taken. Household utensils should not be used to field dress or process venison, managers say.

Field dressing and handling of deer carcasses should be done while using latex gloves, it is recommended.

Hunters are urged not to take any deer that shows obvious signs of illness or that is acting in a strange manner. Instead, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources should be notified (1-800-858-1549) of the animal and its location.

There is no advisory on the taking of deer or on the consumption of venison.

Indeed, state deer managers hope hunters will increase the number of deer killed this year to a record level to reduce the population in some higher density counties. They encourage the taking of more does from Zone 1 counties for table fare

this season.

Kentucky managers echo a statement of the federal Center for Disease Control that, "the risk of infection with the CWD agent among hunters is extremely small, if it exists at all."

For more extensive precautions, as state wildlife managers recommend for treatment of deer and elk taken from western states where chronic wasting disease is of greater potential, meat processors should be more picky.

If there's any chance of disease presence, deer or elk venison should be boned out — that is, removed without sawing through bone.

Fat, which contains lymph glands, should be removed. Butchering equipment used on any such animal or any saw used to remove antlers or skull plate should be disinfected with strong chlorine bleach.

MCA

young Falcons displayed that same trait during their run in the tournament.

MCA took on an improved Allen Eagle team that had advanced to the semi-final round after a win over Adams Middle School in the opening round. The Falcons sprinted out in front early behind the play of Landon Slone who finished the contest with a game high 24 points. MCA built a 17-6 lead after one quarter of play, and never looked back.

"I think we will get better as the year goes on," Riley stated. The Falcons increased the lead to 37-23 at the half as Lincoln

Slone and Taylor Clark both provided a spark for MCA. Allen was led in scoring by Thomas Samons with 12 points on the night. Allen was unable to mount a comeback in the third quarter when MCA outscored the Eagles 15-6 in the quarter and Allen trailed 52-29 after three quarters of play. Allen fought back in the final stanza by outscoring MCA 23-9 in the quarter, but it would prove to be a hole that the Eagles could not climb out of as MCA would come away with the win 61-52 as the young Falcons begin the year with a 3-1 record.

Sports

church, still it is a bit difficult to go when your legs go out.

However, I still enjoy it all with the exception of the National Basketball Association (NBA). I used to be a big, big, big fan of the NBA until some of the distasteful players came into the league and ruined it.

Observing the major sports in our land — basketball, football and baseball — all three are on shaky ground in the new millennium. Major league baseball does not know if it really has a bright future. The NBA's attendance is way down and some franchises are in trouble. Football, probably the most stable of the three, still has some work at home that needs looking after or it will decline.

Baseball was once billed as "America's Favorite Pastime" but cannot lay claim to that title any longer. No doubt the NFL and college football have become the favorite pastime of most sports fan today.

The reason is there is less bickering between owners and players than the other three sports. The football season is shorter, and therefore keeps the

fans' interest through a whole season. Baseball is 162 games long, while basketball will run 82 games. In football, a team is eliminated sooner than in the other two. Baseball and basketball, a team could be out of contention after the first month of a season, depending on the start they get.

There is more parity in football than the other two, making each contest more exciting to watch. You watch the NBA season and you will find it is only three or four teams, five at the most, in contention for a title. The rest are only playing for the sake of finishing a season.

I think the reason for the jump in popularity for the NFL has been the improvement and parity in the college ranks. Teams from the SEC, Big Ten, ACC, etc., have brought better athletes to the pros and therefore better competition.

Who would enjoy watching a blowout, so commonly seen in both basketball and baseball? Seldom do you see a lopsided contest in the NFL.

Unless major league baseball does something to bring parity to its league, to where the small

market teams can compete with the larger ones, then baseball is going to continue to slide on the attendance scale.

The NBA needs something to pump up the excitement at games. Fans are tired of watching a select few tell how things are to go and fans want change. Unless that change comes, then the NBA will suffer at the turnstiles as well.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone!

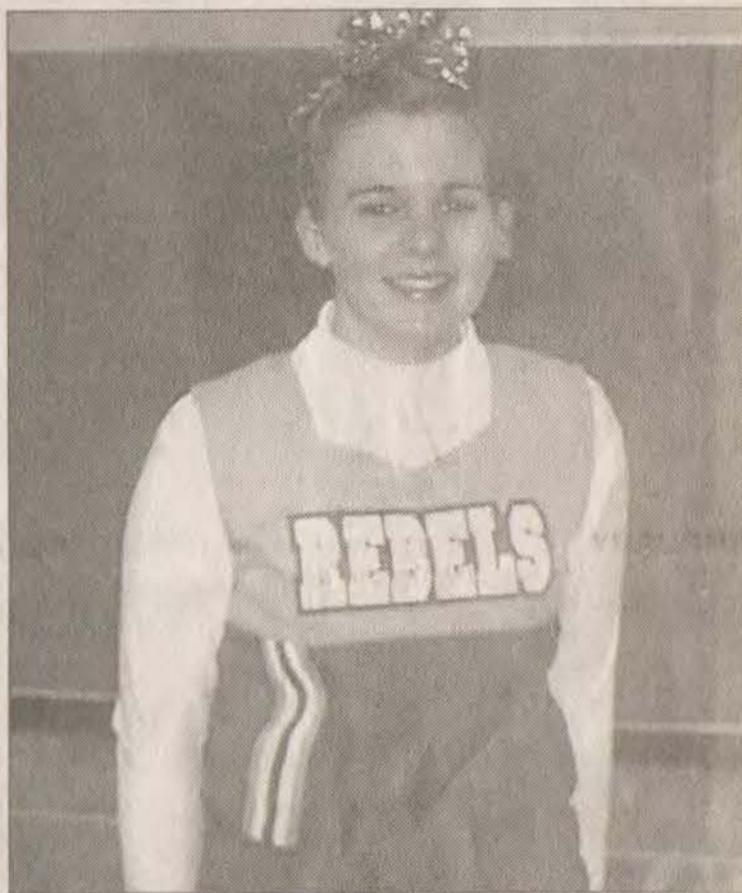
Gym

principal and boys' basketball head coach Henry Webb was all in favor of the new-look project on the floor.

"We're real excited about the floor," said Webb. "We've not been able to get in here and practice because of it, but our kids are still real excited and anxious to get on it."

The South Floyd boys' and girls' teams have been practicing at the gyms at Wheelwright and McDowell.

Lady Raiders head coach (See GYM, page four)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Tiffany Owens, the only eighth-grade cheerleader on the Allen Central Middle School varsity squad, celebrates a birthday today when she turns 14.

Host

the third quarter. Despite a valiant fourth-quarter effort from the visiting Raiders, Allen Central was able to hold on for a 48-46 victory and a tourney championship.

Two Rebels — Ryan Collins and Josh Martin — scored 18 points apiece to lead the way for Allen Central, sharing game-high honors. Martin had 10 points in the first quarter and Collins netted seven in the second to lead ACMS out to a 22-18 advantage at the half.

South Floyd was edged 11-10 in the third period, but battled back to outscore Allen Central 18-15 in the final period before falling just short.

Guard Andrew Sazabo scored eight points and forward Tyler Slone chipped in four for Allen Central. Allen Central is coached by Brad Short. Other players on the Allen Central's championship team included Josh Prater, Corey Webb, Jan Hicks, Alex Hammonds, Colby Tackett, John Moore, Brent

Hancock, Josh Manuel, Eric Crum, John Burchett and Ethan Conley.

"I'm very proud of these kids," said Short, following his team's championship game win. "We had just four practices with the basketball coming into the tournament, and being able to win it is a great achievement."

Guard Ethan Johnson scored 15 points and forward Mark Bennett, before fouling out midway through the fourth quarter, added 11 to lead South Floyd. Anthony Thornsberry and Evan Johnson each had eight points while W. Akers and M. Hall ended with two points each.

SCORING

Allen Central (48) — R. Collins 18, T. Slone 4, A. Sazabo 8, J. Martin 18.

South Floyd (46) — Ethan Johnson 15, A. Thornsberry 8, M. Bennett 11, Evan Johnson 8, W. Akers 2, M. Hall 2.

Season

record to 2-0 on the season.

Bundy was the Tigers' leading scorer in that game with 14 points. Pugh and VanHoose finished with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Grimm contributed six while Cantrell chipped in four.

Warfield was led in scoring by B. J. Slone's team-best 11 markers. Jared Crum scored eight points. Tyler Jade contributed five points, while Darrin Hensley and William Slone chipped in four points

each. Chris Stepp and Kenny Maynard also got into the scoring act to round out the Red Devils scoring with two points each.

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first following a missed opportunity by the Blackcats. Senior quarterback Justin Haddix was just as good as billed for the Bobcats. Haddix took the first score of the night in for the Bobcats with 7:43 left to play in the opening quarter when he kept the football on a six-point run. A David Little PAT kick put Breathitt County ahead 7-0. The Bobcats would lead 20-0 fol-

lowing two more Haddix keepers for scores in the first half.

An 83-yard run by senior running back Mikeal Fannin took Prestonsburg down to the Breathitt County two-yard line, but the Blackcats would be turned away prior to Breathitt County's third score of the night.

Trailing 20-0, Prestonsburg got its first score of the night

when Willis found tight end John Mark Stephens all alone in the back of the end zone on a 14-yard scoring pass. Trevor Compton took the Blackcat conversion in to cut the Breathitt County lead to 20-8.

With no time remaining on a first half clock, Breathitt County took advantage of three consecutive penalties against the visiting Blackcats to score

its fourth touchdown of the game. Haddix hit receiver Courtney Johnson and then ran into the end zone for the conversion score to push his team's lead out to 28-8 at the half. Prestonsburg got within two scores in the second half, but could get no closer.

The Prestonsburg defense was able to get to Haddix in the second half, as Thomas Nelson got in to sack the Bobcat signal-caller. Other seniors, including John Hunt, Matt Setser, Rudy Pennington, Josh Pennington and Adam Dixon also made strides for the P'burg defense in the second half.

Fannin added two rushing

scores in the second half for the Blackcats to round out the scoring. Breathitt County also tacked on a couple more scores.

With the win, Breathitt County will travel to Death Valley and Viperman Stadium

in Pike County to play District Eight champ Belfry this Friday night. Kickoff for that game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Belfry downed Madison Southern on Friday night to reach the regional championship game.

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Sunday Sports Calendar

Basketball

Meet the Blackcats Night

Officials from Prestonsburg High School have announced plans to hold the annual Meet the Blackcats Night on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. The 2002-2003 edition of the Blackcats will be introduced to the public and many activities are planned for the evening. Some of the events that are scheduled to take place include: An area business

leader shootout in which participants will shoot 25 free throws in order to raise money for the basketball program with the winner taking bragging rights for the year. Two former University of Kentucky standouts will be in attendance as Jeff Sheppard and Jeff Brassow will both be at the event. The two former Wildcats will sign autographs and pose for pictures with fans. A concession stand will be provided and several

door prizes will be given away. In addition to the player introductions, the Prestonsburg Dance Cats and cheerleaders will provide entertainment during the evening. The night will also feature a scrimmage game for the junior varsity Blackcats. The Meet the Blackcats Night will get underway at 7 p.m.

Youth league

The Pikeville Area YMCA will hold a youth basketball league for boys and girls ages 3-17. Registration costs \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. For more information, call the YMCA at 606/432-9622.

Kids club

Area children age 12 and under are invited to join the Pikeville College Junior Lady Bears Kids Club. Membership includes an official T-Shirt, member ID card, free admission to all women's home basketball games, a newsletter, a game program autographed by team members, summer camp discounts and holiday and birthday cards. Membership costs \$25 per year. For more information, contact the PC women's basketball office at 606/218-5356.

Fishing

Bass fishing

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers meets the first Thursday of each month at the Johns Creek School at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 606/237-5907, 606/631-5786, 606/478-9676, 606/237-7223.

NASCAR

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

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

AUGUST

Aug. 4 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. (Bill Elliott)

Aug. 11 — Sirius Satellite Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)

Aug. 18 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Dale Jarrett)

Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Jeff Gordon)

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon)

Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va. (Matt Kenseth)

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

Sept. 22 — MBNA

America 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)

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

OCTOBER

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

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

Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va. (Kurt Busch)

Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kurt Busch)

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Johnny Benson)

Nov. 10 — Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz. (Matt Kenseth)

Nov. 17 — Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

Newsome scores 25, leads Ohio Southern to first win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COAL GROVE, Ohio — Ohio Southern used a big second-half as it cruised to its first victory of the season with a 93-71 win over Rio Grande Thursday night.

Former Allen Central standout, Shawn Newsome led the Trail Blazers with 25 points and Earl Willis (Chicago, Ill.) added 18.

The Trail Blazers (1-1) trailed 40-36 at the half, but outscored Rio Grande 57-31 in the second half.

Freshman Max Hunter (Boyd County) had 17 points and 10 rebounds to control the inside for OUSC. Brandon Raeuchle (Lawrenceburg) grabbed eight rebounds.

Brandon Hess led the way for Rio Grande with 18 points. OUSC will host Kent State Tusk

Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Dawson Bryant High School in Ohio.

Rio Grande (71) — Miller 5, Swinehart 10, Dunning 8, Simms 14, Hess 18, Moss 6, Arrowhead 10.

Ohio Southern (93) — Fraley 7, Newsome 25, Willis 18, Runyon 1, Melvin 7, Maynard 5, Kielmar 7, Hunter 17, Raeuchle 6.



Arizona

Walton and Gardner are two of the five starters returning to the Wildcats, who were ranked No. 1 in the AP's preseason poll.

"We've had a lot of outstanding leaders," Arizona coach Lute Olson said, "and these two would compare with anybody that we've ever had."

The 6-foot-9 West, the Atlantic 10's player of the year the last two seasons, was named on 43 of the 72 ballots from the national media panel, one more than Walton. Gardner was next with 39 votes, while Hinrich received 35 and Dudley 32.

Western Kentucky senior Chris Marcus was sixth in the voting with 31, while seniors Nick Collison of Kansas (28) and Brandin Knight of Pittsburgh (23) were the only other players to receive more than 20 votes.

The 6-8 Walton led the Pac-10 in assists last season at 6.3 per game, the first forward to do so since the stat became official in 1974. He averaged 15.7 points and 7.3 rebounds, while shooting 47 percent last season.

His family knows something about All-America honors. His father, Bill, was a three-time selection at UCLA from 1972-74 and is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The 5-10 Gardner averaged 20.4 points, 2.9 rebounds and 4.6 assists last season while playing 38.2 minutes a game. A

third-team All-America pick last season, he shot 38.4 percent from 3-point range and his 106 3s were third most in school history.

"He's the guy that has to direct pretty much everything," Olson said of his point guard. "It isn't a case of where he's saying a whole lot, but when he says something, a lot of times it's pretty stern. He's not afraid of getting into somebody's face. He's a tremendous competitor and he expects everyone to compete."

West, a second-team All-America selection last season, averaged 18.3 points and led the conference in rebounding (9.8) and blocks (2.5). The 6-9 forward surprised a lot of people when he decided to return to the Musketeers for another season.

"I thought he was gone," second-year Xavier coach Thad Matta said. "When he announced he was staying, I was shocked."

Hinrich averaged 14.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 5.0 assists for the Jayhawks last season, hitting 47.8 percent from 3-point range. He holds the school record for long range shooting, hitting 50 percent as a junior.

Kansas coach Roy Williams is succinct when talking about his guard.

"I think Kirk Hinrich is the best guard in the country," he said.

Dudley was a third-team All-American last season and was chosen the Southeastern Conference's player of the year. The 6-8 Dudley averaged 15.2 points and 8.9 rebounds while shooting 56 percent from the field.

"He's a throwback guy, kind of old-fashioned," Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried said of Dudley. "He's a low-key guy. He's not really interested in all the hype."

Tayshaun Prince of Kentucky was the only senior on last season's preseason All-America team, but the other four — Jason Williams of Duke, Casey Jacobsen of Stanford, Kareem Rush of Missouri and Frank Williams of Illinois — all declared for the NBA draft as underclassmen.

Jason Williams, last season's national player of the year, was the only member of the preseason All-America team to earn the first-team postseason honor as well. Jacobsen was on the second team and Prince the third.

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Track

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haulers.

"We don't really know (cost) yet, we don't really care," he said. "It's kind of a deal where we're going to do the best we can to build it efficiently ... and I'm involved in it, so it'll cost me more than I ever thought it would. It might have to be done in a couple phases — get the track built first and go after the rest of it after that."

Tony Stewart, Labonte's teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing, joined NASCAR drivers Dave Blaney and Ryan Newman for the unveiling of the plans last month. All are quarter midget alumni, and Newman was a two-time national champion and is a member of the Quarter Midget Hall of Fame.

"This is a great family sport, one I started in when I was 4 years old," Newman said. "The biggest thing about becoming a race car driver is getting laps. Well, this is where you start. You get in a quarter midget and you learn how to pass, how to work through traffic, how to work

with teammates.

"And it's something you do as a family. We traveled all over the Midwest to race, the whole family. We raced on weekends, but during the week we worked on the cars. It's just great for the family."

Stewart, who recently raced quarter midgets against kids at Little New Smyrna Speedway, a track that Mark Martin built in Florida, thinks NASCAR's future stars will get started at Labonte's facility.

"Look, I'm a Winston Cup driver and I was getting my butt kicked by a bunch of 8-year old kids," Stewart said. "These are future Winston Cup champions here."

Labonte and his older brother, Terry, got their starts in quarter midgets — except they raced on an old runway where their father used fence posts and hay bales to mark the track.

Now he hopes his facility will lure thousands of kids from across the region, as well as give the families in the NASCAR community a place to bring their children.

"My vision is that it could be big enough to where we could put up some lights, race one night during the week, and they could race on Saturday or Sunday without us," he said. "It could be a two-deal thing. It's not only drivers that have kids that want to do this. There's tons and tons of crew members who have kids that want to race, too."

Schedule

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Catholic were all still playing in the post-season at press time. Lawrence County, despite finishing with a 7-3 record, did not make the post-season with all of its losses coming to district opponents. Prestonsburg finished the regular-season runner-up to Belfry.

Prestonsburg's completed schedule for the 2003 season, with dates and possibly game times is expected to be released in the coming months, maybe even before the end of the year.

Gym

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Melinda Osborne is also excited. "I like it," said Osborne. At press time, the gym floor was scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, at which time both teams would be able to get back on the floor for practice.

Michael

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ppg). The 5-foot-10, 200-pound quarterback has thrown for 1,021 yards and four touchdowns, while adding another 419 yards and eight scores on the ground. He has completed 71-of-114 attempts, leading all Gateway passers with a 62.3

completion percentage.

Western, which moved up to 13th in the polls despite having last week off, was scheduled to play Southern Illinois Saturday in its regular-season finale. Results were unavailable at press time.

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Artisan skills and sustainable community development

by **TIM GLOTZBACH,**
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One of the most often debated topics in craft circles and especially academia is the need for artist/crafts people to have a balanced education.

By this I am referring to

training both in technique and the aesthetics of design as well as the principles of business ownership. Many craftspeople having completed a university degree program will attest that they felt wonderfully prepared to discuss design and technique, but woefully under prepared to venture into the business world.

Business plans?, quarterly sales taxes?, accountants?, inventory control?, marketing?, pricing? How does one deal with topics seldom if ever discussed in class and of which they know little? There also exists the person who is interested in developing the technical skills of a particular craft, while remaining in a dif-

ferent profession. What avenues exist for them to continue in their profession and still develop the necessary elements to begin a successful cottage industry? The answers to these questions are being addressed with a new program now offered by Hazard Community College (Hazard, Kentucky) through which a stu-

dent is provided a valuable new approach to craft education and entrepreneurship development.

The Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman, KY offers studio and business training for people interested in developing a sustainable business in the craft industry. Each student will enroll in business classes that

include offerings in accounting, writing a business plan, developing markets, self-promotion, etc. This classroom time provides the student with what many artists would call the "dark side" of private ownership. In addition,

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ALC student receives UPS Scholar award

Amy Rose, a freshman pre-med major at Alice Lloyd College, and a native of Beautyville, was recently recognized as the 2002-2003 United Parcel Service Scholar.

The UPS Foundation is the charitable arm of the United Parcel Service, the world's largest package distribution company. The UPS Scholarship Program is one of several corporate scholarship programs administered through the Kentucky Independent College Foundation.

HAZARD COLLEGE

HCC named nationwide top scoring center

Hazard Community College has been named one of the top ten WorkKeys scoring centers in the nation because of high performance during 2001-02.

Jennifer Chester, business liaison and assistant professor at HCC, is the administrator of the scoring center and is a certified WorkKeys Job Profiler. She has coordinated testing and scoring of students throughout the state for high schools, community and technical colleges, and locally employed at Trus Joist. She has also profiled jobs at Trus Joist, ARH, UK Medical Center, Ball Homes, Mitsubishi in Maysville and several others. The testing includes work place essential skills, varying from areas of applied math to teamwork, noted Mrs. Chester.

Julia B. Mitchell, vice president for Community and Resource Development, noted "This started as an initiative with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) to provide information to employers about prospective employees' skill levels. We started in fall 2000 and are the only such scoring center in this area. The only other scoring centers in the state are at Western Kentucky Tech and Owensboro Community College. WorkKeys profiling and testing are being done in all of our technical programs throughout the state."

Mrs. Chester credited Myla Barrett of the Community and Resource Development staff for her work with the project along with student worker Jeremy

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- NATIONAL MOLE DAY -



JBS celebrates National Mole Day

Once a year The June Buchanan School chemistry class joins students all over the United States in celebrating a special day called Mole Day. A mole in chemistry is a special number of atoms: 6.022 x 10²³. It is celebrated in October (the 10th month) and on the 23rd day (10²³).

The June Buchanan Chemistry class began their day by meeting at Dairy Queen at 6:22am for breakfast.

Later they spent "mole dollars" for science goodies in the classroom, crowned the Mole King and Queen (Chase Cornett and Jenilee Stepp), performed a special mole day song for the rest of the school, and had a pizza lunch together.

The day has been a tradition at JBS for the last 9 years and is a highly anticipated event that is enjoyed by all.

Appalachia Service Project, Inc. offers ALC students opportunity for employment

Appalachia Service Project, Inc. (ASP) is a non-profit home repair and home building ministry whose mission is "to be a vehicle for Christian service through which persons experience, share and grow in God's grace through a program of housing ministries in Central Appalachia." The organization operates three year-round centers

located in Jonesville, VA; Brenton, WV; and Chavies, KY. Through work projects, their volunteers and staff actively demonstrate God's love while providing needed housing repairs and construction for Central Appalachians on very low incomes.

Keith Banks, a 1978 alumnus of Alice Lloyd College, is director of the

ASP Center located in Chavies (Perry County). Banks has dedicated his life to serving God and the people of Appalachia. He recently visited the ALC campus to share details regarding a summer 2003 work program that ASP is offering a limited

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ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE



■ Sarah Noble

Floyd County Alumni give back to students

Alice Lloyd College would like to announce that Sarah Noble, of Garrett, was recently awarded the Purpose Road Scholarship. This award is supported by the Floyd County Alumni Association and is worth \$1000 during two academic years for books and other school related fees. The chosen student must be from Floyd County, as well as meet other qualifying criteria.

To learn more about the Purpose Road Scholarship, please contact Alice Lloyd College at 606-368-6059.

Alice Lloyd receives annual AEP donation



Mary Begley (center), Community Relations Director for American Electric Power, recently presented Alice Lloyd College with an annual contribution check. Also pictured is ALC President Joe Stepp, left, and Vice President Jim Stepp, right.

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Walter Cronkite is voice of KCTCS fund-raising campaign

LEXINGTON - Walter Cronkite, CBS Evening News anchor for nearly two decades, will serve as the voice of a major fund-raising campaign for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

Cronkite taped the narrative for a video that highlights the accomplishments of KCTCS and its colleges, and states the case for private support for

KCTCS education initiatives. At its recent President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner, KCTCS announced its statewide campaign, called "Fulfilling the Promise," which will seek support for initiatives such as the new economy, student success, and new educational opportunities. "As the sun rises each morning, it brings with it new opportunities for KCTCS to fulfill its mission and destiny

- to change the lives of Kentuckians," Cronkite says in the video. "And a golden opportunity for you to keep the enlightenment of education shining brightly across the Commonwealth."

Cronkite, who turns 86 this month, was once described in a major poll as the "most trusted figure" in American public life. His commentary defined issues and events in America for almost two

decades. Each weekday evening from 1962 through 1981, Cronkite closed his newscast with his trademark line: "And that's the way it is."

Cronkite taped the KCTCS voice-over audio at a Manhattan sound studio, where he met KCTCS President Michael B. McCall; Vice President Timothy R. Burcham; and two representatives of Meridian Communications, which is pro-

viding marketing services for the "Fulfilling the Promise" campaign - CEO Mary Ellen Slone and video producer Cindy Schroeder.

"He was the consummate pro," McCall said of Cronkite's performance. After the taping, McCall and Cronkite discussed the importance of community

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q What is the difference between doctors and suppliers that are 'participating' with Medicare and those that are 'non-participating' with Medicare?

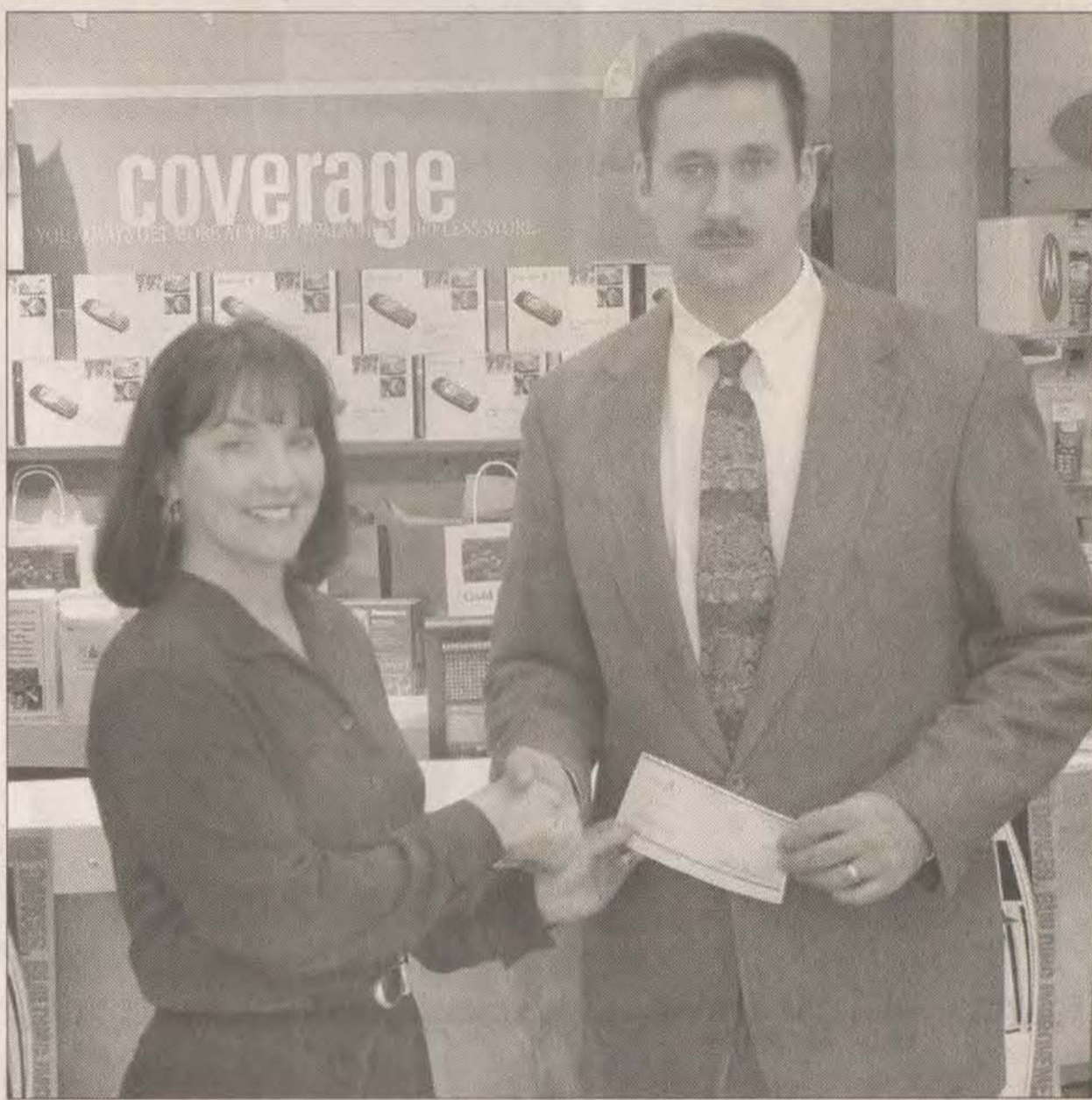
A Participating doctors and suppliers agree to accept the Medicare approved amount as payment in full on all claims they file. Accepting the approved amount as payment in full is called 'assignment.' This limits the patient responsibility to 20 percent of the approved amount, any unmet deductible, and non-covered services. Medicare pays the provider directly.

Non-participating doctors and suppliers may choose to accept assignment on a case-by-case basis. If a provider chooses not to accept assignment, the patient may be billed 20 percent of Medicare's approved amount on most services and an additional 15 percent above Medicare's approved amount, any unmet deductible, and non-covered services. The additional 15 percent is called a Medicare limiting charge and only applies to physicians' services. Providers that don't accept assignment usually request payment from the patient the day services are received. Medicare payment goes to the patient.

Q Are there instances when doctors or suppliers must accept assignment?

A Yes. Doctors and suppliers must accept assignment in these situations:
■ For clinical lab tests covered by Medicare

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Laura Phipps, general manager of Appalachian Wireless, presented Knott Central principal Bobby Pollard with a check for \$900 to be used by the school. Knott Central received the most money as part of Appalachian Wireless' back-to-school promotion.

photo by Ralph B. Davis

APPALACHIAN WIRELESS DONATES MONEY TO SCHOOLS

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Appalachian Wireless shared the rewards of its back-to-school promotion last week, distributing checks totaling \$3,190 to 35 high school in Kentucky and Virginia.

During August and

September, the cellular phone and service dealer held a promotion offering a \$10 donation to a high school of each new customer's choice.

Knott County Central High School led schools with the most pledges with 40. For that distinction, Knott Central also received a \$500 bonus, bringing the school's total to \$900.

Other schools receiving money as part of the promotion included:

- Belfry High School, \$310.
- Grundy High School, \$210.
- Perry County Central High School, \$200.
- Pike County Central High School, \$190.
- Allen Central High School, \$50.
- Betsy Layne High School, \$120.
- Breathitt County High School, \$70.
- Buckhorn High School, \$10.
- East Ridge High School, \$70.
- Elliott County High School, \$10.
- Fleming-Neon High School, \$20.
- Hazard High School, \$80.
- Hurley High School, \$10.
- Jackson City High School, \$20.
- Johnson Central High School, \$50.
- June Buchanan High School, \$40.

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FRANKFORT

Finance Secretary Flanery announces resignation

FRANKFORT - Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary T. Kevin Flanery today announced that he will be leaving his position as secretary. He has accepted an offer to become executive director of the Regional Leadership Coalition (RLC) in Louisville. His resignation is effective December 31, 2002. He will assume his duties with the RLC in January 2003.

In his letter of resignation to Gov. Patton, Flanery said "I appreciate your confidence in my abilities and the opportunity I have had to serve the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. There is no question this administration has made unprecedented strides to move Kentucky forward in education, infrastructure and economic development. I am proud to have played a role in this comprehensive agenda."

Flanery, 37, was appointed secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet by Gov. Patton in January 2001. In this capacity, he serves as the chief financial officer and manager of the financial resources of the Commonwealth and heads the central coordination of administrative services to agencies in state and local governments. Prior to his appointment, Flanery served in the Patton Administration as deputy secretary in the

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Bankruptcies

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Nov. 8 to 15.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

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

- Bernice Hall, of Paintsville.
- Lester Cress, of Gordon.
- Denise S. Caudill, of Premium.
- Challis Balch, of Hazard.
- Joyce Castle, of Staffordsville.
- Billy Harshaw and Ula Harshaw, of Minnie.
- Julia Howell, of Teaberry.
- Evelyn Kilgore, of Pikeville.
- Josephine Kirk, of Warfield.
- Carla Marshall, of Salyersville.
- Earl Marshall and Tanya Marshall, of Salyersville.
- Mark Young and Jewell Young, of Royalton.
- Norman Napier Jr., of Martin.
- William Harold Wallen, of Thelma.
- Lisa Jane Music and Ricky Lee Music, of Hueysville.
- Lori Kaye Patrick, of Salyersville.
- Harrison Akers, of Pikeville.
- Myrtle Mae Adkins, of Shelbiana.
- Christopher D. Campbell and Sandra L. Campbell, of Pikeville.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

- Frankie Fields and Brenda Kay Fields, of Saffars.
- Terry D. Honeycutt and Teresa L. Honeycutt, of Pine Top.
- Donald D. Young and Malissa A. Young, of Neon.
- Michael D. Jones and Deseriee J. Jones, of Mallie.

HHS approves Kentucky plan to insure women with breast or cervical cancer

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson today approved Kentucky's request to extend Medicaid benefits to uninsured women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through a federal screening program.

Kentucky is the most recent state to take advantage of the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act (BCCPT) of 2000, which allowed

states to expand Medicaid coverage to these women who otherwise would not have health coverage.

"This expansion offers help, hope and health care to women in Kentucky who otherwise would receive only a diagnosis that may sound like a death sentence," Secretary Thompson said. "With this change, women who had no health coverage can now get immediate access to lifesaving treatment

through Medicaid."

Under the 2000 law, states can extend the full Medicaid benefit package to women who were screened through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and found to need treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

Since the CDC program began in 1990, more than 3 million breast and

cervical cancer screening tests have been provided to more than 1.8 million women.

To qualify for Medicaid coverage under the program, women must be under age 65, not eligible for Medicaid and without creditable health care coverage. Under the law, these women may now be eligible for Medicaid benefits for the duration of

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More students signing up for dual credit at ATCs and HCC

Five Area Technology Schools have officially entered into agreements to allow for their students to receive college credit from Hazard Community College.

Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community College, noted that students will earn a grade while obtaining college credit and beginning their college transcript. "These are college classes and it is a great benefit for students to enroll," Dr. Box said.

Those participating in the signing agreement at the Technical Campus of HCC were Margaret E. Gross, principal at the Breathitt Area Technology Center; Betty Huff, Leslie County Area Technology Center; Patrick Goodin, Knott County Area Technology Center; Barbara Ison, Letcher Area Technology Center, and Jerry Hollon of the Lee County Area Technology Center.

Betty Huff, of Leslie County, said she is already seeing the impact from this agreement. "We are getting better students because they are working toward their future and we're seeing more students participate," she said. "I wish I had had this opportunity when I was in school."

"Students can start college with as many as 12 credit hours," she noted, adding that parents and students continue to need to be educated about this venture.

Margaret E. Gross, of Breathitt County, noted that students from both the Jackson City and Breathitt County school systems were participating in the service. "This agreement illustrates the vision of Hazard Community College and we thank them for this opportunity."

Jerry Hollon, of Lee County, called the agreement a "win-win situation" for all those involved. "We have a smooth transition with this program and it's good to see how this region has always worked together."

Barbara Ison, of Letcher County, praised the HCC program because she said she has noticed that a lot of students start college but don't finish because they choose an academic route when a technical area of study would be better suited for them.

"We need to educate parents because it is possible for students

to enroll in these classes and, for instance, learn welding. As a certified welder they can be making \$17 an hour."

Patrick Goodin, of Knott County, praises the benefits of the agreement. "This venture gives the students a head start on getting an education and it saves them a fortune," Goodin said, noting that he has more of his

Knott County ATC students taking classes at the Technical Campus of HCC this year than he has had in the last three years. "I hope it will continue to grow," Goodin said.

Dr. R. Kathy Smoot, HCC provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, noted that after completing an education

with the area technology centers, a student could then enroll at HCC to complete a certificate, diploma, or degree.

"Dual credit represents the highest level of cooperation and confidence between two institutions. The process of awarding dual credit holds both institutions responsible for a coordinated curriculum that assures students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitude that are required in the college classes," Dr. Smoot noted.

Ralph Kidd, dean at the Technical Campus, has been visiting area technology centers to explain the benefits of the program.

Also working with the program is Jan Fuller, Technical Campus Academic Dean, who will oversee the faculty credentials, syllabi, and evaluations.

Any ATC student interested in enrolling in the dual credit program can contact Ralph Kidd at 436-5721, or 800-246-7521, ext. 8312.

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For ambulance transportation

Claims filed for drugs or biologicals covered by Medicare

How do I locate a Medicare participating doctor or supplier?

There are several ways to find a Medicare participating doctor or supplier in your area:

Ask the doctor or supplier if they will accept assignment

Get the doctor or suppliers' name and address - then call the Medicare Part B contractor for your state and ask

Look on the internet at www.medicare.gov

For more information about assignment, get a free copy of *Does Your Doctor or Supplier Accept Assignment?* (CMS Pub No. 10134) by calling 1-800-MEDICARE

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

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number of Appalachian college students. This program will make it possible for students to serve others while at the same time earning a summer income. ASP will provide housing and meals for the students they hire.

Fair

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racks, napkin holders; Libby Holland, Bears, grapevine wreaths; Charles Fairchild, Children's books; and Devon Scaf, Melted glass, wooden signs. Artists will sell their wares from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds go to the individual artists, craftsman, and bakers. Come on out to the Craft Fair at HCC and get your shopping done early while supporting local artists.



Dual Credit is where it's at

Hazard Community College held registration at the Breathitt County Area Technology Center for dual credit programs. A total of 180 students were signed up to participate, noted Ralph Kidd (shown above), dean at the Technical Campus of HCC. From left are employees at the Lees College Campus of HCC assisting in the registration: Lesa Bryant, Sally Gilbert, Kena Mullins, Penny Francis, and Glenna Fletcher.



Students can go for dual credit at ATCs and HCC

Lee County is one of the five Area Technology Centers that have officially entered into agreements to allow for their students to receive college credit from Hazard Community College. Dr. Jay K. Box, right, president and CEO of Hazard Community College, is shown above with Jerry Lyon, left, principal at the Lee County ATC, at the signing ceremony.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Roger Johnson, principal of Pike Central, was on hand Tuesday to receive his school's donation for \$190 from Appalachian Wireless general manager Laura Phipps.

Flanery

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Finance and Administration Cabinet and in the Transportation Cabinet. He joined Transportation in 1996 as executive director for the Office of the General Counsel.

"Kevin has been a valuable member of my cabinet. His knowledge of state government and ability to move projects forward have benefited all Kentuckians," said Governor Patton. "This opportunity presents both a great career move and a chance for Kevin to make further contributions to our state."

Flanery holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, cum laude, from Bellarmine College in

Louisville Louisville and was graduated with distinction from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He resides in Louisville with his wife Lori and his four children, Kendall, Jared, Hayden and Micah.

Promotion

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- Lawrence County High School, \$10.
- Lee High School, \$70.
- Letcher County High School, \$10.
- Magoffin County High School, \$80.
- Menifee County High School, \$10.
- Morgan County High School, \$80.
- Owsley County High School, \$60.
- Paintsville High School, \$20.
- Phelps High School, \$40.
- Pikeville High School, \$30.
- Prestonsburg High School, \$160.
- Shelby Valley High School, \$20.
- Sheldon Clark High School, \$40.
- South Floyd High School, \$90.
- Twin Valley High School, \$80.
- Wolfe County High School, \$10.



HCC students checking the water

Hazard Community College students are assisting with the PRIDE Clean Stream project to help determine the quality of our surface waters. Shown above, from left, are Michael Williams of Big Creek; Sheila Asher of Viper; Kim Krumm of Lost Creek; and Brian Stewart, instructional assistant, who provides the lab analysis. Stewart works with Valina Hurt, microbiology professor, to integrate water testing into her Biology 209 class. Twice a year, students in the elementary through senior high school grades check local streams and rivers for oxygen and acid levels, turbidity, flow rate and temperature before sending a sample to a laboratory to analyze for presence of fecal bacteria. Up to 60 samples routinely come to the Hazard Community College lab from Perry, Knott, Leslie and Letcher counties. Students of all ages are becoming aware of the importance of clean water and of the high levels of pollution in many of our streams.



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Cronkite

and technical colleges, and differences between KCTCS and other states' systems of two-year colleges.

KCTCS approached Cronkite about doing the voice-over based on his credibility and his instantly recognizable voice. Cronkite, who does no commercial endorsements, agreed to work on the KCTCS project because of his support for education.

In the video, Cronkite details the successes of KCTCS, including increased enrollment; university transfer and workforce training programs; partnerships with employers and other higher education institutions; and distance learning.

A couple of excerpts:

"It was an exceptionally bright day in 1997 when the

Commonwealth took a historic step forward in its quest for a better future. The Postsecondary Education Improvement Act created the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) by combining the state's public two-year colleges into a more comprehensive, flexible and responsive system. KCTCS became the primary catalyst for economic development, community growth, and enhanced educational attainment of Kentuckians to meet the demands of the 21st Century.

"The goal? To improve the employability and quality of life of all Kentuckians through associate degree courses of study, job skills training, and community-based education. The results? In a word: remarkable."

"The creation of KCTCS opened new doors of opportuni-

ty for all Kentuckians. Whether coming directly out of high school, from the workforce, or the ranks of the unemployed, students of all ages and backgrounds can achieve their dreams of a more fulfilling life. For some, it's a stepping stone to a bachelor's degree. For others, it's their best hope of getting the education and training they need for employment or career advancement. "And KCTCS is the gateway to higher education for many of Kentucky's best and brightest high school graduates."

Cronkite closed the voice-over in the same style that comforted Americans at the end of each of his thousands of CBS Evening News broadcasts: "This is Walter Cronkite for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. And that's the way it is."

Artisan

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students enroll in numerous studio and design classes in any of five media areas-jewelry/metalsmithing, wood, ceramics, blacksmithing or fibers. These courses provide the essential design and technical skills to begin working as master artisans. Essential as these tools may be, the craftsman often resists the realities of business i.e., the need to create a sustainable income and then keep it. What Hazard Community College does through the Kentucky School of Craft model is equip a student with a strong concept of design and product development (technical skills, marketing skills, etc.) coupled with the knowledge to take this product to the marketplace. The long-range goal is to create a new economy by giving people the tools to develop their own, sustainable studio business, or to give them the skills

that would make them attractive employees for existing studios. Most artist/crafts persons never reach a comfort level in their business, failing to understand demographics, developing markets, or new technologies that would aid in production. In short, they never develop a sense of complete ownership.

There is little doubt of the empowering force that successful cottage industry can have on sustaining a rural community. Programs such as this create a win-win-win situation for college, craft school, and artisan, not to mention the community who now has a valuable asset in the craftsman. The idea of very different agencies partnering in this sort of development is going to be essential to the future of helping to develop viable new craft businesses, by bringing together diverse interests to support common goals.

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Arnold.

"ACT values the efforts of Hazard Community College to support workforce development in the Hazard area," noted Dr. Thomas H. Saterfiel, senior vice president of Corporate Development for the Workforce Development Division of ACT in Iowa City, Iowa. "The nationwide economic slowdown is having a significant impact on employers, educators, and policy makers. Now more than ever, the importance of having a skilled workforce is evident," Saterfiel stated.

Dr. Jay K. Box, president of HCC, praised the work of Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Mitchell. "Both Jennifer and Judy consistently show they are willing to accept a new challenge. This award is proof that they not only will accept a challenge and be very successful, but they also are providing a very valuable service to the work force in the

region. This is just another indication of what we are about - providing a service that no one else does, with exceptional skill. We're very proud of this award," Dr. Box said.



Judy Mitchell and Jennifer Chester are honored for having Hazard Community College named in the top ten centers in the nation by WorkKeys.

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Donna's
Day Creative
family fun

by Donna Erickson

Help your children
succeed in school

The time parents spend with children really does matter, especially when it comes to supporting them in what they do in school. As a former teacher and as a parent, I see the importance of a partnership between school and home, and the impact parents have on their children's success in school.

We all need to be encouraged to do our part. Together, parents and educators can help our children succeed in school when we get involved and stay



DAVID LAROCHELLE

involved:

■ **ENCOURAGE** — Successful students have adults in their lives who support their interests and activities. Cheer for them. Get constructively involved in school by helping them with their homework, but not doing it for them.

■ **TEACH** — Successful students have a strong ethical/moral framework. They've been taught right from wrong in their homes and in their churches and synagogues. Lead by example.

■ **EXPLORE** — Successful students have an intrinsic interest and desire to learn. Take children to the grocery store, post office or on trips. These trips spark interest and curiosity in learning how and why things work.

■ **GUIDE** — Successful students have clear rules and routines. Parents of successful students are willing to set limits and enforce them.

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

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Distributed by King Features Synd.Thanksgiving mashed
potatoes made perfect

Who would dare mess with the mashed potatoes on Thanksgiving? In most families it has to be co-star with the turkey. There'd certainly be an uproar if it didn't share the spotlight, no matter what exotic other veggies are on the dinner table. Otherwise, what would you do with the gravy, that other essential?

If your potatoes are not always perfectly mashed — maybe too smooth, maybe not lumpy enough, too lumpy, not creamy or buttery enough — you'll welcome this classic recipe from Vickie Raybould, wife of the chairman of the Idaho Potato Commission. Who could be a better potato cook?

On the other hand, if you're adventuresome, you might want to try Artichoke Mashed Potatoes. I suggest you do a trial run before the holiday and note the family reaction, so you can, with confidence, stray a little from the holiday traditional.

Incidentally, we like potatoes mashed with a masher. If you must, you may use a mixer, but don't beat too long.

CLASSIC MASHED
POTATOES

8 medium (6 to 8 ounces each)
Idaho potatoes, scrubbed and peeled
Pinch salt
2 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste
1 to 1 1/2 cups light cream or half and half

1. Place potatoes in a large stockpot, add water to cover; add pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat to

medium and cook about 20 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender.

2. When potatoes are almost done, gently warm cream in small saucepan over low heat, or in microwave on medium power. DO NOT BOIL CREAM, but keep it warm. Drain potatoes.

3. Mash potatoes in stockpot with potato masher, or on low speed of electric mixer. Add butter, salt and pepper to taste. Gradually mix in enough warm cream to bring potatoes to desired consistency. Makes 8 servings.

ARTICHOKE MASHED POTATOES

4 large (about 2 pounds) Idaho potatoes, peeled and quartered

1 can non-marinated artichoke hearts
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 cup milk, warmed
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Place potatoes in stockpot, add water to cover. Bring to boil, reduce heat to medium and cook 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender.

2. Warm artichokes and drain. In large mixing bowl, using hand blender or mixer, puree artichoke hearts with half the butter and half the milk. Add potatoes and remaining butter and milk. Add salt and pepper to taste and mix to desired consistency. Makes 6 servings (1/2 cup each).

TIP: Reserve potato cooking water to use in making gravy.

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by Philomena
Corradeno

by JoAnna M. Lund

While cranberry sauce is always appropriate, why not share this cranberry-studded recipe this season? After all, within a few short weeks, these ruby delights won't be anywhere to be found.

Cranberry craze

CRANBERRY GRAHAM SQUARES

12 (2 1/2-inch) graham crackers
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla instant pudding mix
2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1 3/4 cups water
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
1 cup reduced-calorie cranberry juice cocktail

1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

1. Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, combine dry instant pudding mix, dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well using a

(See FOODS, page five)

Dear Diane...
Notify daughter
not police

DEAR DIANE:

My husband and I recently moved into a new neighborhood. We don't know our neighbors very well yet, but we make an effort to be friendly. About three houses down from ours lives an elderly man, "Mr. Whatzit," who likes to sit outside in his chair on sunny days and watch cars go by. Although we haven't met him, we always try to wave hello when we see him.

A few days ago, my husband and I were returning from dining out. As we turned into our street, we looked up to wave at Mr. Whatzit — only to see him standing in his yard with his pants down around his ankles.

We were shocked. For one thing, our neighborhood is full of kids, and for two, the road that our street turns off from is just off a major artery, and the area is very busy with cars. Someone does live in the house with him — his daughter, I believe — but we haven't met her either, and she wasn't home at the time this happened. My husband and I talked about calling the police, but decided not to unless it happens again.

We have to pass by Mr. Whatzit's house every time we go in and out, as our street is a cul-de-sac. What should we do if this happens again? Should we call the police, or try to talk to or leave a note for his daughter first?

I don't know if Mr. Whatzit had something dirty on his mind or if he is just senile. Should I still attempt to wave and be friendly (when he is clothed), or just ignore him from now on?

— UNCOMFORTABLE NEIGHBOR

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:

Keep waving hello to Mr. Whatzit. Chances are, he may be senile. However, should he continue to pucker pantsless, I would tell his daughter about it. If you don't see results, then a call to your local police should solve your problem.

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Kidney disorder can
cause high blood
pressure at young age

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am a 47-year-old father of a teenage boy. When I was 20, the doctor discovered I had high blood pressure and put me on medicine. Nothing was done until I moved to another state and saw a new doctor. She thought it peculiar that I had high blood pressure at such a young age.

She arranged tests for me, and the short of it is I have polycystic kidney disease. I know it's inherited. What should I do for my son? — N.R.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ANSWER:

Polycystic kidney disease is an inherited condition, and it is not a medical oddity. More than half a million people on this continent have it. Only one gene causes it, and that gene can come from the mother or the father.

Usually symptoms do not appear until the 30s, and high blood pressure is one of those symptoms. Recurring flank pain and occasional bloody urine are two other common calling cards.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Women are persons

Frances Wright

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Judge Emily Murphy was frustrated. Her last petition had been no more successful than all the others she had sent over the past 10 years. It was 1927, and Canadian women were still defined by British common law, which astonishingly stated: "Women are persons in matters of pains and penalties, but not in matters of rights and privileges."

Emily was not at all happy about the outrageous indignity of being told she was "not a person." She had set her sights on becoming Canada's first female senator, but because women

were not "persons," no woman was eligible! Emily was determined to change this.

And so it was that between 1921 and 1927, over 500,000 people, men and women, had signed letters and petitions requesting that Judge Murphy be appointed to the Canadian Senate. For most of them, it wasn't about becoming a senator. Like her, they were upset and offended that women were not considered to be persons. Amazingly, despite all her efforts, two prime ministers had still said "no!" But Emily refused to take no for an answer and kept up her relentless pressure. Then one day after

10 years of lobbying, she happened upon a new strategy.

Her brother had discovered a legal clause stating that any five citizens acting as a unit could appeal to the Supreme Court to clarify a point in the constitution. So in late 1927, she invited Henrietta Edwards, Louise McKinney, Orene Parly and Nellie McClung to her Edmonton home. All four of these prominent Alberta women had been active in fighting for women's rights, and all of them were determined that by the end of their efforts, Canada would recognize them and all women as "persons."

That day the five women signed

Emily's petition, and with great hopes and expectations, they sent their appeal. Then they sat back and waited. Several months later, Judge Murphy excitedly opened the telegram that arrived from the Supreme Court of Canada.

But her hopes were dashed. "No," read the reply from the learned justices. "Women are not eligible to be summoned to the Senate. Women are not 'persons.'"

Emily and her colleagues were devastated. First two prime ministers, and now the highest court in Canada had formally ruled against them, and they feared they had done irreparable damage to their cause. However, further research revealed one more option. The absolute final court for Canada in those days was still the Privy Council

of Great Britain — it could be appealed there. But they were not hopeful. They would have to persuade the Canadian government to appeal the decision, and the rights of women in England were far behind those so far gained in Canada.

Holding her breath, Emily wrote to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, asked for his support and urged him to appeal this matter to the Privy Council. To her great elation, he responded with his full support and that of his government, and in addition, they would pay for the cost of the appeal!

With their hopes back up, the five women wondered: Should they go to England? Should they write articles

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Books: "Hollywoodland", by David Wallace

"Hollywoodland"
by: David Wallace
(St. Martin's Press, \$24.95)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

In the 1920s, Hollywood was the epitome of glamour. Tinseltown had, and has, no close rival. No other town can compare in the excess, gluttony, fashion and fury that is Hollywood. In "Hollywoodland," David Wallace takes readers back to rediscover the

legends and lore of early Hollywood in a whirlwind of storytelling. Each chapter is a new story unto itself: a story of broken dreams, unparalleled power and the occasional happy ending. "Hollywoodland" reads like an E! Entertainment Television episode of "True Hollywood Story." One can almost hear the deadpan narration of A.J. Benza while reading about the murders, substance abuse, power plays and the opulent excess.

From Mary Pickford and Jayne Mansfield to Cary Grant and Frank Capra, Wallace exposes the secrets and the not-so-secrets of this Golden Society. The reader is able to see the legends for the people they were: people with their own faults and misfortunes. Wallace can turn a frivolous pin-up girl of yesteryear into a normal person with normal needs and desires — and occasionally a genius IQ. Aside from the nitty-gritty

details of the stars, Wallace gives us a disarming look at the movers and shakers behind the scenes — the producers, directors and film-studio CEOs. From Harry Cohn's rule by arrogance and intimidation to the early development of the land and houses that would soon become THE place to live, "Hollywoodland" is ripe with a fly-on-the-wall brand of storytelling. As Ann Miller aptly notes in the book's foreword, "I couldn't put it down."

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you
by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

My wife, "Jamie," and I have been married for seven years, and we're both professionals with good careers. We don't have any kids; we might someday decide to start a family, but neither of us is in any hurry. We make good money and are very happy together. Sounds great, right?

Well, it is except for one thing: Jamie's company is transferring her to Portland, Ore., which is quite a long way from Memphis, Tenn., where we live now. If she doesn't accept the transfer, she'll lose her job. The company I work for is based strictly in the Southeast, so there's no way I can move to Oregon without losing my job. With the economy so uncertain, I'm not sure either of us wants to

A very difficult situation

be on the job market, but what else can we do?

— MUDDLED IN MEMPHIS

SAM SAYS:

That's a difficult situation to be in, Muddled, but you're not alone. These days, many people are being forced to make difficult decisions about their careers (if they're lucky enough to be working), and there's never an easy answer. I agree with you, though, that being on the job market isn't an attractive option for anyone right now.

A long-distance relationship is certainly worth considering. I won't lie to you: It's not easy to maintain intimacy over thousands of miles (I know — I've been there myself). But it is possible. Since you both make decent salaries, it shouldn't be too difficult to visit each other, at least for weekends, several times a month. Portland and Memphis both have major airports, so that will make keeping up a commuter relation-

ship a bit easier.

If you currently have only one computer between you, get another one. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of real-time communication, and e-mail will be a great boon to you — phone bills get awfully high when you're calling on an everyday basis, and letters just take too long.

Good luck to you, Muddled. I wish you the best.

DAVE SAYS:

I totally disagree with Sam on this one. A long-distance relationship at this time would do more to ruin your marriage than the prospect of either of you job-hunting. A long-distance relationship means that you'll have double the rent to pay, double the phone bills, electric — everything. Add to those expenses the extra cost of you periodically flying to Oregon to perform CPR on your marriage. I think if you run the numbers, you'll find that you and Jamie will be just as bad off financially playing the bicoastal game as you

would be with one of you unemployed.

So, the question is, who takes the hit?

There's no easy answer to that, but you should ask yourself: Which one of you pulls down the higher salary? If it's you, Muddled, then Jamie should turn down the transfer and start looking elsewhere for employment. However, if this transfer means that she's being groomed for a promotion, then you should take the hit and make the move to Oregon.

If you are "professionals with good careers" who are currently "making good money," then I'm assuming you have some savings or investments you can rely upon to help you through this financial speed bump. Good luck.

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Sport-specific training

If you find yourself getting bored with your current workout, you might want to consider sports-specific training. Sports-specific training simply means that you apply "specific" training techniques that mimic a particular sport or activity to improve your performance.

Whether you are a weekend warrior, belong to a recreational basketball league or just want to keep up with the kids, sports-specific training has benefits for everyone — not just the professional athlete.

For instance, if you plan to go skiing this winter, incorporating ski-specific exercises into your fitness routines could possibly prevent common ski injuries to your knees and back. Your trips down the slopes will become a lot more fun as you enjoy the added benefits of increased endurance, muscle strength and agility.

Preparing your body for activities that require balance, agility and overall strength and conditioning is extremely important. For example, participating in a weekly basketball league could slowly begin to stress the body, and over time cause injuries to the knees, back and ankles. Training your body with exercises that mimic movements that will occur during a basketball game will stabilize your joints, strengthen your muscles and improve agility.

Medicine-ball twists are a sports-specific exercise you can incorporate into your current fitness routine. The exercise benefits many sports that demand great abdominal and back support. Here's what you do:



Take a lightweight medicine ball or basketball in your hands, stand straight with your knees bent, abdominals and back supported, and arms straight out in front of you at a 90 degree angle. Twist your shoulders in a slow and controlled movement to your right (keeping your abdominals contracted and holding the ball straight out), then twist the left. Repeat this rotation, slowly and controlled, for 10 turns. Repeat if no pain occurs to your back.

Sports-specific training may be just what is needed to help motivate you to reach your fitness goals. Imagine playing a game of tag with your children without restraint, or participating in a spontaneous tennis match and feeling fit and strong, and you'll become a convert to this sort of training.

Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

Foods

wire whisk. Pour mixture evenly over graham crackers. Refrigerate while preparing cranberry sauce.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine dry cook-and-serve pudding mix, cranberry juice cocktail, remaining 1/2 cup water and cranberries. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until cranberries soften, stirring often. Remove from heat, place saucepan on a wire rack and allow to cool for 30 minutes, stirring occasion-

ally. Evenly spoon cooled mixture over set filling.

3. Spread whipped topping evenly over cranberry mixture. Crush remaining 3 graham crackers into fine crumbs. Evenly sprinkle crumbs over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Serves 8.

■ Each serving equals: 93 calories, 1 g fat, 2 g protein, 19 g carb., 297 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch.

Soup

for the newspapers? Contact their friends there? No, they were advised, only the merit of the case would be heard. Just wait.

Finally, in October 1929, the five British Lords made their historic decision. When Emily and her friends learned that the new definition of the word "persons" would from that day forward always include both men and women, they were overjoyed! They had won!

As the word spread, women around the world celebrated. The five friends were gratified to know that because of their efforts, every woman in the

British empire would now be recognized as a "person," with all the same rights and privileges as men.

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Health

As soon as it is discovered, the doctor must devise a plan for the patient to maintain kidney function for as long as possible. One of the aims of that plan is control of blood pressure. Polycystic kidneys raise pressure, and high pressure, in turn, adds insult to the injury of a polycystic kidney. Kidney infections, another common consequence of this malady, must be treated quickly. Kidney stones are another common complication. They too must be treated without delay to keep the kidneys working well.

Around age 30, or even at a younger age, your son should have an ultrasound picture or a scan of his kidneys.

About half of those with this disorder will need kidney dialysis or kidney transplantation by the age of 60.

Readers who would like a rundown on blood pressure, its causes and its treatments can order the recently printed pamphlet on that topic by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 104W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DR. DONOHUE:

I have read many studies indicating that a glass of red wine daily is therapeutic for the prevention of heart disease. What are the long-term effects of drinking wine for many years? Can the liver safely metabolize that much alcohol? Do the same amounts apply to both men and women? — L.S.

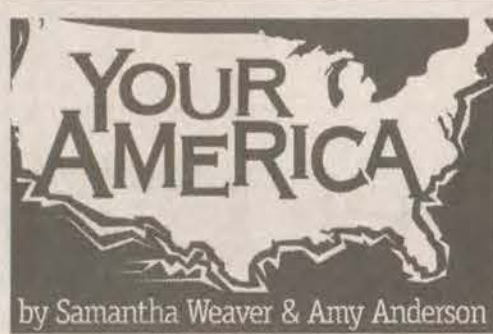
ANSWER:

One glass of wine daily has no long-term effects on the brain or the liver. It does invigorate the heart and the heart's blood vessels.

Men can take twice the amount of alcohol recommended for women. Their larger bodies are the reason why. Two glasses of wine a day are permitted for men.

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

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by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

The Mall of America. If it sounds impossibly large and overwhelming, well, that's because it is — all 4.2 million square feet of it. With the holidays coming up — meaning shopping season is already in full swing — I thought we'd take a look at a mall that is not only a worthwhile shopping establishment, but a tourist draw as well.

Located in one of the most unlikely cold-weather travel destinations — Minnesota — the Mall of America is now visited by more than 42.5 million shoppers every year. Its variety of specialty stores is unmatched, with more than 500 to choose from. They range from mall standards like the Gap and

The mall to end all malls

Old Navy to more intriguing niche stores. For example, you can explore the world of stamps and postage at Postmark America, a "one-of-a-kind postal retail store," or shop the world of medicine and the human body at Bare Bones. Heck, you can even see local and national acts at the comedy club (Knuckleheads), take in a few frames of bowling (Jillian's Hi Life Lanes), catch a class on accounting (National American University and two other colleges) and get married (Chapel of Love, where 2,500 couples have said "I do").

So you aren't impressed yet? How about activities for kids, since they have to be entertained too? OK, here you go: Camp Snoopy tops the list, being that it is the world's largest indoor theme park. The Mighty Axe, a spiral roller coaster, and Paul Bunyan's Log Chute are quite fun, but there are other big rides if you are looking for more. You can also visit Underwater

Adventures, with its Shark Cove (come, meet real sharks!) and the Seven Seas Gallery. Or hurry over to LEGO's Imagination Center, a four-story LEGO playhouse. You can learn how cereal is made (and how fun it can be) at the Cereal Adventure, sponsored by General Mills. Don't miss out on making your own cereal and having it personalized to take home with you. Or if you need a faster pick-me-up, speed over to the NASCAR Sillicon Motor Speedway (yes, I said speedway) to take an in-depth look at stock-car racing.

Whew! When all is said and done, there isn't much you can't do at the Mall of America. So, for more information, go to www.moa.com or call (952) 883-8800. But make sure you have plenty of time, since if you were to spend 10 minutes browsing in all of the stores, it would take you more than 86 hours to complete your visit. Happy shopping!

The fortune cookie was invented in America

■ That staple of the Chinese food industry in the United States, the fortune cookie, was actually invented here in America. A man named Charles Jung came up with the idea in 1918.

■ Talk about enabling parental control — in Connecticut it is against the law for a man to write love letters to a girl whose mother or father has forbidden the relationship.

■ In Bangladesh, students as young as 15 years old have been known to be jailed for cheating on their final exams.

■ "Autopsy" comes from the Greek words for "self sight."

■ Did you ever feel like using paper plates so you wouldn't have to wash the dishes, but then felt guilty for adding to the



landfill problem? Well, a company in Taiwan has come up with a solution. It makes dinnerware out of wheat; so after the meal, you can eat your plate.

■ The comma wasn't in use until the 1500s. The word comes from the Greek "komma," which means "cut-off piece."

■ There are more plastic flamingos in the United States than real ones.

■ The pet industry is big business in Japan. In Tokyo, they even sell toupees for dogs.

■ Add to the list of laws impossible to enforce one ordinance from Georgia, which states that it's against the law to spread a false rumor.

■ Even the field of advertising has its very own patron saint — St. Bernardino of Siena.

■ The first vehicle to carry the much-coveted Porsche insignia was a tank.

Thought for the day:

"For every complex problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat and wrong." — H.L. Mencken

INFOLINK Take the teeth out of DMCA

Four years ago, Congress passed the much-maligned Digital Millennium Copyright Act, or DMCA, which prohibits going around a technology put in place to guard against copyright violation, even if the purpose of the circumvention was to exercise fair use.

Congress established the law in response to intense lobbying by the frightened entertainment and publishing industry, which saw the Internet as a threat to its livelihood.

Critics (present company included) say the DMCA goes too far. They say the DMCA protects copyright at the expense of the fair-use rights of

consumers. Adding copy protection to a CD may protect the artist, but it also violates my right to send a copy of track 7 to Uncle Fred in Tacoma, which is within my rights.

To reconcile this, two congressmen recently introduced the "Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act," which would, according to co-sponsor Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., "reaffirm and reinforce the Fair Use doctrine in this digital era."

The DMCA would modify the DMCA to require CD makers to label copy-protected CDs as such, and would also make circumvention of such protections legal, if the circumvention

doesn't result in infringement. Also, it would make it legal to talk about, engineer, build or sell technology that could defeat copy protection, provided the goal is toward scientific research.

Not surprisingly, an impressive lineup of technology firms — Intel, Gateway, Sun Microsystems and Verizon — signed up their support for the bill.

Notably absent were book publishers and the entertainment-industry reps. It'll be a sure bet they'll oppose the legislation, to be re-introduced in next year's Congress.

Personally, I believe the pub-

lishing and entertainment industries don't believe in Fair Use — CD makers won't want to be inconvenienced by compulsory labeling of copy-protected CDs, while they should thank their lucky stars that Fair Use permits them to manufacture copy-protected CDs in the first place.

The DMCA is a balanced bill, and there is plenty of time to let Congress know it. Go to <http://action.eff.org/action/index.asp?step=2&item=2224> to send a letter to Capitol Hill.

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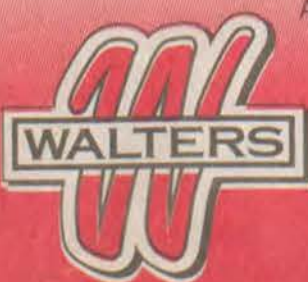
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