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Many alcohol sellers not checking ages

Half in Floyd, three-quarters in Perry don't ask for ID

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN KENTUCKY — A three-month alcohol compliance project by Mountain Regional Prevention Center

showed clerks in certain Eastern Kentucky areas have a high rate of selling alcohol without asking for proof of legal age.

The center hired girls who were either 21 or just a little older to attempt

to purchase alcohol without using identification proving their age. The girls were directed to attempt to purchase wine coolers and other types of alcohol that are considered "female" drinks.

Floyd County had a 52.5 percent rate of sale to the girls without seeing their identification.

The highest instance of selling alco-

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The Mountain Regional Prevention Center in Prestonsburg displays alcohol that was purchased during an alcohol compliance program. The alcohol was purchased without the clerk checking the identification of the people buying it.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

briefs

Date set for sex abuse trial

A trial date was set for June 2-5 for a Teaberry man who is charged with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Leonard Martin, 54, was indicted on three class D felony counts in which he is charged with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sexual contact with a child under 12.

He appeared in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday, at which time the trial date was set.



Rick Estep, 44, pleaded guilty to cultivating marijuana on Friday, December 6, in exchange for a sentencing recommendation of one year from the commonwealth, which will be added to his current five-year sentence.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

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Parole violation nets six years in jail

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While pleading guilty to cultivating marijuana on Friday, Rick Estep, 44, accepted a recommendation from the commonwealth that would increase his prison time to six years.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, Estep had been originally

given a five-year sentence from a previous conviction that had been probated.

Taylor said that Estep was on probation for a short period of time when probation officers discovered firearms among other prohibited items at his residence on Oct. 24, 2001. He was charged at that time with two counts of possession of a gun by a convicted felon, trafficking marijuana over eight ounces, and

being a persistent felony offender.

The possession of firearms revoked Estep's parole and he will have to serve the original five-year sentence. He was sentenced to one year on Friday for the cultivating charge, to run consecutive with the original sentence.

Remaining charges were dropped since he could not be sentenced on the same charges that were used to revoke his probation.

\$400K pot suspect out of jail

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A \$500,000 cash bond set for Millard Pennington, 43, of Watergap, was reduced to \$250,000 property on Friday, at which time his family secured the bond.

Pennington had been in the custody of the Floyd County Detention Center since he turned himself in on Nov. 6 to face charges of trafficking in cocaine.

Over \$400,000 in drugs were seized from Pennington's home Nov. 5, and his case was referred to a grand jury on Nov. 12. An affidavit for search warrant, filed on Nov. 13,

(See FREE, page three)

Man accused of choking cat, killing dog

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — An employee of the Pike County animal shelter has been charged with cruelty to animals for allegedly choking a cat and breaking a dog's neck.

Chris Belcher, 20, of Pikeville, was arrested on the misdemeanor charges Wednesday by Pikeville police. He is free on \$5,000 bond.

Belcher no longer works at the animal shelter. Pike County magistrates reassigned him to a maintenance job at the courthouse.

Magistrates discussed the case in closed session last week. Burt Melton, commissioner of public works, said clear and convincing evidence hasn't yet been presented to convince magistrates that the incidents happened as reported.

(See CRUELTY, page three)

Police respond to report of woman held at gunpoint

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A Hueysville man was arrested Thursday after police responded to a call that a man was holding a gun to a woman's head while she was driving at Garrett.

According to a police report, Kentucky State Police troopers were looking for a black vehicle that was reported to be coming from Salt Lick when Chris Collins,

KSP, and Dennis Hutchinson, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, saw a black vehicle going toward Garrett. A citizen had made a phone call to police reporting that a man had a gun to a female driver's head in a black vehicle.

Police reported that upon contact with the vehicle, the female was crying and shaking.

Hutchinson wrote in his reported that he could smell a strong odor of marijuana after stopping the car. Hutchinson reported

that when he asked the female driver to exit the vehicle, she told him that Reed had a gun in the car.

Hutchinson reported that Reed had been drinking vodka and when he got him out of the car, a .38-caliber Smith and Wesson, a marijuana cigarette and rolling papers were under his right leg.

Reed was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, alcohol intoxication, menacing, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and terroristic threatening. The

third-degree terroristic threatening charge was the result of a statement from Reed toward Hutchinson upon arrival at the Floyd County Detention Center in which Reed allegedly said that when he caught Hutchinson out he would take care of him. When Hutchinson asked Reed what he meant, he told him to "just wait til I get you out."

Reed was arraigned on Friday, at which

(See GUNPOINT, page three)

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Odds and Ends

■ **CINCINNATI** — There were no essays or true-false questions, but finding the right fork was a step in the right direction.

Twenty-two University of Cincinnati students dressed for success for their final exam Wednesday night in "Global Civility."

Students enrolled in technology-related majors in the College of Applied Science were rated on dining skills, conversation and comportment while at a new French restaurant, Jean-Robert at Pigall's.

"I told them, 'If you show up in Reeboks, I will kill you on the spot,'" said Linda Ginter Brown.

head of the Media and Cultural Studies department. "Trust me, they do not look like this on campus."

The 10-week Global Civility course is designed to give students a competitive edge in landing a job or a promotion by focusing on business etiquette and international protocol.

The course requires students to research professional conduct around the world as well as learn how to plan an event. But the final exam focused on dining etiquette.

"We've been made aware of how to interact with people," said Denita Wilson, 29. "It's the small things that add up. The purpose of going to a business lunch is not to eat."

■ **STERLING, Colo.** — Toys placed in a drop-off box for charity at a Wal-Mart wound up back on the store shelves after a mix-up that frustrated organizers.

With 10 days left until the end of the annual Toys for Tots drive for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce, organizer Susan Kraich said she was back at square one.

But by late Wednesday, things were looking up — with \$425 worth of toys in hand for delivery.

The roller-coaster charity drive began its wild ride over the weekend.

"I've been keeping an eye on that box every time I went to Wal-Mart, and was so excited as it slowly began to fill. Over the weekend I heard that it was near-

ly full, so I went to pick it up. I was devastated when I found it empty," Kraich said.

Kraich said she complained to store management, but was told the store would only replace the items she knew for a fact were in the box. She was only able to replace three toys.

"I don't know how I am supposed to prove what was in there ... I thought since Wal-Mart agreed to place the box, they were agreeing to keep an eye on it," she said.

Wal-Mart manager Brad Barritt said the Toys for Tots organizer he met, whose name he could not remember, was instructed that donated items needed to be wrapped in Wal-Mart bags to ensure the items had been purchased.

Kraich, who works for First America Cash Advance, denied ever receiving any such instruction.

Since store officials didn't know if the gifts had been bought or not — and no video camera was trained on the box — Barritt said he decided to place all the toys back on the shelves for resale.

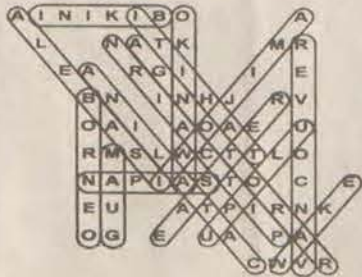
Barritt noted that the retailer is a regular benefactor to area clubs and organizations, donating more than \$50,000 annually. Wal-Mart even offered a \$1,000 cash grant to Toys for Tots this year.

"Not that that has anything to do with this situation. Only to say that, as a corporation, we are very

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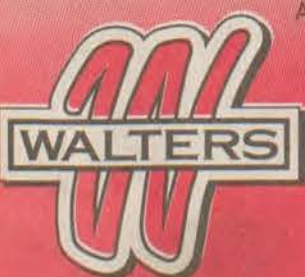
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The Floyd and Pike KY-ASAP (Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy) Board was recently presented a check for \$110,000 to represent a grant award for this year. The money will be spent to implement a strategic plan designed by members from both counties. On hand for the check presentation were: State Rep. Greg Stumbo; Darlene Starnes, director of Mountain Regional Prevention Center; KY-ASAP Executive Director Larry Carrico; Sandy Akers, KY-ASAP area community coordinator; and local board officials, Chairman Rosalind Stanley with Pike County Schools and Secretary/Treasurer Lola Ratliff with Floyd County Schools.

Floyd, Pike KY-ASAP board receives grant

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd and Pike Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) was visited recently by state ASAP Executive Director Larry Carrico and Deputy Executive Director David Mawn, who formally presented the group with its grant award for the year.

The money, \$110,000, will be used to fund "gaps" in current anti-drug abuse resources, Carrico said. KY-ASAP was created by the state legislature to provide funds for local communities to fight substance abuse.

Carrico noted that there is no quick cure for substance abuse and the social, economic and health problems related to abuse. He stressed that the funds will help local communities obtain the goals outlined in the plans set for the group. In order to get the funds, communities formed "design teams," who analyzed various studies in the community to determine where gaps exist.

Floyd-Pike KY-ASAP is the successor to the Kentucky Incentive for Prevention (KIP) Program, which formed the Floyd Pike Group under the name Mountain Coalition for Prevention. Where the three-

year KIP program dealt with youth substance abuse prevention only, KY-ASAP deals with all ages and treatment as well as prevention. The design team formed a strategic plan for the two counties based on programs that have proven records of effectiveness.

The fiscal agent for the Floyd/Pike KY-ASAP is the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. Employees Darlene Starnes, Mountain Regional Prevention Center director, and Sandy Akers, KY-ASAP area community coordinator, are directly involved with the program.

Newly elected officers of the KY-ASAP board are chairman Rosalind Stanley, public information officer and community education director for Pike County Schools; vice chairman Scott Walker, MCCC substance abuse services director; and secretary/treasurer Lola Ratliff, Title IV director for Floyd County Schools.

Cruelty

ed. "If we knew for sure that he was guilty, the county wouldn't condone it," said Deputy Judge Executive Randal Good.

Police claim in a warrant that Belcher choked the cat in a device used to restrain the ani-

mals. The cat survived. The warrant said Belcher killed the dog, a miniature Doberman pinscher, by throwing it against a wall.

Belcher couldn't immediately be reached for comment. He is scheduled for arraignment on Jan. 6.

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Highway workers keep busy clearing roads

PIKEVILLE — Maintenance workers from Highway District 12 have been out since the wee hours of the morning Friday working to de-ice the state roads in Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Knott, Floyd, Pike and Letcher counties.

"People need to be especially careful when driving on bridges," said Walter "Bud" Akers, superintendent at the Allen Maintenance Garage in Floyd County, "and driving through cuts where the sun doesn't usually hit the road."

Akers also said that the danger of falling trees is not yet over, and people driving on secondary roads should be alert to this potential problem.

Jerry David Lowe, district office command center coordinator on duty, said that each of the 10 maintenance garages in the seven-county district report icy road conditions with many spots of "black ice," transparent ice that actually looks like a slightly wet road, but can be extremely dangerous.

"We want to ask people who are driving today to be considerate of the state salt trucks that are out working," Lowe said. "These are big vehicles and they have to go a certain speed in order to spread salt evenly and in the proper quantities to melt the ice on the road. Please do not challenge one of these trucks by trying to pass it on a two-lane road or trying to 'cut the gap' when a truck is turning off the road."

Cutting the gap happens when a truck begins to make its

wide turn. Sometimes motorists will speed up and try to beat the truck, driving right through the path of the turning truck.

"We haven't had any accidents so far," Lowe said, "but it's probably because our drivers know that safety is our number one priority and they are driving cautiously and defensively. People who try to 'cut the gap' are being foolish and playing with their own lives as well as the lives of our workers."

To safely share the road with a snowplow, Lowe said people just need to be patient.

"Don't drive with cruise control on," Lowe said. "Don't stop or perform any sudden jerky movements that could send you into a skid. Snow plows are difficult to stop. Remember that plows will slow down at bridges. Don't crowd a snow plow. When it is safe for you to get through, usually the plow will pull over at the first opportunity and let you pass."

Lowe also said that people should drive with their lights on,

and keep the lights clean, both front and rear.

"Don't stop on the side of the road unless it's an emergency," he pointed out. "Wear your seat belts, leave extra distance between your vehicle and the one in front of it because stopping distances are longer on snow or ice-covered roads."

Lowe suggested that when motorists see state workers removing a slide or cutting up a tree that's blocking a road, they should give them a thumbs up or wave to show that they appreciate all the workers do to keep roads safe and passable during winter weather.

"Some of these guys have worked 10- 12- maybe even 16-hour shifts. Or maybe they went home at midnight and were called right back out in just a few hours," Lowe said. "They work hard in very difficult circumstances, and they always like it when drivers wave and show their appreciation. That's really the only reward they get, and it does mean a lot."

Free

listed numerous confiscated items, including drugs, vehicles and \$13,843 in cash.

After Judge Eric Hall amended the bond to \$250,000 cash on Friday, six pieces of property totaling \$230,000 were put up by family members. Harm Dwayne and Pamela Pennington, posted \$50,000 in property, William T.

and Linda K. Wallen posted \$26,500 property, Michael J. Pennington posted \$16,000 property, and James and Henrietta posted three pieces of property that totaled \$157,500.

Hall apparently waived the other \$20,000, as Pennington was released on bond Friday evening.

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Alcohol

hol without confirmation of age was in Perry County, with 74 percent selling without seeing identification. The city of Pikeville had the lowest number of sales without asking for identification at 26 percent.

According to Darlene Starnes, director of the center, older female clerks are less likely to make a sale without viewing identification.

"The law says that you must ask for identification up to 10 years over the legal drinking age," Starnes said.

Gunpoint

time he pleaded guilty to the charges and received a total of six months in jail, a year of probation and \$420.50 in fines. Reed was required to forfeit the weapon.

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GuestView

Time for a 'tax cut'

The Bush administration has proposed what amounts to a de facto tax cut for American households. For the average family of four, the annual savings would total around \$1,600.

How would those savings come about? By eliminating tariffs, worldwide, on industrial products and consumer goods — on everything from cars to chemicals to stereo equipment to pacifiers.

This is an eminently worthy goal not just for the United States but also for the world as a whole. The change would lower the price of goods while encouraging the most efficient allocation of manufacturing resources.

In this country, the benefit from reduced prices would be especially significant for low-income households, according to a recent study by the Progressive Policy Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

The end of the tariffs would also help U.S. exporters, whose manufactured products are slapped with an average tariff of 40 percent abroad. (Goods imported into this country, by contrast, face a low tariff on average — only 4 percent.)

The Bush administration has proposed the elimination of these trade duties as part of ongoing international negotiations. If the timetable put forward by the United States is accepted, tariffs below 5 percent would be terminated between 2005 and 2010. Those above 5 percent would be eliminated no later than 2015.

International negotiations on such technical matters might seem far removed from the concerns of average Americans, but the talks actually have direct relevance to people's economic circumstances. Consider the case of U.S. corn producers.

Barriers to corn exports have dropped abroad precisely because they were required to under a major international agreement (known as the "Uruguay Round") as well as the North America Free Trade Agreement. Nebraska is America's third-largest feed corn producer, and between 2000 and 2001 it increased its corn exports to \$128 million, up from \$78 million, an increase of 83 percent.

During the same period, incidentally, Nebraska's overall exports to NAFTA member Mexico rose 68 percent — far higher than the growth in Nebraska's trade with any of its other leading trade partners. This indicates our area's growing economic connection with Mexico, now Nebraska's No. 3 export market.

There is no guarantee that the tariff reductions proposed by the Bush administration will come to pass. Foreign governments may balk. Domestic U.S. industries, such as the textile and apparel sectors, are certain to protest. And, trade experts say, the United States itself could undercut the move toward tariff reductions by imposing anti-dumping duties on politically sensitive imports (such as steel), encouraging other countries to follow suit.

The goal, nonetheless, is important, and the Bush administration would be wise to continue pressing for it. Lower trade barriers produce benefits that reveal themselves not only in the bottom line for corporations. They also show up, as a de facto tax cut, in the pocketbooks of everyday consumers.

— The Omaha World-Herald



— Jim Davidson

Straight talk that paid off

The Golden Rule is to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you", but there is another golden rule that also affects the lives of many people. This could be called the Economic Golden Rule, and it can be summed up with these words: "He who has the gold makes the rule."

Because we live in a materialistic society, it's important to also understand this other golden rule, otherwise life can be very frustrating.

One of the greatest blessings I have in traveling and making speeches is that I get to meet and know so many fine people. This personal contact with people in all areas of society is where I get most of the ideas and concepts for this newspaper column. However I realize a good idea in itself is of little value to you unless I can show you how to use it and how to turn it into a benefit for your own life.

Some time ago, I was visiting with a businessman in south Mississippi and he told me a true story involving one of his employees that contains a very important principle.

It seems the mother of one of his employees had died recently and the employee was fast becoming an alcoholic.

Word was beginning to spread that he was talking "smart" to some of the other employees. Well, the problem reached the point that it became necessary for my new friend to call him into his office. When he did, he closed the door behind him.

After they chatted a moment, my friend looked him straight in the eye and called his name. He said, "You know your mother would not be proud of you and the way you are acting. You have a choice. You can either make your mother proud of you or you can become a drunk. But you are not going to be a drunk and work for me."

My friend went on to say, "I don't want your answer now. I want to give you a few days to think about it, but come Monday, you come in sober and be ready to work, or be ready to leave." Well, that was almost 10 years ago and the man is still there and has become an excellent employee. He later told his boss, "Mr. Moore, I ain't never had anyone talk to me like that."

You see, with my friend, it was not just an employee with a problem, it was a human being that he really cared about. One of the deepest psychological needs we have is to know that other people care about us and that we are needed and appreciated.

As an aside to this true story, the lack

of personal concern and caring is why many management people fail when it comes to dealing with employees who have problems. In many cases they treat them impersonally, yet wonder why their turnover rate is so high.



Another amusing part of the story about my friend's wayward employee is when still another employee was having a problem and this man told him, "You better straighten up. You don't want to go into the boss's office and have him close the door behind you." There is no doubt about it, my friend had made a believer out of him!

As I bring this story to a close, there are several obvious things some of us can learn from this experience. In many cases, it's hard to find another person who cares enough about us to look us straight in the eye and tell us the truth. The truth may hurt, but it's better to hear it and do something about it than go on living with the problem.

Of course, the primary reason the employee's problem was solved was because the "Economic Golden Rule" came into play. "He who has the gold makes the rule." Sometimes all it takes is the thought of losing our job to change our attitude and our behavior.

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— beyond the beltway

A liberal repents ... sort of

by DONALD KAUL

I've been getting a lot of mail from readers lately, most of it accusing me of being a whiner. The rest say I'm a sniveler. Needless to say, I am cut to the quick.

At issue is a column I wrote stating that the deck, in terms of our elections, is stacked in favor of rural, therefore conservative, states and that we poor Big City liberals don't stand a chance. I also said that George Bush, for the entire Sun-King aura he has assumed, got fewer votes than Al Gore in the last presidential election.

That seems to me neither whining nor sniveling; it is merely stating the facts.

The more rational of my critics did point out that the deck has been stacked in favor of small states since the dawn of the Republic more than 200 years ago — and that we wouldn't even have a United States had not that compromise been made — so I should just accept it and get on with my life. Some even went so far as to say: "That's the way the majority of the American people want it."

In other words, the majority of the American people desire to be ruled by a minority of the American people.

I don't understand that, but I guess it must be true. I accept that. (Snivel.)

In any case, I've decided to take the criticism to heart and change my ways. I will no longer criticize our brave president, locked as he is in a lonely battle

against terrorism. No, I shall support him in all things.

If he wants to gut Social Security and call it privatization, that's OK with me.

If he wants to sell off the nation's old-growth forests to his friends for below market price, that's fine. Ditto with mineral rights.

If he wants to undermine our system of public education with something he calls "vouchers" — great. Would the president do something that's bad for the country?

Does he want to break down the separation between church and state, appoint judges who would take away women's right to safe and legal abortion and cut taxes for the richest 1 percent of taxpayers? What's wrong with that?

As for oil, well he can do just about any damn thing he pleases so far as I'm concerned. He can okay drilling in pristine wildlife preserves, within sight of unspoiled beaches or on the White House lawn. Couldn't care less.

And if he wants to go to war, I'm there for him. It would be unpatriotic to be otherwise; I see that now.

If I were my former, whining, sniveling self, I could point out that if my criticism was unpatriotic, what the Republicans tried to do to Bill Clinton (who was also a president, by the way) bordered on the treasonous. But I won't do that.

Neither will I reprint a recent e-mailed joke by James Sherman, who imagined National Security adviser Condi Rice going into the Oval Office to tell her

boss about the recent world developments.

"Sir, I have the report her about the new leader of China," she says.

"Great," says our Exalted Leader, "Lay it on me."

"Hu is the new leader of China."

"That's what I want to know."

"That's what I'm telling you."

"That's what I'm asking you. Who is the new leader of China?"

"Yes sir."

"Yassir? Yassir Arafat is in China? I thought he was in the Middle East."

"That's correct."

"Then who is in China?"

"Yes sir."

"Yassir?"

"No sir."

"Look, I need to know the name of the new leader of China. Get the Secretary General of the U.N. on the phone."

"Kofi?"

"No thanks, I just had a cup. I could use a glass of milk, though."

See? You could go on like that for hours but it would be juvenile. It would be beneath my new, unsniveling, unwhining self.

From now on I shall say nothing bad about the President, bless his beady little eyes. Bush uber alles, that's my new motto.

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community minded. I'd hate to see a discrepancy over a few toys change that perception in the eyes of the public," Barritt said.

■ **SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — It appears Santa Claus isn't coming to northern Wyoming this year. Not via the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, anyway.

The railway's "Santa Train," carrying Claus himself, has rolled through the region the past seven years, but this year's stagnant economy combined with staffing problems will put a stop to the holiday tradition, railway spokesman Gus Melonas said.

"It's unfortunate, but that's the way it is this year," he said.

The train, which originates in Edgemont, S.D., normally stops in Newcastle, Upton, Moorcroft, Rozet and Gillette before arriving in Sheridan County, where classrooms of children often turned out to greet it, especially in rural areas.

■ **NASHUA, N.H.** — A kayaker who began paddling last May from her Florida home to her high school reunion in Nashua has finished her 1,750-mile journey.

Along the way, 48-year-old Karen Ellis Richardson got five marriage proposals, seven nights of free lodging from hotels and lots of new friends. She camped on deserted islands when the

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Floyd County

Fannie Adams, 87, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, November 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Stella E. Crum Whitely Akers, 97, of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, November 30, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Rogie Sherrill Case, 59, of McDowell, died Monday, December 2, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Stella (Kirk) Copley, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 27, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Regina Crider, 36, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, December 1, at the Ridge Pavilion Nursing Home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carlie Samons Gibson, 78, of Dana, died Tuesday, December 3, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 6, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

John Wesley Hall, 101, of Martin, died Saturday, November 30, in the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Samantha Mae Howell, 83, native of Abbott Creek, died Sunday, November 17, at Ashland. She was the daughter of the late David Howell and Kizzie Margaret Mead.

Monroe Lewis, 56, of West Liberty, died Tuesday, December 3, at West Liberty. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Lewis. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Katherine Meade, 70, of

Printer, died Tuesday, December 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. She is survived by her husband, James M. Meade. Funeral services were held Friday, December 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lou Henri Graves Scott, 69, of Garrett, died Friday, November 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 2, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Lou Newsome Walters, 53, formerly of Paintsville, died Tuesday, December 3. She is survived by her husband, Ed Walters. Funeral services were conducted Friday, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington, under the direction of Kerr Funeral Home.

Raymond Zemo, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Mullins) Zemo. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 7, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Knott County

Janice Banks Jennings, 82, of Louisville, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, November 30, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Curtis Owens, 95, of New York City, native of Pippa Passes, died Friday, November 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Billie (Belcher) Owens. Burial was in New York City.

Christopher Columbus Slone, 84, of Softshell, died Friday, November 29, at the East Ridge Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Morris Slone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Faye Smith, 88, of Hindman, died Thursday, November 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kenneth Lee Stacy, 55, of Fisty, died Monday, November 25, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County

Miles Adams, infant son of Chelsea Adams, died Thursday,

November 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Floyd Bevins, 49, of Chicago, formerly of Millard, died Saturday, November 23, in Chicago. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

John B. "Bun" Cochran, 76, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Thursday, November 28, in the Skilled Nursing Facility at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cochran. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Orville Coleman, 66, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, November 28, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Hattie Maxine Rowe Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Charlie Walter Dotson, 85, of Belfry, died Thursday, November 28, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Runyon Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Trimble Elkins, 89, of the Pikeville Health Care Center, died Saturday, November 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Wanda Fouts Gates, 59, of Harrison, Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, November 27. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Czopek Funeral Directors of Wyandotte.

James Jefferson "Jeff" Kendrick, 89, of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nannah Bradley Little, 67, of Hellier, died Thursday, November 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Little. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Cecil Blake Lowe, 82, of Belfry, died Friday, November 29, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Clinton Maynard, 89, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, November 26, at St. Francis Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Romah Williams Mosley, 97, of Kimber, died Wednesday, November 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

David Mullins, 52, of Ashcamp, died Thursday,

November 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Wright Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Macie Thacker Ray, 79, of Majestic, died Friday, November 29. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 3, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Tackett, 69, of Melvindale, Michigan, a native of Hartley, died Friday, November 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 19, under the direction of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home.

Johnny Ray West, 49, of Dorton, died Tuesday, November 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Karen Newsome West. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Martin County

Alice Kaye Butcher, 52, of Tomahawk, died Friday, November 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Earl Ray Butcher. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Willard Fraley, 75, of Inez, died Thursday, November 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

George L. Kitchen, 59, of Westerville, Ohio, died Monday, November 25, at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Hazel R. Kitchen. Services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Charles Robinson, 48, of Debord, died Sunday, November 17, at his residence. He was the son of Gladys Smith and the late Billy Robinson.

Geneva Ann Slone, 54, of Inez, died Monday, November 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Woodrow Slone Jr. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Boyd Burgoyne, 83, died

Obituaries

Mary Hughes

Mary Hughes, 76, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Blue River, died Thursday, December 5, 2002, at Millers Merry Manor, in Warsaw, Indiana.

She was born May 1, 1926, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Jim Henry and Ida (Marsillett) Hughes. She was a homemaker and a member of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. She had lived in Warsaw, since October 1992.

Survivors include one son, Eugene Hughes of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Ossie Holbrook of Prestonsburg, and Susie Miller and Josephine Blackburn, both of Warsaw, Indiana; two brothers, Malcom Hughes of Warsaw, Indiana, and Bill Hughes of Elkton, Maryland; one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg.

Burial will be in the Hale Family Cemetery, at Blue River, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 8, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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appealed that ruling to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

"We believe that the displays of the Ten Commandments do not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment," Mathew Staver, attorney for McCreary and Pulaski counties and the Harlan County School Board, argued Wednesday before the three-judge panel of the appeals court.

Staver said the Ten Commandments are only one part of a display of several documents, including the Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence, and that they have a secular rather than a religious purpose.

"The displays have a secular purpose because they educate the public about the role the documents have played in the foundation of the American system of law and government," Staver

said.

David Friedman, general counsel for the ACLU of Kentucky, argued that the lower court order should stand. He disputed the suggestion that the Ten Commandments were fundamental to the development of the U.S. system of law and government and said there was no question that the amended displays were still religious in nature.

He also alluded to the fact that Coffman said in her ruling that she also issued the injunction because there was a substantial likelihood that the ACLU would be successful on the merits of the case at trial.

"We believe that the district court got it right," said Friedman.

Justices James Ryan, Eric Clay and Julia Gibbons took the appeal under advisement and will rule later.

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The Chapter is in need of persons to assist in this very worthy project, and is asking those who have this expertise to offer their services.

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held on January 13, 14, and 15, at the Floyd County Library, and they will begin preparing tax forms on Tuesday and Friday of each week, beginning February 2.

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weather forced her off course. She thought she'd arrive before winter did. "Snow. I never expected snow," she said. Richardson left her home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., on May 24 in a 17-foot sea kayak with 100 pounds of gear, planning to paddle up the Intracoastal Waterway in time for her Oct. 30 reunion. Delayed by bad weather, she ended up docking the kayak near New York City and driving to the

reunion, then returning to complete her trip. She finished with a 15-mile trip down the Merrimack River from Manchester to Nashua on Monday. "It feels good to stand up," Richardson said. Richardson missed only one stretch, from Sunderland, Mass., to Manchester. After spending Thanksgiving with friends, she left South Hadley, Mass., and began paddling upstream, even though she was ill.

"Here I was with a fever, but it was really fun paddling in the snow. I was thinking about how I started out in the tropics and now it's snowing," she said. Back in her hometown, friends said they weren't surprised that she completed the trip. "I knew she could do it," said Dan Jacobs, owner of Beach Bicycle & Kayak in New Smyrna Beach. "I know her strength, her persistence and her good luck on these trips."

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Faith Extra

State accused of religious discrimination in lawsuit

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A conservative group accused the state of religious discrimination Friday in a lawsuit objecting to a ban on state scholarship funds for students seeking degrees in religious studies.

The federal suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Lexington by the American Center for Law and Justice, an organization founded by televangelist Pat Robertson. It was filed on behalf of Michael Woods Nash, a 21-year-old junior at Cumberland College in Williamsburg.

Nash was awarded \$2,900 under the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program in his freshman and sophomore years, the suit said.

The lottery-funded KEEES scholarships go to Kentucky high school students as a reward for good grades and college-board scores.

In October, when Nash declared philosophy-religion as his major, the private college notified him that the scholarship funding would be cut off starting next semester, the suit said.

State regulations for the KEEES program prevent the state from awarding the scholarships to students seeking degrees in theology, divinity or religious education, the suit said.

Nash's choice of a major will cost him more than \$2,000 in scholarship money that he otherwise would have received for the second semester of his junior year and his senior year, the suit said.

Francis J. Manion, senior counsel for the ACLJ, said the state is "systematically discriminating" by denying the scholarship funds to students wanting to obtain degrees in religious studies.

"If a student meets the residency and academic requirements needed to receive scholarship funds, those funds cannot be withheld because a student decides to study religion," Manion said in a statement. "Such a policy is not only unfair, it is unconstitutional as well."

The ACLJ, based in Virginia Beach, Va., claims the policy violates Nash's freedom of religion and speech and equal protection rights under the U.S. Constitution.

The suit asks a federal judge to strike down the policy prohibiting KEEES funding to students seeking degrees in religion.

Defendants in the suit are Gov. Paul Patton and two officials in

the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, which administers the KEEES program. The other defendants are Joe McCormick, the authority's executive director, and Linda Renschler, director of the Division of Student and Administrative Services.

Rick Casey, general counsel for the authority, said Friday he could not comment specifically because he had not yet seen the suit.

Casey said the restrictions on the use of scholarship funds are based on a section of the state Constitution that limits expenditure of public funds to aid any sectarian purpose.

Kentucky counties appeal order removing Ten Commandments

by **LISA CORNWELL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Three Kentucky counties ordered to remove displays of the Ten Commandments at courthouses and a school asked a federal appeals court panel on Wednesday to overturn that order and allow the displays.

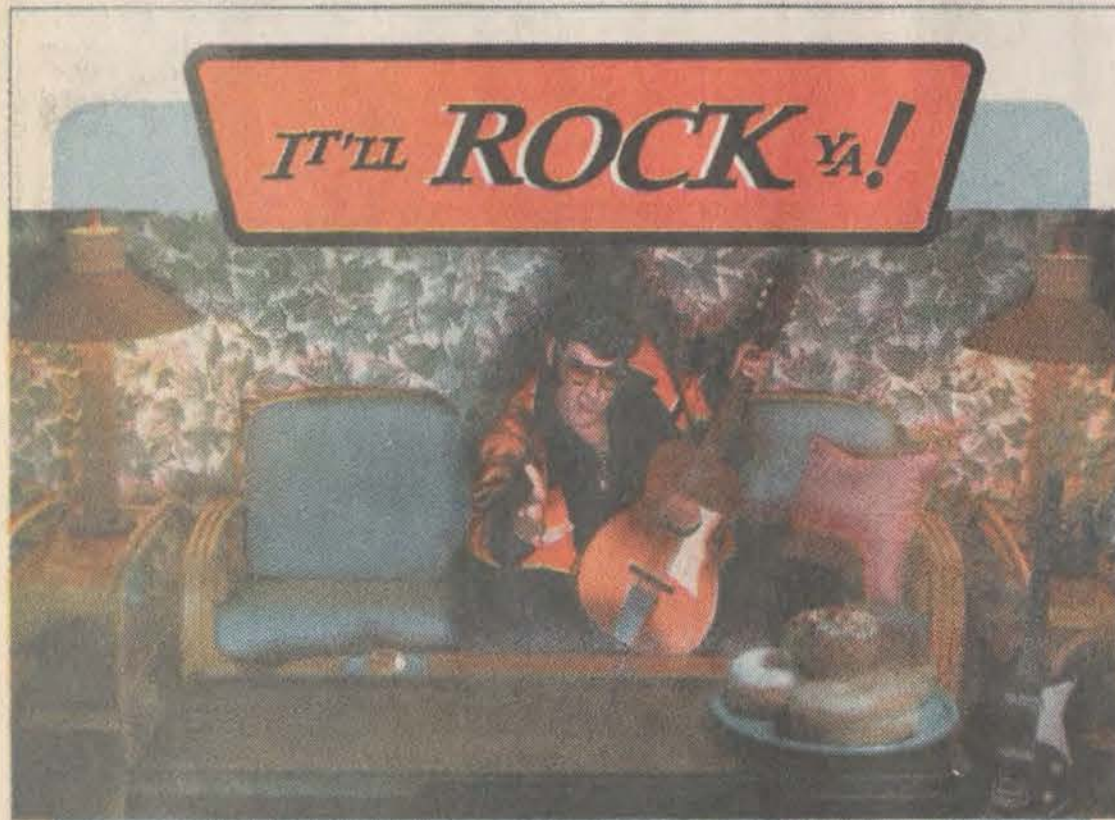
In a preliminary ruling in June 2001, U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman of the Eastern District of Kentucky ordered the Ten Commandments removed from displays at courthouses in McCreary and Pulaski counties and on school property in Harlan County. The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky had asked for the preliminary

injunction, arguing that the displays of the Ten Commandments violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by endorsing religion.

Coffman said in her ruling that the purpose and the effect of displaying the Ten Commandments was "religious in nature." She said that the history of the Ten Commandments displays, which originally were posted separately at the courthouses and schools and then were displayed as part of a group of documents, "bolstered the reasonable observer's perception of the state endorsement of religion."

The Kentucky counties

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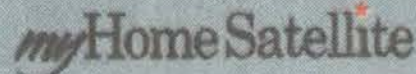
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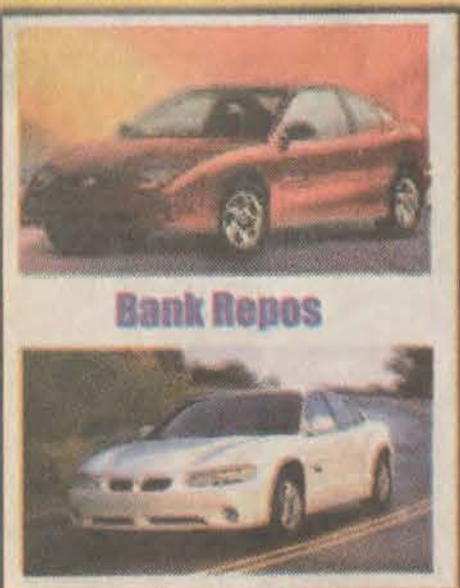
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Wildcats surpass expectations

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LEXINGTON — The goal posts at Commonwealth Stadium never did get torn down, but that doesn't mean Kentucky's season didn't surpass all expectations. The Wildcats, coming off back-to-back 2-9 seasons and stinging

NCAA sanctions, finished 7-5 with victories over then-No. 17 Louisville and Southeastern Conference foes Mississippi State and Arkansas.

Coach Guy Morriss said the Wildcats could've — and should've — been even better. Narrow losses to Florida, South Carolina and LSU will gnaw at

him throughout the offseason. "We made a big improvement, but looking back, we probably could've won maybe three more," he said. "I understand that ifs and buts are candy and nuts, but we could've easily had nine or 10. It bugs me that we didn't find a way to close those games out. "Somebody needed to make a

play, and we just didn't do it." The Wildcats would have almost certainly made their first bowl appearance since 1999, but NCAA sanctions handed down in January included a one-year post-season ban. Morriss said the team's 20

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Quarterback Jared Lorenzen (22) is one talented junior who'll return to the University of Kentucky football team next season. He will be joined by other senior teammates, including Prestonsburg's Jeremy Caudill.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR has exceeded expectations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The ratings for NASCAR's race broadcasts have exceeded the high expectations of the TV networks after the first two years of a six-year \$2.8 billion deal. "The ratings were up 13 percent this year and 59 percent over two years," said Ken Schanzer, president of NBC Sports, which shares the big contract with Fox Sports, Turner Sports, TNT and FX. "That's the first back-to-back increase since 1994 through 1996 in the NBA, the years Michael Jordan returned from his first retirement," he added. "This thing is a rocket. When the season began, we had hoped to simply maintain the terrific ratings and new viewers from last year." Also on hand Thursday for the question-and-answer session were

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COLLEGE

PC men's game postponed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

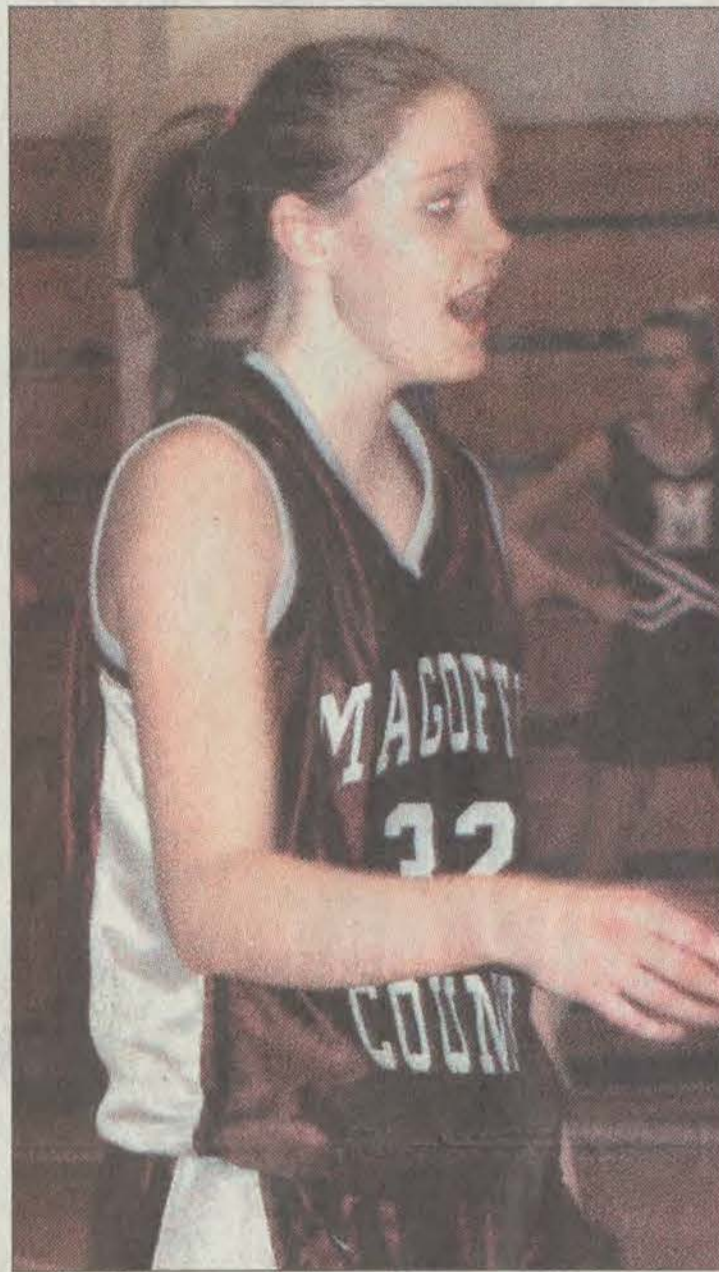
PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College's men's basketball game scheduled for Wednesday night was postponed. The Bears, ranked 12th in the NAIA Div. I poll, were scheduled to play at Bluefield State (W.Va.) College Wednesday night at 7:30, but the game was cancelled. "We hope to have a makeup date in place soon," said Coach Randy McCoy. "We don't want to lose this game on our schedule." The Bears scrimmaged with the Big Blues in October, and BSC is slated to visit Pikeville on Thursday, Jan. 9. The new date will be announced as soon as an agreement is reached.

YOUTH TOURNAMENT

Post-Christmas tournament scheduled for Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Shortly after Christmas, just three days to be exact, Betsy Layne Elementary will host the Little Bobcat Classic on Saturday, Dec. 28. The tournament will include six Floyd County teams, including the host Bobcats. Pairings include John M. Stumbo vs. Betsy Layne, 10 a.m. and Wesley vs. Allen, 11:30 a.m. McDowell will play the winner of the Stumbo-Betsy Layne contest and Adams will play the winner of Wesley-Allen. The tournament is a one-day event. A champion will be crowned that day at the conclusion of the final game slated for 5:30 p.m. Trophies will include a first-place team trophy and a second-place team trophy along with 15 individual trophies for the first-place squad. A team free throw trophy will also be given to the most efficient free throw-shooting team.



SCOREBOARD

MAGOFFIN CO. (66) — Adams 14, S. Howard 13, A. Howard 13, C. Howard 10, M. Howard 8, A. Shepherd 6, K. Howard 2.

LESLIE COUNTY (57) — Benton 30, Lawson 11, Miller 6, Douglas 4, Morgan 2, Barger 2, Osborne 2.

Magoffin Co	24	15	17	10	— 66
Leslie Co	12	12	20	13	— 57

RECORDS — Magoffin Co. 2-0, Leslie Co. 1-1.



PIKEVILLE (60) — Sh. Howard 19, Sa. Howard 14, Calvin 10, Hartssock 6, Francisco 5, McCoy 4, Shockey 2, Rogers 2.

SHELDON CLARK (48) — Cassady 19, K. Moore 17, T. Moore 6, Horn 4, Johnson 2.

Pikeville	13	16	15	18	— 60
Sheldon Clark	12	18	14	4	— 48

RECORDS — Pikeville 1-0, Sheldon Clark 0-1.

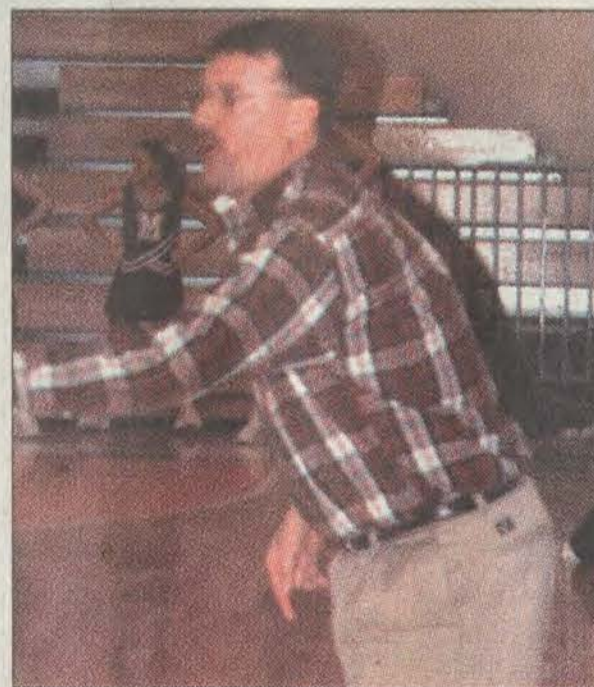
LEFT: Amanda Shepherd made her way back down the court following an offensive score. photo by Steve LeMaster

Magoffin Co., Pikeville advance in tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — After upending tournament host Pike Central in the first round on Monday night, upstart Magoffin County beat Leslie County 66-57 in a winner's bracket game when play resumed on Thursday night in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic. Magoffin County had four players score in double figures, led by Jamie Adams' team-best 14 points. Ashley J. Howard and Savannah Howard each had 13 points apiece in the Magoffin win. Calloray Howard chipped in 10. Leslie County star Heather Benton had a typical stellar game, turning in 30 points, way good for game-high honors in the setback, her team's first of the young season. In another game played Thursday night, Pikeville beat Sheldon Clark 60-48. Sheldon Clark senior Kelli Jo Moore was held to 17 points in the loss. Lady Card Desiree Cassady led Sheldon Clark in scoring with 19 points. The Lady Panthers outscored Sheldon Clark 18-4 in a very decisive fourth quarter of play.

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Magoffin County head coach Neil West pointed out instructions during a game held earlier this week in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Tournament. photo by Steve LeMaster

LONESOME PINE

Copley named new LPIR GM, track promoter

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. — The owners of Lonesome Pine International Raceway, a NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge track have named Morris Copley to the position of general manager and track promoter. Copley, from Allen, has leased the track from the Kinzer family. Copley has a strong background in business management and is looking to use that knowledge and experience in the daily track operations. His desire to run the track comes from his involvement during the 2002 season and his passion for racing. "I look forward to building on the foundation that has been developed at LPIR. The racing community and local race fans have shown us that they support our facility. My goal is to build on the 2002 season, in three main areas, car count, fan base and sponsor relations. With improvements in these areas I believe LPIR will provide everyone with a unique entertainment opportunity that can only be found in short track racing," said Copley. The 2003 season is slated to begin in April. Copley and other track management fully anticipate running under

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HONORS

Moore named to pre-season all-state team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The high school website, iHigh.com, has announced its pre-season all-state girls' basketball team. Included on

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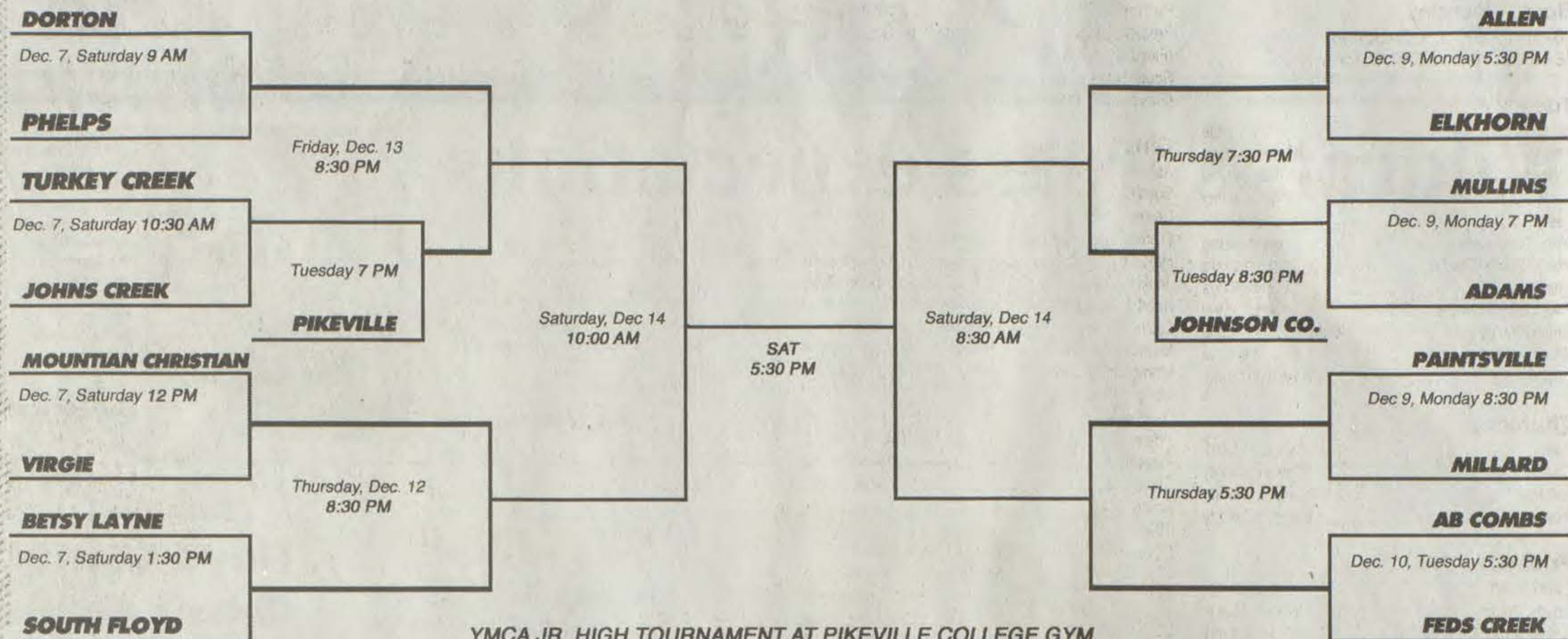


photo by Steve LeMaster
Sheldon Clark senior center Kelli Jo Moore is ranked as one of the state's top players by several state prognosticators and outlets. She has already signed to play in college at Marshall University.



BACK TO THE HARDWOOD... Allen Central senior Erin Majakey is just one of a talented group of Lady Rebels. She returns to the basketball floor this season after a knee injury knocked her out of action last season.

YMCA JR. HIGH Tournament



YMCA JR. HIGH TOURNAMENT AT PIKEVILLE COLLEGE GYM
 CHEERLEADING COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED NIGHT OF GAME
 TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED SATURDAY
 PIKEVILLE COLLEGE GYM

Moore

the team as an honorable-mention selection is Sheldon Clark senior center Kelli Jo Moore. A Marshall University signee, Moore was mentioned in the same company as some of the state's top girls' basketball players.

These selections do not reflect, in any way, the position of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. The iHigh site is based out of Lexington.

- Chelsea Chowning, Lexington Catholic, 6-0, Sr., 17.0 ppg
- Megan Gearhart, West Carter, 5-6, Sr., 17.0 ppg
- Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart, 6-3, Jr., 16.5 ppg
- Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North, 6-2, Jr., 17.0 ppg
- Sarah Elliott, Jackson County, 6-6, Jr., 15.0 ppg
- Angela Brown, Clinton County, 6-5, Sr., 15.0 ppg
- Megan Gray, Harrison County, 6-0, Jr., 18.0 ppg
- Tracy Harbut, Bryan Station, 6-0, Sr., 18.1 ppg
- Kasi Mullins, Boyd County, 5-8, So., 22.1 ppg
- Toni Slaughter, Shelby

County, 5-11, Sr., 18.5 ppg
 Honorable Mention: Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart; Destiny Mattingly, Woodford County; Jenn Skaggs, Holy Cross; Kelli Jo Moore, Sheldon Clark; Arnika Brown, Christian County; Becca Kopple, Sacred Heart; Nicole Chioldi, Newport Central Catholic; Sara McKemie, Manual; Sarah Schell, Lexington Catholic; Jessica Still, Apollo

iHigh.com pre-season girls' basketball poll

This poll does not, in any way, reflect the views or opinions of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

1. Sacred Heart (37-1)
2. Lexington Catholic (29-3)
3. Jackson County (34-4)
4. Clinton County (29-5)
5. Christian County (29-1)

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Surpass

departing seniors will get commemorative rings for this season anyway. They'll also be invited to Kentucky's next bowl game by athletics director Mitch Barnhart.

Morriss, who signed a two-year extension to a four-year contract this season, said he doesn't plan to leave Lexington anytime soon. He said his focus is squarely on elevating Kentucky into the SEC's top tier — alongside traditional powers Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. "We've got to find a way to beat one of the 'Big 3.' That's kind of our challenge," he said. "Anybody and everybody connected to this program has got to elevate their game. We've got to coach better, managers have got to manage better, secretaries have got to be better secretaries, trainers got to train better. Our whole program has to be better."

Improving on this season won't be easy in 2003.

Kentucky loses 10 starters, including SEC leading rusher Artose Pinner and receiver Aaron Boone, who led the Cats with 41 catches for 706 yards and a team-high 10 touchdowns.

Morriss said he'll scour the junior college ranks for a suitable replacement for Pinner, who set a school record with eight 100-yard rushing games this season.

If he can't find one, freshman Arliss Beach and redshirt freshman Alexis Bwenge will duel for the starting tailback position in the spring. The duo combined to rush for only 192 yards behind the durable Pinner this season.

"You can flip a coin between Alexis and Arliss right now,"

Morriss said. "It may be a situation where it may have to be by committee."

Morriss said another possibility at running back is sophomore quarterback Shane Boyd, who has played sparingly the past two seasons as Jared Lorenzen's understudy. The 6-foot-2, 239-pound Boyd is versatile enough to play wide receiver, tight end or even somewhere on the defensive side, Morriss said.

He hasn't shared his ideas with Boyd yet.

"How receptive he will be, I'm not sure. But he needs to be playing," Morriss said. "The guy is a great athlete. It's just a matter of whether he's comfortable with it. He could do it."

For now, Boyd is still the top backup to Lorenzen, who threw for 2,267 yards and 24 touchdowns this season, both improvements from 2001. But Lorenzen's weight — still around 300 pounds — remains a concern for Morriss.

"There comes a point in his career and his life where he's got to take it upon himself to get it off," Morriss said. "You can hound him to death, but it's like raising a kid — the more you harp at him, the more he says to himself, 'I'm going to prove to you I'm going to be a good quarterback at 300 pounds.'"

"Right, wrong or indifferent, that's kind of his mentality."

Still, Morriss is glad to have him.

"He's starting to earn the respect of his teammates because his work ethic has changed," Morriss said. "The kids around him see it and respect it. That's the most

NASCAR

David Hill, chairman and CEO of Fox, Peter Liguori, president and CEO of FX; Jim Liberatore, vice president of Speed Channel; Mark Lazarus, president of Turner Sports; and Paul Brooks, NASCAR's vice president of broadcasting.

The panel acknowledged that the networks have lost money on the deal each of the first two years, but still found plenty positive to say.

Lazarus pointed out that Turner and TNT picked up 40 new sponsors for the 2002 Winston Cup season.

"It takes time, but we've built trust in the NASCAR community," Lazarus said. Referring to the Winston Cup race in Atlanta on Oct. 27, broadcast by NBC, he added, "The proof of that is when we go through a 3 1/2-hour rain delay and don't lose our audience."

Hill pointed to the increase in the ratings of races going up against the NFL, acknowledged as TV's sports king.

"Their audience also increased, so there's no cannibalization," Hill said. "I don't think there's a cap on the

growth, either. I think it can continue to grow for the next 20 years."

Schanzer attributed at least part of NBC's late-season success to the championship battle that went down to the final race. Tony Stewart, who will be honored here on Friday night at the NASCAR Awards ceremony,

won the title by just 38 points over Mark Martin.

Schanzer added, "I don't think any of us think in terms of taking on the NFL, just trying to find new fans. Eighty percent of America is still available to us and those are the people we're trying to find."

The unique TV partnership,

led by NBC and Fox, splits the season in half, with Fox, which airs NFL games in the fall, covering the first half of the year, along with Turner and FX, and NBC, combining with TNT, stepping in for the second half.

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H.S. WRESTLING

KWCA pre-season rankings

Sheldon Clark team enters season ranked No. 2

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Jim Matney and the Sheldon Clark High School wrestling team enter the 2002-03 season ranked No. 2 in the state behind another perennial power, South Oldham.

Sheldon Clark begins its season with several top wrestlers returning, including Xavier Manning in the 171 class.

Other area wrestling teams, including Prestonsburg and Pike County Central are expected to have grapplers to attend for places in next year's state tournament.

The Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association (KWCA) pre-season rankings by Phil Coomes follow.

TEAM RANKINGS

1. South Oldham; 2. Sheldon Clark; 3. Woodford County; 4. Eastern; 5. Oldham County; 6. Wayne County; 7. Simon Kenton; 8. LaRue County; 9. Campbell County; 10. Seneca; 11. Ryle; 12. Trinity; 13. Fort Campbell; 14. Caldwell County; 15. Christian County; 16. John Hardin; 17. Paul Dunbar; 18. Henry Clay; 19. Union County; 20. St. Xavier.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

- 103 pounds: 1. Matt Thompson, Oldham Co.; 2. Ben Denny, South Oldham; 3. Ryan

- Dwyer, Seneca; 4. Dan Trejo, Tates Creek; 5. Kyle Ruschell, Ryle; 112: 1. Ethan Buell, Woodford County; 2. Justin Johnson, Danville; 3. Marcum Slappy, Christian County; 4. Matt Rutledge, Tates Creek; 5. Daniel St. Cyr, Seneca.

- 119: 1. Eric Barr, Trinity; 2. Alan Oliver, South Oldham; 3. Ben Hines, Campbell Co.; 4. Tommy Gabbard, Simon Kenton; 5. Justin Kolewe, Eastern; 125: 1. Joey Hagedorn, Campbell County; 2. Chris Sanders, Wayne County; 3. Chris Reed, Seneca; 4. Eric Thompson, John Hardin; 5. Junior Goatly, North Hardin.

- 130: 1. Brad Cooper, Simon Kenton; 2. Bill Whitehouse, South Oldham; 3. Cory Irving,

- Hopkinsville; 4. Jamieson Large, Woodford County; 5. Matt Miranda, Trinity; 135: 1. Luke Metzgar, Henry Clay; 2. Kent Kirby, Caldwell County; 3. Steve Murray, Waggener; 4. Will Van Nostrand, South Oldham; 5. Tim Dudley, John Hardin.

- 140: 1. Scott Cooper, LaRue County; 2. John Thompson, Sheldon Clark; 3. Derrick Fassbender, Ryle; 4. Brandon Campbell, Fort Campbell; 5. Steve Lovewell, South Oldham; 145: 1. Nic Fiser, South Oldham; 2. Will Spreher, Conner; 3. Angel Barton, Ryle; 4. Kenny Carroll, Fort Campbell; 5. Kyle Cooper,

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Paintsville-Phelps game canceled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND — One game is in the books for the Paintsville Lady Tigers and head coach Mark Baldwin. With the one game, the Lady Tigers have one win, a 67-58 triumph over Rose Hill earlier this past week in a game held on Tuesday night.

Paintsville took a 36-27 lead into the half after scoring over 20 points in the second quarter.

The Lady Tigers hit 16 of 23 from the charity stripe, while Rose Hill put in nine of 19 attempts.

Paintsville senior Stacy Music led all players with 32 points. Savannah Moore added eight points and Shanna Preston chipped in seven. Ashley Hall, Whitney Reynolds, Andrea Music, Chelsea Jarrell and Jennifer Chafin hit for four apiece to round out the Lady Tiger's scoring.

Sarah Yates led host Rose Hill with 17 points. Sarah Queen added 15 points, Emily Queen chipped in 12 and Emily VanHorn netted six. Katy Spradlin and Laura Terry rounded out the Rose Hill scoring with four points each.

Paintsville is still without the services of junior point guard Desiree Haney. The injured standout player is expected to return in either late-December or early-January.

The Paintsville girls were scheduled to host Phelps Thursday night. However, that game was canceled.

Copley

a NASCAR sanction and plan to feature five divisions. The divisions include NASCAR Late Model Stock Cars, Limited Sportsman, Grand Stock, Modified 4s, and Pure Stock 4s. LPIR welcomes back the USAR Hooters Pro Cup touring series with a tentative race date of

Hawk

Pikeville had three players to score over 10 points, led by 19 markers from Shawna Howard. Samantha Howard flipped in 14 points.

Play in the Lady Hawk tour-

April 26.

With new management in place, preparations for the 2003 season are underway. A schedule and rulebook will be available in the coming weeks. For more information please call the track office at 276/395-5001 or email LPIR@hotmail.com.

ney got started back in the tournament on Saturday with a champion still left to be crowned. Results from all Saturday games were unavailable at press time.

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Games On Tap

Boys' : Monday

TBA-West Carter (EKC Tournament)
TBA-Morgan County (EKC Tournament)

Tuesday

Betsy Layne Paintsville
Jenkins Fleming-Neon
Johnson Central Lawrence County
Lee County Wolfe County
Leslie County Letcher
Magoffin County Prestonsburg
Perry County Central Hazard
Phelps East Ridge
Pike County Central Allen Central
Shelby Valley Knott County Central
Sheldon Clark Pikeville
Whitesburg Breathitt County

Thursday

Belfry Sheldon Clark
Cordia Owsley County
Letcher June Buchanan
Rose Hill Christian Lawrence County

Friday

Bath County West Carter
Boyd County Ashland Blazer
Boyle County Powell County
Elizabethtown Central Hardin
Estill County Madison Central
Fleming-Neon Letcher
Hazard Breathitt County
Knott County Central Wolfe County
Paintsville Magoffin County
Perry County Central Leslie County
Phelps Shelby Valley
Prestonsburg East Ridge
Rowan County Raceland
Russell Greenup County
Southern Whitesburg
Jenkins

Saturday

Allen Central Knott County Central
Bath County East Carter
Betsy Layne Belfry
(Floyd Co. Classic)

Fairview June Buchanan
Jenkins Pikeville
Larue County Powell County
Lexington Catholic Rose Hill Christian
Manchester, Ohio Rowan County
(Ohio-Kentucky Challenge)
Middlesboro Breathitt County
(Clay County Classic)
Owsley County Buckhorn

Portsmouth, Ohio Morgan County
Prestonsburg George Rogers Clark
(Floyd Co. Classic)
South Floyd Magoffin County
(Floyd Co. Classic)

Girls' : Monday

Ashland Blazer Breathitt County
Boyd County Johnson Central
Cordia Piarist School
(Three Rivers Conference Tournament)
Hazard Whitesburg
Jenkins Fleming-Neon
Knott County Central Pulaski Southwestern
Leslie County Owsley County
Menifee County Wolfe County
Montgomery County Rose Hill Christian
Morgan County TBA
Paintsville Betsy Layne
Phelps Pike County Central
Pikeville Allen Central
Shelby Valley Magoffin County
South Floyd East Ridge
TBA Cordia
(Three Rivers Conference Tournament)
TBA West Carter (EKC Tournament)
TBA Lewis County (EKC Tournament)
TBA Greenup County
TBA Lawrence County (EKC Tournament)

Tuesday

June Buchanan Piarist School
(Three Rivers Conference Tournament)
Perry County Central Hazard

Thursday

Breathitt County Whitesburg
East Ridge Pikeville
Fleming-Neon Pike County Central
Jenkins Letcher
Johnson Central Paintsville
Knott County Central Powell County
Lawrence County Fairview
Prestonsburg Magoffin County
Raceland Menifee County
Shelby Valley Phelps
Wolfe County Owsley County

Friday

Belfry Betsy Layne
(Lady Pirate Invitational)
Buckhorn Piarist School
(Three Rivers Conference Tournament)
Lee County Jackson City
Leslie County Perry County Central
Rose Hill Christian Sheldon Clark

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NIAA

Milligan sweeps ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Milligan College traveled north from Tennessee on Thursday and took a men's-women's doubleheader from Alice Lloyd College.

The Milligan women got off to a quick start, and eventually led the host Lady Eagles 34-16 at the half. Milligan then went on to win 72-57.

A balanced offensive attack saw Milligan place six players in double figures. Kari Stout came

in off the bench for 13 points to lead the visiting team in scoring. Kristin Kerkvliet, Ginny White, Amanda Greene and Amanda Hammons all had 11 points apiece for the visiting team from Johnson City, Tenn. Joy Clark added 10 for Milligan.

Twenty-five turnovers didn't help the Lady Eagles.

Leah Whitley was the top scorer for Alice Lloyd, netting 18 points. Devon Reynolds tossed in 10 and Erica Webb ended the regulation game with eight.

The Alice Lloyd men's team fell 83-74 in overtime, after leading 38-30 at halftime. Milligan won the second half by a count of 40-32 to push the game into extra time.

Jonathan Harris scored a game-high 32 points and Craig Emmert tacked on 24 more for Milligan. Harris had 11 rebounds and Emmert added a game-high 18 boards.

Guard Nick Samons led Alice Lloyd in points produced with 21. Tommy McKenzie had 14 and Kent Campbell and Matt Spencer finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

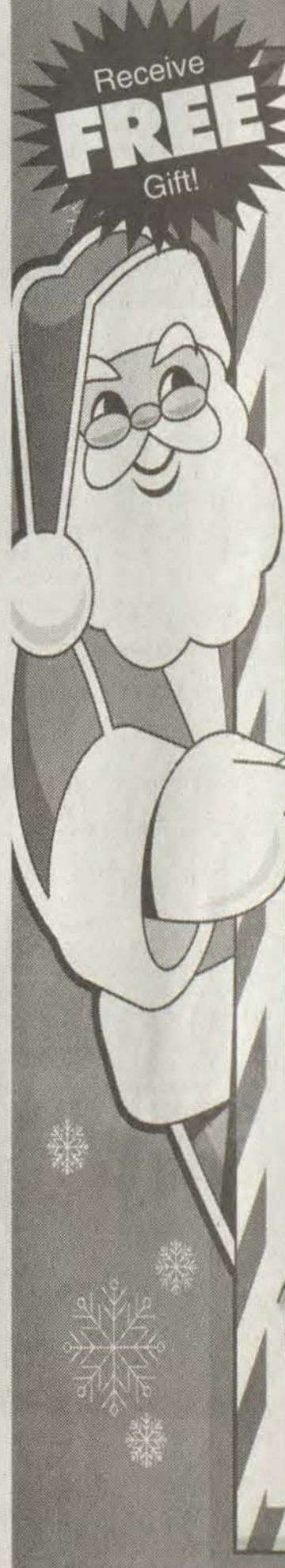
Ryan Shannon and Shannon Akers each had five points apiece for the Eagles in the short effort.

Milligan won the rebounding battle, 43-38.

KWCA

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Simon Kenton, 152: 1. Eric Burrell, LaRue County; 2. Buddy Dodd, Wayne County; 3. Jacob Guerin, Woodford County; 4. Jamie Cantrell, South Oldham; 5. Joe Thomas, Union Co. 160: 1. Josh Riordan, Oldham County; 2. Andrew Cooper, LaRue County; 3. Jake McMahan, Simon Kenton; 4. Darrin McCutcheon, Wayne County; 5. Anthony Green, Christian County. 171: 1. Xavier Manning, Sheldon Clark; 2. Greg Minwell, South Oldham; 3. Tyler Sharp, Wayne County; 4. Eric Mayo, Simon Kenton; 5. Joey Stone, Apollo. 189: 1. Brandon Perry, McCreary County; 2. Kyle Van Zant, Woodford County; 3. Chaz Davis, Paul Dunbar; 4. Derrick Gibbs, Oldham County; 5. Danny Sparks, Sheldon Clark. 215: 1. Derek Sawyer, Eastern; 2. Ross Cassity, Woodford County; 3. Brett Gibbs, Oldham County; 4. Kent Wells, Caldwell County; 5. Taylor Scherer, South Oldham. HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Zach Brewer, Paul Dunbar; 2. Joe Berrow, Central Hardin; 3.



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NASCAR

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The season-opening Daytona 500, the biggest event stock car racing, alternates between the two networks for the course of the contract. Fox broadcast the 500 in 2001, NBC this year and it will be Fox again in 2003.

Asked if the split season has caused any problems among the networks, Schanzer said, "We decided that all of us would be in this sport and we all would benefit by the rising tide."

Hill noted the split season is also a benefit for the race production crews.

"I've noticed that in NASCAR they are just beat after every event," he said. "For one crew to do a full season of 36 races would be too much to ask. This (split season) is more serendipitous than anything

else."

As for the reportedly large losses the networks are sustaining from the third biggest contract in sports - behind only the NFL and the NBA - Schanzer attributed a lot of the problem to the faltering economy of the past two years.

He said the contract with NASCAR "is meeting our projections from last year but not when we made the deal."

Still, he added, "That NASCAR continues its remarkable growth is both a wonderful surprise and a reaffirmation of the attraction of this great product."

Lazarus said, "The sport's continued success and growth in tough economic times is unmatched in today's television marketplace."

Moore

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6. West Carter (31-3)
7. Harrison County (26-8)
8. Mercy (25-7)
9. Shelby County (27-5)
10. Muhlenberg North (27-7)
11. Manual (18-10)
12. Assumption (23-7)
13. Newport Central Catholic (26-6)
14. Woodford County (25-7)
15. Pleasure Ridge Park (28-5)

16. Mercer County (25-7)
17. Louisville HC (20-11)
18. Elizabethtown (19-9)
19. Butler (23-7)
20. Henderson County (24-6)
21. Henry Clay (28-3)
22. Perry Co. Central (28-5)
23. Notre Dame (20-10)
24. Bryan Station (18-11)
25. Owensboro Catholic (19-10)

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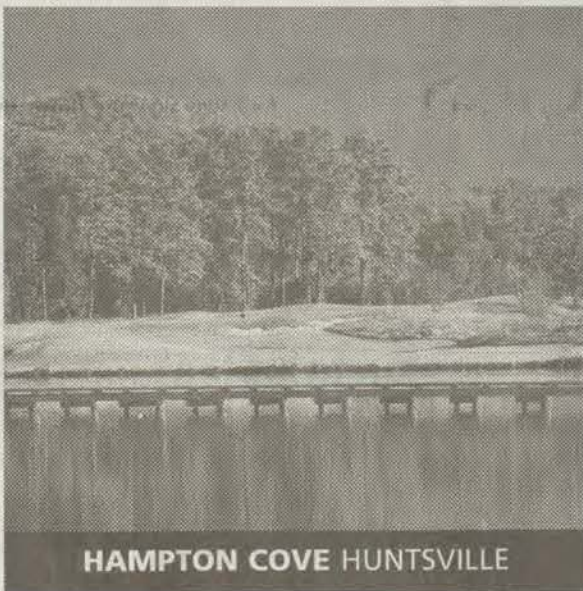
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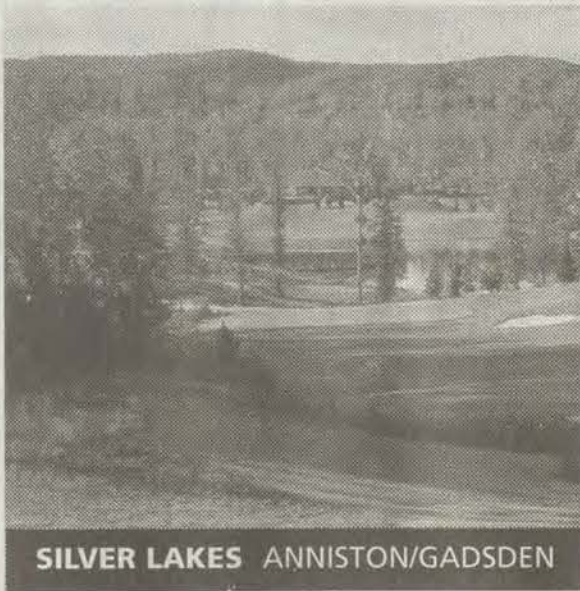
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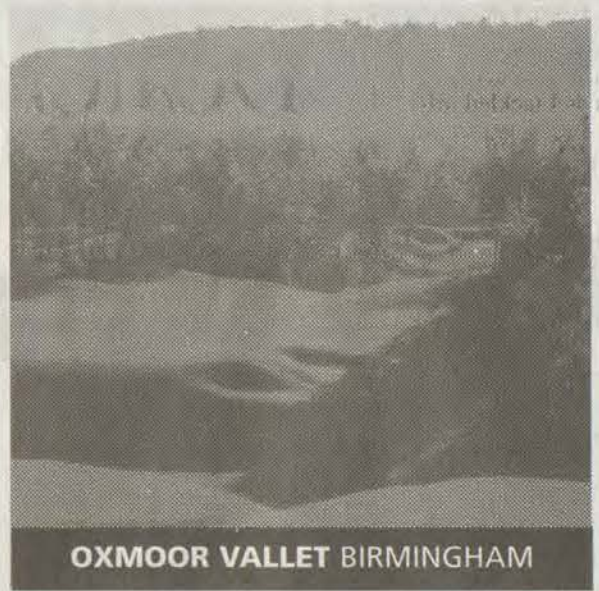
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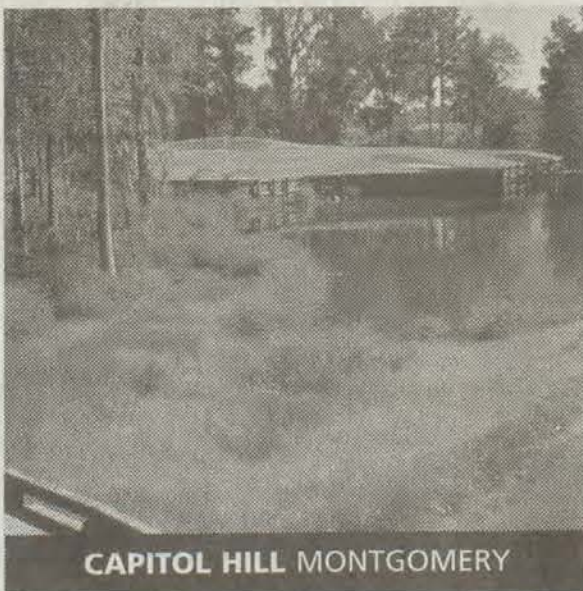
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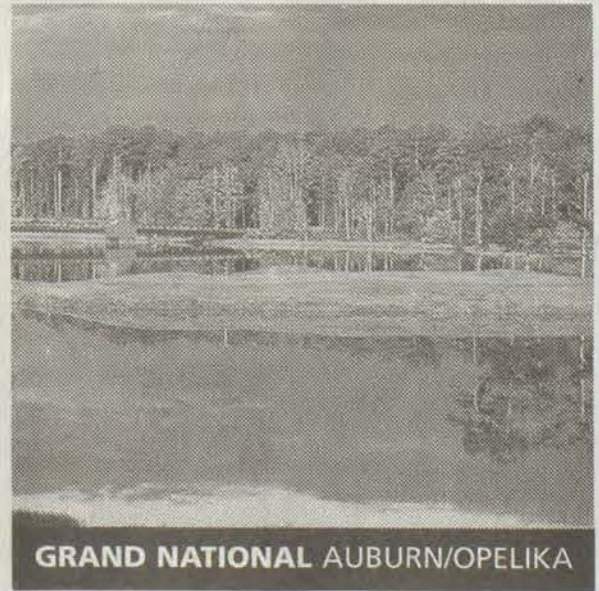
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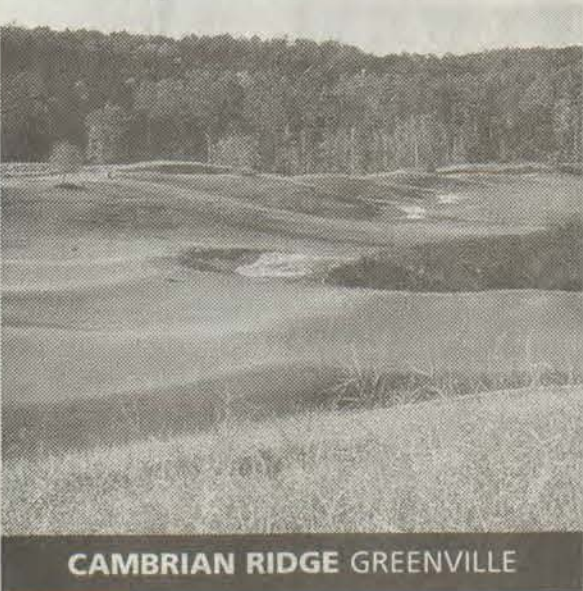
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Get the November MONEY magazine and read about the Trail or visit www.cnnmoney.com.

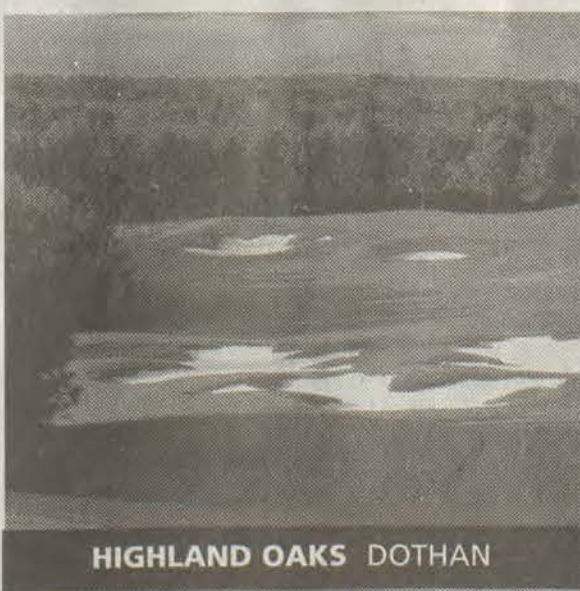
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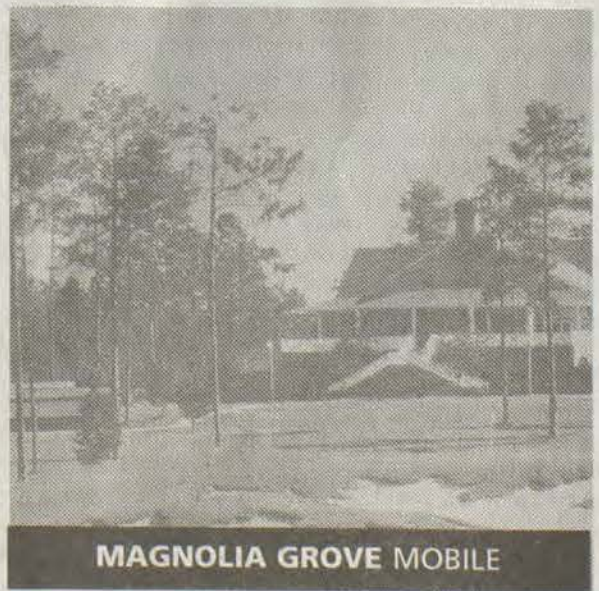
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Mtn. Enterprises completes \$1 million gift to Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE, Ky. - Shortly before Christmas in 1997, Mountain Enterprises, one of the most successful construction companies in Kentucky and surrounding states, announced a \$1 million gift to Pikeville College. Now, on the fifth anniversary of the occasion, the company has completed its commit-

ment to the College with the final \$100,000.

Mountain Enterprises contributed \$500,000 at the time of the December 1997 announcement. The company has followed up by giving \$100,000 each year for five successive years to complete the \$1 million commitment.

"The Lawson family has been extremely successful in business and they have done so much with the fruits of their success to help the people of our region," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith. "They have supported Pikeville College and several other organizations helping young peo-

ple throughout Kentucky. They really have made a difference in people's lives."

"We are pleased to support the College and other organizations in the region which help young people. We feel a strong responsibility to give back to the community and region for which

we care so much," said Leonard Lawson, chairman of the board of Mountain Enterprises.

Smith said the Lawsons' gift has been a catalyst for growth at the College over the past few years.

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A View from the Hill

As I continue my junior year at Pikeville College, I feel blessed that my family supported me in my decision to attend this college, which has provided me with opportunities for academic excellence, as well as personal achievement in dance through my work with the community dance program.



Combs

I enrolled at Pikeville College in the fall of 2000 as a freshman with an undecided major.

Over the past two years, the College has helped me to come to a decision about my future. I would like to work in the field of communication.

Having come from a small, private high school, I was relieved to find the classes were consistently small in student number. I got to know my instructors quickly, and in a few weeks they called me by my name when I would see them on campus. This helped settle my fears as I tackled difficult subjects. Several classes became a "purpose road" to

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HONORS

HCC honors retiree Diana Walker

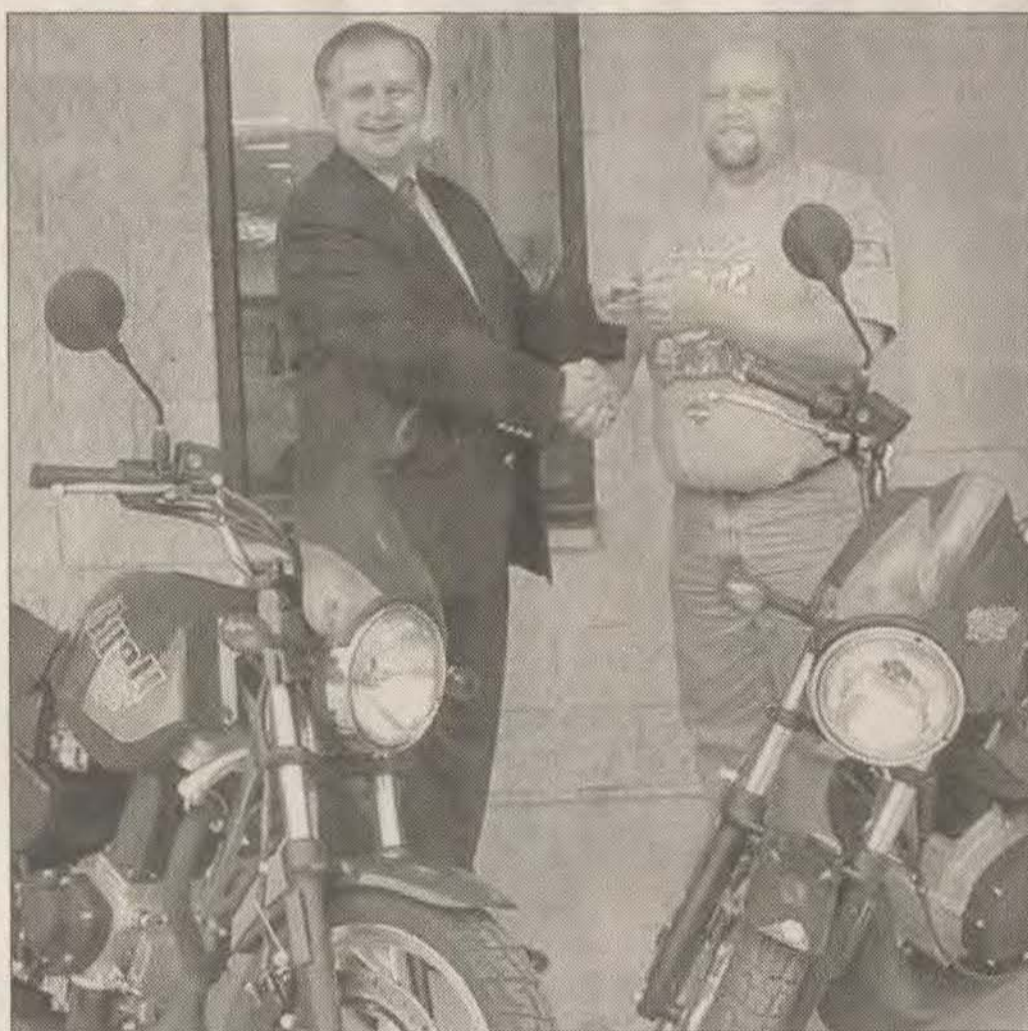
Recently faculty and staff of the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College gathered to honor Diana Walker, who retired from full time employment after serving the college for 32 years. The Hazard Area Vocational School initially employed Diana in 1969; her duties primarily dealt with Manpower Development Training programs. At that time programs were scheduled so that eligible students attended class 40 hours per week and completed a program between nine and 12 months-some of these programs were Mine Repair, Mine Mechanics, Carpentry, and Auto Mechanics.

In 1974, Diana transferred to the human resources department and continued various duties within that department for the remainder of her tenure. She has observed many organizational changes during her 32 years and also observed a few name changes for the school. Diana has always excelled in her duties and has been a valued employee, so much so that when she announced her retirement plans, she was asked to remain as a part-time employee.

"Diana is an exceptional employee," noted Mike Dixon, vice president and campus director. "She is always willing to assist employees with any issue. She is very knowledgeable of the Human Resources policies and has been an excellent resource person during our transition into a comprehensive community college. Even after her retirement, she continues to provide assistance to the

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PCC RIDER COURSE



Harley Davidson of Pikeville's Shawn Blackburn presented PCC Economic and Workforce Development Director David Pelphrey with two Buell motorcycles to be used in the college's rider safety course.

Dealer donates motorcycles to PCC rider course

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College district community education program would like to thank Shawn Blackburn of Harley Davidson of Pikeville for the donation of two new Buell motorcycles.

The motorcycles will be used in a motorcycle rider course taught at the Prestonsburg Campus. The course, under the direction of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, consists of three days of classroom instruction on proper operation of a motorcycle along with controlled, off-street riding instruction.

Blackburn said that motorcycle riding has become a very popular

hobby in Eastern Kentucky and he feels that the course offered at PCC is something every motorcycle rider should consider.

David Pelphrey, director of economic and workforce development of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, said, "The generous donation of these two motorcycles demonstrates Harley-Davidson of Pikeville's commitment to the safety and enjoyment of a hobby that is extremely popular here in the United States and more locally here in the Big Sandy. We welcome the two Buell motorcycles and the partnership that Harley Davidson owners Shawn and Wes Blackburn have formed with our district. This serves

as a prime example of the partnership we wish to build with local businesses in accomplishing our mission."

Pelphrey also added that due to the increasing number of ATV accidents that it is the community and economic workforce development's desire to partner with area ATV dealers in an effort to develop ATV safety courses.

If you would like more information concerning the Motorcycle Rider Course offered at the Prestonsburg Campus call 886-3863 or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 228 or 258. Remember you can visit us on the web at www.big_sandy.edu.

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Changes one brick at a time

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

I find myself in awe as I drive by a place that I haven't been in a while and notice the development of a new building. I am located at the Prestonsburg Campus and I was continually amazed out how quickly the student center building was planned, built and now is presently occupied.

I felt the same way recently while visiting the Mayo Campus as I stepped over boxes and equipment while trying to vision a wall here and an office

suite over there. A day's work really makes a difference when it comes to construction and the gifted hands that lay each block in place.

As I was walking down the hall to my office this week I had to stop and take a second look at what was going in the office beside of me. Right before my very eyes a block wall was being built to make two offices out of one. The next morning doors were being set in place and an inner wall began to surface. The Mayo masonry students, under the supervision of masonry instructor Randall Haney, were performing this great task.

The masonry program is a two-year program taught on the Pikeville Campus. Haney says that students are able to obtain a certificate in stone masonry, brick laying or a diploma in construction brick layer.

"There is a great demand for trained and qualified masons," Haney said.

The local average wage for a mason is around \$12 to \$15 per hour, with the pay increasing to \$25-plus in surrounding areas.

"Brick laying is not for everyone," said Haney. "It is hard work and requires someone with good communication

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PCC students featured in art show



Students whose work will appear in the show include, seated, Pennie Mills, Beth Lemaster, Joanna Hall, Brandon Elswick and Gladys Nickles; and, standing, Stacy Johnson, Belinda Butcher, Emma Jean Pelphrey, Janet Wells, Angelina Hensley, Lindsey Johnson, Lisa Gibson, Frances Branham and Adam Ratliff. Students unavailable for picture include Joel Lemaster, Colby Blake Blanton, Ricky A. Newton, Ray Fernandez and Garnet Hinkle.

"Our Road" is the title of an exhibition now on display at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery. The works are contributed by students from Tom Whitaker's drawing class and will be on display until Dec. 11.

According to art professor Tom Whitaker, this class is one of the most versatile, in terms of technique and subject matter, that he has taught in recent years. Landscapes, portraits, still life, and fantasy dominate the show. All are invited to attend to come see "Our Road" and the direction that it is taking us.

Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 886-3863 or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 6342.

Safety Tips for Toys and Holiday Decorations

FRANKFORT- The day after Thanksgiving marks the busiest shopping day of the year for Americans purchasing Christmas presents such as toys and holiday decorations. The Cabinet for Health Services urges shoppers to take a few minutes during this busy time to think about

safety for themselves and their loved ones. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the holidays are safer and happier if people take time to follow some simple safety guidelines about toys, trees, lights and decorations.

tions.

Toy Safety

■ Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages. Toys that are too advanced could be a safety hazard for younger children.

■ Read instructions carefully before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy received as a gift. If the toy is appropriate for your child, show him how to use it properly.

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q How are my bills paid in the Original Medicare Plan?

A For Part A services and some Part B services the provider sends a claim to your Fiscal Intermediary or your Regional Home Health Intermediary. For Part B services and supplies the provider sends a claim to your Medicare Carrier or Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier.

Q How will I know when Medicare makes payment?

A The Intermediary or Carrier will send you a form called a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). The MSN lists all the services or supplies that were billed to Medicare for that month. The MSN is not a bill and you should not send money to Medicare.

Q What information is on the MSN?

A The MSN includes the date of service, the provider that billed, the amount billed, and the Medicare approved and paid amounts. There is a column on the MSN titled "You May Be Billed". This is the total amount the provider is allowed to bill you. It combines the deductibles, the coinsurance and any non-covered charges. If you have other insurance that supplements Medicare it may pay all or part of the amount in this column.

Q Who should I call if I have questions about a MSN?

A You should call the Medicare contractor that processed your claim. The MSN includes a Customer Service Information box with the contractor's name and contact information. The 2003 Medicare and You Handbook includes a sample copy of a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and full details that can help you understand your MSN.

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.



Citizens National Bank President and CEO Dennis Dorton and other dignitaries were on hand Monday for the grand opening of the bank's first Pike County branch.

Citizens opens first branch in Pike County

PIKEVILLE — On Monday, Dec. 2, Citizens National Bank President and CEO Dennis T. Dorton presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first CNB branch in Pike County for full service banking.

Citizens National Bank is the second largest independent, locally owned and operated bank in the Big Sandy region. The new Weddington Plaza

Branch on North Mayo Trail features a full-service lobby, multiple drive-through teller lanes and a drive-through ATM.

Citizens National Bank will hold a weeklong grand opening celebration beginning Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 to welcome the public to its new Pike County bank branch. The festivities culminate with "Super Fun Friday" on Dec. 13, which

includes a visit from Santa Claus along with face painting for the kids, Christmas carolers in the lobby and another opportunity to meet and talk to Dorton.

The first 300 adults who visit the lobby of the new Weddington Plaza Branch during the grand

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CHAMBER NOTES

Country Deli & More to hold ribbon-cutting and open house

Country Deli & More and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to attend their ribbon-cutting and open house on Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

The restaurant is located at 135 Court Street in Prestonsburg. The Chamber is pleased to welcome Country Deli & More as a new Chamber member.

Country Deli features home-made country specials, salad, soup

and potato bar, friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere for business or pleasure. Call today for a menu, 886-6305.

Country Deli & More will also be a redeeming participant in our local Chamber Buck Program, developed to promote and encourage patronage of our local businesses. The Chamber updates our Chamber Buck Gift Certificate Program participating businesses

list regularly. Any business can become a redeeming location by contacting the Chamber today. You can also find participants and gift certificate information on our new website (www.floydcountytimes.com).

Support our local business this holiday season by letting your Christmas gift last the whole year

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

How to enjoy the season, and still respect yourself come January

The holidays can play havoc with your health regimen. With all those treats and feasts, parties, traveling and late nights, healthy habits and good intentions can go right out the window. But the American Heart Association has tools and tips to help you enjoy yourself this season, and still respect yourself in the morning.

Heart-healthy eating doesn't have to mean cutting sweets out of your

diet. There are plenty of tricks for cutting some fat and calories from your sweet holiday treats—without losing the flavor!

■ When cutting fat in a recipe, add sweet spices like cinnamon or nutmeg, or use one and one-half times the amount of spice called for.

■ Try doubling the amount of vanilla, or use one and one-half times as much citrus zest or almond extract

as the recipe specifies.

■ To intensify the rich flavor of chocolate desserts, add one-half to one teaspoon of instant coffee granules to the recipe.

■ Instead of a high-fat piecrust, try a meringue shell. Just make sure your bowl and beaters are completely clean, so egg whites will whip prop

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USDA

USDA Rural Development invests \$357.3 million in Ky

LEXINGTON — Rural Development in Kentucky, a Mission Area of the United States Department of Agriculture, helped 2,504 rural families obtain housing and provided for 1,400 rural jobs during FY 2002.

In addition to employment and home-ownership, 68,755 rural Kentucky citizens benefited from new or improved water and sewer systems and telecommunication and electrical services. Approximately 120,920 rural residents had their lives improved through the construction of medical facilities, libraries, fire-rescue equipment, police cruisers, and daycare centers financed by Rural Development Community Facilities funding.

USDA Rural Development in Kentucky provided \$14,153,000 in loans and grants in 2002 to build or expand community facilities; \$113,144,900 for building or improving drinking water and sewer systems; \$38,944,860 to help start or expand businesses and cooperatives; \$921,670 for loans to pay for the construction of 24 affordable apartment units and \$531,950 to repair or upgrade 54 apartment units; \$229,878 in grant funds were awarded to non-profit organizations to assist very-low income families through rehabilitation and preservation of their existing homes; \$186,832,445 for purchase of homes for

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Ingredients of holiday memories

It's the towering pine with bubbling lights on every branch, Christmas cards hanging at an angle on red ribbon across the mantel, the manger scene on the piano, and the aromas of fresh-baked rye bread, Swedish meatballs and overflowing bowls of rice pudding laced with crushed cardamom seed that call back the memory of my childhood Christmases. The details have become a collection of images that tell the story of what we did every year, carrying on the traditions from the "old country" of



DAVID LAROCHELLE

my grandparents and mixing them with the new.

Here are some "ingredients of memories" to choose from as you create your own holiday traditions this month and in the years to come.

- Plan an afternoon to drive into the country to cut down your Christmas tree at a tree farm, or go together to choose one at a neighborhood tree lot.

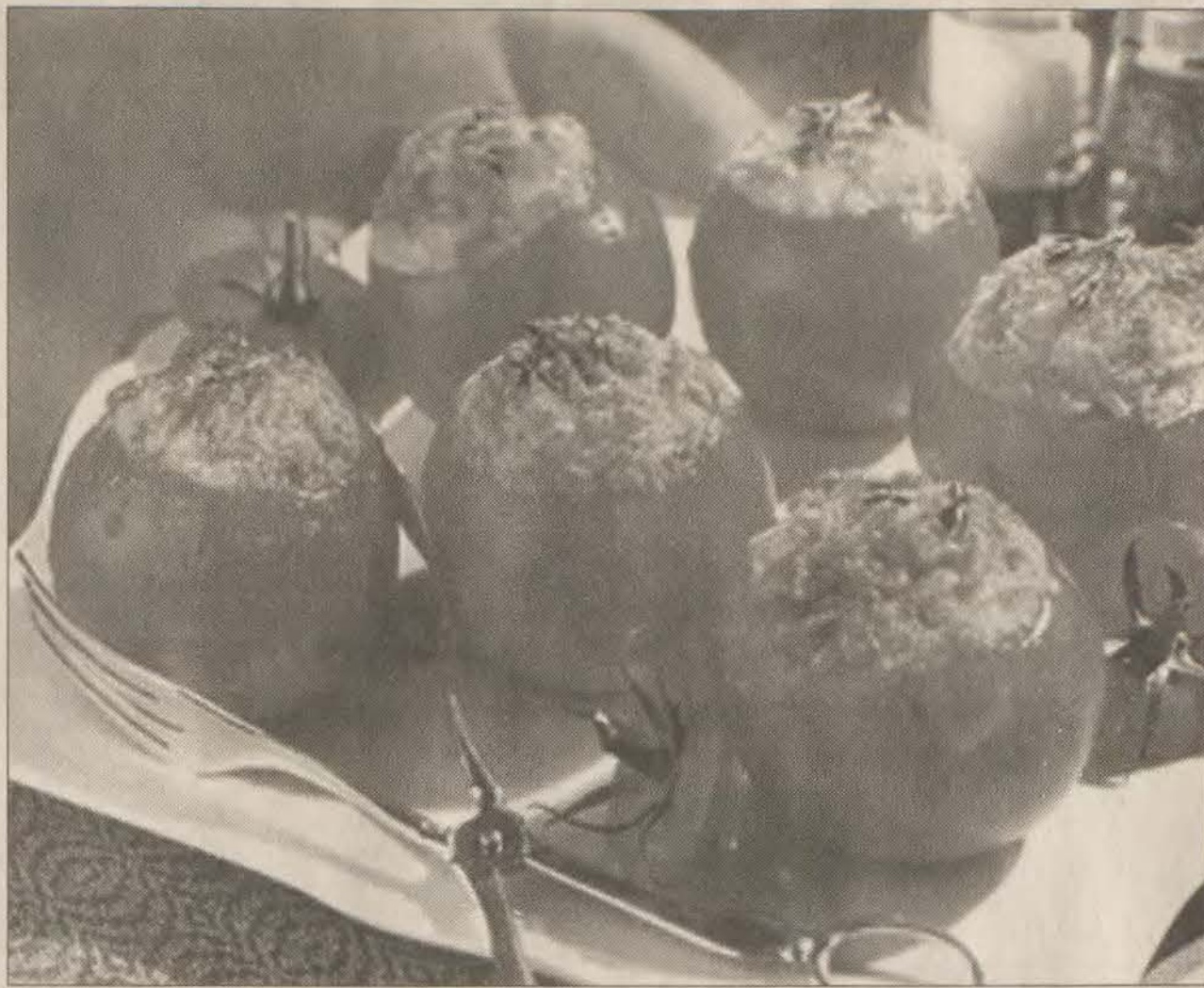
- Save special ornaments the children have made from year to year. Reminisce about the year each was made as you hang them on the branches. Once decorated, gather quilts and pillows at bedtime and sleep with your children beside your twinkling Christmas tree.

- Attend a religious service to worship and focus on the spiritual significance and meaning of the season according to your heritage.

- The holiday season brings the richness of literature, drama, dance and music. Treat your family to an annual gift of tickets to one of the theater performances or concerts in your area.

- Read books together, such as "A Christmas Carol" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Let your children's imaginations take them to far-away lands with stories based on Christmas customs and winter celebrations in other countries. Or, retell a favorite story from your collection of Christmas memories. Even if details are embellished over time, your children will cherish the joy of those cozy moments spent with you.

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.



STARVED FOR NEW IDEAS? TRY THESE RECIPES

No matter how long we've been preparing meals, there comes a time when we need a little inspiration from outside to put new life into dinner. Well, here are a couple of ideas.

These stuffed tomatoes supply protein and dairy in the cheese, carbs in the potatoes and breadcrumbs, and the tomatoes and potatoes give us a leg up on the recommended five-a-day share of veggies. They're both healthful and delicious.

The second recipe using couscous mix is a quickie, needing only about 5 minutes of cooking time and less than 15 minutes of preparation. As you know, couscous is simply a tiny pasta that cooks in no time.

CHEESE AND POTATO STUFFED TOMATOES

- 6 large, firm unpeeled tomatoes
- Salt
- 3 cups mashed Idaho potatoes*
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 teaspoons paprika

*Use fresh potatoes or instant potato flakes prepared according to package directions.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.

2. Using a paring knife, remove stem end of each tomato. With a grapefruit spoon, small melon baller or teaspoon, carefully hollow out inside, removing seeds and juice. (If desired, reserve scooped out portion and add to filling.) Sprinkle inside of each tomato with a little salt and place tomatoes upside down on cake rack to drain for about 15 minutes.

3. In medium bowl, combine potatoes, chives, thyme, pepper and 1 cup of the cheddar cheese. Fill tomato cups with potato mixture using a teaspoon. In small bowl combine breadcrumbs, remaining 1/4 cup cheese and paprika; sprinkle over each tomato.

4. Place filled tomatoes in non-stick or well-oiled muffin cups. Bake 10 to 15 minutes until topping is crisp and tomatoes are heated through. Makes 6 servings.

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

ORANGE ZESTY SPICY COUSCOUS

- 1 naval orange
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon chili oil*
- 1 (5.8-ounce) Near East Roasted Garlic & Olive Oil Couscous mix
- 1/4 cup sliced green part of scallions
- 1/4 cup California raisins

1. Grate zest from orange, avoiding white of skin. Squeeze juice from orange; set aside.

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Comfort foods



by JoAnna M. Lund

This is a luscious rice pudding, but with a holiday twist! I always say you can never get too much of a good thing. Take a taste of this and see if you don't agree.

Rice pudding delight

SOUR CREAM RUM RAISIN RICE PUDDING

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/3 cup fat-free sour cream
- 1 teaspoon rum extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 2 cups cold cooked rice
- 6 tablespoons reduced-calorie whipped topping

whipped topping

In large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in sour cream, rum extract and nutmeg. Add raisins and rice. Mix well to combine. Evenly spoon rice mixture into 6 dessert dishes. Top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Lightly sprinkle additional

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Dear Diane... Brag about your man

DEAR DIANE:

My best friend, "Gina," is getting married on New Year's Eve. I'm to be one of her bridesmaids. However, Gina has chosen the most hideous shade of purple for the bridesmaids' gowns. Not only would I not be caught dead wearing this atrocity, I wouldn't even bury my dog in it! How do I break the news to her without ruining our friendship?

— AGHAST IN AKRON

DEAR AKRON:

You don't. Wear the dress. Keep your mouth shut. Support your friend. This is HER day, not yours. That's why bridesmaids' dresses are so hideous. They make the bride look better.

DEAR DIANE:

I have a bone to pick with you. I read your column every week and all you seem to print are letters from wives complaining about how their husbands get on their nerves. You're giving men a bad reputation!

We aren't all bad. In fact, my wife, Gwen, always brags to her friends at bingo night about how I'm always buying her flowers for no reason, except to say "I Love You."

I love my wife of 42 years, and I thank God every day that I have been blessed by knowing her. I'm not "whipped," just a man who's lucky enough to have found the right woman and knows how to treat her.

Please, Diane, ask your female readers to write in if they've also found a man who treats them right.

— A LUCKY GUY
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEAR LUCKY:

Most people write whenever things are going bad, which is why they need advice. If things are going well, there's no point in asking anyone for advice. Still, your point is well-taken. How 'bout it, ladies? Care to brag about your man? Drop me line.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail her at DearDianeV@aol.com.

Ear noises, hearing loss and dizziness are Ménière's triple threat

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am going crazy with something that's happening in my head — I think. I get spells where my ears ring and I can't hear well. Along with those two annoyances, I am often so dizzy that I have to sit down. Then everything returns to normal, but the triple threat returns, and it is returning more often. What's going on? — R.N.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ANSWER:

If he were alive, I'd send you to Dr. Prosper Ménière (Main-YER), a French doctor of the 19th century. He described a condition that includes the three symptoms you have — episodes of ear noises such as ringing, roaring or buzzing; transient deafness; and dizziness that makes people feel like they have been trapped in the spin cycle of a washer.

Early in the course of this syndrome, the episodes are relatively short. With the passage of time, they become longer, and the intervals between attacks become shorter. At first, only one ear is affected. Later, both might be.

The trouble lies in the inner ear. It is the

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Obstacle illusions

Heidi Marotz

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE UNSINKABLE SOUL")

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Legs. We run, ski, climb mountains and swim without thinking much about them.

My husband, Scott, had used his legs to win downhill ski scholarships in college and to climb to the top of the Grand Tetons in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Then, without warning, during an unseasonably warm April, a tumor was discovered in Scott's spinal cord. We were told death or paralysis could be the end result.

Our children — Chase, Jillian and Hayden — ranged in age from 7 to 2.

They didn't really understand all the "bad stuff" that was going on — but they were the biggest cheerleaders and the best teachers when Scott found out his life would go on, but he was paralyzed from the rib cage down.

Adults sometimes get stuck looking at the things that are gone. I would think about camping trips we'd never take, the mountains Scott would never climb and the fresh powder he'd never ski with his children.

Chase, Jillian and Hayden were too busy with the business of life to get bogged down with what their dad

couldn't do. They stood on the pedals of his wheelchair and screamed with delight as he raced them down quiet hospital corridors.



The doctors said to prepare Scott for life in a wheelchair, because if he thought he'd walk again — and could not — he would be depressed. The kids didn't listen to the doctors; they urged their dad to "try to stand up." I worried that Scott would fall down; the kids laughed with him when he fell and rolled on the grass. I cried, but they urged him to "try again."

In the middle of all these changes

in our lives, I took a drawing class at a local college. For a week, the instructor told us we couldn't draw things; we could only draw spaces between things. One day as I sat under a giant pine tree drawing the spaces between branches, I began to see the world as Scott and the kids saw it. I didn't see the branches as obstacles that could stop a wheelchair from traveling across the lawn; I saw all the spaces that would allow wheelchairs, people and even small animals to sneak through. When I wasn't focused on the branches — or the obstacles of life — I gained a new appreciation for all the spaces. Oddly enough, whether you draw the spaces or the branches, the picture looks pretty much the same; it's just how you see it that's different.

When I joined my family in looking for the "spaces," a new world opened up. It wasn't the same — sometimes we were frustrated — but it was always rewarding because we were working together. As we tried all these new adventures, Scott began to stand up and then walk with the use of a cane. He still has no feeling in his lower body and legs; he can't run or ride a bike, but he enjoys so many new experiences.

We learned that you don't need feeling in your legs to fly a kite, play a board game, plant a tree, float in a mountain lake or attend a school program. Legs aren't needed to hug, bandage a cut or talk someone through a

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Books: "The Science of Harry Potter"

"The Science of Harry Potter"
by Roger Highfield
(Viking, \$23.95)
Reviewed by David Smith

If you have a child (or grandchild) who is hooked on J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books, I have the perfect gift. "The Science of Harry Potter" is a great book geared toward young readers and fans of the Hogwarts clique. It is written at the same level as the Potter books and even uses

much of the terminology. For instance, author Roger Highfield refers to us humans as "muggles" just as the wizards in the "Harry Potter" books do. "The Science of Harry Potter" attempts to take the magical elements of Rowlings' books and look at them from a scientific perspective. We don't have flying brooms in our world, but what would it take for us to make one? He then explains the Bernoulli Principle (which governs lift), and in easy-to-understand language goes through all the scientific

steps needed to create a flying broom. What about an invisibility cloak? It might be possible to create one using fiber optics, explains Highfield. Magical animals are also discussed, not only from the standpoint of genetic engineering, but also from an historical perspective. The griffin, which is considered a mythical animal, is actually based upon the Protoceratops, the fossils of which were originally discovered by Sythian nomads in 675 B.C.

I would like to stress once more that this is a book primarily for younger readers (under 16). As an adult, I found many of the items fascinating, but Highfield's Harry Potterisms (he uses the term "muggle" about 6 BILLION times) tend to wear thin after a while. Still I highly recommend it.

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

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Cold weather fitness



The late fall and winter months can make it difficult to continue a fitness routine that consists of outdoor activities. Colder temperatures and less sunlight require a realistic and diverse plan to keep you moving toward your fitness goals. Following these tips can keep you fit on the inside when it gets cold outside.

■ Anticipate a temperature change. Begin planning alternative exercise routines early. Plan ahead; don't wait until you are forced to change your workouts. A fitness routine that consists of hiking, walking, cycling or rucking may have to be altered during colder months.

■ Find innovative and fun activities that could take the place of outdoor activities that may have to be put on hold during the winter, such as dance lessons, spinning classes, mall walking or indoor rock climbing. Try different activities before the really cold weather arrives, so you are well-prepared if your workouts have to change. Keeping yourself active and motivated are top priorities.

■ Prepare your body for colder weather. Not everyone hibernates; if you continue to walk, run or cycle outdoors as the weather changes, it is extremely important to equip your body with tools to fight the elements. Dress in layers and protect your head, ears, face, nose, hands and toes. As

you begin to warm up you can always peel back layers. Drink plenty of fluids. Although the weather is cold outside and you may take longer to build a sweat, staying hydrated is still important.

■ Go with the flow. Try to remain flexible and give yourself many options. Since the weather is beyond our control, developing plans for different scenarios can be helpful. Joining a health club, purchasing an aerobic video or teaming up with a friend who owns fitness equipment are three options you can use to complete your aerobic workout regardless of outside conditions. Also, remember not to be too hard on yourself if you miss a day — just get back on track as soon as possible.

Please consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

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@heartsinc.com, or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I am 20 years old and in college. My girlfriend, "Stacy," and I have been living together for six months. When we met, Stacy was a cool person. We liked the same music and movies, and we shared the same politics. Recently, though, Stacy has changed.

She's now gone all Goth on me, and it's creeping me out. She dresses like an Addams Family reject, listens to bands I've never heard of, and now she goes around wanting to be called "Indigo LeStacia." What the heck is going on here? Last

I'm dating an Addams Family reject

night she told me she wanted to get pierced — in 15 PLACES. I love Stacy, but she's been Borg'd by Indigo LeStacia. What am I going to do?

— NOT PALE ENOUGH IN PITTSBURGH

DAVE SAYS:

It all depends on whose name the lease is in. If your apartment's lease is in Stacy's name, then pack your stuff and move out. If it's in your name, tell Miss Indigo to jangle her pierced self to the Dorm Abyss or Roommate Purgatory (if you get my drift, and I think you do).

You're young, in college and surrounded by a gajillion hotties who aren't a bunch of Anne Rice groupies or Dracula wannabes. Don't waste your

time, breath or emotions on trying to get Stacy to fit a mold she isn't ready to fill.

And for goodness' sake, don't be so quick to have a live-in girlfriend the next time. Play the field. Enjoy your own personal space. Make a few great memories. That's what I'd do.

SAM SAYS:

I agree that splitting up is a possible solution to your problem. After all, people change and move on with their lives all the time — it's a natural part of human existence, and it's not the end of the world. However, I hardly think that it's the first avenue you should explore.

You've lived together for six months, so you obviously both have a lot of emotional

energy invested in the relationship. That's not something you should just throw away because someone is going through a phase — and, most likely, that's exactly what this is. College is not just an academic education; it's a chance for people to figure out how they want to relate to the world and how they can change how they're perceived by others.

I'm willing to bet that at some point Indigo will realize that the look-at-me-I'm-so-tortured approach isn't necessarily the best way to go about getting what she wants out of life in the real world. The question is, how long are you willing to put up with Indigo while waiting for Stacy to re-emerge? Only you can answer that.

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December festivals

Shivers and Jean Prescott) or see up-and-comers at the theme sessions. Sunday's ticket includes a nondenominational cowboy worship service. For more information, call (928) 684-5479 or log on to www.outwickenburghway.com.

Electronic Music Midwest

On the campus of Lewis University, in Romeoville, Ill., you will find an annual gathering (now in its fourth year) of electronica aficionados. Admission is free, and concerts run from Thursday, Dec. 5, to Saturday, Dec. 7. For a schedule go to www.electronicmusicmidwest.org or call the campus at (815) 836-5619.

Pirates in Paradise

Key West, Fla., plays host to pirates of all ages from now through Dec. 8. Historical ships will be docked in Key West's historic seaport, balls and parties will be thrown, and fight circles and swashbuckling sword-play will be seen throughout the town streets. Look out especially for the living

history encampments, or better yet, get on a ship and go for a pirate cruise (no pillaging, please). Prices vary by event, but many are family-friendly and free. For more information, log on to www.piratesinparadise.com or call (305) 296-9694.

Indio International Tamale Festival

Indio, Calif., once again celebrates the tamale as a traditional holiday food in Hispanic culture. And what a spicy festival it is. Held Dec. 7-8 on the streets of Old Town Indio from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., you can expect food, family fun and hot performers. To get details, call (760) 342-6532 or log on to www.tamalefestival.com.

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The month of December is filled with holiday gatherings. As the weather turns colder and winter settles in, we see an increase in community events. Check your local paper or community Web site to find out what's happening in your area — festivals of trees, First Nights and holiday crafts markets are overflowing. But if you are searching for something of a holiday twist, consider these four events in the month of December.

Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering

During the first weekend in December, the Del E. Webb Center in Wickenburg, Ariz., hosts the 14th Annual Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering. Beloved for its nostalgic images of the Old West, cowboy poetry is a longstanding tradition. Come see some of the masters perform onstage (Sky

Foods

nutmeg over the top of each, if desired. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 168 calories, 0 g fat, 5 g protein, 37 g carb., 282 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1

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1/2 Starch, 1 Fruit.
Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthylifechanges.com or call 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

Soup

bad dream.

Some people see roadblocks; Scott has taught us that roadblocks are only detours. Some people see branches; Scott and the kids see wide-open spaces with room enough for all the love and hope a heart can bear.

Look for our latest books, "Chicken Soup for the

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Volunteer's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul" and "A Second Round of Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

Visit our Web site at www.chickensoup.com. To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K, Santa Barbara, CA 93130.

Block

2. In medium saucepan, bring water, orange zest, olive oil and chili oil to a boil. Stir in couscous and contents of Spice Sack (found in package). Cover; let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with fork. Stir in scallions, raisins and reserved orange juice. Garnish as desired. Makes 4 servings.

*Chili oil is found in the Asian and Hispanic foods section of supermarkets.

CONTEST ALERT:

T-Fal, makers of Patisserie Bakeware, cookware and a variety of small appliances, is calling all non-professional bakers to enter its Perfect Baker contest. There are three categories: cakes, muffins/quick breads and cookies. Entrants may submit up to three original recipes in any one category. Deadline is

April 25, 2003. For contest details and entry forms, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to T-Fal Perfect Baker Contest, P.O. Box 396, Pine Brook, NJ 07058-0396 or downloaded from Perfect Baker Contest page at www.tfal.com.

For French's "Cross Generation Creations," you'll need your children and/or mother and Original or Cheddar French Fried Onions to update a family recipe or create a new one. The onions may be used as a topping or as an ingredient. Deadline is Jan. 31, 2003. Send entries with a photo of you and your co-cooks with the dish to French's "Cross Generation Creations" Cook Off, c/o BHG PR, 546 Valley Road, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 or enter by e-mail at pr@bhgpr.com.

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You could watch 3 hours of TV on a glass jar

■ The average resident of North America consumes about 600 sodas every year.

■ Another good reason to recycle: The energy saved by recycling one glass jar is enough to watch TV for three hours.

■ There are many laws that have been passed during our nation's history that make you think that some of our legislators have a bit too much time on their hands. For example, in Alaska it is illegal to look at a moose from an airplane; an Illinois law states that a car must be driven with the steering wheel; in West Virginia, you can be imprisoned for cooking sauerkraut or cabbage, due to the offensive odor; and a California law of 1925 made it illegal to wiggle while dancing.

■ The same man who discovered the planet Uranus also invented contact lenses.



■ A giraffe can use its tongue to clean its ears — not too difficult a task, I suppose, if your tongue is 21 inches long.

■ Everyone has seen bonsai — those tiny trees that are pruned into aesthetically pleasing shapes. Many people don't realize, though, that even trees that grow to be giants of the plant world, such as redwoods and giant sequoias, can be used to create these miniatures.

■ The United States once issued a bill of currency that was worth 5 cents.

■ The name of the popular Japanese dish teriyaki literally means "shiny and broiled."

■ There is only one bird that can swim but not fly: the penguin, of course.

■ The Dow Jones Company — whose industrial average is so much in the news these days — actually began business in a Wall Street basement.

Thought for the Day:

"A man has made great progress in cunning when he does not seem too clever to others." — La Bruyere

INFOLINK The TV that watches you

Call me paranoid, but one of the main reasons I've always been apprehensive to get digital cable TV is the privacy issue. Regular cable is just a glorified antenna, and as far as I know, a cable company can't know what I'm watching at any given moment.

The way I understand it, digital cable is different. That little box sitting on top of your TV is in constant contact with a central server. Forget about the Nielsen ratings — cable companies can know exactly what customers are watching.

Of course, the party line at Time-Warner Cable, for

instance, is that TWC doesn't monitor viewing activity — clearly, that would be wrong. But by virtue of the ability to order entertainment on-demand, it certainly is possible for a digital cable company to monitor viewing habits.

In the case of so-called "iTV," or interactive television, it's more than possible — it's done. TiVo makes no secret about how it tracks viewing habits. It admits to using its technology to target advertising and programming to individual viewers. TiVo makes money from selling "audience measurement data" to marketers seeking to make their ads more effective.

TiVo says it doesn't, as a matter of policy, disclose "personally identifiable information" to third parties. But the idea that I'd be monitored in some way by some businessman who wants to learn what buttons to press to make me buy Britney Spears' latest single gives me the creeps, thank you very much.

Do the legions of loyal TiVo customers just get used to this? Or do they simply enjoy being the center of attention? Are they just hungry consumers who are cozy with corporations in their living room taking notes on how best to connect?

I'm just waiting for the day when some divorce court issues a subpoena for viewing data to prove that Joe Schmo is an unfit parent because the TiVo is always on at 4 a.m. tuned in to the Spice Channel.

Sure, TiVo promises not to disclose personal information (which assumes they collect it), but that policy could change, just like all business policies do.

Who says Big Brother isn't watching?

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Health

part of the ear where the balance organ and hearing nerve are found. The inner ear is flooded with too much fluid, and it's the fluid that's responsible for Ménière's. Logic demands that the fluid be drained. Sometimes that can be done by adopting a strict, low-salt diet and taking water pills.

Seasickness medicines can sometimes stop the dizzy spells.

There are many operations designed to drain ear fluid or to destroy the ear's out-of-whack balance organ. Ear surgeons can also create drainage channels for the overly abundant ear fluid.

I can't send you to Dr. Ménière, but I can and want to send you to an ear, nose and throat doctor to begin treatment.

Not everyone who is dizzy has Ménière's disease. The rundown on dizziness and loss of balance is covered in the pamphlet on those topics. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 801W, 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.

Sunday Comics



MAMA'S BOYZ

WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM JERRY CRAFT

"Twas the week before Christmas and all through the store Pauline Porter was working to give her customers more. So she arranged her books nicely, both hard cover and soft. Then marked down the prices to 20% off! "Give books as gifts" she says, "For pleasure and learning" Instead of silly ol' gifts that they'll end up returning!



For books are the gifts that keep on giving. They bring knowledge and power, and improve your living. So she opened the door to let in the crowd who was waiting outside, and getting quite loud. But the crowd was for NEXT door, Mrs. Porter soon learned. Something that made her very concerned. Because it wasn't books that the community would choose, It was toys, DVDs and PlayStation 2s!



ISLANDS IN MAGIC MAZE • THE PACIFIC

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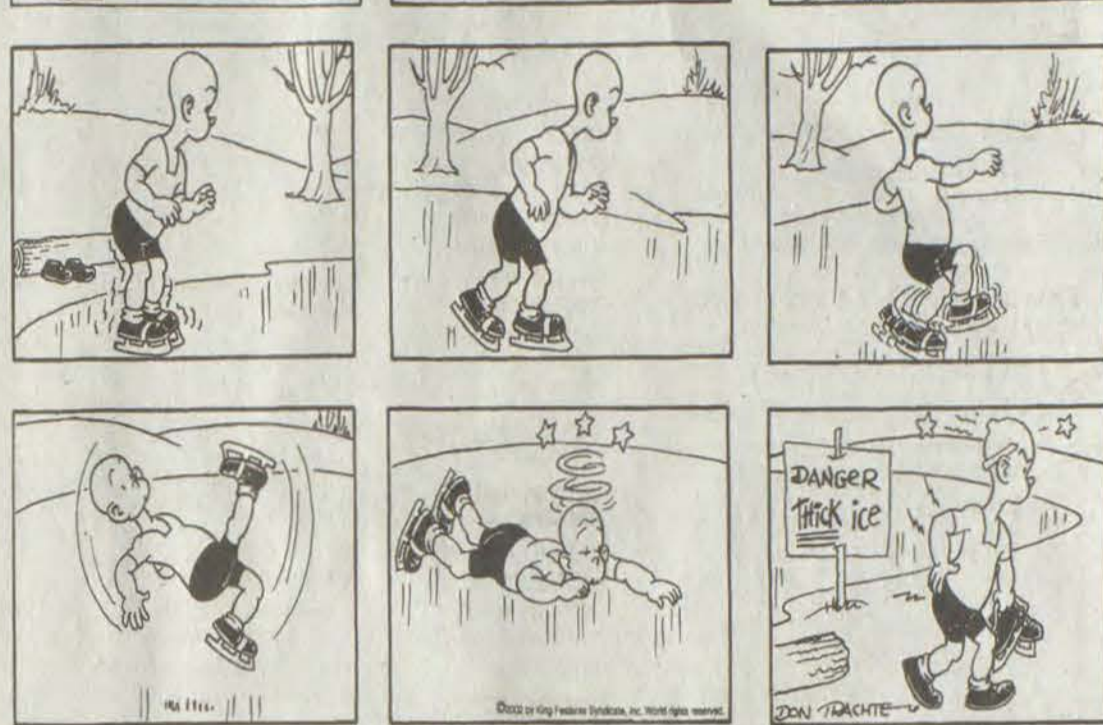
HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Scarf has no stripes. 2. Boy's pants are black. 3. Dog has no spots. 4. Boy's shirt is different. 5. Boy is wearing mittens. 6. Shrub is missing.



Super Crossword

LETTER PERFECT

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 - 5 Actuate
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 - 19 Kansas city
 - 20 — incognita
 - 21 Comfort
 - 22 "Middle-march" author
 - 23 Butcher-shop buy
 - 25 Modern Mesopotamia
 - 26 Numerical word form
 - 27 Theater collection
 - 28 Director Michael
 - 30 Satyrical trait
 - 32 Vim
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 - 35 Neapolitan song
 - 38 Work over?
 - 39 Tarnish
 - 44 PBS benefactor
 - 45 Mrs. Nick Charles
 - 47 ABA member
 - 48 Shipshape
 - 50 Standard
 - 52 Court cry
 - 56 Start of a Nash verse
 - 60 Maestro Arturo
 - 63 Opening remark?
 - 64 To and —
 - 65 Rang
 - 66 Rapper Tone —
 - 67 Rained and snowed
 - 70 Kruger of "High Noon"
 - 72 "— vous plait"
 - 73 To boot
 - 74 Bach favorite
 - 78 Hostage
 - 81 New Deal agcy.
 - 82 — May Oliver
 - 83 Most enthusiastic
 - 87 Diminutive suffix
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 - 90 Say please
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 - 93 Connecticut county
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 - 101 Kenwood competitor
 - 102 Glowing
 - 103 No, to Nureyev
 - 106 Asian soldier
 - 107 Haphazard
 - 110 Disney dog
 - 113 George Peppard series
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 - 118 What a feller needs
 - 119 Keeping
 - 120 Give in to gravity
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 - 126 Diacritical mark
 - 128 Author Ambler
 - 131 Famed disc jockey
 - 134 Irving's "The — New Hampshire"
 - 135 Amneris' rival
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 - 7 Type of sch.
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 - 9 Albert and Victoria
 - 10 Mile High Center architect
 - 11 Boathouse item
 - 12 Sacred song
 - 13 Costume sparkler
 - 14 Kid
 - 15 Castilian cry
 - 16 Hefty herbivore
 - 17 Short messages
 - 18 Stick 'em in your ear
 - 24 Actor Morales
 - 29 Singer Summer
 - 31 — Canals
 - 34 Composer Thomas
 - 36 August one?
 - 37 Big revolver?
 - 38 Holstein's home
 - 39 Rome's — of Caracalla
 - 40 Lucy's landlady
 - 41 Marker
 - 42 "Aladdin" frame
 - 43 Grapefruit serving
 - 46 Way
 - 49 Deck of destiny
 - 51 Dewy
 - 53 Pickling herb
 - 54 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 55 Puerto —
 - 57 City on the Allegheny
 - 58 Reply to the Little Red Hen
 - 59 One who no's best?
 - 61 Smug smile
 - 62 "The Color Purple" character
 - 65 Kirsch kin
 - 68 Sgt. Bilko
 - 69 Campus digs
 - 71 Designer Lapidus
 - 73 Bronte's "— Grey"
 - 75 Tom, Dick, and Harry
 - 76 Skater Cohen
 - 77 Franco of "Camelot"
 - 78 Cougar
 - 79 Landed
 - 80 Gets hitched
 - 84 "— Gay"
 - 85 Big rigs
 - 86 Choppers
 - 88 Deal with a dragon
 - 89 Newsboy's shout
 - 91 Kamm or Kristofferson
 - 94 Contradict
 - 95 Harnessed the oxen
 - 96 Bird of prey
 - 97 Abbreviated address
 - 100 Sodom escapee
 - 104 JFK abbr.
 - 105 Fine fiber
 - 108 Compassion
 - 109 Moved like
 - 116 Down
 - 110 Woodworking tool
 - 111 Postulate
 - 112 Nile feature
 - 114 Mysterious
 - 115 Iron clothes?
 - 116 Animal that roared?
 - 119 Convent cubicle
 - 121 Namu or Willy
 - 122 Bloomsbury buggy
 - 124 Roy Rogers' birthplace
 - 125 Bruce or Laura
 - 127 "Agnus —"
 - 129 Journalist Tarbell
 - 130 Roller-coaster unit
 - 132 "— longa, vita brevis"
 - 133 Brew barrel

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ABSOLUTE AUCTION

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For The Account Of
J & H MINING PARTS, INC

Auction: Saturday, December 14, 2002 10 AM (EST)
Preview: Friday, December 13, 2002 1:00 PM - 6 PM (EST)
Location: On Site - U.S. Route 23 North, Greenup, KY 41144

DIRECTIONS: From I-64 Take Exit #172 (Grayson, KY Exit), Turn North on Kentucky Hwy. 1 and Proceed 22.3 Miles To U.S. 23. Turn Right and Proceed 2.2 Miles To Auction Site On Left - Look For Sign!

NOTE: J & H Mining Parts, Inc. is located in the former National Mine Service Plant in Greenup, KY directly across the street from the Greenup County War Memorial on U.S. Route 23 North - Look for the Military Tank!

FEATURING
Over \$9,500,000 (at cost) of O.E.M. Mining & Industrial Parts Inventory, Plus \$100,000 in Warehouse Equipment. All Must Sell!

NOTE: Inventory Includes New and Factory Reconditioning Parts - Approximately 11,000 Line Items - For EIMCO, National Mine Service, FMC, Galls and WVA Mining Equipment. A Portion Of The Parts Are Interchangeable With Joy, Jeffrey, Lee Norsa, Etc.

NOTE: Most Large Items Are Palletized, Including Motors. Motors Will Be Offered By The Pallet. Most Other Items In Large Lots. There May Never Be Another Opportunity Like This. Because The Inventory Is So Extensive, We Cannot List The Items Except As Follows:

BREAKDOWN OF INVENTORY BY PRODUCT LINE

NMS/EIMCO Drum Miner	\$2,595,000
NMS/EIMCO Shuttle Car	2,272,000
NMS and EIMCO Rail Equipment	1,223,000
Roof Drill	678,000
NMS/EIMCO Boring Machine	456,000
Battery Scoop	427,000
FMC/Galls 5L, 6L, & 10L Shuttle Car	188,000
Diesel Scoop	80,000
Other Product Lines - Feeder, Longwall, etc.	134,000
Hardware, Cable & Wire, Hydraulic Hose & Fittings	215,000
Parts Not Classified	375,000
Approximate Inventory Total At Cost	\$8,643,000

BREAKDOWN OF INVENTORY BY COMMODITY

Electric Motors (284)	\$1,445,000
Motor Related Parts (457 Items)	501,000
"Common Purchased" Electrical Parts	952,000
Other Electrical Parts	284,000
Hydraulic Cylinders, Pumps, Valves, Filters, etc.	754,000
Hydraulic Hose & Fittings	82,000
Prop. Shafts, U-Joints, etc.	205,000
Hardware	79,000
Cable and Wire	54,000
Mechanical, Assemblies, Gearing & All Other	4,287,000
	\$8,643,000

The Warehouse equipment includes: 137 sections of heavy duty pallet racking, 99 Sections of 36"W x 18"D x 120"H Heavy Duty Shelving Units (with 9 or 10 Shelves); 41 Sections Of Light Duty Storage Racks; Approx. 40 Folding Wire Type Storage Containers; 11 Heavy Duty Industrial Roto-Bins; 10 Warehouse Carts; 5 Forklifts; 2 Self-Dumping Hoppers; and Miscellaneous.

REMOVAL: All Items Must Be Removed on Auction Day (We Will Be Open For At Least 2 Hours After The Auction Is Completed) Or On Monday, Tuesday And Wednesday, (December 16, 17 & 18) Between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Racking and Shelving May Not Be Removed Until Thursday And Friday, December 19 & 20 Between 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM Unless All Items Have Already Been Removed From Them. No Items May Be Moved Or Removed Until The Entire Auction Is Completed, But They Must Be Removed Per The Above Schedule Or They Will Be Considered Abandoned.

TERMS:
 All Items Sell "As Is" And "Where Is" With Absolutely No Warranty Of Any Kind Including Merchantability And/Or Fitness For A Particular Purpose. All Items Must Be Paid For Auction Day (Before Leaving The Premises) With Cash, Cashiers Check(s) Or A Check Accompanied By A Bank Letter Of Guarantee (See Sample Bank Letter Of Guarantee Below). Announcements Made Auction Day Take Precedence Over Advertising.

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