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Stella Samons pleaded not guilty to charges of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance on Friday.



Drug bust defendants appear in court

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Arraignments for drug charges covered the docket of Floyd Circuit Court on Friday. Four individuals were arraigned on trafficking charges stemming from a drug investigation by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Stella Samons, 57, of Prestonsburg entered a plea of not guilty to charges of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school, third-degree trafficking and second-degree trafficking. Samons was charged with trafficking near Prestonsburg Elementary School. Mark Collins, 34, of Prestonsburg, was arraigned on two charges of trafficking in cocaine. Gary Robinson, age unlisted, was arraigned on

two charges of second-degree trafficking and one charge of third-degree trafficking. All of the individuals arraigned on the drug charges remain free on bail with the exception of Randall Hoover. Hoover, who was arraigned on charges of first-degree trafficking, two charges of second-degree

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briefs

Mine foreman gets two years probation for safety violations

Associated Press
LONDON — A coal mine foreman has been sentenced to two years probation for violating federal safety laws. Mark Mills, 40, of Artemus, also was ordered to pay a \$250 fine. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves in London on Friday. Mills pleaded guilty in October to knowingly ordering and carrying out safety violations at a Simpson Mining Co. operation in Perry County. Mills admitted that he failed to comply with a federally approved roof-control plan that could have resulted in a cave in, and that he failed to comply with a federally approved ventilation plan to tunnel air to miners. Prosecutors said both violations put the safety of miners at risk. Reeves could fine Simpson Mining up to \$800,000 in the case.



Five people were injured Thursday evening in a wreck along U.S. 23 at the Allen intersection when, according to police, the driver of this 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier ran a red light while turning onto Route 1428.

Five injured in U.S. 23 crash; charges possible

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — A two-vehicle collision at the Allen red light on U.S. 23 Thursday evening sent five people to the hospital and may result in charges against a Prestonsburg teen, who was cited at the scene by police to appear

in court on a suspected driving under the influence charge upon recovery from her injuries. According to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Caudill, at approximately 7 p.m. Thursday evening a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Thomi Hicks, 19, of Prestonsburg, traveling north on U.S.

23 apparently disregarded a red light and attempted to turn onto Route 1428. Hicks, who was traveling with two passengers — Jimmy Branham, 24, of Prestonsburg, and Austin Shepherd, 20, of Allen — was hit by a 1990s

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Officials say...

Public better informed of domestic violence issues

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It appears that a Paintsville man is reaping the consequences of a more "informed" public in regards to domestic violence as the allegations that led to a violation of a protective order resulted in two felony charges. According to court records, James Blair, 32, was arrested on Jan. 8 pursuant to a criminal complaint given by his wife, Jonni Blair, of Prestonsburg, who alleges that he held her captive between Dec. 27 and Dec. 30, at which time he beat her with his fist and various other objects. The criminal complaint, sworn on Jan. 7, states that James Blair stalked his wife and violated a protective order by repeatedly contacting her and threatening to kill her if she refused to reconcile with him. James Blair was arraigned on charges of first-degree unlawful imprisonment and first-degree stalking, both felonies, and fourth-degree assault on Jan. 9

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Couple sues over trailer left sitting

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Galveston couple, Carlos and Debbie Rogers, have filed a complaint seeking damages in the amount of \$47,900 against White Mobile Homes LLC, of London, in which they claim the com-

pany committed a breach of contract. According to the complaint, the couple's attorney, Jerry Patton, Prestonsburg, filed the grievance against the company on Dec. 30, after the defendant failed to keep the contract. Patton said that the couple had purchased a double-wide mobile home

from White Mobile Homes and had paid \$47,900 with a cashier's check from their bank at the time of the purchase on Sept. 13. The company did deliver the home, but allegedly left it sitting in sections, covering them with plastic.

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Cause of fire not determined

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A forest fire that came dangerously close to several homes on Abbott Mountain in Prestonsburg on Thursday was finally contained after firemen battled the blaze for over four hours. According to Michael Ormerod, director of public safety, crews had the fire under control around 9:30 or 10 p.m. "We don't know the cause yet," Ormerod said. Multiple fire trucks arrived on the scene around 6 p.m. to combat the flames. According to Ormerod, there was one pump truck and one tanker in use to fight the fire. Acting Prestonsburg Police Chief Larry Adams was not available for comment and will be out of the office until Monday.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny
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High: 35 • Low: 22

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Counties that will lose economically distressed status

Thirty-two Appalachian counties will be upgraded Oct. 1 from an economically distressed status to a county in transition. They are:
Alabama: Fayette, Winston
Kentucky: Edmonson, Green, Hart, Lincoln, Pike, Rockcastle, Rowan
Mississippi: Benton, Monroe, Tishomingo
North Carolina: Cherokee, Swain
Ohio: Adams, Gallia

For Appalachian counties supposedly on the economic upswing, life remains bleak

by LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAYETTE CITY, Pa. — From where he sits, Mike Wokaly can't see that things have gotten any better over the last year in this tiny Appalachian town. Few, if any, new jobs are coming into this corner of southwest Pennsylvania, where poverty and unemployment rates remain high

above the national average. People sometimes pay for groceries with pocket change and \$2 bills — whatever money they can scrounge up to feed their families. But federal funding to Fayette City — as well as to hundreds of rural communities along the spine of the Appalachian Mountains — could be cut this year because Washington no longer classifies the local economy as distressed.

"This area has not had any growth in five years. None," said Wokaly, a 70-year-old retired teacher, truck driver and veteran who lives off his Social Security. "It's bad. Here, we have no economy. How they can cut subsidies to this valley is beyond me. Way beyond me." Thirty-two counties in the

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Odds and Ends

■ **SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn.** — He already had a swearing-in ceremony. And on Saturday, there'll be the usual black-tie ball.

But the centerpiece of Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty's inauguration celebration was his hockey team's 6-2 win Thursday over a team of Democrats.

Pawlenty's "Team Minnesota" beat the "Minnesota Old Timers," led by former Gov. Wendell Anderson. They played before a crowd of 600 at South St. Paul's Wakota Arena.

It was a night where pucks trumped politics, even if the game featured slapstick along with slapshots. There was tongue-in-cheek trash talking and fake fisticuffs.

The new governor scored the game's first goal, but it looked like a freebie.

"The goal was a gift, no question about," said Pawlenty, who

played through "a high groin strain" suffered during a pre-game race.

Pawlenty said playing in his hometown with friends "completes the circle" that began when he first announced he was running for governor.

"They'll need all the motivation they can get," said the 69-year-old Anderson before the game. Later, Anderson failed to score on a penalty shot awarded when the governor's brother, Dan Pawlenty, got tagged for "pushing an old man down", in the words of the public address announcer.

■ **CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa** — The City Council has taken the first step to repeal the city's 82-year-old ban on fortune telling.

The council voted Wednesday to remove the law from the city's books. Two more

"yes" votes are needed to end the ban.

Public Safety Commissioner David Zahn predicted last fall that the repeal was likely after a religious leader who said fortune telling is used in his faith approached the city about rescinding the ban.

City staff decided it would be best to repeal the law because a court challenge based on freedom of religion might win.

"We decided to repeal it to see how it plays out and then go from there," Zahn said. "Whether we get into licensing is yet to be determined."

■ **RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.** — By his own admission, Jack Gosch's front nine at the Sunrise Country Club earlier this week was nothing special. That all changed quickly. He aced the 10th hole. And then on the 11th — bingo! —

another hole in one.

"I've never gotten more congratulations for anything in my life," the 74-year-old Gosch said Thursday, three days after his amazing feat. "The word spreads fast in the golf community."

And there was no disputing that it really happened, either. Playing in his foursome was Jerry Seeman, the senior director of officiating in the NFL for 10 1/2 years until his retirement in June 2001.

"It was incredible," Seeman said. "The beauty of it all is they were just very good golf shots — nothing fluky. I've never had a hole in one myself, I think I've seen three other ones. This was

absolutely phenomenal."

Sunrise is an executive course, with 10 par 4s and eight par 3s — a 3,837-yard, par-64 layout.

Gosch has an 11 handicap at Sunrise and a 17 handicap otherwise. The retired auto dealership owner shot a 90 at the par-72 Thunderbird Country Club on Thursday — a fairly typical day on the links.

"I get a 7, then I get a par," he said with a laugh.

Previously, Gosch had one hole in one — on the 116-yard, par-3 second hole at Sunrise nearly two years ago.

■ **BRIDGEPORT, Conn.**

— A minister arrested on a complaint that his loud preaching was bothering neighbors lost his civil case against police.

A jury in U.S. District Court rejected a claim that Detective Paul Raucci violated the Rev. Richard Moore's constitutional rights. Moore was charged with disorderly conduct during a service at the Living Word Redemption Center, Inc.

The lawsuit alleged that Raucci violated Moore's right to be free from false arrest, and both Moore's and the congregations right to worship freely.

West Haven police arrested

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Mine supervisors facing administrative hearing

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Mine Safety and Review Commission may decide by Friday whether supervisors should be held accountable for the death of Ronnie Charles, a Pike County miner killed by a rock fall in an underground coal mine in September 1999.

Mine foreman David Sturgill, 51, and superintendent Paul Clevinger, 61, who still work for South Akers Mining Co. could face permanent revocation of their mining certificates if convicted in an administrative hearing of allowing Charles to work under an unsafe roof in a company mine at Myra.

Miners' advocates and coal industry officials say the hearing is an important test for Kentucky's overhauled system of prosecuting mine-safety violators. It's the first case to come before the three-member commission.

Charles, 36, was mining coal in an area that had no supports to protect against a roof fall, the state contends. Sturgill and Clevinger were accused of placing Charles, an 18-year veteran miner, in imminent danger of a roof collapse.

Notices of state and federal safety violations were issued to South Akers after the accident for failure to follow a proper roof support plan. The state didn't seek to discipline Charles' supervisors at the time.

Tony Oppgaard, the prosecutor in the commission hearing, filed the state case against Sturgill and Clevinger in November 2001.

Jim Pruitt, Sturgill's attorney, said he didn't think his client was responsible for the accident. "We have confidence that Mr. Sturgill will be vindicated," Pruitt said.

"We think the state has an uphill battle to prove its case."

Clevinger said in a deposition that he didn't have a supervisory role at the mine and wasn't responsible for what happened, especially since he wasn't in the mine when the accident occurred.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the trial will show how the commission interprets mine-safety law. "It probably will take a couple years until everyone starts to see how cases are tried," he said.

Steve Earle, political director for the United Mine Workers in Kentucky, said he's not sure what to expect.

"I hope they would hold people accountable who are in the wrong," Earle said. "I'm eager to see what kind of punishments are handed out."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2003. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 12, 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S. C.

On this date:

■ In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

■ In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.

■ In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.

■ In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

■ In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

■ In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

■ In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

■ In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

■ In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

Ten years ago:

Memorial services were held in Paris for ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev and in New York for jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, both of whom had died on Jan. 6.

Five years ago:

Nineteen European nations signed a treaty in Paris opposing human cloning. Linda Tripp provided Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between herself and former White House

intern Monica Lewinsky. CBS signed a \$4 billion, eight-year deal to televise American Football Conference games on Sunday afternoons; Fox signed a \$4.4 billion, eight-year contract to continue showing National Football Conference games on Sunday afternoons.

One year ago:

The United States intensified its anti-terror campaign in eastern Afghanistan, dropping bombs on suspected al-Qaida and Taliban hideouts. Michelle Kwan won her fifth successive U.S. Figure Skating Championships crown and sixth overall. Former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance died in New York at age 84.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Luise Rainer is 93. Former South African President P.W. Botha is 87. Country singer Ray Price is 77. Singer Ruth Brown is 75. Singer Glenn Yarborough is 73. The Amazing Kreskin is 68. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 64. Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is 59. Singer-musician George Duke is 57. Rock musician Cynthia Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 57. Actor Anthony Andrews is 55. Movie director Wayne Wang is 54. Political commentator Rush Limbaugh is 52. Actress Kirstie Alley is 52. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 51. Radio personality Howard Stern is 49. Rock musician Tom Ardolino (NRBQ) is 46. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 43. Actor Oliver Platt is 43. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 37. Rapper TBird (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 36. Model-actress Vendela is 36. Actress Farrah Fawcett is 35. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 33. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 33. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 30. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 30. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 29. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 15.

Thought for Today:

"Being young is a fault which improves daily." — Swedish proverb.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Prestonsburg Fire Department responded to a fuel leak on U.S. 23 near Abbott mountain.

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Counties

Appalachian region — including Pennsylvania's two poorest, Fayette and Greene — will be upgraded from distressed status to transitional in the 2004 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The decision to do so was made last fall by the Appalachian Regional Commission, a joint federal-state panel based in Washington, which sets what even it describes as extremely tough economic standards for counties to meet in order to qualify as a top funding priority.

Only two Appalachian counties — Webster County, Miss., and Grundy County, Tenn. — will be downgraded from transitional to distressed status.

Trailer

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"A home is not any good to you if it's sitting in two pieces," said Patton.

Patton said that the company did eventually return to put the home together, but failed to deliver other items agreed to in the contract, including a 35-inch television and a central air/heat system.

The Rogerses are seeking damages in the full amount of the purchase price of the mobile home and attorney fees or requesting that the defendant be compelled to adhere to the contract.

Representatives of White Mobile Homes did not return a phone call seeking comment, but one representative did say that the company had fulfilled all of its promises.

Wreck

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model Dodge Caravan driven by Turkey Creek resident Homer P. Preece, 58, heading south on 23 while attempting to turn.

"From the reports I have right now, the van had the right-of-way and she (Hicks) ran the red light and was struck," Caudill said on Friday.

Caudill said police are currently investigating the possibility that Hicks could have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the accident.

According to Caudill, Preece was traveling with one passenger, his son, 33-year-old Brian Preece, at the time of the accident.

Hicks and her passengers were transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in nearby Martin shortly after the wreck with what Caudill said appeared to be minor injuries.

"They were all complaining of multiple injuries," said Caudill. "All of them were complaining with back injuries, but they just looked like they had some cuts and scratches, but nothing major," Caudill said.

According to Our Lady of the Way spokeswoman Neva Francis, the three were admitted and released the following day.

Homer and Brian Preece were also taken to Our Lady of the

The ARC provides "glue money" — supplemental funding to help local communities meet state matching dollars for projects like job training, health clinics, building roads and water and sewer lines, and providing high-speed Internet access in rural areas.

By law, half of all ARC funding must go to distressed counties and areas. This year, ARC meted out \$66 million to the 410 counties that make up the swath of Appalachia that stretches from New York to Mississippi. But at least half — \$33 million — went directly to the 118 counties currently classified as distressed.

The remaining 292 counties had to fight it out for the leftovers, handed out by the discretion of the 14 members that sit on the ARC — the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and one representative of the federal government.

ARC spokesman Duane DeBruyne said the upgrading of the 32 counties to come off the distressed list reflects a bright shift, even if slight, in their economic forecasts.

"This is good news for the region," DeBruyne said. "The job clearly is not done; these counties are clearly still significantly distressed. There are still challenges. But we are making progress."

But local economic officials in Appalachia were shocked to hear their counties were no longer considered distressed — or eligible for the exclusive funding.

In Cherokee County, N.C., two

bluejeans companies and a furniture factory shuttered their plants within the last several years, eliminating 2,000 jobs just as the 2001 recession hit. A third of those jobs have since been regained, said Cherokee County economic development director Bill Forsyth, but mostly in retail employment that offer neither health benefits nor enough pay to support a family.

The county previously has put ARC funding into its community centers, Forsyth said.

"We are among the most distressed counties in North Carolina, as far as the state's concerned," Forsyth said. "Things have definitely gotten worse. Our situation started going downhill in 1999 but has continued to slide."

To qualify as distressed, coun-

ties must exceed national poverty and unemployment rates by 150 percent, and fall short of the national per capita income by 66 percent or less.

Fayette County, Pa., for example, met two of the three prongs for 2004.

Its estimated unemployment rate is projected at 6.7 percent, or 157.2 percent of the national average. The national unemployment rate is 4.3 percent. Meanwhile, the county's per capita income is \$15,919 — 62 percent of the national \$25,676 average.

But Fayette County's poverty rate failed, if barely, to meet the required threshold. Its poverty rate is projected at 18 percent for 2004 — or 145.5 percent of the national average. The national poverty rate

is estimated at 12.4 percent.

Tim Marema, programs director for the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg, Ky., questions whether the numbers reflect — or dictate — the accurate story of Appalachia's economy.

"It's very true that counties can move off distressed rolls due to factors that are not about improvement, but actually about decline," Marema said. "Per capita income can go up when people finally get up and leave. People can get off unemployment when what they're really doing is concluding that there's no chance of getting work, and giving up."

Few doubt that the face of Appalachia as a whole has improved since the ARC was created in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, who declared his War on Poverty from the porch of a Kentucky shanty. Seven-eighths of Pennsylvania — the entire state except Philadelphia and its most upscale suburbs — was then designated as Appalachia by the federal government. Today, Fayette and Greene counties are the last two considered to be severely distressed.

Greene County officials hope their economic upgrade will convince businesses that it is safe to relocate there — even as they worry about losing the earmarked aid. "Certainly things are starting to happen. It's just a long process," said county Commissioner Dave Coder. "In certain ways, it's going

to make it a little more difficult to get some of these loans, and participate in some of these programs. We're just going to have to work harder."

At least one Greene County coal mine recently shut down, stranding 350 employees, and two others are teetering on the brink of closing. An Ames department store, a Shop&Save grocery and a Dollar Mart also have gone out of business, laying off close to 100 people, said Ann Dugan, executive director of the Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh, who has been trying to lure new employers to Greene County.

"Greene County has a lot of challenges," Dugan said. "I don't see where there has been a lot of diversification in the economy to absorb the jobs that will be lost."

"Losing the distressed (status) is not a good thing," Dugan said.

Violence

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at which time a \$20,000 cash bond was set.

According to a domestic violence order file, James Blair received six months from Family Court Judge Julie Paxton after a contempt of a domestic violence order hearing, where evidence shown there was a violation. The criminal charges will be pursued in Floyd District Court.

Paxton said that since legislation was passed in 1984 to deal with domestic violence, the system has been "fine tuning" and evidence shows that the attempts have resulted in a more "informed" public.

"Everybody is more aware of the realities of domestic violence, so everyone takes it more seriously," said Paxton.

A victim's advocate for Big Sandy Family Abuse Center, Helen Bowen, who has been dealing with domestic violence victims for years, said that she could see a difference in women and attributed it to education awareness from the court system, victim advocates, and other human service agencies.

Commending the court system and Judge Paxton's dedication, Bowen pointed out that the more

awareness brought to the issue, the more protection for women and men. Although ego will often prevent an abused man from publicizing the incidents, Bowen said that they are sometimes victims and abuse shelters are available for them as well as for women.

The Family Abuse Center offers shelter to women in the area and holds health fairs to educate the public. They have a 24-hour crisis line, (800) 649-6605 or (606) 886-6025, and have trained, state-certified professionals on call to assist victims and their children.

With such resources and education available, Bowen said, "They are not afraid to take the first step."

Bowen said that victims are often repeatedly told things such as "you're stupid" and "no one else would have you" until their self-esteem is shattered and isolation becomes welcome.

"All they need is someone to hear their cries," said Bowen.

It appears that Jonni Blair's cries were heard by the county attorney's office and will be heard in Floyd District Court on Jan. 15. If allegations are correct, Jonni Blair, could reinforce the Family Abuse Center's motto, "Love doesn't have to hurt."

Way Hospital were they were treated for injuries and released.

Debris from the crash scattered across the Allen intersection Thursday evening included the mangled front bumper of Hicks' Cavalier.

The bumper, according to Caudill, was torn off the vehicle at the point of impact and skipped across U.S. 23 into the path of Lexington resident Timothy Howard's 2000 Ford van.

Howard, 42, works for a local food service company and is currently living at Mousie, Caudill said.

Caudill characterized Howard as a victim of bad timing who just happened to be traveling that section of U.S. 23 at the time of the accident.

"You were just in the wrong place at the wrong time," Caudill told Howard after the accident Thursday evening.

Howard, whose vehicle was relatively undamaged by the crash debris, left the scene without injury.

Kentucky State Police, the Allen Fire Department, District 1 Constable Brandon Spencer and members of Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement assisted the sheriff's department at the scene of the accident.

Meteorologists not expecting repeat of 2002 winter

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

JACKSON — If the first three months of weather in 2003 are the same as the weather in 2002, then the area should prepare for some significant inclement conditions.

According to the National Weather Service, in Jackson, January 2002 was active as far as snowstorms go. At least three significant snows occurred in January, with the first storm bringing in 4-to-10 inches reported across Eastern Kentucky. The second storm saw 4-to-7 inches of snowfall just south of the Mountain Parkway. The third storm was a wintry mix that accumulated 4-to-6 inches of snow. The end of

January saw the first widespread flash flooding across the region.

February saw less snow, with 4-to-10 inches falling in Letcher, Jackson, Breathitt and Owsley Counties.

March was another active month as successive waves of low pressure brought heavy rains to the area. Perry County sustained over \$300,000 in damage from flooding caused by the heavy precipitation. The last round of heavy rain brought flooding to the Licking River which caused \$500,000 in damage in Rowan and Fleming Counties.

The weather service predicts above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation looking at the first three months of 2003.

Craft declared unfit for trial

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man charged with theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing an automobile will have those charges dismissed after Judge John David Caudill ruled that he would not be competent to stand trial.

Robert Lee Craft, 25, appeared for motion hour in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday on the June 6, 2001, charge of taking a vehicle belonging to Michael Boyd.

Caudill began by asking Craft about his religious beliefs, to which Caudill replied "triplefied God clarification on clutch." When asked if he could explain what it consisted of, Craft said that he could not.

Harolyn Howard, attorney for Craft, told Judge Caudill that she believed that he could never be deemed competent to stand trial based on psychiatric evaluations from the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center.

"He has been going to KCPC where he regains competency for a short while, but when he comes back he loses it again,"

Howard said. Judge Caudill ruled that he did not believe that Craft would ever be competent to stand trial and told Craft that they were going to get him some help.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said that it was the prosecution's intent to get involuntary hospitalization for craft in order to help him.

"This case has been going for two years and there hasn't even been a pretrial because he is not competent," Taylor said.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Against the wall

The new General Assembly has been sworn and now will go home until early February when legislators return for the only real business they must do in this session - enact the budget the old General Assembly could not pass in two attempts last year.

In fact, to underscore the seriousness and urgency of that responsibility, Democratic and Republican leaders in both chambers should agree on one thing, that no legislation will pass both houses and be sent to the governor until a budget is crafted that can pass both chambers. And Gov. Paul Patton should make it known that he will not sign any legislation until that budget is on its way for his signature.

The state is facing the most serious financing crisis in decades. Without new sources of revenue, the existing spending plan Patton is now operating government agencies under will have to be slashed by \$509 million before June 30, 2004, and perhaps even more if the state's economy continues to falter.

While legislators in both parties continue muttering generalities about "cutting spending" before raising taxes, they are never ready to spell out exactly where they want the cuts made. Personal service contracts? OK, which ones and how much? Personnel? Fine, who and where?

The fact is often overlooked that state government spending has been cut by about \$1 billion from 2000 to 2002. The pain of those cuts was lessened by using the state's Rainy Day Fund and other sources of money, and so far education - kindergarten through graduate school - has been spared.

Not anymore.

So when senators and representatives continue insisting that more cuts must be made before taxes are raised, they must explain why schoolteachers must be laid off while Kentucky smokers continue to pay pennies in state taxes for their cigarettes. Or why Medicaid services must be curtailed while the people of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri enjoy the taxes derived from hundreds of millions of gambling dollars spent in those states by Kentuckians every year.

That's a lot of explaining to do, and only 30-odd days to do it.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



— Jim Davidson

How to change human nature

Several years ago I met a wonderful man by the name of Winston K. Pendleton, who lives in Windermere, Fla. "Win," as his friends call him, has written over 20 books, a newspaper column and for many years was a much sought after public speaker. The reason I'm sharing this with you is because Win has helped me so much that I consider him to be my mentor.

While you probably have never heard of this man, I believe it's important to pay tribute to those individuals who have helped us along the way. It's possible to become highly successful in this country without a lot of formal education, but no person ever achieves success without the help of others.

As I said earlier, Win is my mentor and one of my favorite stories that I've heard him tell is about a man who worked for a lumber yard. It seems that this man had worked there for about 25 years and during this period of time whenever he needed some lumber for a project at home or to help a neighbor, he would just take it without paying for it.

Well, one night during a revival service at his church, this man got saved and soon thereafter, his conscience began to bother him. He said to himself,

"Oh, Lord, what am I going to do?" Then he remembered that the Catholic Church has a confessional booth where you can go and confess your sins to a priest and never be seen.

Well, this seemed like the right thing to do, so he made the necessary arrangements and went into the booth and confessed. When he finished, he said to the priest, "Father, is that all there is to it?" The priest said, "No, you can't get off quite that easy. Did you ever make a novena?" The man thought for a moment and then said, "No, but if you've got the plans, I know where I can get the lumber."

While this is not a true story, it certainly makes a very valid point. Permanent change in our nature, even after we have been saved, is not easy. A person who is inwardly a crook is just waiting on another chance to steal.

As it relates to what I am saying, have you ever really thought about the word "nature?" Our nature, according to the dictionary is "the intrinsic or inherent character of a person or thing." In other words, it's our natural instincts we are born with. A good example is that a baby cries when he or she gets hungry.

You may not agree, but as a Christian, I believe because of the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, man was

eternally sentenced to a nature of sin. It's just "human nature" to lie, to cheat, to steal, to commit adultery, to lust or to fight back and try to get even when someone has wronged us. The way to change human nature can be found in the Bible where it is recorded in II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things passed away, behold, new things have come."



Of course, our environment also has a great impact on our lives. Children who are taught character values by adults who set a good example have tremendous advantages over those who are not. In recent years, psychologists have determined that a person's attitudes and character values are pretty well established at a very early age.

So, back to my statement, "Permanent change in our nature is not easy." This is the reason a person can have all kinds of educational credentials but still wind up in prison if they lack character and integrity. Hopefully you will give some thought to what I'm saying here because, depending on your needs, it could make a wonderful difference in your life.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

— beyond the beltway

SUV owners shouldn't read this

by DONALD KAUL

There are few things more misleadingly named than the sports utility vehicle, which is neither sporty nor particularly utilitarian.

Oh, it's advertised as useful, I'll grant you that. And maybe it is, if you live in a remote mountain village where you occasionally have to drive over a rock-strewn field in bad weather to get where you're going. But most of the people who do things like that wouldn't be caught sober in one of the modern, fancy-schmansy SUVs, with the soft ride and the leather seats and cup-holders. (Real mountain people drive pickup trucks with a gun-rack in back of their heads.)

No, SUVs are bought, for the most part, by city folk, many of them suburban mothers who use them to cart kids around, with side trips to the supermarket. They claim that they buy them because they are:

1. Roomy (for the kids, you know)
2. Safe (don't want to be out there in a tin can)
3. Able to travel in inclement weather (because of the four-wheel drive so many of them have)

Which would be fine, except that

none of those things is true. By the numbers:

1. Even the biggest SUVs (and there are some monsters) don't have any more passenger room than, say, a full-sized minivan, which costs thousands of dollars less and is easier to park.

2. SUVs have the distinction of being both more dangerous to themselves and more dangerous to other cars than other vehicles. Because of their high center of gravity, they have a distressing tendency to roll over and their fatality rates are higher than traditional vehicles (6 percent higher on the average; 8 percent in the bigger models). However, because of their huge size, in a collision with a normal-sized car, they are more apt to kill the occupants of the other vehicle. A Chevy Tahoe, for example, kills 122 people for every 1 million models on the road, while a Honda Accord kills only 21. This what's known as a lose/lose situation.

3. Inclement weather? Don't make me laugh. People with SUVs think inclement weather is when you can't play golf. For the occasional snowy day in most areas there are better ways to get around. SUVs are not the only four-wheel drive vehicles around anymore, after all. There are cars with all- and four-wheel drive that are superior in every way to your average SUV.

Every way except one. You can't bully other vehicles with a car the way you can with an SUV. And that's what the extraordinary popularity of the SUV is about — bullying.

Keith Bradsher, a "New York Times" reporter who has been waging a crusade against SUVs for years now, has just published a book, "High and Mighty," which documents the case against the vehicle.

In it he quotes market researchers who have found that the SUV craze is "about not letting anything get in your way and at the extreme, about intimidating others to get out of your way."



SUV buyers, the researchers say, tend to be "insecure and vain ... often lack confidence in their driving skills ... [and] ... are apt to be self-centered and self-absorbed, with little interest in neighbors and communities."

Does that sound familiar or what? Picture the typical SUV driver — the beady, close-set eyes of a serial killer set above a snarl that could curdle a latte. And that's just the women. The men are worse. Think of Hitler's Panzer divisions invading Poland.

On top of every else, these behemoths handle badly, get lousy gas mileage, are exempt from the safety standards that regular cars have to meet and don't have to pay the luxury tax that similarly priced cars have to pay. (It's called campaign contributions.)

Let's face it, they are an unmitigated disaster; assault rifles with power steering. If a terrorist country were trying to do to us what the SUV is doing, we'd be bombing it by now.

Yet the SUV has become the backbone of the American auto industry, and,

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Minister's Moment

Floyd County Ministerial Association begins new column

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOLIDIO
PRESIDENT, FCMA

Starting this Sunday, Jan. 12, we will take up the offer of The Floyd County Times for a weekly column written by the members of the Floyd County Ministerial Association.

Human needs are well known, particularly for food, clothing and shelter. We also certainly long for belonging, learning and purpose. But, perhaps even before all other needs, there is the need in the human soul, for God. We hunger to know and be known by our Creator. Down deep we hunger to return to the way it was. The way it was in the Garden.

I hope you will find helpful insights and answers in these columns. The members of the Association believe that God has truly revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. Jesus became a man, not to condemn, but to save. He came

to rescue the burdened, the wayward and even the stubborn.

As this new year begins, we hear of concerns in our country and in the world — chemical warfare, biological warfare, drug wars and domestic battles. There is help in the Kingdom of God. There is spiritual refuge and belonging in the Church of Jesus. Please know that our Creator has not forsaken us. He has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ. He has come to help.

One way the Floyd County Ministerial Association is reaching out to our community is through a City-Wide Youth ministry. Our first column features a word from Travis Risner about an event next Sunday evening.

May you experience Jesus Christ all year!

by TRAVIS R. RISNER
Youth Pastor
PRESTONSBURG FIRST CHURCH
OF GOD

My mind is constantly amazed at how it seems we treat our youth of today. I go in churches and it seems like around here we just want to push our youth out into the streets and let them find their own salvations. Being a youth pastor I am constantly angered by our actions as a church to the youth group. It seems that youth are just looked at as an inconvenience or maybe like they are just

at church to be loud and annoying.

But let me pose this question: If we ignore our youth today, then where is the church of tomorrow? After all if the church doesn't welcome them, someone else will.

I think that as Christians and as churches we need to have our resources and ministry pointed toward not only adults but to our youth. Our youth are at the bottom of the ministry list. We can fund the adult activities and out-reaches, but when it comes to the youth ministry we leave it at the bottom of the list. We as a church

need to wake up and smell the coffee, so to speak, and start caring for our young people, because if we don't then the church of tomorrow is gone.

With this in mind it gives me great pleasure to introduce the Floyd County Ministerial Association's newest ministry. The FCMA feels such a burden for our youth of Prestonsburg and Floyd County that we are starting a Community Youth Group.

This will be a monthly meeting for the youth of our area to come to. It will be non-denominational and we would like to invite all the young people to come to our first service at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg on January 19 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This is a time for our youth to get together and enjoy food, games, and just hang out with each other in a Christian atmosphere.

Odds

Moore on Aug. 16, 2000, in the middle of evening services after neighbors complained that amplified services were too loud.

Moore was charged with disorderly conduct, but the case was never prosecuted.

Rauci's lawyer, Michael Farrell, called Wednesday's verdict a "complete vindication" of his client and the West Haven police department.

"It has been a long struggle, and Paul Rauci has been wrongly accused for the past two years," said Farrell. "The jury has removed this cloud from his record, and this exonerates the police department."

Police alleged that Moore disregarded warnings to turn down the sound system inside the church and grabbed Rauci's arm during a confrontation.

Police said when Rauci moved to arrest Moore, Moore resisted vigorously, and other parishioners started to punch and kick Rauci. One parishioner jumped on the officer's back, police said.

Bill would create animal torture crime

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Torturing cats and dogs would be a felony under a bill filed in the Kentucky Senate.

Kentucky has no specific law on animal torture. At most, offenders can be charged with cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor.

The bill sponsor, Republican Sen. Tom Buford of Nicholasville, said it was narrowly drafted and intentionally so.

The bill exempts hunters, trappers, food processors, veterinarians and people who train dogs and cats for showing. It also exempts lab animals and the cosmetic clipping and bobbing of

ears and tails. In addition, it applies only to dogs and cats.

"I'm not taking on camels, ostriches, roosters and chickens," Buford said in an interview. "I cannot put all animals in this and get it passed. I'm being realistic. ... Even animals for research are not being touched by this, much as I'd like to."

Buford said the bill is aimed at people who deliberately inflict pain on dogs and cats. He said part of the impetus for the bill was the shooting of stray dogs at the animal shelter in Henry County — shootings that were captured on videotape.

If the bill becomes law, animal torture would be a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison upon conviction.

Boston Priests Forum leaders want clergy to speak out against abuse

by JAY LINDSAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — To the Rev. Robert Bullock, the lesson of the clerical sex abuse crisis that began in his own Boston Archdiocese is simple — priests cannot risk remaining silent and subservient.

"Crimes were committed in our parishes by our brother priests," says Bullock, a co-founder of the Boston Priests Forum. "What made us so passive, so supine, so unwilling to take risks?"

"We can't be that way again," he says. "Those things are going to happen again. We can't be complicit."

Already credited by some with playing a role in the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law as Boston archbishop, Bullock and others in the group hope the forum grows to combat the secrecy at the heart of the sex abuse problem among the clergy.

Some priests see the mere existence of a group of priests independent of the archdiocese as divisive. The Rev. Joseph Hennessey said the forum can best serve the archdiocese "by disbanding."

A forum leader, the Rev. John McGinty, compares the group's future to the development of a precious stone.

"The pressure either makes it or breaks it," he said.

The forum's start was innocuous enough — three priests meeting for dinner in September 2001 to hash out everyday concerns such as loneliness and overwork. But the hunger for fellowship was sharp, and the group grew to around 50 by the end of that year, just before the sex abuse scandal broke.

Law became the lightning rod of dissent among parishioners and alleged victims for shifting priests accused of molesting children from parish

to parish.

Priests were demoralized by their colleagues' misconduct and the hierarchy's mishandling of the cases. But they also worried about false accusations, and the forum spoke out when Law seemed cool to their concerns.

Some labeled them rebels after 58 priests, including members of the forum, signed a letter calling for Law to step down days before he tendered his resignation to the pope Dec. 13.

Priests take a vow of obedience to their bishop, and disputes between clergymen and prelates are usually settled privately. The priests' public effort to oust the cardinal was unprecedented.

Even with Law's resignation, the archdiocese still faces more than 400 lawsuits filed by alleged victims of abuse, which the archdiocese has pledged to settle, and the release of more documents on problem priests.

In the past couple of months alone, more than 11,000 pages of archdiocese personnel files on more than 80 priests were released, detailing a range of allegations, from a priest who beat up his housekeeper to another who seduced young girls studying to become nuns by telling them he was the "second coming of Christ."

McGinty said fulfilling pastoral duties in the midst of crisis remains priests' chief concern, leaving little time for them to reflect on what their new voice now means.

Forum leaders have expressed a willingness to work with Bishop Richard Lennon, the archdiocese's interim leader, though no meeting has been set. A spokeswoman for the archdiocese declined to comment.

The forum adopted a constitution in November, establishing a registered membership and an executive board, which will be elected sometime early this year.

Stephen Pope, chairman of the theology department at Boston College, said the forum must include a broader range of ages, theologies and geographic areas to combat the perception that it is liberal or controlled by a few prominent priests. At the same time, it must work to keep a broad base unified.

"The last thing you want to do is create more splinter groups," he said.

Hennessey, a priest at St. Joseph Church in Kingston, contends that the Boston Priests Forum doesn't represent the majority of archdiocesan priests, either numerically or in what he said is a liberal theological bent. The forum estimates it has 250

of the archdiocese's 550 active priests as members.

Hennessey said the group duplicates the work of the Presbyteral Council, an elected body of priests within the archdiocese which can voice concerns, and has set up an "us vs. them" mentality by establishing itself independently.

"The church is like a family," he said. "Families settle things ... face to face. The church is not Ward 16 politics. The church is not the union hall."

The Rev. Paul Kilroy, a forum founder, said canon law gives priests the right to form their own groups, adding that the forum must play an important role as the archdiocese moves forward.

"We have to get out of the bunker mentality," Kilroy said. "We have to get out of the secrecy."

Obituary

Carrie Harvel

Carrie Harvel, 90, of Jamestown, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2003, at the Miami Valley Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1912, in Pike County, the daughter of Alvin and Lora Conley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thurman Harvel; and two sons, Bill and Bobby Harvel.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie (Milton) Haase of Beavercreek, and Ethel (Evan) Slone of Jamestown; grandchildren, Lora and Tom Wolf, Tony and Brenda Stone, Barry and Susan Stone, Scott and Charlotte Haase, Chris and Juanita Harvel; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Christy, Sarah, Shavon, Brian, Lisa and Stephanie.

The family thanks all of the doctors at Beavercreek Family Physicians, and the staff at Miami Valley Neurosciences unit 4W Southwest, for their compassion and support.

Funeral services will be held at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, on Sunday, January 12, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in the Tram Community Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 10th at McColaugh Funeral Home, Xenia, Ohio.

(Paid obituary)

Beltway

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as such, is with us forever or until the gasoline runs out, whichever comes first.

Happy New Year.

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

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Billy Ray Booth, 61, of Ypsilanti Twp., Michigan, native of Floyd County, died Saturday, January 4, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, in Ypsilanti.

Ernest Hall, 81, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, January 4, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Hall. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jonathan Hall, 36, of McDowell, died Sunday, January 5, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alfreda M. Halstead, 88, of Louisville, native of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, January 4, at Christian Health Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 8, at the Prestonsburg Christian Church, under the direction of O.D. White and Son Funeral Home.

Sue (Goodman) Hamilton, 78, of Marshall, Michigan, native of Emma, died at her home on Thursday night, January 2. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

January 6, under the direction of Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home.

Alvin Hurd, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 8, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 10, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Margie Mullins Isaac, 73, of Hamlet, North Carolina, formerly of Wheelwright, died Monday, January 6, at the Sand Hills Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillie (Nanny) Jarrell, 88, of Dwale, died Friday, January 3, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James "Jimmy" Reynolds, 52, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 7, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Abe Sparks, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 10, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 12, 11 a.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home.

Knott County

Ricky Dean Jacobs, 37, of Garner, died Thursday, January 9, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Polly Jean Johnson Jacobs. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Dollie Hayes, 80, of Mouse, died Friday, January 3, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Brian Edwin Moore, 39, of Mouse, died Wednesday, January 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Zella S. Moore. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 12, 2 p.m., at Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

J.D. Mosley, 50, of Hindman, died Friday, January 3, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Elesha Renee Hensley Mosley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dennis Short, 50, of Garner, died Saturday, January 4, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County

Luther Adkins, 84, of Hurricane Creek, died Wednesday, January 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

William D. "Bill" Brickey, 70, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Emogene Draughn Brickey. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Amos Coleman, 89, of Paw Paw, died Saturday, January 4, at the Russell County Medical Center in Russell County, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ray Coleman, 88, of Pikeville, formerly of Belfry, died Thursday, January 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Josephine Hall, 81, of Powells Creek, died Sunday, December 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 2, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Patsy Hall, 63, of Robinson Creek, died Friday, January 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Claude Hall. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Kenneth King, 55, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 4, at Pikeville

Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

James E. Stapleton, 84, of Federalsburg, Maryland, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, December 30, at his home. Private services were conducted at the Frampton-Hawkins-Eskow Funeral Home, Federalsburg.

Martin County

James Connors, 63, of Inez, died Monday, December 30, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Elsie Fletcher, 85, of Warfield, died Sunday, January 5, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

John C. Hinkle Jr., 84, of Inez, died Friday, January 3, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Inez Funeral Chapel.

Lou Ann Montgomery, 67, of Inez, died Wednesday, December 11, at the home of her daughter. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

John Henry Muncy, 41, of Louisa, formerly of Pilgrim, died Tuesday, December 31, at Fort Gay, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lowell (Tom) Stepp, 59, of Inez, died Saturday, January 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Matilda Sartin Stepp. Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Susie Stroud, 98, of Crum, West Virginia, died Wednesday, January 1, at Martin County Nursing Home Facility, Inez. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Ernestine Margaret Ward, 84, of Inez, died Friday, January 3, at Martin County Nursing Home Facility, Inez. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Johnson County

David Clinton Belcher, died Thursday, January 2, at U.K. Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Nancy A. Lauffer, 71, died Monday, January 6, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Harry B. Lauffer. Private graveside services were conducted Monday, January 6, at Highland Memorial Park.

Geneva Meeks, 85, of Flatwoods, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, January 4. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 7, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Clyde Moses "Moe" Ray, 67, died Tuesday, December 31, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Geneva Kestner Rice, 82, a Johnson County native, died Monday, December 30. She is survived by her husband, James Rice. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

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BL continues winning ways

Ladycats go on road, beat Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK – Betsy Layne went on the road Thursday night and scored win No. 9 of the

season when it traveled to Pike County and beat Shelby Valley, a former region champion.

Betsy Layne, last season's 15th Region runner-up, after beating rival Prestonsburg on

Tuesday night, had one day's rest before playing and beating Shelby Valley 53-48.

Earlier in the week, Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers had expressed some con-

cern about her team's consistency.

Thursday's night meeting between the two 15th Region schools saw Betsy Layne lead 11-7 at the end of the first quarter and 26-20 at the half.

(See LADYCATS, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Whitney Lykens, pictured in action against Prestonsburg earlier in the week, scored 13 in Betsy Layne's win over Shelby Valley.

H.S. BASKETBALL



photo by Tony McGuire

Adam Tackett worked against the Hazard defense in the first round of the WYMT Mountain Classic.

Rockets ground South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD – Hazard's win over South Floyd in the opening round of the WYMT Mountain Classic ended all hopes the Raiders had of repeating as the tournament's top team. On Thursday night, Rockcastle County handed South Floyd its second loss in the tournament. The Rockets, after falling to Breathitt County in the first round of this year's tourney, rebounded to beat South Floyd 71-54.

The Raiders dug a hole against Rockcastle. The Rockets outscored

(See RAIDERS, page three)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Paintsville looking for game to fill schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville High School head coach David LeMaster is looking for a game to fill an open date in the fifth week of the 2003 season. At press time, LeMaster had a couple of options, with Kentucky Country Day and Boyd County as possible opponents.

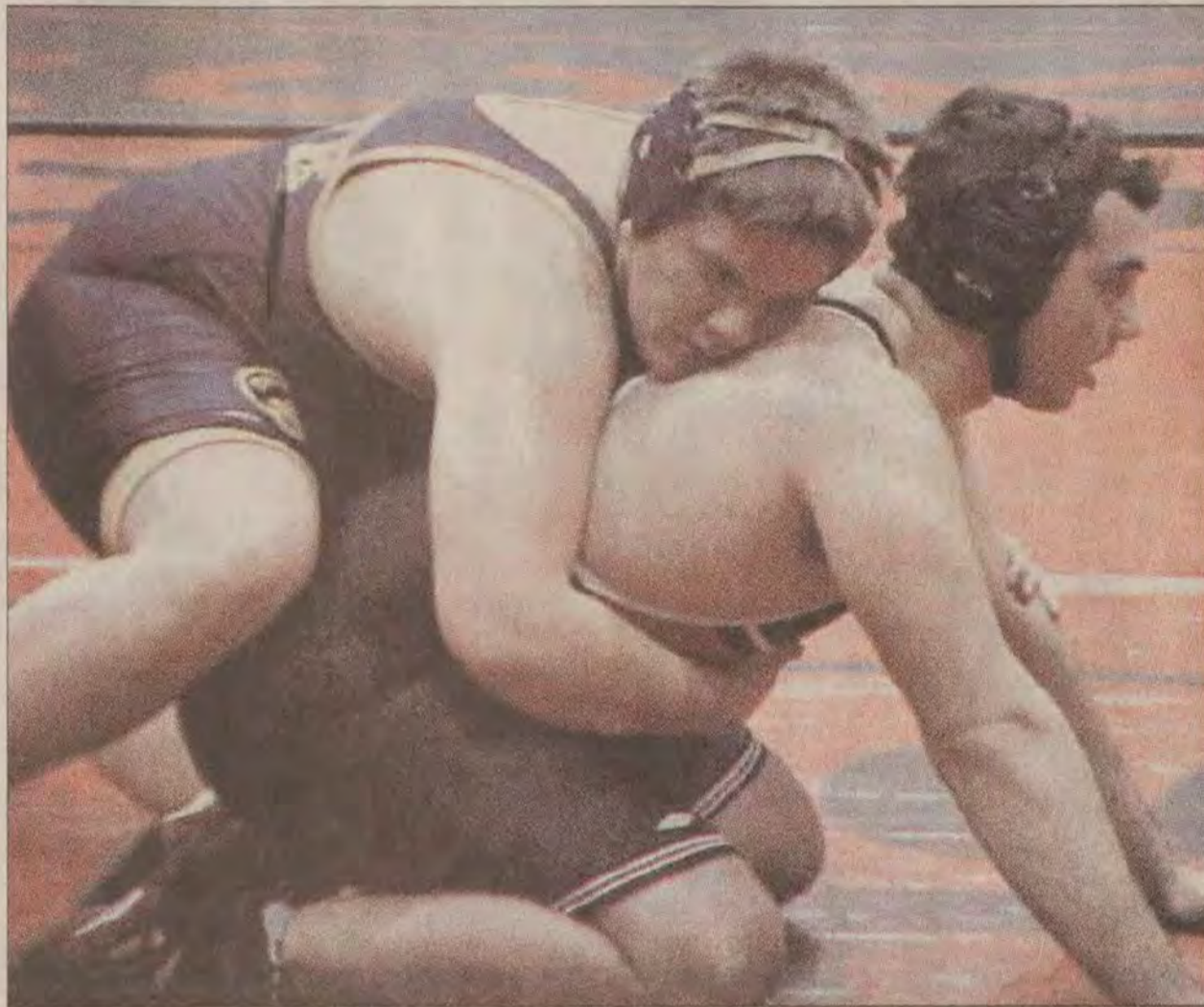
Paintsville finished runner-up in District Eight in 2002 after winning Region Four in 2001.

Paintsville will have another district foe in the fall as Jenkins joins the district after not playing a district schedule this past season. Jenkins is without a head coach following Todd Neace's resignation after three seasons at the helm of the program.

Tickets available for UK game at Vanderbilt

LEXINGTON – Tickets still remain for UK's game in Nashville, Tenn., against Vanderbilt on Tuesday. The tickets are \$25 apiece and can be purchased through the Commodores' website, www.vucommodores.com. Game time is 9 p.m. EST (8 p.m. CST) in Nashville.

— BLACKCAT WRESTLING —



Prestonsburg junior wrestler Shawn Whitt (right) looked to gain advantage over a Grundy (Va.) grappler. Other high school wrestling teams visited Prestonsburg for matches Wednesday.



The Prestonsburg Junior Wrestling Blackcats got together for a group photo Wednesday night. Pictured in no particular order are sixth-graders Cody Hamilton and Kevin Burchett, fifth-grader Shane Johnson; fourth-grader Randy Reynolds; third-grader Zachary Rowe; second-grader Andrew Hall and Nicholas Rowe, a young grappler who has yet to enter kindergarten.

H.S. BASKETBALL

South Floyd 95, Piarist 11

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – South Floyd traveled to the Piarist School Thursday night and broke a three-game losing streak, rolling over the host Lady Knights in much more than convincing fashion, winning 95-11.

South Floyd coasted out to a 30-0 lead and led 50-2 at halftime. Piarist with shooting woes and a tough South Floyd defense to try and overcome, managed just four points in the third quarter and five in the final period.

Ashley Johnson paced a balanced South Floyd scoring effort with 20 points. Sharee Hopkins finished with 13 points. Amanda Johnson and Megan Ousley each had 10 points.

Brandy Anderson chipped in nine points for South Floyd. Valerie King and Stephanie Skeens

(See PIARIST, page three)

NATA BASKETBALL

ALC women's team wins second straight Sizemore scores 12 in off the bench

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd women took the floor Thursday night against the visiting University of Virginia-Wise women's basketball team looking for its second win of the season. Thanks in part to a strong perfor-

(See ALC, page three)

Drivers in favor of autograph control

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – NASCAR drivers on Thursday supported a proposed effort to limit autographs in the garage area, stressing the importance of finding a way to clear up the current congestion.

NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. has proposed outlawing autographs in the garage except for the areas immediately around a driver's hauler and in designated spots at specified times.

"We've got to educate the drivers and the fans on what's appropriate and what is not appropriate," Jeff Burton

said during testing at Daytona International Speedway.

"There is no autograph etiquette, there is no proper understanding of what to do and when to do it and how to do it," he said. "I think to get an education process started, we've got to make some rules and just stick to

them."

France said Winston Cup champions Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart both support his proposal, which would force the drivers to decline many autograph requests and blame it on the

(See DRIVERS, page three)

BASKETBALL RANKINGS

Raiders ranked No. 24

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Prior to playing in this past week's WYMT Mountain Classic, the South Floyd boys' varsity basketball team, then with a record of 10-1, ranked No. 24 in the iHigh.com Kentucky Boys' Varsity Basketball Poll. However, after back-to-back losses in the tournament, the boys from South Floyd might fall out of the poll this week. South Floyd, which also received votes in the Associated Press Top-10 poll, ranked ahead of St. Henry in the iHigh poll.

The opinions expressed in the iHigh website poll are solely the views of iHigh.com and its voting panel, and do not, in any way, reflect the opinion of the

Kentucky High School Athletic Association. The poll, which was released on Monday, January 7 follows.

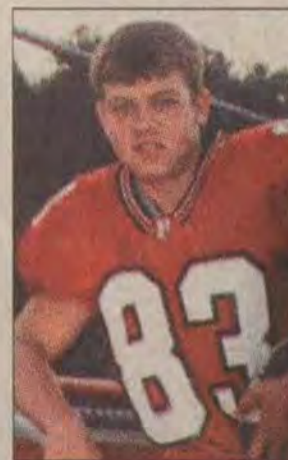
1. Mason County
2. Pleasure Ridge Park
3. Lexington Catholic
4. Apollo
5. Warren Central
6. Elizabethtown
7. Highlands
8. Ballard
9. Rose Hill
10. Male
11. Scott County
12. Wayne County
13. Daviess County

(See RANKED, page three)

H.S. FOOTBALL

Coach commends players on All-State honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



Prestonsburg specialist Bart Barnett, after playing just two seasons of high school football earned honorable-mention all-state accolades along with teammates Evan McNutt, Andrew Burchett, Joey Willis, Nick Jamerson and Mikeal Fannin.

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett recently had six football players from his PHS football program named to the (Louisville) Courier-Journal All-State Football Team as honorable-mention selections. Included were seniors Joey Willis, Mikeal Fannin, Evan McNutt, Andrew Burchett and Bart Barnett and

(See HONORS, page three)

S P O R T S B O A R D

Players follow Willis to Newberry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

NEWBERRY, S.C. — Newberry College head football coach Zak Willis has already signed and got commitments in recruiting with a month remaining before

national signing day. The former Pikeville College head coach, the school's first football coach, has some newfound players and some familiar faces from Pikeville College who'll follow him south.

Two-time Clemson signee Tymere Zimmerman committed to

Willis soon after the coach was hired and has already enrolled in school.

Besides Zimmerman, Willis also landed Derrick Higgins of Lamar, S.C., another Clemson signee that could not qualify with the Tigers and will transfer from Dodge City Junior College in Kansas. Willis' quarter-

back at Pikeville and former Citadel transfer, Mazzie Drummond, is transferring to Newberry with his head coach.

The loss of Drummond leaves Pikeville College and new head

(See WILLIS, page three)



Zak Willis, upon departing Pikeville and heading back to his native South Carolina, has brought some former Bears with him to suit up for Newberry College.

SCOREBOARD

Girls': Wednesday's games

Rowan County 61 Bath County 33
Whitesburg 87 Fleming-Neon 46

Thursday's games

Betsy Layne 53 Shelby Valley 48
East Carter 56 West Carter 55
Fleming County 53 Greenup County 37
Hazard 50 Letcher 45
Johnson Central 66 Lawrence County 32
June Buchanan 56 Jackson City 40
Magoffin County 65 Paintsville 51
Phelps 62 Sheldon Clark 60
Red Bird 48 OBI 24
Somerset 64 South Laurel 48
South Floyd 95 Plarist School 11
Wolfe County 65 Owsley County 52

Boys': Wednesday's games

Clay County 55 Knott Co. Central 39
(WYMT Mountain Classic)
Perry Co. Central 63 Pike Co. Central 44
(WYMT Mountain Classic)

Thursday's games

Lee County 100 Buckhorn 54
Rockcastle Co. 71 South Floyd 54
(WYMT Mountain Classic, Consolation Round)
Pike Co. Central 58 Knott Co. Central 51
(WYMT Mountain Classic, Consolation Round)

HONORS

Locals among scholarship winners

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Good Samaritan Foundation has announced the winners of this year's essay contest. All winners are listed on the ihigh website at www.ihigh.com.

Locally, Johnson Central senior Scott Stratton and Shelby Valley senior Tiffani Tackett received third place scholarships valued at \$500 each.

All list of all other statewide winners follows.

■ First Place Winners (\$5,000):
Jessie Birdwhistell, Henry Clay; Matt Kaufman, St. Xavier.

■ Second Place Winners (\$1,000):
Miles Best, St. Xavier; Jordan Bond, St. Xavier; Anna Dauer, Lexington Catholic; Sarah Edington, Walton Verona; Samantha N. Eyster, Frederick Fraize; Liz Fossett, Covington Holmes; Laura Groepper, West Jessamine; Megan Graves, Conner; Robert W. Hankins, Butler County; Marshall A. Jolly, Paris; Krista C. King, Covington Holmes; Luke Palisin, Covington Holmes; Jacob Roberts, St. Henry; Michael Stanton, Covington Holmes; Heather Youmans, Home Schooled (Perry County).

■ Third Place Winners (\$500):
Robert Bracco, Manual; Stephanie Burnley, Franklin-Simpson; Amanda Carter, Boyd County; Ashley M. Clark, Bourbon County; Amber Cunigan, Covington Holmes; Abby Carrans, Henry Clay; Brandent Englemon, Covington Holmes; Kristina C. Folsom, Shelby County; Andrea Heming, Warren Central; Candice L. Holt, South Laurel;

(See WINNERS, page three)

VOLLEYBALL

Belfry looking for teams for tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — The Belfry High School volleyball team will have a competitive volleyball tournament later this year. The tournament will be held on October 4, 2003 at Belfry.

Each participating team in the tournament will get four full matches. The entry fee for the tourney is \$150 per team.

For more information, contact Coach James Runyon by calling 606-353-7239 at work or 606-353-1015 at home.

DAYTONA BASKETBALL



SOUTHERN SWING

The Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball team took a trip south to Florida just after the Christmas break. The Bobcats played in a tournament in Daytona, Fla.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Browns hire defensive coordinator

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Former Dallas coach Dave Campo was hired as Cleveland's new defensive coordinator on Friday, reuniting him with Browns coach Butch Davis.

Campo and Davis worked together for six years as defensive assistants on the Cowboys' staff,

helping Dallas win two Super Bowls. The two also coached at the University at Miami.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work with Butch Davis," Campo said Friday. "We had a great working relationship at the University of Miami and with the Dallas Cowboys, and I have a great deal of respect for him."

Davis said Campo is "an out-

standing person, and a tremendous teacher and he will have a significant impact on our players."

The 55-year-old Campo was fired on Dec. 30 after leading the Cowboys to their third straight 5-11 season. He had also interviewed for Seattle's defensive coordinator's job but decided to join Davis' staff.

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PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Bears run win streak to five

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 10 Pikeville College placed five players in double figures and got a double-double from Teon Knox in a 95-72 win over Bluefield State College Thursday night.

Knox, a 6-8 junior from Baltimore, had 14 points and 14-rebounds in a mere 21 minutes of play. He was 7-of-9 from the field and was credited with five offensive rebounds.

(See BEARS, page three)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

P'burg Junior Basketball

VARSITY

Wizards 29, Grizzlies 19

Logan Grindstaff led all scorers with 14 points as the Wizard bested the Grizzlies. Seth Moore added 7 points for the winners and Chris Baker pitched in 4. Rikki Hughes led the Grizzlies with 9 points and Kendra Sammons tossed in 4.

Lakers 37, Sixers 22

The Lakers defeated the Sixers behind 11 points from Josh Rodebaugh. The Sixers trailed 13-4 after one quarter and could not mount a rally. Bobby Hughes added 8 points for the winners and John Turner pitched in 7. Michael Lackey tossed in 8 points for the Sixers and Chayse Martin had 6.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Lakers 30, Jazz 24

Devin Clifton and Nicholas Conn finished with 14 points each as the Lakers beat the Jazz. The Lakers trailed after one but rallied to go up at the half. Billy Robinson led the Jazz with 12 points and Wesley Hall added 10.

Spurs 36, Bulls 29

D.J. Ousley had a huge game with 31 points as the Spurs defeated the Bulls. Austin McKinney pitched in 3 points for the Spurs. Tosha Wallen and Austin Ward finished with 9 points each for the Bulls.

TRAINING LEAGUE

Warriors 17, Bulls 13

Erica Meade tossed in 8 points for the Warriors en route to the win. The Warriors led 8-2 at the half and never looked back. Wil Allen led the Bulls with 7 points in the contest and James Sturgill added 4.

Lakers 22, Hornets 5

Caleb Petry led the Lakers to the win with 17 points in the game. The Lakers led 10-4 at the half and never trailed. Tyler Sparkman netted all 5 of the Hornets points in the contest. Rachel Dingus and Trinity Stewart finished with 2 points each for the Lakers.

Knicks 12, Sonics 8

The Knicks held the Sonics scoreless in the second half and came away with the win. Thomas Skeens led the Knicks with 8 points. Frankie Conn and Taylor Tackett added 2 points each for the winners. Shawn Burkett and Rebekah Potter finished with 4 points each for the Sonics.

Raptors 16, Hawks 8

Alex Griffith led the Raptors to victory with 15 points in the contest. Bryson Williams led the Hawks with 4 points and Kain Collins added 2.

(See BASKETBALL, page three)

ALICE LLOYD

Virginia-Wise 86, Alice Lloyd 78

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd placed four players in double figures scoring Thursday night in a home game. However, the visiting UVa.-Wise Cavaliers did the same. Virginia-Wise led the host Eagles 37-32 at halftime and outscored the homestanding team 49-46 in the second half for an 86-78 victory.

Zack Moore led Wise with a game-high 30 points. He also led his team in rebounds with seven.

Kent Campbell pushed in a team-high 20 points for Alice Lloyd. South Floyd High grad Jimmy Stumbo scored 13 and Matt Spencer added 11. Tommy McKenzie scored eight for the Eagles.

Shannon Akers and Matt Hurt each scored five points apiece. Hondo Hearne and Jeremy Daniels rounded out the scoring for Coach Gary Gibson's Eagles.

Daniels, a Class of 2002 graduate of

(See WISE, page three)



The 2003 Coca Cola Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team was honored at the end of the championship game. Neil Allen (front row, left) and Rossi Samons (front row, middle) were honored from Allen Central. Honorees pictured from the championship game teams included Ben Pugh (22) and Barry Sanders (20) of Pike County Central and Tyler Hall (32), Steven Stanley (52) and Michael Hall (10) of South Floyd. South Floyd won the tournament.

It's easier to eye eagles nowadays

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Opportunities for viewing bald eagles grow continually better in Kentucky.

The species that is the national symbol visits Kentucky as wintering migrants from habitats to the north and resides in the commonwealth as nesting pairs. And both wintering eagles and Kentucky-nesting birds are on the rise, according to Shawshyi Vorisek.

Vorisek, a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources non-game biologist, said results of this year's wintering eagle survey should be compiled shortly.

If findings are typical, it should show continuing expansion of the bald eagle population.

"It varies by how weather conditions affect the migration and because of the conditions on the survey days, but these numbers are going up every year," Vorisek said.

Last year's winter survey yielded a count of 324 bald eagles, a modern high.

The winter count may blur the distinction between seasonal migrant visitors and Kentucky-nesting eagles, Vorisek said.

"Right about now you'll have some pairs of birds here that start setting up their nesting territories," she said. "It's hard to know which

are nesting birds until the winter migrants leave."

Last year, state wildlife managers documented 27 "occupied nesting territories," each representing a pair of birds with at least one nest. Those nesting eagles produced 31 eaglets that went on to fledge.

"Every year we're getting additional nests out there," Vorisek said. "More than likely there are active nests that haven't been reported and monitored yet."

Eagle activity is concentrated in western Kentucky, especially at Kentucky Lake, Lake Barkley and the Land Between the Lakes national recreation area they flank, and the Ballard County Wildlife Management area on the Ohio River.

However, increasing numbers of birds in migrations and among nesting pairs have created more eagle encounters elsewhere in the state.

"There could be sightings of wintering birds anywhere along the Ohio River or other major waterways in the state," Vorisek said. "Any of the bigger lakes could get some eagles."

Bald eagles, primarily fish-eaters, are most often seen in shoreline areas.

Among the largest of birds, they have a wingspan that may exceed seven feet.

Mature birds, about five year

old, are almost unmistakable — dark brown with distinctive white head and tail feathers. Younger eagles are more uniformly brown, lacking the namesake "bald" or white head.

In flight, eagles are rivaled in size only by vultures. However, soaring eagles can be identified by

wings that are held at almost right angles to the body, while the soaring turkey vulture has a v-shaped winglet.

Eagle viewing tours and programs are held in Eagle Weekend events at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Jan. 17-19, Dale Hollow Lake SRP Jan. 17-19 and

Jan. 24-26, Kenlake SRP Feb. 7-9 and Lake Barkley SRP Feb. 21-23.

For more information, phone the parks: Kentucky Dam Village, 270-362-4271; Dale Hollow, 270-433-7431; Kenlake, 270-472-2211; Lake Barkley, 270-924-1131.

Former Kentucky player dies at 103

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Former Kentucky basketball player Basil Hayden has died at his home. He was 103.

Hayden, who died Thursday, led Kentucky to the 1921 Southern Conference Tournament championship in Atlanta. He also briefly coached the team.

Hayden's is among 41 jerseys that hang in Rupp Arena to honor outstanding former players, coaches, announcers and managers.

He was a graduate of Paris High School and the University of Kentucky. Hayden served in the Army during World War I, taught school and worked as a state bank examiner.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Lura Hayden, of Cross Hill, S.C.; and several grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today at 3 p.m. A spokesman for the funeral home said the body would be cremated.

Bears

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The win was the fifth straight for the Bears, who stand 15-2 on the season. The win came on a night when they shot better from the field (53.5 percent) than the line (51.9 percent).

Bluefield State (2-7) made four first-half three-pointers, three by junior Marcus Clements, yet went to the half trailing 48-32. The Bears shot only 46.2 percent in the first half, but after intermission,

scorched the nets for 62.5 percent (20-of-32) shooting.

Clements led the Big Blues with 24 points and added five assists.

Senior Jason Robinson led the Bears in scoring with 22 and added four assists. He has lead or tied for the lead in scoring in all six games he's played.

Greg Davis came off the bench to hit three three-point baskets and finish with 13. Charles Sanders had 11 points and five rebounds, while Joey Mirus contributed 10 off the bench.

Clements was followed by Carlos Vanhook, who had 14 and a team-high seven rebounds. Jerrod Patterson and Terry Blount flipped in 10 each.

Thanks to Knox and senior Michael Thomas, who had nine off the bench, the Bears won the rebounding battle 50-35 and had 19 offensive boards.

Winners

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Brett Jones, Burgin; Sarah Kitleman, Covington Holmes; Adrian Landis, Covington Holmes; Hannah Pennington, Greenwood; Rachel K. Reed, Powell County; Miranda Richerson, Taylor County; Hannah G. Rogers, Pulaski Southwestern; Brittany Stark, Elizabethtown.

Willis

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coach John Gilliam temporarily without a signal-caller.

Charley Miller of Camden, S.C., is also leaving Pikeville

College to be with Willis as is Forest Tucker of Lillington, N.C. Tucker is a former Auburn signee who didn't qualify. He redshirted the past season at Fort Scott Junior College in Kansas.

Willis will also have the gridiron services of Leo Reed who was a defensive lineman for the Bears last season.

Zimmerman, who enrolled at S.C. State last fall, but didn't play football, caught 56 passes for 1,236 yards as a senior at Marlboro County (S.C.) in 2000 while leading his team to the Class AAAA state championship. Higgins had 80 catches for 1,294 yards and 19 touchdowns as a high school senior at Lamar.

While leading Willis' team last season, Drummond passed for 1,361 yards and six touchdowns. Miller was Pikeville's second leading tackler with 77 stops last season.

Piarist

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finished with seven and six points, respectively.

Bethany Tackett and Tommi Sue Tussey each had four points apiece for the Lady Knights.

Lakita Lykins rounded out the scoring for Piarist with three points.

SOUTH FLOYD (95) — S. Skeens 6, King 7, Ousley 10, Hopkins 13, Anderson 9, As. Johnson 20, Am. Johnson 10, Hall 2, Blocker 2, Tackett 4, Gregory 2, Dean 2, V. Skeens 2.

PIARIST (11) — Lykins 3, Tackett 4, Tussey 4.

Raiders

South Floyd 17-8 in the first quarter, before doubling up South Floyd 22-11 in the second period for a 20-point (39-19) halftime lead.

Sophomore Aaron Cash led

Rockcastle County, which had three players score in double figures. Cash finished the game with 22 points. Senior Jason Reynolds chipped in 20 for the winning team.

Ladycats

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Shelby Valley edged Betsy Layne 12-11 in the third frame. Each team scored 16 points in the final period.

The outstanding duo of Whitney Lykens and Natasha Stratton combined for 30 points for Betsy Layne. Stratton led the visiting squad of Ladycats with 17 points. Lykens netted 13

Sophomore Kim Clark added 11 points for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne returns to the hardwood on Tuesday, hosting South Floyd in another 58th District game. The Betsy Layne girls are 2-0 in district games.

Shelby Valley is scheduled to travel to Magoffin County on Monday night.

Browns

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The Browns' position opened up Tuesday when 63-year-old Foge Fazio announced his retirement, two days after Cleveland blew a 17-point lead in the second half of a 36-33 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC playoffs.

Fazio was criticized for using only three linemen to rush quarterback Tommy Maddox on the Steelers' final two scoring drives.

Campo coached the Cowboys secondary from 1991-94. Davis was Dallas' defensive coordinator in 1993-94. Campo took over the Cowboys defense when Davis left to take the head coaching job at Miami in 1995 and stayed in that role until he was named head coach before

Wise

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Betsy Layne High School, led the Eagles in rebounding with six boards. Wise beat Alice Lloyd in the rebounding battle, gathering in 28 rebounds opposed to the host team's 25.

Both teams shot similar percentages from the field, free throw line and beyond the arc.

Honors

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junior Nick Jamerson.

The Prestonsburg grid program took very little time away from the weight room before beginning back in preparation for the 2003 grid campaign.

More on the players honored and quotes from the Blackcat head coach on each individual follows.

Joey Willis (Quarterback) — Three-year starter.

Coaches comment: "Joey passed for close to 2000 yards this past season; over his three years as a starter our offense set the school scoring records for points per game for two straight seasons."

Nick Jamerson (Wide receiver) — 1,019 yards receiving in 2002. KHSAA record for TD

the 2000 season.

Campo's biggest challenge with the Browns could be getting more production from former first-round draft picks Courtney Brown and Gerard Warren.

Brown, the No. 1 overall selection in 2000, struggled with injuries for the second straight year and missed the final four games this season after undergoing knee surgery.

Warren was out of shape this season and didn't make as many big plays as he did as a rookie in 2001.

Campo also inherits a Cleveland defense that failed to protect several big leads this season.

The Browns squandered leads in regular-season losses to Kansas City and Indianapolis and then gave back 24-7 and 33-21 leads in Sunday's wild-card loss to the Steelers.

Davis wanted to have his coordinator in place before leaving for next week's Senior Bowl workouts in Mobile, Ala.

The Browns are still looking for a defensive line coach. On Tuesday, Ray Hamilton was fired with one year remaining on his three-year contract.

Basketball

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Warriors 14, Jazz 4

Coty Shortridge led the Warriors with 6 points and Tate Goble added 4 for the winners. Steven Perry had all 4 Jazz points in the contest.

Knicks 10, Hornets 3

The Knicks beat the Hornets behind 6 points from Corey Conley and Tyler Bays added 3 in the contest for the Knicks. Allyson DeRossett led the Hornets with 2 points and Haley Howell added 1.

Drivers

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sanctioning body.

Jimmie Johnson, who became immensely popular during his rookie season, said he would be in favor of anything that would improve the current environment.

"You have to dodge and weave and run and try to make it through the crowd, and it can be overwhelming," Johnson said. "I'm all for NASCAR trying to find a way to fix that."

NASCAR has always been fan friendly, giving the average spectator almost total access to its teams. But overcrowding in recent years has led to complaints from drivers and crews, as well as injuries among spectators.

The sanctioning body plans to unveil new rules for garage access later this month, with a goal of reducing the number of people in the garage during competition by some 20 percent.

"We have to be careful about what we do, we have to find a way and a proper place to do autographs and spend time with the fans," Burton said. "If we

Pacers 9, Celtics 9

The Pacers and Celtics played to a 9-9 tie. Thomas Spears led the Pacers with 4 points and Madison Wright added 3. Caudill led the Celtics with 4 points and Chris Fitch added 3.

Bulls 13, Raptors 4

Grant Martin led the Bulls with 7 points and Billy Holiday added 4 for the winner. Aaron Foley led the Raptors with 3 points and John Cooksey added 1 in the contest.

ALC

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mance in off the bench from a Floyd County product, the ALC women won. 72-59.

Alice Lloyd clings to a 31-30 lead over Wise at the half before turning the Lady Cavaliers away in the second half.

Andrea Kelley led Alice Lloyd in scoring with a game-high 15 points.

Allen Central High graduate Shannon Sizemore had the best game thus far of her college career, scoring 12 points to go along with two assists and two rebounds in just 16 minutes.

don't find time to do that, then we will be doing the fans and we'll be doing this sport a huge injustice.

"It will be difficult, there will be times when people are going to get mad at you because you say 'No,' but on the other hand, the only way to get the etiquette correct is to make a stance and say, 'This is how we're going to do it. We will find time for you, but it's not going to be at this time.'"

Ranked

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14. Covington Catholic
15. Breathitt County
16. Tates Creek
17. Hopkinsville
18. Henry Clay
19. Muhlenberg North
20. Simon Kenton
21. North Hardin
22. Paducah Tilghman
23. Mayfield
24. South Floyd
25. St. Henry

Leah Whitley also had 12 points.

Other scorers for Alice Lloyd follow: Delores Jenkins 8, Erica Webb 4, Devon Reynolds 4, Belicia Mullins 7, Sarah Gooding 6, Bridget Smith 2, Kristina Thompson 2.

Brooke Hardy turned in a great performance for Wise, scoring 13 points and pulling down a game-high 19 rebounds. Chrissy Bowen and Melissa Barnes each chipped in 10 points for the Lady Cavaliers.

Playing on borrowed time

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raising the ante has always been the surest way to get Michael Jordan's attention.

And he turns 40 next month. Fewer and fewer people may care, but lately Jordan seems intent on proving he can still play a little.

The stakes aren't as high and it takes more time to accomplish what he used to do in a flash, but that comes as no surprise to the rest of us. Age wrings concessions from everybody, even Jordan.

Right now, he's just renegotiating his lease.

On Monday, Jordan was honored as the NBA Player of the Week, something that hadn't happened since April 6, 1998. The award came in the middle of a five-game winning streak by the Washington Wizards and not coincidentally, during a stretch when Jordan logged more minutes than just about all of his teammates and anybody else in the NBA.

That wasn't the original plan he and coach Doug Collins made for this season. They were going to conserve minutes to save wear and tear on his knees, to rely more on the kids and the shopworn vets, and to let newly acquired Jerry Stackhouse take over the closer's role.

But right around Thanksgiving, not long after Jordan let slip that this would "definitely" be his last season, Jordan signaled Collins they were switching to Plan B.

"If we're winning, then my minutes are OK," Jordan said at the time. "I don't mind the young kids playing, but if I feel like we're not winning or I can contribute more, then I'd like my minutes to increase. ... It's not that I want to average 40 minutes a night."

Jordan was averaging 28 minutes a game then. He waited one game longer before inserting himself into the starting lineup. Jordan has averaged 37 minutes a night since, the Wizards have gone 11-8 and taken up the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Washington is 18-17, above .500 for the first time since November. The downside is that all those minutes might finally be taking their toll.

Jordan didn't practice for a second day Thursday while recovering from a virus. But in between, on Wednesday night, he cobbled together 14 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists in 33 minutes to give his new team a 101-98 victory over his old one.

It marked the second time in a less than a week that Washington beat Chicago, leaving Jordan with a 4-0 record against the Bulls since switching allegiances.

For all the lecturing Jordan has done about teamwork and professionalism, about sharing the burden of winning, there is no more teaching going on in Washington. Sheer force of habit taught his teammates to assume Jordan will watch their backs instead of the other way around, and lately he's been covering again.

Not with the spectacular stuff of his youth, but by playing just good enough.

"Michael is the barometer of our team," Collins said after the victory against the Bulls. "He came out sort of sluggish and our whole team was sluggish. Instead of picking him up, we played a very sluggish first half. Michael came out in the third quarter, gave us the nice little spurt and it livened us up."

The "spurt" was all eight points in an 8-2 run to start the third quarter. It consumed most of Jordan's energy, but that didn't seem to matter. He held on until the cavalry arrived, which is the way it will have to be most nights for Washington just to make the playoffs.

Jordan has made peace with that part of the bargain; he understands everything from here on out is borrowed time. He seems just as interested as any of us to find out how the string plays out.

A friend has likened this to Babe Ruth's farewell tour, and the comparison is apt in some ways, but off the mark in others. It's certainly not as sad as

watching Muhammad Ali get beat up at the end, but it won't have the triumphant ring of Sandy Koufax's goodbye, or Jim Brown's — guys who left at the peak of their powers.

Jordan, like Ruth, put an entire show on his back and played in front of full houses everywhere he went. Those places are not as packed or as loud as they once were when he came to town. And in most of them, the ticket holders are more interested in being able to tell their kids they saw Jordan play than in what he did on the court.

That's what the end was like for Ruth. The Yankees unloaded him in 1934, he played 28 games with the Boston Braves the season after that, and wisely called it a career. Ruth hit only six home runs, but three of them came in one game, right after the newspapers called him washed up.

Like Ruth, Jordan knows those reports aren't wrong, but perhaps just a bit premature.

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UK recruiting for 'Girls in Science' program

by JENNIFER BONCK

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky is recruiting teachers and students for an innovative education program, Girls in Science.

Several years ago, UK was awarded a grant to study how young

women can be supported and encouraged to pursue careers in science. Because of the success of this initiative, the Young Women in Science program, the university is offering a new program funded by the National Science Foundation for girls in middle school.

The focus of this new program is to encourage girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The two-year program includes a week-long summer camp at UK for two consecutive years, as well as five Saturday academies throughout the school year at participants' local

community colleges. The girls will also receive mentoring from female research and community leaders.

Girls from the following counties are being recruited: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Ford, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson,

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Correcting a mistake

How often have you made a mistake with no opportunity to amend it? Mistakes can be costly especially when it affects those around us.

I recently talked with Raymond Horn, student facilitator for the East Kentucky Gear Up Project in the Martin County School System, who has spent the last 22 years trying to rectify a mistake. He remembered the day as if it were yesterday, the day he thought his dreams were coming true.



Raymond Horn

“On a cold snowy December day in 1978, the dream I had had since about the fourth grade was about to come true, or so I thought,” Horn said.

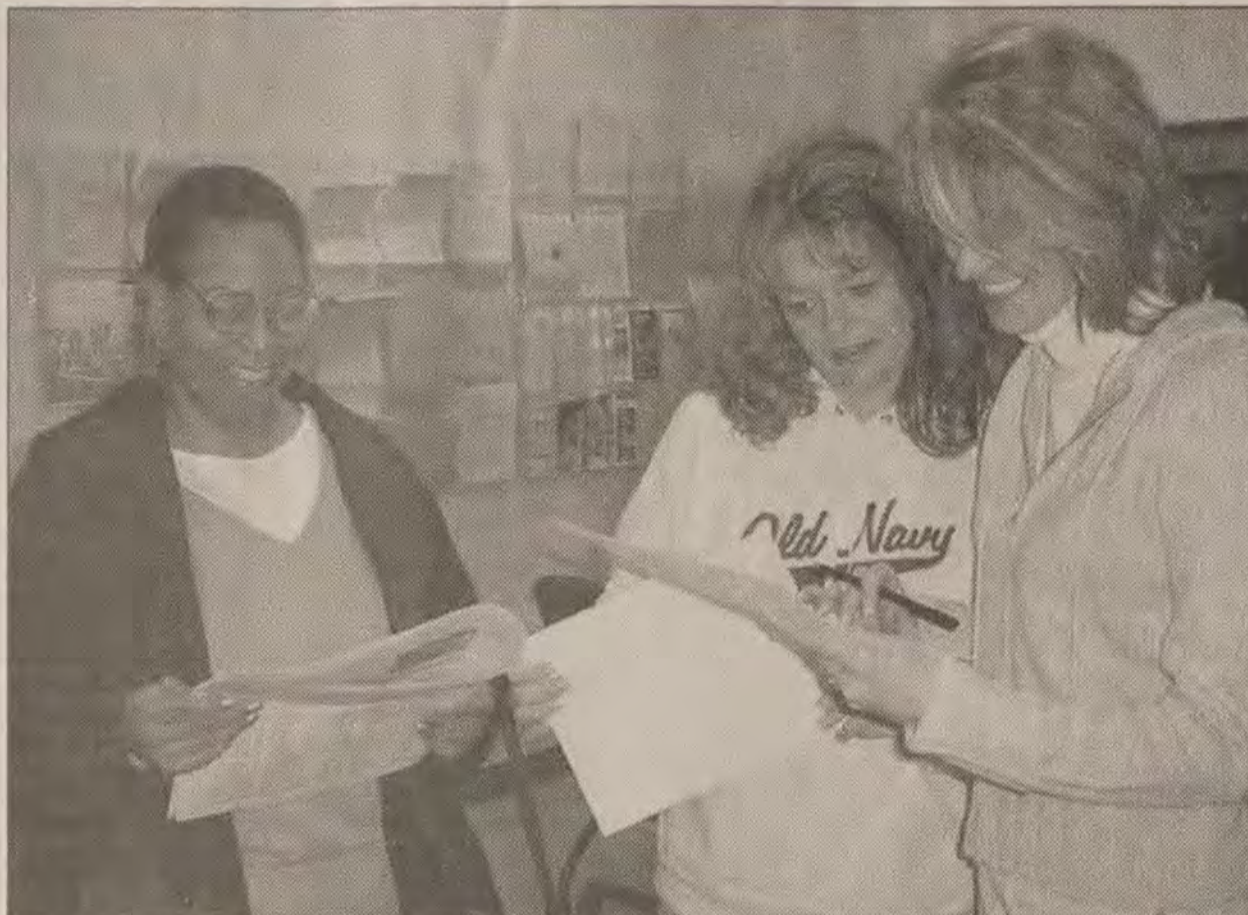
“That day a college basketball coach visited with my parents and me at our home. He explained to us that his point guard was a senior and that he needed someone to step in and be ready to play a lot as a freshman. He said, ‘I have been recruiting all over the state and have not seen anybody with the ball handling skills that Raymond has. He handles the ball like it is on a string.’”

“Speaking now as a parent who has a son ready to graduate from high school this year, I know how my parents must have felt to have a college coach tell them how much he wanted their son to be a part of the basketball program. On Dec. 15 the coach returned to my high school and met with my high school coach, my mom and dad, and me. At that time I signed a letter of intent to play ball for this college.

“My mom and dad were glowing that day. The remainder of my senior year came

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— SPRING REGISTRATION —



From left, Eldora Garvin, Lisa Bentley, and Sherry Younce discuss what classes they are going to take.

Long lines as students register for Spring classes

PRESTONSBURG - The new Student Services Centers on Prestonsburg Community College, Mayo Technical College and the Pikeville Campus of Mayo and PCC were the sites of long lines this morning as eager students queued up to register for Spring

classes. All three campuses expect a record enrollment.

Dr. George Edwards, President of PCC and CEO for the Big Sandy District said, “We are expecting a large January enrollment. With the renovations at the Mayo campus, the new Student Center building

now open at the Prestonsburg Campus and the modern new facility at the Pikeville Campus we are well prepared to handle the increased student population. We look forward to providing more and

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COLLEGE NEWS

Pikeville College nursing students achieve maximum NCLEX-RN pass rate



The May 2002 class of nursing graduates in the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program at Pikeville College achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council of Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses. Members of the class are, from left, front row: Lea Ann Rutherford Alley, Jessica Lynn Justice, Brandi Nicole Rose, Carle Justice Bartley, and Michelle Sykes. Middle row: Lorri Hall, Carol Lynn Hall, Stephanie Dawn Watson, April Dawn Endicott, Amanda Daryl Clark, and Judy Lynn Maynard. Back row: Arlene Francis May Chapman, Kristi Jo Bush, Ralph Taylor, Racheal Roberts Smallwood, and Carrie Lynn Lynch.

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College's Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program has announced that the May 2002 class of 16 nursing graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council of Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Pikeville College nursing graduates remain above the national and state averages on NCLEX-RN. The national pass average was 84 percent; the Kentucky average was 90 percent.

“We are delighted to share in the success of our graduates. This is a wonderful achievement for these men and women,” said Mary R. Simpson, RN, Ph.D., chairperson of the Nursing Division. “I also want to commend the nursing faculty - Karen Damron, Dwyna Dean, Karen Martin,

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Microsoft institute benefits KCTCS information technology faculty

LEXINGTON - Faculty at colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System will participate in the Working Connections IT Faculty Development Institute to ensure that their students enter the information-technology workforce with cutting-edge skills.

KCTCS was one of 10 colleges or institutions selected to offer the training program. Some 120 information-technology faculty from community and techni-

cal colleges across KCTCS will receive the training this year.

The training program is supported by Microsoft Corp., the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and the Bellevue (Washington) Community College National Workforce Center for Emerging Technologies (NWCET).

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CONFERENCE

The Platters and the Marvelettes to perform at HCC Feb. 15

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series announces The Platters and The Marvelettes will perform on Saturday, Feb. 15, with a 6 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. concert, First Federal Center Convocation Hall, Hazard Community College.

Dinner/Concert Admission: Adults, \$30; Students - \$20 (age 18 & under); Concert Only Admission: Adults, \$16, Students, \$8 (age 18 & under).

The Platters, formed in 1953 in Los Angeles, had the beginning of their stardom in 1955 with their hit “Only You,” which also helped them become the most popular vocal group of the fifties. Rerecording songs by the likes of Jerome Kern and Rudy Vallee, as well as some original material, between 1955 and 1960, The Platters had four No. 1 songs and 16 gold records, most of which can still be heard on any easy listening or oldies stations throughout the country today. With hit songs like “Smoke Gets In Your Eyes,” “The Great Pretender,” and “I’ll Never Smile Again” The Platters were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, where they so rightly belong.

The Marvelettes occupy an esteemed place in the history of American popular music as the group that caused Motown, and most notably Berry Gordy, to change the label's focus from single bluesy soul artists to a smooth orchestrated harmonic sound that transcended the prior racial limits of rhythm and blues. With their first record, “Please, Mr. Postman” hitting the top spot on the charts Motown was to concentrate on the Marvelettes, Supremes, Temptations, Four Tops, and Martha and the Vandellas and create a new group pop soul sound that totally dominated the music charts until the advent of the Beatles four years later.

Make your reservation now! For more information, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 800-246-7521, ext. 8067 or at Tammy.Duff@kctcs.edu

College calendar

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Community College Department of Community and Economic Development wishes to announce new classes in American Sign Language - Beginning and Intermediate /Advanced. In Beginning ASL, students will learn finger spelling, ABC's, vocabulary and sentence structure. For the Intermediate /Advanced ASL class, students must have basic skills. Topics covered in the intermediate /advanced class include receptive skills, additional vocabulary, and role-playing scenarios. Beginning ASL will be taught at the Pikeville campus of Mayo/PCC on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 21 and at Prestonsburg Community College on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 22. Intermediate /Advanced ASL will be taught at the Pikeville campus of Mayo/PCC on Thursdays beginning Jan. 23. Call Karen at 886-3863 or toll-free at 888-641-4132, extension 6258 for more information.

DANCE CLASSES

Pikeville College Community Education dance classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 13. Ballet, tap and jazz classes will be available to students ages 3 and up.

For more information, please contact Claire Olson at 437-4846.

Prater named to dean's list at ALC

PIPPA PASSES - Staci Nicole Prater, of Prestonsburg, has been named to Alice Lloyd College's dean's list for the fall semester.

Prater received a certificate for the distinction, which recognized her for “superior scholastic achievement.”

In a letter Prater received from the school, academic dean Marylee M. James praised her achievement.

“Your demonstrated discipline and dedication to intellectual pursuits brings credibility to your personally, as well as to the college,” James wrote. “Alice Lloyd's mission of educating mountain students for leadership roles in Appalachia continues to be enhanced by students such as yourself.”

Alice Lloyd College is a private, four-year, liberal arts institution dedicated to providing leadership education to some of the brightest and best students in the Appalachian region. The school is named for its founder, Alice Spencer Geddes Lloyd, who came to the Eastern Kentucky mountains from her native Boston. With Syracuse, N.Y., native June Buchanan, Lloyd chartered the Caney Junior College in 1923.

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Workshop to offer help opening a business

ASHLAND — Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop in Ashland later this month to offer advice and answer questions about planning your business.

The "Small Business Group Consulting Session" will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at MSU at Ashland, located at 1401 Winchester Ave.

Kimberly Jenkins, general manage-

ment consultant at the MSU/Ashland SBDC, will conduct the workshop. Topics, which will vary depending on the needs of those attending, will include start-up procedures, license and permit requirements, sources of busi-

ness financing options, loan requirements and types of Small Business Administration loans.

Admission is free, but advance registration is necessary due to limited seating.

Training programs sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q Are there currently any limits on the amount Medicare will pay on therapy services?

A At this time there are no limits on the amount Medicare pays on therapy services. However, legislation dating back to 1997 — the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 — imposes a \$1,500 cap on outpatient therapy services. The cap became effective January 1, 1999.

Q If Medicare law effective January 1, 1999 imposes the limit why is the limit not applied at this time?

A In November 1999 Congress passed the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (BBRA of 1999.) The BBRA mandated a two-year moratorium or delay on the \$1,500 cap during 2000 and 2001 and further legislation of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) extended the moratorium through Dec. 31, 2002.

Q Did Congress pass any legislation during 2002 that extends the moratorium on therapy limits?

A No. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is currently in the process of developing instructions for Medicare contractors to implement the limits. Until contractors receive new instructions no limits are applied to therapy services.

Q If the limit is implemented how am I, as a person with Medicare, affected?

A The limit applies to all outpatient therapy settings except hospital outpatient therapy. There are two limits - a \$1,500 cap for physical and speech therapy combined and a separate \$1,500 cap for occupational therapy. Medicare Part B pays \$1,200 (80 percent) and the patient will be responsible for any unmet Part B deductible and a 20 percent coinsurance (\$300) for each limit. The caps are based on services paid

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Award presented to Floyd Countian

Caney Creek Rehabilitation Complex (CCRC) and Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., announce and congratulate the recipient of the 2002 Grady Stumbo Award, Mr. Cecil Hamm.

The Grady Stumbo Award is presented annually to a staff member nominated by co-

workers. The award is named of honor of Dr. Grady Stumbo who provides medical care to residents of CCRC. Both staff and residents appreciate Dr. Stumbo's concern, dedication,

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IT'S YOUR MONEY

KAPT enrollment period ends Jan. 27

by JONATHAN MILLER
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER

I offer yet another reason why I'm proud to be a Kentuckian: KAPT — Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition — may be the strongest such program in the country. So sign up before enrollment ends on Jan. 27!

You may have read or heard recent news accounts about how prepaid tuition programs in other states are struggling. Because of rising college tuition prices and a declining stock market, states such as Ohio and West Virginia have had to sharply increase prepaid tuition prices, while states such as Colorado have considered discontinuing their programs.

Yet Kentucky's KAPT program continues to provide the guarantee of

tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices, with affordable payment plans for Kentuckians of every income group.

Why has KAPT been so successful? Very sound research and planning, a little bit of luck and some good ole Kentucky ingenuity.

Our good fortune stems from the fact that KAPT is the nation's newest program, starting after the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, avoiding two years of market declines that had plagued other states' programs. While the stock market has declined since KAPT was launched, the losses have not impaired the economic viability of our program.

More significantly, unlike many other state pro-

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MAYO TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Training Opportunity

Mayo Technical College, Pikeville Campus 120 South Riverfill Drive, is currently enrolling students for the Spring 2003 Telecommunications Technician Certificate Program, a joint effort between BellSouth and KCTCS.

The purpose of this program is to train potential personnel for entry-level technician jobs in the telecommunications industry.

Applications for enrollment can be submitted at the Pikeville Campus located just behind the Pikeville City Park. Classes start on January 13, 2003 and end on May 10. This is a 16-week Telecommunications Certificate offered through the Electronics Department. Call 606-218-2060 or 606-886-3863

CONSUMER NEWS

Big Sandy Community Action begins heating assistance program

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. began operation of the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program on Monday, January 6. The program will continue through March 31, 2003.

To be eligible for assistance, clients must:

- Meet the 110% poverty income guidelines;
 - Be responsible for home heating costs;
 - Not have liquid resources in excess of \$1,500 (\$4,000 if resources are being used for living expenses due to a catastrophic illness), and,
 - If heating with coal, wood, kerosene, fuel oil or propane, have less than a four (4) day supply, or
 - If heating with electric or natural gas, have a past due or disconnect notice, or
 - If the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.
- For more information, or to apply, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. in your county. Office hours are Monday through Friday,

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Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Jan. 3 to 10.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

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

debts.

Terry W. Richardson and Cora Ann Richardson, of Whitesburg.
Charles W. Bates, of Hindman.
Benny Ray Thompson, of Shelbyana.

Ronnie L. Potter, of Neon.
Francis M. Purlee, of Jenkins.
Mickey D. Ison and Charlotte L. Ison, of Whitesburg.
bobby Darrell Ratliff and Debra

Jean Ratliff, of Hager Hill.
Jimmy Ray Gantt, of Inez.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
Bert Allan Rose, of East Point.
Charles Wayne Lyons and Patricia Pearl Lyons, of Paintsville.
Sammy L. Slone and Melaine C. Slone, of Mallie.

Kentucky Society For Human Resource Management

The Society has named the following individuals as officers for the new year, 2003:

■ Julie Burwell, SPHR, Kentucky Educational Television, Lexington, chair

■ Betsy Larson, SPHR & CCP, Lexmark International, Lexington, chair-elect

■ Lyle Hanna, SPHR, Palmer & Cay Consulting Group, Lexington, immediate past chair

■ Cindy Hines, SPHR, Commonwealth Brands, Inc., Bowling Green, secretary/treasurer

■ Sherri Schuenemeyer, SPHR, HELP, Louisville, central area district director

■ Sherry Larson, Continental Mills, Hopkinsville, western area district director

■ Vickie Ladt, SPHR, Ladt Consulting Services, Paducah, professional awards director

■ Effie McKeehan, The Drees Company, Ft. Mitchell, at-large director

■ Mitzi Root, SPHR, SpectraCare, Inc., Louisville, legislative affairs director

■ Kent Hall, SPHR, Office of the

Jefferson County Clerk, Louisville, state conference director

■ Ray Davis, Right Management Consultants, Lexington, professional development director

■ Tom Birchfield, Greenbaum Doll and McDonald, Louisville, philanthropy director

■ Pat Cox, PHR, Owensboro Health System, Owensboro, education advocate

■ Alan Armentrout, SPHR, Bowling Green, SHRM Foundation

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Management

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- director
- Janis Garr, PHR, Ashland Inc, Lexington, SHRM certification director
- Susan Jones, Humana, Inc., Louisville, strategic partnership director
- Society for Human Resource Management Chapter Presidents for 2003:
- Susan Brothers, Bluegrass SHRM
- Wendy Plyman, SPHR & CEM, Central Kentucky SHRM
- Ingrid Adams, SPHR, Louisville SHRM
- Shelley Shepherd, Owensboro SHRM
- Ronda Hays, Four Rivers SHRM
- Thea McCoy, Southern Kentucky SHRM
- Bill Doughman, PHR, Western Kentucky SHRM
- Dennis Warwick, Northern Kentucky HR Association
- George Wise, Tri County SHRM
- Jackie Cecil, Gateway Regional SHRM
- Susan Simmons, SPHR, Elizabethtown SHRM

Microsoft, AACC and NWCEIT recognize the importance of technology in today's economy and the need for a skilled workforce, including many individuals from populations now under-represented across industry sectors.

"We are pleased to continue our fruitful partnership with Microsoft, which has assisted our colleges in teaching students skills that are relevant to the IT jobs of today and tomorrow," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president.

Community and technical colleges such as those in KCTCS are recognized as the leading IT training providers. However, faculty and college presidents cite providing students up-to-date technology skills as one of their biggest challenges. The Faculty Development Institute aims to bridge that gap.

"Microsoft is proud to be offering to KCTCS the same high-quality technology training once found only in four-year universities," said Bruce Brooks, director of community

affairs for Microsoft. "By offering state-of-the-art technology training, we are ensuring that community and technical college faculty will continue to play a vital role in transforming students into the skilled IT workforce for the future."

The institute concept is based on a successful training model used in Washington state for the past four years and funded by Microsoft.

Nationally, approximately 15,000 IT instructors at 1,100 community and technical colleges will continue to benefit as the institute is fully rolled out to all 50 states over the next five years.

The program will also benefit up to 100,000 students in the first two years. The institute will be managed by the AACC and NWCEIT at Bellevue Community College.

The Working Connections IT Faculty Development Institute is a natural expansion of the AACC/Microsoft Working Connections partnership that began in 1998. Working Connections helps develop model IT programs across the nation, with a special emphasis on recruiting and serving underserved populations.

Microsoft has donated \$50 million in cash and software to date. In early 2000, KCTCS was awarded nearly \$300,000 from the Microsoft "Working Connections" program to assist the Commonwealth in responding to the need for well-trained information tech-

Campus

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and went. My summer was spent getting stronger and in better shape to play basketball. In late July my dad and I decided to drive over and take a look at the college. This is where my mistake began to be a reality.

"I had committed to play for a school that I had never seen. Dad said, 'I like the school and its location.' I did not care much for the school or its location. However, the statement made by my dad and the conversation on the way back home from the college made the decision I would make two months later even more difficult. Dad said, 'I am very proud of you and I look forward to watching you play basketball and graduate from college.'"

"I started college in late August. I was a 30-minute drive from a place to get something to eat or to go to the movies. This only added to my frustration and my unhappiness.

"I decided to stay in school for six weeks, just enough time to make the basketball team. I had never liked the place from my initial visit with my dad. I most definitely did not like it now.

"I remember sitting on the porch that evening when the list of players who made the team came out. I was so homesick that I could have cried. I think I stayed in school for the first six weeks hoping that I would get cut from the basketball team and have an excuse to quit school. I made the decision that day to quit school and go back home.

"The drive home that day seemed like it lasted a week. All the way home I was trying to decide exactly what to say to mom and dad. I was not only giving up a dream that I had, but I was about to look at the two people who, up to that point, had done nothing but love, protect and guide me and tell them that their son whom they were so proud of two months earlier was a failure. I remember the look of disappointment in their aging faces after I broke the news to them.

"I am now 42 years old, and I am still trying to rectify a mistake I made 22 years ago. I am now taking classes at Prestonsburg Community College and Morehead State University Extended Campus.

"I know when I made the decision to go back to college along with the feeling of excitement also came fear. Here I am a man of my age with my academic background attempting to get a college degree.

"During my first evening class I found that 80 percent of the students were older like me. I can tell you now speaking from experience that the instructors at these two colleges will, as the saying goes, "bend

over backwards" to help and guide you through your college life.

"As for me, I am a sophomore now and in a couple more years I am hoping to be able to put a smile back on the faces of the two people who have been in my corner since day one, my mom and dad."

Raymond's story doesn't stand alone as I am sure that each of us of made our share of mistakes and in making our mistakes we have disappointed those who have always stood in our corner. Maybe you have made a mistake similar to Raymond's and you have wrestled with the idea of returning to school and making a difference in your life and those around you.

Don't wait another year - enroll in a class at Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College today. You may be surprised at the many people who will have a smile on their face as you decide to continue your education. It is not too late!

For more information you can call the Prestonsburg Campus at (606) 886-3863 or toll free at (888) 641-4132 and the Mayo Campus at (606) 789-5321.

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Teresa Mauk, and Jennifer Scott - who go the extra mile to individualize the instruction our students receive."

An associate degree in nursing from Pikeville College can be completed in four semesters. Nursing coursework takes place in campus lecture, computer, and skills laboratory classrooms and in many health care facilities. Upon passage of the NCLEX, graduates are licensed for immediate employment as a registered nurse. According to Dr. Simpson, the majority of the 2002 graduates are employed at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and William-son area hospitals as well as in Prestonsburg and Lexington.

For more information about the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program at Pikeville College, please contact the Division of Nursing at (606) 218-5750 or visit www.pvc.edu.

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Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Whitley, Wolfe.

All expenses will be paid. Each participant will be given a \$100 stipend upon completion of each summer session and a \$1,000 stipend upon completion of the two-year program to be used for the college of her choice.

Teachers are also asked to join in this effort. Participating teachers will attend two-day summer workshops at UK to help create Girls in Science clubs in their local schools. Again, all expenses will be paid. Teachers will be given a \$300 stipend for their summer involvement and \$500 to assist in creating the clubs.

Girls entering the seventh grade in fall 2003 and teachers that teach at least two math, science or technology courses at the middle school level are eligible to apply. For more information, call (859) 266-7535, e-mail creid2@uky.edu, or visit the Web site at www.mc.uky.edu/behavioralscience/girlsin-science.asp.

KAPT

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paid tuition programs, KAPT was designed to withstand deficits - i.e., situations when our investments do not keep pace with tuition inflation. That's due to the fact that KAPT is backed up by the state's unclaimed property fund, which is around \$50 million and growing. Indeed, the unclaimed property fund currently is double the size of all of KAPT's investments! Further, the unclaimed property fund is separate and distinct from the state's General Fund, so it is not tied to the budget problems currently being debated in Frankfort.

We recently asked State Auditor Ed Hatchett to take a close look at how the KAPT fund was being administered. I'm proud to say that the private firm he hired stated that our financial plans and operating procedures were "in great shape." This confirmed to me that the KAPT staff and our two outside investment firms are doing everything they can to maintain the financial soundness of the program.

Sometime down the road it may be conceivable that KAPT will not be able to offer such a great deal. I predict that KAPT prices will be significantly higher for families that wait to enroll until next year or beyond. Probable state budget cutbacks may result in tuition rising at higher than historical levels.

However, if you signed up last year - or if you sign up before this year's enrollment deadline of Jan. 27 - you are protected completely from any economic downturn. That's because once you lock in KAPT

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Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 329-8011.

at today's lower prices, you are guaranteed tomorrow's tuition - no matter how high college tuition rises, nor how low the stock market falls.

Today's stormy economy and state budget crisis have many families worried about their future. KAPT provides Kentucky families shelter from that storm, and comfort that higher education will be available to their children.

If you have young children or grandchildren, I urge you to get KAPT before Jan. 27. You can learn more about the program on the web at www.getKAPT.com, or by calling us toll-free at (888) 919-KAPT. There is no better investment in your children's future.

Award

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and activism for CCRC and for individuals with mental illness.

A resident of Floyd County, Hamm serves as the Coordinator of Inventory Control/Purchasing and Resident Banking Services. Co-workers have observed that Hamm exhibits compassionate and courteous behavior and has earned the respect of those he works with daily. Long hours and hard work have become his trademark.

CCRC is an 80-bed personal care home, located in Pippa Passes, that serves individuals with chronic mental illness. It is managed by Kentucky River Community Care, Inc. For more information about CCRC, call (606) 368-2802.

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better classes and services to the citizens of eastern Kentucky."

Bobby McCool, Chief Administrative Officer at the Mayo Technical College and for the Big Sandy District said, "We are proud to be the student's choice for education in eastern Kentucky. At Mayo or PCC an education is affordable, convenient and student friendly."

Students can register at either of three campuses for technical or transfer classes in a wide array of class options. The consolidation of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College has increased the choices available to students and made a college education more accessible.

Students who have not applied for admission to college can still do that. It's not too late! Go to one of the college pages of the website www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu for

more information or call 789-5321 for Mayo Technical College and 886-3863 for Prestonsburg Community College. Financial Aid is still available.

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College District is one of 16 seamless districts in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The Big Sandy District includes Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning. For more information, visit www.kctcs.edu.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Keep a Journal of Your Feathered Friends

Not all birds fly south for the winter! Identify the feathered friends that frequent your back yard, deck or neighborhood park with a bird book from your library. As your family becomes more aware of and fascinated with the visitors, make this simple "bird journal" for your jottings.

First make the front and



DAVID LAROCHELLE

back of the journal by cutting two pieces of cardboard into 6-inch-by-8-inch rectangles. Cut a sheet of paper in a 6-inch square, then type or print a form on it for your bird-watching. At the top write, "I spied a _____ on _____." In the spaces, you will eventually fill in the name of the bird you identify and the date. Below the name and date, your form might look like this:

The bird was seen:
on a branch _____
on a telephone wire _____
on the fence _____
other _____

The wings were:
short _____
long _____
striped _____
solid _____

Leave a space to add other information and to tape a photo of the bird or to draw a picture. Copy or print several sheets, one for each kind of bird you may see.

Punch matching holes at the top of the cardboard and paper and attach all layers with 2 metal rings (available at office supply stores). Decorate the cover and write a title for your journal. Tie twine or leather cord to the rings and hang the journal on a hook by your window or wear it around your neck when you head out for a nature walk. Over time, your family will enjoy referring to the journal, reading the notes and watching it grow.

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

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TUMMY-WARMING SOUPS TAKE JUST 15 MINUTES

Are you all cooked-out? Tired of food shopping? Had enough of the heat in the kitchen? Well, you won't have to spend much time at the range if you take advantage of the freezer and canned-goods shelves in your market. There you'll find the makings of dishes that can be ready in 15 minutes and look and taste as if you'd spent hours preparing them.

Here are a couple of soups made with canned broth, stewed tomatoes and red kidney beans as well as bagged, ready-to-use coleslaw mix. But the most substantial ingredient in these tummy-warming soups is frozen pierogies. Though traditionally a Polish food, pierogies adapt well to other ethnic cuisines, as seen in these comforting Tuscan and Scandinavian examples.

It's not likely there will be leftovers. But, if there are, pierogies take well to reheating a day or two later.

HEARTY TUSCAN SOUP

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 (about 14 ounces each) cans ready-to-serve chicken broth
- 1 (14-1/2-ounce) can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 (16.9-ounce) package frozen Mrs. T's potato piero-

- gies (any variety)
- 1 (15- to 19-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 pound escarole or fresh spinach, coarsely chopped (about 8 cups)
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning



by Philomena Corradeno

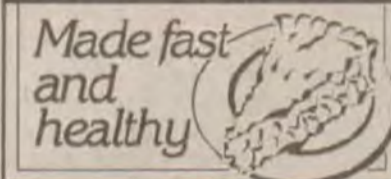
In large saucepan over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, about 3 minutes. Add broth and tomatoes; bring to boil. Add pierogies and return to boil; boil for 4 minutes. Add beans, escarole and Italian seasoning, return to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until escarole is barely tender, about 1 minute. Serve with grated Parmigiano cheese and crushed red pepper, if desired. Yield: 4 portions (about 9

SCANDINAVIAN PIEROGY CABBAGE SOUP

- 1 (48-ounce) can ready-to-serve chicken broth
- 1 (16-ounce) package Mrs. T's frozen potato and onion or potato and cheddar cheese pierogies

(See BLOCK, page five)

Comfort foods



by JoAnna M. Lund

Winter weather means comfort food, and comfort food means meatloaf! If you asked the average person

Meatloaf means comfort

to list his or her top five favorite foods, chances are meatloaf would be on the list. Here is a new version to add to that list!

PICKLE MEATLOAF

- 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium ketchup
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 16 ounces ground extra-lean sirloin beef or turkey breast

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon dried fine bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine pickle relish, ketchup and mustard. Add meat and bread crumbs. Mix well to combine.

(See FOODS, page five)

Dear Diane... I've been Googled

DEAR DIANE:

I am a single man in my mid-30s. I have my own business and am financially secure. I don't have a problem getting dates, but I do have a problem getting a SECOND date with a woman.

Recently, I had a great date with a woman I met at a bookstore. We went to a lovely restaurant, had a great meal and refreshing conversation. Afterward I took my date swing dancing (she mentioned during dinner that she enjoyed it).

When the date was over, she gave me her phone number and I gave her mine. We agreed to see each other again.

I thought everything was fine, but something happened. I tried calling her, but only got her machine. I left messages, but she never called back. Finally, after about a week, I went to her place of employment and asked her why she was giving me the cold shoulder. She replied that she had looked me up on the Internet and "discovered" that I had filed for bankruptcy.

I told her that I have never been bankrupt in my entire life. She said that she would e-mail me the Internet address to "prove" she was right. I looked it up, and sure enough I saw my name, but it wasn't me. It was some guy who had the same name as I do.

I tried to explain this to my date and she refused to believe me.

On a hunch, I called a few of my previous dates and asked them if the reason we never had a second date was because they had "Googled" me and found this bankruptcy notice. To a woman, they all confessed.

I did some checking around and found out that the practice of doing Google searches on dates has become quite common. What am I going to do?

— GOOGLED IN GOTHA

DEAR GOOGLED:

E-mail the Web master of the Web site and see if there is a way they can somehow identify the bankrupt guy so that you cannot be confused with him. Perhaps by listing an address or Social Security number. You might also think about dating women who are a little more trusting — or at least open to hearing your side of the story.

Urinary Tract Infections Victimize Women

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have urinary infections very often and wonder why. Can you tell me what I can do to help correct this miserable problem? — V.C.

ANSWER:

Doctors separate the urinary tract into two sections. The kidney and its drainage channel, the ureter, constitute the upper urinary tract; the urinary bladder and its drainage channel, the urethra (you-REE-thru), are the lower urinary tract. The infections you speak of are bladder infections — lower urinary tract infections. Lower tract infections are painful, but they do not disturb kidney function as upper infections often do.

Women are susceptible to lower urinary tract infections because their urethra is shorter than men's, and bacteria can easily traverse it to enter the bladder. Furthermore, sexual relations frequently massage the many bacteria that surround its opening in the region of the vagina. Add to those factors a dropped bladder, which often is a consequence of childbirth. A dropped bladder cannot empty completely, and the stagnant urine encourages bacterial growth.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

(See HEALTH, page five)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Treasure without a price

Sandra Julian

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER'S SOUL")

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I had waited nearly five years for this moment. Five years enduring the empty arms of childlessness, the baby showers for someone else and the well-meaning question from friends: "Are you pregnant yet?"

I longed for a baby of my own, and at last it was happening. Our baby was due to arrive anytime. My husband and I waited with bated breath, our hearts pounding with anticipation. Soon, he would be here — soon! We had been told it was a boy. A son of our very own. What joy!

Years ago, before we knew of the long, painful journey ahead in our quest for a child, I had chosen a boy's name. For some reason, we had never been able to settle on a girl's name, but the boy's name had come quickly, with no hesitation and no second thoughts. Our son would be Nathan Andrew, meaning "Gift From God" in the Hebrew language. I was unaware of the name's meaning when I first began sounding it out on my tongue. I just liked the way it flowed — the fine, masculine ring it produced in my ear. I chose my son's name long before he was ever conceived, when he was still

a desire deep in my heart. Once I discovered the significance of the name, I was doubly pleased. How fitting a name for such a precious gift from God.



Now we waited for Nathan Andrew to arrive. The painful months and years we had endured would soon become a dim memory.

A car drove up and parked in front of the house. We pressed close to the window, eagerly watching as a woman stepped out of the car with a blanket-wrapped baby carrier. As she walked up the sidewalk, I held my breath, my eyes never leaving the shrouded bundle she carried. I would

soon hold my baby in my arms. Yes, God had chosen to answer our prayer through adoption.

The scene was suddenly thrown into slow motion, and questions flashed through my mind at the speed of light. What of the girl who had borne him? What of the young man who had fathered him? What were they doing on this day?

A single act of passion had touched off a chain of events that culminated in the life of this innocent child. What wrenching discussions must have filled the homes of these teenagers a few months after that act.

She could have had an abortion. No doubt it would have been easier than bearing the shame of being an unwed 16-year-old mother. It would have been easier than experiencing the pain

of childbirth when she was hardly more than a child herself. It would have been easier than carrying a baby for nine months, feeling the kicks, the hiccups, the heartbeat, and then kissing it goodbye as soon as it was born.

I thought of this young girl, 10 years younger than I. She was somewhere in this city, recuperating from the birth of her baby who was no longer her baby. Hormones must be raging in her body, making tears a frequent companion — and her arms were empty.

After nine months of waiting, she had given life to a little boy. After five years of waiting, we were taking that little boy and giving him the life he

(See SOUP, page six)

Books: April 1865: The Month That Saved America

"April 1865: The Month That Saved America"

by Jay Wink
(Harper Perennial, \$14.95)

Reviewed by Chris Richcreek

The best kind of history book is one that not only uses its thesis to make key points about events, but is also a really good read.

Jay Wink accomplishes both in "April 1865." His book focuses on a pivotal month in the Civil War, and how that

month was a key for the development of the United States as a whole.

The importance of April 1865 hinges on two main events — Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox and President Abraham Lincoln's assassination at the hands of John Wilkes Booth.

Wink examines the deeper implications of both events. Grant's gracious handling of Lee's surrender and the absence of punitive actions against Lee's troops — coupled with

Lee's influence and Joe Johnston's surrender to William Sherman later in the month — helped end the war and dented the South from engaging in guerrilla warfare, which could have prolonged hostilities for years.

Also, the relatively smooth transition of Andrew Johnson to the presidency following Lincoln's death was important for a country less than 100 years old.

Wink details how a "secessionist ethos" existed throughout the United States before the

Civil War. However, the war broke the idea of future secessions and became a pivotal moment in the solidification of a true United States.

"Of all the kinds of war, civil wars are the most scarring — some countries never heal from them," Wink writes. Yet "April 1865" emphasizes that a scarred America forged a healthy unity in the wake of a defining month for the nation.

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

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

I'm a 23-year-old female in desperation. I'm not married, but I live with the father of my two wonderful little boys. Infidelity has always been an issue in our relationship. I knew he was cheating on me long before we moved in together, and just recently I found out he is doing it again. I was ready to pack my things and leave, but, like always, he stopped me and I stayed.

No matter how many times we try to resolve this issue, things end up the same way — nothing changes and he starts doing it again. I don't trust him anymore, but I still love him. How is it possible to love someone and have no trust? I don't know what to do. Do I

Don't be a doormat, go on with life

stay for the kids and continue putting up with this? Please help me.

— DESPERATE IN DOTHAN

DAVE SAYS:

You aren't doing your sons any favors. How a man views and treats his mother is exactly how he will view and treat other women in his life. What you are showing your boys is that it is perfectly OK to treat a woman like a complete doormat — which you are. You knew this bum was going to be unfaithful and you let him into your life and had children with him. And now you're bellyaching about how your life is hell. Boo-hoo. You brought this upon yourself.

Do yourself and your sons a favor and kick this jerk to the curb. I know your female ego thinks that you can change him, but guess what, sweetie? You can't. You haven't. You never will. He's walking all over you because he knows

you will take it — because you "love" him. This isn't love. Get over it — and him.

Your boys will be better off, and you may actually find the confidence you need to find a man who is willing to form a loving partnership with you that is based on respect. That's love. That's what you and your boys need.

SAM SAYS:

He may be a bit harsh and unsympathetic, but Dave is basically right. This guy isn't going to change, and he'll bring you nothing but grief. I'm not saying that people CAN'T change — it's possible for a man to cheat on his partner, realize and regret his mistake, and then mend his ways. But the man you describe just keeps on doing it with no regard whatsoever for your feelings. And as long as you put up with it, he's got no reason to change.

Once you've lost your trust in your partner, there's

nowhere left to go. If you can't believe what he says — and, most importantly, that he has your best interests at heart — you'll always be suspicious of him. That's no way to live, Desperate. Get out and get on with your life — for your own sake as well as for your sons.

Find an apartment or stay with friends or family, but don't tell him of your plans until everything is set. Once you have somewhere to go and someone to support you in your difficult decision — preferably after you've packed your things and put them in the car — break the news to him that you're leaving. He'll probably try yet again to convince you to stay, but you MUST NOT listen. It will be difficult, but stick to your guns; this is the only way you'll have of ever being able to achieve true happiness. Remember: Nothing good was ever gotten easily and without pain.

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According to Candy USA, more than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold this year for Valentine's Day. But if you can't wait that long, check out the 11th Annual Chocolate Lovers Festival in Fairfax, Va., on Feb. 1-2.

The key events at this two-day celebration are the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, the Chocolate Challenge and the Taste of Chocolate, although there are other things to do.

The Kiwanis Club will be hosting a chocolate-chip pancake breakfast on Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

Virginia is for chocolate lovers

Fire Station 3 to kick off the festival. The Chocolate Challenge pits artist against chocolate, with the results being — hopefully — both delectable and divine. It's held at the Old Courthouse Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Later that day, hit the Taste of Chocolate, where you can find the latest trends in chocolate and maybe purchase some goodies for later. Vendors will have plenty to tempt you at the Old Town Hall. You can attend this event on both Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.

If you crave more, you might also enjoy the Arts and Crafts show to be held at Fire Station 3, the Chocolate Caper at the Fairfax Court House, the Silly Socks Puppet Theater at the library, or the exhibits at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center. Also,

don't miss High Tea at the Bailiwick Inn, but make reservations, as seating is limited.

This festival regularly receives more than 7,500 guests over the two days, and events are held all over downtown Fairfax. Most historic buildings downtown have open houses, and there are historic re-enactments in the surrounding area. Free parking is available in designated lots, and although there will be a small fee for some events, many are free. For further information and directions, call the festival information line at (703) 293-7120 or log on to www.chocolatefestival.net.

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Once in Switzerland, it was illegal to slam a car

■ Famed mystery novelist Agatha Christie was originally interested in a career as a concert pianist. Legendary football coach Knute Rockne wanted to be a chemist.

■ There wasn't modern-style disability insurance in the 1600s, but there was a certain honor among thieves. If a pirate was maimed, he would be paid from the bounty taken a set amount that varied according to the injury. If he lost an eye, he'd be paid \$96. Losing the right arm was worth \$576, while the left arm was worth \$480. Evidently, arms were worth more than legs: A pirate who lost his right leg would be paid \$480, and one who lost his left leg would get \$384.

■ Ever hear the French expression, "a tout a l'heure"? Probably not. But I'm sure you're familiar with the English expression

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derived from it: "toodle-oo."

■ Life Savers candy has come in many different flavors over the years, many of which have been discontinued. Among the abandoned flavors: choc-o-mint, anise, cin-o-mon, root beer and molas-o-mint.

■ According to Korean wedding customs, it seems that the bride's family may end up broke. In addition to paying for half of the ceremony, they are traditionally responsible for buying the groom's clothing,

the groom's mother's jewelry and all the furnishings for the couple's new home. They may also offer the potential groom an office, an apartment or a car — as an added inducement to marriage.

■ One city in Switzerland once made it illegal to slam a car door.

■ The man who wrote the famous Alka-Seltzer jingle — you know, "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh, what a relief it is" — was actress Julianna Margulies' father.

Thought for the Day:

"Open-mindedness is not the same as empty-mindedness. To hang out a sign saying 'Come right in; there is no one at home' is not the equivalent of hospitality." — John Dewey

INFOLINK

Spanners get a little...defensive

Spammers are sure getting serious these days.

The Detroit Free-Press reported recently that Rich Clark, an anti-spam activist living in Warren, Mich., claims he was chased and threatened after he took photos of a prominent spammer's new \$750,000 home.

Clark was taking photos of spammer Alan Ralsky's house so he could post them to an anti-spam Web site. Clark says a blond-haired man in a black Jaguar pulled out of Ralsky's driveway and tried, unsuccessfully, to overtake Clark as he was pulling away.

Clark didn't give the incident much thought until the

next day, when he found two threatening messages on his answering machine. "You don't know who the hell you were ... with yesterday," the first call said. "You got the wrong guy. You don't even have the guy you think you do." And the second call: "I just love the fact that I know where you live, too. I'm going to make your life so miserable."

The following day he got yet another call: "You [expletive deleted], lookin' for you, man! Gonna find you! Just waiting for you. Ah, you haven't heard the beginning of what's going to happen yet. Oh yeah, just lookin' for you bro, keep your eyes open."

Needless to say, he called the police, handed over recordings of the calls, and called the Detroit Free-Press.

Ralsky denies any knowledge of the incident. But judge for yourself — compare the taped messages to an interview with NPR.

Phone messages: www.chickenboner.com/ralsky/mastercall.mp3

Ralsky interview with NPR: www.npr.org/ramfiles/atc/2002/0815.atc.10.ram

Ralsky says himself that he's not stupid enough to leave threatening messages on someone's answering machine, but as the NPR feature says, it's "depressingly easy" to get start-

ed as a spammer and requires "very little intelligence or money."

Now I'm not saying he's stupid; let's give him the benefit of the doubt, even though he's obviously no rocket scientist. It could be that after receiving death threats from the anti-spam fanatics — Ralsky claims to get them weekly — it's enough to make a person a little jumpy.

And consider that anti-spammers struck back at Ralsky by registering him for catalogs, ads, brochures and other junk mail that was sent to his home.

Aren't capitalist pigs entitled to go off the deep end just once?

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The bottom line of fitness



There is an enormous amount of fitness information out there. It seems that every week we hear of a new invention that promises to revolutionize the fitness industry. Most of these innovations herald the concept of working less to achieve greater and faster results. However, it's important to remember the bottom line of fitness — that a complete, well-rounded and safe plan of exercise and nutrition is the only way to a healthy, strong and fit body.

If you are taking the opportunity to begin the new year with a new exercise program, finding out WHY you are doing it is as important as HOW you will achieve it. Accordingly, you should learn how your body responds to exercise and what to expect from your exercise routine. This will help you plan realistic goals. It will also save you from getting scammed by this year's crop of fit-quick schemes.

If you're beginning a program of exercise, here are several important tips:

■ Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. I can't stress this enough. It is critical that you make sure there are no current conditions (such as diabetes or high blood pressure) that may need special consideration when exercising. Also, your physician can recommend the type of exercises that may be beneficial for you (in addition to guidance you may receive from a fitness professional or facili-

ty).
■ Pace yourself. I know you want to see results as quickly as possible, but your body responds best to consistent and repetitive exercise and proper nutrition. Look to begin a fitness and nutrition program that you can maintain and implement into your lifestyle for the long haul. Using drastic measures to lose 10 pounds quickly will become difficult to maintain once you have met your goal, since the method used is not manageable.

Remember: If you read or see something that sounds too good to be true, most likely it is. Research its validity and seek the advice of a medical or fitness professional before using it. Never risk your health to reach a goal quickly. Remain patient and confident that following the safe and effective way to becoming fit will change you forever. The bottom line of fitness is staying fit for life.

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

Block

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4 cups (from a 16-ounce package) coleslaw mix
1/4 cup snipped fresh dill weed or 1 tablespoon dried dill

Yield: 4 portions (about 9 cups).

For more ideas and five additional 15-minute meals, send a stamped, self-addressed business-size (No. 10) envelope to: Dinner Leaflet, Mrs. T's Pierogies, P.O. Box 606, 600 E. Center St., Shenandoah, PA 17976-0606.

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Foods

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Pat mixture into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes. Place loaf pan on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Cut into 6 pieces.

Meat, 1 Starch.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyechanges.com or call 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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Soup

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deserved. We would be the mother and father who would love him, providing for his physical, emotional and spiritual needs in ways that a young girl was not yet capable of.

With tears in my eyes, I silently thanked a stranger whose baby would become my own. At peril to herself, she had carried and nourished him in her body, she had endured the pain of delivery, and she would carry the scars of childbirth until her dying day. And then, she had given him to me.

I was his mother now, and for the rest of his life. I slipped the blanket from its tentlike perch on the handle of the baby carrier and stared into the

face of my son. Big, gray eyes fringed with thick, black lashes solemnly stared back at me. I touched the tiny, perfectly formed fingers and toes. He was beautiful!

With heartfelt words of gratitude, I whispered, "Thank you!" not only to God for answering our prayers and sending us a son, but to a girl I would never meet. A girl whose gift was a treasure without price. Thank you.

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

Health

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If repeat infections coincide with intercourse, women can take an antibiotic immediately before or immediately after having relations. They should also empty their bladders after intercourse.

For others whose infections are unrelated to intercourse, doctors frequently give women patients a prescription for antibiotics that are to be taken immediately at the onset of bladder infection symptoms. That nips the infection in the bud.

Drinking 8-16 ounces of cranberry juice daily keeps the urine on the acid side and pre-

vents bacterial growth. Cranberry juice also prevents bacteria from clinging to the bladder wall, and that is a deterrent to bladder infections.

The recently written pamphlet on urinary tract infections gives a comprehensive exposition to this topic. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 and the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Amu Darya
- Amur
- Argun
- Black
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- Euphrates
- Han
- Huang He
- Indus
- Irrawaddy
- Jordan
- Red
- Salween
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Halo wire is missing. 2. Sign is different. 3. Boy is barefoot. 4. Robe has a border. 5. Cloud is missing. 6. Two stagehands are gone.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



Super Crossword SWEET TALK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer lan
 - 6 Get the picture
 - 11 Bespectacled dwarf
 - 14 Craze
 - 17 Coleridge's "Dejection: —"
 - 18 Piled up
 - 20 Honest name
 - 21 Nutritional abbr.
 - 22 Start of a remark
 - 24 "Short —" ('86 film)
 - 26 — di-dah
 - 27 Cavalry characteristic
 - 28 Wapiti
 - 30 First-class
 - 31 Neighbor of Cal.
 - 32 Hindu deity
 - 36 Excludes
 - 37 Caution
 - 40 Peter of "Becket"
 - 42 Long-legged wader
 - 44 Part 2 of remark
 - 50 Tree trim
 - 51 Mischievous
 - 52 Trigger-happy guy?
 - 53 Cen. segments
 - 55 Label
 - 56 Mortgages, e.g.
 - 58 Virginia —
 - 60 Small combo
 - 61 Adolescent
 - 62 Witch wheels?
 - 65 Repeated
 - 67 TV's " — City"
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 73 Temporary calm
 - 74 Witch doctor
 - 76 Synonym source
 - 77 Support
 - 79 Sheet of stamps
 - 80 Heady quaffs
 - 82 Destroyed
 - 84 Regulatory agcy.
 - 87 White House spokesman
 - 88 Sault — Marie, MI
 - 89 Alex Rieger, for one
 - 93 Bunch of bass
 - 95 Part 4 of remark
 - 99 Black or Valentine
 - 100 Reach
 - 101 Riches' predecessor
 - 102 Rubbish
 - 104 Mortarboard part
 - 106 Cookbook author
 - 109 Guitar features
 - 110 John — Passos
 - 111 On the briny
 - 112 Fast flier
 - 115 Last name in talk shows
 - 117 End of remark
 - 123 Mineral suffix
 - 124 Wrong
 - 125 Printing
 - 126 Romeo and Juliet
 - 127 — Guevara
 - 128 Dram
 - 129 Examine
 - 130 Like a lummoX
 - 9 Vane dir.
 - 10 — diem
 - 11 Actor Rambo
 - 12 Ben — Wan
 - Kenobi
 - 13 Rite
 - 14 Healthful snack
 - 15 Mine entries
 - 16 See socially
 - 18 Wonder Woman, for one
 - 19 Believe
 - 23 Yale
 - 25 Hold fast
 - 29 Bolger/Haley co-star
 - 31 Hill dwellers
 - 32 High times
 - 33 Gambol
 - 34 Jai —
 - 35 Coop crowd
 - 36 Baltimore bird
 - 37 Skater Katarina
 - 38 Kuwait's continent
 - 39 Toiled
 - 41 Pollux or Bert
 - 43 Rochester's missis
 - 45 Montana's capital
 - 46 Tennis pro
 - Nastase
 - 47 Pulsate
 - 48 Austrian province
 - 49 Bay window
 - 54 Lay down the lawn
 - 57 MIT grad
 - 59 Cassowary kin
 - 60 Consequently
 - 61 Use a stopwatch
 - 62 Marsh
 - 63 Actress McClanahan
 - 64 Legendary Giant
 - 66 Boxing maneuver
 - 67 Lewis or Belafonte
 - 68 " — Room" ('02 film)
 - 70 Archaic preposition
 - 71 Puccini heroine
 - 72 Indian export
 - 74 Health club
 - 75 Character
 - 78 Essence
 - 81 — majesty
 - 82 Rope material
 - 83 Utah city
 - 84 "My kingdom — horse!"
 - 85 Henning or McClure
 - 86 48 Across attraction
 - 88 Photo
 - 90 "Woe is me!"
 - 91 Certain sandwiches
 - 92 Eight bits
 - 94 Jealous
 - 95 Olympian
 - 96 Japanese dog
 - 97 Till
 - 98 Complete agreement
 - 102 Solemn vow
 - 103 Soprano
 - Fleming
 - 105 " — forgive those . . ."
 - 107 VCR button
 - 108 Native New Zealander
 - 109 Bk.'s backup
 - 110 Adroit
 - 111 Sailor's shout
 - 112 Mall event
 - 113 — aerobics
 - 114 Exam
 - 116 Tabloid flier
 - 118 Mrs.
 - McKinley
 - 119 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ."
 - 120 Hasbrouck —, NJ
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- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Roast Beef Sandwich _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Paper Carrier _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bath Towels _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Penn _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Seafood items _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Snack Food _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles _____
- Appliances _____
- Artwork/Framing _____
- Athletic Supply _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Upholstery _____
- Videos _____

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

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