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Times reporter subpoenaed in Gunnels trial

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - In preparing for the the murder trial of James Austin Gunnels, the commonwealth has issued a subpoena to Floyd County Times reporter Sheldon Compton, who was the recipient of a letter containing a confession from Gunnels in

2001, which may be evidence in the case.

Gunnels allegedly stole a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, a .32 revolver on July 11, and used them in an armed robbery at Cardinal Mart in Watergap that resulted in the rape and murder of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall, an employee who was working that July 11 morning. He then allegedly left the scene taking with him a .22 Magnum and

1995 Ford Contour, both belonging to Hall. Gunnels was arrested at 7:42 a.m. on Wilson Creek in Floyd County soon after police arrived on the scene.

According to a court document, Gunnels pleaded not guilty to 12 felonies on July 18, 2001, and was indicted on 10 felonies in September 2001, yet admitted to committing the crimes in a letter that he sent to Compton,

The letter addressed to Compton appeared to be an attempt to manipulate the Times coverage by threatening Compton's life if he didn't print "he did it." He wanted Compton to dismiss the paper's innocent until proven guilty stance and print his confession, which



Gunnels

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briefs

460 workers laid off from mine complex

ASHLAND - Marrowbone Development Company will suspend work at its four-mines complex and plant in Mingo County, W.Va., the subsidiary announced Friday.

The company will place the Tug Valley prep plant, the surface Triad mine, North Marrowbone Creek mine, Morris Way Lovins mine and East Dingess Tunnel on permanent idle status.

About 460 workers employed at the mines and plant will be laid off starting March 17

The reductions are part of company reorganization following a bankruptcy filing announced in November. Limited mining opportunities and low profits make the operations economically unleasible, said Marrowbone's parent company, Horizon Natural Resources Company based in Ashland.

"This is our first significant step toward right-sizing our operation to the cirrent opportunities of the marketplace," said Robert C. Sharp, Horizon's acting chief executive

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WINTER HOLIDAY



As in much of the state Friday, Floyd County's buses sat silent and its schools remained empty following the season's largest snowfall so far. It might be a while longer before either is put to use again, as more snow is forecast for the upcoming week.

Winter storm offers mixed bag

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

For some Kentuckians, the snow arrived on cue and accumulated quickly, turning driving into a risky

proposition. Elsewhere, schools were called off Thursday and snow plows were poised, but snow didn't come until

late in the day. "There's a big circle around Louisville where it hasn't snowed all day," said James Brotherton, a National Weather Service meteorolo-

The snow reached Louisville by midafternoon, but by then forecasters had called off a winter storm warning and lowered projected accumulations to 1 to 3 inches. Earlier, they had forecast 3 to 6 inches. By day's end, 1.2 inches had fallen in Louisville, the

weather service said. The snow piled up in other parts of the state. Cumberland County, along

the Tennessee border, received 7 inches, and some Appalachian counties were covered in a half-foot of snow, the weather service said.

Some highways remained slick Friday, especially in Eastern Kentucky, and school was called off for a second straight day in many dis-

Kentucky braced for a blast of arctic air that will drop lows into the single digits Friday night, forecasters

At least one traffic death was blamed partly on the snow.

Everette Hightower, 43, of Central City, was killed in a fiery crash Thursday morning on the Western Kentucky Parkway near Caneyville, according to Kentucky State Police.

Hightower was westbound when his truck sideswiped another vehicle, police said. His truck crossed the median, struck a rock wall on the eastbound side and overturned. Hightower was trapped inside the

burning truck, but two passengers were pulled to safety, police said.

The parkway was snowcovered at the time, which played a role in the crash, said state police Trooper Steve

The snow started falling before dawn Thursday in western Kentucky, where amounts reached up to 4 inches in Mayfield and Murray.

As the wintry weather moved westward, some of the largest accumulations were along Kentucky's southern tier. The storm dumped 6 inches of snow on Simpson County and 5 inches on Logan County.

Police were inundated with reports of vehicles sliding into ditches or

slamming into each other. Chuck Knowles, director of operations for the state Transportation Cabinet, said most of the state's fleet of 1,000 trucks would be called into service to clear roads. "We are going

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Candidates to speak at Jenny Wiley

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The East Kentucky Corporation has scheduled a board meeting for Jan. 22 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, and has asked several gubernatorial candidates to attend.

The meeting will be used as a forum for the candidates to speak on the subject of economic development for the commonwealth and how their plans would pertain to Eastern Kentucky. The corporation has issued invitations to candidates Ben Chandler, Ernie Fletcher, Rebecca Jackson, Steve Nunn, Jody Richards, Virgil Moore and Bruce Lunsford.

Gov. Paul Patton was originally scheduled to be the guest speaker but canceled the appearance.

A workshop will be held with the county-judge executives and magistrates before the meeting to discuss coal severance tax and how it should be used in

The corporation expects at least 200 people to attend the meeting.

PRIDE board to pull double duty

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Illegal dumps and litter have been a sore spot for Eastern Kentucky for some time, and have been met with a great deal of effort to improve upon the problem with organizations such as PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desireable

Environment). During the 2002 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly, legislators took further steps in ensuring the fight to clean up Kentucky by amending

statutes already aimed at curing the problem. The changes, which became effective in July of last year, placed conditions on counties across the commonwealth requiring them to establish a "clean county committee" before qualifying for semiannual reimbursements from the state for money spent work-

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Court moves forward on parks

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The county made moves to reserve land donations and provide labor and equipment to ensure matching funds for assistance to further develop two ongoing recreational projects Friday.

Agreeing to make preapplication in the developments, fiscal court members agreed to hold in reserve \$65,125 in land donation to and a general increase of interest in

match assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to fashion the Middle Creek Battlefield into a recreational source for area residents.

The decision was based on the fact that LWCF is limited to funding a maximum of 50 percent of proposed projects not to exceed \$75,000 in costs.

The move comes shortly after a highly publicized reenactment of the 1861 Battle of Middlecreek,

the area among county residents. In addition to attention directed

at enhancing the historical Civil War site, county officials also decided Friday to expand plans for another recreational park.

The county has agreed to provide \$55,000 in labor and equipment to match the 50 percent offered from LWCF on the second project.

The money will be used in the

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Court sets salary cap for sheriff's office

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -

The sheriff's department joined the county clerk's office in county budget adjustments after the Floyd County Fiscal Court recently set the sheriff's deputies and assistants annual salary cap for the upcoming fiscal year. Court officials voted to set Sheriff John K. Blackburn's department salary cap at \$621,000 during their regular

meeting Friday morning.

The cap will encompass deputies, assistants and other employees of the sheriff's

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Odds and Ends

OLYMPIA, Wash. -

Washington voters may get to sound off on whether initiative guru Tim Eyman is "a horse's ass.'

David Goldstein, a Seattle computer programmer and technical writer, is pushing an initiative that says "The citizens of the state of Washington do hereby proclaim that Tim Eyman is a horse's ass.'

Eyman said he thinks the idea is hilarious, and should garner

tiative.

COMING SOON!

"It's stupid and there is no reason in the world why people should be able to put an initiative like this on the ballot," Goldstein said in a telephone interview Thursday night.

"My goal is to promote change (in the initiative process) and to achieve that, I think we need to bring ridicule on the process, to make people aware of how easy it is to abuse.

"Any schmoe can go to publicity for his own latest ini- Olympia and pay \$5 and file an

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initiative. I'm the schmoe who two women and five children in did it this week. Whoever claimed I had any credibility? I wrote an initiative about a guy being a horse's ass."

Goldstein told Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane his stunt is "a type of political theater." After the newspaper ran the story Thursday, talk radio picked it up and Goldstein's phone was swamped all day.

Tax rebel Eyman is the state's leading initiative sponsor. Voters have approved at least one of his initiatives each year for the past four years, starting with \$30 car license tabs in 1999.

He said Goldstein is unwittingly helping him by calling more attention to Initiative 807, which would impose strict state government spending limits and require a two-thirds vote of both houses to raise taxes.

CARLSBAD, N.M. - A sheriff's deputy who assisted a van after it ran out of gas here found there wasn't enough room in the tank because it was full of marijuana.

Eddy County sheriff's deputy Kelly Calicoat was dispatched to a location near the New Mexico-Texas state line Wednesday to help a motorist who ran out of

Calicoat arrived to find the women and children had been given some fuel. He decided to follow them to ensure they had enough to reach Carlsbad, Bobby Sullivan of the Pecos Valley Drug Task Force said Thursday.

Calicoat stopped the van after the driver exceeded the posted speed limit.

Calicoat contacted the drug task force after speaking with women and becoming suspi-

The agents found a concealed compartment in the gas tank containing 72 pounds of marijuana. The also seized \$700 in

The compartment significantly reduced the van's fuel capacity. Sullivan said.

Leticia Guadian, 24, and Vanessa Chavez, 22, of Fabens, Texas, were arrested and charged with distribution of marijuana and conspiracy. Both were being held at the Eddy County Detention Center on Thursday on \$10,000 secured

Chavez's five children ranging in age from 18-months to five-years - were kept in police custody until their father arrived to get them.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - How do judges keep track of the steer, lambs and other animals competing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show?

Turns out, the nose knows.

"We tried to make sure all the animals going to the farm show have a unique identification that can't be changed, and they found that nose-printing is one of the methods that can be used because no two are alike," said Chet Hughes, livestock extension agent for Lancaster County. "We use fingerprint ink, roll it on the nose of the animal, and lightly touch the card to it."

The cars are kept on file at Farm Show offices, where officials said they are used to prevent the possibility of a contestant buying a champion-level animal just before the show.

Nose-printing has been done for at least a decade, officials said. The temptation of bringing in a ringer can be strong because of the money a top-prize winning animal can bring.

Last year, the grand champi-

on steer sold for \$16,000. The 1999 winning steer earned a record \$28,000.

"You're trying to avoid" cheating," Hughes said. "The whole idea of the program is for the kids to have the experience of raising the animal, bringing them up to market weight for the farm show, training them."

Technology may soon render the nose-print obsolete, Hughes

"There are some places that are starting to use a readable implant, which is put in the ear of the animal," he said. "That's probably the next step."

■ EASTON, Pa. — The lawyer for a man accused of drunken driving is trying to get the charges dismissed by arguing that no one knows whether the man who pulled his client over was really a police officer.

Troy Branstetter, 33, of East Stroudsburg was pulled over for driving recklessly on April 7, 2002, in Bushkill Township, according to court papers filed Thursday. The filing in Northampton County Court said the man who pulled Branstetter over radioed to Bushkill Township police officer Randy Knauss, "Hey, I'm a police officer but I have to get to Bath."

Knauss found Branstetter in a parked car, but the man who pulled Branstetter over was gone, the filing said.

Defense lawyer Thomas P. Sundmaker said in court papers that Knauss had not seen Branstetter driving, so he had no justification for Branstetter to perform field sobriety tests, which he failed.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY (LEXINGTON DIVISION) LODESTAR ENERGY, INC. LODESTAR HOLDINGS, INC. DEBTORS. CHAPTER 11 PROCEEDING CASE NOS. 01-50969 AND 01-50972 JOINTLY ADMINISTERED UNDER

CASE NO. 01-50969 JUDGE JOSEPH M. SCOTT, JR. NOTICE OF AUCTION, BIDDING PROCEDURES, ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS, UNEXPIRED LEASES, LICENSES AND PERMITS AND HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

On December 24, 2002, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division (the "Court"), entered an order (the "Procedures Order") granting a motion (the "Bidding Procedures Motion") under which Lodestar Energy, Inc. ("LEI") and Lodestar Holdings, Inc. ("LHI"), the debtors and debtors in possession in the above captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "LEI Debtors") requested authority to conduct a sale (the "Sale") of all or substantially all of their real and personal property (the "LEI Property"), free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363, 365, 503 and 507 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Sale will be by public auction (the "Auction") at which the LEI Debtors will consider bids for the LEI Property. The Procedures Order approves the procedures (the "Sale Procedures")

On January 10, 2002, Industrial Fuels Minerals Company ("IFMC" and, together with the LEI Debtors, the "Debtors"), a wholly owned subsidiary of LEI, filed with the Court a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. IFMC is chapter 11 case is pending in the Court as Case No. 03-70015. It is expected that IFMC is real and personal property (together with the "LEI Property," the

"Property") will be included in the Sale and the Auction, and subject to the Sale Procedures. Further information relating to the Sale Procedures, the submission of bids for the Property, the Auction and the Sale are set forth in the complete Amended Notice of Auction, Bidding Procedures, Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts, Unexpired Leases, Licenses and Permits and Hearing for an Order Authorizing the Sale of the Debtors' Assets, dated January 14, 2003 (the "LEI Notice of Sale Procedures") and the Notice of Auction, Bidding Procedures, Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts, Unexpired Leases, Licenses and Permits and Hearing for an Order Authorizing the Sale of Industrial Fuels Minerals Company is Assets, dated January 14, 2003 (but subject to Court approval) (the "IFMC Notice of Sale Procedures" and, together with the LEI Notice of Sale rocedures, the "Sale Procedures Notices"). The Sale Procedures Notices may be obtained upon request to counsel to the Debtors, Bradley K. Johnston, Esq., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., mailing address: 312 Walnut Street, Suite 3500, Cincinnati, OH 45202; facsimile (513) 361-1201; or email, HYPERLINK "mailto:bjohnston@ssd.com" bjohnston@ssd.com. Prospective bidders are urged to review carefully the Procedures Order and the Sale Procedures Notices in their entirety, which Procedures Order and the Sale Procedures Notices contain certain information related to the Sale and Auction not contained herein and which shall control in the event of any inconsistency with any information contained herein. Any person desiring to purchase any of the Property must do so under the terms and conditions set forth in the Sale Procedures Notices and Procedures Order.

The Debtors own real and personal property located in Kentucky, Colorado and Utah for use in the mining, cleaning and loading of coal, including, without limitation, (a) accounts, accounts receivable, inventory, machinery and equipment, general intangibles, executory contracts and unexpired leases, furniture, fixtures, and real property (the "General Property"); and (b) four categories of vehicles listed in Schedule 1, attached to the Sale Procedures Notices (i.e. Eastern Kentucky Vehicles, Western Kentucky Vehicles, Colorado Vehicles and Utah Vehicles) (the "Vehicles"). For purposes of the Procedures Order, the Sale Procedures Notices and the Sale Procedures, the term iPropertyi shall include all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of any kind or nature of each of the Debtors, including without limitation, the General Property and the Vehicles, but expressly does not include: (i) each of the Debtors' cash on hand at the closing of the Sale, unless securing bonds or other surety obligations being assumed or replaced by a purchaser, (ii) any cause of action of any of the Debtors under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iii) any other claim or cause of action of any of the Debtors arising prior to or after the chapter 11 petition date for such Debtor. Bidders may bid on the General Property in any configuration including part or all of the General Property. Any bid for the Vehicles shall be for one or more entire category of such Vehicles. No offers or bids for individual Vehicles will be accepted.

The Debtors will conduct the Auction on January 30, 2003, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST at the offices of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, 250 West Main Street, 1600 Lexington Financial Center, Lexington, KY 40507-1746312 (the "Sale Site"). A hearing to approve the Sale has been scheduled for January 31, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m. EST.

Any sale, assignment or other disposition of the Property shall be by bill of sale, without any representations or warranties whatsoever, of any kind, nature or description by the Debtors, their agents or representatives. Each party who has submitted at the Auction a successful offer to purchase all or some portion of the Property (a "Successful Offeror") will have had the opportunity to conduct an independent inspection and investigation of the Property and any liabilities of the Debtors that will be assumed by them in connection with the Sale ("Assumed Liabilities") and all such other matters relating to or affecting the Property or Assumed Liabilities as each Successful Offeror deems necessary or appropriate. In proceeding with its purchase of the Property and assumption of the Assumed Liabilities and with the assumption of all of the Debtors' rights, duties and obligations under the Property and the Assumed Liabilities, each Successful Offeror will be doing so based solely upon its independent inspections and investigations and will acknowledge that, subject to the foregoing, it will be receiving all of the Debtors' rights, duties and responsibilities under the Property and Assumed Liabilities purchased by such Successful Offeror on an "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" basis.

All of the Debtors' right, title and interest in and to the Property shall be assigned and sold, pursuant to sections 363(f) and (m) of the Bankruptcy Code, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and security interests, which shall attach to the net proceeds received by the Debtors as a result of the sale with the same force and effect that they now have, subject to further order of the Bankruptcy Court. All secured creditors shall retain all bidding rights allowed under the Bankruptcy Code.

The closing of the Sale(s) (the "Closing") shall take place at the Sale Site no later than eleven (11) days after entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to sell the Property to the Successful Offeror(s).

The Debtors intend to offer for sale, as part of the Property, all or substantially all executory contracts and unexpired leases to which the Debtors are party. Prospective bidders are urged to review carefully the Procedures Order and the Sales Procedures Notices, which contain further information relating to such executory contracts and unexpired leases. The Successful Offeror(s) shall be responsible for all obligations arising under or related to any executory contracts and unexpired leases that they direct Debtors to assume and to assign to them, from and after the Closing, and for all obligations under section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code as set forth in the

Any objection(s) to the entry of a final order approving the final sale of any of the Property must be filed with the Court and served so that they are RECEIVED by the undersigned counsel, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, counsel to Congress Financial Corporation and counsel to Wexford Capital, LLC no later than 9:00 a.m. EST on January 31, 2003.

Dated: January 14, 2003 Stephen D. Lerner Jeffrey A. Marks Bradley K. Johnston SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P. 312 Walnut Street, Suite 3500 Cincinnati, OH 45202 Telephone: 513-361-1200 COUNSEL FOR DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION Taft A. McKinstry, Esq. Ellen Arvin Kennedy, Esq. FOWLER, MEASLE & BELL, IIp 300 West Vine Street, Suite 600

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Today in History

by The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2003. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 19, 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" (perhaps best known for its "Anvil Chorus") premiered in

On this date:

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1807, Robert E. Lee, the commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

■ In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

■ In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

■ In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

■ In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with permission from President Eisenhower.

■ In 1966, Indira Gandhi was

elected prime minister of India. In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

■ In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who'd made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

■ In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Ten years ago:

Attorney General-designate Zoe Baird apologized to the Senate Judiciary Committee for hiring illegal aliens as domestic help. The first American combat

troops flew home from their humanitarian mission in Somalia.

Five years ago:

During a ceremony in Atlanta commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Vice President Gore announced that the Clinton administration would propose increasing spending on civil rights by \$86 million. "Rockabilly" pioneer Carl Perkins died in Jackson, Tenn., at age 65.

One year ago:

Israel troops set off a powerful explosion that gutted the official Palestinian broadcasting building, dealing another retaliatory blow to Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-· singer John Raitt is 86. Actress Jean Stapleton is 80. Actor Fritz Weaver is 77. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 72. Movie director Richard Lester is 71. Singer Phil Everly is 64. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 61. Actress Shelley Fabares is 59. Country singer Dolly Parton is 57. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 56. Singer Robert Palmer is 54. Singer Harry McGilberry (Temptations) is 52. Bunnell Dewey Singer (America) is 51. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 50. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 48. Actress Katey Sagal is 47. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 46. Actor Paul McCrane is 42. Actor William Ragsdale is 42. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 37. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 35. Singer Trey Lorenz is 34. Actor Shawn Wayans is 32. Rock singermusician John Wozniak (Marcy Playground) is 32. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 21.

Thought for Today:

"Truth is not a diet but a condiment." - Christopher Darlington Morley, American journalist (1890-1957).

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Cleanup

ing toward these goals.

According to state law, counties that form such a committee, made up ideally of representatives from businesses, schools, agriculture, homemakers and other concerned citizens, are then eligible to be repaid 75 percent of direct expenses used in eliminating illegal open dumps. Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet would offer the repayment of 75 percent of total costs, as well as making avaliable other incentives and rewards to qualified counties.

Considering that Floyd County has already initiated work through a \$34,195 grant from PRIDE in 2000 for the removal of garbage, brush and debris from roads and streams in the area, and has also worked through many stages of a fiveyear plan to improve water and sewage lines throughout the county, court members agreed Friday to combine their PRIDE efforts with a "clean county committee" asked for by the state, rather than create a separate committee.

Recreational and Education

Park, a park envisioned to serve

the multi-purpose function of

both recreation and a valuable

location for citizens to learn and

be educated about the environe-

the PRIDE committee already

has several members in place who meet the requirements of the amended conditions and believes combining the two would be worthwhile "in order to avoid duplication of efforts and services regarding this important cause".

The union formally establishes the new organization, known the Floyd County PRIDE/Clean County Committee.

The move is another step to help ensure that work continues in cleaning up the commonwealth, which has seen 650 illegal dumps cleaned since 1997, the year PRIDE was established by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late James Bickford, former natural resources secretary.

On the heels of the decision to combine the two cleanup committees, court members also accepted and approved a fiveyear solid waste plan for 2003 to 2007 as part of their continued attempts to stop the practice of illegal dumping, water pollution, environmental destruction and reckless waste of natural According to court records, resources throughout the county. by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - While new to the Floyd County Board of Education, it would appear that Mickey McGuire aims to be a positive contributor to the improvement of the system as he disclosed an emotionally charged motivation to "change things" during a swearing in ceremony at Prestonsburg Elementary on Thursday.

Though the snow was rapidly accumulating outside, a large audience turned out for the ceremony, which was emceed by Court of Appeals Judge David Allen Barber, who gave an entertaining account of how McGuire came to be there along with state Rep. Greg Stumbo and Family Court Judge Julie Paxton. Principal

on the school auditorium stage.

McGuire takes office with plans of change

Barber related that when he, as county attorney, hired McGuire as assistant county attorney, Paxton McGuire's assistant. He shared that Stumbo was a "hunting buddy" and he introduced him to McGuire and Paxton. He poked fun at the fact that McGuire and Stumbo didn't always get along, yet when his wife, Margo Barber, had called him in Owensboro and informed him that he was invited to the ceremony, she told him that McGuire asked that he bring his black robe in case Stumbo didn't show up.

However, after Judge Paxton, and Rep. Stumbo swore McGuire into office, things turned to a serious nature. McGuire shared an

how his daughter, who has a learning disability, had attended Clark Elementary in first grade. When she failed to make progress, McGuire transferred her to Fort Thomas Highlands in Northern Kentucky. He shared that she just completed her first semester at the University of Kentucky and had acquired a 3.0 grade-point average and during a conversation with her she had said that she didn't feel her accomplishments would have been possible for her if she had stayed in a Floyd

County School. After stating that the county

Gwen Frazier was also present emotionally moving story of had been promised a better school system for years, he proposed that he had made a decision to make an attempt to do something about it. "I know I can't just go in and change things," said McGuire. "But I will go in

with dedication." He proposed that although he was aware he could not "fix everything", he sincerely hoped that he could make it

better and requested that the public give suggestions that may help make an improved school system a reality.

McGuire later shared that he had used his daughter's Bible for the swearing in process.

DENNIS -



Winter

matter how long we have to work," he said Thursday.

Kyle Sutherland, a weather meteorologist in service Paducah, said the storm took a different track than usual. Normally, winter storms head out of the Plains and dip toward the Gulf Coast before reaching Kentucky, he said. This one followed a straight path as it headed east, which might have held down snowfall amounts, he said.

"It didn't have as much moisture to work with as it would have had if it had spent time near the Gulf Coast," Sutherland said.

Some school districts called off classes Thursday before any snowflakes fell, as forecasters issued a winter storm warning.

In Bullitt County, just south of Louisville, school officials canceled classes based on forecasts that the snow would start

to work through the night, no around 8 a.m. EST and would reach accumulations of 3 to 6

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The snow didn't arrive until midafternoon, about the time school normally ends for the day. Robert Beasley, the district's director of transportation, called it a fluke and said he didn't regret the decision.

"I would much rather have been safe than sorry," he said. "If we had gotten them to school and then all of a sudden that stuff came down, we'd have to turn around and take them back."

He said some rural roads are no wider than the school buses.

"You always run the risk of sliding off the road, sliding into somebody, somebody sliding into you," he said. "You double the risk and you put the child in more danger than what they need to be.

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Fiscal court members have

pointed to Turkey Creek, along

Route 680 between Eastern and

Minnie, as a possible location

department, and will apply to fiscal court also: full- and part-time wages, overtime wages and vacation and sick leave, according to fiscal court records.

A certain portion of the sheriff's \$621,000 cap will go to the Kentucky Law Enforment Foundation Program Fund, which is more commonly called the "pay incentive program". The program provides a financial incentive of up to \$3,000 annually to officers for complying with training and educational requirements, according to program outlines.

In addition to what was approved by fiscal court members Friday, Blackburn's office will also be given a portion of Alcoholic Beverage Control money collected from the 3 percent tax on alcohol sales.

Law enforcement agencies often partner with ABC, placing undercover officers in businesses which sell alcohol in hopes of controlling underage purchases. During Friday's meeting, the

opportunities.

for the park.

development of the Elk Horn ment through hands-on learning

Offered payments due to well over 100 area businesses in the total amount of \$386,671.55. A large portion of the payments made went to county fire departments, each of which received a payment of \$5,890. Among some of the payments made by the county were bills of \$116,000 to Waste Management and \$55,467.82 to Bank One, while paying the state treasurer \$19,776.

Offered supplemental claim payments in the amount of \$18,772.23 to J & M Monitoring, Floyd County Clerk, Fitzpatrick, Osborne, Heaberlin and Sturgill, Tackett's Service Station and Jackie Edford Owens.

Authorized an easement with American Electric Power to allow construction of a power line near Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center.

■ Issued a \$47,000 bond for Cow Creek Fire Protection District Treasurer Jim Caldwell.

BANKRUPTCY AUCTION

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ment buildings. Bill Marsh told the Detroit Free Press he made the offer Wednesday to thank police for helping to lower crime 13 percent last year in the area where he

owns the buildings.

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The offer from Marsh's Renaissance Investment Co. Inc. is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

It ends Feb. 14 and also is ■ DETROIT — A real estate available to Wayne State University police, members of the Detroit Fire Department's Squad 2, Engine 5 and Midtown EMS workers.

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- Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Bad judgment, or sly ruse?

We sometimes become jaded to individual acts of crime in this violent time. But a recent incident rates some commentary because of factors that in many ways are greater than the crime itself.

A 44-year-old man was arrested after a high-speed chase and charged with assault, resisting arrest, drunken driving and driving with a suspended license. During the arrest, the suspect allegedly struck an officer and tried to flee the scene where he crashed his stolen vehicle.

Hardly a routine arrest, but one of the distinguishing characteristics is that the driver was one of the 567 inmates released Dec. 18 from state custody on orders of Gov. Paul Patton to help relieve a multimillion-dollar shortfall in the state budget and the state Justice Cabinet.

The inmates had been housed in various state facilities and county jails across the commonwealth, with the state footing the bills for their incarceration.

He now will be housed in the Christian County Jail, with his room and board paid for, not by the state, but by the Christian County taxpayers.

Another released inmate was recently arrested in Owensboro on bank robbery charges.

Someone needs to refresh our minds on the wisdom and real economics of that inmate release.

County jailers expressed deep concerns when the program was proposed and were quick to point out that any of the furloughed prisoners who were returned to custody — and a certain predictable percentage would return — would no longer be charges of the state, but rather charges of the county where they were arrested.

The jailers obviously knew what they were talking about.

If the whole release program was a thinly veiled ruse to shift the cost of incarceration from the state to the county, Gov. Patton and the Justice Cabinet deserve every word of criticism leveled at them before and after the jail doors were opened.

If the whole release program was simply a case of faulty judgment — and failure to listen to people in the know — then both Gov. Patton and the Justice Cabinet rightly deserve the same rebuke.

We expressed fears then that the release program was a dramatization calculated to focus attention on the severity of budget woes wrought by state agencies and a legislature adrift and in disarray.

We just didn't think the dramatization would unravel this soon.

- Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville



-Jim Davidson

O-P-P-O-R-T-U-N-I-T-Y

It's my sincere hope that what I have to share in this column will be a source of inspiration to you and a good number of other people, as well. One of the greatest blessings we have in this country which so many people take for granted is opportunity. Because of the basic freedoms we enjoy and an economic system that permits the free flow of goods and services to all parts of the world, opportunity abounds for each of us. Unfortunately, because there are millions of our citizens who broke the law and have committed crimes against society or one or more individuals, they wound up in prison and have forfeited their opportunity.

However, the greatest prison of all is not made with human hands, but rather it is the prison of the mind — people who are bound up in their thinking and just can't see all the opportunity that is around them.

For example, think of the millions of people in America who are working at jobs they don't like or jobs where they feel they have no opportunity for advancement. Before I go on, could I be talking about you or someone you care about? Here is a statement that you may or may not agree with: The problem I have just described in 99 percent of the cases is not the job, it's the thinking of the person who holds the job.

This story will illustrate what I am saying: Some years ago there were three negative women who lived on a bayou in south Louisiana, and day-after-day they complained about their circumstances. Each

day they would moan and say, "There is no opportunity for us here." Sound familiar? Then one day a positive thinking woman came along and heard them complaining and she said, "Look, so you live on a bayou. Well, the bayou runs into the river and the river runs into the gulf, and the gulf opens up into the sea. You have a boat. You

can go anywhere from where you are."

I don't know how you feel about it, but to me this is really some exciting news! If you or someone you care about is in a job you don't like or one that seems to have no possibilities for the future, in most cases the problem is not the job — it's in your thinking about the job. Like the three negative women on the bayou, you can go anywhere from where you are.

Here is what Walter Malone had to say about opportunity: "They do me wrong who say I come no more. When once I knock and fail to find you in, for everyday I stand outside your door and bid you wake and rise to fight and win. Wail not for precious chances passed away. Weep not for golden ages on the wane. Each night I burn the records for the day. At sunrise every soul is born again. Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped, to vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb. My judgments seal the dead past with its dead, but never bind a moment

yet to come. Tho' deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep. I lend my arm to all who say, 'I can.' No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep, but yet might rise and be a man again. Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell. Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven. Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell. Each night a star to guide they feet to heaven."

Until our next visit here is something worth thinking about. The American editor and craftsman Elbert Hubbard once said, "Opportunity is health and a job." That's it. If we have good health and a job we can use our time, talents and other resources as a springboard to achieve any success we desire. Don't procrastinate!

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- beyond the beltway

Democratic candidates not strong

by DONALD KAUL

Al Gore sent waves of excitement coursing through the Democratic Party last month by announcing that he was not going to run for president. (The technical name for this is anti-charisma, in which Gore majored at Harvard.)

Almost immediately Democratic candidates began springing up like mushrooms after a cleansing rain.

The first was John Edwards, who announced his candidacy by saying: "If I am the nominee of the Democrats in 2004, what I will be is somebody who champions the cause of regular people."

A statement that moved most regular people to ask: "Who in the hell is John Edwards?"

Shortly thereafter Al Sharpton, spiritual advisor to Tawana Brawley, said that he, too, was looking into running. He said: "I'm qualified, probably more qualified than any other person who is expected to be on the Democratic ticket for 2004."

A statement that prompted the thought: "Who's writing his material, the Republican National Committee?"

Obviously, things are getting out of control. Before they spin out completely, let us consider the pluses and minuses of each potential candidate. First:

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry:
Pro: A tall, ruggedly handsome former
war hero (Vietnam) turned war protestor
(ditto) who can talk in paragraphs about
the major issues facing the nation.
(Compared to our president, who can't
even read in paragraphs.) Furthermore, he
has a rich wife, which never hurts. Con:
He is a Massachusetts liberal. The last
Massachusetts liberal who ran for presi-

dent was left for dead under a tank helmet. Also, when Kerry talks in paragraphs about important issues, people tend to fall asleep. (Think someone who looks like a cross between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln and talks like Mike Dukakis.)

Former House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri:

Pro: An old-fashioned liberal who has strong union support and will fight for the rights of little people. He might have an advantage in the primaries by being a next-door neighbor to the Iowa caucuses. Con: His strong union support comes at a time when the Republicans have convinced the American people that unions are the political equivalent of the Anti-Christ. Also, he has no eyebrows—eyebrows so light that you can't see them—giving him the look of a villain in a James Bond movie.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut:
Pro: As Al Gore's running mate in the
2000 election, he has enviable name
recognition. In addition, he is an
Orthodox Jew who would solidify an
important Democratic constituency. Con:
He tends to be more conservative than his

party on many issues—the approaching war on Iraq among them—so his greatest appeal is to independents and moderate Republicans, people who do not vote

in Democratic primaries.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina:

Pro: He is a Southerner. (The last time
the nation elected a Democrat who was
NOT a Southerner was 1960.) Con: He is
a trial lawyer, a profession granted only

slightly more respect than labor unions, journalists and serial killers. Also, he looks like your paperboy.

Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont: Pro: A doctor and a decent fellow who has been, from all reports, a competent governor. He is the candidate who has most strongly opposed President Bush's war policy and would draw the peacenik vote, important in Iowa. Con: He is the answer to the trivia question:

"Who is more obscure than John Edwards?"

Edwards?"

The Rev. Al Sharpton of New York:
Pro: A highly entertaining rabble-rouser
who appeals to African-Americans who
have lost faith in the system, of whom
there are many. Con: Did you understand
what I said? He's black! In the 225 years
of the Republic we have never once seriously considered a black man for the
presidency. You think that's an accident?
It's only been in about the past 15 years
that whites have trusted blacks to be pro
football quarterbacks, for crying out loud.

That's it: the bunch.

The good news is that one of these
men can beat Bush in 2004. The bad news

is that he can do it only if we suffer a

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MINISTER'S MOMENT

All have God within them

by REV. BOB DAMRON PASTOR, ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

This week churches of various denominations throughout the world are celebrating in the Week of Christian Unity, a week in which we Christians focus upon what we hold in common. what unites us as followers of Christ and not the issues that divide us. Tonight, for example, the youth of various churches of our area will be gathering to celebrate Christ with word and song.

In every human being, in each of us, God has planted a seed of His presence. Whether old or young, rich or poor, male

or female, bank executive or ditch digger, God is present in each; God dwells in each. God has planted a spark of the divine in each person when we were in the womb of our mothers. We (every human being) are a dwelling place for God. People have value not because of the clothes they wear, the job they work or the home they live in. People have value because they (we) are loved by God. God has given value to a person, not us - we do not give value to a son or daughter of God.

The young lady who stands on the street corner and becomes an object of men's desires, the young man sitting on the curb drinking his problems away, the unemployed with their dying dreams walking the streets for handouts in order to survive, the confused hospital patient screaming at everyone in chaos, the elderly lady in the nursing home with only her soap operas to listen to her sighs of loneliness - they are children of God and loved by God just as much as someone who lives in a fancy home, or lives a comfortable life. They and we are more valuable than all the gold on this planet, more precious than all the jewels of this world and loved more by God than the entire universe.

Look beyond the rags of the beggar, the poor - see the goodness in everyone. Look beyond the lowness in society of the prostitute or the drunkard - see the value of all as a child of God. Look beyond the senility, the forgetfulness and the confusion of the elderly - see the wisdom and the nearness of God that only a long life can bring. God became one of us in His Son, Jesus Christ. God became like us in all things, except sin. By becoming one of us, God made all human life special and sacred; God made all person valuable. God became one of us, so that we may become more like God.

Let us remember and celebrate this week Who unites us as one - our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Obits

Cecil Williamson, 79, of Crum, West Virginia, died Tuesday, January 7, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Knott County

Lydia Adaline Clark Hale, 92, of Red Fox, died on Sunday, January 12, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ricky Dean Jacobs, 37, of Garner, died Thursday, January 9, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. 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.

Brian Edwin Moore, 39, of Mousie, died Wednesday, January 8, at home. He is survived by his wife, Zella S. Moore. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, was in charge of arrangements.

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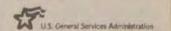
Mabel Sloan, 89, of Anco, died Friday, January 10, in Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 12, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

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Steve Thacker '92

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Roll Call of Nations

leaturing PC International Students 7:00 p.m.

Southern Baptist missionaries say anti-Islamic statements put them at risk

By MICHAEL BUETTNER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITE

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - A group of Southern Baptist missionaries working in Muslim countries has asked the U.S. leaders of their denomination to tone down their harsh criticism of Islam for safety reasons.

The missionaries said denigrating Islam puts them at risk as they work to spread Christianity under dangerous conditions overseas.

On Dec. 30, a suspected Islamic militant killed three workers at a Southern Baptist hospital in Yemen - the latest in a series of attacks over the last year on American religious workers abroad.

"We are not sure if you are aware of the ramifications that comments that malign Islam and Muhammad have - not only on the message of the gospel but also upon the lives of our families as we are living in the midst of already tense times," the missionaries said in the Jan. 10 let-

The statement was signed by "a group of Southern Baptists serving in the Muslim world," who did not give their names. The two dozen missionaries were from 10 countries in the Mideast, North Africa, East Africa and South Asia.

Several Southern Baptist leaders have condemned Islam since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The Rev. Jerry Vines, a former Southern Baptist president, called the Prophet Muhammad a "demon-possessed pedophile." The Rev. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, called Islam "a very evil and wicked religion."

The Rev. Jerry Falwell has said the religion promotes violence. His remark sparked rioting in India that led to confrontations between Muslims and Hindus which left five people dead. Falwell later apologized.

The missionaries work under the auspices of the Southern Baptist's International Mission Board in Richmond, which has about 5,500 missionaries around the world.

George Braswell Jr., the first Southern Baptist missionary in Iran and a professor at Baptist Southeastern Theological Sen v in Wake Forest, N.C., delivered the letter to the mission board after meeting with the workers overseas. He then made the statement pub-

Reached Friday by The Associated Press, Braswell declined to elaborate.

The Rev. Jack Graham, president of the convention, was traveling Friday and could not be reached for comment, according to the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, where he serves as pastor.

The board released a short statement in response to the plea, saying that the missionaries simply wanted their fellow Baptists to focus on the positive side of their faith "rather than arguing Islam vs. Christianity."

"I believe what they were trying to say is that their concern is communicating the gospel to lost persons without having to defend what someone in America said about Islam," said Avery Willis Jr., senior vice president of the board's overseas operations office.

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Arcolas Boyd Allen, 85, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 11, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Monday, January 13, in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m., Monday, at the Vogel Day United Methodist Church. Hall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dessie Carver, 82, of Printer, died Saturday, January 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elsie Chaffins Craft, 84, of Garrett, died Monday, January 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Bill "Crush" Dingus, 69, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Martin, died Tuesday, January 14, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday. January 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ida M. Estep, 69, of Dwale, died Friday, January 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Virgil B. Hall, native of Grethel, died January 11, at the Lawnwood Hospital in Ft. Pierce, Florida, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Jane Hall, of Okeechobee, Florida. Services in Florida were under the direction of Buxton Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements in Kentucky, were under the direction of Hall Funeral

Jonathan Hall, 36, of McDowell. died Sunday, January 5. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 9, Frazier Funeral Home.

Agnes Aileen Hamilton, 61, of McDowell, died Sunday, January 12, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Curtis Hamilton. Funeral serconducted were vices Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral

Leo C. Harmon, 80, of London, Ohio, formerly of Maytown, died Tuesday, January 7. Informal family services were held Saturday, January 18, at the family cemetery in West Van

Keltzie Louise Little, daughter of Gary Little Jr., and Stacey Scott, both of Weeksbury, was stillborn Friday, January 10, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, at the Wheelwright Church. Freewill Baptist

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calamitous series of reversals, military and economic, that would leave the nation in ruin. Sorry.

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.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Trudy Ann Triplett Spillman, 56, a Lawrence County native, died at Three Rivers Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Spillman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Denver Spurgeon, 70, formerly of Bypro, died at the OSU Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on January 8, after a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 13, and interment in the Marion Cemetery, in Marion, Ohio.

Josephine Adkins Stanley, 71, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, January 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Ira Stanley. Funeral services were held Monday, January 13, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Palestine Stumbo Vanderpool, 88, of Lexington, formerly of McDowell, died Friday, January 10, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Betty Castle, 65, a native of Paintsville, died Friday, December 20, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. She is survived by her husband. Lyman J. "Joe" Castle, Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 23, and burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens.

Naomi Ruth Daniels Castle, 65, died Wednesday, January 8, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral

Ray Caudill, 92, a native of Riceville, died Wednesday, January 8, at his residence. He is Williams Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Saturday. January 11, under the direction Richards, Raff, and Dunbar Memorial Home, Springfield.

Crate Rice, 101, native of Johnson County, died Tuesday, January 7. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

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74, of Squires, Staffordsville, died Saturday, January 11. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Phelps and Sons Funeral

Joy Tackett, 44, died Saturday, January 11 at home. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Tackett. Funeral services were held Monday, January 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Thacker, 89, native of Johnson County, died Tuesday, December 31, in Marietta, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 3, with burial in the Richmond Cemetery, Paintsville.

Pike County

Emogene "Jean" Meade Adams, 76, of Virgie, died Saturday. January 11, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Effic Gilliam Baker, 99, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday, January 12, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Conrad "Rod" Blackburn, 44. of Burnwell, died Saturday, January 11, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Donetta Hunt Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday. January 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Audrey Bates Bostic, 79, of Belfry, died Friday, January 10. at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Thomas A. "Tommy" Campbell, 31, of Vinton, Ohio, died Sunday, January 12, in Washington, Pennsylvania. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 16, under the direction of McCoy-Moore Funeral Home.

Mitchell Keith Chapman, 41, of Kimper, died Monday, January 13, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday. January 17, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Anna Rae Cook, 66, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Monday, January 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 16, under the direction of Covenant Funeral Service.

Ella Marie Fuller, 75, of Steele, died Friday, January 10, at her home. Funeral services survived by his wife, Bethel were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

> Laura Edith Hall, 81, of Hatfield, died Saturday, January 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Alice Rebecca Coley Harlow, 78, of South Williamson, died Tuesday, January 14, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 18, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ovada S. Jackson, 93, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 12, at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday. January 16, under the direction of Lambert-Tatman Funeral

Ralph James, 72, of Betsy Layne, formerly of Powells Creek, died Thursday, January 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lorene James. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 19, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Kenneth C. King, 55, of Island Creek, died Saturday, January 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sue Fields King. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

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David May, Pinsonfork, died Saturday, January 11, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette May, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral

Andrew Bryson Maynard, 72, of Majestic, died Saturday, January 11, at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Stump Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home,

Harold Edward Maynard, 36, died Wednesday, January 15, at Dupline Memorial Hospital, Kenanszille, North Carolina. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Charles Wolfegang Moore, infant son of Charles E. Moore and Jennifer Bentley of Tram, died Wednesday, January 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Keith Ratliff, 47, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, January 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Bessie Robinson, 94, of Tallmadge, Ohio, formerly of Greasy Creek, died Tuesday, January 14, at Akron General Medical Center, Akron, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 18, under the direction of Justice Funeral

Margaret E. Rose, 71, of Regina, died Tuesday, January 14, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ronnie A. Slone, 54, of Versailles, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 12, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of Clark-Sunset Funeral Home.

William N. Smallwood, 45, of Dorton, died Saturday, January 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mable Carter Smith, 82, of Woodman, a Pike County native, died Sunday, January 12, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Gladis Irene Francis Staton, 77, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, January 9, at the South Williamson Appalachian

Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

James B. Taylor, 90, of Rising Sun, Maryland, died Monday, January 13, at Calvert Manor Health Care Center, Rising Sun. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 20, under the direction of Crouch Funeral

Bobby Gareth Thompson, 67, of Phelps, died Thursday, January 16, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Agnes Gilbert Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 19, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Roscoe Thornsbury, 89, of Kimper, died Thursday, January 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Della Thornsbury, Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 12, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Densel Vanover, 81, of Michigan, formerly of Long Fork of Virgie, died Thursday, January 9, at Botsford Hospital in Michigan. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Garner White, 76, of Mossy Bottom, died Wednesday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Anna White. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 20, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Inarene Wilson, 50, of Marion, Ohio, a native of

Pikeville, died Friday, January 10, at Arbors of Delaware. She is survived by her husband, Fred Wilson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Nancy Ann Wolford, 21, of Stopover, died Tuesday, January 14, at Thacker West Virginia, a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 18, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Elkie "Granny" Young, 86, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Martin County

Clistie Backus, 75, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Saturday, January 11, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Kelly Allen, 80, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Wednesday, January 8, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lila Stacy Carter Stepp, 69, of Ashland, formerly of Inez, died Tuesday, January 7, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

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Reporter

was contained in the letter.

Gunnels wrote, "I just did what I did to have a little fun and pass a little time or should I say I was just 'killing time' ... I did murder Bonnie Hall and I can't say how good it did feel to kill someone that did nothing to

He also attacked Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner in the letter, stating that he had admitted guilt to Turner, but had not formally pleaded guilty to the charges. The letter suggested that he was impatient with the time-consuming court process and seemed to blame the prosecuting attorney

According to Compton, it appeared that part of the reason Gunnels contacted the Times was the paper's extensive coverage of the incident and that the Times was not the only media that he had contacted at that

"We did extensive coverage, as any newspaper would," said Compton.

Regardless of the threats on Compton's life, he said that he handled the letter objectively as Continued from p1

with any other case, Compton said that he sur-

mised that the commonwealth was planning to introduce the letter as evidence in Gunnels' trial, which is set to begin Feb. 10 at Montgomery County Circuit Court in Mount Sterling. The trial was moved pursuant to a request from Danielle Johnson and James Barrett, public advocates for Gunnels, on July 26, due to the fact that their client didn't believe that he could get a fair trial due to the extensive local media coverage, namely the incriminating letter.

As previously reported, on May 10, 2002, the commonwealth filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty for Gunnels on the basis that he was charged with three crimes that are listed as aggravating circumstances to be considered by the judge and jury concerning the death penalty.

However, according to the letter he sent to Compton, Gunnels professed to "care nothing about death at all."

The James Austin Gunnels trial is scheduled to be tried Feb. 10 thru Feb. 28.

Callis joins Kirk Law Firm



John "Jay" Callis

PRESTONSBURG - John Harlan "Jay" Callis III has become a partner with the Kirk Law Firm. The attorney will practice primarily in the firm's Prestonsburg and Paintsville

Callis is an experienced and accomplished attorney who has practiced in Prestonsburg for 16 years. In 1981, Callis graduated

Georgetown College. He graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law three years later. In 1984, he was admitted to practice in all Kentucky courts, in the United States Courts in the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as law clerk to Justice Charles Leibson in 1984 and 1985. In 1990, he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

For the past four years, Callis has served as president of the Floyd County Bar Association. He is current chairman of the Kentucky Bar Association's Civil Litigation Section and is a member of the Bar's Workers' Compensation Committee and Donated Legal Services Committee. In 1997, he received the Bar's Donated Legal Services

Callis will concentrate primarily in the firm's civil litigation and workers' compensation depart-

"I am excited to join the Kirk Law Firm," Callis said, "It is my hope that I can be of some service and that we can continue to serve the people of our area. I look forward to the challenge."

The Kirk Law Firm is in its fourth decade with offices in various Eastern Kentucky cities and focuses on work injuries, coal workers' black lung, other injuries such as those received in auto accidents, disability Social Security, insurance losses and general practice.

"Jay Callis is an honorable man and a devoted father who just happens to be an outstanding lawyer," John Kirk said, "I'm honored to be associated with him and I look forward to working with him."

Callis has three children who are students in Johnson County schools. Jacob, 17, is a senior and Maggie, 16, is a junior at Johnson Central High School. Courtney, 13, is in eighth grade at Johnson County Middle School.

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SIDELINE SHOTS

Girls' hoops getting more and more attention

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

There was a time when girls' bas- ketball didn't get as much attention or recognition as the boys. However, times have changed.

Go to a high school basketball game nowadays, and chances are you'll find it on radio. A couple two or three members of



the print media will also more than likely be on hand to cover the game. Local and hometown TV stations will often be there for the games

Have you noticed the amount of women's college basketball games on TV these days? Fans now have a smorgasbord of women's college games to watch through the week and on the weekend when college games involving both genders crowd the various networks.

I've always said Tennessee Coach Pat Summitt was one of the top basketball coaches in the country, on any level. It was even rumored at one

(See SIDELINE, page three)

BOWLING

Pikeville bowlers finish third

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Both the men's and women's A squads enjoyed successful weekends for the Pikeville College bowling

The women had

in the field and three

of the top 12, while the men also claimed

four of the top 16

Ranked fifth

nationally in the lat-

est poll, the women

finished third

McKendree (III.)

team, finishing third in both draws of the Third Annual Bearcat Hoinke Classic in Cincinnati. the top two bowlers

Compton



· Lady Bears entered two squads, with Pikeville B finishing 10th in the 15-

Purple and Morehead State A. The

places.

team field. Patty Trusty, a sophomore from

(See BOWLERS, page three)

BASEBALL

Umpires camp scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - A baseball umpire training clinic will be held Feb. 1-2 at Pikeville College for any umpire who wishes to attend. The camp fee is \$60,

(See BASEBALL, page three)

PC game time moved up

PIKEVILLE - Monday night's matchup between two Top 10 NAIA men's basketball teams has been moved up. No. 9 Pikeville College will host No. 6 Martin Methodist College at 6:30 p.m. That game had been slated for a 7:30 p.m. opening tip.

Teams enter 15th Region All 'A' in search of state trip

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Pikeville High School will once again serve as host to a pair of 15th Region All "A" tournaments.

The 2003 15th Region Girls' All "A" Classic gets underway Monday evening with three first-round games. Paintsville and head coach Mark Baldwin get things started with the tall order of

taking on defending champ Betsy Layne. Tip-off for the Paintsville-Betsy Layne game is scheduled for 5 p.m.

The second game of this

(See REGION, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central sophomore **Becky Thomas Is** one of the top players in this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Lady Rebels were a pre-season favorite to win the tournament.



photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd seniors Michael Hall (sixth from left) and Tyler Hall (far left) lead a talented Raider team in state stats which were released by the KHSAA Thursday evening.

RAIDERS AMONG STATE'S BEST

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

With one third of the boys' high school basketball season in the books, South Floyd's Michael Hall and Tyler Hall rank among the state's best in a couple of different categories.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) released its state leaders Thursday. Michael Hall through 14 games in averaging 26.2 points per game, good enough for fourth in state. Adair County's Kevin Bridgewaters is first in the state with an average of 35.5 points through 13 games.

Tyler Hall currently ranks third in the state in three-point field-goal percentage with an average of 3.8 goals per game. He has made 57 of 147 attempts.

Brandon Smith of Holmes is second with an average of 3.8 through 15 games with 57 makes out of 147 attempts. Rowan County's Steven Kidd is first in the state with an aver-

age of 4.7 made three-point fieldgoals in 13 games. Kidd, a transfer from Elliott County has hit 61 of 154 attempts.

South Floyd is the fourth top scoring team in the state, averaging 76.1 points per game in 13 outings. South Floyd is fifth in the state in rebounding.

Other area players and teams, both boys' and girls', ranked among the best in the state in respective cat-

(See RAIDERS, page three)

Testing critical for crews

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Four hours into the first official testing session of the 2003 season, Hendrick Motorsports knew there was a prob-

Jimmie Johnson's Chevrolet was slow, and crew chief Chad Knaus had plates to see how much flexibility

to make the dreaded phone call telling the guys back at the shop to start cutting up the rest of the cars.

Across the garage, Billy Wilburn haggled with a NASCAR official over the legalities of Rusty Wallace's race car. Making the switch from a Ford to a Dodge this season, the Penske Racing crew was testing the new tem-

Testing sessions might not mean much to a driver, but for a crew trying to figure out how to make a car go as fast as possible, it's the most critical part of the year.

Because NASCAR only allows the use of data acquisition systems - an

(See TESTING, page three)

eran Jerry Layne, a native of Betsy Layne, will begin work in spring training games in February. Layne returned to his native Floyd County for a recent meeting with some family members.

Major League

umplring vet-

Baseball

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Johnson Central grad Webb enrolls at UK

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Johnson Central High School graduate Paul Webb, a defensive lineman, has enrolled in classes at the University of Kentucky. And he is not

Linebacker Brad Booker, defensive end Travis Day,

wide receiver Maurice Marchman and linebacker Durrell White, and Webb, who all committed to Kentucky last year have enrolled in classes at the University.

All five players have begun the off-season workout program and will be able

(See UK, page three)

MILESTONES

Collins nearing 2,000 career points

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Pikeville College senior Amanda Collins is nearing 2,000 career points. As of Friday, Collins had 1,983 points



for her career. She ranks second among Lady Bears' all-time scoring leaders. Teresa Ray is second with 2,234 and Renee Brewer is first with 2,333. The Pikeville

College women's basketball team continues to climb up the NAIA poll. The Lady Bears are currently ranked 13th in the nation. Head coach Bill Watson is pleased with

(See COLLINS, page three)

AFC: Raiders bring gaudy reputations, resumes to big game

by EDDIE PELLS ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA, Calif. -Jerry Rice. Tim Brown. Rich Gannon. Rod Woodson. Bill Romanowski.

Hollywood is 400 miles away, but for stars - football stars - the Oakland locker room is like no other in the

Raiders mystique? Take a look around:

Rice is the most prolific wideout in league history. Brown is second behind Rice in yards receiving.

Gannon? He's the Most Valuable Player - of the entire league.

Woodson? He's one of the four greatest cornerbacks in the NFL — over the first 75

Romanowski. Sebastian Janikowski, Charles Woodson. For good and bad, everyone knows who they are. "When I got here, I looked

around," little-known Raiders receiver Alvis Whitted said. "I asked myself, 'Why am I here? What could they possibly want from me?" Indeed, all those names, all

that history and all that talent can make it almost as hard playing for the Raiders as it is playing against them. The Tennessee Titans, who

face Oakland in the AFC championship game today, are saying all the right things. "Raiders mystique?" Eddie

George asked. "I don't get all caught up in that." But he acknowledged that

he was a huge fan of the Raiders when he was growing up. And he is, he concedes, "familiar with the rich history

(See GAME, page three)

Winter crappie are hot when it's cold

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The old timers taught us in youth that the dogwood bloom in spring signaled the start of crappie fishing for the year. This was usually in late

March or early April when the first aquatic plants begin to emerge and bugs first start to buzz around our

heads.

But, for those thick-blooded enough to handle it, the best weather for slab crappies may be when ice blooms on our gutters and emerges around the edge of lakes where aquatic plants will be in springtime. The winter months offer Kentucky crappie anglers a great chance at a wall-mounting size crappie.

The best lakes for winter crappie fishing are Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. These two behemoth impoundments of the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers produce some of the best crappie fishing in the South, but Rough River Lake in west-central Kentucky and Buckhorn Lake in Eastern Kentucky are overlooked high

quality crappie waters.

Winter crappie fishing isn't for everybody. It doesn't involve dipping live minnows or small tube or curlytailed jigs in bushes along the shoreline like one might do in April. Successful winter crappie anglers must find ledges and brush piles along secondary creek channels in 12 to 20 feet of water or

deeper. The crappie prospects greatly improve if these ledges and channel drops are adjacent to shallower mud flats where crappie go to feed during periods of warmer stable weather. A spot really shines with papermouth potential if the channel swings near a

(See FISHING, page three)

AUTO RACING

2003 NASCAR Winston Cup Schedule

FEBRUARY

■ Feb. 16 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.

■ Feb. 23 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C.

MARCH

■ March 2 — UAW-

DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas.

■ March 9 — Atlanta 500, Hampton,

■ March 16 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.

■ March 23 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

March 30 Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth,

APRIL

■ April 6 — Aaron's 499, Talladega,

■ April 13 — Virginia 500, Martinsville, Va.

■ April 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.

MAY

■ May 3 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va.

■ May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

JUNE

■ June 1 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.

■ June 8 — Pocono 500, Long

Pond, Pa. ■ June 15 — Sirius Satellite Radio

400, Brooklyn, Mich. ■ June 22 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

JULY

■ July 5 — Pepsi 400, Daytona

■ July 13 — Tropicana 400, Joliet,

■ July 20 — New England 300,

Loudon, N.H. ■ July 27 — Pennsylvania 500,

Long Pond.

AUGUST ■ Aug. 3 — Brickyard 400,

Indianapolis.

■ Aug. 10 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

■ Aug. 17 — Michigan 400,

Brooklyn, Mich. ■ Aug. 23 — Sharpie 500, Bristol,

■ Aug. 31 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.

SEPTEMBER

■ Sept. 6 — Chevrolet Monte Carlo

400, Richmond, Va.

■ Sept. 14 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.

■ Sept. 21 — Dover 400, Dover, ■ Sept. 28 — EA Sports 500,

Talladega, Ala. OCTOBER

■ Oct. 5 — Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.

■ Oct. 11 — UAW-GM Quality 500,

Concord, N.C. ■ Oct. 19 — Old Dominion 500,

Martinsville, Va.

■ Oct. 26 — Georgia 500, Hampton,

NOVEMBER

■ Nov. 2 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.

■ Nov. 9 — Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn 400, Rockingham, N.C.

■ Nov. 16 — Ford 400, Homestead,

NAIA

Lady Bears sign Greenup star

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GREENUP - Pikeville College's third signing in the last two weeks is a standout guard from Greenup County High

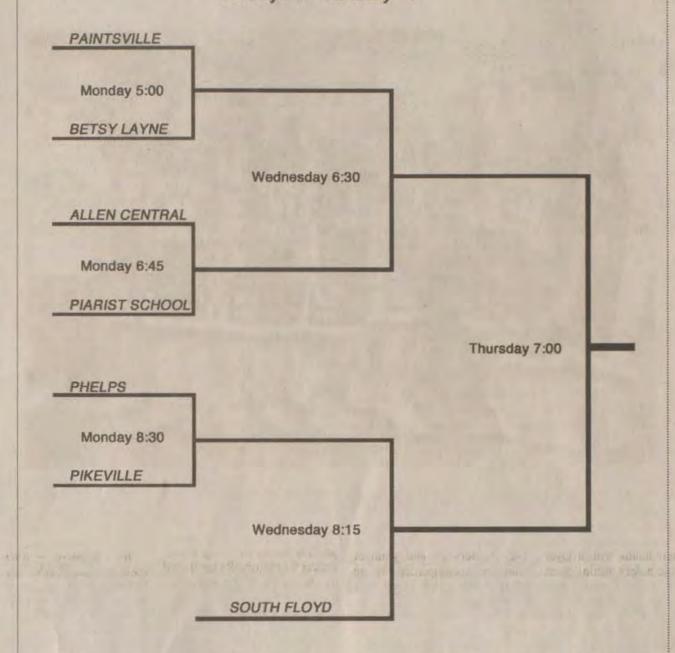
Kim Hilton, who is averaging 20.73 points per game this year, signed a schol-

(See BEARS, page four)

BASKETBALL BRACKET -

Region 15

2003 Girls Regional Tournament at Pikeville High School January 20 - January 23



Williams named All-American

TIMES STAFF REPORT

What many assumed all season long was confirmed this week: Jeff Williams is the best punter in the country.

Williams, a 6-2, 215-pound sophomore from Pelion, S.C., was named a First-Team All-American by the National Association of when it announced the teams this

Williams punted 50 times last year with an average of 44.2 yards per kick, which led the NAIA. The runner-up on the list was Steve Baker of Southern Oregon with an average of 42.2 yards per kick. For Williams, the longest kick of the

Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) season was a 71-yard boot at U.Va.-Wise, which is a school record.

"I'm really surprised by all this attention. I'm very happy about it though, because it's nice to know that you're doing the right things and that people have noticed," Williams said. "It's a great honor for

(See WILLIAMS, page four)

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

UK trio to return for senior season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Wide receiver/kick returner Derek Abney, offensive tackle Antonio Hall, and quarterback Jared Lorenzen, who considered forgoing their senior seasons in order to enter the National Football League draft, have decided to remain at the University of Kentucky to continue their studies and play for the with them. I got a great feeling Wildcats in 2003.

"One part (about deciding to stay) was wanting to earn a trip to a bowl game," Abney said. "I still have things I need to work on and it was in my best interest to come back another year. "The coaching staff is phenome-

nal. I'm very impressed with the

NFL experience they're bringing

about Coach Brooks (head coach Rich Brooks). When I met him, he made it apparent that he wants to win and win now. I really like Coach Phillips (receivers coach Joker Phillips). He'll be great for the receivers and the team. And, Coach Hudson (offensive coordina-

(See SEASON, page four)

PRO FOOTBALL

Smith among first 14 Horsemen

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Magoffin County High School graduate Grayson Smith is one of 14 players to sign with the new football team, the Lexington Horsemen. Smith was one of 14 players announced by head coach Tony Franklin, Thursday. Former teammate and University of Kentucky quarterback Dusty Bonner joins Smith. Others include Dougie Allen, Neal Brown, Gordon Crowe, Harold Dennis, Lewis Diaz, Martez Johnson, Anthony Kelly, Marvin Majors, Ray McLaurin, John Radar, Kip Sixberry and Julius Yeast.

Smith has served the past couple of seasons as an assistant on the Magoffin County High football team's staff.

(See SMITH, page three)

PROFILE

Aikman, Staubach to field Winston Cup team in '04

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach quarterbacked the same NFL team. Now they're part owners of the same team planning to enter a car in NASCAR's Winston Cup Series in 2004.

The former Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks are partners in Hall of Fame Racing, which will be directed by former Trans-Am driver Bill Saunders, who will act as managing partner.

"Roger and I have discussed this for a while, and all the pieces just came together. We're not naive going into this thing. We recognize it will be a real challenge," Aikman said in a telephone interview Thursday with The Associated

So far, Aikman said, the team has no shop, no equipment, no employees other than the three owners, no driver and no sponsor. The latter will be a priority, the three-time Super Bowl winner added.

"For Roger and me, our involvement will, hopefully, be in sponsorship, and we'll be go to the races when we can," he

"Maybe we can bring some things to a company that others can't. We're not in it for the sake of being in it," Aikman added. "We'll be up and running in 2004 but we know we've got a lot of work ahead."

Stars from other sports have not had a very good track record in NASCAR. NBA great Julius Erving and NFL star Joe Washington had a Busch team, but couldn't sustain momentum, lost their

(See AUTO RACING, page four)

MAJOR LEAGUES

Cincinnati Reds begin hiring ballpark staff

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Great American Ball Park will be an attraction in itself when it opens in March, but the Cincinnati Reds want to make sure fans keep coming back.

There will be restaurants and other amenities that weren't available at Cinergy Field, where the Reds played since 1970, and it will take about 50 percent more employees to staff the

"This community feels that the Reds is a part of them and

they made a commitment to this new facility, so they created a

partnership with us," said Jennifer Green, the Reds' director of (See REDS, page four)

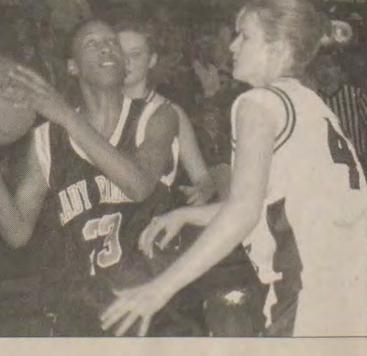


photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd's **Tabitha Trammell** worked for a shot against Betsy Layne's Kesha Newman.

Game

the Raiders have."

Still, the Titans insist they are not intimidated - by the players, the fans, the whole notion of playing Oakland in a huge game during a season in which the Raiders look to be the best they've been in two decades.

Nor do they think their overwhelming 52-25 loss here in September was a matter of being psyched out.

"We did not play well," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We had a number of injuries, and we were just kind of struggling finding ourselves back then. Things just got out of hand real quick. We obviously feel like we're better than we were then."

Baseball

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or \$40 for students who are still enrolled in high school.

Registration and sign-in will be at the Pikeville College science building Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. For more information, contact Andy Strain at 270/351-7375 or ajstrain@aol.com.

Region

Continued from p1

year's regional tourney pits Allen Central, last season's runner-up against the Piarist School.

Allen Central's girls came into the season with one goal being a 15th Region All "A" title. The All "A" Classic website, www.allaclassic.org, ranks Allen Central as the top team ahead of Betsy Layne. Paintsville is ranked third followed by Pikeville and South Floyd. The rankings were however made before the start of the season.

Piarist, still winless on the season, is coached by Darnella Bradley. This year's tournament will be the third regional All "A" for Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert.

In the final game of the opening night, host Pikeville will play Phelps.

South Floyd has a firstround bye in this year's tourna-

The winning 15th Region team will advance to Richmond and the state tournament where it'll play the winner out of the 7th Region.

A list of the region's top teams and players, as listed on the All "A" site follows.

15th Region

TOP TEAMS

- 1. Allen Central
- Betsy Layne 3. Paintsville
- Pikeville 5. South Floyd
 - 2002-2003 Top Players

GIRLS

- Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne 2. Desiree Haney, Paintsville
- Becky Thomas, Allen Central Megan Ousley, South Floyd
- Shawna Howard, Pikeville 5.
- Samantha Howard, Pikeville

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time that Summitt was in con-

tention for the men's job at the

University of Tennessee. Many

area high school girls' coaches

urge their players to head south

and attend Summitt camps each

coach, who has been pivotal in

and every summer. The UT

getting women's basketball

some much-needed attention,

recently recorded career win

The 15th All "A" Classic will

be held at Pikeville High School

this week. Floyd County's Betsy

Layne, the defending champion,

and Allen Central, last year's

runner-up, return as the leading

teams. But, one can't count host

Pikeville out. The Lady

Panthers and head coach Maria

Shockey pushed Betsy Layne in

a game played at the beginning

of this past week. South Floyd

and Paintsville, with guard Desiree Haney back in the start-

ing lineup are a couple of teams

also in contention. Again, the

girls' small school basketball

tournament should be a

Here's a look at the head

No. 800.

Sideline

Although the Raiders are historically the feam known for stirring things up, it was Titans safety Lance Schulters who got off the first shot this week when he said Rice and Brown get more breaks than the average receiver, and he called Brown "a crybaby."

A blatant show of disrespect? Maybe not, considering Schulters has an autographed jersey of Rice's framed and hanging on a wall in his house. For the record, none of the Raiders have signed jerseys of any of the Titans hanging in their homes.

"When you see the questions about Jerry and his work ethic, man it's true. It's real," said

Schulters, a former teammate of Rice's in San Francisco.

Running the show behind the brand-new fence the Raiders erected around their complex before the playoffs began is Al Davis - the eccentric owner who, through all his trials and travails over the decades, has taken the NFL and its fans on a strange and entertaining ride.

If it's true, as some NFL purists say, that the league is at its best when teams like the Raiders are winning, then the NFL is having a mighty good year this season.

"It's a championship game in the Black Hole, in Oakland, against the Raiders," George said. "It's exciting."

Fishing

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boat dock as many crappie anglers submerge unwanted brush and Christmas trees for their own crappie fishing in

Nothing beats a small minnow under a slip bobber or vertically jigged in the brush for slab winter crappie. Small spoons and safety pin spinners will work as well, but a small minnow will out-fish any artificial lure in winter. Bites are very subtle and diligent line watching is very important. Some anglers use piano wire or green twigs taped to their poles to help them detect bites during winter.

Safety on the water is always important, but survival depends on safety in the winter. Always wear a life jacket when on the water in winter.

Coveralls or bibs with a jacket underneath are the best at keeping in body heat, but thermal underwear and with another layer on top is vitally important. Good warm boots are worth their weight in gold when on the water in winter, but the most important thing to keep warm are the hands. Cold hands resonate through the entire body and often prematurely end a great trip.

A trick used by east coast winter smallmouth anglers is to cover their hands with a layer of Vaseline before putting them inside a pair of thin latex gloves like surgeons wear. Using these in conjunction with a pair of fingerless gloves allows the winter angler to use their fingers normally while keeping the hands warm. An extra pair of latex gloves in the its are the same as the regular

should a fish's fin or a hook prick one of the gloves leaving one hand toasty warm and the other freezing.

Hunting seasons ending

Now that it is mid-January, Kentucky hunters are faced with dwindling hunting opportunities for the statewide 2002-2003 seasons. Archery turkey and deer hunting ends after January 20 and rabbit and quail seasons close January 31 in the eastern zone and February 10 in the western zone.

Grouse season closes on February 28.

Waterfowl seasons are also winding down. All duck seasons close after January 26. Canada Goose season closes after January 31.

Snow goose season closes statewide February 2, except for Fulton County, which closes February 15. The conservation order snow goose season opens February 3, but may open earlier if all other waterfowl seasons are closed. The conservation order snow goose season opens February 16 in the part of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone. The conservation order snow goose season closes March 31.

Youth waterfowl season for the Western Zone is February 1-2. Hunters 15 and younger who are accompanied by an adult (adult can't hunt) may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. Juniors hunting during these seasons must comply with hunter education and hunting license requirements. Bag limtackle box is a good idea duck and goose seasons.

Testing

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Of course, any team with so

much talent, big names and

eccentrics is bound to have at

pretty obvious: These guys are

Romanowski alone have 63

years of NFL experience

between them. This is, by

almost every account, the last

chance for this group of veter-

ans. Age and salary-cap prob-

lems have pretty much assured

Cowboys," in which Clint

Donald Sutherland and Tommy

Lee Jones play aging former

astronauts who get together for

one more trip into space? This is

the NFL's version of that: One

more chance to add another

championship chapter to the

old Raiders are retired and gone,

and I want to call this the new

Raiders," offensive lineman

Frank Middleton said. "It would

be great to be known for what

Smith, originally a walk-on at

the University of Kentucky,

earned a scholarship and played

in 34 games during his career

with the Wildcats. As a senior

defensive end, he made eight

tackles, including one for a loss,

and recorded a pass breakup.

Smith started two games at

defensive end as a junior, and

had two tackles for a loss and a

sack. He made 12 tackles and

recovered a fumble during his

sophomore season, and played

in one game as a freshman. In

2000, Smith reached the semifi-

nals of the National Boxing

played in 31 games, starting 10,

at linebacker and defensive end

for the University of Kentucky,

As a senior he played in eight

games, mostly on special teams.

During his junior year, he made

three tackles from the linebacker

position before suffering a mid-

season foot injury. Radar started

in 10 games as a sophomore,

making 39 tackles, including

seven for a loss. He also ran

back a 46-yard interception for

the game-winning touchdown

against Indiana. As a redshirt

freshman, Radar made three

tackles, including one for a loss,

as a reserve middle linebacker.

Breathitt County's Radar

Championships.

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"The way I look at it is, the

Remember the movie "Space

James

Garner,

the Raiders of that.

Eastwood,

Raiders legacy.

this group can do."

Smith

Rice, Gannon, Brown and

in-car computer that regulates everything from speed, to throttle position to steering wheel input - during tests, teams least one flaw. In this case, it's must attend as many sessions as possible to understand their cars

> "We can't use data acquisition systems when we race or during practices, so we have no idea what a car is doing out on the track," Knaus said. "It's all a guessing game based on driver

"So you go to the testing sessions and try different things out and figure out how the car reacts in every situation. You have to, otherwise you would never get ahead in this sport."

But it's a driver's least favorite thing to do: Jeff Burton called testing "acupuncture for the eyeballs," and Wallace said he wished NASCAR would just eliminate it all.

"I just get to strap on and ride it around for three laps," Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart said. "I really don't have a big role because the test is more focused on what the crews do with the car than what the drivers do. The drivers really don't have much emphasis.'

Each team is allotted five 'official" tests this season, down from seven a year ago, and must use one of them at Daytona International Speedway during a NASCAR-assigned three-day period in January. An official test is held at a track where Winston Cup races are run.

Winston Cup director John Darby said the reduction in test allowances was an overwhelming request from the teams, who are trying to cut down on a packed, 11-month season.

But that doesn't mean teams still aren't testing.

They'll take their cars to tracks such as Kentucky Speedway and USA International Speedway Lakeland, Fla., for tests that NASCAR can't monitor. There, they'll try radical setups and things that won't make it past a NASCAR inspector on tracks that closely resemble Charlotte, Richmond, Las Vegas and oth-

It's expensive - track time costs at least \$6,000, tires cost \$8,000 and travel, meals and lodging for a crew of 15 must be

And scheduling isn't that easy. Ford already has Kentucky booked up for every Tuesday this year, meaning Chevrolet, Pontiac and Dodge have to go elsewhere on one of the only two available testing days that teams have during the week once the season starts.

Still, it's invaluable practice time for young drivers, even though veterans would do anyContinued from pt

thing to get out of it. "Seat time is seat time, I'll take it wherever I can get it," said Casey Mears, a rookie with Chip Ganassi Racing. "We need to test so I can get a feel for

these tracks, and so the crew and

I can gel together and get to know all our tendencies. Drivers aren't paid anything extra to test, and Daytona is one of the few tracks that sell tickets

for fans to watch. So about 100 people spread out in the Turn 4 seats at Daytona to watch cars run three laps a pop, then go back to the garage for adjustments.

In just those short increments, a computer propped on top of each hauler spews out information collected from inside the car.

Wilburn watches Wallace turn his laps on the track, then turns to the computer. Wallace can tell him how the car felt and if he liked the configurations used during that run, but the computer gives the bulk of the information.

"It tells us everything we need to know about the car and the changes we need to make,' Wilburn said. "Rusty may or may not be comfortable with something, but this tells us if it's working or not."

For Johnson and his Hendrick crew, they knew quickly that things weren't working. Nothing Knaus tried seemed to find any speed for his driver, which meant he had to make the call back to North Carolina and tell Jeff Gordon's crew to start from scratch in their plans.

Because Johnson and Gordon are teammates and were separated in the two test dates, Knaus could continue to tinker with things during his session while crew chief Robbie Loomis planned a new course of action for Gordon's track time.

After Gordon's test, the two crew chiefs compare the data and try to figure out what kind of setups they'll bring to Daytona next month for 500 qualifying.

If an easy solution can't be found, Knaus will have to take the team to Talladega for a secsuperspeedway test. Because the Hendrick teams are also headed to Las Vegas to test later this month, Johnson's crew will likely burn three of its allowed five sessions before the season even starts.

"We're in a really deep hole right now because we hope very much to be in the championship hunt this year," Knaus said. "If we've used three tests before the season even starts, it's like tving our hands behind our back and making us fight. We'll spend the rest of the season trying to overcome it."

to participate in spring practice. White, who had reconstructive knee surgery last summer, is progressing well. He is expected to have at least partial participation, and perhaps full participation, during spring drills.

Webb, who played three high school seasons under former Johnson Central Coach Bill Musick, started all four prep years.

Webb started at offensive guard as a freshman, then moved to defensive tackle for the remainder of his prep career.

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Allen Central: Coach -Cindy Halbert. Top players -Becky Thomas, Amber Scott, Megan Harris, Terri Mullins, Tiffany Turner, Jaclyn Martin.

Betsy Layne: Coach -Cassandra Akers. Top players -Whitney Lykens, Natasha Stratton, Tabetha Witt, Kim Clark, Tiffany Meade.

South Floyd: Coach -Melinda Osborne. Top players -Megan Ousley, Ashley Johnson, Valerie King, Sharee Hopkins, Brandy Anderson, Stephanie Skeens, Tabitha Trammell.

■ Paintsville: Coach – Mark Baldwin. Top players - Desiree Haney, Ashley Hall, Stacy Whitney Reynolds, Shanna Preston. Phelps: Coach - Jamie

Keene. Top players - Hope Wolford, Sasha Fields, Nikki Smith. ■ Pikeville: Coach - Maria

Shockey. Top players - Shawna Howard, Samantha Howard, Emily Colvin, Lawren McCoy, Evin Shockey.

Piarist School: Coach -Darnella Bradley. Top players -Mary Bentley, Lakita Lykens, Bethany Tackett, Tommi Sue Tussey.

Had 52 tackles as a senior and blocked two field goals in a game. Named to the All-South team by PrepStar magazine. Made 79 tackles his junior year, including four sacks, and returned a fumble for a touchdown. Notched 54 tackles and made an interception in his sophomore season. Threeyear member of the all-district team and was a two-year all-area pick. Has excellent speed for a player his size. Named to the Southern All-Star Football Classic team. Selected to represent Kentucky in the Massey Energy Hatfield-McCoy Senior Football Game. Played in the Kentucky vs.

A short bio on Webb follows.

■ Continued from p1 Tennessee High School All-Star Game in the summer of 2002. competitor Three-year wrestling in the 8-10 grades. Won the district in his final year of wrestling competition. Chairman of his school's chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Dreamed of attending Kentucky since a young child, he was the first commitment to the 2002 recruiting class, despite recruiting attention from numerous other schools.

Personal: Full name is Paul Ray Webb. Born 10-17-82 in Morehead. Son of Greg and Belinda Webb. Plans a major in agriculture.

Raiders

egories include:

Pitt Connelley, Magoffin County, 10th in rebounding with 9.8 boards per game in 11

Ryan Raleigh, Breathitt County, 10th in field-goal percentage, making 78 of 122 tries in 13 games for an average of 63.9. As a team, BReathitt County is second in the state in field-goal percentage.

Jenkins' Ciera Pittman is 10th in the state in scoring for girls' basketball with a 19.4 average in 12 games. She has 233 points. Pittman is also eighth in the state in rebounding with an average of 10.8

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East Carter's Kim Stapleton is seventh in the state in free-throw percentage with an average of 81-percent. She has made 47 of 58 tries in 16 games.

■ The Johnson Central girls are fifth in scoring defense. June Buchanan in eighth, and East Carter ninth. The Lady Eagles are third in scoring margin behind second-place Perry County Central.

Betsy Layne is ninth and East Carter, tenth.

Perry Central is the fifth best rebounding team at this point in the season. Johnson Central is tenth.

Collins

the play of Collins and the rest of

'We're very pleased to be 13th right now," said Bill Watson, coach of the Lady Bears. "We want to continue doing what we're capable of and take care of our business, and if we do that we'll be in good

Continued from p1 shape. And of course, we are very pleased with the way Amanda has

led us again.' The PC women's team, like most all squads throughout Eastern Kentucky was hampered by the winter weather which hit the area this week.

Bowling

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Louisville, won the event with an average of 211.667. Coming in right behind her was April Ellis, a sophomore from Jackson, Tenn., who averaged 210.333.

Freshman LeDeanna Damron of Millard finished 12th out of the 97 bowlers registered with an average of 196.778. Dana Compton, a sophomore from Prestonsburg, came in 28th with a 187.778 average, while Lindsey Durham, a senior from Louisville, was 42nd with a 180.333 average.

For the B squad, Teresa Sanderson led the way. A sophomore from Garfield Heights, Ohio, Sanderson was 17th overall with an average of 192.556. Louisville sophomore Angela Gatzke was 23rd with an average of 190, while Michelle Leonard, a freshman from Beavercreek, Ohio, finished 30th at 186.667.

Tracy Miller, a freshman from Louisville, came in 34th by averaging 184.333. Also Louisville sophomore Stacy Wyatt was 66th with a 174.286 average, while Abby Stolarz, a freshman from Louisville, was 83rd with an average of 166.5.

In the men's draw, Pikeville A finished third behind Morehead State A and Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) A. Pikeville entered four teams, with Pikeville C finishing 17th, B rolling in at 19th and D coming in 20th.

Tony Preston, a freshman from Louisville, finished sixth in the individual standings with a 229.333 average. Polk, Ohio, freshman Cassidy Schaub, freshman Dave Dusenberry of Howard, Ohio, and Mike Farrar, a freshman from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, finished 14th-16th, averaging 221.778, 221.444 and 220.667.

Matt Day came in 42nd with an average of 208, while Jason Muri was 50th at 206.111. Phil Whitaker was 53rd, averaging 205.444, Jason Graham 59th at 202.778, Josh Harper was 60th with 202.667 and Craig Guldenschuh 64th at 201.556.

Joe Smith finished 79th, averaging 196.333; Ethan Tupts, 97th, 189.778; Kevin Reigle, 104th, 185.111; Travis Bolling, 105th. 185, Todd Beers, 106th, 184.889; Richie Jones, 108th, 207.875; Chris Stoff, 110th, 184.111; Clay Boyd, 113th, 206.625 (bowling fewer than nine games); Jeff Gatzke, 123rd, 177.889; Kyle Burt, 150th, 180.857; and Eric Daniels, 171st, 177.25

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tournament:

coaches and some of the top players in this week's regional

"Classic,"

NFC: McNabb prepared for Bucs' defense

by ROB MAADDI ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA - First, they said he wouldn't return. Then, they said he couldn't run anymore. Donovan McNabb is enjoying proving his doubters wrong.

In his first game after missing two months with a broken right ankle, McNabb showed few signs that he'd been away, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to a 20-6 playoff victory Atlanta.

The two-time Pro Bowl quarterback completed 20 of 30 passes for 247 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for 24

guest relations. "And for our

side of the partnership, we've

got to deliver entertainment,

whether they spend \$5 or \$10 or

Team officials know the new

setting will be a draw for a short -

while, and hospitality will be

the key to keep fans coming

a lot of different places now

where they can spend their

money and that we're not just a

ball park, we're an entertain-

for the Reds and their contracted

concessionaires, volunteers and

cleaning crews will be almost

1,200 workers, up from about

first of two job fairs Thursday at

their downtown offices in an

attempt to fill about 400 game-

day jobs that range from ticket

takers and ushers to newly cre-

ated positions such as suite

"ambassadors," concierges and

required to undergo customer

our responsibility to make sure

that this is a place where people

want to come back to, whether

or not the team is competitive,"

said Mike Maddon, assistant

service training.

All new Reds workers will be

"It's a challenge, but it's also

The team will be holding the

All told, the game-day staff

ment venue," Green said.

800 at Cinergy Field.

"We understand that there are

Reds

yards, including a 19-yard gain on his second play.

But that was against Atlanta's 19th-ranked defense. Running away from Keith Brooking and Patrick Kerney is easier than escaping Tampa Bay's Simeon Rice, Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks.

McNabb faces the NFL's topranked defense today when the Eagles (13-4) play the Buccaneers (13-4) in the NFC title game at Veterans Stadium.

"They have great core linebackers, their defensive line plays great. You have to be able to attack them," McNabb said. "If you're able to do that, then

"Our job does not stop at the gates with the ticket taker," he said. "We still have to make sure that the fans have a good time, and part of that is to make sure we have the right amount of people in the right places."

Sportservice, the food service company the Reds contract with for concessions, is going from about 300 game-day workers to 700 workers. These will include paid employees and volunteers from groups using the concession stands as fund-rais-

The company in charge of cleaning up after every game is boosting its crew from 110 to about 160 and maybe even more for big crowds or after a long

There will be more employage stands, but at souvenir con-

Because the Reds will soon scoreboard is always working.

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ing opportunities.

home stand.

ees not only at food and bevercessions. The ratio at Cinergy Field was one worker for every 280 fans; the new ratio will mean a worker for 160 fans, which the Reds hope means shorter lines that could generate

take over full-time management of the stadium from Hamilton County, the team has hired a carpenter, a new engineering staff, a larger grounds keeping staff, and even a low-voltage technician to make sure the

Auto racing

director of operations.

sponsor and disappeared from ago, Olympic track star Jackie Joyner-Kersee and her husband, Bob, announced plans to form a team, but nothing ever material-

Aikman, 36, retired from the NFL after the 2000 season. Twotime Super Bowl winner Staubach will turn 61 on Feb. 5 and retired following the 1979 season. Their mutual love of football and the Cowboys brought them together years ago.

"Roger has been a friend and mentor to me for many years," Aikman said. "Roger is very competitive and I am very competitive, and now we get to be involved in a sport and have an opportunity to get together and do something special."

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Aikman said Joe Gibbs, forthe stock car sport. Three years mer coach of the Washington Redskins and now owner of Joe Gibbs Racing, which won Winston Cup championships in 2000 and 2002, has helped get the team off the ground.

"Coach Gibbs has been a tremendous resource for our team already," Aikman said. "When he got involved in the sport, people helped him and he is returning the favor and keeping us, hopefully, from hitting some of the same pitfalls he

He also said it's premature to be talking about a driver.

The team will be headquartered in Dallas while maintaining a race shop in Charlotte, N.C., where most of the Winston Cup teams are based.

you put yourself in great positions to do other things."

Led by Brooks, The AP's Defensive Player of the Year. and Rice, the NFC's sack leader with 15 1/2, the Bucs allowed just 12.3 points and 252.8 yards per game. They had 43 sacks, forced 38 turnovers and scored five defensive touchdowns. Tampa ranked first in seven defensive categories, including pass defense.

McNabb, however, has had success against the Bucs, especially in the postseason. The Eagles have won the last four meetings, including playoff games the last two years.

McNabb threw for 161 yards and two TDs, and ran for 32 yards and one TD in Philadelphia's 21-3 victory over Tampa in a 2000 wild-card game. He had 194 yards passing and two TDs and ran for 57 yards in last season's 31-9 firstround win.

In a 20-10 victory over the Bucs earlier this season, McNabb passed for 127 yards and one TD. He had just 4 yards rushing, but scored once. Duce

tor Ron Hudson) accomplished

so much at Kansas State. They

won 11 games four of the last

five years and I wanted to be a

All-America by eight various

selectors following the 2002

season. He returned six kicks for

touchdowns and broke or tied

five NCAA records, nine

records and 10 school records

for kick returns. He averaged

15.1 yards per punt return,

including four touchdowns (at

Florida, at Arkansas, two at

Mississippi State). He averaged

26.8 yards on kickoff returns

with touchdowns at Florida and

vs. Vanderbilt. He was the only

player who ranked in the

nation's top 11 in punt returns,

kickoff returns, and all-purpose

Abney also is a quality wide

receiver. He caught 40 passes

for 569 yards and four touch-

downs last season and ranks

third in school history in pass

receptions and pass receiving

"Primarily, my teammates,"

Hall said when asked his reason

for staying. "If I had left I felt

like I would be abandoning my

teammates and I didn't want to

have that feeling of abandon-

ment. I've had some tough

times with my family since I've

been here and my teammates

have been here for me during

year's team and hopefully help

lead us to a bowl game and the

selection by the league Coaches

and the Birmingham News, was

the cornerstone of the offensive

line that helped Kentucky score

32.1 points per game last sea-

son, which ranked second in the

league. He blocked for the

SEC Championship.'

"I want to be a leader on this

Hall, a first-team All-SEC

yardage.

those times.

Conference

Abney was named first-team

part of that kind of success."

Season

Southeastern

Staley ran for 152 yards in that

"We have to establish a run game," McNabb said. "In order to put yourself in a position to score points, you have to be able to run the ball. And in passing the ball, make sure you're able to spread the ball around."

McNabb set the tone for last year's playoff victory with a 39yard run in the first quarter. His run set up a 40-yard pass to Todd Pinkston later in the game. On the play, he froze the defenders by scrambling, then stopped and threw downfield.

week, McNabb proved right away his ankle was fine with the 19-yard scramble. He didn't run much after that, but he moved around enough to keep the defense off-balance.

On a fourth-and-1 play in the fourth quarter, McNabb rolled to his right, faked running and hit James Thrash with a 35-yard TD pass that iced the win.

"He has the ability to stay in that system and run in that system, and he has the ability to break loose," said John Lynch,

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SEC's leading rusher, Artose Pinner. Stationed at right tackle, he is the blindside protector for the left-handed Lorenzen. Hall had 74 knockdown blocks last season, including a season-high 14 against Louisiana State.

Also highly dedicated to community service, he was one of only 11 Division I-A players selected to the AFCA National Good Works Team.

"I decided to come back because of Coach Brooks and Coach Hudson," Lorenzen said. "When I met Coach Brooks, it was obvious that he is the head coach and means business, but he also seemed like a friend.

When Coach Hudson started talking 'Xs and Os (i.e. offensive system and plays),' I loved what I saw. He wants to get this team and this offense

"I have to prove myself to the NFL. What they (the new coaches) are going to do will help me get ready for the next level I believe that one more year with this staff definitely will be worth it."

Lorenzen matured greatly as a field general last season, leading the Wildcats to a 7-5 record, only the seventh time since 1954 that UK has won seven or more games. He completed 183 of 327 passes for 2,267 yards. Most impressive was his ratio of 24 touchdown passes against only five interceptions. He attempted 152 consecutive passes without an interception, a school record and the eighthlongest streak in SEC history. Kentucky generated 32.1 points per game, ranking second in the

league in scoring. Lorenzen was a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and a second-team All-SEC pick by The Associated Press and SEC Coaches.

Tampa's Pro Bowl safety.

"He's a big, big man, and it looks like he even got bigger in his time off, but he still moves well. It was impressive watching him. We heard about the limp he had, but I didn't see any limping going on. He seemed to be moving extremely well."

McNabb acknowledged that he wasn't at his best against the Falcons. He overthrew a couple open receivers and didn't see a few others who were open. But his receivers didn't help him by dropping at least four passes.

"I got rid of a little bit of Against the Falcons last rust," McNabb said. "There were some plays in the game that I felt I could have made better plays with. That's something

I can learn from."

The Bucs hope they've learned by facing McNabb four times in 24 months. Tampa had success against other mobile quarterbacks this season, holding Michael Vick to 10 yards rushing in two wins against Atlanta. The Bucs also limited Daunte Culpepper to 8 yards rushing in a win over Minnesota.

"McNabb's a different quarterback," Brooks said, "We know how to rush him. You have to be disciplined. We just need to go out there and make plays. We have had every chance to make plays against them in the past, but for some reason we didn't."

Bears

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arship to play basketball at the NAIA school.

A 5-8 guard, Hilton has raised her scoring average by nearly five points a game each season. She averaged 9.19 as a sophomore and 15.57 as a junior. She also averages 4.1 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.8 steals per game.

"We're very excited about adding Kim to our program," said Coach Bill Watson, who is in his sixth season as head coach of the Lady Bears. "She's very athletic and can do things with her athleticism that very few players on our level can. We

think she'll be a solid contributor to our program."

Her high school coach agrees.

"Kim is an exciting offensive player to watch," said Katie Beehtel. "She is always looking to create opportunities to score. She has a lot of natural ability and an intense work ethic."

Hilton is the fourth player to sign with the Lady Bears this season. She will join Ashley Wireman of Johnson Central, Magoffin County's Amanda Shepherd and Knott Central product Tonya Amburgey as freshman next fall.

Williams

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not only me, but also for the whole program. To be in only our second year and have an All-American is big for us." Williams' new coach has

already seen enough to be impressed. "Jeff is an outstanding young man, a quality person," said Coach John Gilliam. "He's a terrific student as well as an athlete. He's got his priorities set, and he's a hard worker in the weight room. He's a quiet person who just goes about his business."

Gilliam agreed with Williams that it's a solid step for the young program. "Anytime a second-year program can have an All-American honoree, it's a good reflection on the program," the coach said. "We look forward to having some other people join him on the list.

Williams said the honor wasn't just his work, but that of the entire special teams unit. "Cory Ellis is our long-snapper, and he makes it awful easy on me back

there," Williams said of Ellis, a 6-2, 225-pound sophomore from Raceland. "And it's easy to relax when I know they're going to protect me. I know if I need an extra second, I'll have it." The NAIA doesn't name a

special teams player of the week, but Williams received that honor three times this season from Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette. In December, he was named First-Team All-American by the Web site naiafootball.net.

Williams was one of three Mid-South Conference players named to the first team. Cumberland College linebacker Bo Buchanan and Georgetown's Shan Housekeeper, also a linebacker, joined him there.

Williams is the first Pikeville College student-athlete to be named an NAIA First-Team All-American since Todd May took the honor in back-to-back seasons in 1985-86 and 1986-87.



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Students sponsor impersonator concert

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Non-Traditional and Commuter Students are sponsoring a special fundraising event on Saturday, Feb. 8

"The Night With the Stars" will begin at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium on campus.

The Valentine's Day-themed program will feature impersonations of more than 25 popular country, rock and Bluegrass performers. Jeff Clair, Jackson senior, leads the group of impersonators.

Performances will include the Dixie Chicks, Shania Twain, Elvis Patty Loveless, Montgomery Gentry

Presley, The Soggy Bottom Boys, and Loretta Lynn. Marty Robbins, Grandpa Jones, Stringbean, Clint Black, George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Trick Pony and Leann Rimes.

Participants also will impersonate Kentucky natives Wynonna Judd,

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 2-12. Children under two years old will be

Shuttle bus service will be provid-

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COLLEGE NEWS

Kentucky Chautauqua living history at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College is proud to sponsor the Kentucky Chautauqua living history portrayal of York performed by Hasan Davis. The performance is free and open to the public at Prestonsburg Community College Pike Auditorium on February 20, at 10:50 a.m. If you have questions, you may contact Judy Bowen at 606-886-3863 Ext. 6216 or 6221.

In the expedition Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led to the Pacific Ocean in 1803-1806, one man stood out from the rest. His name was York. He was distinguished by his black skin and by the fact that he had not volunteered for this duty. York was a slave, the body servant of expedition co-leader William Clark. We don't know whether York wanted to be the first African American to cross the country, but he was. In the wilderness, many of the usual constraints of slavery did not apply. Expedition journals make it clear that York pulled his weight and won the respect of his fellow adventurers. He was a major asset dealing with the Indians, who regarded his blackness as "big medicine." But the return to civilization was bitter. William Clark refused to free York immediately. He had to wait five years, and little is known of his life as a free man.

COLLEGE NEWS

. Ky education institutions expand efforts with Cisco

SPECIAL REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Secondary and postsecondary education institutions in Kentucky are collaborating with Cisco Systems Inc. to offer a broad range of cutting-edge technology programs that prepare students for high-paying jobs of the 21st Century.

Colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), secondary technical schools operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development (CWD), and high schools under the leadership of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are serving more than 10,000 students through the Cisco Networking Academy Program.

The Networking Academy is a comprehensive e-learning program that provides students with the Internet technology skills essential in a global economy.

The Networking Academy delivers web-based content, online assessment, student performance tracking, hands-on labs, instructor training and support, and preparation for industry-standard certifications.

Cisco Chairman John P. Morgridge visited Kentucky today to participate in a celebration of his company's partner-

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- HUNGARIAN SYMPHONY -



The Pikeville Concert Association's concert season continues with The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE NEWS

Winterfest celebration Ian 20-25 at Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE - Athletic Hall of Fame honors, an alumni art exhibit, and special ceremonies commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. headline Pikeville College's Winterfest celebration Jan. 20-25.

The week's activities get under way on Monday, Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A special ceremony celebrating the life of Dr. King will be held in Booth Auditorium at 2 p.m. The Rev. Gene E. Layne of the Church of God M.P.G. of T., and Bishop Nathaniel Collins Sr. of Wando, S.C., will be the featured speakers. Students from Pikeville College's music program will also perform. On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Bishop Collins will be the

keynote speaker for the weekly Chapel service at 11 a.m. in Booth Auditorium, with music by the College's Concert Choir. The community is cordially invited to attend both

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the Pikeville Concert Association will host the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door or for more information, call (606) 437-5407 or (606) 437-7878.

Winterfest activities continue on Thursday, Jan. 23, with an alumni art exhibit and reception for the artists from 3-5 p.m. in the Marguerite Weber

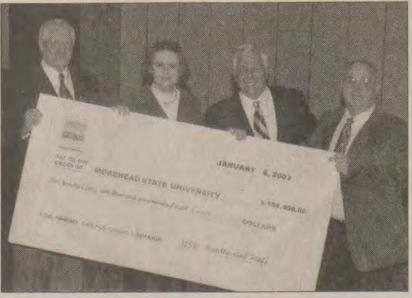
Art Gallery located on level 2 of the Record Memorial Building. The exhibit will include drawings, paintings and some sculptures featuring the works of more than a dozen alumni from the Classes of 1966 through

Later in the evening, the campus community will have an opportunity to learn more about the countries some of Pikeville College's students call home during a Roll Call of Nations. The ceremony will be held in Booth Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Winterfest's events culminate on Saturday, Jan. 25. The annual Hall of

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MSU giving campaign successful



Morehead State University's annual Campus Giving Campaign was considered a success, with substantial employee participation and increased donations. Faculty, staff, administrators, retirees and students contributed to the campaign, raising a total of \$159.408.60 in cash and pledges and gifts-in-kind. MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin, third from left, was presented with a representative "check" at the University's annual spring convocation by, from left: Dr. David Magrane, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences; Mindy Highley, director of development, and Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology. Drs. Magrane and DeMoss were co-chairs of the campaign.

MOREHEAD — The 2002 annual Campus Giving Campaign at Morehead State University has been described as successful with substantial participation and increased donations.

Faculty, staff, administrators, retirees and students contributed to the campaign, raising a total of \$127,755.75 in cash and pledges, which was \$9,755.75 above the \$118,000 cash goal. The participation goal of 50 percent of all faculty/staff also was exceeded, with 52.8 percent of the University's employees contributing. A total of 18 units (with four or more employees each) had 100 percent participation, which met a third goal of the campaign. A total of 368 employees chose to donate by participating in payroll deduc-

"The 2002 Campus Giving Campaign was a phenomenal success," said Dr. David Magrane, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and co-chair of the campaign, "We achieved almost every goal that we had set, including total giving.

Gifts-in-kind of \$27,353.23 and student pledges of \$4,299.62 added to the dona-

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A View from the Hill

About this time last year I returned to my "home away from home" at Pikeville College. Truly, it was a most memorable time for me. For the first time, since I graduated in 1948 with my degree in Business Administration, I walked the paths that had become so dear all those



Alice Martin

years ago. Pikeville College was a wonderful adventure for me. I was never homesick. Every day was an exciting new experience to treasure. I

loved everyone and everything during my two years and one summer term at Pikeville when it was a junior college. And even though it was 56 years ago when I first arrived, there are unforgettable memories of special friends who will live in my heart forever. Dear names - Page, Damron, Spilman, Nettinga - just to name a few of the gifted people who guided my life on the hill.

The most special time in my life came one day during "Christian Emphasis Week" while I was singing the hymn "Just as I Am" at Chapel. God called me that day and I went forward and gave my life to Him. I was baptized the following Sunday and joined the Presbyterian Church in Pikeville. Shortly after that, I was honored to be elected the first May Queen of Pikeville College. I was escorted by Ezekiel Gibson and the two of us presided over a May Day filled with fun, sports and activities.

During my visit to the College last year, Gerri Kinder, the vice president

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NEWS AND NOTES

Hazard College opens new science wing

SPECIAL REPORT

Hazard Community College held a ribbon cutting for its new \$3.1 million Science wing of the Learning Resource Center which was opened officially on the first day of classes for the spring semester, Jan. 11.

'This is a wonderful addition to Hazard Community College," Dr. Jay K. Box, HCC president and CEO, said. "We're building a better future to change your lives," he told the students attending the ribbon cutting.

The 7,500-square-foot facility houses six new labs for instruction, a green house, a computer ready classroom, four prep labs, storage areas, and ten offices for fac-

"The two biology labs and two anatomy and physiology labs increases the college's facilities by one each. This will allow for greater flexibility in scheduling which will hopefully better serve student needs in the future," noted Deronda Mobelini, science division chair. "For example, the college can now hold two biology labs and two A&P classes at the same time if there is a time of day when these classes are in greatest demand," she said. Physics and chemistry classes also are taught in the new

"It's a bright, fresh, colorful new facility. Many students commented on how pleasant the new space is and faculty are also pleased with the office space, and we are especially glad to have the much-needed extra storage space," Mrs. Mobelini said. Previously, the lab prep space was shared with the chemistry space. "Class would be in session while prep work was underway

and students may have to come through a classroom in order to reach a faculty member's office. This new facility alleviates all of those situations."

Amy Handshoe teaches in the new wing and she's already heard students say how they like the amount of room and the better equipment. "Students will learn more effi-

ciently," Mrs. Handshoe said. Physics professor Jeremy Wood com-

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13-week unemployment insurance extension pro

FRANKFORT - The federal government has reactivated a 13-week unemployment insurance benefits extension that expired Dec. 31, 2002. Kentuckians who have exhausted their 26 weeks of basic

unemployment insurance coverage not used the Temporary Extended

but not received all of the 13 weeks of extended benefits may be eligible for additional assistance, according to the Kentucky Department for Employment

"This law allows people who have

(TEUC) benefits which were enacted in 2002 to use those 13 weeks. It does not provide additional assistance for people who have already used their original 13-week extension," said Division of

Unemployment Insurance Director

Unemployment Compensation Act Tony DeName. "This just extends the deadline to make an unemployment claim for the previous TEUC program through May 31, 2003."

> The Kentucky Division of Unemployment Insurance will be sending letters to Kentuckians who are eli

gible under the new law.

The weekly benefit amount for extended benefits is the same as the person received for regular unemploy ment compensation during the origi-

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Medicare **AND YOU**



Donna R. Morton Medicare Beneficiary **Outreach Coordinator** AdminaSter Federal

Does Medicare Part B help pay for supplies that diabetics use to manage and control their diabetes?

Medicare covers some diabetic supplies for both insulin users and non

These include limited quantities of:

- Blood glucose test strips
- Blood glucose meter Lancet devices and lancets
- Glucose control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors

How many blood glucose test strips will Medicare help pay for monthly if I am a diabetic that uses insulin?

Medicare allows up to 100 blood glucose test strips and 100 lancets every month. This allows you to test your blood sugar levels three times per day.

I have diabetes, but am managing my condition with diet and exercise at this time. How many blood glucose test strips will Medicare help pay for monthly?

Since you are not an insulin user, Medicare will allow up to 100 blood glucose test strips and 100 lancets every three months. If the doctor that orders your supplies tells Medicare in writing (and gives the specific reason) that you need to test more often, Medicare may pay for more than 100 every three months.

Does Medicare help pay for self-management training for people with diabetes?

Yes. Medicare Part B will help pay for a program that educates you in the successful self-management of diabetes. The training must be given by a provider that meets certification and quality standards as required by Medicare. If you are a diabetic talk with your health care provider about getting the education you need to help you manage your diabetes.

Before buying the monitor or supplies talk to

(See YOU, page three)



Prestonsburg beauty consulting receives Mary Kay career car

DALLAS, Texas - May Kay independent beauty consultant Edith Blevins, of East Point, is on the road to success. Last month, Blevins earned the use of a new Pontiac Grand Am.

In keeping the company's quest to maintain its preeminence as a

leader in providing women with an unparalleled business opportunity and desirable business incentives, Mary Kay continues to elevate its image by continually upgrading the options available to its star performers. In addition to the Grand Am, Mary Kay also offers the pearlized

pink Cadillac and the Pontiac Grand Prix as part of its notable career car

"The career car program provides our sales force the opportunity to earn a visible symbol of suc

(See CAREER, page three)

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 March 29 to April 4.

Pikeville Division

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

Fay L. Jarrett, of Mallie. Thomas D. Hutton, of Neon. Ronald G. Bentley Jr., of

Pikeville. Eppie L. Jarrell, of Leburn. Tildon Howard, of Hueysville. Janet Carol Compton, of

Larry Jude and Amy Catherine

Jude, of Inez. Benny C. Campbell and Sonya F. Campbell, of Cornettsville. Kelli R. Rainey, of Wheelwright.

Melissa D. Noble, of

Brenda Maynard, of Pikeville. Bobby Joe Howard, of

Paintsville. Danny Ramey and Sharon Ramey, of Elkhorn City.

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\$3 Million in tax credits available to investors in small Kentucky businesses

Frankfort - Kentucky's Office for the New Economy announced*today the availability of \$3 million in tax credits to qualified personal and corporate investors as part of the Kentucky Investment Fund Act. This investment program was revitalized during the 2002 General Assembly to encourage the establishment of small businesses, and the development of new products and technologies in the state though capital investments. The deadline for fiscal year 2003 applications is February 20, 2003.

The Kentucky Investment Fund Act (KIFA) offers a 40% tax credit to qual-

funds. The minimum size of an approved fund is \$500,000 and must have no less than four unaffiliated Qualified investments include Kentucky-based small businesses with 50% of the company's assets, operations and employees located in the state; a net worth less than \$5 million (\$10 million if knowledge-based); and no more than 100

"A thriving venture capital community is a key component of any developing new economy. Without venture capital investments, good ideas and technology are not commerified investors in approved investment cialized," said Dr. William G.

Brundage, Kentucky's Commissioner for the New Economy. "KIFA is an important part of the state's effort to increase the size and vitality of our venture capital community so that the private sector amply supports our state's entrepreneurs,'

The state's KIFA review committee will evaluate applications based on factors including the fund's business plan, relevant investment experience of the applicant, and an oral presenta-

More information on KIFA along with an application can be found on the Office for the New Economy's web site at http://www.one-ky.com/

IT'S YOUR MONEY

MTS joins Mikrotec to offer full-service communications

HAROLD - Two established local companies have joined forces under the Mikrotec brand to provide better telecommunications services by offering improved delivery systems and unprecedented customer service at substantial sav-

MTS and Mikrotec have come together under the Mikrotec brand. Effective immediately, Mikrotec will begin selling the complete range of phone services previously marketed by MTS, even as the regional internet provider continues delivering dial-up and high speed DSL service, website design and advanced web ser-

"Under Mikrotec, the two companies' combined resources will result in a broader range of customer choices and opportunities," predicted John Schmoldt, director of operations for Gearheart Communications, parent company of MTS and Mikrotec.

In essence, MTS's more than 1,100 local customers will continue receiving

(See MICROTEC, page three)

CHAMBER NOTES

Fourth annual Big Sandy Women's Symposium

by REGINA BECKNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ladies. Interested in dealing with stress, managing your time or getting more informed on your financial standing? Then plan now to attend the Fourth Annual Big Sandy Women's Symposium, for it is most certainly the place to be. This one-day conference will be held on February 25, at the Jenny Wiley Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center,



Jill Fraley Hammond

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature these, as well as other, issues. Registration is now taking place.

Mrs. Jill Fraley Hammond, former WYMT-TV news anchor will be on hand to emcee and to share in the day's activities. Mrs. Hammond is presently enjoying

some much-needed downtime as a fulltime wife, but remains active with her husband in community activities.

The feature speaker this year is Ms. Sue McMillin, who will be speaking on "Creating Order Out of Chaos". Ms. McMillin will help you gain time, energy and generate some well-earned peace. She is the author of three books: The Organized Woman, If I File It, Can I find It?, and Taken By Surprise. She is a professional organizer and motivational speaker, and equipped with the strategies to organize your life and business.

Dr. Mary P. Fox, MD will also be returning this year by popular demand to focus on "Stress and How To Handle It". Dr. Fox is a retired physician from the Pike County Health Department. Her mountain humor accents her unique way of handling our daily pressures.

This conference was developed to strengthen today's women, whether you are a stay-at-home mom, home-based busi-

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Henderson joins staff of Matriks

Henderson has joined the consulting staff of Matriks Management as a facilities engineer.

Henderseon is a graduate of West Virginia University Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She previously has been employed with Nisource/Columbia Natural Gas and CNG Transmission. Her career has been focused on natural gas facilities with design and construction management experience with pipelines, compressors, dehydration, measurement, NGL plants and other transportation and gathering assets. She is an EIT and is presently completing the requirements for PE licensing.

Matriks Management is an engineering and management consulting firm that serves natural resource industries. Matriks Energy is an independent energy

Matriks is based in Ashland, with a branch office in Johnson

Microtec

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service from the MTS staff with which they've always dealt, even as that same staff, now an integral part of Mikrotec, begins to develop new opportunities for new customers with its increased resources. This means that in addition to topquality internet solutions, cus-

can now get their local phone service, long distance, paging and security systems all on one bill.

The new Turn Up Your Mike! campaign from Mikrotec - set to launch in mid-January - emphasizes the increased benefits and choices the merger creates for local residents and businesses.

As Gearheart Communi-cations vice president P.D. Gearheart summarized, "We think this represents a new era for our communities, where customers will be able to get the technology and service they need at very competitive rates.

tions, for a grand total of

cent participation. Included

were: College of Education

dean's office; College of

Science and Technology (dean's

office, Water Testing Lab and

Space Science Center); depart-

Economics and Finance,

Biological and Environmental

Sciences, Industrial Education

and Technology, Military

Science, Nursing and Allied

Health - Radiologic Sciences,

and Psychology; MSU at West

Liberty; Office of Educational

Services Unit; Office of

Development and Alumni

Relations; Office of Physical

Plant; Office of Planning and

Budgets; Office of Research,

Grants and Contracts; Office of

the President; Office of the

Provost and Executive Vice

President for Academic Affairs;

Office of Women's Basketball;

and Morehead State Public

pouring of support from the

University community," Dr.

Magrane said. "We are very,

very appreciative of the students

"This is a tremendous out-

Accounting,

of

Eighteen units had 100 per-

MSU

\$159,408.60.

Winterfest

Fame induction ceremony will be held at noon in Booth Auditorium. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are Clay Campbell, Autumn Damron Maynard, Joey Osborne, and Andy Renick. The College will also pay tribute to two of its most supportive fans, recognizing Hal Blake Amos, Class of 1958, and Dr. Steven J. Shockey as honorary Hall of Fame members.

Though known throughout the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia as a basketball coach, Clay Campbell, a member of the Class of 1981, was an outstanding golfer in his college days, winning several tournaments, including the Pikeville College, Cumberland College, and the Asbury College Invitationals and Lonesome Pine Invitational. He is the first golfer to enter the Pikeville College Athletics Hall of Fame.

During her career as a Lady Autumn Damron Maynard, Class of 1994, was twice named her team's best defensive player, and as a senior was named the team's Most Valuable Player after averaging 22 points, five assists and three steals. During

who participated in the cam-

paign. This shows their loyalty

to the University. The high par-

ticipation in the campaign

demonstrates that we believe in

the University and are willing to

were announced during MSU's

annual spring convocation on

Jan. 8. Dr. Magrane's co-

chaired was Dr. Gerald DeMoss,

dean of the College of Science

and Technology. Additional

information about the campaign

is available by calling the Office

Dr. DeMoss at (606) 783-2023.

The results of the campaign

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her junior year, she averaged 15 points, five assists and three steals. She was selected to the all-conference team in the KIAC both of those seasons. Her career total of 1,464 points was good for fifth place on the all-time scoring list upon graduation, and still has her among the school's Top Joey Osborne, a member of

the Class of 1977, played both baseball and basketball during his career at Pikeville College. He came to Pikeville with Coach Wayne Martin and was a member of the 1976 team that played in the NAIA's national tournament. It was on the baseball diamond, though, where Osborne excelled. A shortstop, pitcher and catcher, he was a four-year starter for the Bears. His most memorable day as a Bear came in Frankfort when he hit four home runs in a doubleheader Kentucky against University.

After graduating from South Warren High School in 1948, Andy Renick came to Pikeville Junior College to play for another western Kentuckian, Bill Houchins. During his two seasons here, the Bears made it to the Kentucky State Junior College Tournament both seasons and the 1950 team won the state championship. Renick was named to the all-tournament team both years. A fine rebounder, he averaged 18 points per game in his career and started every game the Bears played during his two

seasons. Winterfest excitement continues on Saturday afternoon when the Lady Bears hit the hardwood against Cumberland College at 2 p.m. Then at 4 p.m. the Bears take on Mountain State University. During halftime of the Bears' game, Pikeville College will crown its representative to the Mountain Laurel Festival.

Remote parking and continuous shuttle service will be available for all Winterfest events from the College gymnasium, located on the lower campus, and behind the Mark III at the Landmark Motel. On Monday the shuttle will run from 1-4 p.m. and from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Shuttle service will be available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

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For more information on Pikeville College's Winterfest celebration, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5271.

Concert

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seating also will be available. Concessions will be sold during the program with proceeds to benefit MSU's Non-Traditional and Commuter Students.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-

Filings

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Danny Lee Mullins and Joyce Mae Mullins, of Jenkins. Timmie Lee Rivers, of

Paintsville. Randy Kevin Potter and Crystal Arlene Potter, of Elkhorn

Justin Curtis Jones, of Prestonsburg.

Melissa Carol Kestner, of

David A. Shepherd and Melissa J. Shepherd, of Neon. Frank T. Bell and Tammy

Lynn Bell, of Elkhorn City. Thomas Wayne Taylor, of Prestonsburg.

Hayden and Dennison Tammy Lorene Hayden, of Flat

Chapter 11

Under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, a corporation reorganizes debt and continues to operate.

Industrial Fuels Minerals Company, of Pikeville.

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

Floyd Donald Collins and Pamela Susan Collins, of Prestonsburg. Melinda Shawn King and

Mark Anthony King, of Paintsville.

Kevin S. Adams and Teresa L.

Adams, of Isom.

Leonard Smith and Fanice Smith, of Eolia.

Loyal Jones speaks to ALC community

Loyal Jones, retired founder of the Berea College Appalachian Center and former **Executive Director of the** Council of the Southern Mountains, brought his Appalachian humor to the campus of Alice Lloyd College on Monday, January 13. Loyal Jones has authored several books and dozens of articles on Appalachia and is a true leader in preserving the culture of the area. Mr. Jones gave ALC a great start to a new semester!

Career

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cess," said Tom Whatley, president of Mary Kay global sales and marketing, "Each car in this exciting program reflects the hard work, determination and professionalism of our sales force."

Blevins took delivery of her new Grand Am, her third Mary Kay career car, at Music-Carter Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac-Pontiac in Prestonsburg. Independent beauty consultants earn the use of Mary Kay career cars through outstanding sales and team building. The U.S. Mary Kay fleet, one of the largest commercial fleets of GM passenger cars in the world, includes more than 10,000 career cars valued at more than \$150 million.

Mary Kay is on track towards its fourth consecutive year of record sales and recruiting growth. With recent successful launches of TimeWise skiing care products, Domain men's fragrance, Velocity line for teens and the MKSignature collection,

Mary Kay offers quality products and personalized service to an expanding customer base while providing one of the most fulfilling career opportunities to women today.

The Mary Kay product line includes more than 200 premium products in eight categories facial skin care, color cosmetics, nail care, body care, sun protection, fragrances, men's skin care, and men's and women's dietary supplements. Today there are more than 850,000 Mary Kay independent beauty consultants serving customers in 33 markets worldwide.

Mary Kay's mission is to enrich women's lives. The Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, established in 1996, is dedicated to funding research on cancers affecting women and supporting efforts to prevent violence against women.

On the internet www.mkacf.org

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nesswoman or maintaining a full time job with family. Break out sessions will be offered this year to allow attendees an opportunity to answer questions specific to their needs. Make plans to attend by placing your registration with Judy Hankins (606) 432-5848 or Regina Becknell (606) 886-

In addition to gathering valuable life and business strategies, attendees will view a showcase from our regions businesses. A wide variety of business displays will be available from cosmetics, employment opportunities, fashion and more. If you are a regional business that has not been contacted about this symposium and you would like to showcase your offerings, please contact Judy Hankins or Regina Becknell at the above telephone numbers.

The Big Sandy Women's

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the Morehead State University Small Business Development Center, Floyd County Chamber Commerce and UK Cooperative Extension Service. Business sponsors are Kentucky Small Business Center, AAA Real Estate Services, Inc., Coca Cola Bottling Company, Inc., Highlands Family Bank, Regional Medical Center, and Morgan Stanley and Walker

Communications, Inc. The Big Sandy Women's Conference goal is to extend to the region's women educational advantages, convenient tips and ideas, and most importantly an opportunity to make new friends. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this one day, once a year conference created especially for WOMEN.

HCC

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mented he enjoys the new place to teach because it's so colorful and the offices are roomy. "Students will benefit from the improved equipment, such as the smartboards, which allows for better technology in

the classroom," Wood said. "The equipment is excellent for physics instruction."

CMW architects and Correll Construction were thanked for their work in preparing the facil■ Continued from p2

your doctor. Medicare guidelines require a doctor's order before you buy. To make sure your Medicare diabetes medical supplies are covered:

You

Ask the pharmacy or supplier if it is enrolled with Medicare before your buy. If not, Medicare will not pay. You will be responsible for the entire

Only accept supplies you

Make sure you request your supply refills. Medicare will not pay for supplies sent from the supplier to you automatically.

Also remember to ask the pharmacy or supplier to 'accept assignment' on your Medicare claim. You will then only have to pay the Part B deductible and 20 percent coinsurance on approved charges.

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

Resumes

nal 26-week period. The maximum amount of benefits is \$341 a week and depends on the person's prior earnings. The payment of these benefits will be available through Aug. 30, 2003.

"Since the 13-week extension is completely federally funded, it will not impact Kentucky employers or the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund," said DeName.

DES continued to take

■ Continued from p2 applications for the extended benefits after the Dec. 28 cutoff to minimize any potential delay in payments if the prowas reactivated. Kentuckians who have qualified and filed for the extension do not have report to their local employment services office to file for the additional benefits. For more information about the benefits extension, call your local employment services office or (502) 564-2900.

of Development and Alumni Relations at (606) 783-2033, Dr. Magrane at (606) 783-2944, or

View

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support it."

for Public Affairs, took my daughter, my son-in-law and me on a tour of the newly-renovated Derriana residence hall where I all those years ago. This gracious old building, with a sparkling new look, welcomed me once again. I saw the almost unbelievably beautiful transformation of

■ Continued from p1 my Pikeville College home on the hill, which has been accomplished through the dedication and hard work of some very carhad found such a warm welcome ing people and most certainly with God's blessing.

> Alice Martin, of Garrett is an alumna of Pikeville College's class of 1948.

ship with community and tech-

nical colleges, secondary technical schools and high schools. "A highly educated and well-

skilled workforce is imperative for the U.S. to remain competitive with the rest of the world," Morgridge said. "The nation's education system needs to provide the necessary skills required for students to compete and succeed in the Internet economy."

Launched in 1997 with 64 educational institutions in seven states, the Cisco Networking Academy has spread to 149 countries and all 50 states. Nearly 300,000 students have enrolled at more than 10,000 academies located in high schools, technical schools, colleges, universities and community-based organizations.

The Networking Academy system comprises a layered network of institutions. Cisco trains the Cisco Academy Training Centers (CATCs); the CATCs train Regional Academies; and the Regional Academies train Local Academy instructors, who educate students.

In Kentucky, KCTCS is a curriculum training site for Cisco and includes nine of 10 Regional Academies. Local Academies are distributed among KCTCS campuses, high schools and secondary technical

In fall 2002, more than 6,600 students enrolled in non-introductory information technology (IT) courses at KCTCS campuses and more than 1,500 KCTCS students took Cisco computernetworking classes.

Through the partnership with KCTCS and Cisco, secondary schools are teaching about 4,000 students in such courses. When the students enroll in college, they automatically receive appropriate credit.

"Our collaboration with Cisco illustrates the seamless education system that flows through KCTCS," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "Information technology is a prime example of a program in which students transition successfully from high school to our two-year colleges, and on to universities."

Three years after the Kentucky partnership began to form, Cisco academies have across spread Commonwealth, exceeding 120 locations. The academies offer instruction in the following technical fields:

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) and Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) programs

Fundamentals of web design sponsored by Adobe Systems

Essentials: PC Hardware and Software, and IT Essentials: Network Operating Systems, sponsored by Hewlett-Fundamentals of Voice and

Data Cabling sponsored by Panduit Fundamentals of UNIX

and Fundamentals of Java sponsored by Sun Microsystems. The Cisco Networking

Academy Program is the world's largest e-learning community, employing a combination of web-based curriculum and instructor-led learning, as well as hands-on labs to teach students networking and information technology.

Despite the slow economy. demand for IT professionals The remains strong. Technology. Information

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Association of America estimates that more than I million such positions will be filled in the coming months.

In the South, IT employees who have the CCNA certification earn an average salary of \$57,000. New employees with the same certification make an average of \$43,000. Employees who attain IT certifications report that those credentials

increase job security. "By teaming with Cisco, Kentucky provides our citizens with opportunities to prepare for high-paying jobs that the economy demands," said Allen D. Rose, Cabinet for Workforce Development secretary. "At the same time, we're developing a well-trained and well-prepared workforce that is attractive to new and expanding business-

Through the Cisco academies, Kentucky students are receiving invaluable preparation for college coursework in science, math and engineering, or for employment in the IT field. Students have a chance to give back to their communities while still in school by designing, building and maintaining networks for local schools and other civic organizations as part of their project-based learning activities.

"Kentucky's high schools have moved from a 'one size fits all' delivery method to providing individualized instruction to meet their students' needs," said Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit.

"Careers in the Information Technology Cluster are among the fastest-growing occupational areas. Cisco academies provide students a seamless pathway from high school to post-

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family fun by Donna Erickson

Rollicking Rituals

Rituals. Traditions, Aren't they kind of the same thing? As I look at a new year of living together, with five people and a dog under one roof, I realize that our family life is built around doing a lot of the same things over and over, whether on a daily basis, with my husband grinding the coffee beans and my son pouring the orange juice every morning, or annually, when we bring out the birthday flags.



On the surface, some traditions may seem a little routine, even embarrassing. "Oh, there it is again!" the kids might groan in February, when I unpack the dusty, old valentine heart my child made years ago out of clay, buttons and lace. But I'm not easily fooled. Seconds later, everyone will no doubt be smiling. Smiles that say, "I remember that! I can't believe you keep saving this! You must really love it. It makes me think of so many other Valentine's Days.'

Rituals, traditions, even daily chores are reminders of where we belong, how we are needed, what's expected of us as the years go by and, ultimately, how glad we are to be a part of it all.

As you engage in your own family activities this year, whether they come from this column or from your own childhood, notice how the experience brings you together. If you make a height chart on a long sheet of paper or on a closet door, it doesn't simply mark a child's growth. Along with the marks of other siblings, it ultimately proclaims, "Well, will you look at how our family has grown together?"

Sure, a chore chart reminds your kids of the jobs that need to get done. But it's also a fun and loving way to help your children get those jobs finished. A tradition, in other words, of family members standing behind each

Call them rollicking rituals to run the house, or simply traditions. Every family deserves them, because every family is unique.

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.



TWO WAYS TO SERVE UP POTATOES

Just when you think you've cooked and eaten potatoes in every way possible, along comes an innovative recipe that sounds so good you feel compelled to try it - which you will do with today's offerings.

The first, Hash Brown-Coated Chicken Cutlets, uses frozen hash browns and biscuit mix to coat thin chicken cutlets. Now you have meat and potatoes in each bite.

The second recipe pairs fresh potatoes and parsnips along with squash to fill acorn squash "bowls." The kids will enjoy this novel service of a nutritious dish.

HASH BROWN-COATED CHICKEN CUTLETS

2 1/2 cups buttermilk biscuit mix,

2 eggs

pounds)

I cup water 2 teaspoons black pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt 3 cups frozen Idaho potato hash browns, thawed and

finely diced 2 tablespoons olive oil 6 thinly sliced chicken breast cutlets (about 1 1/2

1. Heat oven to 400 F.

2. In medium mixing bowl, whisk together 2 cups of the biscuit mix with eggs, water, pepper and salt until smooth; set mixture aside for 20 minutes.

3. Place thawed hash browns into a shallow bowl. Place remaining 1/2 cup biscuit mix in a gallon-size plastic bag; add chicken cutlets, seal bag and shake to coat cutlets. Heat olive oil in large, heavy frying pan until hot.

4. Working with one cutlet at a time, remove cutlet from plastic bag, dip in reserved biscuit-egg mixture to coat both sides, then place cutlet into bowl of hash browns. Pat hash browns onto cutlet. Transfer each cutlet

> to frying pan. (You may have to work in batches). Cook 5 minutes on each side, or until hash browns begin to brown. Transfer cutlets to a baking pan; bake 20 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink and potatoes are golden brown. Serve with marinara sauce or ketchup, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

POTATOES AND PARSNIPS IN SQUASH BOWLS

4 small acorn squash

4 medium Idaho potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1-inch

2 parsnips, washed and chopped into 1-inch pieces* 1/2 cup 2 percent milk

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

*Note: Potatoes and parsnips may be peeled, if desired

(See BLOCK, page five)

Made fast

by JoAnna M. Lund

I can't think of a better time of the year to travel to Mexico than in January. While harsh winter winds vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix

Mexican Fiesta

may be blowing back here in Iowa, it's nothing but blue skies and sunny days South of the Border. If we can't travel in person, we can at least travel there in our kitchen!

by Philomena

Corradeno

FIESTA FLAN CUSTARD PIE 1 purchased, refrigerated, unbaked 9-inch pie crust

2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free

1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder 2 1/2 cups water

1 1/2 teaspoons coconut extract 1/4 cup flaked coconut

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate and flute edges. In a large saucepan, combine

(See FOODS, page five)

Dear Diane... **Drifting** apart

DEAR DIANE:

My friend, "Margie," and I have been friends for five years. Nothing has ever come

During our junior year, I became pregnant, We were still best friends, but after I had my little girl, we drifted apart, but I understand I got married my senior year, and Margie

had new friends she'd rather talk to. I understand that she didn't want to interfere, but I believe I let her know that we could still remain friends (she is also good friends with my husband). The last time we spoke, I discovered that she has changed quite a bit. She has gotten into

trouble. I know she would not have gotten into trouble if she and I had spent as much time together, the way we used to before I got married and had a child. It hurts me so much not to have Margie

around. Should I make the first move to try and get back together with her, or should I wait for her to come around? I'm afraid that she won't. - TROUBLED IN TEXAS

DEAR TROUBLED:

I think we both know the answer to this: Of course you should make the first move.

Margie is a dear friend of yours, and she is obviously in need of a friend right now. Even though you say she's in trouble, you didn't tell me what kind of trouble, so it is difficult to advise you on what course of action to take.

That said, you should do whatever you can to help Margie get through this difficult time in her life. It is obvious that Margie's new "friends" have been a bad influence on her. The sooner you separate her from them, the better. If Margie has become involved with drugs,

do what you can to get her counseling or enrolled in some kind of support group. Since your husband is also a friend of

Margie's, see if he can help you. I know that you have a baby, and you don't

have much free time; but it is clear to me that you are willing to make a small sacrifice to help your friend. I think this is beautiful gesture, and you should be commended for it.

Good luck.

Swollen Feet and ankles can indicate big problems

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

About a year ago, my feet started swelling badly. My doctor put me on a water pill. The swelling has now spread to my ankles. I am 86. I am praying you might have some suggestions. - L.P.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have a 50-year-old son who has put on excess weight and has done some heavy drinking. He

has swelling in his ankles and feet. He refuses to see a doctor. I would be extremely grateful for any advice. -E.C.



ANSWER:

Fluid oozes out of blood vessels and percolates through and around all body organs and tissues. Lymph channels, similar to blood vessels, are long tubes with open ends that vacuum up the fluid and return it to the circulation. When everything is in working order, the amount of fluid vacuumed equals the amount of fluid oozing from blood vessels.

Too much fluid leaking from blood vessels or too little fluid vacuumed by lymph channels creates swelling - edema. The feet, ankles and legs are the usual places for fluid accumulation.

Heart or kidney failure leads to swollen

(See HEALTH, page five)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Snowed in

Sandra Julian

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

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If it takes a village to raise a child, then Jan. 17, 1994, was the day it took a village to save a child.

Barbara Schmitt sipped coffee and watched the snow outside her window pile up. The city of Louisville, Ky., was paralyzed, with drifts up to 2 feet deep. but she and the two granddaughters she was helping to raise didn't mind. They were going to spend the day warm indoors, playing and watching the blizzard. Ashley, age 6, chatted excitedly. rang. Here was the news Barbara need-3-year-old sister,

Michelle, was subdued. Michelle was one of the hundreds of American children awaiting a new liver.

Waiting and praying were a daily roufor Barbara Schmitt, but today the prayers were more intense.

Michelle had been showing signs that made an immediate liver transplant critical, but the telephone was as silent as the snowy scene out-

Then at 9 in the morning, the phone away, trucks are jackknifing off the

for the Sou

ed. A hospital in Omaha, Neb.,

had located the right liver donor; they were sure it was a match for Michelle, and they needed her there within

12 hours. Barbara couldn't tell what to do first rejoice or despair. The greatest gift Michelle

would ever receive was awaiting her, and here they were, snowbound, 600 miles away. "We're snowed in," Barbara told the medical coordinator on the line. "The airport is 17 miles roads, and there's no way we're going to get there.'

"Don't give up," the woman told Barbara. "You have 12 hours to reach Omaha, so start thinking!"

Fortunately, the phone lines were still working, so Barbara got to work. She started by calling Sharon Stevens, a hairdresser who runs Hair Angels, a fund for children with special needs. Sharon had already lined up a Lear jet and two pilots to fly the Schmitts to Omaha when transplant time came. How to get from the Schmitts' house to the jet was the big question, but Sharon was as determined as Barbara to make this work. "Start packing. I don't know how, but you're going to make it."

Next, Sharon put out a call for help through the local radio station. WHAS broadcast continuous messages, inviting listeners to call in with ideas and suggestions. Teresa Amshoff heard the story and suggested that the church parking lot adjoining her house, only a mile from the Schmitts, would make a perfect helicopter landing pad. As precious minutes ticked away, the Amshoffs rushed from door to door, pleading for help to clear the lot. Neighbors, already exhausted from shoveling their own driveways, came without hesitation. Within half an hour, 50 volunteers were working in subzero

(See SOUP, page six)

Books: Them: Adventures with Extremists

By Jon Ronson (Simon & Schuster, \$13) Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

British journalist Jon Ronson explores the world of conspiracy theorists in "Them: Adventures With Extremists." He mingles with the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, spends months with an Islamic extremist and infiltrates a topsecret meeting of the world's most powerful men that takes

California woods.

Told with clarity and humor, "Them" captivates the reader immediately. We explore these secret societies right alongside the author. When his innate beliefs and sensibilities are challenged and he begins to doubt himself, we doubt ourselves too.

Each chapter is its own vignette, telling of a separate experience Ronson has with each extremist. While each chapter can stand on its own as a complete work, the book as a

place deep in the Northern whole has an ebb and flow that affiliation or level of skeptiinterconnects each character.

> The most interesting, and perhaps most frightening, section is that of the Bilderberg Group, a band of world leaders and CEOs who secretly come together each year to plot the ruling of the world. It has been said that they are the ones who elect presidents and who decide world economies. It has also been said that they are simply a group of overgrown frat boys who like to cut loose and get drunk in the woods.

Whatever your political Synd., Inc.

cism, "Them" is a gripping narrative about the world's lunatic fringe. Ronson's tenacity, years of research and dedication have paid off a hundredfold in enlightening the world about what others have dared not speak about for fear of being "red-flagged."

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

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the same women he's

in insecurity, so I think

you need to take a good

hard look at yourself and

your own issues. If you

really believe in your

own self-worth and the

good qualities that you

bring to your relation-

ship with Simon, you

won't worry that he's

All jealousy is rooted

look; it's only human nature. I'm willing to

looking at.

bet that you take a second or third look at

Wondering Eyes...

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

My boyfriend, "Simon," and I have been seeing each other for three years. I love him and all, but he has a habit that really upsets me. Whenever we go out to a dance club, I often catch Simon staring at other women. It really makes me angry and hurt. I have yelled at him many times about doing this. I have even left him at the club and gone home by myself. Nothing seems to break him of this habit. What can I do to keep Simon from looking at other women? - VEXED IN VENTURA

A DAVE SAYS:

Gouge his eyes out. That might work. Try a melon baller. Yeah. That should do

Puh-leeeze. You take Simon to a club that's packed to the rafters with hot chicks who are dancing seductively and wonder why he's constantly distracted. That's like taking a 4-year-old to a pet shop and expecting him to ignore the puppy bin. As much as Simon may love you, and despite the depth of his commitment to you, there is no way that he can ignore the puppies. It's a Man Thing. Cope.

And to be fair, I'll bet that you, too, are

guilty of checking out the hot guys - as well as the women. The only difference

between you and Simon is that you are more subtle about it.

So, face up to the fact that Simon is going to look. You might suggest to him that he take full advantage of reflective surfaces when doing his girl-watching. This usually works for me.

SAM SAYS:

by Samantha Weaver

navel-pierced bimbo he sees.

Incidentally, yelling at Simon isn't an appropriate - or particularly effective way to get him to do what you want. The next time you have a problem, discuss it with him like a mature adult. I can assure you that a screeching, insecure harpy doesn't compare favorably with a cute, smiling

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Sam & Dave explain it all to you

going to run off with and Dave Smith every midriff-baring, miniskirt-wearing,

girl in a bar.

Going to Extremes This Winter

Does he talk to these women? Hit on

them? Buy them drinks? If not, get a grip

on your (evidently) unrestrained jealousy

and deal with the fact that there are other

mend that in a healthy relationship -

Simon's going to see other women. If

women in the world. Unless you try Dave's

eye-gouging solution - and I don't recom-

they're attractive, he'll even take a second

Extreme changes in temperature mark the winter season. Inevitably, this brings out a desire for travel that rivals the summer rush. And it isn't just in snowbirds, who travel south and west to escape the bitter bite of winter. There are many who wander north in search of that perfect White Christmas, the brisk sting of an icy wind and, more commonly, just a good old-fashioned look at a snow-covered landscape. Consider these two contrasting destinations in the United States, equally, but certainly diverse.

The Florida Keys

With an average high temperature of 75 degrees in January, the Florida Keys make a spectacular winter getaway for those looking for the laid-back beach life to defrost. And with an average water temperature of 69 degrees, you can get by without a full wetsuit. Apart from walking the sands, there is lots to do: more than 80 art galleries, a dozen museums, literary events happening everywhere (this is, after all, the one-time stomping grounds of Hemingway) and more. There is deep-sea diving, snorkeling in the reefs and many opportunities to fish. The most prevalent part of a Keys vacation is the amazing difference in attitude and the way stress seems to melt away. Whatever else you do, don't miss the impromptu celebrations at sunset at Mallory Dock on Key West (the southernmost and final key). For more information on travel to the Florida Keys, go to www.fla-keys.com.

The Inside Passage to Alaska

Alaska's Inside Passage - the collection of channels and straits that make up the protected sea route from Seattle to the larger part of Alaska - is a hauntingly beautiful place any time of the year. Winter temperatures

average highs of 31 degrees and lows of 18 degrees. The Passage follows a waterway passing by many small, landlocked communities. You can find treasures aplenty here. Some activities include: bear viewing at Admiralty Island National Monument near Juneau, "flightseeing" over the Juneau Icefield, walking on a real live glacier (Alaska has more than 5,000), viewing birds and eagles at the Alaska Raptor Center and more. Be sure to spend some time at Glacier National Park, and some more time gazing off the sides of the ferry as you travel through a true winter wonderland. For more information on traveling to Alaska, log on to www.travelalaska.com.

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Eating six elephants in your lifetime

that stated that married couples must live together or be imprisoned.

Comedian Red Skelton, author James A. Michener, singer Merle Haggard and entrepreneur Winthrop Rockefeller have something in common besides being well-known names in America: They were all once hobos.

■ The Empire State Building has 1,860 stairs, and someone once climbed all of them in a record time of 10 minutes and 15 seconds.

Grimm's fairy tales are well-known throughout the world, but some are more wellknown than others. You've probably never heard of some of the famous brothers' less popular tales, such as "The Girl Without Hands," "The Three Army Surgeons," "The Death of the

■ Michigan once had a law on the books Little Hen," "Hans My Hedgehog" and "The Story of the Youth Who Went Forth to Learn How to Shudder."



It's still not known who made the observation: "What makes folly so impossible is that no amount of improvement perfects it."

Many environmentally conscious people recycle these days, but it's not a new idea. The Japanese began recycling paper way back in

■ The Virginia Code of 1930 contains a statute prohibiting bribery or corrupt practices by any person other than a political candidate.

■ If lumped together, six full-grown elephants would weigh about 60,000 pounds. That is also the approximate weight of the food you will consume over the course of your lifetime,

■ The name of the popular breakfast food the bagel comes from the word "beugel," which means "stirrup."

■ During World War II, Hoover, the company best-known these days for making vacuum cleaners, made parachutes for fragmentation

Thought for the Day: "History repeats itself in the large because human nature changes with geological leisureliness." - Will and Ariel

National Firewalls Defy Net's Best Intentions

media has turned a blind eye to a growing phenomenon on the Internet, that is, countries' willingness to block their citizens' access to global Web sites considered "dangerous."

In Germany, for instance, the government announced its intention to block neo-Nazi Web sites based in the United States. It isn't an effort necessarily to censor the people of Germany, but an effort to enforce current German law that bans the spreading of Nazi doctrine - a law that the existence of the Internet nullifies.

Even though it's understand-

The American mainstream able why Germany should want to filter such sites, this phenomenon cuts both ways. This practice, known as "national firewalling," has been used in China to police sites that are not in the interests of the Communist Party. Sites advocating the freeing of Tibet and the Falun Gong are routinely kept unseen in China.

> Saudi Arabia, one of the most oppressive regimes on the planet, has its own system for blocking out American sites about drugs, women and rock 'n' roll, says the Harvard Law Review.

In Myanmar, says Wired magazine, unauthorized use of a computer or a modern earns up to 15 years in jail. In dirt-poor North Korea, logging on is simply illegal. In Saudi Arabia, fart jokes are ille-

What's ironic is that most of the systems that foreign countries employ to "protect" their subjects from dangerous ideas and images are from the United States, the land of the free. China got its system from a company based in North Carolina. The Saudis got theirs from a California company.

There's nothing like being the disease and the cure all at once, eh? Yes, we publish morally subversive sites such as cannabis.com,

warnerbrosrecords.com and ivillage.com, and then write the code to filter them out.

So the moral onus falls on American companies that are unwittingly helping countries like China in their censorship efforts. These companies cry that if the Chinese didn't get filtering software from them, they'd get it from somebody else.

That's why they call it a moral conflict. As American companies have readily demonstrated, assuming such a responsibility is appar-

ently lost on them. Yes, the land of the free; the home of the not-so-brave.

Fitness 101

When searching for a simple exercise video, you may find the terminology of the fitness industry to be confusing. Understanding some basic terms and definitions can help you sort out the difference between a functional-training and aerobic-training video.

Cardiovascular/Aerob ic Training:

These forms of training improve the endurance and efficiency of the heart muscle. Activities that increase or maintain an elevated heart rate for 20 minutes or more with involved continuous effort and the use of large muscle groups are considcardiovascular/aerobic exercises. They include walking, jogging, cycling, hiking, swimming, skating and danc-

The more you train your heart, the less likely you are to develop certain diseases and health conditions. In addition, cardiovascular and aerobic exercise lowers your resting heart rate, enabling your heart to work more efficiently and making routine activities easier.

Strength/Resistance Training:

The process of improving the strength of your muscles, bones and connective tissue (ligaments and tendons). Weight machines, free weights, resistance bands, medicine balls

and even your own body weight can be used to increase strength. The added "resistance" upon your body requires a response, and when repeated, your body increases its "strength."

Improving strength does not necessarily mean you will "bulk up." However, increasing the overall strength of your muscles, bones and connective tissue will both help prevent injuries by supporting your joints and improve your functional strength to complete everyday tasks. Squats, bicep curls and push-ups are all strength/resistance training exercises.

Functional Training:

These are training techniques that mimic and improve everyday activities. Using a combination of strength and aerobic training, functional training focuses on developing strength, flexibility and aerobic capacity to help with your daily life. For example, a task such as carrying groceries up a flight of stairs can become easier by strengthening the muscles involved in that task. Whether you are a professional athlete or soccer mom, functional training should be at the foundation of your fitness routine.

Block

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper *Note: Potatoes and parsnips may be peeled, if desired

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.

2. Cut acorn squash into halves crosswise, remove seeds and place, cut side down, in large baking pan; add 1/2 inch warm water to pan. Place in oven. Bake 1 hour or until tender; remove squash from pan and set aside.

3. Fill large stockpot halffull with water, and heat to boiling. Add potato and parsnip pieces to boiling water; return to boil and cook 6 to 8 minutes or until tender.

Drain vegetables and place in large bowl. 4. With spoon, scoop out

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some of pulp from acorn squash, being sure to leave a 1/2-inch "shell" so squash holds its shape. Add squash pulp to potato mixture. Add milk and mash with fork (it will be a little lumpy). Season with salt and pepper. Using a paring knife, trim bottom of each squash so it will stand steady, cut side up, making "bowls." Fill each "bowl" with about 1/2 cup of potato mixture; return to baking pan. Cover squash with foil "tent" and bake at 350 F 30 minutes or until heated through. Makes 8 servings.

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dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and

starts to boil, stirring often. Remove from heat. Stir in coconut extract and 2 tablespoons coconut. Pour mixture into prepared piecrust. Evenly sprinkle cinnamon and remaining 2 tablespoons coconut over top. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Place pie plate on wire rack and let set for 30 minutes. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Cut into 8 pieces.

■ Each serving equals: 192 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g protein, 25 g carb., 283 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

Soup

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winds to clear the area of snow. Someone called Kim Phelps

of Skycare, an airlift service, and he offered to dispatch a helicopter to take Michelle to the airport. The church lot was confirmed as a workable launch pad, and Kim got busy arranging rides to the church for the med-

In the meantime, Barbara called Lear jet pilot Jason Smith to be sure he could make it to the airport. Like everyone else, he and his co-pilot were snowbound, but he promised that they would be there. A policeman and neighbor were able to drive them to the jet just in time.

Finally, with dusk looming, WHAS sent a four-wheel vehicle to transport Michelle and her family to the church. When they pulled into the meticulously cleared parking lot, there were 150 people, leaning on shovels, surrounded by mountainous piles of snow. As fire trucks arrived to provide makeshift landing lights for the helicopter, the crowd mushroomed to 300, applauding and waving as the Schmitts flew off into the snowy

Michelle's transplant was a success. It was the success not only of a skilled medical team, a child with the fight to survive and a family that wouldn't give up - but the success of a whole village that found something much better to do on Jan. 17 than to stay warm inside and watch

Health

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feet, ankles and legs. So does cirrhosis of the liver. Infections or radiation can damage lymph channels - two more possibilities. An underactive thyroid gland can be implicated as a cause. So can as benign a condition as varicose veins.

A water pill is only a temporary measure. The basic cause must be found so the proper treatment can begin.

There are some general measures for leg, ankle or foot swelling that apply to all causes. Elevating the legs as often as possible during the day and propping them up on pillows at night help drain fluid. Elastic comprescan achieve the same goal. L.P.'s doctor has to find the cause for her swelling. E.C.'s son won't get to first base without

seeing one.

Congestive heart failure is a leading cause of edema. Readers who would like information on this common problem can order the newly written pamphlet on that topic. Write to: Dr. Donohue

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -

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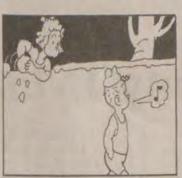
has short steeves. 6. Boy's shoes are plain. Differences: 1. Man has a baseball glove. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Box is black. 4. Paper has writing on it. 5. Boy

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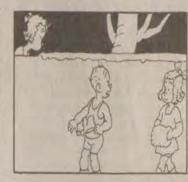
















Super Crossword

POLITICAL CORRECTIONS

ACROSS 1 — pole 6 Miss Marple 10 Canine tooth

16 "Nowhere -" ('66 hit) 19 Luncheonette lure 20 Bard's river

21 May or 22 Clark's "Mogambo"

co-star 23 She's not a bleached blond. she's . . .

26 Tear 27 Walk confidently 28 Composer

Albeniz 29 Stevenson scoundrel 30 Singer Sumac

31 Fill to the gills 34 Rapier 37 -- Locka,

40 Eastern dye 42 Raven maven?

45 - terrier 48 She's not old,

she's 54 Conductor's concern 55 "— Nidre"

Tony

79 Puente or Jackson 80 Cognizant 84 Actor Novello

86 Rushed 88 Poet Teasdale

90 Paint over 92 Sacks 94 Urania's sister 96 Seer's gift

98 Undo an error 99 He's not ignorant, he's . 103 Approaches

pus org.

104 Superlative suffix 105 It's up in the 56 Right-fielder 106 '60s cam-

57 Discontinue 107 Printer's 58 "Strange measure 109 Entangle Interlude' 110 "A Yank In playwright

60 Quaker the -('41 film) colonist 62 Baby bites - pro quo 64 Hazard 116 Beethoven

65 Keats' "- a dedicatee Nightingale" 120 Sahara 68 Tach meas. 123 Decorative 69 Actress vase Ruby

124 He doesn't 70 He doesn't snore, have detenhe's . . tion, he's . .

. 130 FBI 75 Ring figure emplo 78 Brit, lexicon 131 Asian employee peninsula 132 Give off

133 Bar food? 134 Metro or Prizm 135 Lowdown

hound 136 Trick 137 Serengeti springer

DOWN

1 Eavesdrop electronically 2 Smeltery stuff

3 Legal wrong 4 Atlanta

campus 5 Adage 6 Shade of green 7 Broad st.

8 Start to snooze 9 Vane letters 10 Chubby Checker

has three 11 Forearm bone 12 Actress Thompson

14 Lodging 15 PD abbr. 16 Designer Quant

17 Gung-ho 18 Spine start 24 Spud state 25 Quiche, e.g.

29 Young bovine

32 Some fishermen 33 Skater

Babilonia 35 Sty guy 36 Hockey's

Lindros 37 Word form

for "eight" 38 Chemical prefix

39 Ready for a fight 41 Lodge

brother 42 Comrade

43 Ken or Lena 44 "-Madigan"

46 Demure

('67 film)

87 TV's "Нарру

89 Racy neckwear? 91 Turner and Koppel 93 Certain

95 Boy king

14

words 100 Quiet mouse "Cape Fear"

47 "Siddhartha" 97 Play on

author

49 Mayberry

50 Nick of

moppet

52 Like some

Slayton

designs

house?

mishap

cheese

71 Drive off

72 Swimmer

Lamas

73 Actor

74 Nerd

75 Jazz

77 Compel

area 82 Savanna

85 Impede

sounds

81 Unit of

Gertrude

63 Lipstick

67 Chalky

61 Tree

101 Myriads of moons 102 Worth

51 NYC power 108 Southwestem sights

109 Essential Crop up

112 "-Attraction" 59 Trademark ('87 film)

113 Bog, for short 114 Press 115 "So - You"

('77 song) 117 Research sites 118 First name

in tennis 119 Blind part 120 Dole (out)

121 Arizona 122 Writer

phrase 76 French spa Hunter 124 Collar a crook

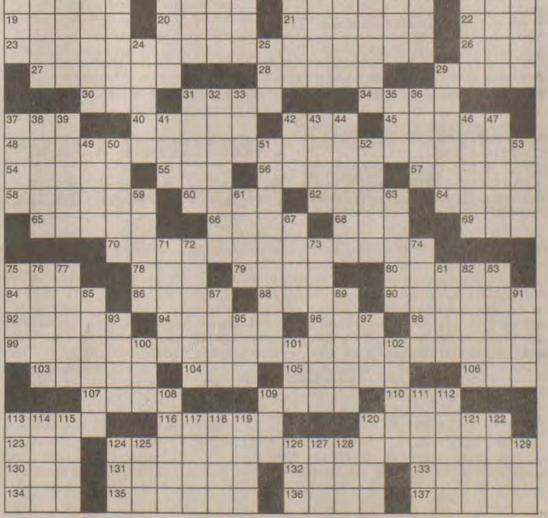
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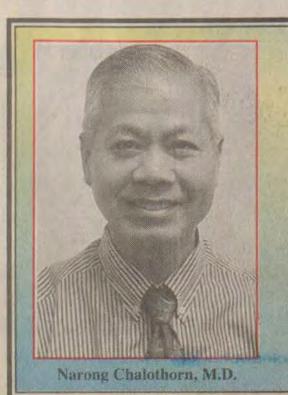


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