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briefs

Pike man killed in collision with truck

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville man was killed on Saturday when he crashed into the back of an 18-wheeler on U.S. 23 near Foggy Mountain.

Harold E. Maddox, 56, was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts. A passenger in Robert's vehicle was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

The driver of the 18-wheeler was not injured in the accident.

The incident is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

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Today



High: 27 • Low: 6

Thursday



High: 17 • Low: 1

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

At least one person was killed in a two-vehicle accident on Route 114 at Middle Creek. The accident appeared to have been the result of a head-on collision involving a pickup and a flatbed truck. The driver of the red pickup truck was killed and his passenger was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center. The driver of the flatbed was also transported to Highlands. No further information was available at press time.

MSHA making changes in wake of slurry spill

Internal review finds several weaknesses

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last year, investigators with the Mine Safety and Health Administration took a close look at Martin County Coal Company's Big Branch impoundment spill of 2000 that sent 3 million gallons of water and coal slurry rushing into tributaries of the Big Sandy River and found

the accident was the fault of the Martin County Coal Company.

Those investigations pointed to the coal company's failure to follow approved sealing plans for impoundments.

The spill was a wakeup call for MSHA, according to the agency's Assistant Secretary of Labor Dave Lauriski, who said Tuesday that MSHA will now make efforts to improve the way the agency over-

sees impoundments not only in Kentucky, but across the nation.

"We saw with the Big Branch spill that we needed to do more to improve the way we oversee impoundments," said Lauriski, who initiated an internal review of MSHA's existing policies in search of weaknesses. "The purpose of the review was to determine if our management systems were inadequate, and, if so, improve them."

Lauriski said many weaknesses were revealed in the review and has now moved to eliminate the problems by adopting new guidelines and attacking a daunting

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Otter Creek accused of retaliation

Woman had alleged sex discrimination

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A former employee of the Otter Creek Correctional Center has filed a complaint against Corrections Corporation of America and Warden Randy Stovall, in which she alleges that her dismissal was the result of retaliation and sexual discrimination.

According to a complaint filed in Floyd Circuit Court by her attorney, Jerry Patton, on Jan. 21, Tara D. Reynolds was working as a corrections officer at Otter Creek when she applied for a job that entailed a promotion. She

alleges that she had received nothing but good reviews, and when Stovall, warden at Otter Creek, hired a man less qualified than Reynolds to fill the position, she filed a grievance.

Reynolds claims Stovall terminated her on Sept. 21, 2001, after she filed the grievance, and made allegations against her that she had engaged in an unprofessional relationship with an inmate.

According to a referee decision from the Workforce Development Cabinet, Reynolds appealed the correctional facility's decision to disqualify her from receiving unemployment benefits on Oct. 15, 2001. Pursuant to a hearing held Jan. 15, 2002, Ted Hall, UI Appeals Referee II, ruled in her favor, declaring she was discharged for reasons other than miscon-

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Wayland man charged with bilking insurance

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — A Wayland man has been arrested and charged with altering receipts in an attempt to defraud the United States Treasury of money in relation to the National Flood Insurance

Program.

Earl Slone, 50, allegedly submitted receipts that were altered to the National Flood Insurance Program. The receipt was part of an insurance claim in the amount of \$26,408.84.

Slone is scheduled to be arraigned March 12.

Prestonsburg council begins new year with annexation

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council held meetings on both Monday and Tuesday to cover a large agenda.

The council made a motion to declare an emergency in order to get \$100,000 for a short-term loan to be used in the mountaintop development project. The council decided to bid out \$250,000 in a line of credit and schedule payback as the funds get reimbursed.

The meeting was also used for the first reading of four ordinances for the city. The first ordinance proposed an annexation of property located at Mutton Fork of Bull Creek, while a second would annex the Middle Creek National Battlefield into the city of Prestonsburg.

According to the second ordinance, the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation and H.D. Fitzpatrick Jr., owners of the property, have given prior consent in writing and petitioned the city for annexation and incorporation into Prestonsburg.

The council also read an ordinance establishing a regular meeting time for the city council. According to the ordinance, the council will meet on the second and the fourth Mondays of every month at 6 p.m.

The final ordinance read by the council on Monday related to the establishment of committees. The ordinance established:

- the Administration and Personnel Committee
- Economic Development and Planning Committee
- Traffic and Streets Committee,
- Cable T.V. Committee,
- Buildings and Equipment Committee,



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Prestonsburg City Council held a special called meeting on Monday with new members C.E. "Little Shag" Branham, second from right, and Kelly Moore, not pictured, in attendance.

- Finance and Revenue Committee,
- Recycling Committee,
- Community Projects Committee,
- Ordinance Committee,
- Appointment Committee,
- and Educational Committee.

Membership on each committee will consist of a chairman and three other members, all of which will be elected by the city council members.

The final item that the council passed was a resolution to make a preapplication to the Department for Local Government for assistance under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is limited to funding a maximum of fifty percent of proposed project costs not to exceed \$75,000.

The meeting held Tuesday involved the second reading of the ordinances originally read on Monday.

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Odds and Ends

■ **KELLER, Wash. (AP)** - A swimmer neared the halfway point in a 1,250-mile journey down the Columbia River - a trip designed to raise awareness of its pollution levels and to encourage a cleanup.

Christopher Swain of Portland, Ore., began his swim at Columbia Lake, near the British Columbia-Alberta border, last June. He said he was about on schedule for the journey that will eventually spill him out into the Pacific Ocean.

The 24-year-old has been swimming about 10 days a month during the winter.

spending six to eight hours in the water each day. A support team, including an inflatable boat, accompanies him.

Swain faces considerable hazards, including rapids and tricky currents. Nearer the mouth of the river there are container ships to dodge, as well as sharks where the river meets the sea. And there are personal watercraft, barges and pleasure boats.

"I'm going to be swimming through water that runs with everything from arsenic to zinc," Swain said at the start of his journey. "It's just a matter of picking your poison. Heavy metals we've got, radioactive isotopes, human sewage we've got."

He returns to a schedule of 20 days a month by March and expects to finish in June.

■ **LUFKIN, Texas** - Rebecca Tarver Robins once again has the high school ring that she lost in 1965.

The 55-year-old Lufkin resident received a telephone call Sunday evening asking her if she'd lost her senior ring from Hudson High School.

"Yes!" she exclaimed, recalling the exact day and place where she lost the ring at Stephen F. Austin State University. "Gibbs Hall, Room 110, August 1965. It was my second day in that dorm."

"I was at the sink brushing my teeth or something. I had taken the ring off and it fell straight down the drain. I went and told my dorm mom. The next day, a plumber was in there blowing the lines out. I could just hear it clinking all the way to the septic system," Robins told the Lufkin Daily News for Tuesday editions.

University plumber Duane Frazier found the ring last week while replacing old pipes. He had his secretary contact Donny Webb, the high school principal at Hudson, about 5 miles outside Lufkin.

A Hudson teacher who lives in Nacogdoches picked the ring up and brought it to Webb, who then realized the initials on the female class ring were "R.A.T." Skimming through the 33 names listed in the 1965 Hudson High School yearbook, Webb found two possible matches.

It was Helen Weeks, a member of that graduating class, who tracked down Rebecca Ann Tarver Robins and made the call Sunday night.

The ring no longer fits, Robins said, but she's thinking about having it resized.

■ **KEY LARGO, Fla.** - A 4-foot-long nurse shark named Snoopy, kept for three years in a suburban Detroit billiards bar aquarium, was freed in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary on Monday.

Marine Mammal Conservancy director Rick Trout carefully cradled Snoopy as he slipped into the ocean above the City of Washington, a 100-year-old historic military shipwreck about 6 miles off Key Largo.

Trout kept control of the female shark, which is sporting a bright red identification tag on its front dorsal fin, until they reached the wreck and she was allowed to swim free. Trout and other divers then watched Snoopy for about 30 minutes to make sure she was OK.

Snoopy was about a foot long when she arrived at the Fifth Avenue Billiards in Novi, Mich., in 1999. She shared a 500 gallon aquarium with another shark and other fish. Snoopy flourished on a diet of calamari, shrimp and occasionally, other inhabitants.

When Snoopy grew too large for her home, manager Jeff Rospierski said he and other bar staffers began a quest to find her a new home. Contact was eventually made with the conservancy in Key Largo, which coordinated the release.

"Nurse sharks belong here in the Florida Keys and pool sharks, the human kind, belong in Detroit," said Trout.

■ **OAK CREEK, Wis.** - Don Meyer was a little annoyed when a Pick 'n Save clerk here recently carded him in the liquor store.

He wasn't just upset because they carded him while he was buying nonalcoholic beer. He was upset because he's 76 years old.

"I tell you, I was really ticked off - this little-by-little chipping away at your rights," the World War II veteran said.

Meyer won't be the only senior citizen getting carded now that 11 Pick 'n Save stores in Wisconsin have begun requiring clerks to card everyone who tries to buy alcohol.

Most alcoholic-beverage retailers ask for identification from patrons who appear younger than 30 or 40, but Pick 'n Save officials say they wanted to eliminate the chance of selling to someone underage.

"We've had a few complaints," said Robert Mariano, president and chief executive officer of Pick 'n Save's parent company, Roundy's Inc. "People may not like it, but they understand what we are trying to do. We're just trying to do the right thing."

Milwaukee Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb, who represents many clients with liquor licenses, said he has never heard of a store carding everyone.

"Practically speaking, I see no reason to instruct employees to card the AARP crowd," said Whitcomb.

■ **YORK, Pa.** - The head of the city's school district wants every potential dropout to have something to remember what could be a short-lived school career: an undiploma.

York City School District Superintendent Carlos Lopez

wants to give the document, which looks like a real diploma, to students who say they want to drop out of William Penn Senior High School.

"The purpose of the undiploma is to make sure that students know the impact of their decision," Lopez said. "It's also to deter kids from dropping out."

The undiploma informs students about what they stand to lose by not finishing their education and says the recipient has decided to drop out "with the full understanding that he/she may lose up to \$420,000 in earnings during his/her lifetime" by working in low-wage jobs or being unemployed.

"Sometimes, you have to hit people right between the eyes that this is a life-altering decision," Dorm said. "I've not had anyone ever say to me they were glad they dropped out."

■ **MIAMI** - Those who like to bare it all on the beach can get a head start stripping in the air.

A travel agency that specializes in clothing-optional vacations has chartered a 172-seat Boeing 727 for a flight from Miami to Cancun in May. Once the plane reaches its cruising altitude, passengers will be invited to disrobe.

Castaways Travel of Spring, Texas, is touting the trip as the world's first flight for nude passengers. The crew will be clad and the temperature inside the plane's cabin will be regulated to accommodate the nud-

ists, Castaways co-owner Jim Bailey said.

"People are looking for stress relief," Bailey said. "In a nudist environment, everyone is the same."

Vacationers will stay at a nudist resort for a week. Rooms start at \$910 weekly, plus \$499 for the flight, according to the company's Web site.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said there are no regulations specifically banning nudity aboard an aircraft. "It's not a safety issue," she said.

Some safety issues are being addressed, however - no hot drinks or hot food will be served to nude passengers. And all nude travelers will be asked to keep a towel between themselves and the plane seat.

■ **PALMER, Mass.** - Police officers who want more than mustaches have struck a deal with their boss: goatees for good deeds.

Thirteen officers in this western Massachusetts town began grooming whiskers on their chins last week after making an unusual agreement with Chief Robert P. Frydryk. They had previously been permitted only to grow hair on their upper lips.

Officers who raise at least \$50 by April 1 for the Jimmy Fund, which helps children fight cancer, can keep their goatees. Those who do not

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Thought for Today:

"To be capable of respect is today almost as rare as to be worthy of it." - Joseph Joubert, French moralist (1754-1824).

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sandy will hold a "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraising event on the following dates at the following locations: Prestonsburg, Pin Zone, Feb. 22; Paintsville, Sparetime Bowling Lanes, March 1; Pikeville, Mark III

Classic Lanes, March 8; and in Knott County, Alice Lloyd College campus, March 15. Event will be held at all locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event is free and open to the public.

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New Classes to Begin:
 ■ Knitting Class - Tuesday, February 18; 5-7 p.m.: 8 weeks.

■ Creative Sewing Class - Thursday, February 20; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 8 weeks.

■ Quilting Class - Tuesday, March 4; 6-8 p.m.; Wallhanging/pillow - Star Pattern - 1/2 Triangle; 3 weeks.

■ Serger Class - Wednesday, March 12; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 1-Day Only.

For more information and class fees and to register for classes, please call 886-0709 before coming to class.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

There will be Diabetes Support Group meeting on Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Health Department. Meeting is open to all persons who are diabetic or others who are interested in learning more about diabetes. This is a free service of the Health Department. Call 606-886-2788 for more information.

Lawsuit

duct connected with her duties.

His decision was based upon the fact that Stovall's testimony was based on hearsay. The document states that Otter Creek's evidence entailed written statements from employees concerning what they had heard and been told by inmate Phillip Fisher, a written statement from Fisher, the address book of Fisher, which included Reynolds' address (minus the zip-code), and a handwritten "letter" found in the inmate's possession that Stovall claimed was written by Reynolds to Fisher.

The referee decision states that prior to being questioned about inappropriate behavior, Reynolds had approached Sgt. Frank Marrs, supervisor, advising him that she had heard rumors within the prison con-

cerning an inappropriate relationship between her and Fisher. Marrs reported the information to his supervisor, Captain Jamie Tackett, in an attempt to "squash" any appearance of inappropriate behavior. Reynolds was never questioned or presented with an opportunity to defend the allegations until Sept. 21, 2001, when Stovall and assistant warden Jeff Little questioned her about the rumors.

According to the document, Reynolds denied any allegations of inappropriate behavior, stating she did not have any "personal" communication with Fisher or any inmate.

Stovall testified that if Reynolds had admitted the behavior or showed remorse, then she would have been disciplined instead of discharged.

The complaint filed by Patton on behalf of Reynolds alleges that her dismissal was a retaliatory discharge contrary to fundamental public policy. The complaint alleges that the action of the defendants constitutes intentional infliction of emotional distress and sexual discrimination.

Reynolds is suing for lost wages, mental and physical pain, suffering and anguish, embarrassment and humiliation, and punitive damages.

When ask to comment on the complaint filed against him, Stovall replied, "I have absolutely no comment on anything."



photo by Sheldon Compton

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signed a proclamation establishing the month of January as School Board Recognition Month Tuesday afternoon. Floyd County School Community Education Coordinator Beverly Crisman looks on.

Police make arrest after undercover buy

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man was arrested and charged with drug trafficking following an undercover buy.

William H. Marsillett, 53,

was charged two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance after he allegedly sold 50 Lorcet pills to a cooperating witness working under the direction of Kentucky State Police.

Marsillett allegedly sold the pills to the witness on two separate occasions.

MSHA

backlog of plans awaiting approval.

In addition to this, plans are also in the works to clarify and streamline safety directives for impounds, issue a new impoundment inspection handbook and look to technology to bring a clearer picture of underground mining maps, Lauriski said.

"The agency lacked national guidelines for impoundments," said Lauriski. "Also, a backlog of impoundments were awaiting review, some as long as six years. Some of our personnel were not always thorough in the documentation process, either."

Another point Lauriski hopes to improve upon is providing field workers a more comprehensive well of information about impoundment safety. Lauriski said that of all the information accumulated in the field, there had not been "single collection or updated collection of those issues" as a result.

Many of the weaknesses pointed out during MSHA's internal review were also present in the Martin County impoundment spill, Lauriski said.

Drug

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said. In 2000, she won a three-year, \$489,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute to study cancer pain management in the home.

"My patients with pain take these drugs so they can go back out and do the things that are important in their lives," Vallerand said. "My addicted population takes them to escape."

Peyton Reynolds, head of the Hazard office of the Department of Public Advocacy, said he sees many addicts among his clients — 95 percent of whom sell or use prescription drugs, he said.

"Our economy has failed," Reynolds said. "Young people are in despair. They have no future."

Those who get arrested sometimes wind up in the care of people such as Scott Walker, the substance abuse program director for Mountain Comprehensive Care.

Every person in Mountain Comp's 21-bed Layne House in Prestonsburg is a recovering prescription-drug addict.

Prescription-drug abuse has been "slow and insidious over the years; the last three or four years, it's been overwhelming," Walker said.

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As Magistrate of District 2, I am going to work hard to get our district back in shape and try to get our "fair share" of blacktop, waterlines, and bridges. I feel District 2 is way behind and has a lot of work to be done. With the added new precinct, District 2 is very large and has so many miles of roads to keep up. We are by far the biggest district, land-wise, but not by population, in the county. I look forward to working for the people of District 2 for the next 4 years.

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is another step in increasing safety, according to Lauriski.

At Quecreek, Penn., where nine miners were trapped for 77 hours after millions of gallons of water from an abandoned mine nearby crashed through to where the miners were working, Lauriski said a map provided by a local museum provided a clear picture of where underground mines existed, something that is not easily ascertained.

"We are going to appeal to the general public to see if they have these types of things so we can build a repository," said Lauriski. "All of this is part of our efforts to help miners' health and safety."

"We've got good momentum and we want to build on that. We want to make sure that we strive to make safety a value, not only for our agencies, but for the mining community at large, and we think this is a step in the right direction."

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday."

— Alexander Pope

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Our View

Man's actions showed bravery

Last week's paper carried the story of a fire at Rita Blackburn's home. What made the story remarkable is that Blackburn, 80, was led to safety from her burning home by a man who apparently had just been passing by.

We wanted to know more about this aspect of the story, including the identity of the man. We found out what happened from officials at the scene, but the rescuer left and took his name with him. Those at the fire could only call him "Jeff from Corn Fork."

That was a little dissatisfying. When someone performs such a good, even heroic, deed, we think he or she merits a little recognition, if nothing else.

Here is a person who saw something terrible happening to someone else and he wasn't satisfied to do what most folks do — either keep on driving down the road or stop and watch with morbid curiosity.

Instead, this person recognized that someone was in need, and then he did something about it. He stopped, went into a burning house not knowing whether or not he was putting himself in danger, and helped lead Mrs. Blackburn to safety.

Now, maybe Mrs. Blackburn would have been able to get out safely on her own, but that's not the point. The fire appears to have been relatively small, but that's not the point, either.

The point is our rescuer knew none of these things when he chose to act. The small fire could have triggered a much larger explosion. Mrs. Blackburn could have been trapped or asleep. That's not just doing a good deed; that's what you call valor.

Hopefully, our description was enough to help get our hero a few of the pats on the back he deserves. If not, here's one:

Thank you, "Jeff from Corn Fork." You've proved once again that there are good and decent and brave people in the world who are willing to extend a helping hand.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Postmodern government budgets

by SHELDON RICHMAN

If President Bush's bureaucracy were as capable as the bureaucracy in George Orwell's great novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Lawrence Lindsey, the president's former economic advisor, would have been airbrushed out of every photograph he appeared in while holding that post, and every reference to his estimate of the cost of the coming Iraq war would be wiped from every archive in the country. Today no one would know who Lawrence Lindsey is or that he once said

that the war would cost \$100 billion to \$200 billion.

Alas, government is not quite as powerful as Orwell envisioned. So the Bush administration has to settle for simply firing Lindsey (or insisting he resign) and having the budget director dismiss and discredit Lindsey's estimate and issue his own lower one.

Maybe that more transparent method will work just as well. After all, while \$100 billion to \$200 billion may strike some as a mite expensive for a war against a weak and toothless dictator,

\$50 billion to \$60 billion is an absolute steal. It's the Kmart blue-light special on wars. We can't afford not to go to war.

Still, one has to chuckle at the way the administration has pulled this off. It's not as far from Orwell as it looks at first sight. Through Orwellian "double-think" people knew the past had been changed—they just didn't acknowledge to themselves that they knew. Through Bushian "doublethink," we all know that the economist whom Bush respected enough to make his chief economic advisor estimated an exorbitant cost for the war—but now we tell ourselves that he was wrong and had to go.

Did Budget Director Mitch Daniels, who presented the new, lower estimate, explain why his number is better than nonperson Lindsey's? According to the *New York Times*, "Mr. Daniels declined

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Letters

Veterans forgotten after election

Sen. McConnell, we are wondering why you haven't responded to our last two e-

mails. We requested that you introduce a bill by itself giving all disabled vets their earned retirement pay.

So what is the problem? The November election is over, so you no longer support the Kentucky veterans. So what is your plan? Is it to

wait until next election to step up and tell us how you so strongly support us? Let me inform you that will be a big mistake.

The veterans of Kentucky will do everything in our power to see that you don't get elected again. You haven't

spoken up since the administration screwed us out of our earned retirement. We will not be duped by you again.

We now know your motto — support the veterans only at election time.

Raymond Adkins
Harned

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Health Extra

Eastern Kentucky prescription drug trade outpaces cities

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Prescription drugs are moving into Eastern Kentucky in greater volume than they do in any city, statistics show.

In an analysis of data from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, the Lexington Herald-Leader found that eastern Kentucky drugstores, hospitals and other legal outlets received more prescription painkillers than anywhere else in the nation on a per capita basis in the four-year span from 1998-2001.

The region led the nation each year between 1998-2000. In 2001, only St. Louis, home to many oncologists and a teaching hospital, surpassed Kentucky.

Nearly half a ton of narcotics reached seven small mountain counties in the state during that four-year span — the equivalent of one-eighth of an ounce for every adult who lives there.

"I can't imagine that

Kentucky has any more pain than Detroit has. There's something going on," April Vallerand, an assistant professor at Detroit's Wayne State University who serves on pain advisory panels.

said.

Courts and hospitals are overwhelmed. The newspaper found that possession and trafficking charges for all controlled substances jumped 348 percent in eastern Kentucky from 1997

passed Kentucky, driven by large increases in the amount of OxyContin and of morphine, which is widely used to treat pain after surgery.

St. Louis is home to many oncologists, plus a teaching hospital, which accounts for some of its numbers, said Susan McCann, administrator of the Missouri Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

One Appalachian pain specialist suggested that Eastern Kentucky, with its older population, many injured coal miners and high rates of lung cancer, might need large amounts of narcotics to treat legitimate pain sufferers.

"An older population with more chronic disease and more chronic pain would, of course, explain at least part of the need for more pain meds," said Dr. Philip Fisher, head of the Huntington, W.Va.-based Appalachian Pain Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Fisher and other pain specialists argue that law enforcement intimidates too many doctors into avoiding the use of OxyContin to treat pain. The American Pain Foundation, a non-profit that lobbies for better access to pain treatment, says that 33 million to 125 million Americans suffer from under-treated pain — a claim other experts find hard to believe.

"Pain in the butt, I can believe," said Clayton, laughing at the suggestion that more than 40 percent of Americans are in pain.

It ought to be easy to tell the difference between legitimate sufferers and addicts, Vallerand

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"My patients with pain take these drugs so they can go back out and do the things that are important in their lives," Vallerand said. "My addicted population takes them to escape."

Richard Clayton, an addiction expert who heads the University of Kentucky's Center for Prevention Research, said the problem is already out of control.

"This may be the first epidemic — if it is an epidemic — that started in rural areas," he

through 2001, while admissions of prescription-drug addicts to residential drug-treatment centers tripled from 1998 to 2001.

Eastern Kentucky counties led the nation in per capita narcotics distribution in 1998, 1999 and 2000, the newspaper found. In 2001, the St. Louis area

Race for attorney general likely to carry record price-tag

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANKFORD — The race for Kentucky attorney general could become the most expensive ever for the office.

In the first weeks of his campaign, Rep Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, raised \$277,327, far more than his longer-running opponents in the May 20 Democratic primary, former Attorney General Chris Gorman of Louisville and state Auditor Ed Hatchett of Frankfort.

Stumbo, who already has raised more than a quarter of the total raised in the record-setting 1995 attorney general's race, said his fund-raising goal for the primary is \$500,000.

That would surpass Fred Cowan, who spent a record \$442,702 to win the 1987 nomination and then was elected. In the primary, Cowan and fellow Louisville Todd Hollenbach spent a total of \$536,243, also a record.

Stumbo has never run statewide but enjoys name recognition as House majority leader for the last 18 years.

Stumbo amassed so much in about 40 days of active fund raising that his collections exceeded the \$268,500 raised in about 25 days by Attorney General Ben Chandler, the leading Democratic candidate for governor.

"There's going to be a lot of people in the governor's race," Stumbo said. "I don't want to get lost in the shuffle."

Gorman, who has been raising money for two years has reported collecting \$106,548, plus \$12,093 from himself. Hatchett, who has been doing fund raising for a year and eased up in the past three months, has reported raising \$60,249.

On Dec. 31, the end of the latest reporting period, Stumbo had \$256,391 in the bank, compared with \$99,424 for Gorman and \$46,474 for Hatchett.

Hatchett said his fund-raising goal is \$200,000, and he is banking on the regard he has built with "rank and file Democrats" in seven years as auditor.

"I think the Democratic Party believes I represent a future that it should embrace," he said. "That's what I hope I can use to trump the money."

Gorman declined to say what his goal is but said he is running on his record as attorney general.

"There's no question we'll have the amount of money" needed, Gorman said.

Attorney Tom Handy of London that fall.

Chandler spent a record \$778,372 to gain the office in 1995, when he was auditor. He was unopposed in 1999.

The attorney general's office has become a political stepping-stone, now that lieutenant governors are no longer elected separately from governors. That change was made in 1992.

In 1995, the candidates for attorney general spent \$1,046,628, a record that probably will be broken this year in light of the Democrats' spending predictions and Republicans' intention to field a strong candidate for an office they have not won since 1943.

State Rep. Tim Feeley, R-Crestwood, entered the race last week. State Republican Chairman Ellen Williams introduced Feeley, indicating party leaders' preference for him over Jack Wood of Louisville, a former district judge in southern Kentucky.

The next most powerful position behind the governor is the attorney general.

Collins to speak at transportation conference

LEXINGTON — Hubert Collins, chair of the state House Transportation Committee, will speak at the 25th annual Kentucky Transportation Conference.

The conference, held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington, begins today and ends Friday.

The conference, "Changing Needs in a Changing World," will bring local, regional state and national leaders together to focus on problems and opportunities facing Kentucky in terms of transportation, economic opportunity and quality of life.

A highlight of the conference will be a Friday noon session that will feature all of the major gubernatorial candidates discussing their objectives for the state.

During a Thursday morning session, the conference will discuss the status of funding for transportation programs. John Horsley, executive director for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, will

Stumbo, who has considered entering the last two races for governor, said that is part of his reason for seeking the office.

"I've always had a strong interest in my party, and that was part of the equation," Stumbo said, adding that his strongest motivation is to use the office to fight drugs.

Gorman also cited drugs as an issue but said his top concern is "integrity and character and the ability to have the moral authority to lead."

Hatchett has several ideas for the attorney general's office, including protecting the public from corporate misdeeds and computer crime, tasks to which he said he could bring his experience as auditor and banking commissioner.

He said he wants to increase the share of the office's budget that is devoted to prosecution, offer free advice on "end-of-life matters" and "smart-growth" initiatives, and act as a collection agent for money owed the state. He said he might convene grand juries to gather evidence about environmental disasters.

discuss prospects for reauthorization of airport, highway and public transit programs.

Thursday evening, U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning will discuss national security and the outlook for transportation on the national level.

Other speakers will include Gov. Paul Patton; Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters; state Transportation Secretary James C. Codell III; state Justice Secretary Ishmon Burks; Jose Sepulveda, administrator of the Kentucky Division of the Federal Highway Administration; J.M. Yowell, state highway engineer; John Carr, deputy state highway engineer for intermodal planning; and Mike Hancock, deputy state highway engineer for program planning and management.

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Law enforcement reports growing amount of driving while using drugs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Law enforcement officials say Eastern Kentucky's raging prescription-drug problem is changing the face of a DUI.

"Everybody you're looking at now is a pillhead," said former Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young, who left office last month. "In the last couple of years, it's gotten a whole lot worse. Everybody's pilling."

County after county has seen explosive growth in "drugged" driving, a signal that the abuse of narcotics now rivals — or even surpasses — the abuse of alcohol.

"Hell, the day of the old-fashioned drunks on the road is about over," said Flatwoods Police Chief Buddy Gallion.

Gallion said more than half of his DUI arrests now involve drugs.

Last June, 24 of 27 DUI cases in Martin District Court involved drugs, not alcohol, court records show.

In 2000, Martin, Laurel and Clay became the first Kentucky counties in which drug-related DUI charges outnumbered alcohol-related DUIs, state records show.

In the last several years, eastern Kentucky has become a poster-board for the abuse of legal prescription painkillers, such as OxyContin and Vicodin. Nearly half a ton of narcotics reached six small mountain counties from 1998 to 2001 — the equivalent of three-quarters of a pound for every adult who lives there.

In an analysis of federal data, the Lexington Herald-Leader found that, on a per capita basis, eastern Kentucky drugstores, hospitals and other legal outlets received more prescription

painkillers than anywhere else in the nation.

The abuse reflects in the number of people seeking residential treatment for painkiller addiction — it nearly tripled from 1998 through 2001, according to Scott Walker, the substance abuse program director for Mountain Comprehensive Care in Prestonsburg.

Prescription-drug abuse has been "slow and insidious over the years; the last three or four years, it's been overwhelming," Walker said.

Law enforcement says the increase of abusers has created problems with DUI arrests.

Quick, easy Breathalyzer tests, routine in drunken-driving arrests, will not work in drug cases.

Instead, drivers' blood samples

must go to the state crime lab, where a nine-month backlog jeopardizes prosecutions in some counties.

Clay County Attorney Clay Bishop Jr. said that more than a few drug-related DUIs have been dismissed because of delayed test results.

State court officials have recommended that DUI cases be processed within 60 to 90 days, Bishop said.

"We try to leave it on the docket for as long as possible, but after nine or 10 months, if a defense attorney is worth anything he'll move to dismiss," Bishop said.

The Kentucky State Police crime lab has a backlog of about 6,000 drug-identification cases that will take about nine months to process, said Lt. Lisa Rudzinski,

an agency spokeswoman.

The last General Assembly approved the hiring of 25 new lab analysts, Rudzinski said. Eleven were hired before tight budgets forced a state government job freeze, she said.

"We anticipate that backlog to diminish, depending on what happens to the budget when the legislature meets," she said.

Though state records show significant growth in drug-related DUIs across Kentucky during the late '90s, the problem was particularly acute in eastern Kentucky.

In 2000, one out of every three motorists stopped on a first-offense DUI in eastern Kentucky was alleged to be impaired by drugs, not alcohol.

In the rest of the state, the figure was one out of every 10.

Patton says state could make 'quantum leap' with taxes

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Paul Patton on Tuesday described his idea of higher business taxes as a chance for Kentucky to "make a quantum leap" past states that decide to retrench in bad economic times.

He said the alternative was to make deep cuts in state government, including health care and possibly education — cuts to which the public would become numb and accepting and whose results would only be evident in years to come.

"Other states, on average, are in worse shape than we are," Patton said in a speech to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. "It's the greatest opportunity we'll ever have to make a quantum leap relative to our sister states. If we don't go back, a lot of them will," and Kentucky can pass them.

Aides said Patton's remarks were a preview of a budget address he plans to deliver to the General Assembly on Feb. 5, the day after legislators return to the Capitol to resume a 30-day, off-year session. Patton says the state needs \$500 million more in

revenue to keep up with its "commitments" in Medicaid, prisons and the like.

Speaking without notes, but with a tone of urgency that sometimes lapsed into hyperbole, Patton said "people will die on the streets" and that "in July the lights are going to go out" if government spending in the fiscal year that begins July 1 has to be cut to fit within current rates of tax revenue.

Afterward, Patton told reporters his remark about death alluded to cuts in Medicaid.

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to explain how budget officials had reached the \$50 billion to \$60 billion range for war costs, or why it was less in current dollars than the 43-day gulf war in 1991.

In other words, trust us, Daniels's estimate must be better than the nonperson Lindsey's because ... well, because Lindsey is a nonperson. Here's how Daniels put it: "That wasn't a budget estimate. It was more of a historical benchmark than any analysis of what a conflict today might entail." My best translation of that is: Lindsey was delirious when he talked about the cost of war.

There were other comforting aspects of post-Lindsey cost estimating. The money for the war won't upset the 2004 budget, and it won't be part of the 2003 \$355 billion military budget (a record figure). Rather, it will be appropriated by Congress as an emergency expenditure. I sometimes wonder why the whole budget isn't just labeled "emergency expenditure" so we can be done with all our fiscal problems.

Only a curmudgeonly tax-paying tightwad would point out that the long-suffering productive classes will cough up the money no matter what the

government calls it.

The intellectual world a few years ago moved into what is called the postmodernist phase. That's more or less the view that reality has no firm identity and that it is available for molding according to personal, class, or cultural interests. Thus we are told that even "male" and "female" are merely social constructs or conventions.

But the intellectuals have nothing on the politicians and bureaucrats. Government has been in a postmodernist phase for many decades. This is most clear when it writes its budgets. Revenue and spending figures have one objective: to sell the program. When the medical socializers wanted to get Medicare passed, they issued cost estimates that we now know were ludicrous. According to Medicare historian Sue Blevins, in 1965 the government said the hospital part of the program would cost \$9 billion in 1990. What it really cost was \$66 billion. Adjusted for inflation, the estimate was off by 165 percent. Not bad for government work.

The point is, the government budget is not an honest estimate of uncertain future costs. It's a political document

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designed to advance an agenda. It is inherently dishonest. Anyone want to bet on whether Lindsey or Daniels has the better estimate on the cost of the war?

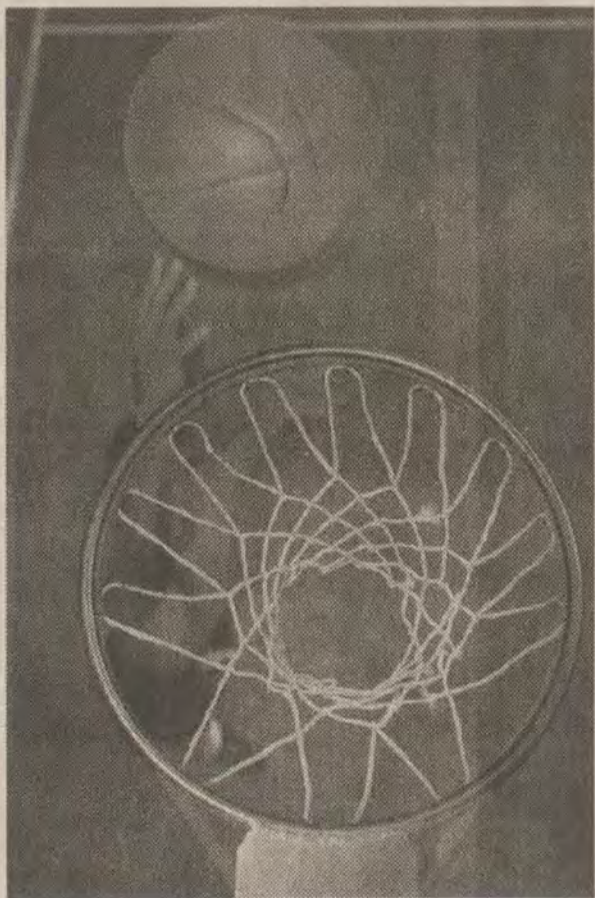
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Virgil Slone

Virgil Slone, age 73, of Hi Hat, married 54 years to Joyce Ray Slone, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

He was born April 24, 1929, in Ligon, the son of the late William and Sadie Newsome Slone. He was a retired coal miner after having worked for 30 years, and was a member and deacon of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, for 23 1/2 years, and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

In addition to his wife, Joyce, he is survived by two sons, Lowell Vernon (Ruth) Slone of Ligon, and Virgil Jr. (Robin) Slone, of Hi Hat; four daughters, Joan Slone and Debbie Slone, both of Hi Hat, Henrietta (Jimmy) Gibson of Ligon, and Joetta Salisbury of Minnie; four brothers, Adrian Slone of Rockwood, Michigan, Bill Gene Slone of David, and Hershell Slone and Elmer Slone, both of Ligon; seven grandchildren, Margaret Bentley, Tara McCoy, Tia Salisbury, Tiana Slone, Margie Gibson, Bryan Salisbury and Wesley Slone; and two great-grandchildren, Kitana Bentley and David Bentley.

Funeral services for Virgil Slone were conducted Sunday, January 19, at 11 a.m., in the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat. The family entrusted the services to Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Pallbearers: Ricky Dean Slone, Eric Ousley, Greg Slone, Denver Ray Slone, William Lee Slone, June Bug Slone, Larry Ray, Johnny Ray, and Richie Slone.

(Paid obituary)

Preston Nichols

Preston Nichols, age 68, of Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, January 16, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

He was born April 28, 1934, in Prestonsburg, a son of the late Tobe and Martha (Stricklin) Nichols.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was retired from the Ky. and West Virginia Gas Company, where he was a foreman.

He is survived by his wife, Verline (Calhoun) Nichols.

Other survivors include one daughter, Tammy White of Indianapolis, Indiana; and one grandchild, Dylan Bradley.

He was a Mason, a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, at Prestonsburg; a member of Prestonsburg Chapter No. 182, of Prestonsburg; Fred W. McKenzie Council No. 98 of Paintsville; Paintsville Commandery No. 48 of Paintsville; and was a Shriner, a member of El Hasa Temple at Ashland.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 20, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where Masonic services were held Sunday, January 19.

(Paid obituary)



Eliza Doll Dusina

Eliza Doll Dusina, age 87, of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Wheelwright, widow of Tom Dusina, passed away Friday, January 17, 2003, at the Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

She was born September 17, 1915, in Tennessee, the daughter of the late George Cupp and Eliza Wyrck Cupp. She was a homemaker and a member of the original Church of God, of Lexington, North Carolina.

Survivors include four sons, Carlton Dusina of Barbourville, Jerry Dusina of Lavona, Michigan, Tommy Dusina of Hartselle, Alabama, and Glen Dusina of Lexington, North Carolina; five daughters, Reba Hieschfield of Sanford, North Carolina, Janice Johnson of Lexington, North Carolina, Donna Helton of Athens, Alabama, Mary Barrett of Lexington, Kentucky, Myra Smith of Taylor, Michigan; one brother, Ed Cupp of Cincinnati, Ohio; 65 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Jean Weiss.

Funeral services for Eliza Doll Dusina were conducted Sunday, January 19, in the Hall Funeral Chapel, Martin, with Earnest Brock officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Tommy Dusina, Billy Helton, Jerry Dusina, Roy Dusina, Glen Dusina and Steve Micuos.

(Paid obituary)

Kenneth Ray "Kicky" Manns

Kenneth Ray "Kicky" Manns, 45, of Allen, died Friday, January 17, 2003, in Ohio.

Born December 29, 1957, in Martin, he was the son of the late Ethel Manns (natural mother); and adoptive parents, the late Tom and Sally Ellen Manns. (He was blessed to have two mothers.) He was a disabled laborer.

Survivors include two sons, John Wayne Manns of Wayland, and Christopher Lee Manns of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Louannie Birdie Manns and Monica Betty Louise Manns, both of Prestonsburg; four sisters, Verna Johnson, Deanna Reynolds, and Deborah Stephens, all of Allen, and Sophia Blackburn of Martin; and one granddaughter, Jeonna Tyshay Manns.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Ray Manns; three brothers, Mitchell Manns, James Manns, and Junior Manns; and five sisters, Edna Blackburn, Anita Manns, Ethel Manns, and two infants.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Tom Blackburn, Henry Lewis and Denver Meade officiating.

Burial was in the Hicks Cemetery at Hippo, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

James Edward Carey

James Edward Carey, age 78, of Allen, passed away on Friday, January 17, 2003, in the Riverview Health Care Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.

He was born on July 10, 1924, at Allen, the son of the late Orville F. Carey and Nelle Clark Carey.

He was a railroad employee and a veteran of the United States Army, having served in World War II, and was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church at Allen, and a member and past master of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, at Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Edison Carey.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Williamson Carey.

Masonic funeral services were conducted Sunday evening, at the funeral home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 20, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Ken LeMaster and David Flannery officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel. The family entrusted the services to Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Members of the Cow Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

(Paid obituary)

Dora Belle Webb Nelson

Dora Belle Webb Nelson, 68, of East Point, died Saturday, January 18, 2003, at Highlands Regional Health Center.

Born August 13, 1934, at Bays Branch, (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late Dave Webb and Percella Tackett Webb. She was a former dental office receptionist for Dr. Garland Godsey. She was a member of the Free Pentecostal Church of God, at East Point.

She is survived by her husband, Will Nelson of East Point.

Other survivors include two brothers, Kaynard Webb of Hager Hill, and Gene Webb of East Point.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Tommy Nelson and Buster Hayton officiating.

Interment was in the Webb Family Cemetery, at East Point, with Carter Funeral Home serving the Nelson family.

(Paid obituary)

Olga Tackett Hamilton

Olga Tackett Hamilton, 72, of Teaberry, wife of the late Sterling Hamilton, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2003.

Born November 24, 1930, at Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Berry and Elvie Hamilton Tackett. She was a storekeeper and homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Scotty (Gretchen) Hamilton; a grandson whom she raised, Todd (Barbara Gail) Hamilton, both of Teaberry; three daughters, Scarlet King of Teaberry, Julia (Eugene) Hamilton of Teaberry, and Wanda (Frank) Rex of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two brothers, Sterling and Jimmy Tackett of Pikeville; two sisters, Opal Reynolds and Margie Kiser of Beaver; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Amanda Leigh King.

Funeral services for Olga Tackett Hamilton will be Wednesday, January 22, at 11 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers, Jimmy Hall, Clinton Moore, and others, officiating.

Burial will follow at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where services were held nightly.

(Paid obituary)

Mulelda Campbell

Mulelda Campbell, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 20, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born December 5, 1932, in Langley, she was the daughter of the late Neddie and Mima Samons Ousley. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Campbell.

Survivors include three sons, Gregory Dean Campbell of Dwale, Eddie Campbell of Blue River, and Stephen Campbell of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Linda Frasure of Bonanza, and Leda Kay Blackburn of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Willis Ousley and Mexico Pitts, both of Sidney, Indiana; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Ousley and Commodore Pitts; and four sisters, Verdith Ward, Gladys Wiley, Clelda Ousley and Luria Gibson.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 23, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ray Daniels, Manford Fannin, and Roger Music officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

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

Active pallbearers: Justin Campbell, Keith Stanley, Delbert Hubbard, Jason Slone, Shawn Jude, John Goble, David Webb and Danny Stamper.

(Paid obituary)

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being with us in the loss of our loved one, Abe Sparks. Whether you visited, sent a card or flowers, you helped comfort us.

A special thanks to Dr. Charles F. Arnett for your professional services. Also, a special thanks to Lucille Sparks for the care that you gave to Dad.

Thank-you to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and humble services. When death comes to our home, it's friends like you that help us through our sorrow.

I would also like to apologize for the day of the funeral, when the obituary was read, by leaving off the names of two step-grandchildren, Ekel and John Meade.

Thank you,
Phyllis Sparks

Card of Thanks

The family of Arcolas Boyd Allen would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families, who helped during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Dennis Love, for his comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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The family of Bill "Crush" Dingus would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to all the family and friends who sent flowers and helped to comfort us in any way. A special thanks to Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

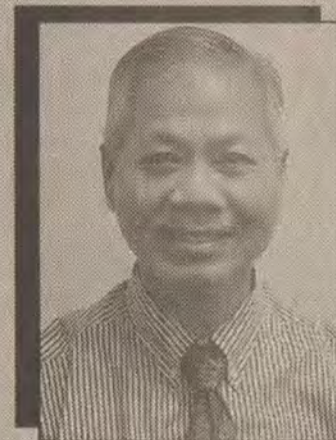
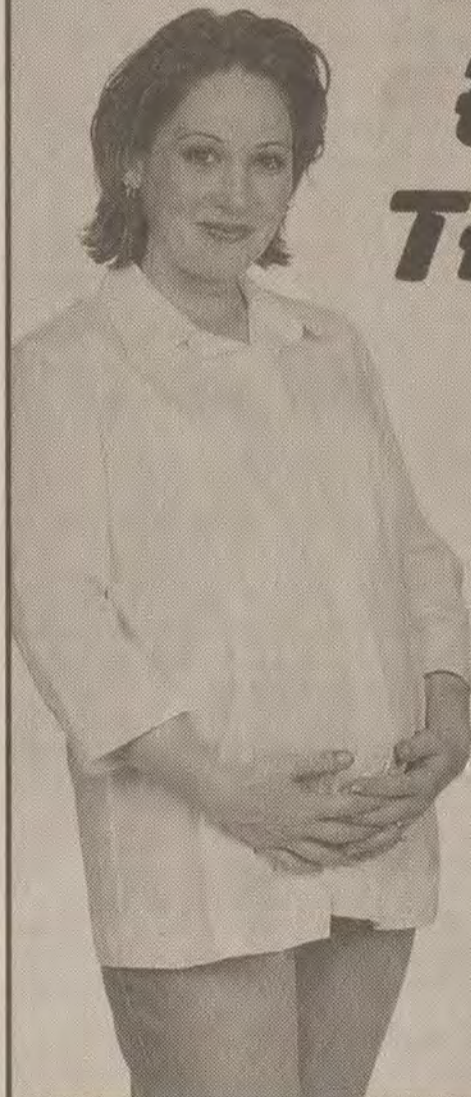
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Card of Thanks

The family of Palestine Stumbo Vanderpool would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Clinton Moore for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Majority of Ky voters favor 75-cent cigarette tax increase

Voters support cigarette tax to help balance state budget, fund tobacco prevention and health-care.

As state leaders wrestle with the estimated \$500 million budget deficit, a new poll shows that a strong majority of Kentucky voters support a significant increase in the state's cigarette tax to fund tobacco prevention, and help cover the state's rising bill for providing Medicaid services.

Six out of ten Kentucky voters (60 percent) support a 75-cent per pack increase in the state's cigarette tax, with part of the revenue dedicated to funding Medicaid health services. This support

comes from a broad-based coalition of voters, including 59 percent of Republican, 60 percent of Democrats and 60 percent of independents. Thirty-seven (37) percent of voters oppose a 75-cent increase in the cigarette tax.

The survey of 500 registered Kentucky voters was released recently by Kentucky Health Investment for Kids (KHIC). KHIC is a coalition of health, education, community, and faith organizations dedicated to raising the state excise tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products to protect our kids. KHIC's more than 170 member groups, including the American Cancer Society,

American Heart Association and American Lung Association of Kentucky, expressed support for an increase in Kentucky's cigarette tax by 75-cents per pack, and recommended that a portion of the tax revenue be dedicated to tobacco prevention efforts and Medicaid services.

In announcing its results, the coalition declared the tobacco tax a WIN, WIN, WIN for Kentucky. An increase in the state's cigarette excise tax is a win for public health, a win for the state's fiscal health, and a win for the political health of politicians who support it.

Julie Brackett, director of Advocacy for the American Heart Association and KHIC coalition chair, said raising the tobacco tax will result in long-term benefits for Kentucky residents. "The cigarette tax is a proven strategy to protect thousands of Kentucky kids from tobacco addiction while, at the same time, helping the state address the budget crisis and protect vital programs," Brackett continued. "The state legislature should listen to the people of Kentucky, and act quickly to increase the cigarette tax."

The poll found that increasing the cigarette tax is the most palatable approach to addressing Kentucky's budget woes. A majority of voters (55 percent) say they favor increasing the tobacco tax to help deal with the state budget deficit. Fewer Kentucky voters support other tax increases or spending cuts that may be necessary to address the budget deficit, including increasing the state sales tax (21 percent), increasing the income tax (19 percent), reducing funding for health care programs (12 percent), reducing funding for education (10 percent) or reducing funding for Medicaid (9 percent).

"Among the options that are on the table, increasing the tobacco tax is a preferred solution to the state's revenue crisis," said Dimitri Pantazopoulos of the polling firm Market Strategies Inc.

The poll also shows that Kentucky voters will express their support for a cigarette tax increase at the voting booth. By a margin of 55 percent to 31 percent, voters would look favorably on a candidate for state office who supports the tobacco tax over one who opposes it. Again, this strong preference crosses party lines as Democrats, Republicans and independents choose the candidate who supports increasing the cigarette tax over the candidate who opposes it.

Even more dramatically, a significant number of voters from both parties are willing to cross partisan lines to vote for a candidate of the opposite party who supports the cigarette tax.

The voters surveyed would favor a Democrat who supports the tax over a Republican who opposes it by a margin of 51 percent to 30 percent. This includes 38 percent of Republicans who would cross over to the Democrat. Likewise, voters would favor a Republican who supports the tax over a Democrat who opposes it by a margin of 47 percent to 31 percent. This includes 37 percent of Democrats who would cross over and vote for the Republican who acts to increase the cigarette tax.

"Clearly, the public views the cigarette tax in a separate category from income or other taxes. Therefore, they are not inclined to punish lawmakers who support even a substantial cigarette tax increase," said Pantazopoulos. "In fact, they are more likely to reward these legislators with their support."

Kentucky currently has the second lowest cigarette tax in the country at 3 cents per pack, while the health care costs attributable to smoking amount to \$1.90 for every pack of cigarettes sold in the state. "By increasing the cigarette tax, Kentucky will reduce smoking, save lives and help offset the rising health care costs caused by smoking," said Brackett.

A large body of economic research, numerous expert panels, experience in other states, and even reports from the tobacco industry, have concluded decisively that price increases effectively reduce smoking, especially among youth. The U.S. Surgeon General, in the 2000 report,

Reducing Tobacco Use, concluded raising cigarette taxes is widely regarded as one of the most effective tobacco prevention strategies, and that such increases would lead to "substantial long-run improvements in health." Analysis by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids shows that a 75-cent increase in Kentucky's cigarette tax would save approximately 40,000 Kentucky kids alive today from the death, addiction and disease caused by tobacco use. Based on current tobacco sales in Kentucky, the additional revenue from another 75-cents per pack would provide the state with an immediate boost of more than \$300 million in the first year alone.

Three Tips for a Healthy Lifestyle, Losing Weight

Obesity affects nearly one-third of the American population - about 60 million people - according to the American Obesity Association, and the number of overweight and obese people has been increasing since 1960.

Are you one of them? Today, about 127 million people are categorized as being overweight or obese, according to the American Obesity Association. Each year, at least 300,000 deaths in the United States are caused by obesity, with adult American health care costs reaching about \$100 billion.

The good news is some simple lifestyle changes can make a big difference in the way you look and feel. Here are some tips to help you lose weight:

■ Avoid fad diets. Ads describing a miraculous way to lose weight quickly are posted everywhere - television, magazines, billboards, flyers posted on your car windshield and pop-ups on the Internet - but that doesn't mean they are true.

■ Assess your behavior and your environment. The amount of food you eat and your physical activity habits are important factors in controlling weight. Today's society - dominated by speed and convenience - provides high-calorie, fattening foods and ways to avoid being active via escalators, elevators and remote controls.

■ Adopt healthy habits. Work in at least 30 minutes of moderate activity most days of

the week. Consult your physician or health advisor and follow a nutritious, modified eating plan, such as with the Medifast weight management program. The program helps you lose the weight, keep it off and change your lifestyle through its variety of meal replacement products. Meals include shakes, bars, soups, crackers, oatmeal and even hot cocoa. They are heart-healthy and contain soy protein.

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Ohio Tornado Demonstrates Need for Safer Buildings

Children and parents were exiting the movie "The Santa Clause 2" on Nov. 10, 2002, when theater manager Scott Shaffer got word that a tornado was bearing down on the Twin Cinemas in Van Wert, Ohio.

With little time to think, Shaffer directed the movie patrons into the restrooms located next to the lobby. Here, safe

inside the concrete masonry walls of the cinema's toilet areas, 55 patrons, along with the theater management, survived a storm that ripped away the entire structure where they had been sitting only moments before.

One of the most destructive storms to hit the state in recent years, the F-4 tornado plowed a path through the cinema demolishing one theater and lifting portions of roof or walls of two others. (Tornadoes are measured by the Fujita Scale. An F-4 tornado has wind speeds from 207 to 260 mph.)

But the concrete masonry structure that shielded the town's youngsters from danger remained solidly in place. Shaffer's decision to move the children to the portion of the Van Wert cinema surrounded by concrete masonry walls saved lives.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages the addition of safe haven areas constructed of strong, impact resistant materials, such as concrete masonry, within

homes and other structures located in tornado- and hurricane-prone areas.

Experts at the National Concrete Masonry Association, who have developed tornado safe room designs, say the national trend toward lighter commercial construction and less restrictive building codes has resulted in numerous structures like the demolished theater in Van Wert.

"Our public places must be made safer. Building codes that allow trade-offs and less durable building materials are not in the best interests of the public," said Mark B. Hogan, president of the National Concrete Masonry Association. "A change in building codes is long overdue. Citizens can and should demand the equivalent protection of concrete masonry in construction by asking elected congressional representatives to support and influence the development of new and more restrictive testing of wall materials."

Citizens can contact their elected representatives at www.ncma.org/saferbuildings.

Four uncommon ways to grow your business

A company's success is a combination of the success of its individuals, according to Sunny Kobe Cook, author of "Common Things Uncommon Ways."

Cook began her career as a secretary, moved into sales and ultimately started her own mattress retail business. As founder of Sleep Country USA, she was named Inc. Magazine's Northwest Entrepreneur of the Year. She was featured on the cover of Washington CEO magazine when her company was the first retailer to ever be recognized as "Best Place to Work."

Her business was so successful that she sold it and retired at age 42. Now she shares the principles and practices responsible for her success with other business people. Additionally, through the Kobe Foundation, she funds grants to expand the education of the nation's youth beyond the scope of the classroom.

If you are looking for ways to build a successful business team, take these tips Cook offers in her book:

■ Hire employees based on your weaknesses. Do this each time you consider hiring a new person and you will hire not only the right person for the job but also the right person to help your company grow to the next level. If you continually hire to fill your weaknesses, you will find it easier to delegate. You'll

readily hand over the tasks and responsibilities you know can be handled more effectively by someone else.

■ Understand what really motivates employees. Recognition, a sense of contribution and a sense of belonging help create loyal employees who naturally deliver great customer service. Find ways to catch employees doing things right, then recognize them for it.

■ Make perception a reality. Employees deliver service equal to how they perceive themselves and their role in their organization. For example, instead of giving delivery people toolboxes, give them briefcases and business cards. As a result, rather than viewing themselves as manual laborers, they take on the attitude of delivery professionals who are proud to work for your company.

■ Create a fun working environment. Healthy and fun work environments improve productivity while reducing absenteeism as well as employee turnover. Recognize employees by making certificates, creating whimsical posters, circulating greeting cards or tying colorful balloons to employees' chairs. Don't forget to display recognition publicly - from company newsletters to the Web site to a "Good News" board in the office entrance.

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Odds

must shave their chins clean. "I love it. It's just something different. We've all talked about it," Officer Robert A. Young said.

A few weeks ago, Officer Theodore Bonnayer, president of the local officers union, approached Frydryk about the issue and the two came up with "A Hair-raising (Hair-razing?) Event for the Jimmy Fund."

Frydryk said the contest will boost department morale,

involve the community, and raise money to fight cancer. The chief himself plans to compete himself.

Officer Erin F. Sullivan likes the contemporary look of a goatee. "It shows our chief is progressive and open to new ideas," he said.

State Ethics Commission guidelines prohibit officers from collecting donations while on duty, but they may hand out donation forms. The fund is part of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Bruce Mutter, an associate professor of architectural engineering.

■ **RACINE, Wis.** — No wonder they call it the wise old owl.

This one outsmarted officials at the Racine zoo and the state Department of Natural Resources.

They didn't realize why the owl in front of Angie Anderson's house wasn't moving and appeared injured: It was a real fake.

A few days after Christmas, a zoo official carrying a large net and a snare knocked on her door.

"And he said, 'I just wanted to let you know I'm going to be out front trying to catch this injured owl,'" Andersen said. "I just broke out laughing. I told him it was a fake owl."

She bought the owl at Wal-Mart two years ago for \$14.99.

Since she moved to a busy corner in October, people have stopped to stare, including the zoo official, who thought the owl was real - and injured.

Anderson pulled it out of the ground to reveal the metal legs that push into the ground. The zoo official laughed and drove away.

A couple days later, a DNR conservation warden stopped by and told Andersen that someone had complained and that he needed to check out the owl.

He didn't think it was real, but he needed to see whether feathers came from a real owl. Possessing owl feathers violates the federal Migratory Bird Act. Owl and wildlife experts determined they were dyed chicken feathers.

He returned the owl to Andersen and suggested she not put it back in the front yard, because bird-lovers could think it's inappropriate.

But she didn't give a hoot about his advice.

"I put it right back out there when I got it back," Andersen said.

She has since put up a sign that reads, "This is not a real owl."

Patton

"When people don't get health services, ... probably some of them are going to die early," he said. Asked if he was prepared to shut down state government, Patton was noncommittal.

So was Patton's audience — about 90 business people who gave the lame-duck governor a cordial reception and a cautious but not overtly critical response to his proposal to replace the corporate income tax and license fee with a "business activity tax" that

could be less easily avoided.

Bob Quick, the chamber's president and chief executive officer, encouraged the group to dig into Patton's proposal and learn its implications for themselves and their community.

Tony Sholar, a vice president and lobbyist for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, said businesses are wary of losing any competitive edge. "If the economy is down, we've got to be cautious how we approach busi-

ness," he said.

Patton's approach Tuesday was to try to drum up corporate support for use with the General Assembly.

He recalled how former chairmen of Ashland Oil, Humana Inc. and United Parcel Service — John R. Hall, David Jones and "Oz" Nelson, respectively — promoted reforms of public schools and higher education in the 1990s.

But at that time, corporate taxes raised about \$350 million a year and constituted about 10 percent of the General Fund. By 2002, because of changes in federal tax law, Patton said corporate income taxes contributed \$320 million to the General Fund and made up 5 percent of the total.

"If somebody in the business community doesn't step forward ... that legislature will cut the bone out of government and go home and get re-elected on it," Patton said. "If you all aren't going to get engaged, it's not going to happen. ... The future of Kentucky is literally in your hands — the people in this room and the people like you all across the state."

Patton has been operating state government on his own "spending plan" since July 1 because the General Assembly last year failed to enact a biennial budget. Patton plans to ride out the current fiscal year and send the legislature a one-year budget for fiscal 2004, which begins July 1.

Kentucky's economic outlook improved a bit in recent days. The group of economists that makes the state's official revenue forecast revised its figures upward by \$94 million for the current year and by \$5 million for the next. Even at that, however, current rates of revenue would fall \$75.4 million short of what Patton's spending plan is based on this year and \$181.3 million short for 2004.



U.S. Marine Pvt. Kermit E. Dailey Jr.

Dailey graduates U.S. Marine Corp training

Pvt. Kermit E. Dailey Jr., the son of Kermit and Nesba Dailey, of Ligon, graduated Marine Corp training on Friday, December 20, 2002. U.S. Marine Pvt. Dailey was stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina during training exercises and graduation exercises were also conducted at the Parris Island base. Following graduation, Pvt. Dailey returned home to Floyd County to visit with his family during the Christmas holidays. He has now returned to South Carolina where he will undergo training to become a military policeman.

■ **BLUEFIELD, W.Va.** — Building a snowman is usually carefree child's play, but for the engineering department at Bluefield State College, it's an exact science.

After decades of research and development, members of the department have worked out 10 surefire steps for creating the perfect snowman.

It begins with baseline conditions - at least 2 inches of wet snow covering a large flat surface preferably a front yard.

Construction should start at the base by rolling a ball approximately 3 feet in diameter, said Josh Hamilton, a senior at BSC. Another ball 2 feet in diameter must be centered on top of the first.

For the head, roll a ball 1 foot in diameter and place it on top. Two sticks measuring about 2 1/2-feet long must be inserted halfway up either side of the center ball.

The next, and very important, step is to give the snowman an identity.

Five rocks must be arranged on the top snowball in a semi-circle or arc to create a smile. Place two slightly larger rocks above the smile to form eyes.

A fresh carrot is mandatory, Hamilton said. It should be placed, stem first, just above the smile and below the eyes to form a nose. Old gloves, a hat and a scarf can add an extra bit of dash.

"Building a snowman is a fun way for small kids to think of structures. It's good to know the weight of objects and what they will hold," said

Anderson pulled it out of the ground to reveal the metal legs that push into the ground. The zoo official laughed and drove away.

A couple days later, a DNR conservation warden stopped by and told Andersen that someone had complained and that he needed to check out the owl.

He didn't think it was real, but he needed to see whether feathers came from a real owl. Possessing owl feathers violates the federal Migratory Bird Act. Owl and wildlife experts determined they were dyed chicken feathers.

He returned the owl to Andersen and suggested she not put it back in the front yard, because bird-lovers could think it's inappropriate.

But she didn't give a hoot about his advice.

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COMMENTARY

Putting the fun and charm into college basketball

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

RICHMOND — Every now and then, the media types who cover the big-time college basketball programs on a regular basis should swerve off the Dick Vitale path and check out the game as it's played in a low-visibility league such as the Ohio Valley Conference. It is, in a word, refreshing.



The OVC coaches realize the players are more important than they are. The players don't worry

about doing something spectacular enough to get on ESPN's SportsCenter. The cheerleaders understand the game isn't about them.

The students go for something other than TV exposure. The public can buy tickets without taking out a second mortgage.

And — here's the real shocker — everybody seems thrilled to have the media show up. The coaches thank us for covering their game. The players are

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NAIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bears win battle of Top 10 teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 9 Pikeville College survived a night of shooting as cold as the winter breeze to knock off No. 6 Martin Methodist 71-66 before a packed house in overtime Monday night.



Senior Toni Anderson and junior Teon Knox had 16 points apiece, and both played huge roles in the win.

■ Teon Knox

Anderson, a guard from Zanesville, Ohio, hit four big three-pointers in the second half, including one to send the game to overtime.

Knox, a center from Baltimore, added 12 rebounds against the nation's top rebounding team. Entering the

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ALL-STARS

Evans, Sparks will coach Ky. All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Mercy Academy head coach Mark Evans and Muhlenberg North head mentor Steve Sparks have been named to coach the Kentucky All-Stars this summer.

Evans is in his sixth season at Mercy. He previously won two regional titles at Oldham County.

Sparks has won more than 300 games in his career, and has been to the State Tournament three times. He's also the father of Western Kentucky University standout Patrick Sparks.

The all-star games will be played June 14 at the Owensboro Sportscenter and June 21 at Conesco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Record	Pts.	Pv	6. Kansas	13-3	1,328	12	12. Maryland	10-4	873	17	18. Illinois	12-3	677	8	
1. Arizona (67)	13-1	1,795	2	7. Oklahoma	11-3	1,277	5	13. Oklahoma St.	14-1	853	24	19. Georgia	10-4	517	20
2. Pittsburg (3)	14-1	1,685	3	8. Kentucky	13-3	1,112	16	14. Indiana	13-3	833	18	20. Marquette	12-3	358	21
3. Duke (1)	12-1	1,617	1	9. Louisville	12-1	1,055	15	15. Alabama	12-3	815	9	21. Missouri	10-3	356	11
4. Texas	12-2	1,597	4	10. Creighton	15-1	1,047	13	16. Notre Dame	14-3	793	10	22. Mississippi St.	10-4	347	14
5. Florida (1)	15-2	1,543	6	11. Connecticut	11-2	1,032	6	17. Wake Forest	12-1	711	19	23. Oregon	12-4	265	22



photo by Jamie Howell

Sophomore Kim Clark (4) took a slight breather in Betsy Layne's win over Paintsville in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Monday.

Ladycats claw past Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Defending champion Betsy Layne turned back Paintsville Monday night, winning 61-39. The Ladycats, looking to repeat as 15th Region

ALL "A" CHAMPIONSHIP

All "A" Champion, began defense of its 2002 title by outscoring Paintsville in all four quarters to score the victory.

Betsy Layne got 18 points apiece from senior Natasha Stratton and junior Whitney Lykens. Tiffany Meade also

came up with a big game for the Ladycats, scoring 11 points. Eight different Betsy Layne girls scored in the game.

Betsy Layne led 13-8 at the end of the first period and 29-15

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— 15TH REGION GIRLS' ALL "A" CLASSIC —



photo by Jamie Howell

Amber Scott (20) reversed directions in Allen Central's blowout win over Piarist.

Allen Central crushes Piarist

Lady Rebels advance to meet Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Allen Central began the 2002-03 basketball season as the team favored to win this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic Girls' Basketball

Tournament. The Lady Rebels were runners-up in last season's tournament and following a 102-15 thrashing of the Piarist School Monday night, look to have something to prove in this year's tournament.

Allen Central put the game out

of Piarist's reach early on, leading 33-5 with just the first quarter gone from the game.

A total of 13 different players scored for Allen Central. Five different Allen Central girls scored

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SCORING RESULTS:

ALLEN CENTRAL (102) — Scott 2, Turner 2, Mullins 6, Harris 7, Thomas 16, K. Billter 3, Caudill 10, Isaac 8, M. Billter 4, Cline 12, Mills 7, Hunter 10, Thacker 15.

PIARIST (15) — Tackett 7, Williams 6, Dennison 2.

RECORDS—Piarist 0-11, Allen Central 9-6.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Pike Central 78, Prestonsburg 56

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Paige Lowe scored a game-high 25 points, leading the visiting Pike County Central Lady Hawks to a 78-56 win over Prestonsburg. The contest was a first game for both teams following a lengthy layoff due to recent winter weather.

(See PIKE CENTRAL, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Tabettha Witt got a hand up in the game against South Floyd when the two teams met at the Dome last week. Both squads are still alive in this year's 15th Region Girls' All "A" tourney. Betsy Layne is the defending champion. South Floyd was runner-up to Pikeville in 2001.

ALL "A"

Three of four remaining "A" teams Floyd County squads

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — When action resumes in the 15th Region All "A" Classic Girls' Basketball Tournament tonight at Pikeville High School, the majority of the crowd in attendance will

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Grigsby included in Trease's UK book

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Talk with Floyd County resident Pete Grigsby on the subject of University of Kentucky basketball and stories and countless recollections can be heard for hours and hours. A couple of Grigsby's stories are featured in Tales From the Kentucky Hardwood, a book written by WKYT-TV anchor/reporter Denny Trease. Trease was the play-by-play "voice of Kentucky basketball" on television from 1972 to 1980.

Grigsby was a graduate of tiny Martin High School, and after starting four years at the Floyd County high school, signed to play basketball for Coach Adolph Rupp and the University of Kentucky in 1953 when the leg-

(See GRIGSBY, page two)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Gilliam resigns from PC grid post

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College has accepted the resignation of football coach John Gilliam.

Gilliam, an alumnus of Prestonsburg High School, was announced as the school's second coach on January 2. However, citing his desire to move back

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delighted to be interviewed. The sports information directors actually seem to view us as something more than a nuisance, a necessary evil, or, as the coaches pointedly call us, a "distraction."

The difference between the "haves" and "have nots" was readily apparent to anybody who had the staying power to attend last Saturday afternoon's nationally-televised Kentucky-Notre Dame game in Rupp Arena and that night's Hazard-televised Morehead-Eastern

game in Richmond.

The announced crowd of 5,580 in McBrayer Coliseum was Eastern's largest since 1987, but only about a quarter of the mob that attended UK-Notre Dame earlier in the day. The Morehead buses were parked outside. In the OVC, a plane trip is about as rare as a day without obligations for UK Coach Tubby Smith.

At half-time of the UK-Notre Dame game, the members of the Cats' 1978 NCAA champions were introduced and cheered in

honor of their 25th anniversary. At half-time of the Morehead-Eastern game, the main attraction was a new head football coach, Danny Hope, who's an Eastern alum and too young to be eligible for Social Security, a novel concept in the Blue Grass. Morehead Coach Kyle Macy, the revered leader of UK's '78 championship team, played Hamlet all week. Should he attend the half-time ceremonies

at Rupp and miss his team's shoot-around in McBrayer? Or should he skip the glorious scene in Lexington to be with his team?

Macy definitely was leaning toward skipping the half-time ceremony at Rupp until he had a talk on Friday night with Joe B. Hall, his coach at UK.

Thinking that Hall probably would tell him that his team came first, Macy explained his

conflict. "Kyle," said Hall, smiling. "Don't overestimate the importance of the head coach."

So Macy stayed and received the huge ovation he deserved. When he didn't show up for the shoot-around, his players saw an opportunity to give him some guff.

Were they upset by his absence?

"No comment," said senior guard Maurice Sykes, an excellent player who hasn't done as many interviews in his career as UK's Keith Bogans does in a week.

Did they feel slighted? "No comment," said the stone-faced Sykes, while teammates Ricky Minard and Chez Marks giggled in the background.

Then Sykes finally broke into a grin.

"He talked with us all week about what he should do," Sykes said. "But when he decided to go, that's fine with us. But I doubt that he would be as understanding if one of us missed a shoot-around."

Heading back to Richmond, Macy missed a second half in Rupp that saw UK, doing a wonderful Joe Frazier impersonation, continue to work the soft underbelly of Notre Dame's defense until it finally scored a TKO. The Irish have a splendid point guard in Chris Thomas and a deadly perimeter shooter in Matt Carroll, but their inside game is so weak that UK outscored the Irish, 54-20, in the

paint.

Attempting only nine three-pointers in its 65 shots, UK used Erick Daniels, Chuck Hayes, and Marquis Estill to outscore Notre Dame's starting front line, 50-18, and outbounced the Irish big men, 30-17.

"They jump-hooked us to death," said Irish coach Mike Brey. "In our league (the Big East), we don't have teams that can do that. Kentucky has bodies, and a number of them, to keep wearing you down, and they got us that way today."

In the OVC, there are no big men good enough to jump-hook a team to death.

There's such a premium on good big men that the only way a less-than-marquee program gets one is if they're lucky enough to find a late-bloomer such as, say, Western Kentucky's Chris Marcus.

On a snowy night in Richmond, the Colonels had a chance to make a major breakthrough by upsetting the league-leading Eagles. Yet even though star swingman Ricky Minard was off his game and scored only 13 points, Macy's team managed to pull out a 54-50 win because Eastern lost its poise in the last minute.

"I told my players that in a low-scoring game, every single possession is important," Eastern coach Travis Ford said. "You can't make 24 turnovers and expect to win a low-scoring game."

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Grigsby

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endary coach visited during an athletics banquet.

"All Coach Rupp had to do was wave his little finger at me, and I was ready to follow him back to Lexington. It was my dream to play for the Wildcats," Grigsby confided.

Grigsby's desire to play for the University of Kentucky was the deciding factor in his choice of college. He had an offer to go to Georgia Tech and start for the Yellowjackets as a true freshman. And that was just one of the many college offers thrown his way. He had many top-tier Division I schools sending letters and keeping in touch with him before he headed off to Lexington.

In truth, Grigsby didn't see as much time on the hardwood at the University of Kentucky as he would have liked. Grigsby notes in the book that Rupp often only played six players in a game, which made it hard for a young player like himself and others on the team to get a chance to shine. Grigsby highlights the marvelous

1953-54 season in the book. That 1953-54 team included Cliff Hagan, Jack Ramsey and Lou Tsiropoulos, among other veterans.

Grigsby, in Trease's book, tells about a vote held among players during that season which was heavily influenced by Rupp. He also recalls playing on the road against St. Louis University in the Kiel Auditorium in 1953. The Wildcats went away with the win, but had a less than easy time getting out of St. Louis.



Pete Grigsby

"We had to put our overcoats on over our warmups and jump into taxis to get out of there," notes Grigsby.

One thing the book didn't mention, but Grigsby confided in an interview Monday, is a police escort the 1953-54 team had to get out of St. Louis that cold December night.

That same game against St. Louis was the first game for a new UK basketball play-by-play announcer by the name of Cawood Ledford. The now legendary Ledford took over that night for Claude Sullivan.

From Rupp to Orlando "Tubby" Smith, many UK coaches and players are included in the UK basketball tribute book.

Grigsby, who served as a longtime high school basketball coach in Floyd County, was pleased with the way the book turned out.

"I'm well pleased with how the book came out," said Grigsby. "There's a lot of history and a lot of great stories in the book."

Grigsby also hinted at a possible sequel for the book.

A lifelong educator, Grigsby also played baseball at Kentucky where he started at third base and in the outfield.

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Ladycats

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at the half while holding Paintsville to single digits in points each of the first two periods.

Ashley Hall led Paintsville in scoring with 21 points. She was the only Lady Tiger to score in double figures. Stacy Music chipped in six points and junior Desiree Haney added five.

Tabetha Witt and Kesha Newman each had four points and Kim Clark added three for Betsy Layne. Breann Akers flipped in two and reserve guard Kristen Smith hit on a free throw to round out the scoring for Betsy Layne. The win advanced the Ladycats to the semifinals of this year's seven-team tournament.

BETSY LAYNE (61) - Lykens 18, Stratton 18, Clark 3, Meade 11, Witt 4, Newman 4, Akers 2, Smith 1.

PAINTSVILLE (39) - Hall 21, Haney 5, Moore 2, Music 6, Preston 2, Jarrell 2, Chafin 1.

RECORDS - Betsy Layne 12-2, Paintsville 5-8.

Pikeville survives scare against Phelps

Playing on its home hardwood, Pikeville held on Monday night to beat Phelps 73-63 in the final game of the first round of the Girls' 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Lady Panthers went up early, leading 26-8 at the end of the first quarter and 51-21 at the break. Phelps made a late rally in the final quarter to outscore Pikeville 28-9, making the game look closer than it actually was via the final scoring margin.

Emily Colvin paced Pikeville with a game-high 25 points, sharing the honors with a player from Phelps. Shawna Howard

finished with 18 and Samantha Howard added 15.

Nikki Smith led Phelps in scoring with 25.

PIKEVILLE (73) - McCoy 4, Dye 5, Sh. Howard 18, Sa. Howard 15, Shockey 2, Colvin 25, Rogers 2, Francisco 2.

PHELPS (63) - Wolford 10, Prater 8, Fields 10, Abbott 2, Rice 2, Schwartz 6, Smith 25.

RECORDS - Pikeville 8-7, Phelps 6-6.

Pike Central

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Lowe was one of three players to score in double figures for Pike Central. Ashley Russell finished the game with 15 points for Pike Central while Kim Coleman added 10.

Pike Central edged Prestonsburg 18-16 through one quarter, before beginning a rout in the second period. The Lady Hawks outscored the younger Prestonsburg team 21-10 in the second period to lead by 13 at the half. A 21-12 showing by Pike Central in the third period solidified the win for Coach Tammy Tussey's Hawks.

Pike Central improved to 9-6 with the win.

Eighth-grader Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg (2-11) in scoring with 22 points. Darcey Hicks added 13 and Heather White chipped in 10. Chanel Music finished with six points for the Ladycats.

PIKE CENTRAL (78) - Ratliff 9, Weddington 7, Thompson 7, Russell 15, Coleman 10, Lowe 25, Birchfield 2, Brown 3.

PRESTONSBURG (56) - Slone 22, Music 6, Harris 2, Hicks 13, Whitaker 2, White 10, Shafer 1.

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A LOOK AT SPORTS

Big games on horizon for UK

by **ED TAYLOR**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Kentucky Wildcats are coming off two very impressive wins after coming from behind to beat Vanderbilt on the road and taking care of number 10 Notre Dame rather easily last Saturday. I must admit I like the way UK is playing defense. They have their feet moving as well as slapping after the basketball causing some loose balls.



Ed Taylor

inside game of Kentucky? Chuck Hayes has been outstanding in the past four outings and it has picked up UK by inserting Eric Daniels in the paint area as well. Marquis Estill has learned he better serves the team by being on the court rather than on the bench in foul trouble.

Gerald Fitch seems to have adjusted some to the point guard slot, but I like it better when Cliff Hawkins is in that position and Fitch at the two guard. The Cats are getting good quality play off their bench

although Tubby Smith goes with his starters most of the time. Some of the freshmen are not seeing too much playing time and that could hurt down the stretch.

Well, with that all said, watch them bomb out in their next two SEC outings. The Cats will host Auburn (14-2) at Rupp Arena tonight before traveling to

Alabama and the Crimson Tide. Needless to say, both games are big ones and both will be a challenge for the Cats. One has to wonder how long UK can play the pressure defense they have enjoyed for the past several games.

Coach Smith's ball club is on

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Piarist

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double figures in the game, led by Becky Thomas who finished with 16.

Amanda Thacker was next in scoring for Allen Central with 15. Alanna Cline scored 12 and Tab Caudill and Yumekia Hunter each had 10 points.

The Allen Central starters, with the huge lead established early, didn't see much playing time after the first quarter. Megan Harris scored seven points in her short time on the floor and Terri Mullins finished with six. Guard Amber Scott and Tiffany Turner each had two points.

Jessica Isaac finished with eight points for Allen Central (9-6). Amanda Mills also chipped in eight points for the Lady Rebels.

Mara Biliter scored four for the Lady Rebs.

Bethany Tackett scored seven to lead Piarist (0-11). Stephanie Williams scored six and Marie Dennison added two for the Lady Knights.

With the win, Allen Central advances to the second round where it'll meet Betsy Layne tonight in a rematch of last season's tournament finals. Tip-off is set for 6:30.

Resumes

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to the Morehead area and saying he didn't feel he was the right person for the position, he presented his letter of resignation to President Hal Smith on Friday evening.

"We are sorry to learn of John's decision," said Smith. "We had a lengthy meeting on Friday night, and then Ron (Damron, director of athletics) talked with him on Sunday, but he felt this was the right thing for him and his family. He apol-

ogized to us for the brevity of his tenure. We wish him well in his future endeavors."

Pikeville College began playing football in 2000, going 7-1 as a club team. The Bears have now played two seasons of varsity football in the Mid-South Conference, compiling a 9-11 record. That mark includes a 6-4 worksheet from last season.

The search for a new coach will begin immediately.

Bears

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game, Martin Methodist was winning the rebounding wars by an average of 18.0 per game, but tonight, the advantage was only four (50-46).

The Bears were cold early, making only 21.6 percent (8-of-37) while the Redhawks hit 51.9 percent (14-of-27). For the game, the Bears finished shooting 31.6 percent on the night, as compared to 52.4 percent for the season.

Pikeville (18-3) trailed by as many as 13 twice in the second half, including at 45-32 with 13:23 to play. But suddenly for the first time all night, the Bears got hot from the arc. Five three-pointers over the next six minutes — including three by Anderson — turned the tide, and a dunk by Charles Sanders brought the crowd to life.

When Anderson threw in his third bomb with 7:00 to play, the Bears took their first lead since 8-6. A steal and layup by Kevin Gaines pushed it to four, 53-49.

But the Redhawks aren't in the Top 10 for nothing, and a three by John King was followed by a layup by Marcus McNair gave them the lead (54-53) with 3:53 left.

Four made free throws — two by C.J. Hill, followed by a pair by Ricky Wood — gave Martin Methodist a three-point lead with 11 seconds left.

But after a timeout, the Bears got the ball to Anderson, who dribbled to his left to elude a defender and delivered the trifecta that sent the game to over-

time locked at 60.

Martin Methodist (10-4) scored on a layin by Andrew Waite to start overtime, but went scoreless over the next two minutes. In the meantime, Sanders turned a steal into another thunderous dunk, followed by two free throws, making it 64-62.

Cori Tiggs had a layup to tie the game with 2:42 left, but layins by Knox and Anderson made it a four-point game. Mike Hill scored to cut it to a basket, but Gaines sank two free throws with 16 seconds left, and after a steal, Robinson iced it with one at 0:09.

Knox and Anderson were joined in double figures by Sanders with 13 and Jason Robinson with 12. Gaines came up big across the board — his nine points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals were big, but the point guard played 35 minutes with no turnovers.

Martin Methodist got 16 from John King, followed by 12 for Gerrod Shirrey and 11 by C.J. Hill. Cori Tiggs led the Hawks on the glass with eight, while Mike Hill had seven off the bench.

The Bears had only 11 turnovers, while Martin Methodist had 24.

Pikeville will be back in action on Saturday in another huge game, playing No. 11 Mountain State (W.Va.). The Bears will seek revenge from the Cougars, who pulled out an 83-74 win in Beckley last Monday.

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Under pressure, the Colonels took bad shots, made poor decisions, and were forced into crucial turnovers. It wasn't a pretty game, but it was competitive

and entertaining. At crunch time, the teams were mirror images of their coaches.

While Macy rarely got to his feet, Ford rarely sat down. It was great Kentucky basketball theater, two former UK point guards going head-to-head on the sidelines. But in the final minute, Coach Cool (Macy) prevailed over Coach Combatant (Ford).

"I'm extremely impatient and extremely competitive," Ford said. "I'm a sore loser. I'm a fighter; I'm competitive."

He says he's dialed it down a bit, become more patient and tolerant and aware that he can't control every dribble of every game, the way he did as a UK player under Rick Pitino. Still, he might need to do even more. In the final minutes, his desperate desire to win seemed to translate itself to the players, who became a bit panicky.

But Ford, now in the midst of his third season at Eastern, must remember that Macy didn't have a winning record at Morehead until his fifth season.

The Colonels will get over the hump. All they need to do is keep grinding, maintain a positive outlook, and learn to close the deal at crunch time.

Another endearing OVC moment came when Macy conducted his post-game press conference with his son, Malone, on his lap. Then when Macy got up to turn the podium over to Ford, the Eastern coach stopped to chat with Malone. Memo to NCAA: This was not — repeat, not — an illegal contact. Leaving McBrayer Coliseum, a visitor mused that it's too bad that, say, a UK player and an OVC player can't trade places for a month. Each would learn something important about how the other half lives.

The UK player might learn to put his rock-star status into perspective and understand the importance of winning friends and influencing people because, someday, he'll be old and fat or balding, like certain members of the '78 UK team; the OVC player might find that all the hype and attention that he covets so much also takes a lot of the fun and charm out of college basketball.

And each would surely learn no matter how many people are in the stands or how many news types or pro scouts are hanging around, the need to play hard every night is the same in the OVC as it is at UK.

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Hot shooting leads Bears to sweep of Marion

PIKEVILLE — No. 9 Pikeville College shot 56.7 percent from the three-point stripe to cruise to a 114-46 win and a weekend sweep of Ohio State-Marion Saturday afternoon.

The Bears (17-3) had knocked off the Scarlet Wave 115-53 on Friday night.

Senior Jason Robinson had 20 points on 9-of-11 shooting. He also had four assists. Senior

Toni Anderson hit six three-point shots to finished with 18 points, adding five assists.

Sophomore Emanuel Tekie had 15 points thanks to 3-of-4 shooting from the arc. Junior Greg Davis flipped in three three-pointers to finish with 11, while senior Jairus Michael added 10.

While they shot unbelievably from the arc, the Bears were

even better from inside it. For the afternoon, they shot 63.4 percent (45-of-71).

Freshman Tim Summa, who graduated from Magoffin County High School in 2001, came off the bench to lead the Bears with seven rebounds, as they controlled the glass 48-30.

Senior Charles Sanders, who had seven points, was credited with six steals in the game.



photo by Jamie Howell

Piarist School guard Stephanie Williams (14) looked to dribble past Allen Central's Terri Mullins.

Mason boys' team moves up to No. 1

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — The Mason County boys rank No. 1 in this week's Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball poll. The Royals move to No. 1 ahead of Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park, which falls to No. 2. Mason County has just one loss on the season.

The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(7)	16-1	92	2
2. Lou. PRP	(2)	14-2	85	1
3. Apollo	(1)	13-1	54	6
4. Lex. Catholic		11-4	52	5
5. Elizabethtown		14-1	39	4
(tie) Lou. Eastern		10-6	39	-
7. Warren Central		11-2	30	3
8. Lou. Ballard		11-4	29	7
9. Rose Hill		12-3	19	-
(tie) Hopkinsville		13-2	19	-

Others receiving votes:

Wayne Co. 16, Lou. Iroquois 16, Christian Co. 12, Muhlenberg North 10, Scott Co. 9, North Hardin 9, North Laurel 7, South Laurel 4, Lou. St. Xavier 3, Highlands 3, Lex. Bates Creek 2, Red Bird 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sacred Heart	(10)	13-1	100	1
2. Clinton Co.		14-1	77	2
3. Lex. Catholic		9-4	50	6
4. Christian Co.		14-2	44	3
5. Shelby Co.		13-1	40	7
6. Jackson Co.		10-3	34	4
7. Ohio Co.		14-1	31	10
8. East Carter		14-3	25	9
9. Lou. Manual		9-1	16	5
10. Henderson Co.		11-4	16	-

Others receiving votes:

Lou. Christian Academy 13, West Carter 11, Mercer Co. 11, Johnson Central 10, Lou. Mercy 9, Shelby Valley 7, Muhlenberg North 6, Woodford Co. 6, Wayne Co. 5, Lex. Paul Dunbar 5, Somerset 5, Russell Co. 4, Lou. Butler 4, Hopkins Co. Central 4, Lou. Holy Cross 3, Scott Co. 3, Elizabethtown 3, Apollo 3, Webster Co. 1.

Tenn. Wesleyan teams sweep ALC units

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ATHENS, Tenn. — Visiting teams from Alice Lloyd College had very little success against the host teams from Tennessee Wesleyan College Saturday. The host squads swept the visiting Eagles in a mens'-womens' doubleheader.

The ALC women fell 100-60. The men's team from the small Kentucky college lost 97-75.

The ALC women trailed 44-30 at the half before being outscored 56-30 in the second half. Belicia Mullins was the only player to get into double figures for the Lady Eagles. She had 10 points. Delores Jenkins and Leah Whitley each had eight points. Shannon Sizemore came in off the bench for six points for Alice Lloyd. Andrea Kelley and Erica Webb each finished with seven points.

Devon Reynolds had one point, three rebounds and two assists in the short effort for Alice Lloyd's women's team. Kim Tackett, Reynolds' teammate at Betsy Layne High School, managed two points in the game.

Renee Robinson led Wesleyan in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Six different Wesleyan players scored in double figures.

Hondo Hearn, after his team trailed 43-29 at halftime, led the Alice Lloyd men in scoring with 14 points. Shannon Akers scored 13 and Matt Spencer finished with 12. Nick Samons and Jimmy Stumbo, Floyd County alums, scored nine and eight points, respectively.

Kent Campbell finished with seven points for the Eagles.

The Floyd County Times wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...

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- Local Band _____
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- Place to meet friends _____
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- Brand of Soft Drink _____
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- Chicken _____
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POISON OAK

Taken with a grain of salt

by Clyde Pack

What many readers of this column may not know, is that it all started with a one-panel cartoon called "Poison Oak and Country Folk." It was built around old-time cures and superstitions that were sent in by our readers. We put it together back in 1983, for a brand-new Johnson County newspaper called The Mountain Chronicle.



Clyde Pack

Although the newspaper is long gone, the cartoon took legs and has since run in several area newspa-

pers, and still runs in at least one paper that carries this column.

Ironically, though, seldom does this column ever discuss what the cartoon featured.

Well, at least for this issue, we're about to change that. And, considering what is happening politically, these days, with Medicare and insurance coverage, it may even have some special relevance.

But one thing's apparent, at least to me. Regardless of whichever way the pills spill, we Eastern Kentuckians will have an advantage over those in other parts of the country. I base this bold prediction on the fact that since my car-

(See OAK, page four)

Winter theatre workshops for children and teens

Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center, with support from Philip Morris USA, announce the Winter Children's Theatre and Winter Teen Theatre Workshops. These eight-week workshops will be held at the Mountain Arts Center on Saturdays, from January 25 through March 15, 2003. Children's Theatre Workshop is open to youth ages 6 through 11 and will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each Saturday. Teen Theatre Workshop is for young adults ages 12-18 and will be held from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. each Saturday.

The focus of these workshops is on performance technique and skills. The curriculum will include professional acting activities to help students become more aware of their senses, their physical environment and space, their relationship to others on stage and the thoughts and emotions of the characters. Special attention will be given to the development of short

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- HOME ON THE RIDGE -



Charlie Logsdon, left, directs tourists as to where to "set their sights" in order to get the best view of roaming elk herds atop Starfire Lake Road early Saturday morning.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

ELK RETURN TO KENTUCKY LANDS

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Wildlife enthusiasts from as far away as North Carolina braved freezing temperatures and snowy roads to join Vanover and Logsdon on a recent early morning elk viewing tour.

Just when most folks are most content to enjoy a long winter's sleep from the warmth and comfort of their beds and homes, Ron Vanover, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's Director of Recreation and Interpretation, and Charlie Logsdon, Elk Biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), are braving the frigid temperatures to bring nature "up-close and personal" for those hardy enough to join them on early morning elk viewing tours being held now through the month of March.

"We've had a really good turnout," said Vanover of the tours, which begin at the hour of 6 a.m. "We've had some interesting mixes on the tours, people of all ages and people from several states," he said.

(See ELK, page four)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Elk now roam freely along Kentucky's gentle ridges thanks to the efforts of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Before reintroduction of the herds to the state in 1997, elk had been extinct from Kentucky's lands since the late 1800's.

CRITTER CORNER



"Shadow." Shadow is a personal friend of Dr. Carol's and has been mentioned more than once (and is so today) in her "Critter Corner" column. Shadow is also a volunteer "worker" with SNOOP and often proudly wears a scarf with the organization's logo during outings and at fundraising events. She is also one of Dr. Carol's demonstration dogs during her obedience training classes. Shadow was a stray puppy who was found when she was about 5 weeks old and later adopted by Barbara Dunn, of Prestonsburg. She is now 3 years old.

Pets and Carsickness

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

Have you ever had the unfortunate experience of travelling with a carsick pet? It's certainly no fun, but what can you do about it? As usual, there is no simple answer.

"Carsickness" is easy to recognize, although it may take many forms, from the puppy huddled in the floorboard to the yowling, salivating cat, to the heaving dog in the back seat. The first order of business is to figure out what the basic problem is—true motion sickness, some form of anxiety, or a combination of the two.

Although I've pretty much outgrown it, I have vivid memories of being carsick as a child—the hot rear seat of our old Chevrolet (before the days of air conditioning) and the smell of my grandmother's perfume. Mom said it would be rude to say anything about the cologne, so I laid in the back seat and wanted to die while the car lurched along the poorly paved mountain roads. (This was also long before we had a four-lane). As bad as I was, my cousin Bill was worse. Every summer our parents loaded up Bill, his brother Greg and me, and took us to Camden Park in Huntington. I don't know why they put themselves through it; every trip was an unmitigated disaster that almost always included Bill throwing up somewhere along the way. There was no argument about who got to sit by the window; that seat was Bill's. (I could never understand how this same kid, filled with pop and cotton candy, could then hop on the Tilt-a-Whirl with no ill effects.)

Most of my dogs have loved to ride, but my Akita-mix, Legend, is

(See CRITTER, page four)

Kim's Korner: Baby brother has a baby



Kim Little Frasure

Sometimes it's really funny the things we remember and in such detail, too. For instance, 33 years ago, at the young age of 9, in the month of September, we got a new addition to our family.

I'll never forget the day my parents pulled into the driveway with my baby brother. Rita Gail, Kathi Jo and I had been at Rita's awaiting their arrival. We had to go

through Rita's grandparents' yard to get to our house, and a Sears 4-foot chain link fence surrounded their yard. We probably could've and probably should've used the gate to get us from the Hall's yard into ours, however the excitement of my baby brother's arrival was just too much, and the three of us simultaneously jumped the fence and bombarded my parents to get the

first peek at this little bundle of joy.

Once we had realized our achievement of jumping the fence we discussed our possibilities at becoming world-renowned gymnasts. Hey, we were 9!

And it was a fleeting thought anyway. Several family members voiced their opinions on how I would handle having to share my parents

after having them all to myself for 9 years. And thanks to parents who made me feel as if I had gotten my very own real live "baby" I was overjoyed!

All these childhood memories began to flow last Thursday morning. The phone rang at 6:30 a.m. and my little brother's voice was on the other end.

(See KORNER, page four)

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

Jan. 27 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.**

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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to 6 p.m.

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

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

very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and

pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

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

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

After School Child Care, 3-6

p.m., school days.

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Jan. 24 - Genetics and Heredity classroom presentations.

Jan. 28 -Peer pressure/conflict resolution classroom presentations.

Jan. 31 - Drugs and Addiction Prevention & Awareness classroom presentations.

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

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

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

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

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

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 27 and Jan. 29, 1993)

A 38-year-old Floyd County man was released on bond, Tuesday, when he pleaded not guilty to various charges resulting from an altercation, Saturday night, before a city commission meeting, when he pointed a loaded pistol at the head of Wheelwright Police Chief Bob Moore and threatened to shoot him. Rodney Thornsberry was arraigned in Floyd County District Court, Tuesday, on charges of first degree wanton endangerment; first degree assault on a police officer, with a weapon; resisting arrest; and criminal mischief. Thornsberry pleaded not guilty, and was released on a \$9,000 surety bond...A restraining order was issued against Floyd County Fiscal Court members, Tuesday, barring the court from terminating the employment of a deputy jailer who has filed to run for jailer. Deputy jailer Jody Mullins filed a lawsuit against the fiscal court, Tuesday claiming that a 1988 amendment, to the county's personnel code is unconstitutional. The amendment says county employees seeking to run for elected office, must take a leave of absence without pay...First, he was in the race, then he dropped out—now he's back in No, it isn't Ross Perot, but Floyd County's own Commonwealth Attorney, Jerry Patton. Last week, Patton removed his bid for re-election to the office of Commonwealth Attorney, a position which he has held since 1988, citing a desire to devote more time to his private legal practice and to his five-year-old son. On Monday, however, Patton announced, in a press release, that he had re-entered the race so that he could continue serving people of the Commonwealth. He said that his original decision to pull out of the race was based primarily on the fact that he was concerned about the strain that a campaign would put on his parents, since his father had earlier experienced heart problems and underwent coronary bypass surgery...A Floyd County couple died, Wednesday afternoon, after their automobile collided with a coal truck on Route 114 at Middle Creek. According to a report filed, Wednesday, by the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, Eula Mae Huppert, 73, of Prestonsburg, drove her vehicle out of the Compton's Grocery parking lot on Route 114, directly into the path of a fully-loaded coal truck, driven by Donald Sturgill. Sturgill, 42, of Pound, Virginia, was unable to stop in time, and struck the Huppert vehicle. Both vehicles careened into the east-bound lane and struck a guard rail. Sturgill's truck went over the hill, knocking over a utility pole.

Huppert's passenger, her husband, John W. Huppert, 65, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger E. Nelson...Despite earlier reports and a United States Department of Agriculture spokesman's insistence to the contrary, last week, the Floyd County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services may still fall under the knife in a massive budget cut. The proposed cut is part of a major down-sizing effort, intended to update and streamline the Department of Agriculture's operations. The current USDA field office structure is comparable to that which existed, when 20 percent of the U.S. population lived on farms, and was without modern communication...The starting lines have been drawn, and a 20-year race for educational improvement is on in Kentucky schools, where the stakes are high for those unable to keep up the pace. Test scores released Wednesday, by the State Department of Education, will serve as the baseline for improving education in Kentucky, and they suggest some schools will have to travel a wider circuit if they are to meet state goals. The formula for measuring success is fairly simple, schools are expected to attain test scores of 100 points, over a period of 20 years. Scores from 1992 testing serve as the starting point, and the difference between that number and the goal of 100 points, must be made up in ten percent increments every two years...A Floyd County jury found a Johnson County man guilty, Thursday, of the attempted rape of a Prestonsburg Community College student, last year, as the school campus Romie Adams, 60, of Nippa, who was an usher at the Upper Room Church, in Paintsville, was convicted of first degree criminal attempt to commit rape after a two-day trial in Floyd County Circuit Court...There died: Marie Rainey, 76, of Wheelwright, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elva Reynolds, 85, Wheelwright, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles E. Hall, 65, of Bypro, Monday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Roxie Meade Parker, 68, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James B. Daniels, 71, of Hillsboro, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, at Highlands District Hospital in Hillsboro; Ronnie Warren Slone, 39, of Hindman, Saturday, at his residence; Phillip Morris Hall, 52, of Topmost, Thursday, at his residence; Billy Ray Castle, 47, of McDowell, Sunday, at his residence; Mary Elizabeth (Maw) Caudill, 79, of Lexington, formerly of Melvin, Thursday, at her residence; Ada O. Stephens, 78, of Martin, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Arlen Lewis, 78, of Tram, Monday, at the

University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Eliza Jane Little, 84, of Weeksbury, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Herald Campbell, 82, of Burlington, New Jersey, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, in the Rancocas Valley Hospital in Willingboro, New Jersey; Arvil Crum, 75, of Martin, Friday, at his residence; Bob Griffith, 79, of Eastern, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Dona B. Hinton, 78, of Orange Park, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday; Mary Belle Griffith, 68, of Ligon, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles Everett Martin, 83, of Eastern, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Aggie Hall Burke, 86, of Weeksbury, Monday; Ola Mitchell, 75, of Drift, Friday, at his residence; Mildred Kidd Adkins, 58, of Ivel, Tuesday, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert John Bowling, 44, of San Francisco, California, formerly of Weeksbury, Monday, at the University of California Hospital; Zeb Ousley, 86, of Hueysville, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; John H. Huppert, 65, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, as a result of an automobile accident on Route 114, Middle Creek Road, Prestonsburg; Eula Mae Huppert, 74, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, as a result of an automobile accident; Millie Lawson, 89, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 26, 1983)

A bizarre incident at Auxier, last Thursday evening, in which a valuable mare was killed and three others were wounded, is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police...Sherman Ray Poston, last of three men accused of abducting and raping an Auxier girl, last May, was convicted in Pike Circuit Court, last Wednesday, and his prison terms could extend over 20 years...On the strength of principal, spelled out by Councilman Billy Ray Collins, that "everyone living off this city...should pay taxes in this city," Prestonsburg City Council voted to annex a tract on the southern perimeter of the city, and added that it might do the same on the northern and western borders...There died: Curt Newsome, 63, of Teaberry, last Wednesday, at his home; Fronie Johnson, 79, Saturday, her home at Hi Hat; Bennie Branham, 58, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arah Alice Layne, 96, of Harold, last Tuesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Ishmael Hall, 63,

Monday, at his home at Weeksbury; Elbert Griffith, 78, of Blue River, Saturday, at his home; Neve Conley, 50, of Lackey, last Tuesday, January 18, at her home; Jeff Burchett, 73, Sunday, at his home at Emma; and Lucy Marsillett, 59, of Auxier, Sunday, at her home.

Thirty Years Ago

(January 31, 1973)

A number of familiar "alphabetical" programs—OEO, for one—will be prime casualties, if the budget proposed to the Congress, Monday, by President Nixon is adopted...The fuel shortage is so real, that the city of Prestonsburg has been warned by the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, against using more gas than the maximum called for in its contract...Workmen's compensation rates for coal mines, approved Monday, by the State Insurance Department, retroactive to Jan. 1, are more than double the rates existing before that date...When the Floyd Fiscal Court, last week, budgeted \$98,000 of the total of \$194,780 in revenue-sharing funds received for 1972 to the county's solid waste disposal program, it also took preliminary steps to set the program in motion...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Branham Jr., formerly of Floyd County, a daughter, Kimberly Dawn, Jan. 17, at Stuart, Fla.; to Mr. and Mrs. John Kevin Shannon, a son, John Christian, Jan. 21, at Bethesda, Maryland...There died: T. R. (Tony) Ranier, 90, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Orville Tackett, 60, of Willard, O., formerly of Floyd County, January 21, at home; William C. Endicott, 82, of Endicott, Sunday, at home; Mrs. Eva Spradlin Igo, 49, formerly of Wayland, January 22, at a Lexington hospital; Ralph DeBord, 51, of Raleigh, N.C., formerly of this county, Friday, at Raleigh; Mrs. J. Martin, 83, of Prater Creek, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

(January 31, 1963)

Mine field violence remains unabated in this county, it is evident, this week, when a tippie was demolished, at McDowell, by an explosion and a picket's car was fired into at Drift...Dr. Russell, Floyd County health officer, made a final appeal this week for oral polio vaccine immunization...Efforts of persons interested in promoting the strawberry program in this county are being intensified, in order to insure enough acreage to just-

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New Arrivals

Pike Methodist

November 26:

A daughter, Madison Elyss to Jennifer and Benjamin Workman.

December 3:

A son, Linzie L. to Virgie and Denver Goble.

December 4:

A daughter, Megan Paige to Sheryl and Chris Stanley.

December 9:

A daughter, Hannah Nycole to Sondra K. and David A. Rogers.

December 10:

A daughter, Isis Rhiannon to Rebecca and Timothy Collins.

December 11:

A son, Jacob Michael, to Jessica Lynn and Michael Buster Justice.

December 12:

A daughter, Kelli Rene, to Leslie Robin and Gary Charles; a son, Isaiah Edward, to Christy and Clarence Morton.

December 13:

A son, Kiern Blankenship to Jennifer Lee and Earl Dwayne Blankenship; a daughter, Reece Suvannah, to Melody and Travis Terry; a daughter, Raighan Hope Fuller to Sherrie Lynn Nicholas; a son, Logan Chase Hamilton to Susan Akers.

December 14:

A son, Brady Gene, to Terissa Lawson; a daughter, Briettany Hope, to Shelia and William Slone; a daughter, Izabella Shae to Holly and David Gilliam; a daughter, Destany Danille Hill to Selina

Little and Ronnie Hill.

December 16:

A daughter, Kaylee Dawn to Misty K. and Scotty Evans; a daughter, Ashley Brienne to Connie Lynn and William Roberts.

December 17:

A son, Anthony Michael Pallotta to Joy Lynn Epling and Michael Anthony Pallotta; a son, Mason Lee to Tina Lavonne and Argle Lee Kendrick.

December 18:

A daughter, Jessica Ann to Peggy and Russell Minix; a daughter, Alexis Cheyenne to Angie and Brain Pennington; a son, Nicholas Shane Douglas to Amanda D. and Jeremy Gibson.

December 19:

A son, Chandlar Gage to Brenna and Jason Ramey.

December 20:

A son, Gabriel McKinnley Shell to Madeana Justice.

December 21:

A daughter, Madison Kennedy to Julie G. McCoy.

December 23:

A son, Christopher James to Nicole Leanne and Shannon Neal Stanley; a son, Elathan David Tucker to Genesis Lynn and Terry Lee Bowling; a son, Dawson Gage to Brenda Keen; a son, Noah Daniel to Monica and Randy Iricks.

December 24:

A daughter, Kristen Nicole to Jessie M. and Ruben D. Newsom.

December 26:

A daughter, Desiree' Abigail to Darlena and William Thacker; a son, Hunter Reed to Jamie Lynn and Jeffery Dan Burke; twin sons, Connor Ray and Owen Jackson Newsome to Sophia and Stuart Newsome.

December 27:

A daughter, Kaylee Lauren to Janet Reena Weddington; a son, Austin Tyler Ray to Angelia and Elbert Thacker; a son, Logan Gage to Fernie and Stacy Hall; a daughter, Alexandra Lee to Dr. Mary Jo Ratliff Fleniken and Christopher Lee Fleniken.

December 28:

A son, Elyah Glenn Runyon to Danielle Walters; a daughter, Madoline Abigail Robinson to Tina Nay Keene.

December 29:

A son, Donald Alan to Lola and Donald Belcher.

December 31:

A son, Phillip Micheal Edward to Elizabeth and Shaun McClain; a daughter, Skylar Lanae to Natasha Irene and Brain Adams; a daughter, Cheyenne Faith to Lora and Nickie Rogers.

January 1:

New Year's baby, a son, Stephen Anthony to Vaniesa Robinson and Stephen Vaughn Newsome; a son, Adam Lacy to Rhonda and Michael Marcum; a son, Austin McCoy to Kristin Dawn Queen.

January 2:

A daughter, Makya Sierra Black to Sharon Leah Senters and Mikel E. Black; a daughter, McKenzie Alyssa to Crystal Lynn and Jeffrey Curtis Ramey.

School

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Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Jan. 23 - "What is it Made Of?" program, 2nd and 3rd grades - 8:30 a.m.

Jan. 28 - "Rain Forest," K-1 - 8:30-10:30.

Jan. 29 - "Rain Forest," 2nd and 3rd - 8:30-10:30.

Jan. 30 - "Smokeless Tobacco," 5th and 6th - 1 p.m.

The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

Monday

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

-Auxier Family Learning

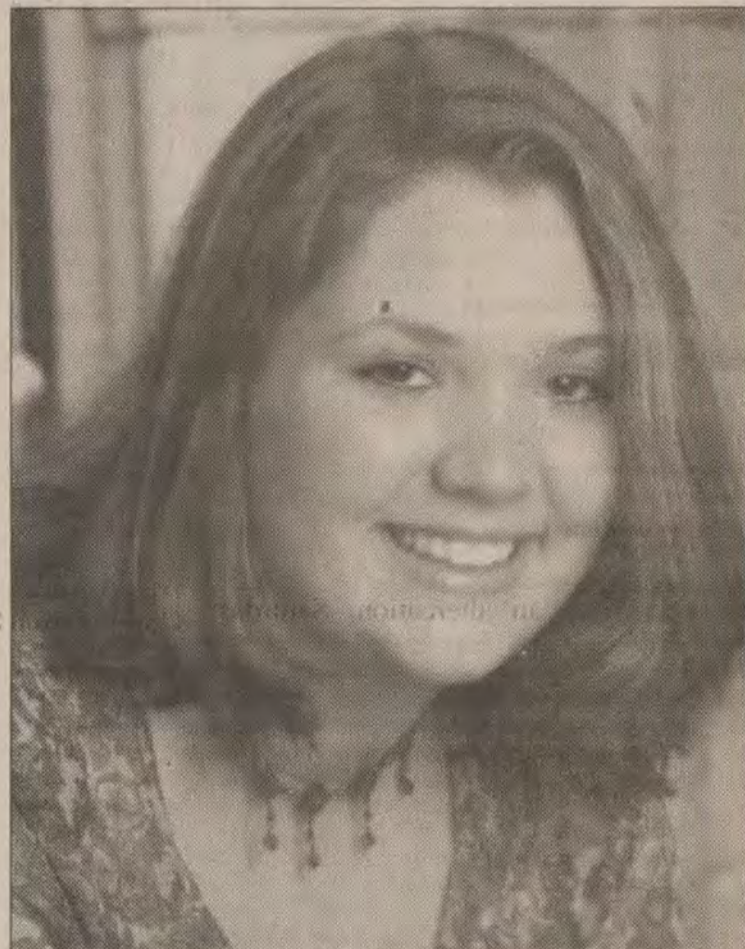
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Birthdays



Happy 18th!

Joshua Kyle Kinzer will celebrate his 18th birthday today, Wednesday, January 22, 2003. Josh is the son of Jammie and Sherri Kinzer, of Allen. He is the grandson of Jerome and Ruby Kinzer, also of Allen, and Esta Cole Cottrell, of Ripley, W.Va., and the late Willis E. Hall, formerly of Martin. His great-grandparents are the late James and Bertha Tackett Cole, John Wesley and Lyda Osborne Hall, Wallace and Zella McCoy Taylor and Samuel and Nancy Rosa King Kinzer. Josh has one younger sister, Brittany.



Sweet Sixteen

Brittany Leigh Kinzer will celebrate her 16th birthday on Sunday, January 26, 2003. Brittany is the daughter of Jammie and Sherri Kinzer, of Allen. She is the granddaughter of Jerome and Ruby Kinzer, also of Allen, and Esta Cole Cottrell, of Ripley, W.Va., and the late Willis E. Hall, of Martin. Her great-grandparents are the late James and Bertha Tackett Cole, John Wesley and Lyda Osborne Hall, Wallace and Zella McCoy Taylor, and Samuel and Nancy Rosa King Kinzer. Brittany has one older brother, Joshua.



New Arrival

Kerry "David" and Anita (Derosette) Bailey, of Lancer, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Kerrie Lee Ann, born July 19, 2002, at Highlands Regional Hospital. The new bundle of joy weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Kerrie Lee Ann is the maternal granddaughter of Jack and Joann Derosette, of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal granddaughter of Arnold and Geneva Bailey, of Hippo. Her maternal great-grandparents are Wade and Janie Marcum, of Dingess, West Virginia, and the late William "Tate" and Maggie Derosette, formerly of Naugatuck, West Virginia. Little Miss Kerrie Lee Ann has four older brothers, Dustin Sheppard, and Jerry, Jon, and Bucky Bailey, and two older sisters, Kayla Sheppard and Samantha Bailey.

Yesterdays

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fy continued operation of the strawberry processing plant, installed here last year...In an appearance over WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W. Va., Monday night, Gov. Bert T. Combs stated in strong terms, his commitment to the community college program, and to the major highway system now under construction...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Oppenheimer, of Louisville, a son, Stephen Brian, Jan. 25, at Louisville; to Mr. and Mrs. Burl Ray Click, of Hazard, a son, Christopher Graham, Jan. 8, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Hiram Osborne, 84, Friday, in a fire which destroyed his home at Hunter; Larry D. Mitchell, 17, of Gethel, Friday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, five days after being injured in an auto collision near Blair Town, Pike County; Roy C. Turner, 45, former Floyd County teacher, Monday, at Columbus, O.; Willie D. Webb, 67, of Martin, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Walk Spears, 62, last Wednesday, at his home at Tram; Andy Newsom, 49, last Thursday, at his home at Teaberry; Mrs. Goldie Stratton Collinsworth, 71, of Pikeville, Jan. 20, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

(January 29, 1953)

The Prestonsburg Board of Education, at a special meeting, Monday evening, took the first steps toward merger of the Prestonsburg Independent School District with the county system...In a case appealed from the Floyd Circuit Court by the Olan Mills Company, photographers, the Court of Appeals ruled that Prestonsburg does not have the right to levy a business-license tax on out-of-state individuals or companies operating here...The body of Denver Lee Wells, Prestonsburg soldier, who was killed in Korea, October 14, last, will arrive here, Saturday, at the Arnold Funeral Home...The Eastern Kentucky Industrial Foundation, an organization with the specific purpose of revitalizing the threatened economy of this area, was founded Tuesday at a meeting at the Paintsville Country Club...The grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court expressed in its final report to Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill, doubt that crime in the county is, as has been stated, on the decline...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halbert Jr., of Maytown, a son, January 24, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Ivan Lovely, 17, of Hueysville, in a truck wreck near Reed Branch; Wess Campbell, former resident of Cow Creek, Monday, at his home at Jackson, Ohio; William R. Younce, 79, of Water Gap, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Wednesday; Henry McKenzie, 56, West Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Daisy Prater Stambaugh, 39, of David, Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Virgie Salisbury Likens, 49, of Hunter, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Sixty Years Ago

(January 28, 1943)

The strike of bus drivers, members of Transportation Workers Union (CIO) Local 214, which began last

Friday, ending temporarily, 230 miles of service by the Kentucky-Virginia Stages bus line, continued through today...Floyd County's 1942 tax bill will be figured on a total assessment of \$10,706,984, Tax Commissioner Clive Akers said this week...Further curtailment of gasoline distribution went into effect, Saturday, as Petroleum Administrative Order No. 4 became effective, restricting the sale of gasoline to passenger automobiles by any service station to 72 hours a week, and not more than 12 hours a day...The Martin gymnasium has been selected as the site for this year's district basketball tournament...W.H. Coffman, Hinton, W.Va., recently succeeded L. B. Mullins as manager of the A. W. Cox Department Store, here...G. C. Spurlin, who resigned his position as executive vice-president of The First National Bank here, this week, announced the purchase of a half-interest in the Spurlin Insurance Agency from J. C. Spradlin...John D. Thomas, of the legal department of the Warfield Natural Gas Company, has been named Public Relations and Volunteer Recruiting Officer for Floyd War Price and Rationing Board No. 36...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Westfall, of Allen, a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, January 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chaffin, of Ligon, a son, Wednesday...There died: Jody Sammons, 29, of Water Gap, by electrocution in a mine of the Sandy Valley Coal Co. at Water Gap, Tuesday; Second Lieutenant Elmo Fannin, 23, of Raceland, native Prestonsburg man, Sunday, in an airplane crash near the Roswell, New Mexico armed flying school; J. E. Osborne, 69, of the Forks of Beaver area, Monday, at the Martin General Hospital; Mary N. Martin, 18, of Garrett, Wednesday, at the Martin General Hospital; J. P. Spurlin, 90, native of Floyd Countian, January 16, at Elkhorn City.

Seventy Years Ago

(January 27, 1933)

Buck Gray, Floyd County officer, was shot and instantly killed, late Sunday afternoon, near Allen, and that same day, Deputy Sheriff Mel Sturgill was seriously wounded in another shooting, which took place in the Elizabeth Hotel, here...Streets of West Prestonsburg are being surfaced with gravel and limestone through the offices of the relief committee in charge of R.F.C. funds and the courtesies of Highway Commissioner Zach Justice and County Judge W. L. Stumbo...The store of J. J. Hughes, of Hippo, was robbed of \$2,000 in cash, last week, and then set afire...Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Coburn, of Cliff, were injured Wednesday night, when struck by a hit-and-run driver, on the Mayo Trail...Members of the Beaver Valley Golf and Country Club voted, Saturday night, to vacate the golf course at Allen and move to a new location...Edwin Everidge, of the Maytown Consolidated School, is the 1933 spelling champion of Floyd County...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Proctor, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Kelly, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Mary Ann, January 23, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Curtis Harris, 23, of Corn Fork of Brandy Keg, Saturday; Miles Hopkins, 42, at his home at Topmost.

Nutrition Notes: The push for more calcium

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Calcium is probably best known for its role in keeping bones strong, but research now points to two other possible health benefits: weight control, and lower risk of some cancers. If further study supports these links, it could create even greater concern that only one-third of Americans meet their calcium needs.

A recent report in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition discussed several studies in which people who consumed less calcium tended to be more overweight and have greater midlife weight gain. Each

daily intake of 300 milligrams (mg) of calcium (about eight ounces of milk) was associated with about six pounds lower weight in adults. Yet, people trying to lose weight, may give up milk, because they think it's too fattening. It may be that, rather than low calcium causing overweight, perhaps being overweight leads to low calcium.

At least two studies have reported that weight-reduction diets with more dairy products (and higher calcium) produced greater weight loss. A two-year Purdue University study found that, calorie consumption being equal, people consuming 1,000 mg of calcium (the adult recommendation) lost more weight and fat than those consuming only

600 mg (about average for women). Calcium, however, was not a magic fat-burner. The effect was seen only at calorie intake below the group average. Those who consumed more calories than they burned still stored the excess as fat, regardless of calcium intake.

Research from the University of Tennessee, published in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition and elsewhere, suggests that greater dietary calcium makes cells less likely to store fat and more likely to burn fat when calorie intake is reduced. In a complex chain of events, too little calcium in the diet brings cell changes that lead to decreased fat-burning and increased fat stor-

age.

Some studies suggest that getting enough calcium might also lower the risk of cancer. The strongest evidence links colon cancer with calcium. In two large studies reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, people with higher calcium consumption developed 35 percent fewer cases of a certain type of colon cancer than people with low-calcium diets. In a study in the journal Nutrition and Cancer, increased calcium consumption caused the cells that line the colon, in the area where cancer often begins to change into lower-risk cell types.

In the Nurses' Health Study, calcium in the diet did not affect

the risk of breast cancer in women after menopause, but premenopausal women with higher calcium consumption developed about 30 percent less breast cancer than those who consumed very little. Another study suggests that calcium may offer some protection against ovarian cancer. Much more research is needed, however, to confirm these links.

Adding confusion, some studies link higher calcium consumption with greater risk of prostate cancer. Not all studies show such a link, however, and some cases of greater risk with increased dairy products may be related to an overall increase in food and

calories.

With calcium, is it a case of the more, the better? No. In studies of cancer risk, calcium was protective at levels of 700 to 900 mg a day. Studies of weight control found benefits from 1,000 to 1,500 mg daily, which is what we get in a balanced diet that includes three servings of dairy products or calcium-fortified foods a day. These studies suggest more potential benefits of meeting the current recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences (1,000 mg for adults through age 50, and 1,200 mg for older adults), but they don't imply we need to go beyond them.

School

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

■ Wednesday

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

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

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

■ Thursday

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

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

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

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

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Jan. 22, 23 - Hygiene program.

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within

EIK

Eastern elk were once native to Kentucky before being rooted out of their native habitat and becoming extinct from the area by the late 1800's. In 1996, the KDFWR began to investigate the possibility of bringing free-roaming elk back to the state. They began by gathering information about land cover and human population dynamics in Kentucky, as well as studying other elk restoration projects in the eastern U.S.

By 1997, the KDFWR was able to send a trapping crew to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' Maxwell Refuge wildlife area to collect elk for transport back to Kentucky. According to Vanover, Logsdon was one of the original members of this crew who traveled to Kansas to dart and test seven elk - two bulls and five cows and calves. In mid-December, these seven elk were released onto reclaimed coal mining lands in Breathitt, Knott and Perry counties.

Later herds were trapped and transported in the state of Utah, from privately owned wintering grounds, with the assistance of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. A total of three shipments consisting of 160 elk were received from Utah in Kentucky in February and March, 1998.

Each elk released in the state are fitted with GPS (Global Positioning System), or radio, collars in order to track them and to keep wildlife authorities abreast of the health conditions of each animal. The collars give off three different signals based on whether the animal is head up, feeding, or dead.

The nine-year project is still developing at a steady pace, with wildlife specialists conducting on-going studies on how best to trap, test and release elk with the least amount of stress to the animal.

two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, become the property of the FRC.

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

Oak

toon began, readers have been submitting old-time cures. While we've always thought of them as more of a curiosity than anything else, if it ever comes to a time that we'll need to rely on them, who knows? After all, something kept our ancestors going, before there were three or four drug stores within 15 minutes of every house in the country. Of course, where the old folks had no cure for the more serious diseases, when it came to those little day-to-day problems, they seemed to always have a solution.

Like, for instance, the following remedies for poison ivy:

■ Cover the afflicted area with a paste made from baking soda and boiled coffee.

■ Cover the afflicted area twice a day with a mixture of black molasses and baking soda.

■ Slice a green tomato and run the juice over the afflicted area.

■ Cover the area with lather from lye soap.

■ Cover the area with a mixture of crushed leaves from the

Korner

"Sis," he says, "Kennedy Nicole is here; she arrived at 6:13 a.m. this morning. She weighs 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and is 19 inches long, and she is beautiful". My eyes began to swell with tears; my baby brother has a baby girl! What a feeling!

Those same elated emotions erupted just as they did when Colby arrived two years ago.

Now Colby is a big brother! What love and joy nephews

and nieces bring. My brother and I have supplied our parents with four grandchildren ranging many years apart. From 22 to 6 days old, guess it keeps them hip and up on whom Barney, Bob the Builder and the Diaper genie are.

There are many hopes I have for Colby, but one is that he loves his little sister as much as I love my little brother.

May God's blessings yours. 'Til next week.

nightshade bush and canned cream.

■ Pour boiling water over Epsom salts. When cool, apply several times daily to the affected area.

■ Apply white shoe polish to the affected area.

■ Lots of folks have sent us sure-fire, can't-miss cures for warts, too.

■ Tie as many knots as you have warts into a piece of yarn. Hide it, and the warts will go away.

■ Rub the wart with a dirty dish rag, then put it under the drip of the house. When the rag rots, the warts will be gone.

Here are others we've received for various ailments.

■ To get rid of gout, soak your feet in a pan of moonshine.

Critter

an exception. He evidently suffers from true motion sickness, and it used to be like trying to ride somewhere with Bill. Conventional advice for an animal with this condition is to withhold food for a few hours before travel, and then possibly take along some ice cubes to lick. When this didn't help, I tried letting him munch on a dry cracker every few miles—this works for me and had the same effect on him. We share a pack of crackers when we travel now. Experimentation may help you determine the best approach for your pet. Of course, there are some anti-nausea medications available from your vet if the simple things don't work.

In animals, I think that anxiety often plays a bigger role in carsickness than the motion of the car. These are the animals that are freaking out and/or retching before you get the car out of the driveway. While there are anti-anxiety medications and tranquilizers available, I hesitate to use them in most situations. They can have side effects in very young, elderly or sick animals, and if you are going to the vet, they may mask important symptoms. In cases like Legend's, where those car rides were often to obedience class, a "stoned" dog would have been a major problem.

Calming drugs are best used in combination with training to desensitize the animal to the car. I advise owners of a nervous dog to allow it to explore the car with all the doors open and the motor shut off. If the dog will enter the car and sit quietly for a few seconds, give a food reward and take the dog back out of the car. Repeat this several times a day until the dog shows no sign of nervousness. Increase the difficulty of the exercise gradually—shut the doors for a few seconds; extend the time; turn the motor on briefly and so on. If you can get this far, start with short trips—and I do mean SHORT—such as to the end of the driveway and back. I know

■ To cure an earache, roast cabbage stalks and squeeze the juice into your ear.

■ Dandelion is a good heart stimulant.

■ To avoid infection, never let the water out of a blister before the sun goes down.

■ Rub plantain leaves on a bee or wasp sting, to ease the pain.

■ To cure corns, make a paste from crushed aspirin and home-made lard.

■ A mixture of castor oil and egg whites is an excellent cure for minor burns.

Of course, we don't advise our readers to take any of these seriously, and recommend it all be taken with a grain of salt. However, if bad comes to worse...



Don H. Goble, center, was joined by two of his favorite girls, his wife, Maxine, and his granddaughter, Katherine, at his 75th birthday celebration held Dec. 27 at the Holiday Inn.

'Roasted' by Munroe on 75th birthday

Donald Goble, of Prestonsburg, was recently treated to a "Birthday Roast" at the Holiday Inn, on Friday evening, December 27, by his family and friends. "Munroe" of the Kentucky Opry was on hand to do the roasting and to provide the entertainment.

Those attending were treated to hors d'oeuvres, cake, punch and coffee.

Guests attending the celebration were: Greg, Janet and Seth Stephens, David and Peggy Hereford, George Ed Estep,

Pamela Goble, and Ronnie, Laura and Katherine Goble, all of Lexington; Walker, Thursa, and Terri Keathley, of Ashland; Jan and Reuben Montgomery, of Nicholasville; Don and Etta Lafferty and Harold and Alice Conley, of Oil Springs; Paul and Beverly Estep, of Keaton; Ocelene and J.R. Barber, Charlene and Henry Marcum, and Keith Hall, all of Pikeville; James and Lola Gay, of Richmond; Sonny and Geraldine Owens and Dallas Faye Sammons, of Morehead; Margie Ann Lainhart, of Huntsville, Alabama; Gary and Yulanda Rose, of Beaver; Iva Crutcher, and Debbie and Nathan Omerall, all of Louisville; David R. Hereford II, of Atlanta, Georgia; Donnie Goble, Tammy Goble, Nikki Bradley, Laura Vaughn, Cheryl Jarrell, Woody Jarrell, Frank Bradley, Kristal Bradley, Billy and Thelma Pruitt, Pauline Crisp, Arnold Turner Jr., Libby Turner, Ryan Turner, Brent Turner, Angel Turner, Blake Turner, and Celeste Turner, Rocky and Phyllis Branham, Betty Castle, Willa Mae Branham, Robert and Roslyn Burchett, Mary Lou Lavender, Evelyn S. Goble, Joshua N. Walls, Dallas and Ruby Sammons, Dean and Norlene Murray, Bill and Hattie Branham, Sharon and John Thomas Justice, Estil and Sally Branham, Diane Killion, Beverly and Freddy Goble, Maxine Goble, and the honoree himself, Don H. Goble, all of Prestonsburg.

Theatre

monologues that may be used for theatre auditions in the future. Students will also learn and experience fundamental components of theatre arts including vocal projection, diction and articulation, musical tonality and rhythm, body movement and choreography, improvisation, drama and performance terminology, character development, plot analysis and comprehension, scene blocking and development, and costume and set design. As always, a variety of theatre games and activities will be used so that learning will be fun. Components covered in the Workshop curriculum are also geared to compliment and meet the KERA arts and humanities requirements.

Each workshop will develop and perform a final production. Teen Theatre Workshop will produce an adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth and have a unique opportunity to not only learn about Shakespeare's work but also perform it. Children's Theatre Workshop will perform a short age appropriate comedy about childhood.

As always, a variety of theatre games and activities will be used to support and enhance coordination, creativity, musical tonality, rhythm, specific acting skills, diction and articulation, staying in character and theatre knowledge. Staff will include Sasha Ruth Weddington, Emily Meyer, Heather Branham and Miriam Silman. Fees are \$150 for the Children's Theatre Workshop and \$175 for the Teen Theatre Workshop. A limited number of scholarships may be available upon inquiry. For more information and registration call Jenny Wiley Theatre at 606-886-9274 or 877-CALL-JWT or the MAC at 606-889-9125 or 888-MAC-ARTS. You may also register in person at the MAC on January 20, 21 or 23 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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ADC REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Sandy Area Development District is receiving bid proposals for providing Adult Day Care/Alzheimer's Respite Services to the elderly in the Big Sandy Area Development District for fiscal year 2004 through 2006, covering the period July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2006. Proposals are being solicited and accept-

ed for FY04 contracts. Contracts will be awarded for one-year duration. The awarding of contracts for FY04 will be based upon the merit of the proposals submitted, previous program performance and/or experience, and the availability of funds. The awarding of contracts for FY05 and FY06 will be based upon the merit of the application proposals submitted, previous program performance, and the availability of funds. Bid Proposal Packets may be picked up at Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bid proposals (Original and three copies) must be received at the Big Sandy Area Development District office, by 4:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, February 26, 2003. Please direct all questions and correspondence, as well as the original and three (3) copies of the proposal, to: Doug Lawson, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Phone: 886-2374, or 1-800-737-2723

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yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
Hon. Septimious Taylor
4830 Towne Square Court
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00954 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TIM WALKER AND SHANNON WALKER DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27th day of December, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,545.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 6th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 1409 Prater Fork, Hueysville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on creek bank running across bottom 74 ft. to a stake at road side; thence turning left and running by road side 151 ft. to a stake at a small hollow, then turning left and running with small hollow 75 ft. to a stake at edge of creek, then turning left and running with creek 151 ft. to a stake at beginning.

There is 14 ft. road way excepted out of this property on upper end at small hollow for the purpose of traveling to near by property when needed by other members of family.

Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Volume 283, Page 559, of the Floyd County, Kentucky Records.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not

Clayton 16'x80' mobile home, Serial No. CWP009579TN

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Frankfort, Kentucky 40604-4989

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MLNE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5429, Operator Revision

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, intends to revise Permit Number 836-5429, operator revision. The operator presently approved is Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The new additional operator will be CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839.

The operation is located approximately 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest of KY Route 7's junction with KY Route 2029, and located on

unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch. The operation is located on the Handshoe and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°30'45" and longitude 82°53'06".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on February 5, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Kentucky Power and Intervenors in the Application of Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American

Electric Power for Approval of an Amended Compliance Plan for Purposes of Recovering the Costs of New and Additional Pollution Control Facilities and to Amend its Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff.

Errol K. Wagner Director of Regulatory Services Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2003, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The permit area is for the consideration of an application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied

with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2003.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
Permit No. 836-6018

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that Melva Siding Co., General Delivery, Drift, KY 41619, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on Permit No. 836-6018.

The application covers an area of approximately 2.04 acres, located .57 mile northwest of Drift in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately .57 mile northwest of KY 122's junction with KY 1101, and located along the left fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37-29-25 The longitude is 82-45-36.

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit is a letter of credit bond in the amount of \$10,000.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,000.00 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed inclu-

des final backfilling, grading and seeding, completed, Fall 1996.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, # 2 Hudson

Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 3, 2003.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 4, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and En-

forcements Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 3, 2003.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following property will be offered at public sale at Worldwide Equipment, HWY 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, on 1/30/03, commencing at 09:30 a.m.

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The property may be inspected by appointment prior to the sale at Worldwide Equipment, HWY 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Cash sales only. Inquiries: CitiCapital Commercial Corp., at 972-652-1187-02-07151-0

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The Floyd County Board of Education is now accepting sealed bids on surplus technology items. Technology items include:

- * monitors * keyboards
- * printers * copiers
- * C P U's * projectors

For a more detailed description, contact Gina Amos at 606-886-2354, ext. 508. Bids will be opened on January 24, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., at the central office, located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg Kentucky. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., January, 24, 2003. All bids will be subject to board approval at the January 27, 2003, board meeting. On January 28, 2003, payment and pickup arrangements can be made.

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Girls' High School Basketball Roundup

Belfry 84, Sheldon Clark 55

Belfry handed Sheldon Clark another loss on Monday night. The Lady Pirates beat the struggling Lady Cardinals 84-55. It was Belfry's sixth win of the season opposed to nine losses.

Belfry's Anna Bevins scored her 1,000 point in the game. She finished with 17 points. Five different Lady Pirates landed in double figures in the game.

Belfry drove the proverbial nail in the second period when it outscored Sheldon Clark 40-12 in one of the state's highest scoring quarters by one team this season.

Marshall University signee Kelli Moore, Sheldon Clark's starting center, led all scorers in the game with 25 points.

BELFRY (84) – Hall 21, Bevins 17, Smith 7, Hensley 12, Johnson 2, Mahon 2, Combs 11, Hamilton 10, Chapman 2.

SHELDON CLARK (55) – K. Moore 25, Meade 9, Parsons 2, T. Moore 4, Johnson 8, Adkins 4, Hammond 2, Corrette 1.

RECORDS—Sheldon Clark 4-10, Belfry 6-9.

Knott Co. Central 72, Leslie County 52

Knott Central seniors Tiffany Slone and Tonya Amburgey led the Lady Patriots to the win over Leslie County (5-9) in a 14th Region matchup. Amburgey, a recent Pikeville College signee, scored 20 points and Slone scored a team-high 22 to lead Knott Central to a 20-point victory. Knott Central led by only one after the first quarter before

exploding en route to the win. Leslie County center Heather Benton led all scorers with a game-high 32 points.

Whitesburg 71, Jenkins 35

A talented Whitesburg team proved to be too much from beginning to end for Jenkins. Whitesburg outscored Jenkins in each of the four quarters and led 31-17 at the break en route to the triumph.

Chasity Fox led Coach Dickie Adams' Whitesburg team with a

game-high 21 points. Camille Cook scored 17 and Whitney Hogg finished with 10.

Ciera Pittman, ranked 10th in the state in scoring, flipped in 13 for Jenkins.

Magoffin Co. 88, Morgan Co. 50

Magoffin County notched win No. 12 of the season with an 88-50 win over Morgan County Monday night. Amanda Shepherd was the high scorer for Magoffin County with a game-high 17 points. Five different

Lady Hornets scored over 10 points in the game. Magoffin limited Morgan County to less than 15 points in each of the four periods.

LADY HORNETS' SCORING

MAGOFFIN CO. (88) – Shepherd 17, Adams 15, S. Howard 11, C. Howard 11, A. Howard 4, K. Howard 9, M. Howard 16, Manns 5.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

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The David Comets hosted their first-ever home game Saturday at Mountain Christian Academy in Martin, coming up short against the Prestonsburg High freshman team. The David team is pictured. Front row, from left to right: Nathan Ousley, Brian Conn, Michael Tussey, James Garrett. Second row, left to right: Nathan Caudill, Erica Ash, Brandon Brown, Johnny Justice, Brandon Caudill. Third row left to right: Nathan Bentley, Jason Conn, Paul Mullins, Coach Ned Pillersdorf, Coach Jarrod Adkins.

P'burg frosh top David School in historic game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN – When guest public address announcer Dale McKinney introduced the David School Comets as the "home team" it was a truly historic moment. While the small non-denominational school in David, Kentucky has been serving area youth for thirty years, this year marks the first year of its basketball team, and its first home game, well sort of. While the historic game was actually played at the Mountain Christian Academy gym, it marked the first time that the David School fans got to see their team in action.

There was plenty of action as the Prestonsburg Freshman led by Coach James DeRossett,

played a well balanced game to defeat the Comets by the score of 65-38 in Saturday afternoon action.

The Blackcats were led by Michael Stephens with 16 points and Michael Lackey with 12 points. David School superstar Brian "Byrd" Conn was limited to 11 points, as the usually deadly shooter had trouble finding the range from three point range. The Comets shot a total of 40 three-pointers, as they tried to overcome the Prestonsburg lead and defense. Michael Tussey added 10 points for the Comets, while Brian Conn grabbed 11 rebounds. As has been the case throughout the season the Blackcats made life difficult for Conn by double teaming the

star player. The Comets went to a zone defense with defense specialist Nathan Ousley guarding the elusive Stephens. Comets coach Ned Pillersdorf said he was well satisfied with the effort of his team, and noted that his team did everything well but put the ball in the basket. Regardless of the score the players were thrilled to have a televised home game, and be introduced to the home crowd. The Comets will continue playing freshman and junior varsity teams throughout the region. Opposing coaches are encouraged to call Comets coaches Erica Ash at 606/886-7323 or Ned Pillersdorf at 606/886-6090 to schedule games.

Sports

Continued from pB3

a six-game winning streak and has forgotten the beating they took against Rick Pitino's Louisville Cardinals. Speaking of the Cards, they are in the top 25 for the first time in a long time. Look for the Pitino's bambinos to be one of the top 10 teams in the country before this season ends. They are playing great basketball and I hope they win Conference USA.

CINCINNATI REDS

Only Bruce Chen remains unsigned by the Cincinnati Reds after the Reds inked Danny Graves to a three-year deal recently with an option after that. Graves has been one of the game's top relievers while with the Reds. Graves is expected to join the Reds rotation this season, something he did toward the end of the 2002 season.

Squads

Continued from pB1

be of strong Floyd County influence. Three of the four remaining teams in this year's tournament, three of the four participating teams from Floyd County, will be in action, vying for a spot in this year's finals.

Betsy Layne, after beating Paintsville 61-39 Monday night, advances to the second round tonight where it will meet Allen Central, a 102-15 winner over Piarist in Monday night's second game of the opening round.

Betsy Layne and Allen Central – last year's champion and runner-up – will tip things off at 6:30. The other second round/semifinals game pits Pikeville, a 73-63 first round winner over Phelps against South Floyd, the other

Floyd County team. South Floyd, coached by Melinda Osborne, drew a bye in this year's tournament. Tonight's Pikeville-South Floyd game is a rematch of the 2001 All "A" championship game, a meeting which saw Pikeville hold on for the title in Osborne's first season as a high school head coach at South Floyd.

TONIGHT

15th Region
Girls' All "A" Classic
Game 1
Betsy Layne-Allen Central, 6:30 p.m.
Game 2
Pikeville-South Floyd, 8:15 p.m.



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My favorite musician is Beethoven because I like his chamber music. Beethoven was born in Germany on December 16, 1770. He kept on playing the piano even though he was losing his hearing. From about 1800, his increasing deafness changed his personality.

Tanis,
5th Grade

Breaking news about a hot new singer. Her name is Avril Lavigne and she is 16 years old. She is sweeping the world with songs like "Complicated" and "Sk8ter Boy." Everyone knows about her. Do you?

Kelsey,
6th Grade

My dad is a 38-year-old man and he still plays the guitar and piano. I'm writing about my dad because it amazes me that even after having four kids, he still finds time to play.

Noelle,
5th Grade

I want to tell you about Elvis Presley. Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. During his childhood there he was exposed to the music that shaped his later singing style, including country music, rhythm and blues and gospel. In 1954 he began recording for Sun Records in Memphis.

Mathew,
4th Grade

Here are some facts about Wayne Newton. People call him "Mr. Las Vegas." He has incredible talent and showmanship and he is a natural. He learned piano, guitar and steel guitar by ear and with the help of a few lessons. By the time he was six, he was doing a radio show before school.

Kyle,
5th Grade

Tyler D is becoming the best musician ever! He is in our elementary school band and he plays clarinet. His favorite sport is soccer. His favorite candy bar is Twix.

Thomas,
5th Grade

My favorite artist is Pink. Three facts about her are that she has pink hair, she can sing well and she has great songs.

Vanessa,
6th Grade

THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

THE 1960s THE ROCK GENERATION!

Teenagers drove the new rock and roll industry. For the first time, most teenagers didn't have to go to work to help their families put food on the table. They had time to listen to their radios, buy records and go to dances.

Surf's up!

Dick Dale and the Deltones wrote and played rock songs for the California surfing crowd. In the summer of 1961, Dale and his band unveiled the new surf sound in Balboa, CA. Surfers came to dance to their cool, twangy tunes.

When the songs of the Beach Boys hit the airwaves, surf music became a hit all over the country.

Standards Link: History: Students understand that history relates to events, people and places of other times.

Songs of Protest

While the surfers were singing about waves, summer fun and pretty girls, another group of musicians sang about more serious subjects. Racism, war, workers rights, and the pain of poverty were all sung to a rock and roll beat and inspired a nation of young people to demand the country to change.



Vic Vinyl here groovin' to the sounds of the 60s. All kinds of musicians caught the rock beat — folk songs, protest songs and even surfer songs started to rock!

John Paul George Ringo BEATLEMANIA

In 1964, the Beatles, a British rock band, gave concerts in cities around the United States. During the nine days of the Beatles' tour, Americans bought more than 2 million Beatles records and more than \$2.5 million worth of Beatles-related goods.

Help Vic Vinyl find the road to Woodstock.



Unscramble the circled words at right to reveal the titles of four fab Beatles songs.

Standards Link: Spelling: rearrange letters to spell words correctly

1. All You **EDEN** is **VLEO**
2. Yellow **BUSRIMEAN**
3. **DYERTSYEA**
4. A **RADH** Day's **GTNHI**

ANSWERS: 1. Need Love 2. Submarine 3. Yesterday 4. Hard Day's Night

Woodstock

At the end of the 60s, millions of rock and rollers, young and old, gathered at huge, outdoor music festivals featuring lots of great bands. The best remembered was Woodstock, held on a farm in New York. For three days in August 1969, more than 400,000 people came to enjoy the music and to rally opposition to the war in Vietnam.

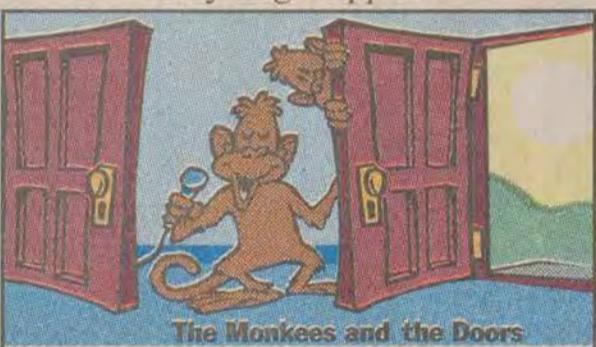
TIMELINE: THE 1960s

The 60s were famous for fashion trends. To find out the year mini-skirts and bell bottoms were introduced add the year of the Woodstock Art & Music Festival to the year Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. Then subtract the year the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan TV show.

President Kennedy elected, pledges to put man on moon by end of decade.	Yuri Gagarin first man in space.	Valentina Tereshkova first woman in space.	First James Bond movie released.	JFK assassinated in Dallas.	Beatles on Ed Sullivan TV show.	US joins war in Vietnam.	Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in Memphis.	Beatles release "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."	Woodstock Art & Music Festival held in New York.	Neil Armstrong takes first step on moon.	"Summer of Love" in San Francisco.
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	ANSWER: 1966	
Hit song: Only the Lonely by Roy Orbison	Hit song: Please Mr. Postman by the Marvelettes	Hit song: The Twist by Chubby Checker	Hit song: Wipe Out by the Surfaris	Hit song: I Want to Hold Your Hand by the Beatles	Hit song: Satisfaction by the Rolling Stones	Hit song: Good Vibrations by the Beach Boys	Hit song: Light My Fire by the Doors	Hit song: All Along the Watchtower by Jimi Hendrix	Hit song: Aquarius by the Fifth Dimension		

What's In a Name?

The Monkees and the Doors were two popular rock bands in the 1960s. If they looked like their band name, here's how they might appear:



On another sheet of paper, draw what other singers or bands might look like if they matched their name. (Britney Spears? 'N Sync? The Rolling Stones?)

Standards Link: Reading comprehension: Follow written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Return to the 60s

Look through the newspaper for examples of:

- someone with long hair
- someone using their right to free speech
- letters that spell the name of a 60s band

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BEATLES
- WOODSTOCK
- BEACH
- BOYS
- SUMMER
- KENNEDY
- FOLK
- BAND
- PROTEST
- SURFING
- SONGS
- JOHN
- PAUL
- MOON

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S U Y M M O O N M K
 E S D R O B H S C Y
 F U E K L O A O O R
 V M N L J Y T N E R
 L M N O T S B G D E
 U E E F D A O S B B
 A R K O D B E A C H
 P R O T E S T B Y L
 A W G N I F R U S N

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Music Style

Look through the newspaper for stories or ads that identify the music stars of this decade. Do the clothes the stars wear influence the clothes you and your friends wear? Do you think young people should dress like music stars?

Standards Link: Oral Communication: Deliver informative presentations about an issue developing the topic with simple facts, details, examples and explanations.



What kinds of phones make music?

ANSWER: Saxophones



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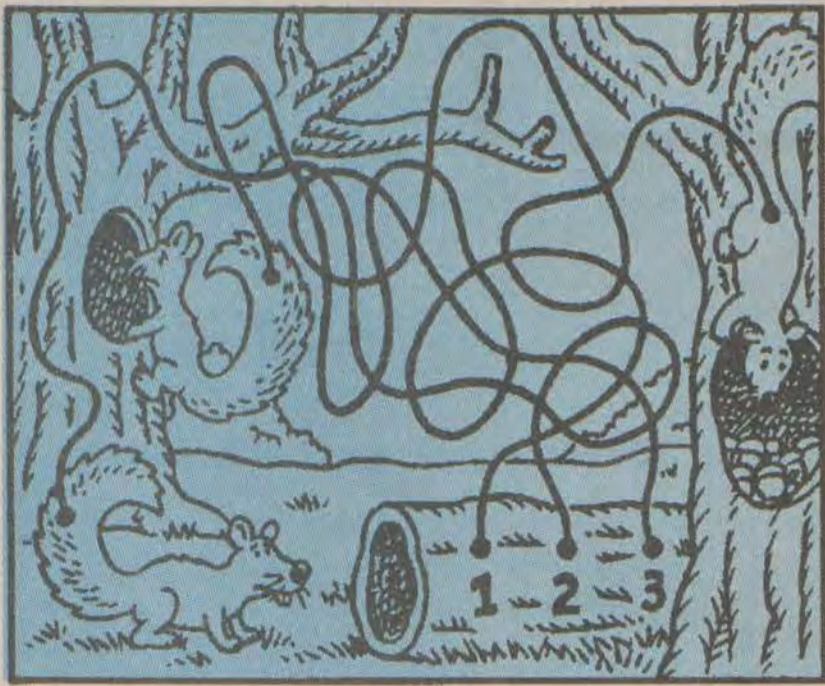
One day I heard a tiny voice. Looking around, I saw that the voice came from a little cocoon. Finish this story.

Deadline: February 16, 2003
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Send your story to:

Talking Cocoon
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Please include your school and grade.



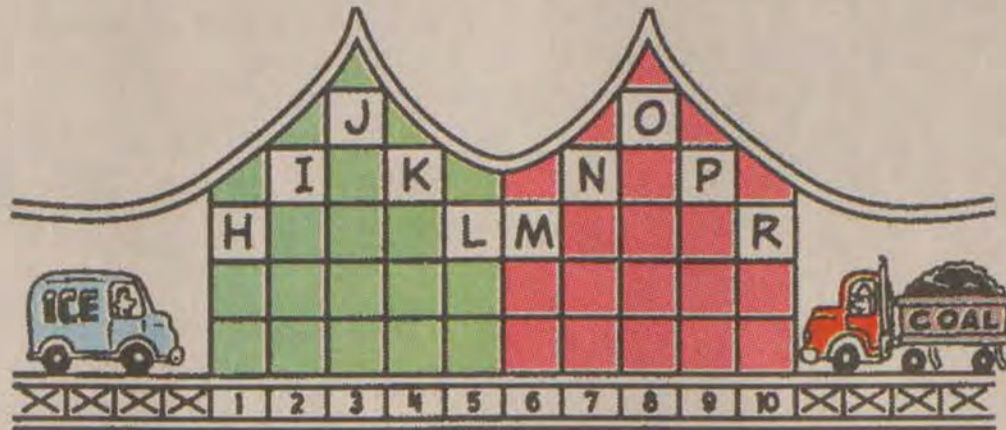
CAN YOU GUESS which one of these little squirrels remembered where he hid his food in the fall?

Answer: It was squirrel number 3.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE!



The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus lots of hints.

1. Found on dresses.
2. One who is blindly adored.
3. A children's game.
4. Something you turn or pull.
5. To rent or lease.
6. An animal sound.
7. Central part of a church.
8. An oil or color.
9. A famous bear.
10. A fixed, boring routine.

Illustrated by David Coulson

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA! A Londoner would have an easy time with this one. To complete the 11-letter word below, you must add the same three letters to the beginning and to the end. The letters, in both cases, are in the same order.

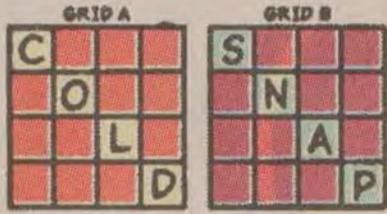
— — — E R G R O — — —

Answer: The letters are UND, and the word is UNDERGROUND. (In America we call it a subway.)



"CHILL OUT" WITH THIS PROBLEM! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

1. Storage vessels.
2. A seeded field.
3. An absence of motion.
4. Used to move animals.

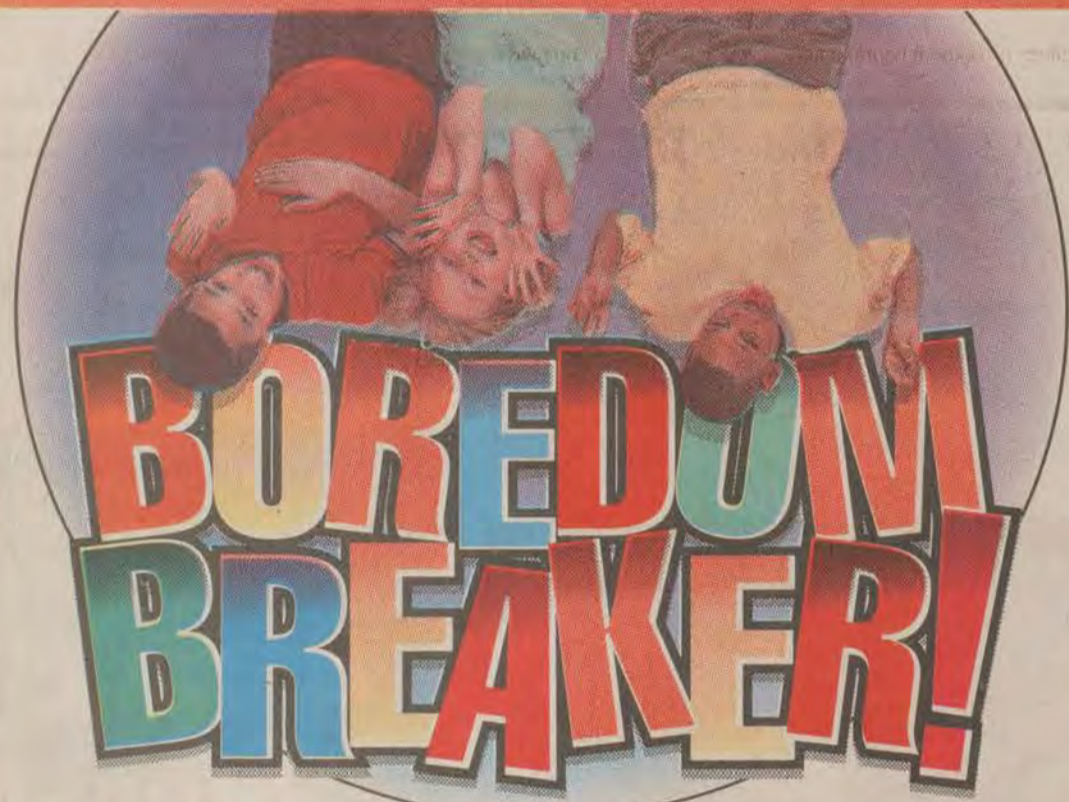


1. To look over quickly.
2. Small ice crystals.
3. A closed-mouthed person.
4. Small quantity of liquid.

Answers: 1. Cans-scan. 2. Sowm-snow. 3. Calm-clam. 4. Prod-drop.

Answers: 1. Hem. 2. Idol. 3. Jacks. 4. Knob. 5. Let. 6. Mew. 7. Nave. 8. Olive. 9. Papa. 10. Rut.

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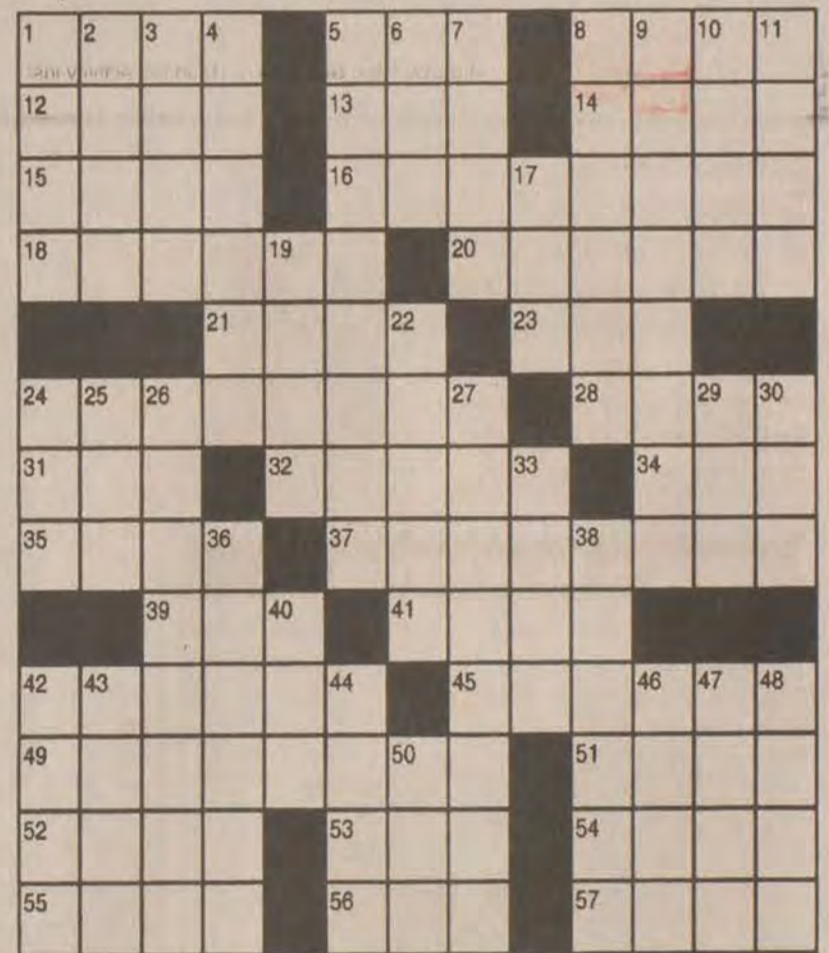


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King Crossword

ACROSS

1. One of a deck
5. Watch chain
8. Open slightly
12. Sandwich treat
13. 401(k) alternative
14. Links warning
15. Chime sound
16. Self-titled sitcom
18. Broadway lyricist Green
20. Camera stand
21. Shrieking sound, maybe
23. Hydro-carbon suffix
24. "Old -" (12/31 phrase)
28. Catch sight of
31. Ostrich's cousin



32. Small ducks
34. Poolroom stick
35. Speaker's platform
37. Street-corner item
39. Put into words
41. Same (Pref.)
42. Dictionary listings
45. Empty out
49. Periodic oscillation
51. Island dance
52. Curved paths

53. Fish part
54. Exam format
55. Pedal extremities
56. Chow down
57. Appellation

DOWN

1. Last few notes, maybe
2. Saharan
3. Nevada city
4. Fairway angle
5. Some photography lenses
6. Raw mineral
7. Worm, often

8. In-law
9. "My Cousin Vinny" star
10. Woody's son
11. Comedian
17. Heston's org.
19. Bothersome one
22. On mom's side
24. Got the ball rolling
25. "I - Camera"
26. See 19-Down
27. Well-spoken
29. Boxer
30. Longing

33. Made cotton candy
36. Most judicious
38. Gas thief's device
40. Evergreen
42. Our mil. fliers
43. Stallion, to a foal
44. Out of harm's way
46. Emanation
47. Quahog
48. Hardy cabbage
50. Through

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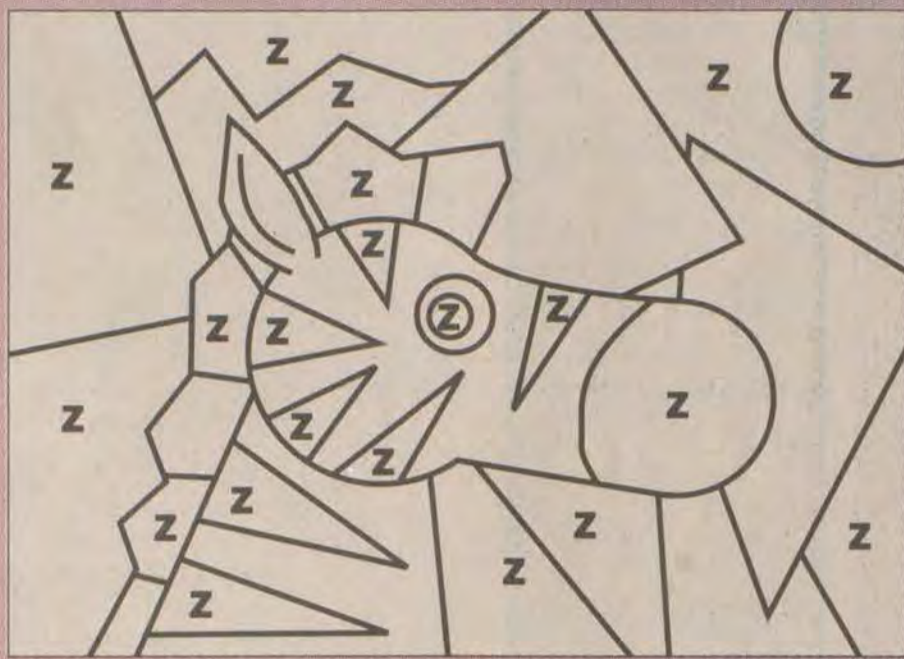
Jeff Schinkel, Designer/Illustrator

My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

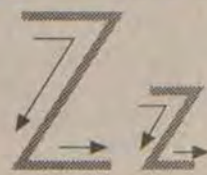
What is hiding here?

Color the spaces with the letter Z black. What do you see?



My Letters

Z is for Zipper
z is for zipper



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Z. Say the letter as you trace it.

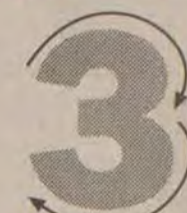
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter Z makes in the word zipper?

My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

Z is for the Zebra
That kept Zoe busy,
She counted his stripes
'Til she felt she was dizzy.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Zoom goes the



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Z in zipper.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Fasteners
Look at the clothes people are wearing in pictures in the newspaper. Talk with your child about how those clothes might be fastened. Do they use zippers, buttons, hooks, belts? Something else?

Wednesday

Handwriting Stripes
Lay one sheet of newspaper on the table so that it is horizontal. Use the columns of type as lines to practice writing. Have your child trace the lines of type to make zebra stripes.

Thursday

Who's in the Zoo?
With your child, look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. Ask which animals could be found in a zoo. Where else could you find each of the animals?

Friday

Three Z
Practice rhyming, listening and large motor skills. Wad a sheet of newspaper into a ball. Tape the ball so that you can toss it back and forth. Each time you or your child tosses the ball, say a word. The person who catches the ball needs to say a rhyming word.

Saturday

Zebra Visit
Pretend you and your child are going to have a visit from a zebra. Look through the newspaper for things you would need to have on hand to care for the zebra.



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DIRECTIONS:

- Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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Your Working
Time Minutes
Seconds

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		9		28
	8			29
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Phamiliar phrases
"labor of love"
This phrase indicates work that is done for the pleasure of it, or for the benefit of a loved one. Its use stems from the Biblical passage that mentions 'your work of faith and labor of love' (1 Thess. 1:3).
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What are owls?

Owls are mysterious, mostly nocturnal birds that have been worshiped by primitive peoples, associated with magic, superstition and sorcery, and made companions or advisors to gods and goddesses. The owl has figured prominently in the folklore and legends of people around the world. The owl is often portrayed as wise, or as an ominous portent or sign of things to come.

Because owls are seldom observed by the average person, many of its traits or habits are not so obvious. Owls are extraordinary and unique birds.

Efficient hunters

Owls are raptors, like hawks, eagles and falcons. They capture living prey using specialized talons on their feet. The beak is razor sharp, but unlike other raptors, the owl swallows its prey whole, or in roughly torn chunks.

Super vision

The owl has the most versatile eyesight of any bird. It has what scientists call a **tubular eye**. It differs from other animal's eyes in that it allows more light to be gathered and concentrated on the back of the eyeball. This is why an owl can capture small prey like mice or voles in a dense wood in complete darkness. But the trade-off for such a large eye is that the owl cannot swivel its eyes in their sockets like other animals can. Instead, it must turn its neck, but has an amazing range of motion and can rotate its head a full 270 degrees.



Cross-section of an owl eye



270 degrees

On the flight deck

The owl's nocturnal lifestyle has led to some effective adaptations in its feathers. The plumage of an owl is fluffy, and the leading edge of the primary wing feather is finely toothed to absorb any sound made by air rushing over the wing.



Primary wing feather

Eating too much junk food . . .

Owls eat a huge amount of food. They can consume the equivalent of their own body weight each night. But because they don't chew the food they eat, owls end up with lots of fur, feathers, bones, beaks and nails in their **gizzard**. As with other predatory birds, the owl has evolved the ability to regurgitate the animal parts it can't digest as neat little **pellets**, which can be found under nests and around feeding areas.

How owls are classified

There are over 150 known species of owls. Scientists who study birds (**ornithologists**) group them according to a hierarchical system. All living creatures are classified this way. In this system, animals are assigned to progressively smaller and smaller groups based upon their similarities. Here's how it works for owls:

Kingdom	Animalia Owls are animals
Phylum	Chordata Owls have nerve cords or flexible skeletal rods
Sub-phylum	Vertebrata Owls have backbones
Class	Aves Owls are birds
Order	Strigiformes Owls are grouped in their own order, which is divided like this:
Families	Tytonidae: The barn and grass owls have a heart-shaped disk that encircles the face, and long, nar-skulls. The legs are long, and the middle toe has a serrated comb on the claw. Collarbones are separated from the breastbone.
row	Strigidae: The "typical owls" have a round facial disk forming a semi-circle on each side. The legs are short with no comb on the middle claw. The breast bone and collar bones are fused.

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The **great horned owl** is the largest eared owl in North America. It can grow to 22 inches in length and has the power to take skunks and Canada geese as prey.

The **short-eared owl** grows to be about 15 inches long. It lives in all of North America but is becoming endangered due to habitat loss. It lives in open country, tundra, marshes and weedy fields. The bird nests on open ground.



The **elf owl** is North America's smallest owl. It lives in the Southwestern desert, where it usually hollows out a nesting cavity in the tall saguaro cactus. It is strictly nocturnal, and only grows to be about 5 inches long.

Owls eggs

All owls lay pure white, round eggs. They do not build nests, but often use ready-made sites like abandoned nests of other birds, the holes in trees made by woodpeckers, or the aerie of a raptor. Owlets leave the nest before that can fly. They keep in touch with their parents by directional sounds and begging calls.



Barn owl egg



Saw-whet owls are about 8 inches long. They have very fluffy plumage, and their call sounds like the a saw being sharpened (whetted). The saw-whet feeds on small mammals and lives in the dense conifer forests of North America.



Snowy owls live in far North America. They inhabit the frozen tundra and feed mostly on lemmings and hares. During the Arctic summer, they hunt in the daytime. This large owl grows to about 23 inches long, and the female's plumes are more heavily barred, or speckled, than the male's.

Night hunters

A closer look at owls



Owl anatomy

The owl has many features common to all birds, as well as the specialized features already discussed. Here are a typical owl's parts:

Primary wing feathers (10)

Secondary wing feathers (11-19)

Tail feathers (12)

Puzzler

DOWN

- Owls capture prey with these specialized nails.
- The eye of an owl is this shape.
- Birds are members of this animal class.
- Undigested bone, fur and feathers.

ACROSS

- Animals that are active at night.
- The smallest North American owl.
- Owls have special fringed edges on these.



NOCTURNAL, 5. Elf, 7. Feathers
AVES, 6. Pellets, ACROSS, 2
DOWN, 1. Talons, 3. Tubular, 4

Owls and humans

Owls have had a long relationship with the folklore and myths of humans. The earliest known drawing of a bird was of snowy owls in the cave of Les Trois Freres in Southern France.

One of the oldest coins made depicts a saw-whet owl, a symbol of Athena, the goddess of wisdom, from ancient Greece. It is dated from about 500 B.C.



The owl was associated with death by the Aztecs. Below is a wooden drum called a teponaztli. It is carved with the image of an owl's face.



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