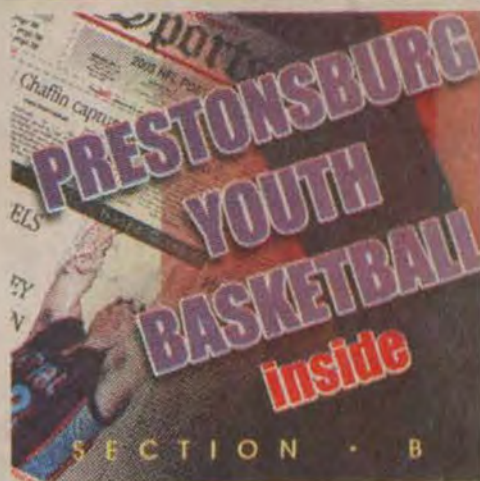


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Former policeman accused of rape

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Hi Hat man, arrested Wednesday and charged with raping his daughter this past September, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment yesterday morning in Floyd District Court.

Rodney Newsome, 48, of Bryant Branch was arrested by Kentucky State Police Detective David

Maynard Wednesday and arraigned the following morning on two separate counts of first-degree rape.

Maynard alleges in court documents that Newsome, a former Wheelwright police officer and Sunday school bus driver for his local church, raped his 15-year-old daughter on Sept. 9 and again on Sept. 10 of last year.

Past court records suggest that the recent charges against Newsome

may have been one part of an ongoing problem within the family.

On Dec. 16 a domestic violence petition was filed against Newsome by his wife, 45-year-old Nina Newsome, in which she said he "made threats about killing people" and threatened to break down the door of her home.

"I am afraid he is going to hurt me and my child," Nina Newsome wrote in her Dec. 16 complaint. "He

is on medication and he does have a gun."

Family Court Judge Julie Paxton scheduled a domestic hearing in response to the complaint, and, at that hearing on Dec. 27, ordered that Nina Newsome undergo counseling for victims of domestic violence. Rodney Newsome was fitted with an emergency protection order forbid-



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Rodney Newsome

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briefs

Man tries to run over troopers

FEDS CREEK — A Pike County man faces two charges of attempted murder after he tried to run over two state troopers with his car, Kentucky State Police said.

Mitchell Looney, 21, was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center after his arrest Tuesday night.

State troopers Bo Cure and Luke Vanhoose were responding to an unrelated complaint on Feds Creek Road when Looney tried to hit them with his car about 7:30 p.m.

The officers were out of their cruiser when they spotted Looney's car being driven "in a very reckless manner," a police report said.

As Looney approached the officers in his car, he slowed down, then speeded up and tried to hit them, police said. Neither officer was injured.

Looney was arrested about four hours later, police said.

DEER IN TROUBLE



photo by Jarrid Deaton

This deer was so badly frozen that it could not stand for days. The RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center was afraid that it would have to be euthanized because of its injuries. The deer was able to stand on Thursday.

Cold weather brings need for rescue

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK — The recent cold temperatures have not been safe for man or beast, as evident by the rescue of two deer that were almost frozen to death.

The first deer was found on the river bank at Goble Roberts last week. The animal could not make it up the bank because of snow and ice and had become lethargic due to exertion and the cold temperatures.

The deer was rescued by the combined effort of the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Prestonsburg Fire Department and Transtar Ambulance Service.

According to Penelope Roberts, owner of

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

This deer was rescued from the banks of the Big Sandy River in Goble Roberts and was taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Endicott. The eyes of the deer were covered to prevent it from becoming frightened.

Pit bull stolen in burglary

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

WEST PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Animal shelter was once again the victim of a break-in on Thursday.

During the break-in, a large pit bull was taken from the shelter. According to Kathy Mullins, director of the animal shelter, the dog seemed to be the only thing that the suspects were after.

"They had to plan this out. This is not the kind of dog

that you would just walk up to," Mullins said.

Mullins is worried that the dog could be aggressive towards other animals and children.

"This is a 90-pound dog. It could really be a dangerous animal in the wrong hands," Mullins said.

Because of a break-in last year, the shelter had a security system installed in an attempt to prevent future occurrences. According to

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Martin city council approves annexation

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Martin City Council's first meeting of 2003, held Tuesday evening, included the reading of annexation ordinances and the creation of a new city position for an electrical inspector, as well as negotiations with American Electric

Power for a franchise.

The council did a second reading of ordinance 2-05, which annexed about one-half of a mile of property that houses Hall Funeral Home, a private home, the Deguzman Clinic, and the First Assembly Church of God. A first reading of ordinance 3-

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Have a drug tip? Don't call the jail

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb is persistent in explaining that his employees — from cooks to deputy jailers — have absolutely no authority in investigating drug activity throughout the county.

His insistence on this point began in mid-January, when his office began receiving almost daily phone calls, apparently from the same person, informing Webb that drugs are being sold in her community.

Beginning on Jan. 16, Webb began to pick up mes-

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Newspaper contest sending Wilson to Bahamas

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Times circulation manager Patty Wilson was recently named as the first place winner of a company contest organized by Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. (CNHI).

Wilson, who finished first in

the Conference 14 division, was awarded an all-expense-paid four-day, three-night stay in Nassau, Bahamas, for her achievements in the contest.

The contest was implemented to boost all revenues and increase circulation among CNHI's 335 newspapers across 19 states and lasted five months.

During those five months, com-

peting newspapers were given monthly updates of their progress.

"During the whole five months, I was always in the running," said Wilson, who maintained at least first, second or third place for the length of the contest. "Somebody was ahead of me in November and that was the last we had heard until now."

Wilson said she is looking for-

ward to the trip.

"I can't wait," Wilson said. "Me and my husband are going and we're really looking forward to it."

In addition to Wilson's first-place finish, Times publisher Rod Collins commended his circulation manager at The Hazard Herald,

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Patty Wilson

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This was a clear violation of a statute banning circuses anywhere in Minnesota while the State Fair is on, from late August through Labor Day.

So were the Cirque performers entertainers or outlaws?

"Well, technically, it would be illegal," said Jerry Hammer, the Fair's general manager. "Maybe they're only half a circus," he said, in apparent reference to Cirque's theatrical flair and absence of animal acts.

Legislators doubt any prosecutor would enforce the "gross misdemeanor" punishable by up to \$3,000 and a year in jail. But

to be on the safe side, a House agriculture committee will consider repeal of the 1933 anti-circus law.

In the 1920s and '30s, Hammer explains, getting to the State Fair was an all-day trek for many, so crafty promoters set up circuses everywhere to lure away fairgoers. Today's organizers express confidence the Great Minnesota Get-Together is safely second-to-none.

■ **MOBERLY, Mo.** — "He's gone. He's dead," was the first thought church secretary Marie Taylor had as she held the postcard addressed to the late Rev. Jack Stanton.

Then she took a closer look and read the postmark — 9:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 1949.

The card, relayed by the Postal Service, finally reached its destination last week at the Carpenter Street Baptist Church, where Stanton was pastor from 1947 to 1951. He died last year.

The card, with a correct one-

cent stamp, featured a picture of a St. Louis evangelist, Del Fehsenfeld, who was planning a revival in Burbank, Calif., in 1949.

Promised topics included "Are you ready to meet God?" and "Will the atomic-bomb end all?"

Taylor used the Internet to track down the 90-year-old Fehsenfeld in Greenville, S.C. He recalled passing through Missouri many times and said he'd like to visit again, Taylor said.

Postal officials had their theories about how the card went missing for more than half a century.

It could have been stuck in a machine or a piece of furniture in a Burbank post office and didn't get found until a recent renovation, said Rich Skaggs, the Moberly postmaster.

But Terri Bouffiou, spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service in Southern California, said there wasn't any renovation

or move lately at any Burbank post office.

What would the late pastor think about his never-received mail? "He would get a kick out of it," said current pastor Brian Wilson.

■ **PRESTON, Minn.** — Everybody into the jury pool.

With a drug trial ready to start and not enough potential jurors on hand, the judge told Sheriff Jim Connolly: Find them where you can.

Connolly nabbed his first two right in the courthouse, as Fillmore County Board Chairman Marc Prestby stood in plain view, talking with a friend and thinking about having lunch.

"We both kind of laughed about it and thought he was joking," Prestby said Tuesday. "Then the judge himself came by and thanked us for volunteering."

To collar his next four, Connolly had only to visit the Victory Cafe across the street. "You finish your lunch and be at the courthouse by 1 o'clock," he told them.

His next stops were a grocery and nearby deli, where he scored two customers and an assistant manager.

At the local newspaper, the Fillmore County Journal, Connolly looked publisher John

Torggrimson in the eye. "He came along without a problem," reported Connolly.

Ten people with other plans had become 10 potential jurors.

"That's the old-fashioned way of doing it," Connolly said.

■ **COTTAGE GROVE, Wis.** — Instead of a groundhog, the local Lions Club will use a potbellied pig to forecast the weather this weekend.

The club is also switching the date of its celebration from Feb. 2 to Feb. 1 because it can't muster enough volunteers to sell tickets at the door any other day.

Besides, the hall where the event is held has already been rented by a local church.

The Lions argue that Hamlet the Potbellied Pig proved his powers of prediction last year when he agreed with Jimmy the Groundhog: A sunny dawn meant spring would wait awhile.

Some traditionalists say the Lions Club is making a farce of the holiday.

"They're making a fallacy of it. They're demeaning Jimmy," joked Sun Prairie mayor Jo Ann Orfan.

Lee Phillips, food committee chairman, said last year's groundhog breakfast fed 462 people and raised money for scout clubs, scholarships and

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Today in History

The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer 1.

On this date:

■ In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

■ In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria.

■ In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named General-in-Chief of all the Confederate armies.

■ In 1917, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

■ In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt devalued the dollar in relation to gold.

■ In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

■ In 1950, President Truman announced he had ordered devel-

opment of the hydrogen bomb.

■ In 1971, astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell and Stuart A. Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

■ In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

■ In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard.

Ten years ago:

The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills 52-17 in Super Bowl 27, played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Five years ago:

Astronaut David Wolf returned to Earth aboard space shuttle Endeavour after four months on the Russian space station Mir.

One year ago:

The Bush administration handed abortion opponents a symbolic victory, classifying a developing fetus as an "unborn child" as a way of extending prenatal care to low-income pregnant women under the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a speech that the United States had to prepare for potential surprise attacks "vastly more deadly" than the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings. Kentucky, cited by the NCAA for more than three dozen recruiting violations, was placed on three years' probation.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Carol Channing is 82. Author Norman Mailer is 80. Actress Jean Simmons is 74. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 72. Composer Philip Glass is 66. Actress Suzanne Pleshette is 66. Actor Stuart Margolin is 63. Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., is 62. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 59. Actress Jessica Walter is 59. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 56. Singer Phil Collins is 52. Singer-musician KC (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 52. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 47. Actress Kelly Lynch is 44. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 44. Singer-musician Lloyd Cole is 42. Actor John Dye is 40. Rock musician Al Jaworski (Jesus Jones) is 37. Actress Minnie Driver is 32. Actress Portia de Rossi is 30. Singer Justin Timberlake ('N Sync) is 22.

Thought for Today:

"We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is disappearing." — R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989)

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Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson presented Dr. Chandra Varia with an award of appreciation for her service to the Floyd County Board of Education on Tuesday, when she found humor in a debate over who could talk more between the two of them.

Martin council pays tribute to Varia

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — On behalf of the city of Martin, Mayor Thomasine Robinson presented Dr. Chandra Varia with an award of appreciation for her service and representation on the Floyd County Board of Education.

Following the city council meeting on Tuesday evening, Robinson had Pam Justice retrieve the award, which she presented to a grateful Dr. Varia. She accepted the award and stated that "Martin is our home" in reference to herself and her husband Dr. Mahendra Varia, who

serves on the Martin City Council.

"You do for your home," said Varia.

Recounting events from her campaign, Varia talked about how she kept running into people that had received medical assistance from her in the past. She said that she was in the "head-of-a-hollow" when she introduced herself to a woman that informed her she had performed a hysterectomy on her three years prior.

Varia told of how neighbors in one of these hollows told her

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Pitbull

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Mullins, the suspects kicked in the only door not hooked up to the security system.

"It was the only door that wasn't hooked up because of the renovations we are doing," Mullins said.

Mullins said that the pit bull had already been adopted and

was scheduled to be neutered when it was taken from the shelter.

"I think that whoever took it wants to use it for breeding or fighting," Mullins said.

A \$200 reward is being offered for the return of the dog.

Rape

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ding him to be within 500 feet of his wife and was also ordered to have no firearms.

Newsome and his wife filed for divorce less than a month later on Jan. 22, one week before his arrest.

After being appointed a public defender during court yester-

day morning, Newsome was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center, where he is being held on a \$200,000 cash bond.

During yesterday's arraignment, a preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 3 before District Court Judge Eric D. Hall.

Court OKs plan to tackle garbage

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Wednesday that included the approval of a solid waste plan for the county.

According to the resolution, the county wants to be in compliance with the Natural Resource Cabinet's requirement for a new five-year plan covering 2003-2007.

According to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the plan is not much different from the previous solid waste plan used by the county.

District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens voted no to the motion to approve the plan because he did not have time to read over it.

"Because of all the snow, I haven't had time to read the whole thing," Owens said.

Also at the meeting, a motion was passed to issue a check for \$8,455 to Laurel Construction for the Spurlock Creek Waterline Project.

The court also passed a resolution to raise the hourly rate of Estill Mullins, park worker, to \$10.40 per hour.

A motion was also passed to pay East Equipment in the amount of \$13,890.14 and Prestonsburg City Utilities in the amount of \$2,159.43 for the Ivel Industrial Site.

The final resolution passed by the court was the adoption of a portion of road in Little Mud Creek the county road system.

The next scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court is Feb. 21.



photo by Jarrid Deaton
Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Doug Hall stands with former chief deputy clerk Doris Anderson at a celebration in her honor on Thursday. Doris Anderson had been with the Floyd County Justice System since Nov. 1966 and officially retired Dec. 31. Anderson has worked longer for the Floyd County Justice System than any other current employee.

Deer

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Penelope's Pets, the deer would have died without the assistance of the ambulance service.

"They provided a backboard to carry the deer on and heat packs to warm her up," Roberts said.

The deer was taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Endicott for treatment.

"We named her 'Charity' because it took a team effort to save her," said Robin Branham, with the rehabilitation center. "Charity" was released the next day.

The second deer was in almost the same situation at Lower John's Creek in Pike County.

The second deer was also taken to the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to be treated.

"We thought his pelvis was fractured. We were afraid he

would have to be put down," Branham said.

Dr. Joey Collins, with the East Kentucky Animal Center, provided services to both of the deer and was going to euthanize the second deer because of its condition.

The second deer, which was christened "Charlie Brown", was able to stand on Thursday to the delight of Branham.

"We will need to keep him for a little while longer because he is still dependent on us," Branham said.

According to Branham, the center does not usually take adult deer but made an exception because of the situation.

Tips

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sages on his office phone from a distressed caller complaining that drug exchanges were being made near their home.

Each of the six following messages stored on Webb's answering machine reflect the irritation of the caller, who pleaded with Webb to "get the drugs out of here."

The calls, which began with the first on Jan. 16 and have since been followed with similar calls on Jan. 18, 19, 20 and 23, have Webb concerned.

"It's bad to think there are people out there in the county who think this is the place to call and report these things," Webb said. "They need to know that we have nothing to do with catching drug dealers."

Webb said some of his employees live in the area mentioned by the caller and one of his concerns is for them.

"I have deputies who live in that area and I'm afraid something might happen to them," said Webb. "It's just something people need to know."

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said yesterday that his office had received no phone calls similar in content to that of Webb's and agrees that successfully redirecting the calls could help both agencies.

"I would be glad to have any information like that, it's the kind of information we're looking for" said Blackburn. "We need more people like that to come forward and help us. That's why we have this drug task force, and we're looking for information like that."

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Money is indeed the most important thing in the world; and all sound and successful personal and national morality should have this fact for its basis"

—George Bernard Shaw

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Guest View Editorial roundup

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, on Bush's State of the Union speech:

Last night, President Bush offered the most specific explanation to date for his drive to make war on Iraq. Less forceful, and less credible, was his outline of a domestic battle plan.

Bush framed the need to force the disarmament of Iraq in the global context of the larger war on terrorism. His speech linked the body of evidence that Saddam Hussein has continued to amass chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and al-Qaida.

The president used that link as justification for military action to prevent future terrorist attacks. ...

But trusting solely in military might is likewise neither strategy nor option. Building a truly democratic nation out of the ruins of Iraq's fallen dictatorship will take time, money and likely continued loss of American lives. ...

Bush's defense of his strategy on domestic matters was less compelling, and far more familiar: Boost the economy with tax cuts heavily weighted toward the top of the economic scale. Make health care more affordable by limiting injured patients' ability to seek compensation. Shift social service expenses to private agencies and charities. Spend more on drug treatment but earmark much of it for "faith-based" programs. Offer senior citizens much-needed prescription drug coverage but only if they leave Medicare for private insurance programs. Create "healthy forests" by lifting restrictions on timber harvests on federal forestlands. ...

There was certainly more power in Bush's speech when he talked of carrying war abroad than when he spoke of delivering economic security at home. After last night, it seems there can be little to deter Bush from imposing America's will on Iraq, with or without the support of the rest of the world.

The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, on the dismissed lawsuit against McDonald's:

There's been no shortage of snickering since a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit by McDonald's patrons seeking damages because Big Macs made their kids fat. There seems to be a consensus that intelligent life understands that burgers, fries and shakes are fattening.

And just days before Judge Robert Sweet dismissed the suit, researchers from the University of North Carolina quantified a fast-food problem that even casual gluttons ought to understand by now: The portions at restaurants such as McDonald's and Burger King have grown dramatically. Customers are "super-sizing" like crazy, and for a few extra quarters downing more fries and more soda, the most profitable offerings for the restaurants.

The restaurants' public relations people often point out that the average person still eats three-quarters of his food at home. Indeed, blame for the growing of America's waistline can't be laid just at the feet of the Golden Arches. But one wonders whether the super-sizing we do at the drive-thru has taught us to do a lot of super-sizing at home. Or was it the other way around? This much is simple math: As our meals get bigger, so do we.



In the moment

She suffers no more

Although inanimate objects are incapable of emotions, they can be the object of our emotional attachment. Take the ring that is passed down from grandmother to mother to daughter; it is precious to the woman who now wears it. The reason being that the round piece of jewelry has meaning for the person who shares its presence.

I acknowledge that I have an emotional attachment to a car that finally shouted "I can do no more." The reason being that it has meaning that is much more than just a source of transportation.

I bought the car nearly four years ago for \$750 from a wonderful agency initi-

ated by the Christian Appalachian Project. At that time, I was working as a waitress at Billy Ray's Restaurant, struggling to pay bills and make my way through college. I was thrilled to have transportation again. It meant that I didn't have to walk anymore and I didn't have to wait on taxis.

In her used car fashion, she was a beautiful sight to me. Never mind that she was in dire need of a paint job; she was wonderful in my opinion. From the day that I first sat down in her and drove myself to class, she has carried me forward to many places. She and I have struggled through nearly four years of working, school, basketball and football games, cheer-leading practice, swimming pools, and an occasional joy ride. There were times

that she needed a rest and some repairs, but she would bounce back quickly and we would go on.

Part of the struggle will be over for me in May, when I pick up a hard-earned degree that, though difficult to acquire, has been an enjoyable experience for me. It seems that she will not go with me these last miles, but will rest, probably permanently. That fact evokes sadness in me because she is special, but at the same time I am moved by what I see as proof of a higher power providing what I need.

I will soon begin a new phase of my life and, thanks to Jason Bentley of Prestonsburg Auto Mart, I will begin it with a new car. Not new as in a recent model, but new to me. I will begin this relationship as I did with the last one; with gratitude for the blessings that I have been given and an optimistic attitude.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

Christmas event successful

The City of Wayland had another successful Christmas treats for the children project, thanks to many generous people and businesses.

We would like to extend our thanks to Elmer and Stella Castle of Castle's Grocery and Bobby and Dale Hamilton, of Wayland Quick Mart. Both of these local businesses have always given generously to help with any project for the children in our community.

We also wish to thank Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Pikeville Wal-Mart, Elk Horn Coal Corp., Ken Hall of the Christian Appalachian Project, Florence Morrison, and "Santa's helper," Larry Puckett.

We would like to send out a special thanks to Jeff Burchett of the Christian Appalachian Project in Corbin. We made two trips to Corbin and both times we received several extra very nice toys for the treat bags.

I would also like to extend thanks to the City Commissioners and residents who gave so freely of their time to help put it all together.

The turnout to visit Santa on Christmas Eve was wonderful, making this one of the most successful years we have had.

Thank you everyone for your giving hearts at this special time of the year.
Tom Murphy
Mayor, City of Wayland

A bold-faced lie

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) said that its "weaknesses in enforcement proce-

dures" did not cause the gigantic Martin County coal sludge spill of October 2000. Such a claim was made despite the agency's own failure to pay adequate attention to evidence that the 2.1 billion gallon impoundment was leaking.

The agency's denial that it played a key role in causing the worst blackwater spill in U.S. history is a bold-faced lie.

In its initial response to letting 300 million gallons of coal sludge flood miles upon miles of streams, Martin County Coal had the audacity to call the spill an act of God.

As seen with MSHA's review, the game of denying responsibility for this environmental disaster continues to this day.

Until mining laws are properly enforced and obeyed, no one will be able to say with much assurance that such a catastrophe will not occur again.

The coal industry, our legislators, and government agencies that are supposed to be enforcing mining laws must be held accountable by we the people. As the saying goes, those who forget history are doomed to repeat it.

Greg Doggett
Lexington

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Rogers will be chairman of Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee

The Associated Press

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers will be the first chairman of the new Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, House Appropriations Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said Wednesday.

The panel is responsible for the funding and oversight of the new Department of Homeland Security, the third-largest cabinet agency. Included in the department are the Transportation Security Administration, the Immigration and Naturalization Service,

Customs Service, Secret Service and Coast Guard.

"This is a very heavy responsibility because the foremost mission of government is to ensure the safety and security of our nation and its citizens," Rogers said in a statement.

Rogers, who represents Kentucky's 5th District, is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee who has served as chairman of the

Subcommittee on Transportation since 2001.

The statement from Rogers' office said he will become chairman of the new subcommittee after fiscal year 2003 appropriations bills are completed. When he takes over the new committee, Rogers will give up the chairmanship of the transportation subcommittee but remain as one of its members, his staff said.

Council

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01 proposed that the city annex the Martin Community Center and one-eighth of a mile of Route 80.

The council did a second reading of ordinance 2-06, which created a position for a city electrical inspector. The first reading of ordinance 3-02 proposed that Kevin Potter be appointed emergency management director, replacing Lon May.

Mary Begley, AEP manager of community services, was present to discuss the renewal of its franchise, which ends July 6. Begley proposed that AEP would advertise for three consecutive weeks and deliver bids to the council, which would then

vote to accept. This routine process happens every 20 years and is state mandated by KRS 278.020(3) to ensure that utility companies are granted a legal right to perform maintenance and upgrades.

The council then went into closed session to discuss litigation with city attorney Dwight S. Marshall and upon returning announced that they would be turning the matter over St. Paul, their insurance company.

After the city council adjourned, Mayor Thomasine Robinson presented Dr. Chandra Varia with an appreciation award for her service and representation on the Floyd County Board of Education.

Varia

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to stay away from a certain residence, warning that there was drug activity taking place. Varia said that she told them she was obligated to go anywhere there was a child who attended a Floyd County school. She laughed when she disclosed that upon her arrival at this residence, she found a 9- to 10-year-old boy with chubby cheeks and nice clothes, who greeted her by saying, "You delivered me."

"With my patients in this area, nobody in Kentucky could beat me," said Varia.

She then launched her concerns about how budget cuts are often met with proposals to raise taxes as opposed to looking at how money is being spent. She said that \$551,000 was spent on substitute teachers while \$251,000 was spent on classified employees, which made for three-quarter of a million dollars spent on replacing personnel. She also commented that 10 percent of the county's children fail to attend school, which results in a financial loss to the school system. She proposed that if everyone would encourage their neighbors to send their children to school and all school employees would come to work, the county could save money.

"Tell them to get out there and drive those buses and go to school," said Varia.

Bahamas

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Jenny Jones, who also captured a first place finish in the contest in Conference 15.

Collins said Wilson's and Jones' first-place finishes were certainly deserving and a cause for celebration.

"As a publisher, I am certainly proud," said Collins. "Both of them worked hard and deserve it. There's nothing better than two of your circulation managers getting first place."

Odds

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vision tests for kids.

The club also contributed \$2,000 for Taylor Prairie School playground equipment and helped a local man who was seriously injured in a hunting accident, Phillips said.

Even the traditionalists agree the celebration has its advantages.

"They can have their fun, certainly," Orfan said. "I think they're not terribly conversant with history."

SAGINAW, Mich. — Guests of dentist Val Kolpakov are discouraged from brushing their teeth — that is, with any of the more than 800 tubes of toothpaste in his collection.

Kolpakov started collecting toothpaste just 10 months ago. The Saginaw dentist said he's spent about \$3,000 to buy toothpaste tubes from Japan, China, India, Ukraine and his native Russia.

The collection now takes up half of one of Kolpakov's bedrooms.

"When I have visitors, they sleep there with the fresh scent of toothpaste," Kolpakov, 36, told The Saginaw News for a

story Tuesday.

Kolpakov said his goal is to have his collection listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest. He said that would mean squeezing past a German named Carsten Gutzeit, who claims on his Web site that he has 898 tubes but doesn't mention being listed in Guinness.

"I'm almost there. I'm pretty sure I have the most in the United States," Kolpakov said. "I'm moving really fast."

Kolpakov's oldest item is a Colgate tube from 1908. He also has a used tube found in Germany during World War II and a 1960s-era Scotch whisky-flavored toothpaste that has "no more than 3 percent alcohol."

TACOMA, Wash. — Yours for the taking: One 500-inmate jail. Covers 48,000 square feet. Includes 45 sinks, toilets and urinals. Estimated value \$6.2 million. Some disassembly required.

About \$300,000 to \$350,000 in disassembly to be exact, according to a Pierce County estimate.

That, plus shipping, would

be the sole expense to the company, agency or municipality that removes the County Jail Annex, a windowless steel structure beside the County-City Building on a steep downtown hillside.

The annex, built in 1996, won't be needed once a new 1,000-bed jail is opened next month.

The structure might be of use to another city or county that needs a jail, said Scott Hogman, county construction projects manager. It could also be reborn as a basketball arena or vehicle maintenance garage, said Dan Cagle, county facilities management director.

Dick Ferguson, a county spokesman, said there had been four serious inquiries from Alaska and central Washington state. If no taker is found by the end of this spring, county officials say they'll sell parts of the building for salvage and demolish the rest.

SHAWNEE, Kan. — The Shawnee City Council has approved a program that will provide residents with radar guns to monitor traffic.

Under the program, approved with a 7-1 vote Monday, the Kansas City suburb will lend out up to eight radar guns at any given time and then follow up with warning letters to speeders. The aim is to curb speeding and identify where it occurs.

Volunteer participants will work in two-member teams, one to operate the radar gun and the other to record the speed, description and license plate number of the vehicles.

After two weeks, a log of violators will be turned over to the police, who will run the plate numbers and issue warning letters urging vehicle owners to slow down. No tickets will be issued.

The program will be re-evaluated in June, and all letters to car owners will be purged from police records.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — A woman who says she bought magic wands from a self-described psychic to erase negative thoughts says \$5,400 of her money was all that disappeared.

Joann Zansky, 57, said she paid a woman who claims to be a psychic \$1,800 for each of three wands.

"She was a terrific actress," Zansky said. "I believed her."

Zansky said she contacted Bethlehem police Friday after she became suspicious about the effectiveness of the wands.

"We're investigating," police Lt. Robert Righi said Monday. "Possibly it is some violation of consumer fraud."

No charges have been filed against the woman named in the complaint. A person who answered the phone at the woman's business said she was unavailable.

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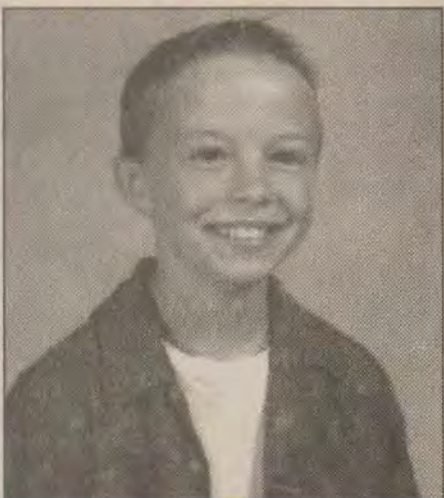
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Joshua Dylan Mardis celebrated his 10th birthday on January 29th. He is the son of Sherry Huff Mardis, of Bevinsville; and Ron Mardis, of Florence, Kentucky.

For the Record

Marriage

Licenses

Stephanie Nicole Ousley, 16, to Tyron McKune, 20, of Harold.
Shanda Bethelreen Kidd, 16, to Patrick Todd Jarrell, 18, of Prestonsburg.
Cindy Malynn Slone, 22, to John Christopher Murphy, 23, of Langley.
Mary Ellen Marsillett, 30, of Prestonsburg, to Leroy Lewis Prater, 22, of Langley.

Civil Suits Filed

Nina Newsome vs. Rodney Newsome; divorce.

Pamela J. Teel vs. Clayton Teel Jr.; divorce.
Robin Blevins vs. Dane Blevins; divorce.
Jessica Nicole Bishop vs. Rodney Steven Bishop; divorce.
Ada Slone vs. Jimmy T. Little; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Kentucky Foster Care System vs. Rodney Mullins; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Donna M. Morrison vs. Roger D. Morrison; petition for health care insurance.
Madonna Gibson vs. Garnett Gibson Jr.; divorce.
Yvonne Honeycutt vs. Tony

Ray Honeycutt; divorce.
Susan Crum vs. Alan Wade Crum; divorce.
Henry Clifton vs. Johnnie Clifton; divorce.
Maye Carter vs. Obie Tackett; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Lenny Little vs. Tonya Renee Little; divorce.
Ron Christopher Hunter vs. Barbara Ann Hunter; divorce.
David Todd Tackett vs. Melissa Dawn Wells Tackett; divorce.

Small Claims

Filings

John Perry vs. William

Morrison; collection of rent.

Charges Filed

Shannon D. Slone, 28, Blue river, second-degree burglary.
Rhonda J. Hughes, 28, Hagar Hill, theft by unlawful taking.
Lester Chambers, 39, Portsmouth, Ohio, alcohol intoxication.
Jason Tackett, 22, Allen, simple assault.
Ricky Samons, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, trafficking in a Schedule IV controlled substance.
Stephanie Danese Lawson, 27, David, terroristic threatening.
Jennifer Leigh Marshall, 22,

Prestonsburg, harassing communications.
Dale Stevens, age unlisted, Langley, theft by failure to make required distribution of property.
Paul Edwin Howard, 37, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
Brenda L. Allen, 34, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
Ritchie Elkins, 42, Hi Hat, harboring a vicious animal.
Gregory Randall Jones II, 26, Prestonsburg, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.
Donald Leckrone, 43, Prestonsburg, harassment, third-degree criminal trespassing.
Roger Duane Barnett, 32, Martin, theft by deception.
Rodney D. Baker, 35, Lackey, alcohol intoxication.
Angela Sammons, 34, Allen, public intoxication, prescription in improper container.
Tommy Messer, 23, Inez, theft by deception.
Scotty Lee Gibson, 28, Wayland, fugitive from another state.

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Property Transfers

Paul Tackett and Virginia Tackett to James Tackett, property location not listed.
Nellie Tackett to Jason Lee Tackett, property located on Tackett Fork of Big Mud Creek.
Chattie Dingus to Merlene Dingus, property located near Printer.
Randall A. and Kathy Hayes to Robert McKinney, and Jennifer Hayes McKinney, property located along Old Mare Creek Road.
Franklin Bradley to Alonzo Bradley, property location not listed.
Hall and Hylton Development Inc. to Irma Groves and Robert Groves, property located, Penhook Branch.

Wesley Leon Hall and Charlotte Robinson Hall to James E. Conley, property location not listed.
Audilee Mae Hall to Wesley Leon Hall, property location not listed.

The Estate of Nayoma Conn to Clyde Conn and Mary Conn, property location not listed.

Charles T. Hamilton to Ray and Dollie Williams, property location not listed.

Michael Case and Margaret Case to Amy Mast, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Mountain Housing Corporation to Landmark Development of Pikeville, LLC, property located, City of Wheelwright.

Rebecca Ousley and Donnie Ousley to LaDonna Shepherd and Clyde Shepherd, property located on Short Branch of Abbott Creek.

Merle Horn and Thelma Horn to Rebecca Ousley and Donnie Ousley, property located on Short Branch of Abbott Creek.

Lewis Collins Jr. and Pam Collins, Emma Shepherd and Andy Shepherd to Michael Salyer, property located on Wilson Creek.

Bankers Trust Company of California to David Mullins, property location not listed.

Master Commissioner's deed: Terry Johnson et al., to Bankers Trust Company of California, property location not listed.

Larry E. Jarrell and Jessica Jarrell to Woodrow Jarrell Jr. and Caria Jarrell, property location not listed.

Jerry Chaffins and Vonnie Chaffins to Steven Hunter and Elaine Ousley, property located, Eagle Trace Subdivision.

Big Branch Development Company Inc., to Brian Music and Amy Music, property located on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Ralph Goble and Karen Goble to Knott-Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

In Appreciation

We, the Family of James Dwayne Hall, wish to extend out heartfelt appreciation to family, friends, and all who sent flowers or food, and to all who spoke a comforting word. A special thanks to Hall Funeral Home, Old Regular Baptist ministers, and The Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their kindness in our time of need.

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Obituaries

Grace Evelyn Martin Bryan

Grace Evelyn Martin Bryan, 85, of (Meade Branch), Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

Born November 11, 1917, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Grover C. Martin and Mary Coburn Martin. She was a former legal secretary and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Norcie M. Miller of Prestonsburg; one brother, Bernard Martin of David; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Columbus B. Martin, and one sister, Minnie E. Martin.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

Interment will be in the Elliott Family Cemetery, (Meade Branch), Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, at 2 p.m., at the funeral home.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Bryan family.

Pallbearers: Joshua Blanton, Brad Wells, Russel Hager, Phillip William Elliott, Phillip Elliott and Michael D. Blanton.

Johnie Sparkman

Johnie Sparkman Jr., age 58, of Hueysville, husband of Lillian Allen Sparkman, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

He was born January 25, 1945, in Hueysville, the son of Johnie Sparkman of Hueysville, and the late Ranie Mae Shepherd Sparkman. He was a coal miner, formerly employed by Inco Coal Company.

In addition to his wife, and father, he is survived by two brothers, Burnis Sparkman and Paul Edward Sparkman, both of Waterloo, Indiana, and one sister, Dulcine Petty, of Angola, Indiana.

Funeral services for Johnie Sparkman Jr., will be conducted Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial will follow in the Press Shepherd Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Harry Conn

Harry Conn, age 83, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born February 19, 1919, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Columbus and Polly Ann Conn. He was a retired coal miner, member of UMWA Local Union No. 9845, and a member of the Church of God, at Dwale.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Kilburn Conn.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Eugene Conn of Endicott, and R.B. Conn of Martin; two daughters, Fayetta Samons of Drift, and Doris Pitts of Martin; a brother, Rexford Conn of Floyd County; two sisters, Ida Ann Meade of Printer and Martha Belle Holthouse of Garrett; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Albert Conn; six brothers, Levi Conn, Jim Conn, B.R. Conn, Fred Conn, Wilmer Conn and Sammy Conn; and four sisters, Hattie Kilburn, Elizabeth Crum, Vernetta Amburgey and Letha Humble.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 1, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Woody Crum and Phillip Meade officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Billy J. "Big Bill" Robinson

Billy J. "Big Bill" Robinson, 67, of Langley, died Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 28, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John and Hollie Reynolds Robinson. He was a disabled heavy equipment operator for Martin County Coal and Peres Processing.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Marlene Hughes Robinson, of Langley.

Other survivors include two sons, Timothy Joe Robinson of Eastern, and Barry Robinson of Langley; two daughters, Genevieve Williams and Lori Delisa Fields, both of Langley; two brothers, Clarence Ray Robinson of Langley, and Tommy Robinson of Wayland; a sister, Bridgette Lovins of Langley; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry David Robinson; two brothers, Carl Edward Robinson and Ricky Dean Robinson; and a sister, Louise Lumpkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 31, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Taulbee Goodman and Malcolm Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Hughes Family Cemetery, at Hueysville.

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

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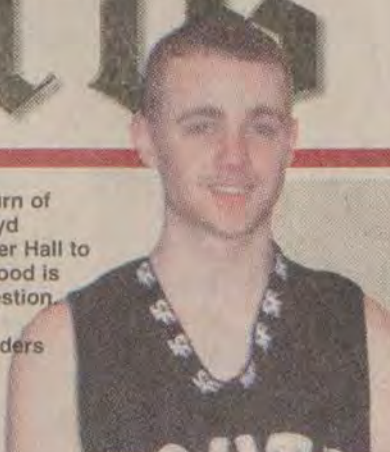
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■ The return of South Floyd Raider Tyler Hall to the hardwood is still in question. See more on the Raiders inside.



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COMMENTARY

Mr. Russell: One of a dying breed

by **BILLY REED**
 TIMES COLUMNIST

I grew up with sports columnists who were gentlemen, above all. They wanted what was best for their cities and local teams without being "homers."



Billy Reed
 Columnist

They could be trusted to keep a confidence, even if it cost them a "scoop." They respected the people about whom they wrote, and when they criticized, it was

never personal.

One of the last of this breed, Fred Russell, died Sunday in Nashville at the age of 96. He became sports editor of the now-defunct Nashville Banner in 1929, and was still writing columns for the Tennessean as recently as the late 1990s.

He always fussed at me for calling him "Mr. Russell" instead of "Freddie," but I respected him so much that it took me a long time to break the

(See REED, page three)

COLLEGE

Barnhart visits Pikeville

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville Rotary Club featured the University of Kentucky's new athletics director as its guest speaker Wednesday.

Mitch Barnhart, who became UK's athletics director in early September, spoke to the Rotary Club around noon during its regular meeting at the Mark II Convention Center.

Barnhart was named to replace Larry Ivy as UK's top athletics administrator in the wake of several scandals in UK's athletics department. That included a two-year probation period and recruiting penalties handed down in the wake of a recruiting scandal. Since then the UK grid program has turned around but Guy Morriss, the coach responsible for that, left and Barnhart selected former Oregon State Coach Rich Brooks to take over the Wildcats' program.



Mitch Barnhart

Raiders roll past Phelps

36-13 run sparks Raiders to first round win

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
 SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE - The first round of the 2003 15th Region All "A" Classic was just what the doctor ordered for the South Floyd

Raiders. Coach Henry Webb's team had struggled through some tough times of late and needed a game to get well. On Wednesday night at Pikeville it was South Floyd who turned things around with a 82-59 thumping of the

Phelps Hornets.

Phelps has struggled this season and has yet to post its first win of the year. South Floyd came out of the gate slowly as Phelps

(See RAIDERS, page four)



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd's Adam Tackett (30) went in for two of his four points in the first half over Phelps' Melvin McCoy.

- BETSY LAYNE VS. PIKEVILLE -



photo by Jamie Howell

Preston Simon got out on a runout for the Bobcats. Simon hit on four straight jumpers to lead Betsy Layne in a second-quarter spurt. He also sunk two free throws in the overtime period.

BETSY LAYNE CLIPS HOST PIKEVILLE IN OT

Bobcats go 14-for-14 from line to seal win

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose couldn't have asked for a much better time for his team to step up and play up to his expectations and gel as a collective team. The Bobcats faced tournament host Pikeville in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Wednesday night and upended the home team, beating the

Panthers 71-63 in overtime. Betsy Layne hit 14-of-14 free throw attempts in overtime to seal the win. Point guard Jordan Kidd was a perfect 10-of-10 from the line in the extra period. Preston Simon, a player who hit on four uncontested jumpers from near the same spot on the floor in the second period, made good on four attempts in the overtime period.

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Ladycats await 7th Region champ

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne's Ladycats put a quality win in the books Monday night on the road at Magoffin County. The Ladycats beat the Lady Hornets and were scheduled to be back in action last night, hosting Piarist. Results from last night's game were unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne won last week's 15th Region All "A" Classic and now awaits the winner of the 7th Region All "A" Classic. The 7th Region tournament is currently being played and will conclude with a champion being crowned

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Whitney Lykens (5) and Natasha Stratton (34), pictured in action last week in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic against Paintsville.

Board schedules meeting to decide on games

ALLEN - A meeting called by Roy Johnson to sort out and reschedule games missed by Floyd County grade school and middle school basketball teams will take

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H.S. BASKETBALL

15th Region winter meeting on docket for Tuesday

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The 15th Region Policy Board will hold its winter meeting on Tuesday at Johnson Central High School at 1 p.m. Plans for the upcoming

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Golden Eagles get up early, down Blackcats

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The return of junior Nicholas Jamerson should help Prestonsburg along the way this season. However, Tuesday night the Blackcats had an uphill battle and challenge in the form of Johnson Central, a team which many believe to be one of the top three of

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file photo

Jason Robinson (00) is one of the many reasons why the Pikeville College men's basketball team continues to rise up in the NAIA poll. See story page B5.

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

3 Floyd teams remain in All 'A'

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Three of the four remaining teams in the 15th Region All "A" Classic are from Floyd County. One team, Allen Central, heads into the second round of the tournament following an opening round bye. The Rumm'n'

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VARSITY

Sixers 51, Grizzlies 12

Chayse Martin scored 18 points and Amber Whitaker and Nathan Robinson each had seven points in the Sixers' win. Michael Lackey scored six. Pamela Stone and Brittany Ousley each scored four apiece for the Sixers. Benjamin Fish scored three and Elizabeth Chaffins chipped in two.

Kendra Sammons led the Grizzlies in scoring with five points, including one three-pointer. Jarrod Willis, Rikki Hughes and Brittany Collins each had two points apiece while Matt Doyle had one.

The Sixers got the early lead and played on to the win.

Lakers 34, Wizards 30

Josh Rodebaugh scored 13 and Bobby Hughes added eight for the Lakers in a 34-30 win over the Wizards. Josiah Reno and John Michael Turner each scored six points. Carman Maines rounded out the scoring for the Lakers with a free throw.

Seth Moore paced the Wizards with 14 points including two three-pointers. Logan Grindstaff scored five while Chris Dane Sizemore and Chris Barker scored four each for the Wizards. Justin Conn rounded out the Wizards' scoring total with three points.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Bulls 25, Lakers 19

Tasha Wallen netted 10 points with eight of her points coming in the second half to lead the Bulls. Dustin Coleman added seven points for the Bulls. Vincent Hayes and Austin Ward each had four points.

Savannah Reno led the Lakers with a team-high eight points.

Bradley Hicks scored five for the Lakers and Devin Clifton chipped in four. Nicholas Conn also got into the scoring act for the Lakers with two points.

Spurs 21, Jazz 18

Hot-shooting D.J. Ousley tossed in 12 points and teammate Austin McKinney added five to lift the Spurs to a 21-18 triumph over the Jazz. Stacey Perry and Hannah Fitzpatrick each had two points apiece for the Spurs.

Wes Hall netted 12 for the Jazz. Billy Robinson added six for the Spurs.

TRAINING LEAGUE

Hawks 13, Raptors 11

Bryson Williams scored six, Nathan Lafferty netted three, and Joshua Stambaugh and Kain

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Mountain COMPANIES

Bentley

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of Raider defensive back Charles Woodson, who has played a good portion of the season with a broken foot. "I'd throw at him all day long!"

■ 6:29 - Interception, Woodson. Cousin Brian tries to slink into his recliner, but the heckling has begun.

■ 6:34 - Sebastian Janikowski's field goal makes it 3-0. Pregame reports surrounded the mysterious disappearance of Raider center Barret Robbins. Watching the often-arrested Janikowski on the field caused me to wonder about this. "If Janikowski was able to make it to

the game, imagine what Robbins must have done."

■ 6:35 - During the first commercial of the game, Budweiser trots out the Clydesdales, whose game is held up while a zebra checks in for a review. That was a good spot.

■ 6:45 - Tampa ties the game on a field goal by whichever of the celebrating Gramaticas it happens to employ. This causes Brad's blood to boil, because he detests all of "them little Gramatica boys."

■ 6:48 - Our gang makes it through the Ozzy Osbourne spot for Pepsi before the line forms for

a refill on the chicken. This will be a recurring theme.

■ 7:05 - David wonders aloud as a, well, a well-endowed model pitches a product with cases of it behind her. "Are they well-stocked?" he asks. The Wife doesn't bat an eye. "More like well stacked."

■ 7:10 - A commercial for ribs is found particularly funny by David, who is in a laughing fit. Trying to stand, he realizes how much he's eaten. "I can't even lean forward," he moans.

■ 7:11 - David: "I'm tired of hearing about this Tampa defense. They're overrated!" he emphati-

cally exclaims.

■ 7:12 - Interception, Tampa. "OVER-RATED" chants are heard throughout Flatwoods.

■ 7:13 - David: "It's still early."

■ 7:16 - David Gross is en fuago. Seeing a particularly unappealing commercial and remembering how much he'd eaten, he deadpans, "See, now that's gonna make me puke."

Oh, brother.

■ 7:20 - Gramatica boots another field goal. Raines, with an empty plate in his lap, says, "Another Gramatically correct kick." Boo.

■ 7:28 - "How do you get your hair parted that way?" With that, I'm snapped back out of my food-induced coma. The Wife has noticed something different in her sister's hair. Brad rolls his eyes. I chuckle. Never heard that at a Super Bowl party.

■ 7:31 - The Sister-In-Law, about a movie she'd seen the previous night: "Who knew the tooth fairy was scary?" Clearly, the women have become bored with the game.

■ 7:36 - Mike Alstott, who is either a "hotty" or a "cutie," depending on which woman you listen to, scores the game's first

touchdown.

■ 7:51 - "Brad is like a princess ..."

I don't remember what brought that on, but I couldn't write this without mentioning that.

■ 7:59 - Someone describes a lineman as a "burly man." Raines thinks for a second, then proclaims, "That's just a grown up husky boy."

■ 8:03 - Halftime, finally, and it's Tampa 20, Oakland 3.

■ 8:07 - Mocking something he's seen on the Saturday Night Live halftime show, David chooses to do a Shakira-style belly dance. Unfortunately, this isn't the last we'd hear of his desire to bust a, ahem, move.

■ 8:39 - The Wife to David: "Are the wings less hot now that they're cold?" I could not possibly make this up.

■ 8:43 - Brad is pulling for the Bucs, but just as he has a distaste for Gramatica, he's not a fan of receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who has taken a vow of silence for the rest of his career, or until the end of the game, whichever comes first. Brad is skeptical. "I'm sure he's a man of his word."

■ 8:53 - Of all the non-local advertisements, the Jarred from Subway spots are my least favorites. Here, our boy is walking toward a Subway counter, with a man behind it and a woman sitting in front of it. Someone, I believe The Wife, says that's Jarred's wife.

"Who, the lady or the guy behind the counter?" Brad asks.

■ 8:56 - OVER-RATED!! Another Tampa interception has David frustrated, while Cousin Brian is just happy because people aren't on him about his Charles Woodson remarks.

■ 8:58 - When a player gets kicked in the head, The Sister-In-Law isn't pleased. "Well, that was uncalled for." I'm telling you, guys, have women at next year's party.

■ 9:18 - The menu has made it's way to dessert, which is cake and ice cream, except for David who went with ice cream only. He looks at his food and debates combining chicken wings and ice cream. One of our group is excited about the possibility. "Do it! It'd be good!" The Wife begs.

■ 9:21 - What was left of one of the dips looked a little rough, according to The Sister-In-Law. "It looks like it'd been down and back up again," she said.

■ 9:57 - The camera enters the booth, where Michaels and Madden are discussing the importance of football to our national security or something. "Look," The Wife says, "their ties are identical except they're different colors."

■ 9:58 - As Oakland attempts a comeback, David, clearly intoxicated from too many chicken wings, proclaims if the Raiders win, "I'm gonna belly dance!"


■ 10:20 - Two interceptions turned into touchdowns later, David leaves the living room frustrated. He sighs and mumbles, "No belly dance ..." and wonders off through the house.

In the end, Tampa won 48-21, thanks to their overrated defense producing five interceptions and scoring 21 points of their own. Our group was too stuffed to move a lot, so the party finally broke up shortly before 11.

I'm telling you, better than the games themselves, better than the commercials, Super Bowl parties are the way to go. Especially if you can find a group grown up enough to not try to be drunk by the opening kickoff.

I've found another group like this, and like them just fine. I only hope they enjoyed it as much as I did.

See you next January.



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Corrections

South Floyd junior Ashley Johnson was incorrectly credited with teammate Amanda Johnson's points scored in a game against Piarist in an article in Wednesday's edition. Amanda Johnson was the player who scored. Ashley Johnson was still out with an injury she suffered in a game last week against Pikeville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic and didn't play.

Prestonsburg Wrestling Club member Steven Thompson was misidentified as Shawn Thompson in an article which ran in Wednesday's edition. Steven Thompson is a sophomore member of the Prestonsburg team.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Talkin' it up

Clyde Pack wrote about our "funny" English language this week in "Poison Oak." It reminded me of a couple of recent conversations with my son, Elliott. While dining in the May Lodge a couple of weekends ago, my son chastised me for using the word, "holler." "It's not 'holler,' Mom, it's 'hollow,'" he said. Then just a few evenings back he was listening to a conversation I was having with his younger sister, Elizabeth. When we were finished, he looked up from his reading to ask, "Mom, how many times have you ever read that it's proper to use the word, 'ain't'?" I looked up to see if he was serious or just trying to be a wise guy.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

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THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

It's times like this, when ideas for this column have gone skedaddling, that I'm tempted to reminisce. But I have an idea this business of harking back, as they say, isn't as popular as it might be.

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Some of the boys hereabouts have taken a shine to archery, some using the bow and arrow, at least one whom I know very well indeed going strong for the crossbow. These bows they've bought are of beautiful workmanship, and are no ordinary bowan'-ar' such as you and I knew. It might interest these young blades to know that, back when you didn't sit down and order such things, men sat down with a stout knife, and whittled and scraped, and came up with rattling-good crossbows and such. Which reminds me that boys—and some girls—in other days had a good supply

(See WORLD, page three)

Science Fair gives students the winning edge

In order to compete for top prizes, students entering the East Kentucky Science Center's Regional Science Fair need to understand the definition of a science fair project, according to Solomon Kilburn, chairman of the EKSC Regional Science Fair Committee and a science teacher at Allen Central Middle School.

Kilburn said the East Kentucky Science Center staff has fielded numerous questions recently regarding demonstration-oriented entries. "The misconception is that if you build a model, that's a science fair project. Science fair projects are not demonstration. Volcanoes, models or displays explaining basic concepts, such

as cloud formations, levers, or motors, are not science fair projects. "Inventions are also ineligible for entry into the Regional Science Fair. This is not an invention competition. Students competing in a science fair have gathered information through the scientific method. They must be able to report and display that information in a

clear and concise manner," he said. To further clarify the issue, Kilburn explained the steps involved in using the scientific method for student projects: "Research ideas. Before students can identify a problem, they must have basic knowledge of that problem; so

(See EKSC, page three)

SHARING THEIR SKILLS



Cheerleaders Michelle Lackey and Jerri Mitchell lead the "kindergarten" squad in some activities set to music.

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'Cheer Camp'

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The cheerleading squad of Prestonsburg High School held a "Cheer Camp" this past Saturday to get kids from kindergarten through high school excited about the world of team spirit. Despite still lingering icy conditions, the turnout for the fundraising

event was very good. "I actually think that all the snowy weather has probably helped some with turnout," said Leslie Ousley, Prestonsburg Elementary school counselor and sponsor for the cheerleading squad. "I think everyone was probably ready to get out and do something." The day-long clinic began at 9 a.m. and ran past 4 p.m., with kindergarten

through fifth grade taking the morning sessions and middle and high schoolers participating in the afternoon. Students from surrounding schools including Prestonsburg, Clark and Allen Elementaries as well as Wesley Christian and Adams Middle showed up to learn about somersaults, cart

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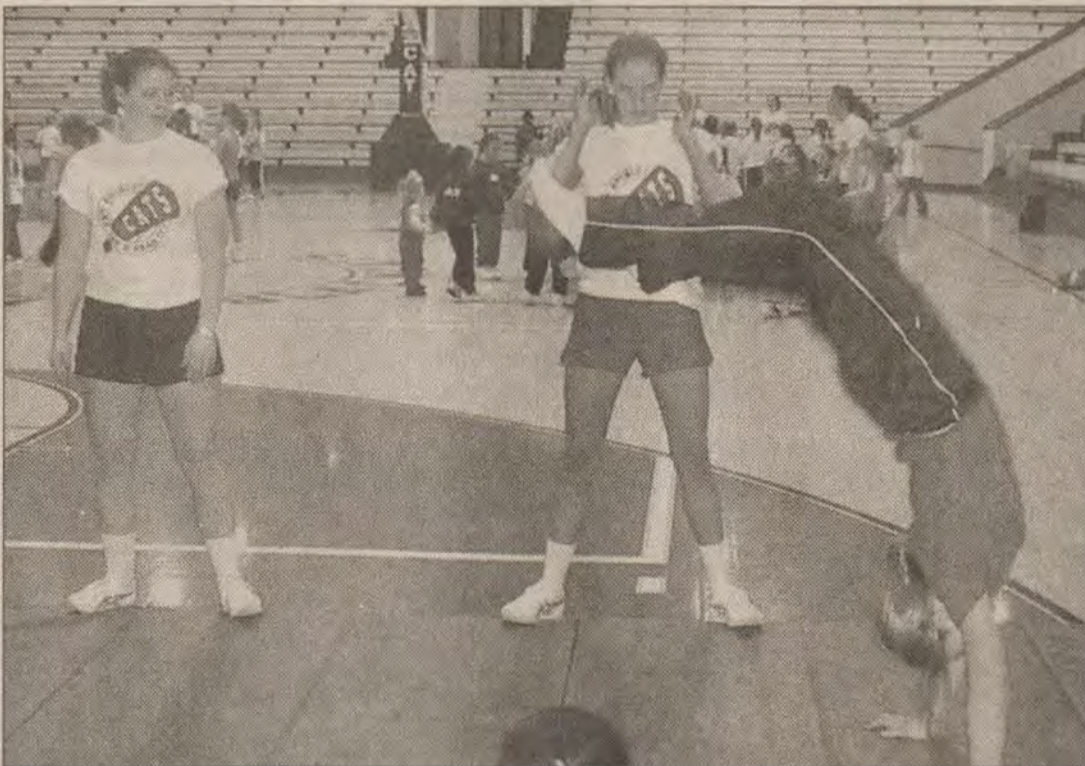


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Camp attendee Brittany Peppi showed no fear when it came to the tumbling exercises of the training session. In background, cheerleader/trainer All Meyer offers some enthusiastic praise, while teammate Ashley Collins looks on.

POSTSCRIPT

Deep doo-doo

Dr. Carol Combs-Morris' column last week hit home to me. I always look forward to her columns for instructions and experiences about animals, for good laughs and, sometimes sadly, good cries. The recent one about the dog trapped in the mineshaft kept me in suspense and, thankfully, ended happily.

I've lost pets before, but never in a mineshaft. But I could truly relate to last week's piece on animals that get carsick. My big Bubba can relate to it, too. (I suppose I should read it to him.) He is several months overdue for his three-year shots and every week I promise him (and



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me) that I'll take him on Saturday. By Saturday, however, I've talked myself into putting the trip off until the next week.

It's not that he misbehaves. In fact, every time we go to Dr. Joel Salyers' office, people remark on how well behaved he is for a big dog with the face of a persistent felon. He always goes in gently and sits quietly while we wait our turn. He lets the vet poke, prod and shoot him with hardly a flinch and never a growl.

But, sure as anything, when he hops in the back seat of the car and we hit the road, no matter how smoothly I drive, he loses last night's supper. I try talking to him, try to soothe his fears as best I can. He's not buying it. Or, as I prefer to believe, he simply cannot help himself. His digestive system fails him, regardless of how hard he tries.

Sometimes, we are almost in sight of home and I think, aha, we're going to make it. No such luck. The heaves start and what's left of the last several meals comes irrevocably forward.

One time, tragically (for me), the contents spurted from both ends. Fortunately, I had a blanket on the back seat, but unfortunately, there was still some spillage.

I have to believe it's a tribute to my character that I have been able to clean up my car after this experience without killing or maiming Bubba or without losing my own last few meals.

I will advise using a strong, antibacterial cleanser when clean

(See POSTSCRIPT, page two)

THINGS TO PONDER

Getting along with that special someone

The topic of human relationships is a vast one and we certainly need to know all we can about them. Relationships are also a frequent topic with the folks I see in the office. Besides the usual day-to-day interactions with others that are needed to make life move along, there is always great interest in and emotional concerns related to that someone special. The following are some tidbits shared by a friend, who heard a lecture given by Dr.

Bailey at East Tennessee State University in Kingsport/Johnson City, concerning romantic interests.

Dr. Bailey began with the idea that a romantic relationship between two people had three stages: attraction; maintenance over time; and termination. He also explained how there were basic characteristics of successful relationships, such as (1) happiness, being a temporary mood state and life satisfaction, consisting of a sense of belonging

and not temporary. This ongoing contentment with a relationship is usually supported by the two individuals sharing a sense of meaning, common interests, and short-term and long-term goals. An example might be the dating couple that enjoy the same activity in their free time together or have significant agreement about spiritual beliefs.

As we all know, the basic components of a romantic relationship require arousal of the heart and a willing part-

ner. There's nothing that can be more disappointing than one person not returning the expressed interest of the other person. Lots of research has been done about how a couple gets together, seemingly sometimes by chance. There's always been that saying "whatever floats your boat" with regard to what really excites one person about another. Cupid seems to do a variety of

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ROLLIN'

Cars - Buy 'em, sell 'em, fix 'em, love 'em

Friday, January 31, 2003

Wrong size pipes might muffle mileage

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I went to get my car (1987 Toyota Tercel) inspected, and the inspector told me that my exhaust system (which has never had any part of it replaced) was bad and had to be replaced (the whole thing, from the exhaust manifold to the muffler). I took it to a certain discount muffler shop, and the guy (who said he is the assistant owner) told me that he didn't have the right-size piping to fix it and that he'd put a larger-diameter pipe on it. I asked him if it would affect my gas mileage, because I had always been getting around 35 miles per gallon. He said the only thing putting larger piping on the car would do is that it would give me more horsepower, but it wouldn't affect the gas mileage at all. Well, after being charged \$600, I left. Since September (when I got it done), I have only gotten about 20 miles per gallon. Is there any correlation between gas mileage and exhaust piping? Please let me know. If so, do you think the shop is obligated to fix my exhaust system and make it work like it used to? — Scott



RAY:

Well, first of all, I'd like to know what an "assistant owner" is. In fact, I think I might like to BE one. But let's put that aside for the moment.

TOM:

The answer to your question is yes, Scott. A larger exhaust pipe could possibly lower your gas mileage.

RAY:

You might not know this, Scott, but engines "breathe." Cylinders breathe in fresh charge (gasoline and air), and breathe out exhaust. And the better an engine breathes, the more power you can get from it.

TOM:

In fact, that's why multivalve engines have gotten so popular. They allow more stuff to go into and out of each cylinder quickly, improving the performance of the engine.

RAY:

But it only works up to a point. And that's the key, in your case. If the engine breathes too well, some of that fresh charge will get pulled out through the exhaust system before it even has a chance to be used. And that's wasteful.

TOM:

So if your muffler guy didn't have the right-size pipe for your car and put on one with a bigger diameter, he might be responsible for a drop in mileage.

RAY:

That said, your mileage has dropped 40 percent, which is a huge drop. So he would have had to use a pipe that's significantly larger than the original, like going from a 1-inch pipe to an inch and a half. It's not easy to fit a pipe that much bigger in the front of the Tercel, but I suppose it's possible.

TOM:

A pipe big enough to cause a 40 percent drop in fuel economy would also have produced a significant increase in power. So if you've been leaving Corvettes and 350Zs in your wake, that might be a hint.

RAY:

On the other hand, the drop in your mileage might have nothing to do with your exhaust system. It could be something like a thermostat that's stuck open or a bad vacuum leak. So I'd take it to a dealer or a Toyota specialist, and ask him to have a look.

TOM:

If he says your exhaust pipes are 50 percent bigger than they're supposed to be, then you have a good reason to go back to the muffler shop and ask the guy to take out what he installed and put in the correct-size system.

RAY:

And in the future, consider having your regular mechanic get you a factory exhaust system. While there's nothing wrong with the muffler shops, the factory mufflers (that your mechanic would buy from the dealer) are exactly the same as the ones they replace. They have the same bends, flanges and pipe diameters, and they never have to be knocked with a hammer or resized with orange-juice cans. So you're less likely to get rattles and noises later on, and more likely to be able to buy individual

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Behind the Wheel

Mercury Marauder: A no-nonsense cop car for the tough guy

by ANN M. JOB
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you love cop cars — or otherwise muscle-bound versions of big, full-size sedans — the 2003 Mercury Marauder is for you.

Based on the roomy and more relaxed-riding Mercury Grand Marquis, the new-for-2003 Marauder is powered up with a 302-horsepower V8, big, 18-inch wheels and tires, updated chassis and a no-nonsense

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2003 Mercury Marauder

BASE PRICE: \$33,770.

AS TESTED: \$35,090.

TYPE: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, five-passenger, large sedan.

ENGINE: 4.6-liter, double overhead cam V8.

MILEAGE: 17 mpg (city), 23 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: 120 mph.

LENGTH: 212 inches.

WHEELBASE: 114.7 inches.

CURB WT.: 4,195 pounds.

BUILT AT: St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

OPTIONS: Trunk-mounted, six-disc CD changer \$395; trunk organizer \$200.

DESTINATION CHARGE: \$725.

TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla



2003 Lexus LS430 Sedan

The 2003 Lexus LS 430, now in its third generation, is a combination of everything that is right about the Lexus nameplate. This full-size luxury sedan is easy to drive, nice to look at and offers unparalleled technology found only in the world's finest automobiles. With a base price of \$54,925, Lexus and its flagship model cater to the upper-class motorist who demands only the best in his (or her) everyday motorcar.

Consumers who own LS430's know what we're talking about. From little things like climate vents that distribute the heat or cooling air by moving left and right automatically, to the cabin's ultra-quiet atmosphere, the designers at Lexus missed nothing.

As for performance, the 4.3-liter V-8 offers up exciting acceleration coupled with a four-wheel independent wishbone suspension that carves through corners like a

sports car.

Lexus is powered by a splendidly built, all-aluminum, four-cam 32-valve 4.3-liter V-8 that produces 290 horsepower and 320 foot-pounds of torque. The engine is connected to a five-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission that is geared for both performance and economy, with EPA numbers of 19 mpg city and 25 mpg highway on premium

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Base Price: **\$54,925** • Price tested: **\$62,607**

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Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, Frank and Ivalee McKinney, William L. Hall Heirs, and Barbara Hall. The operation will underlie land owned by Charles Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, and Frank and Ivalee McKinney. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., EASTERN STANDARD TIME on the 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: FDGR 03 0000072, FLOYD COUNTY Flood Repair on Various Roads.

ement until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, FEBRUARY 14, 2003. Bid proposals for all projects will

be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (NON-

REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will

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705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 intends to revise permit number 858-5049 to add an additional operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Eagle Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 339, Lovely, Kentucky 41231. The additional operator will be Taurus Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 480, Lovely, Kentucky 41231.

713-Child Care

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER NEEDED in our home at Martin, to care for twin baby boys. Begin work in late May, references and interview required. Non-smoker preferred. Contact Beverly Martin 285-0397.*

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