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briefs

Man found in home dead of gunshot

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PHELPS — A Pike County man was found dead in his home on Wednesday, the victim of an apparent murder.

Marcus Lockhart, 31, of Phelps, was found inside his home by a family member. Lockhart had been shot in the head. Witnesses indicated that they saw an unknown man running out of the residence just after a gunshot was heard.

Lockhart was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts.

No arrests have been made in the case at this time. The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Long way to go to solve odor problem

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — City residents who may be expecting streets free of sewer smell this coming summer following an announcement by the city in late October touting \$750,000 secured for the work may be in for a let down.

To begin with, even with a secure fund-

ing situation, the project must still be categorized as a long-term effort, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said Wednesday.

"This project — even if we had all the funding — is going to take four or five years," Fannin said.

The \$750,000 the city said was secured during their press conference in October was, in fact, not secured in more ways than one.

According to Leslie Cupp, communications director for 5th District U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers, the bill to include the grant has not yet been passed.

"Essentially, the \$750,000 included in the bill has not been signed into law, yet," Cupp said Wednesday. "The bill is in conference right now and we're hoping to have it resolved sometime next week or in the next couple of weeks."

Funding for the city's sewer project will not be released until the bill is passed into law and is followed up with appropriate steps by city officials to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency and other agreement details, Cupp said.

Additionally, the grant will have a matching stipulation, requiring the city to

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An accident near Maytown on Wednesday looks much worse than what actually happened. The car shown above was unoccupied when it was hit by a truck traveling on Route 80. The driver of the truck was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Cop shot chasing suspect

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — A former Wayland police officer was wounded after responding to a burglary in Lexington early Thursday morning.

Aaron Kidd, 31, was chasing a suspect on foot when the man fired a shot that hit Kidd in the face. Kidd returned fire, killing the suspect, who was later identified as James Salyers.

Kidd and Salyers were both transported to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. Salyers was pronounced dead at approximately 4 a.m. Kidd was treated and released from the hospital.

Aaron Kidd has been with the Lexington Police Department since November 2001.

The Associated Press also contributed to this article.

Designation has strings attached

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

With Gov. Patton's dedication in 1996 of a little over 144 miles of U.S. 23 running through portions of Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Lawrence and Martin Counties as the Country Music Highway, state and local reaction was positive. Recognition of the region's musical heritage was something most everyone agreed was both deserving and, in many ways, overdue.

When state legislators successfully lobbied last summer to designate

the Country Music Highway as one of the nation's scenic highways, again, Eastern Kentucky reveled in worthy attention.

However, attention rarely comes without repercussions. And a national designation as a scenic highway or byway is no exception to that rule.

One restriction the U.S. Department of Transportation sets when designating federal byways concerns billboard restrictions.

The restriction means that no new billboards may be erected after the

highway has been dedicated and brought into the federal circle of travel corridors across the state.

Sign companies which had billboards in place prior to the designation, are allowed to stay, according to Kentucky law. To date, there are three truly prominent sign companies that operate and have existing billboards along the Country Music Highway — Tri-State, Unisign and Faith Signs. These companies have been in business for several years and are rarely, if ever, challenged in

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Drunk driving suspect linked to DUI program

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The husband of the half-owner of a Prestonsburg counseling service for drunk drivers was arrested and charged with driving under the influence in Pikeville on Tuesday.

James H. Isaacs, 46, of Banner, was arrested when he was observed driving from side to side on the roadway. After pulling Isaacs over, the officer noticed a strong

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From humble beginnings, ministry continues to grow

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A ministry which began on the side of road and which was held together by the strong will of three Left Beaver women, has now grown into a fully functioning establishment and bears witness to, as members believe, that which "God has provided."

Wheelwright Baptist Center's God's Care Ministry began as the ideal Christian effort — local women with the sole purpose of providing needy residents with clothing, food,

furniture and any number of other items.

Their efforts attracted attention from beyond state borders so that, now, God's Care Ministry works not only with approximately seven or eight area churches, but also with ministry groups from Tennessee to provide an impressive list of donations throughout an area long compromised by financial strain.

In the months of November and December alone, God's Care gave over 600 cases of food to area residents and organizations.

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The Lebanon Team of Lebanon, Tenn., gathered near a sprawling testimony to the power of giving this past December in the form of cases and cases of donated food and supplies. The group brought food, gifts, school supplies and several other donated items on 22 trucks to assist the Wheelwright Baptist Center God's Care Ministry in providing for their community through "God's work."

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■ **NEW YORK** — Who needs an elevator? Not these runners.

Coming from around the world, 116 men and women gathered at the Empire State Building on Tuesday to run up 86 floors — 1,576 steps — to the observation deck for the 26th annual Fleet Empire State Building Run-Up, an event organized by the New York Road Runners Club.

Australian Paul Crake won the men's race for the fifth consecutive year, finishing in 9 minutes and 33 seconds, seven seconds off his time from the previous year.

Among the women, Cindy Moll, of Indianapolis, Ind., came in first, with a time of 13:06. She had been second in last year's race.

Another notable runner was Chico Scimone, 91, of Sicily, competing in his 13th career run-up. He finished with a time of 40:02.

With 102 floors, the Empire State Building was the tallest building in the world from its completion in 1931 until 1972, when the first of the World Trade Center's twin towers was completed.

■ **LIBERTY, Mo.** — A local restaurant has proven to be a great place to lose something — and get it back.

After Laura Foster ate at a Perkins restaurant, she and her husband Robert were unable to find her \$9,000 wedding ring.

"I literally got sick," she said. "I sobbed all day. I thought this was a sign maybe we weren't supposed to be together."

Good news came when Liberty police relayed the message that the ring had been found.

The Fosters' hero was 18-year-old Melissa Volner, a server at Perkins. She saved the ring from the vacuum cleaner, thinking it was too big to be real. Her parents disagreed.

"They laughed. They couldn't believe I didn't know it was real," Volner said.

Volner turned the ring in to Liberty police, who then returned the ring to Foster.

"I was so excited to get it back," Laura Foster said. "I'd been thinking about getting another ring designed, but after losing this one I realized I'll never want a different ring. This one's special."

Foster said she plans to reward Volner.

■ **BOISE, Idaho** — A \$41 Kobe beef hamburger at the Old Homestead Steak House in New York City has done wonders for Idaho-based Snake River Farms and other producers.

Snake River Farms and other

Kobe producers have been raising Japanese Wagyu cattle in the United States for a decade. The breed provides what the Boise company labels "butter knife beef."

While most people associate the meat with Japan, it is more likely to come from Idaho cattle. Producers are still struggling to put it on menus in the Boise area.

Old Homestead put a \$41 hamburger on its menu, creating a media stir. Snake River provided the burger.

"The \$41 hamburger really

jolted our business. The phone has been ringing off the hook," said Jay Theiler, marketing director of Snake River Farms. "We had no idea it would get this crazy. We thought: Who would be silly enough to pay \$41 for a burger?"

But many did.

In one day alone, the New York restaurant said, it sold more than 200 of the 20-ounce gourmet burgers to customers including "Sopranos" star James Gandolfini and New York Mets

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Patton outlines child safety proposal

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton pushed for child safety legislation Thursday, primarily aimed at keeping Kentucky youngsters safe while on the road.

The cornerstone of the package would make it a primary offense for anyone under 18 years old to ride in a motor

vehicle without wearing a seat belt. Drivers would also have to seat small children between 40 inches and 4 feet 9 inches tall, in a booster chair.

"Surely we can make sure that our young people that don't have the maturity to make a lot of independent judgments are required to wear seat belts," Patton said. "And if we do that, they will wear them all their life."

The child safety package is outlined in five separate pieces of pending legislation, three of which have been filed.

One proposal would also extend the state's graduated driver's license law to add an extra six-month probationary period for young drivers.

Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, the bill's sponsor, said the measure would also make it a requirement for young drivers to avoid any traffic violations before being eligible for a full license.

Teen-agers who ride all-terrain vehicles would now be required to wear safety helmets, under a different proposal by Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington.

Not related to road safety,

one measure would require more comprehensive criminal background checks for those seeking to become foster or adoptive parents.

Rep. Jodie Haydon, D-Bardstown, who is sponsoring the seat belt proposal, acknowledged previous attempts at passing safety belt legislation in the legislature have been difficult.


House lawmakers passed a similar seat belt measure last year that would have allowed police to stop a driver if anyone in the vehicle, regardless of their age, was not wearing a seat belt. That measure stalled in the Senate.

So far this year, victims in 43 of Kentucky's 64 traffic fatalities were not wearing seat belts, Haydon said.

"Had we passed the primary legislation last time, we could have saved nearly half of these fatalities and minimized the results of those terrible injuries that resulted from the accidents...." Haydon said. "I fervently, passionately believe in this legislation."

(The bill numbers are House Bill 16, HB 274 and HB 111.)

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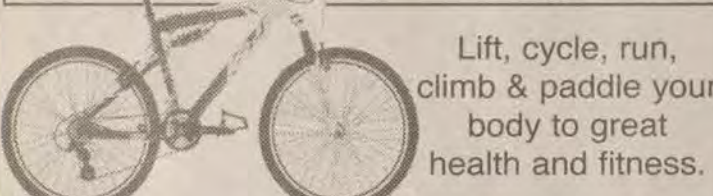
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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2003. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

On this date:

■ In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

■ In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

■ In 1943, the government announced that shoe rationing would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

■ In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

■ In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

■ In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

■ In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

■ In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

■ In 1986, Haitian President-

for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

■ In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

Ten years ago:

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown acknowledged on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he'd failed to pay Social Security taxes for a domestic worker over a number of years.

Five years ago:

The Winter Olympic Games opened in Nagano, Japan. It was announced that Carl Wilson, a founding member of The Beach Boys, had died in Los Angeles from complications of lung cancer; he was 51.

One year ago:

Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling insisted to skeptical lawmakers that he knew of nothing improper about the complex web of partnerships that brought down the company. Authorities in Oklahoma captured the last of four escaped prison inmates from Texas who'd been on the run for more than a week.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 82. Author Gay Talese is 71. Blues singer-musician Earl King is 69. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 48. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 44. Actor James Spader is 43. Country singer Garth Brooks is 41. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 41. Comedian Eddie Izzard is 41. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 37. Actor Jason Gedrick is 36. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 25. Actress Tina Majorino is 18.

Thought for Today:

"The time on either side of 'now' stands fast." - Maxine Kumin, American poet.

Respiratory Care program holds pre-admission conference

PRESTONSBURG - The Respiratory Care Program from Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College will be holding a pre-admissions conference Friday Feb. 7, 2003, at 1 p.m. on the Pikeville campus. This conference is open to anyone who is interested in applying to the Respiratory Care Program, and no pre-registration is required.

There will also be an evening conference on the Prestonsburg campus Thursday February 20, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. Students are required to contact the admissions office on the P-burg cam-

pus to pre-register for this conference. If there are not enough participants, this conference will not be held, and those who have already registered will be asked to attend the February 7th conference on the Pikeville campus.

If you have any questions about these conferences, please feel free to contact Melissa Steele at Phone: (606)789-5321, ext. 259 or, email at: melissa.steele@kctcs.edu or, contact Ramona Caldwell in the Prestonsburg admissions office, 606-886-3863 ext. 3220.

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Patton forges ahead with budget based on tax increase

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton on Wednesday proposed to a somber General Assembly a budget based on a \$570 million tax increase. He said the alternative would be to cut teachers, hike college tuition and resume setting inmates free from prison.

"If that is to be the future of Kentucky, it will be your legacy, not mine," Patton said, suddenly choked with emotion. He encouraged a statewide televi-

sion audience to judge for itself after reading his plan, which was posted on a state Web site.

Patton, a Democrat whose term ends in December, gave his 50-minute budget address knowing that leaders of both chambers had already declared the tax plan doomed. Earlier Wednesday, Rep. Joe Barrows, the House majority whip, said Patton's speech would be "irrelevant to the work we have to do" in the 2003 session, which is constitutionally limited to 30 days.

Patton acknowledged the opposition, even with the prospect of a \$400 million shortfall in the coming fiscal year.

"They don't see any support for it now," Patton told reporters. "I understand that; don't expect there to be any. May never be any."

If not, Patton said, the legislature has an "obligation to put together a realistic budget, making the cuts line item by line item" to make it fit within existing revenues, then subject it to public hearings.

"That's not my solution. I know what it looks like," he said. "I'm against it, going to oppose it, not going to sign it."

He did not say he would veto it. "I'm going to reserve judgment on that," Patton said. A bill becomes law without the governor's signature unless it's vetoed.

Patton is proposing a budget solely because the House and Senate failed to enact one during their 2002 session.

Kentucky operates on biennial budgets. The legislature's off-year sessions were not designed for budget action.

But when the new fiscal year begins July 1, all budget reserves will be spent, Patton said. "I will then have no choice except to make cuts that will upset more people than the early release of felons" — a reference to nearly 900 prisoners already turned loose, two of whom were later charged with bank robbery and rape.

Patton said the legislature will have to restore the revenue lost through dozens of tax cuts in the boom years of the '90s. Otherwise, "we reduce the teachers in our classrooms or increase college tuitions or cut more people off Medicaid or let more felons out of prison or reduce our services to neglected children or let the weeds grow in our state parks," Patton said.

"I've already experienced the trauma of releasing felons from prison before they've paid their debt to society," Patton said, his voice suddenly breaking. "I've seen them go out the very next day and abuse the good people of Kentucky. ... I can stomach no more."

Patton's chief political nemesis, Republican Senate President David Williams, was unmoved.

"The next governor of this state, whoever he or she might be, will be in a better position to present these sort of proposals ... with a fresh team that can earn the trust of the General Assembly," Williams said. "We're going to have to ... suffer through these next 10 months until we have new leadership in the governor's mansion."

Patton has been operating state government since July 1 on a "spending plan," the legality of which is being challenged by Williams in Franklin County Circuit Court.

As expected, the bulk of Patton's proposed tax increases would be borne by businesses. A "business activity tax," based

on sales and payroll, would replace the corporate income tax, which has been declining as a percentage of total state revenues since 1990. The administration estimates the change would generate \$340 million in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Patton also proposed raising the cigarette tax to 40 cents per pack, a 37-cent increase. The estimated revenue would be \$167.4 million a year.

He wants to triple the provider tax on nursing and mental-retardation facilities, raising \$52.9 million next year for use in gaining more federal matching money.

He proposed a new tax break for low-income people but a phasing out of a tax exclusion for pension income, currently \$39,400 a year.

Patton's proposed budget is based on a budget bill passed by the House last year. No budget was enacted because the Senate and House failed to agree.

Patton's budget has some differences: an extra \$127 million for schools over two years and nearly \$41 million more for Medicaid in the second year.

The money allotted for schools last year was insufficient because of mistakes in estimating the number of students in average daily attendance — a figure on which school districts base their budgets.

He also would earmark \$40 million for debt service on enough revenue bonds to finance \$525.8 million of new capital projects.

Patton's budget would spend \$7.2 billion in the current fiscal year and avoid a shortfall. It would spend \$7.6 billion in the second year, which at current rates of revenue would result in a \$515 million shortfall.

Rep. Harry Moberly, the influential chairman of the House budget committee, said Patton's speech, even with its emotion and vigor, likely failed to sway anyone because the off-year session affords too little time — 24 days after Wednesday.

Williams said Patton created "credibility problems" for himself by waiting until Wednesday to propose a budget. Senate Republicans had demanded a budget a month ago.

Highway

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that market.

So then, the issue of a monopoly becomes, perhaps, a non-issue, considering these companies established themselves long before the July 2001 national designation. A prospective sign company turned away from erecting billboards along the Country Music Highway would find this less of a hurdle than simply securing valued space for their product.

However, the restrictions do limit expansion for those existing companies along a stretch of frequently traveled road.

According to Kentucky Revised Statute 177.863, any national highway system or federal-aid primary interstate or parkway highway designated as a scenic byway, outdoor advertising devices "shall not be erected, allowed or permitted after the date of designation of the highway as scenic." The statute continues by adding that "outdoor advertising devices legally in existence at the time of designation of highway as scenic may continue to have routine maintenance."

Kentucky Department of Highways spokesperson Sarah George says implications of the Country Music Highway's national designation and consequent billboard restrictions can, most likely, be felt strongest in regard to this legal point.

"In the last quarter of a century, there have just about been only three sign companies who have ever placed billboards along that stretch of (U.S.) 23,"

George said. "But we have had people from those companies who have come in and wanted to put in a billboard to replace an old one, or add features to an existing billboard, and they can't."

Still, George says the legislation that brought about the restrictions had a relatively minimal impact.

"The fact is, these sign companies have been around for years and years and had already placed billboards in the most effective spots along (U.S.) 23 long before 2001," George said. "As for someone wanting to start a billboard company who might be affected by this, the legislation probably wouldn't be their biggest problem, anyway. It would be finding good locations."

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passed, now that those crucial holiday months of November and December have come and gone, Wilson, Hall and the other members of the center have not relaxed their efforts.

The center continues to move ahead with focused efforts at such places as the Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center at W.D. Osborne Elementary in Bevinville, where program coordinator Cissy Williams arrives for work every day striving to meet the needs of the unfortunate.

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DUI

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odor of alcohol on his breath. Isaacs failed various field sobriety tests and refused to take a Breathalyzer.

Isaacs wife, Sandra Isaacs, purchased half of DUI Defendant Referral two months ago.

According to Gary Martin, administrator of the company, James H. Isaacs was never employed in an officially capac-

ity with DUI Defendant Referral.

"He came in as an office manager while I was in the hospital for three weeks, but he is not employed here at all now," Martin said.

Clients for DUI Defendant Referral are people who need driver education, and anyone convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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Smell

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match the 55 percent provided with the remaining 45 percent for total costs, according to Prestonsburg Utilities Superintendent Seldon Horne.

According to Fannin, who said the total cost of the project is estimated at roughly \$3 million, the final tab for the city would rest in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

However, Fannin said Wednesday that the project has gotten underway, with one section of town already completed with money from the general fund.

"I'm sure we can come up with money from the general fund," Fannin said, adding that the first section along Scott Court and East Branham Street, which was kicked off in late October, had been finished by dipping into the city's reservoir. "And when the weather breaks, we're going to start

another section. It's going to have to be done a section at a time."

Complaints about a sewer smell permeating the streets of Prestonsburg came to a head this past summer in the form of numerous complaints aimed at city officials. The issue became so visible, in fact, that both Fannin and his opponent in the November election, former city council member Thomas Hereford, developed portions of their campaigns for the mayor's seat around steps to cure the problem.

Fannin said the money from the city's general fund, which was used to complete the first portion of work on downtown sewer lines, will be replaced once the federal grant has been secured, as will any money used to initiate and finish work on sections before the the federal money becomes available.

Senator's brother charged with DUI

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Drift resident Michael H. Turner — brother to state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner — will appear in Floyd District Court on March 19 to answer to DUI charges brought against him after being arrested Jan. 29 following a two-car collision along Route 114.

Turner was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Brandon Thomas at the scene of the accident after, according to Thomas, Turner failed a series of field sobriety tests.

Thomas said Turner, who was driving a state-issued 2001 Ford at the time of the accident, refused blood and urine tests at Highlands Regional Medical

Center, where he was taken after his arrest. Thomas said he then made "several attempts to call his attorney" after refusing testing.

The citation states that Turner "smelled of alcohol" when Thomas approached him at the scene and was later placed under arrest just after 9 p.m. and charged with driving a motor vehicle under the influence.

Turner was released from the Floyd County Detention Center later that evening after Sen. Turner signed an unsecured \$6,000 surety bond, according to court records.

Turner will appear for a court hearing on the matter before District Judge James R. Allen on March 19.

and have been a great help, according to Debbie Hall, coordinator of food and clothing distribution for the ministry.

While Hall handles a lot of the "up front" work for God's Care, it is the ministry director and local pastor, Charles Wilson, who is often the man behind the scenes, calling and locating people eager to help in bringing attention to the needs of struggling Floyd Countians. Those enlisted often include Wheelwright city council and fire department members, who often join to help distribute donations and perform other after-hour activities for the ministry.

One of the ministry's 17 full-time volunteers, Hattie Dutton, who is a member of the Lighthouse Temple Church at Wheelwright, wrote in an open letter to the out-of-state volunteers and touched what could be the pulse of the God's Care Ministry's motivation.

"Since you have been bringing in the groceries and items for cleaning, families are able to go ahead and buy the extra things they need for their children," Dutton wrote. "It not only blesses the people we give the items to, but it blesses me to see their faces knowing they can make it through another month or so."

During the 2001 August flooding, Charles Wilson reported the center as having provided 413 families with food and cleaning supplies, as well as giving to other organizations helping the area, including FEMA and God's Appalachian Project (GAP). And now that the flood cleanup and recovery have long

passed, now that those crucial holiday months of November and December have come and gone, Wilson, Hall and the other members of the center have not relaxed their efforts.

The center continues to move ahead with focused efforts at such places as the Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center at W.D. Osborne Elementary in Bevinville, where program coordinator Cissy Williams arrives for work every day striving to meet the needs of the unfortunate.

"There are times I begin worrying about a child because I know they are in need of clothing," Williams wrote in a letter to God's Care Ministry in early December. "Then I think, God's Care Ministry, so I give them a call, and the problem is solved."

The work, says Debbie Hall, coordinator for clothing and food distribution at the ministry, is all provided by God.

"Everything we do is provided by God," Hall said. "Everything we do is for His glory and His glory only."



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Morris Hilton presented Diane Pennington, left, with a Public Housing Manager Certificate and Judy Flanery with a Section 8 Housing Manager Certificate on Tuesday, during the Floyd County Housing Authority meeting. Both certificates were awarded by the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Office, after Flanery and Pennington completed extensive training.

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—Robert Frost

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Guest View Editorial roundup

Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, on the shuttle astronauts:
Space heroes aren't supposed to die. Not Buck Rogers. Not Flash Gordon. And not shuttle astronauts - those amazing characters composed not of comic-book ink but of flesh, determination and limitless dreams.

The world lost seven exceptional people Saturday, killed in the space shuttle Columbia's fiery return to the bosom of Earth.

We mourn for the crew's families. We mourn for the vanished sense of invincibility these astronauts inspired. We mourn the shadow this tragedy casts on the future of the space station. But most of all, we mourn the lost possibilities that went to the grave with seven extraordinary individuals ...

To astronauts ... death is an acceptable risk, the price that some must pay for the exhilaration of going where most humans cannot ...

The world is a divided place, but in space it has come together time and again, to marvel and to mourn. People and nations have embraced the achievements of the space age and drawn from them the hope that humanity will one day blaze a trail of progress through the universe. ...

In memory of these remarkable people, go out and savor the stars tonight. They were beautiful and compelling before Columbia's demise, and they remain so now. The crew would have wanted us to notice - and to keep on striving to bring them just a little nearer.

Los Angeles Times, "Ask the Hard Questions:"

The space shuttle program faded from national consciousness as the 1986 Challenger disaster faded from memory. The shuttles became less explorers and more workhorses, hauling construction materials to the International Space Station.

Saturday the Challenger leaped to memory again, but in a world that could no longer assume that the trails of smoking debris in the sky were merely the result of a tragic accident. ...

By Sunday, with terrorism the most distant of possible explanations, the obvious decisions had been made; President Bush formed a commission to investigate the accident and NASA grounded the shuttle fleet.

Now come the hard calls - small, urgent ones at first, but necessarily leading over time to a reexamination of the shuttle program and the International Space Station. Asking those questions demonstrates no lack of faith in the space program. Rather, it shows that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration can apply the scientific method to itself and learn from this latest tragedy.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe should start by scrapping Discovery, the oldest of the three remaining shuttles. It has seen 29 missions and numerous technical problems. To bring the three astronauts now in the International Space Station back to Earth, he may have to use the much smaller Russian Soyuz capsules.

Bush should ensure that the Columbia commission is as independent from NASA as was the group that investigated Challenger. ...

NASA's annual budget today is about half what it was 35 years ago, in constant dollars. Hindsight will always generate suspicion that the cost of inspection, either directly or in lost time, was at issue. The agency's motto of recent years, "Cheaper, Faster, Better," worked satisfactorily for unmanned missions that could be written off when they went astray. Keeping humans aloft, a matter of pride and prowess for the United States, requires different thinking. ...

Bush, his eyes glistening and his voice cracking with emotion, said only hours after the accident, "Our journey in space will go on." If the Columbia commission and NASA ask the right questions, the answers, however painful, will focus and strengthen America's commitment to the still endless possibilities of exploration and discovery.

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"IT'S NOT JUST AN INCREASE IN MY ALLOWANCE... THINK OF IT AS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE..."

In the moment

The alternative

When I think of the luxuries that my generation enjoys, I am amazed at how we can complain about a clogged toilet or a broken faucet.

I was raised in a "holler", Mud Creek to be precise, and I was afforded to know a little about the difficulties encountered by those who live without plumbing. There were many cold nights in my childhood years that I would have gratefully accepted a clogged toilet in need of a good strong plunger. The alternative was much more inconvenient, as it involved a trek quite a distance from the house in the cold, dark night, where lurking animals were com-

mon.

The younger children were afforded the luxury of having access to a portable vessel, which the more mature siblings had the task of disposing the next morning. It was a "stinking" job, but a necessary one.

As for the issue of a broken faucet, in those days that would have been equivalent to either a missing pump handle or the rope had loosened as you were pulling the bucket from the well. The latter would require the expertise of Mom, who would tie a hook to the end of the rope and go fishing.

Those were the days when what

seemed to consume most of your time was centered around providing for the necessities of living. Evenings after school in the spring and fall and summer days were spent cultivating next winter's food, while winter evenings were dominated by cutting wood and gathering coal to keep the house warm. At night, early-to-bed nights, I would gratefully climb into a bed and bury my head in the hand-made quilts, where I would quickly fade into sleep.

Looking back, I am amused at how I can get upset over something as trivial as a worn out electrical breaker or a drip in the bath tub. Life is as simple as we make it or as difficult as we perceive it to be.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

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The HANDS Program of the Floyd County Health Department would like to thank the following people and organizations who helped to make the Christmas party a success:

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Crime pays for foreign prisoners

I'm writing regarding the early release of prisoners. I have to somewhat agree with

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. Drug dealers are not the best candidates to release from custody. However, Gov. Paul Patton has made a good decision to release prisoners, but who gets released would best be decided by the commonwealth's attorney, as they're the ones who prosecute the case.

I've been a prisoner for over a decade myself. My advice to cut the budget with prisoner releases, I would start with individual prison camps where prisoners are already in general activities with the general public and have already been screened to be of soft risk. Also, prisoners should be released to larger halfway houses and work release terms.

There is a wrong assumption of what a prison is. It sure does not stand by its name, correctional institution, nor meets that description. It is evident that most of the public does not understand prison at all. Short-term imprisonment can be utilized to teach a lesson to an offender. Long-term makes a prisoner harder in most cases. Exceptions are those who find spirituality. Prisons in a band point of view are only large, well-run criminal col-

leges.

What should make commonwealth's attorneys nervous is the presence of long-term imprisonment. Imagine what happens when a prisoner suddenly finds himself in a criminal college. Let your mind think about it. It's inevitable, since society has wiped its hands of them and there are nearly no educational programs.

Then you look carefully and you see that most people who work as prison staff could not get a job anywhere else. Being a prison guard is pretty close to welfare. Actually, one rarely sees columns of real truth in newspapers. Prisoners lose their relationships with family in long-term, and the state now picks up the tab to care for the cost of the prisoner's stay, plus the cost for most of their children.

What's the solution? More education and more spirituality programs. Another good way is, before conviction, allow a person to join the military, job corps or peace corps or a volunteer group to counter imprisonment altogether.

When you send someone to prison, you must be sure of the message you're sending to the public. With some prisoners, there can be an

exception. To realize what is actually going on in prison, one would have to make arrangements to go in undercover as a prisoner. It might sound ridiculous, but when one returned to their job, their viewpoint would change. It's a situation you've got to see. You cannot read about it.

I, like the commonwealth's attorney, am also convinced drug offenders would not be the first prisoners I release. The relationship of drug sale money is used for stuff like the regretful 9-11 attack on the United States. People who buy drugs are confused, and those that sell them.

I doubt you publish this, but consider it. I'm speaking of federal prison. Ask yourself an obvious question: Why are INS prisoners of foreign countries earning hundreds of dollars each in federal prison through UNICOR and casually sending large amounts of money, in the millions altogether, and the whereabouts of this money is not being tracked?

Foreign prisoners making U.S. military supplies in UNICOR are making large sums of money from their labor. In federal prisons,

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At the Movies:

'Shanghai Knights'

by DAVID GERMAIN
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There's this to say about "Shanghai Knights": Cast and crew tried with enormous enthusiasm to put on a good show.

They just didn't put much thought into what they were doing as they made the sequel to the Jackie Chan-Owen Wilson buddy picture "Shanghai Noon" — beyond making sure that Chan prances up a storm in the film's technically impressive but excessively stagy action sequences.

Director David Dobkin ("Clay Pigeons") and screenwriters Alfred Gough and Miles Millar, who wrote "Shanghai Noon," this time send the boys to 1880s London on a mission to prevent conspirators from stealing the thrones of England and China.

While holding the reprisal of gags from the original Old West romp to a minimum, the filmmakers drown the sequel in the sort of anachronistic gewgaws that helped make "Shanghai Noon" a refreshing frolic.

"Shanghai Knights" is up to its breastplates in contemporary



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Running time: 114 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

music and chronologically distorted references to 20th century technology, personalities, even Hollywood lingo. Most of it is not terribly bright, though, and the movie's extravagant allusions work with only scattershot effectiveness.

The movie opens in China with a fierce martial-arts sequence in which mildly dastardly villain Lord Rathbone (Aidan Gillen) swipes the emperor's imperial seal and murders its keeper, the father of Chon Wang (Chan). Wang's sister, Chon Lin (Fann Wong), no

martial-arts slouch herself, chases Rathbone to London, seeking vengeance.

Cut to Carson City, Nev., where Wang's the sheriff and all the bad guys have been rounded up. Wang learns of his father's death and sets off to find "Shanghai Noon" compadre Roy O'Bannon (Wilson) to collect his share of the fortune they gained in the first movie so he can pay his way to join sis in London.

Roy's still Roy, profligate and roguishly two-faced, so Wang finds no sign of his loot.

After one of the movie's most rousing comic fight scenes, in which Wang dukes it out with a gaggle of Keystone Kop stand-ins inside a revolving door, our heroes stow away aboard ship to England.

Once there, the movie's fish-out-of-water hijinks click now and then but often are as tepid as a straight-to-video, Olsen-twins-in-Europe flick.

The movie rests on the fight scenes, particularly Wang and Lin's final showdowns with Rathbone and a Chinese counterpart (Donnie Yen), the two villains conspiring to grab their respective country's crowns.

Chan dazzles with his nimble footwork and clever incorporation of found objects in the fight choreography. Yet some of the action is too clever and prolonged for its own good, including an homage to "Singin' in the Rain" that's cute for a few seconds but quickly turns forced and affected.

Wilson's befuddled languor — fresh and fun in "Shanghai Noon" and "Armageddon," engaging and off-kilter in "Zoolander" and "The Royal Tenenbaums" — is just tiresome by now. He's an actor in serious need of some range.

The rest of the cast is blandly serviceable, including Gemma Jones as Queen Victoria, Aaron Johnson as a street urchin and Thomas Fisher as a Scotland Yard stuffed shirt with innovative methods of crime deduction (the filmmakers go to some lengths to withhold his full name till the movie's end, but they toss out so many clues, any surprise is lost).

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Don't kid these kidders: Penn and Teller promote skepticism on their new series

by FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — For their new Showtime series, Penn and Teller chose a title that proclaimed their skepticism for such things as weight-loss products, feng shui and creationism; for end-of-the-world forecasts and the purity claims by bottled-water marketers; for ESP, sex aids and "second-hand smoke."

Of course, the title they arrived at — a more graphic version of "poppycock" — isn't usually found in a family newspaper. No matter. Viewers up for a weekly dose of artful debunking are urged to watch what will here be designated "Penn & Teller: (Poppycock)!"

"We're gonna hunt down as many purveyors of (poppycock) as we can," pledged Penn Jillette (the tall, ponytailed one) when the series began its 13-episode run two weeks ago.

He and Teller (the mute one with the single name) are off to a rambunctious start.

Already, they have tackled alternative medicine of varying extremes, including magnet therapy and chiropractic.

Another episode targeted people who claim to communicate with the dead. It cast a jaundiced eye on TV psychics John Edwards and James Van Praagh, after which Penn and Teller presented their own convincing "spiritualist" — who turned out to be an admitted fake.

Airing Fridays at 11 p.m., "(Poppycock)!" this week blows the whistle on such Penn-and-Teller-decreed (poppycock) as UFOs and alien abductions.

"(Poppycock)!" has no time for what is Penn and Teller's forte: magic.

On the other hand, their magic act has always championed intellectual honesty. Costumed in their gray three-piece suits, Penn and Teller strive to make the audience see how magic is, so to speak, easily explainable (poppycock).

Sassy secularists in the priesthood of magicians, they do everything they can to undermine their brethren's baton-and-black-cape mystique. This includes a most heretical practice: revealing how they perform certain tricks, blowing the whistle on themselves as a way of proving that magic, after all, isn't magic. Just fun.

Penn and Teller are, in short, skeptics promoting skepticism.

"There's always been that point of view to our work," Teller says in a recent interview. "This show is just a chance to make it very explicit."

Very, very explicit. As host and narrator, Penn uses extremely harsh language to describe the people whom "(Poppycock)!" sets out to debunk.

Maybe he would have preferred to brand them "liars," "quacks" and "rip-off artists." But such precision could get a guy sued, he explains on the show. Far preferable, or so the lawyers advised, are more free-wheeling terms of character assassination, which slander laws don't usually prohibit.

"So forgive all the (poppycock) language," said Penn on the premiere episode. "We're trying to talk about the truth without spending the rest of our lives in court because of litigious (unpleasant people)."

During Penn's excited outbursts, the seemingly pint-size Teller stands by silently, often wearing the sly smile that seems borrowed from a Dr. Seuss character.

That is Teller's shtick. But outside of the act, he displays a loquacious streak (and, at 5 feet, 9 inches, normal height, despite being dwarfed whenever standing by the 6-foot-6 Penn).

"There's a movement of people who want to look into dubious phenomena with a critical eye," says Teller, further explaining the colorful language, "but this movement has been very polite, for lack of a better word. The idea of our TV series is to look into areas that people believe in that may not be true, but with the same passion that previously only the believers have demonstrated."

"Television as a medium does not care about the truth, it only cares about the temperature of the performance," Penn chimes in. "What you've always had on skeptics' shows is someone who's well-mannered, has all his ducks in a row, going up against a nut. On TV, the nut

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star Mike Piazza.

■ PHOENIX — Arizona's tight gubernatorial race last year left a phone book company confused.

In the newest edition of the National Directory Co. phone book, Republican Matt Salmon is listed as governor under "Governor's Office" — even though Democrat Janet Napolitano won the race.

The mistake came about as the Tustin, Calif.-based company was putting together the phone book in December and looked at the Maricopa County recorder's website for election results.

In Maricopa County, one of 15 counties in Arizona, Salmon received 337,954 votes to Napolitano's 313,107 votes.

Statewide, Napolitano eked out a narrow win against

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these same foreign citizens, who enjoy wonderful food and anything a person would need, are now in the best position in their lives as prisoners to live at taxpayers' expense and nest away vast sums of money that they could never earn in their own nations. And where is all the foreign country prisoner money going?

These foreign prisoners have been deemed a national security threat to the United States and have been convicted of crimes against the United States. Yet when they leave the

United States, they get a nice fat piggy-bank of money, more than they ever dreamed in their countries, and they earned it legally working for the U.S. Department of Justice from UNICOR payroll. For foreign citizens in federal prisons, crime does pay. The money will allow the foreign prisoners to come back to the states, but no one is doing anything about it.

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State wants to sow good seeds on Pine Mountain

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — State officials will be careful to sow the right kinds of seeds to replace vegetation being stripped away by road construction on Pine Mountain.

Johnnie Ross, an environmental engineer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said no invasive

species will be planted in the bare soil along the sides of U.S. 119, which is being widened and straightened on the mountain.

The road is near a state nature preserve and a wildlife management area, both of which are part of a mountain ecosystem that the state has tried to protect for scientific and tourism purposes.

Brian Gray, a regional coordinator in the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said transportation officials need to be careful not to introduce non-native, invasive weeds to the mountain because they can have negative effects on animals.

Joyce Bender, stewardship director for the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, said animals often don't recognize non-native plants as food and travel to other areas when their natural foods are displaced.

The Transportation Cabinet is in the midst of a \$36 million road construction project on the mountain. The project includes straightening and widening curves and adding passing lanes in some locations along a 7.2-mile stretch of the road.

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Obituaries



Edgar J. (Ted) Collins

Edgar J. (Ted) Collins, age 87, of New London, Ohio, died Tuesday night, February 4, 2003, at IHS of New London at Firelands, after a lengthy illness.

He was born October 30, 1915, in Floyd County, the son of the late Riley and Anna (Mitchell) Collins.

He moved to New London in 1943. He had worked for the B&O Railroad, the former E. Bigelow Tile Co. in New London, and retired from the Sterling Foundry in Wellington. He was a member of the Little Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Ruggies.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice (Leedy) Collins, whom he married July 24, 1937.

Other survivors include two daughters, Annette M. Hamilton of Norwalk, and Phylsteen (B.J.) Shepherd of New London; six sons, Orville (Erika) Collins, Carlos Collins, Bob (Becky) Collins, Larry (Cindy) Collins, and Phil and (Debbie) Collins, all of New London, and Eddie D. Collins of Huron; two brothers, Bill Collins of New London and Jody Collins of Honaker; two sisters, Margaret Nunemaker and Susie Kimbler, both of Pikeville; 32 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two infant grandsons; two sisters, Liz McKinney, and Ida; and six brothers, Andy, Curt, Oscar, Rosie, John B. and Erwin Collins.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 8, at 1 p.m., at the Eastman Funeral Home, 200 W. Main St., New London, Ohio, with Brother Robert Wallen of the Little Pilgrim Home Church officiating.

Burial will follow in Ashland County Memorial Park, Ashland, Ohio.

(Paid obituary)

Alvin Caudill

Alvin Caudill, 95, of Melvin, died Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 28, 1907, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Wilburn and Elizabeth Johnson Caudill. He was a retired coal miner and member of UMWA Local Union No. 5899 of Wheelwright; and a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pearlne Slone Caudill.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Terry Caudill of Somerset.

Other survivors include four sons, Elmer Ray Caudill, Donald Caudill and Joseph Caudill, all of Elkhart, Indiana, and Ralph Caudill of Syracuse, Indiana; five daughters, Melva Newman of Hi Hat, Mavis Mounts and Bonnie Blankenship, both of Columbus, Ohio, and Helen Johnson and Claudetta Edwards, both of Elkhart, Indiana; 24 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, and first wife, he was preceded in death by a son, James Caudill; two daughters, Wilma Jean Caudill and Jewel Caudill; six brothers, Troy Caudill, Milburn Caudill, Jarvey Caudill, Corbit Caudill, Cleveland Caudill and Calvin Caudill; and a sister, Mary Jane Cole.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 8, at 11 a.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Bill Lafferty Sr.

Bill Lafferty Sr., 98, of Boynton Beach, Florida, since 1954, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 14, 2002, in Florida.

Born August 12, 1904, at Bull Creek, he was the son of the late James H. (Chigger Jim) and Malinda (Lin High) Lafferty. He was retired from Lake Worth Power Plant in 1996, and was a member of Bykota Lodge No. 333 F&AM, and Scottish Rite of Lake Worth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen DeRossett Lafferty.

Survivors include one son, Bill Lafferty Jr., of Okeechobee, Florida; two daughters, Irene (Jim) Webb of Lake Worth, Florida, and Ilene Pollis of Boynton Beach, Florida; two sisters, Alta May Wallen and Elizabeth Burkett, both of Prestonsburg; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Albert Lafferty and Seymore Lafferty; and four sisters, Florence Lafferty, Annie Gray, Pearlne Stapleton, and Dixie DeRossett Whitaker.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Tillman Funeral Home in West Palm Beach, Florida, with Terry Townsend of the First Baptist Church of Wellington, Florida, officiating.

Burial was in the Pinecrest Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.

(Obituary information, courtesy of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.) (Paid obituary)

Fannie Salyer

Memorial service for Fannie Salyer, 93, of the Masonic Home of Shelbyville, formerly of Floyd County, will be 6 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2003, at the Graefenburg Baptist Church, in Shelby County.

Mrs. Salyer, died at 5:15 a.m., Friday, January 24, at the Masonic Home, following an extended illness.

A native of Panther, Virginia, she was a homemaker and a member of the Graefenburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Clarence E. Salyer, of Shelbyville; two grandsons, David Salyer and Christopher Salyer, both of Lexington; one granddaughter, Karen McElmurray Johns, of Mt. Berry, Georgia; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Virginia Johnson May; her husband, Clarence W. Salyer; and a son, Darnell Salyer.

Dr. Fred Moffatt, Rev. Jesse Baxter, and Karen McElmurray Johns will officiate.

There is no visitation. The family suggests expressions of sympathy to a favorite charity, or to the Graefenburg Baptist Church Building Fund.

(Paid obituary)

Lillie Mae Newsome

Lillie Mae Newsome, age 68, of Hi Hat, widow of Robert Newsome passed away Monday, January 27, 2003, at her daughter's residence in Wheelwright.

She was born April 1, 1934, in Beaver, the daughter of the late Riley Newsome and Ettie Newsome.

Survivors include three sons, Willie Hall of Ligon, Randy Eugene Pegrem of West Virginia, and Melvin Adams Jr. of McDowell; three daughters, Geneva Pegrem of Ligon, Nora Lou Hall of Galveston, and Betty Lou Slone of Wheelwright; six step-children; one brother, Riley Newsome Jr. of Price; seven grandchildren, Lori Tackett, Josh Slone, Char Adams, Areil Adams, Stephanie Slone, Dokota Adams and Jessica Slone.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, John Milford Newsome; and two sisters, Elvie Hall and Rosie Henson.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery, in Teaberry, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

(Paid obituary)

Frank Ed Stephens

Frank Ed Stephens, 51, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 2, 2003, in Lexington.

Born August 30, 1951, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late William Henry Stephens, and Viola Stephens Haywood. He was a maintenance worker for the VA Hospital in Lexington, and was an Army Vietnam Veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Stephens Jr. of Sitka, and Josh Stephens of Ashland; a daughter, Michelle Stephens of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Houston Stephens of Prestonsburg, and William C. Stephens of Berlin, New Jersey; a half-brother, Roy McMurray of Ashland; two sisters, Valarie Cooley of Morehead, and Rose Hall of Prestonsburg, and a half-sister, Rebecca Coston of Georgetown, Florida.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 5, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Buddy Jones officiating.

Military services were conducted by the Big Sandy Chapter 18, Auxier D.A.V.

Burial was in the Allen Cemetery (Allen Branch), at Blue River.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club/Organization _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

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

BEST PEOPLE

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

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

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

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

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

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

BEST BUSINESS

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

- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
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For the Record

Civil Suits Filed

Edgille S. Branham vs. Nissan Motor Company and Childers and Venters; repairs to automobile.

Greenpoint Credit vs. Nicole R. Castle; debt collection.

Sonya Butcher vs. Gary W. Robinson; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Tanzil Martin vs. Oga Mae Martin; divorce.

Mitzie Gilmore vs. Mancey Gilmore; divorce.

Jennifer Robinson vs. Calvin Lee Valentine; divorce.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families

and Children vs. Rodney Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Nina Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota vs. Brenda Pennington; debt collection.

Ashley Ann Newsome vs. Danny Darrel Newsome; divorce.

The Chase Manhattan Bank vs. Kenley Sturgill; debt collection.

Lori Mixon and Kasey Hallmark vs. Ronald Mixon and Reese Products; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Stephen R. Montgomery and Melissa C. Montgomery; debt collection.

Small Claims Filings

Barbara G. Hamilton vs. Marlow Compton; debt collection.

Countryside Motors vs. Larry C. Case; debt collection.

East Kentucky Tire vs. James Butler; debt collection.

East Kentucky Tire vs. CET Crace; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Jessica Endicott, age unlisted, Van Lear, three counts of theft by deception.

Alan Ward Crum, 37, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

Amanda Mullins, 20, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.

Brian C. Sellards, 37, Martin, fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication.

Maronda Gay Mitchell, 27, Banner, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Burnis D. Newsome, 28, Prestonsburg, second-degree wanton endangerment.

Janice Griffith, 49, Blue River, harassment.

Tony Smith, age unlisted, Betsy Layne, theft of services.

Gary Gene Lee, 34, Shelbyana, 15 counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Steven M. Blackburn, 27, McCombs, fourth-degree assault.

Jamie Lee Henson, 28, Martin, fourth-degree aggravated assault.

Dennis Whitehead, 44, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Barry Sizemore, 46, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Tonya Renee Shepherd, 24, Hueysville, theft by deception.

Mary E. Osborne, 46, Hi Hat, parent failure to send child to school.

Richard L. Clemmons II, age unlisted, Lexington, harassing communications.

William Jason Slone, age unlisted, Tram, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Hope Castle, 22, Prestonsburg, harassment.

Paul Sester, 26, Prestonsburg, harassment.

Debra A. Hamilton, 46, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.

Richard C. Short, 32, Garrett, carrying concealed weapon, failure to register transfer.

Vanessa H. Adkins, 48, Langley, theft by deception.

Timothy L. Click, 22, Prestonsburg, first-degree criminal trespassing, terroristic threatening.

Shirlin Rose, 34, Martin, fourth-degree aggravated assault.

John Stephens, 19, Eastern, theft by deception.

Teresa C. Baily, 33, Hueysville, theft by deception.

Danny L. Waddles, 28, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Everett E. Patton, 48, Martin, theft by deception.

Rodney Newsome, 48, Martin, two counts of first-degree rape.

Benjamin Kelly Mahan, 22, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.

James Goins, 20, McDowell, third-degree burglary, unlawful transaction with minor, first-degree criminal mischief.

Gary Gene Lee, 33, Shelbyana, 15 counts of first-degree sex abuse.

Johnny R. Jordan, 39, Tomahawk, fugitive/governor's warrant.

Inspections

Family Dollar Store, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: No violations observed during inspection. Score: 100.

Dollar General Store, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: No soap in men's restroom, floor tiles in disrepair in retail facility. Score: 97.

Double Kwik, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Urinal out of order, floor drain not protected. Score: Food: 95 Retail: 99.

Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item not stored far enough from floor, wooden handle utensil not properly stored, restroom does not have self closing door, outside dumpster has no lid, light out in freezer. Score: 91.

Lake View Market, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several out-of-date drugs on shelves, ice stored for consumption used for cooling foods, foods in refrigeration unit not properly labeled, restroom door not self closing. Score: Food: 95 Retail: 93.

Little Caesar's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food dispensing utensil not acceptable, hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted. Score: 97.

Property Transfers

Billy Ray White and Susan Renee White to John Wayne White and Sharon White, to William L. White and Betty White, property located on U.S. Route 23.

Roxie Karen Bowling to Hester Johnson, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Ted Moore to Theresa S. Moore, property location not listed.

Ted Moore to Theresa S. Moore, property location not listed.

Master Commissioner's deed: Patricia Johnson and Johnny S. Johnson to Oakwood Acceptance Corporation LLC, property location not listed.

Pauline Wallen to Bernice Branham, property located on the Big Sandy River.

Polly Johnson to Angela Tackett and Ricky Dale Johnson, property located on Mink Branch, Mud Creek.

Roger Dale Johnson and Geraldine Johnson to Polly Johnson, property location not listed.

Jimmy Dale Johnson, Jerry Douglas Swain and Jerrell Swain to Polly Johnson, property located, Mink Branch Road.

Ethel Williams to Jamie Jarvis and Sabrina Jarvis, property located on Hamilton Branch, Big Mud Creek.

Kathern L. Johnson to Gary D. Johnson, property location not listed.

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Educators believe federal law won't require testing overhaul

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Education officials are optimistic they will be able to preserve Kentucky's testing and school assessment system despite sweeping federal legislation.

"We think we have held on to the integrity of the education program in Kentucky," state Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit told the state school board Wednesday in Frankfort. "Hopefully, they'll see it that way."

All 50 states met last week's deadline to tell the federal government how they will measure learning as mandated by federal law known as "No Child Left Behind."

The measure orders states to test students in reading and math in grades three to eight, beginning in 2005-06. Results will be broken down for subgroups of minority, disabled and low-income students.

Each group must demonstrate yearly progress, to be

defined by the states. Groups that fail face a series of punishments.

The changes Kentucky will make will mean more tests and paperwork for students and educators.

New math tests will be developed for fourth-, sixth- and seventh-graders. Children in fifth, sixth and eighth grades will get reading tests for the first time, said Lisa Gross, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education.

The state will continue to test students in five other subjects not covered by the law.

Education officials are considering expanding the time frame for giving the tests, but nothing has been decided yet, Gross said. Kentucky educators resisted changing the spring testing period more significantly because many schools miss substantial time because of winter weather, Gross said. Kentucky also wanted to test late in the year to measure what students have

learned in the current school year. Some states test early in the year on material from the previous school year.

The state will also have to compile graduation rates for the first time.

The state has asked federal officials to allow it to average two years of data when it measures students' progress. Melinda Malico, a spokeswoman for the federal Department of Education, said three states already had been cleared to do that, so federal approval was likely.

The state also wants federal approval to continue to set individual goals for each school. The federal law requires creating one statewide target for all schools, or one target for all elementary schools, another for middle schools and a third for high schools.

Wilhoit said the next step will be a peer-review group visit in March or April to discuss the document.

County to investigate firing of librarian

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Pike County officials will investigate the firing of a librarian who claims she was terminated for religious reasons.

Mable Dotson, librarian at the Phelps branch of the Pike County Public Library, claims her First Amendment right to free speech was violated when, she said, she was fired for talking about God with patrons.

Dotson said the situation arose after she organized a youth ministry at her church called the Hosannah Praisers. The group performs songs, dramas and skits using sign language at various churches.

Most of the religious conversations, Dotson said, was with library patrons who had seen the group perform and wanted to

commend her on behalf of the group.

About 40 people attended a meeting of the Pike County Fiscal Court this week in support of Dotson. Magistrates agreed to investigate her complaints.

Gary Fields, pastor of the Freeburn Church of God, said Dotson was fired on petty charges, and that the library's governing board had refused to bring her back despite a petition bearing the names of 1,600 Phelps residents.

Joe Justice, a member of the library's governing board, denied Dotson's claim that she was fired for religious reasons.

"This has nothing to do with religion, as a lot of people have been led to believe," he said.

Justice said Dotson was fired because she failed to correct deficiencies at the library.

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BOYS'

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Ashland Blazer Scott County
Belry Matewan, W.Va.
Betsy Layne Allen Central
Breathitt County Buckhorn
East Ridge Shelby Valley

Fleming-Neon

Jackson City June Buchanan
Jenkins Letcher
Pikeville Johnson Central
Prestonsburg South Floyd
Sheldon Clark Knott Central
Wolfe County Lee County

GIRLS'

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Breathitt County Rockcastle County
East Ridge Shelby Valley
Phelps Matewan, W.Va.
Prestonsburg South Floyd
Raceland Morgan County

Saturday's games

Belry Magoffin County
Bryan Station Knott Central
Hazard Jenkins
Logan, W.Va. Phelps
Wolfe County Letcher
Elliott County Menfee County

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COMMENTARY

King James' trials and tribulations

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

If you're looking for a good guy in this sordid LeBron James mess, don't bother. There is none. Everybody involved has been corrupted, compromised, and contaminated by a disgraceful system that finally, and inevitably, has reached the bottom of the cesspool. Unless you've been zonked out with Ozzy Osbourne for

the last few months, you know that James is the 6-foot-5 senior at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, who's supposed to be the next Michael Jordan, except more so.

Unlike the star of your local high school team, he drives a \$50,000 Hummer with three TVs, needs only to sign his name to get a \$25 million contract from the Adidas shoe company, and causes Dick Vitale's mouth to shift automatically into overdrive.

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BASEBALL

P'burg Little League will hold signups each Saturday

PRESTONSBURG - Adams Middle School will host Prestonsburg Little League signups each Saturday this month. Signups will be held each Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. The signups will be held at Adams Middle School.

Divisions this year include T-Ball for players ages 5-6; Minor for players ages 7-8; Little League for players ages 9-10 and 11-12; Junior for players 13-14; Senior for players 15-16 and Big League for players 17-18.

In addition, Prestonsburg Little League will offer girls softball this season. Two divisions of girls' softball will be offered, one for players ages 9-12 and another for players ages 13-14.

A board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 at Adams Middle School.

SOCCER

Soccer sign-ups kicks off Saturday

PRESTONSBURG - The first registration day for the Spring 2003 Floyd County Youth Soccer season will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Registration will be held again on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., again at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. A coaches meeting will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The registration fee is \$40. Soccer is open to any child who

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Bobcats victorious following championship game defeat

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Magoffin County had the tough task of playing a much improved Betsy Layne team Tuesday night on the road.

Betsy Layne, after losing to Paintsville in the finals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Saturday, rebounded Tuesday night in the contest with visiting Magoffin County.

The end result was a 72-66 Betsy Layne win.

In the end, the Hornets ran out of time, after staying close within striking distance of the Bobcats the entire game.

Betsy Layne led 18-16 at the end of the first period and

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne freshman Brandon Kidd (42) eyed a teammate's shot during Tuesday night's loss to Magoffin County.

- H.S. FOOTBALL -



photo by Steve LeMaster

Ryan Brown (seated, second from left) became a Division I football player Wednesday when he signed with James Madison University. The Dukes of James Madison currently play in Division I-AA. Pictured seated with one of the 11 new James Madison recruits is brothers Matt (left) and Casey (far right). His mother, Sandy Brown, is pictured seated directly on the right of him. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Paintsville head coach David LeMaster; Ryan Brown's father, Mike Brown; Paintsville assistant coach Joe Chirico and Paintsville assistant coach/defensive coordinator Jim Tom Allen.

- BROWN SIGNS WITH -

JAMES MADISON

Senior standout will play Division I football

PROFILE:

RYAN BROWN

- Class - Freshman
- Height/Weight - 6-3, 260
- High school - Paintsville High School
- Parents - Mike and Sandy Brown
- Comments - An all-state selection and Paintsville's career sacks leader... an all-area choice and named the area's top defensive lineman.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HARRISONBURG, Va. - College football signings were the order of the day all across the state on Wednesday.

Within Paintsville High School's Class of 2003 is a NCAA Division I football player. Senior Ryan Brown signed to play college football for James Madison University on Tuesday in the Paintsville High School Library. Present at the signing were members of Brown's family, high school coaches, friends,

teammates and classmates.

"I've always dreamed of playing college football," said Brown. "I'd like to thank everyone who helped me get to this point."

As early as his junior season, many thought Brown would follow his brother, Matt, to Pikeville College. Matt Brown plays both football and baseball for the Mid-South Conference school.

The younger Brown's high school coach, David LeMaster, feels his now former player has

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Sanders leads Pike Central over Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - The Prestonsburg Blackcats have played the entire 2003 season at less than 100-percent as several different players have went down with injuries already and now one player is out for the cats due to illness. Prestonsburg has shuffled the lineup night after night because of the lack of bodies. The Blackcats took on Pike Central last Friday and came away

(See SANDERS, page three)

Lykens-less Betsy Layne falls in 'A'

Christian Academy-Louisville holds off 15th Region rep

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - For a second straight year, Betsy Layne went one game and out in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Last year it was

College Women's Basketball Lady Bear's top U Va. - Wise page • 2B

Jackson County knocking Betsy Layne out of the small-school tournament. This season, Betsy Layne, playing without the services of a recently injured Whitney Lykens, fell to Christian Academy of Louisville, 60-47.

Betsy Layne, to its credit, played within three points of the

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AP POLLS

Johnson Central moves up to 7th in state

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - The girls' basketball team at Johnson Central High School continues to move up in the state's Associated Press poll. This week, Johnson Central, which beat Ashland 51-50

Monday night, is ranked seventh.

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

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TONIGHT:

South Floyd travels to Prestonsburg tonight for a boys-girls doubleheader. Pictured at right on a runout during last week's win over Phelps is South Floyd's Adam Tackett. The Raiders are still undefeated in 58th District/Floyd County Conference play.



58th District Standings

BOYS'

South Floyd	2-0
Prestonsburg	2-1
Allen Central	2-2
Betsy Layne	1-4

GIRLS'

Betsy Layne	6-0
Allen Central	3-1
South Floyd	2-2
Prestonsburg	2-4
Piarist School	0-6

Caudill has new coaches to answer to

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team loses Dewayne Robertson

along its defensive line next season, but returns Prestonsburg High graduate Jeremy Caudill. Returning for his senior season, Caudill will be expected to help lead the Wildcat defense.

The Prestonsburg High graduate and teammates have a new defensive coordinator in Mike Archer. Michael Gray is the new defensive line coach on a staff which features all new faces with head coach Rich Brooks at the helm. Early after being hired, Gray began looking at game footage from last season, while taking an extra look at

Caudill. "When Rich (Brooks) first brought me in, I didn't go out (to recruit) that first week. I actually went back and looked at about half of the season," said Gray. "I looked at the guys up front, of course, to see what I had to work with. I told Rich that I had some good kids, really hard-working kids. Jeremy

(Caudill), of course, is one of the guys that I watched the hardest, and (Vincent) 'Sweet Pea' (Burns) and (Ellery) Moore.

I've been to a lot of programs and seen a lot of talent, and I think I have some good things to work with."

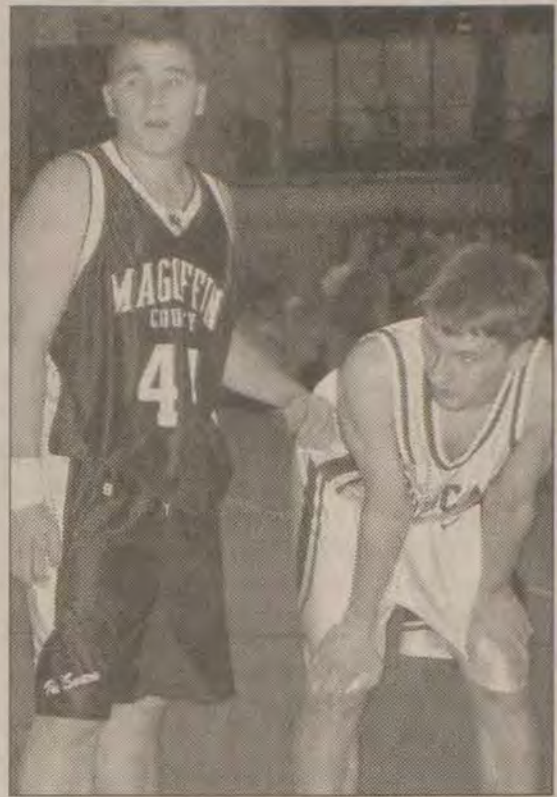


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A pair of 44s, Magoffin County's Pitt Connelley (left), and Betsy Layne's Brandon Hall, awaited the throw-in during the first half of Monday night's game.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Brandon Hall,
Betsy Layne



Megan Ousley,
South Floyd

HIGH SCHOOL Regional meets this week and next

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Swimming enters the postseason with regional swimming and diving meets scheduled for this weekend. Locally, the Johnson Central High swim team will be in postseason competition.

Following are the sites for regional meets. Contact the host site for a meet schedule of events. The host school is listed in parenthesis if the meet will be held at a non-school venue.

Regional Swim Meets (Sat., Feb. 8)
1 — Hopkinsville; 2 — Mary T. Meagher Pool, Louisville (St. Xavier); 3 — Falling Springs Recreation Center, Versailles (Woodford County); 4. Scott; 5

— Eastern Kentucky University (Model).

The top two finishers in each event from each region, as well as the next 14 at-large times from each event (or scores for diving) will advance to the State Swimming & Diving Meet. The State Swimming & Diving Championships are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 21-22, at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

State Championship preliminary qualifiers will be posted on the Association website on Friday, Feb. 14.

WRESTLING

Wrestling regional tournaments are set for next Saturday, February 15. Following are the regional host sites. Contact the host school for a schedule of events.

Regional Wrestling Tournaments (Sat., Feb. 15)

1 — Christian County; 2 — Anderson County; 3 — Doss; 4 — Seneca; 5 — South Oldham; 6 — Conner; 7 — Woodford County; 8 — Sheldon Clark.

Lady Eagles slip past Knoxville

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College's women's basketball team led Knoxville College by three points at halftime and in the end, won by four, 77-73. The game was played at Alice Lloyd last Friday evening.

Leah Whitley led the Lady Eagles in scoring with a game-high 24 points. Delores Jenkins scored 21 for the ALC women. Belicia Mullins scored 13 for the Lady Eagles and Erica Webb added seven. Andrea Kelley and Devon Reynolds each scored six points apiece in the win.

Four different Knoxville players scored in double figures in the loss.

Following the win over visiting Knoxville, the ALC women, coached by former Betsy Layne boys' basketball coach Tim Rice, fell to Bryan College. The Alice Lloyd men also lost in a game against Bryan College.

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Donovan didn't use Florida's high ranking as an excuse.

"This was perfect timing for us to be No. 1, because us playing Kentucky overshadowed the ranking," he said. "It's a big conference matchup with both teams undefeated and working for first place in the league. We didn't have to answer a lot of questions about being No. 1."

Florida's ranking may have meant more to the Wildcats, who won their 11th straight game, their second-longest winning streak in coach Tubby Smith's six seasons.

"We think we're the No. 1 team. That's what we wanted to show everybody," said Gerald Fitch, who had 14 points and seven rebounds. "I think we did a good job of showing them."

The Gators started out well, hitting four of their first seven shots before Kentucky's defense seized control. For the rest of the half, Florida hardly got an open look and the Wildcats seemed to track down every loose ball.

Kentucky finished the half on a 23-4 run as Florida missed

21 of its last 23 shots and committed eight turnovers. The Wildcats scored 14 straight points over one five-minute stretch.

Bogans, a senior, shot 6-of-11 in the first half. The Wildcats went 19-of-37 from the field (51 percent) in the opening half, including 7-of-12 from 3-point range (58 percent).

The Gators' offensive struggles were summed up in the final 1:22 of the first half.

After a timeout, Roberson overthrew an inbounds baseball pass to Brett Nelson on the Kentucky side of the floor. Nelson saved the ball right to Hawkins, who calmly made an uncontested layup.

Seconds later, Bogans stole a pass and threw down a two-handed breakaway dunk for a 41-20 lead. Nelson missed a 3-pointer, the Wildcats rebounded and Bogans lobbed an alley-oop pass to Hayes for a dunk.

"We took them out of what they wanted to do and executed our offense to a 'T,'" Bogans said.

Roberson made two free

throws, but Daniels hit a fade-away jumper with 2 seconds left.

The Gators had no solutions for Kentucky's defense in the second half.

Matt Bonner scored inside with 16:13 left to end a 10-minute field goal drought and make it 50-25. Florida's deficit bulged to 29 as steals led to consecutive dunks by Daniels and Antwain Barbour.

"We had them down and we just wanted to keep them there," Fitch said.

The Gators finally found a rhythm and hit six of seven shots during a too-late 16-4 run. A 3-pointer by Roberson with 3:59 left cut the lead to 64-47.

But Jules Camara made two free throws with 3:22 remaining and Marquis Estill scored inside a minute later to cue the "Overrated!" chant from the boisterous Rupp Arena-record crowd of 24,459.

Kentucky improved to 5-9 all-time against No. 1-ranked teams. The Wildcats have won the two meetings with the No. 1 team at Rupp Arena, beating Indiana 69-58 in 1979.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Garlic breath

It's that time of year again - when all the little microscopic microbials begin to invade our systems. This week, a herd of 'em ran flat over my youngest - my "baby." Sure, she's in fifth



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

grade and growing fast, but she's still my baby and I don't like seeing her sick.

It started with a sore throat and headache,

then came the body aches and cough. I've been doing the chicken soup and lots of fluids thing, but so far to no avail. By mid-week we were sitting in the doctor's office.

Apparently, there's a lot of this going around and I sure hope that my two older "babies" and I miss the chance to "enjoy" it.

In the meantime, I've

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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.

Why not look up on a day such as this? Even the worm is working its way up toward the sunshine.

WARNING

After writing the foregoing, I would give odds, if I were an odds-giver, that, even though the sun is doing its bright bit wondrously, tomorrow will be as drear as today is nice. I am not a rainmaker or a storm-brewer, but the wise will dig out their raincoats or see if the door to the storm cellar is in good condition, any time I take a fishing trip or wax enthusiastic in print about the great weather we're having.

WANTED—ONE LICENSE

Days such as these we've been having this week are calculated, some say, to bring on a premature touch of spring fever. Fishing fever may be the more common malady. Already, the boys at

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C O - O P E X T E N S I O N N E W S

Fresh water shrimp for Kentucky



Ray Tackett, Floyd County Extension Agent for Agriculture

Over the past few years, freshwater shrimp farming has become very popular in Kentucky. Aerators, pond-side electricity, substrate, and

high stocking densities are used to raise shrimp intensively. The majority of people contacting extension specialists for information about shrimp production do not have or can not afford the resources needed for intensive culture practices.

During the 1970s and early 1980s, farmers and researchers typically produced freshwater shrimp without aeration and could grow 300-900 lb/ac. Harvest yields were related to the number and size of shrimp stocked. The data indicated

the bigger animals could be grown if ponds were stocked at lower densities, or with larger juveniles, rather than 7-day post larvae.

With high stocking densities,

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Displayed in the PVA's office are samples of Jimmy Hall's talent for turning pieces of cedar into endearing objects.

From Cedar to Symbol

BY LORETTA BLACKBURN
 Staff Writer

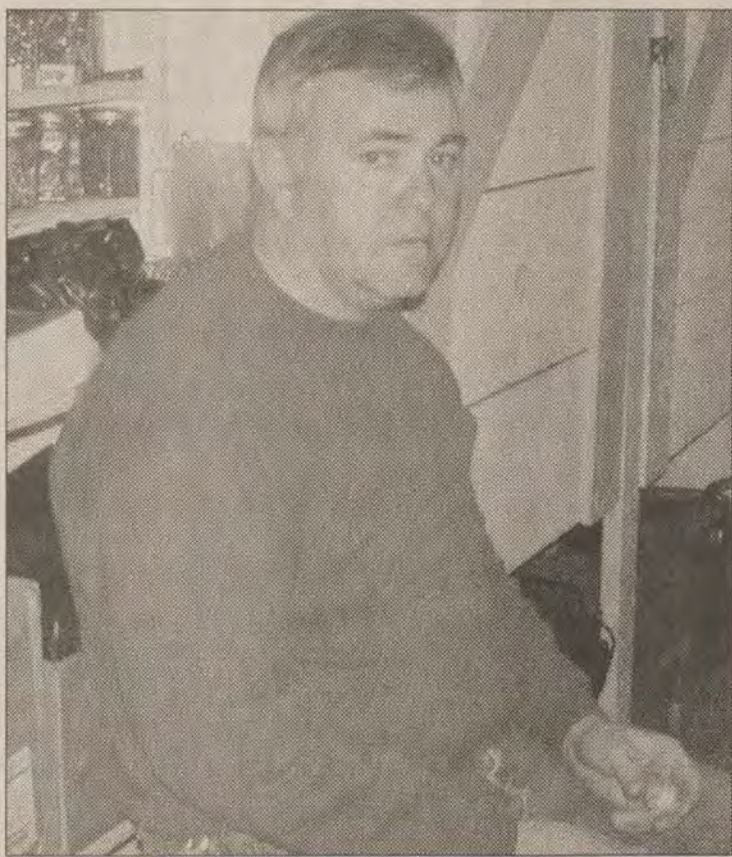


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Jimmy Hall whittles in his spare time in the maintenance room of the old Floyd County Court House, where he works as a janitor.

Although Jimmy Hall may earn his money as a janitor at the old Floyd County Courthouse, he earns his serenity through carving cedar.

A reverend at the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church at McDowell, where he and his wife, Sharon, reside, Hall, 52, has been carving objects from cedar for 22 years. He shared that the hobby began when a young baseball player by the name of Justin Martin died of cancer. In a dedication to the things that were important in the boy's life, Hall carved a baseball bat and engraved the name "Justin" into the symbol that he placed into the coffin with him. Since then, Hall has created bats, balls, dough rollers, and even a generation yoke for those close to him.

Hall, who has worked at the old courthouse for 12 years, also offers to share his talent with the rest of the community as he displays his creations at the county's offices of PVA and county attorney. The average price tag of \$12 is a modest price when considering that it would take Hall a full day to complete one small object.

In reference to his hobby, Hall shared that it contributes to his peace of mind.

"When you get aggravated, grab yourself a piece of cedar and start whittling," said Hall.

Recently, Hall whittled a basketball for his niece

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POSTSCRIPT

Through thick & thin

OK, here I go again. I've put on my fashion police duds one more time, after ranting lately about electric hairstyles and flashing belly buttons.

This time, I'm thinking about flesh - or the lack thereof - on women in the media.

I got to pondering this issue while idly leafing through a catalog for - ahem - larger women last Sunday at my cousin's house. (I was waiting for her to serve up a fleshy meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, greasy green beans, slaw and biscuits.)

The front of the catalog flashed in bold type: "We still have your size. Plus and larger." But inside, page after page featured models the same size you'll see in the high fashion

mags - size 2 or 3, and then tucked in. The legs inside straight-legged pants appeared to be about the size of my kitchen table legs.

Oh, the ordering information with each article of clothing gave the buyer a choice from 12W to several times that. However, relying on the models in the pictures, there was no way a woman who is size 12 - the national average, by the way - could tell how she might look, let alone a woman of more ample girth.

The same was true on the shoe pages. Though advertising triple-E widths up to size 12 or so, the catalog showed model feet that were obviously thin and considerably shorter.

I certainly don't believe the catalog makers can't find beautiful women in larger sizes to model the clothes. Heck, you walk down any street and see some fine looking women who know they'll never fit into a 10, much less a 2.

That same day, a classic Cary Grant-Ingrid Bergman movie was on one of the TV movie channels. I watched the Swedish actress as she glided across the screen in elegant outfits. She held herself as if she were royalty. She was big-boned with long limbs that were well covered with flesh, but she was by no stretch of the imagination fat.

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Things to ponder: My hero - 'Me'

It seems so often that individuals become part of a relationship, expecting it to be an equal one, and for some reason, it becomes anything but equal. It is not unusual for one person to be the "hero." One person or the other is placed on a pedestal, up and beyond it all, and hero worship begins. One of Webster's definitions for "hero" was that it was a man (or woman) of great courage, nobility, (or admired for his/her exploits. Basically, this is when someone is viewed as "greater than"

ourselves, "better than us" or "higher" than we are in our esteem and opinion. Examples would be Joan of Arc centuries ago, the central figure in a play or story, such as the hunter who rescues Little Red Riding Hood, the quarterback on the winning Monday night football team, the leader of the clan, and the present "Love of the Hour". Who is the hero in your life? Have you given overwhelming power to your hero?

If a hero is the central figure in a

play, then, from a psychological viewpoint, each one of us is a hero or the central figure in our individual play - the stage of life. A very important question becomes, "Are you aware of the type of main character you are choosing to play?" Some folks find it difficult to let go of their role as the Cinderella type. This is when the life's script consists of being looked down upon, despised, taken advantage of, not loved, not appreciated, and a various assortment of negative feelings. It

seems that the "victimized" Cinderella waits for the magical solution for her situation. She waits for her hero, Prince Charming, to take her away, under the power of 12 horses, instead of becoming her own personal hero and doing what she needs to do. Of course, most realized that it would be best to not be Cinderella, but be your own hero, speaking up as soon as the first rude comment is made and feel

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ROLLIN'

Friday, February 7, 2003

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

No power steering

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 1994 Ford Thunderbird LX with a V-8 that has only 29,000 miles on it. I keep seeing people pull in and out of parking spaces using only one hand on the steering wheel. I have to use two hands in order to move the wheel while the car is either stopped or moving slowly. I am over 6 feet tall and weigh 190 pounds, and I have never owned a car that had a steering problem like this. I have taken the car to the dealer at least 10 times for routine maintenance. Each time, the mechanic says the steering is OK. I keep telling him I watch "Cops" on television, and they're always driving their Fords with one hand, so why is my steering wheel so hard to turn? — Carl



TOM:

Well, now you know why cops don't drive '94 Thunderbirds, Carl. They can't steer them with one hand and balance their doughnut and coffee in the other.

RAY:

Even though the dealer says nothing is wrong, I'm going to guess that your power-steering pump is bad. Usually, power-steering pumps whine or groan when something's wrong. And that's probably what the dealer was looking for. But sometimes they don't make noise when they start to fail, and instead they just slip gently into that good night.

TOM:

A big guy like you shouldn't need both hands to turn the wheel. So I'd ask the dealer to try changing the power-steering pump for you, and see if that fixes it.

RAY:

If it doesn't, then I suppose it could be a design issue. You should ask the dealer if there's another '94 T-Bird you can drive, and then see if it does the same thing. This is a heavy car to start out with. And when you add the optional V-8 engine (the base T-Bird came with a V-6), you make the car even heavier. And where does the V-8 add weight? Right over the front wheels.

TOM:

But I'd put my money on a bad pump. And since this is cutting into your enjoyment of cop shows on television, I'd ask the dealership to change the pump for you, even though the old one sounds fine. And if a new pump doesn't help, Carl, sell the car to a guy who wants to bulk up his arms but can't afford his gym-club membership anymore.

More feedback about emergency vehicles

TOM:

We're still getting mail about emergency vehicles. A few weeks ago, we printed a letter from an EMT who said that drivers just don't get out of the way for ambulances anymore. He blamed it on sound-insulated cars, loud car stereo systems and distracted drivers (talking on cell phones, for instance).

RAY:

A number of people have suggested technological fixes:

Dear Tom and Ray:

The solution to the unheard-siren problem is simple. It's the same idea that prevents many rear-end accidents: a brake light at eye level. If car makers would install a bright red light in the center of the instrument panel (aftermarkets could mount it on the dash) that would flash on and off when an emergency vehicle is within a quarter-mile, the problem would be solved. The light could be hooked up to a radar-detector unit that would pick up the signal, which could only be used by emergency vehicles. A radar gun that could be mounted in a way that would cover 180 degrees in front of the emergency vehicle would do the trick. It would not tell the driver where the emergency vehicle is, but he or she would know that it is coming. — Tim

RAY:

Here's a technology that's in use now in a number of places:

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Behind the Wheel Chrysler's Town & Country: 20-year pioneer still working on quality

by ANN M. JOB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first babies to ride in Chrysler Corp.'s minivans are college-age now — a sign of just how long the family-sized vans have been part of the American scene.

No matter that nearly 20 years have passed since the automaker unveiled its first production minivan. Chrysler's Town & Country, the cream of the Chrysler minivans with pricing that reaches to more than \$40,000 fully loaded, continues to add updates.

For 2003, for example, the Town & Country makes available for the first time a factory-installed power

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2003 Chrysler Town & Country LXi

BASE PRICE: \$24,020 for eL model; \$26,140 for LX; \$26,675 for eX; \$33,830 for LXi.

AS TESTED: \$36,210.

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel drive, seven-passenger minivan.

ENGINE: 3.8-liter, overhead valve V6.

MILEAGE: 18 mpg (city), 25 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: NA.

LENGTH: 200.6 inches.

WHEELBASE: 119.3 inches.

CURB WT.: 4,331 pounds.

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla



2003 Pontiac Grand Am SE2

TEST DRIVE
BY GREG ZYLA

This week, we test drive Pontiac's 2003 Grand Am, a model that ranks each year somewhere in the top 10 of best-selling cars in America. The reason for the impressive sales ranking lies in Pontiac's ability to build a sporty, economical compact car that attracts consumers from all age groups.

Two body styles are available,

including two-door GT or GT1 and five different four-doors, including SE, SE1, SE2, GT and GT1. Our tester was the four-door, fully equipped SE2. New in 2003 is less boisterous styling, as Pontiac has toned down four-door Grand Ams a bit. However, the GT is delivered with all the flash, including ribbed bumpers, integrated fog lamps and optional Ram Air and spoilers.

All Grand Ams come well-equipped in base form. The SE,

which starts at only \$17,030, features air, power door locks, six-speaker graphic equalizer audio with compact disc, and P215/60R15 tires. SE1 (\$18,470) adds cruise control, power windows and mirrors, remote keyless entry, four-way adjustable front seats with power height adjustment for the driver, and five-spoke cast aluminum wheels with P225/50R16 all-weather tires.

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sunroof, while some competitors such as the Honda Odyssey and Ford Windstar don't offer sunroofs.

It's meant to help the Town & Country hold its place as the "ultimate minivan," as Chrysler officials put it, with a variety of luxury and comfort features even as minivan competition intensifies.

Indeed, though the Town & Country pioneered the luxury minivan class and can be pricey at its top end, the starting 2003 manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$24,700 is a bit less than the \$24,860 starting price of a 2003 Odyssey.

Chrysler officials also continue to work on their vans' quality. Consumer Reports magazine says predicted reliability of the 2003 Town & Country is below average.

And the vehicle and its Chrysler minivan siblings — the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan and Chrysler Voyager — have racked up a record of annual safety recalls by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, dating back years.

Among them was last year's recall involving more than 116,000 vehicles from the 2002 model year to inspect fuel tanks and valving to ensure there's no fuel leakage.

Meantime, auto analysts point to continued sales increases by the Odyssey — up 17.1 percent in calendar 2002 to 153,467 while Town & Country sales declined 11.6 percent to 126,378 after several years of growth — as a sign that vehicle quality and safety are key issues for minivan buyers.

The test Town & Country was an LXi, one of five trim choices for 2003.

With the new sunroof, leather seats, power sliding side doors, strong Infinity sound system, three individual temperature control zones and other options, it topped out at more than \$36,000 and had a plush feel.

It also was fitted with the upscale engine — a 215-horsepower, 3.8-liter, overhead valve V6. With torque of 245 pound-feet at 4,000 rpm, it moved this sizable van easily.

The test front-wheel-drive Town & Country accelerated smoothly, in fact, and kept up with highway traffic, even on hilly ascents and even when loaded with cargo.

A light touch was all that was needed to move the shifter for the four-speed automatic transmission out of park in the tester. Many times, though, I found the lever went beyond "drive" and I'd have to carefully move the shifter to the correct slot.

Most non-Chrysler minivans offer just a single engine.

The Odyssey, which has a single overhead cam V6 and five-speed automatic transmission, offers more horsepower — 240 — but is rated with the same fuel economy as the two-wheel-drive Town & Country: 18 miles a gallon in the city and 25 mpg on the highway.

Regular unleaded is the recommended fuel for the Town & Country.

The base engine for this van is a 180-horsepower, 3.3-liter V6.

My passengers and I slid easily onto the gray leather seats of the test vehicle. There's no hefty climb up to get inside, for an elderly parent or grandparent or even for someone 5-foot-4 like me. I just turned and pretty much sat down on the driver seat.

My legs extended downward from there, as if I was sitting in a bus. I didn't have a comfortable position to brace my left leg as I do in some sporty coupes and sedans.

White-faced gauges arranged in front of the driver are easy to read.

My passengers and I conversed easily in the Town & Country, thanks to a quiet interior that seemed to rival that of some expensive cars.

Note that this includes the folks who sit way back in the Town & Country's third row. Chrysler officials maintain the Town & Country is quieter inside than an Odyssey.

The two vehicles are similarly sized, with the Town & Country's overall length totaling 200.6 inches vs. the Odyssey's 201.2. The Town & Country is some 3 inches wider overall at 78.6 inches and 0.4 inch taller.

The lowest-priced minivan in the country, the \$19,965 Kia Sedona, is smaller at 194.1 inches in overall length and 74.6 inches wide.

All of us had good views out from the Town & Country. I could see beyond cars in front of me, thanks to the high seat position of the Town & Country. But I didn't sit so high up that the minivan felt top-heavy and unstable.

To the contrary, the Town & Country managed a couple of emergency lane change maneuvers — prompted by lazy drivers

in other vehicles who never looked to see that I was next to them before coming into my lane — with surprising confidence.

The suspension uses struts in the front and tubular axle beam with single-leaf springs at the rear, and the Town & Country structure was stiffened in the van's last major redesign, which was in the 2001 model year.

Bumps are nicely kept away from riders and there's a car-like feel overall.

I also noticed the rack-and-pinion steering doesn't require a lot of muscle, especially when you're parking the Town & Country. Yet, the steering is nicely predictable during higher speed, freeway travel.

In recent years, many minivan shoppers have come to appreciate some innovations in newer minivans.

For example, the third-row seats in the Odyssey, Mazda MPV and upcoming, 2004 Toyota Sienna don't need to be removed from the vehicle. They fold flat into a cavity in the cargo floor, which is so much easier than removing the hefty rear seats and having to leave them somewhere when you want to maximize cargo room.

This is a feature the Town & Country still doesn't have because, company officials say, it

contributes to interior noise and won't accommodate all-wheel drive, another Chrysler minivan feature. (Honda and Mazda sell front-drive vans only.)

But shoppers also might notice that riders get a bit more headroom in all three seats in the Odyssey than they do in the Town & Country. The biggest difference is in the front seats, where the Town & Country offers 39.6 inches and the Odyssey has 41.2 inches.

Legroom also is a bit better in all three rows of seats in the Odyssey than it is in the Town & Country.

The Odyssey is offered with navigation system. There's no factory-installed nav system for the Town & Country.

I do prefer the Town & Country power doors to Honda's. When I was in a hurry, I could grab them and finish closing or opening the doors quickly. Because of the power door motor used, the Odyssey doors seem to fight you with a lot of resistance.

Still, the Town & Country received only four out of five stars for protection against injury for driver and front-seat passenger in frontal crash testing.

This is lower than the five out of five stars rating received by the Sedona.

Similarly, in a side crash test, a

Town & Country without side airbags received four out of five stars for front- and rear-seat rider protection — again lower than a Sedona without side airbags.

But a Town & Country with side airbags — they're a \$370 option — matched the Sedona's top rating for side crash protection.

NHTSA rated the Town & Country three out of five stars for rollover resistance, while the Sedona received the top rating of five out of five stars.

Chrysler

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Minneapolis, we have small, white lights on every traffic signal that light up when emergency vehicles are nearby. I think these contraptions serve a twofold purpose, as the emergency vehicle gets an instant pass (all green lights, all the way), and the other vehicles see the white light and know to look around. — Dave

TOM:

And a lot of responses centered around good old-fashioned law enforcement:

Dear Tom and Ray:

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ners. — Mickey

RAY: And one more semi-high-tech suggestion:

Dear Tom and Ray:

My wife, Wendy, had what Greg the ambulance driver would probably think of as an "effective" idea. A "device" in the ambulance would activate something in the nearby cars. But instead of a warning light, she suggested a buzzer (one like the jokerster hand buzzer), mounted in the cushion of the driver's seat, that remains activated as long as the emergency vehicle is in range. Perhaps we could call it the "whoopie cushion emergency system." — Dave and Wendy

TOM:

Someone else wrote to sug-

gest a similar device that would activate people's seat heaters. I guess we'd call that the George Foreman Grill Emergency System.

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Test

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Both models rely on the trusty 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine rated at 140 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque (this engine runs very well). A five-speed manual transmission is standard, while a four-speed overdrive automatic costs \$825 more. The V-6 is optional in the SE1.

Our SE2 featured standard V-6 power and automatic transmission, anti-lock brakes, traction control, programmable door locks, full instrumentation, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, improved bucket seats and enhanced interior lighting. The XM Satellite Radio features 71 music channels and 29 channels of sports, talk, 24-hour news and children's entertainment.

Pontiac says XM's sound quality is close to that of a compact disc, and we agree. The only drawbacks are a few dropouts for a second or two. However, we highly recommend XM Satellite. It's got way more than a regular radio, and great sound.

The popular OnStar satellite-based system comes standard on all Grand Am's except the base SE. We've heralded OnStar's excellent service, mapping and emergency pluses many times before, and still do.

Grand Am's cabin is both functional and comfortable, as both driver and passengers benefit from fairly roomy surroundings for a smaller car. We liked all the large red-hue gauges, and especially approve of the battery

rundown protection, which shuts off any powers that were inadvertently left on after 20 minutes. We also enjoyed the eight-speaker Monsoon stereo that is a must if you want satellite radio.

On the road, our 170-horsepower V-6 propelled the Grand Am with authority, and the four-speed automatic shifted very well. Handling is acceptable, although bigger bumps in the road are more pronounced. When we pushed it in some country road corners, the body leaned a bit but still responded well. If you want better handling, opt for the GT, which dishes up a stiffer, more sport-tuned suspension.

Grand Am is especially good in snow, thanks to its front-wheel-drive format. We were able to drive right out of our driveway, which was piled with 10-inches of snow ... without shoveling!

As for stopping, front disc brakes are standard, while the rear brakes are drum type. The GT has discs all around. Important numbers include a 107-inch wheelbase, 14.6 cubic-feet of cargo space, 14.3 gallon fuel tank and a gross vehicle weight of 3,148 pounds.

Pontiac's Grand Am is a best seller. It may have a few shortcomings, but the pluses outweigh the minuses, and pricing is very attractive. Add rebates, dealer incentives and low or no financing, and you can park one in your driveway for way less than the retail price.

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The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject any/all bids. Paul Hunt Thompson Floyd County Judge/Executive

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Copies of the specifications on the desired equipment may be examined at the Commission's office. Prospective suppliers may obtain copies of the specifications, at no charge, from the Commission's office, or by calling (606) 886-6871, and requesting "Specifications for (2) New Tractor/Loader/Backhoes."

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Floyd County Fiscal Court: Portion of the old County Road, located between the entrance to the present Maggie Mountain Road, and the entrance to the Spradlin Branch Road, and lying adjacent to the right-of-way of Kentucky Route 321. Pursuant to KRS 178.070 and KRS 178.050, it is, therefore, necessary that notice be given and a public hearing on the request be scheduled for February 21, 2003, to take place following the Floyd County Fiscal Court's Regular Meeting on that date.

Notice is now given by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS

178.070 and KRS 178.050, of the following actions: (1) The proposed discontinuance of the portion of roadway known as the old County Road, located between the entrance to the present Maggie Mountain Road, and the entrance to the Spradlin Branch Road, and lying adjacent to the right-of-way of Kentucky Route 321; (2) That the County Judge/Executive has been authorized to advertise the proposed discontinuance of the section of roadway in question and appoint two (2) viewers for the affected section of roadway, in addition to the County Road Supervisor, for the purposes of

preparing a report regarding the discontinuance of the portion of road in question; and (3) That a hearing regarding discontinuance of the portion of the road in question, be scheduled to take place following the Court's Regular Meeting, at

10:00 a.m., on February 21, 2003, in the County Courtroom, located on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

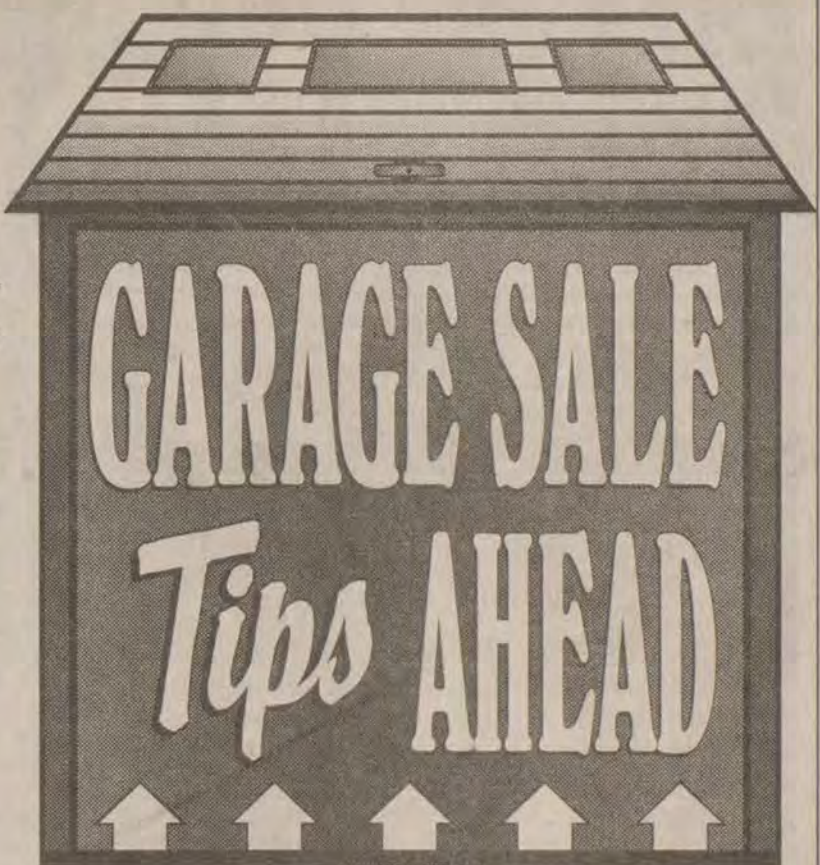
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