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Store manager

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - A Wheel-

wright man declined a plea

agreement from the common-

wealth and will now go to trial

in Pike County to face charges

alleging he embezzled a sub-

stantial amount of money dur-

ing a six-month period from the

Pikeville grocery where he was

accused of stealing

employed.

December.

briefs

Brenda Little, one of the four that will Revenue have criminal syndicate charges receipts dropped in lieu of a testimony against Columbus and skyrocket Donald Quillen, entered a plea of guilty to seconddegree trafficking

Receipts to Kentucky's General Fund jumped by 14.8 percent last month, according to figures released by the state budget office.

Receipts totaled \$658 million, an increase of \$85 million from January 2002, the report said.

The figures came with a disclaimer: Acting **Budget Director Mary** Lassiter said the unusually high growth was due malmost exclusively to higher individual estimated income tax payments, making it a onetime event, not a sign of an economic turnaround.

Otherwise, "the month of January did not reveal any turnaround in the major tax sources," Lassiter said in a state-

The increased income tax payments were known to the state's official revenue estimators and already have been Incorporated into the latest General Fund forecast, Lassiter said.

A better indicator of the times is the sales tax, which declined 1.9 percent during the period. The Road Fund declined by 11.9 percent, the report said.

January receipts boosted the General Fund's total to \$4.1 billion and its growth rate for the year to 6.5 per-

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STAFF WRITER

showed Thomas selling an informant Lorcet for \$280, for which he was indicted on a class D felony count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled sub-

In circuit court on Friday, Thomas was sentenced to two

(See TRAFFICKING, page three)

Syndicate charge dropped for plea

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - One of the six indicted May 16 for engaging in organized crime, Brenda Little, 35, was sentenced for trafficking on Friday, while a criminal syndicate charge against her was dropped in exchange for her testimony against the "ringleaders."

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, four of the six indicted on syndicate charges have been asked to testify against Columbus Quillen and his son, Donald Quillen, the first being dubbed previously by Turner as the "ringleader." In return for their cooperation, Turner said that the

class B felony syndicate charges would be dropped.

After pleading guilty to seconddegree trafficking on Nov. 22. Little was sentenced to five years, and after receiving credit for the time she has already served, she was ordered to serve a year-and-a-half before

(See SYNDICATE, page three)

Charles Williams, 38, of

Wheelwright, is set to go to trial

for a single charge of theft by

unlawful taking over \$300, a

class D felony. The trial is

scheduled to begin on June 4 in

Pike Circuit Court, following a

grand jury indictment in

(See MANAGER, page three)



Although Eastern Kentucky received a bit of accumulation of snow on Thursday evening, by late Friday morning the roads were mostly clear in Floyd County.

Nursing home to keep Medicare

had been previously notified that

its agreement with the secretary PRESTONSBURG - The of Health and Humane Services submit a plan of correction that Centers for Medicare and as a provider of Medicare would would be reviewed by the Centers

be terminated effective on Feb. 1.

ducted on January 9, showed that

Riverview was not in compliance

A survey of the facility con-

Riverview Health Care Center with the requirements of partici-

Highlands suspects enter guilty pleas by LORETTA BLACKBURN

STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Two of three former Highlands Regional Medical Center employees indicted on drug related charges last August, entered guilty pleas in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday.

As previously reported, eight

employees were fired from Highlands following a twomonth investigation, ending in October 2001, by Confidential Business Resources. The investigation, which Highlands initi ated as a result of concerns and evidence that some HRMC employees were in violation of

(See GUILTY, page three)



photo by Loretta Blackburn Catherine Evans, one of the three indicted on drug related charges pursuant to an investigation at Highlands Regional Medical Center in 2001, entered a plea in Floyd Circuit Court on

Third trafficking suspect pleads guilty

by LORETTA BLACKBURN

by JARRID DEATON

Medicaid have rescinded a notifi-

cation of termination for its ser-

vices with a Prestonsburg nursing

PRESTONSBURG - Last is least, in terms of jail time, for the third man indicted on drug-related charges pursuant to a 2001 investigation by Kentucky State Police, when the three men were trafficking

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Michael Isaacs, Keith Thornsbury and Jimmy Thomas were all arrested as a result of an investigation in which Thomas was caught on videotape making a transaction.

Turner said that the tape

Riverview was required to

According to Joyce Lang,

(See RIVERVIEW, page three)

for Medicare and Medicaid.

3 DAY FORECAST Today Mostly cloudy High: 36 - Low: 21 Tomorrow

High: 32 + Low: 13

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photo courtesy Raymond Daniels, Martin Fire Department Martin and Maytown firefighters responded to a house fire on Water Street around 6:45 a.m. Wednesday. Fire officials were unable to identify the residents of the home, but all escaped the home unharmed, Martin police said. The cause of the fire is unknown and remains under investigation.

Spencer 'raising integrity' of constable's position

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

Newly elected District 1 Constable James Brandon Spencer will not be resting on his laurels after taking office this year. Spencer will be leaving on Sunday to attend law enforcement training in Richmond for a period of four months.

"The training is not required by law, but I think it raises the integrity of my position and allows me to better serve my district and Floyd County," Spencer

According to Spencer, he has made approximately 10 arrests since taking the position in January.

"My basic duties include law enforcement and

the serving of papers," Spencer said.

Spencer said that he plans to come home on weekends and will patrol during that time.



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proposal to put the squeeze on pet snakes has slithered by

Some residents in this southern California community couldn't charm the City Council into restricting the size, type and number of snakes a resident can own. The board voted against the proposed law Tuesday.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Councilman Brian Youens said. "We have no problem in our jurisdiction, so why do we expect there to be in the future?'

Councilman Warnie Enochs proposed the ordinance after receiving a few calls from residents concerned about several large snakes owned by a neighbor. The law would have limited snakes to 5 feet long, prohibited venomous snakes and outlawed a large number of snakes.

But council members said there was no way to enforce such an ordinance and the law

■ MURRIETA, Calif. - A would unfairly target snake owners.

> "You don't own a dog and then when it gets over a certain level, start chopping pieces off," Councilman Kelly Seyarto said. "You are asking these people to own a pet for a time, then have to get rid of it.'

■ LAS VEGAS - Soon you won't have to place a bet to be a high roller on the Las Vegas Strip.

The Clark County Commission approved plans Wednesday for a giant Ferris wheel for the famed strip.

Developers want to build a 50-story hotel and a 12-story Ferris wheel around a manmade lake with 20 yachts.

The \$650 million project. proposed by Sahara Las Vegas and Voyager Corp. Entertainment International Inc., would include 3,250 hotel rooms and timeshare units, plus 78 suites on the boats moored on the lake.

It would be called the Voyagers hotel-casino, and would be built on a 27 1/2-acre site currently occupied by a water park south of the Sahara hotel-casino.

Publicly traded Voyager Entertainment has disclosed plans for the \$100 million Ferris wheel - a 560-foot-high vehicle with 30 individual cars. The tallest structure in Nevada is the

The Associated Press

40th day of 2003. There are 325

Today's Highlight in

days left in the year.

History:

Japanese forces.

electoral votes.

ident.

On this date:

Today is Sunday, Feb. 9, the

On Feb. 9, 1943, the World

War II battle of Guadalcanal in

the southwest Pacific ended with

an American victory over

■ In 1773, the ninth president

In 1825, the House of

of the United States, William

Henry Harrison, was born in

Representatives elected John

Quincy Adams president after no

candidate received a majority of

Congress of the Confederate

States of America elected

Jefferson Davis president and

Alexander H. Stephens vice pres-

Bureau was established.

denounced by Britons.

with Communists.

■ In 1870, the U.S. Weather

In 1933, the Oxford Union

Society at Oxford University

endorsed, 275-153, a motion stat-

ing "that this House will in no cir-

cumstances fight for its King and

Country," a stand widely

In 1950, in a speech in

Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph

McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the

State Department was riddled

spacecraft returned to Earth after

man's third landing on the moon.

■ In 1971, the "Apollo 14"

■ In 1861, the Provisional

Charles City County, va.

1,149-foot Stratosphere Tower.

Odds and Ends

Voyager Entertainment has proposed building two versions of the ride, the second in Shanghai, China.

■ CHESTERFIELD TOW-NSHIP, Mich. - It's a flap over a flapping flag.

A man who installed a 50foot flag poll after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks was ticketed after a neighbor said the flag's flapping made too much noise.

Ray Saelens says the sight and sound of an American flag whipping in the wind has special

meaning.

"To me, the noise of the flag is the voices of everyone who's died for this country," the 51year-old mason told The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens for a story Thursday.

But next-door neighbor Mark Grucz complained, saying the flapping of the flag bothered him, and police issued Saelens a warning.

In response, Saelens switched to a polyester flag designed to be quieter. "Never in a million years did I think I would bother someone by flying a flag," he said.

On Monday, a police officer cited him for violating the local noise ordinance.

"He could hardly look me in the eye," Saelens said.

Township police spokesman Jim Gates said the dispute was unprecedented, and the department had no choice but to issue a ticket when someone complains about noise.

It is up to the court to decide between the neighbors, he said.

Meanwhile, Saelens says he will fight to keep the flag flying. "You're going to have to pry

it out of my hands," he said.

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Dome over coal stockpile at Massey mine tears, deflates

The Associated Press

SYLVESTER, W.Va. - A nylon dome over a coal stockpile at a Massey Energy subsidiary that is the subject of a multimillion dollar dust lawsuit collapsed after some of the coal shifted.

State officials said a bulldozer operator may have caused the coal to shift.

About half of the football field-sized dome collapsed about 9:30 a.m. Thursday as

■ In 1983, in a dramatic rever-

sal from 50 years earlier (see

above), the Oxford Union Society

at Oxford University rejected,

416-187, a motion "that this

House would not fight for Queen

V. Andropov died at age 69, less

than 15 months after succeeding

Leonid Brezhnev; he was suc-

ceeded by Konstantin U.

marine collided with a Japanese

fishing boat off the Hawaiian

coast, killing nine men and boys

NBC News announced it had

settled a defamation lawsuit

brought by General Motors over

the network's "inappropriate

demonstration" of a fiery pickup

truck crash on its "Dateline

The Pentagon said it was send-

ing up to 3,000 U.S. ground

troops to the Persian Gulf region

to discourage what one official

called "any creative thinking" by

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. At

the Nagano Games, German

Georg Hackl won the men's luge

for the third consecutive

Britain's Princess Margaret,

the high-spirited and unconven-

tional sister of Queen Elizabeth

II, died in London at age 71. At

the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake

City, Jochem Uytdehaage of the

Netherlands won the gold medal

in the men's 5,000-meter speedskating race in world record time

of 6:14.66. Oakland's Rich

Gannon led the AFC to a 38-30 victory over the NFC in the Pro

Actress Kathryn Grayson is 81. Television journalist Roger

Mudd is 75. Actress Janet Suzman is 64. Singer-songwriter

Carole King is 61. Actor Joe

Pesci is 60. Singer Barbara Lewis

is 60. Author Alice Walker is 59.

Actress Mia Farrow is 58. Singer

Joe Ely is 56. Actress Judith Light

Today's Birthdays:

■ In 2001, a U.S. Navy sub-

■ In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri

and Country.'

Chernenko.

aboard the boat.

NBC" program.

Olympics.

One year ago:

Five years ago:

Ten years ago:

Today in History

jurors hearing the lawsuit against Elk Run Coal Co. were preparing to resume deliberations in the trial. State officials learned about

the collapse six hours later when a Department of Environmental Protection inspector arrived at the Boone County mine for a routine inspection, Matt Crum, the agency's mining director, said Friday.

"The dome was part of their permit and they had an obligation to report," Crum said.

Elk Run was cited for allowing the dome to collapse and was ordered not to move any coal into the structure. The company will be allowed to take coal out of the dome so it can be repaired, said Bill Simmons, head of the DEP's Logan office.

The coal must be removed without allowing coal dust to leave the site.

Massey spokesman Jeff Gillenwater said Friday the company was still trying to determine how the dome failed and how long it would take to repair. Gillenwater could not immediately comment on whether Elk Run tried to contact state officials.

"A dozer was on the coal stockpile above the wall and apparently tore into the dome," Crum said.

A DEP inspection report said the dome failed after an attempt was made to move coal away from the dome's fabric. The report said Elk Run had allowed the pile to grow higher than a 15-foot retaining wall, allowing it to touch the fabric.

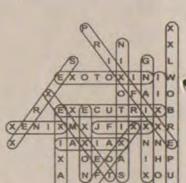
"This situation could have and should have been preventable," DEP inspector Lee Barker wrote. Barker noted that there was adequate room under the dome to allow for the proper stockpiling of the coal.

In allowing coal to build up against the fabric, Massey violated a Jan. 2, 2002, plan that called for a perimeter safety ring around the fabric, Barker wrote.

(See DOME, page five)

The DEP ordered Elk Run to

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cian Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 52. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 48. Country singer Travis Tritt is 40. Actress Julie Warner is 38. Country singer Danni Leigh is 33. Actor David Gallagher is 18. Actress Marina Malota is 15. Actress Camille

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State denies Left Beaver's plans to expand

A public hearing was held on

Dec. 2 at the Cabinet for Health

Services in Frankfort to determine

if the application would be accept-

ed and if the Left Beaver organiza-

tion would be allowed to cover the

and Transtar Ambulance Service

appeared as affected parties in

Turner and Thompson both testi-

fied that they believed that all of

the ambulance services would

complement each other by being

opposition to the application

Respond Ambulance Service

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT - The Left Beaver Fire Department and

Rescue Squad will not be extending coverage to all of Floyd County, after a ruling against the service's application for a Certificate of Need to

Riverview

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spokesperson for the centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the plan of correction was submitted by Riverview and was accepted.

"After the plan for correction is accepted, another survey

is conducted to confirm that the plan is in place," Lang said, "If they pass that survey, then the

Riverview Health Care declined to comment on the sit-

Jury orders Massey subsidiary to pay \$475,000 in coal dust case

by MARTHA BRYSON HODEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, W.Va. - A jury on Friday ordered a Massey Energy subsidiary to pay residents of a coalfield town \$475,000 in economic damages caused by coal dust falling on nearby houses, vehicles and other property. However, jurors did not award any punitive dam-

The six-person jury deliberated about 18 1/2 hours over three days before delivering its decision against Elk Run Coal Co. in Boone County Circuit Court.

The verdict came in a lawsuit filed by more than 150 residents of Sylvester who claimed Elk Run's operation, located no more than 750 feet from some of their homes, has destroyed property values, making it impossible for them to sell their homes and

Residents had submitted 110 damage claims seeking total economic damages of at least \$3 million. Jurors awarded \$475,000 in compensatory damages, said plaintiffs' attorney Brian Glasser.

from \$250 to \$10,000, he said. Residents may also receive four years of interest added to their

One plaintiff, Mary Miller, said Sylvester residents have been "prisoners in our homes" because of coal dust falling from Elk Run's operations.

notification is rescinded".

live our lives again," Miller said.

created a nuisance and had neg-

ligently harmed the plaintiffs.

The jury also determined that

Elk Run had failed to comply

with federal and state surface

mining laws by failing to control

air pollution or failing to protect

offsite areas from damage from

award punitive damages, saying

Jurors also answered an advi-

sory question that gives Boone

County Circuit Judge Lee

Elk Run's operation under the

court's supervision. Jurors said

"yes" when asked if Elk Run is

creating a nuisance that is caus-

ing damage to any of the plain-

It will be up to Schlaegel to

The trial started in October and jury deliberations began

Because the jury found that

Elk Run had violated the federal

Surfacing Mining Act, residents

will ask the court to order the company to pay an estimated \$2

million in legal fees and costs

associated with bringing the case

(See MASSEY, page five)

decide whether to order court

supervision of Elk Run's opera-

Wednesday.

Elk Run did not act with inten-

tional or reckless disregard.

its operations.

Jurors found that Elk Run had

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson both testified in support of Left Beaver's application. According to the court documents,

become a countywide ambulance countywide.

Daniel Gullett, director for Left Beaver, testified that the department had no intention of replacing any existing services but wanted to expand its coverage area to supplement the existing services.

According to the documents, Gullett said that a claim need existed for an additional ambulance service in the northern portion of Floyd County primarily because Left Beaver is occasionally called on to provide service out-

side of its current area. Phillip Elliott, who owns an interest in Respond Ambulance service, testified that introducing more competition in the northern half of Floyd County could result in financial instability for all services that could result in the genreduced.

After hearing the testimony from both sides, the Cabinet for Health Services decided that the application by Left Beaver did not show that it would improve quality and increase access to health care in the area.

According to the documents. Left Beaver failed to provide evidence that a need exists for it to extend its service area to the

eral quality of those services being remainder of Floyd County. The application was disapproved by the Cabinet for Health Services on Feb. 7

> Left Beaver has the option of filing a request for reconsideration with the Cabinet for Health Services within 15 days of the decision date. They also have the option of filing an appeal to Franklin Circuit Court within 30 days from the date of the deci-

Syndicate

being probated for three.

Other family members who were indicted on the criminal syndicate charges are Burnett "Fred" Little, 34, who was also charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, one class C and one class D, Ernest "Boogie" Little, 36, and Teresa Lynn Jackson, 28.

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Guilty

entire county.

the medical center's policies, led to the indictment of three of the "I don't want money. My goal eight dismissed. is to stop the coal dust so we can

The first to enter a plea on a charge of first-degree theft of a controlled substance, was Rodney Holbrook, 31, who had worked in the laboratory at Highlands. Holbrook received a 12 month sentenced to be probated for 24. Evans, who Catherine

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worked in nursing, was sentenced on amended charges of two counts of theft by unlawful taking and was given probation.

The third person indicted, John D. Byers, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft by unlawful taking on Jan. 10.

Trafficking

However, jurors declined to years, which was the least sentence of the three.

Both Isaacs and Thornsbury had been indicted on class C felonies of trafficking in OxyContin. Isaacs Thornsbury previously pleaded Schlaegel the authority to place guilty to lesser charges and

■ Continued from p1 received five-year sentences. Turner said that Thomas' sen-A three-car accident slowed traffic on U.S. 23 near the tence was lighter because of the Prestonsburg exit on Thursday night, where Donnie Roe, of difference in the substances the Prestonsburg, stated that a woman driving a black Cavalier, men were trafficking. OxyContin above, pulled in front of his maroon Ford as he was coming off trafficking warrants 5-to-10 years the hill going toward town. Dan Caudill, of Louisville, was behind in prison, while Lorcet is punish-Roe in a white Dodge Ram and tried to miss him, but ended up able by 1-to-5 years. hitting him in the side.

Individual awards ranged

Manager

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According to the indictment, which was filed in Pike Circuit Court on Dec. 10, between Jan. 1, 2001, and July 31, 2002, Williams allegedly took \$43,397.59 while employed as store manager of Save-A-Lot grocery store in Pikeville.

According to John Karle, who is now store manager of the Pikeville Save-A-Lot and also worked under Williams during the six-month period, Williams had allegedly incorporated a scheme that enabled him to pocket varying amounts of cash at various times during the day.

At Save-A-Lot grocery stores, a system is in place that allows trainees to work registers throughout the store. This system is known as "training mode" and is essentially a means to train workers in a forum where sales aren't placed into the store's accounts, but customers are still given

receipts as with a normal sale. Karle said Williams' alleged scheme came to his attention when he found, on one of the store's computers, that several checks had been run in training

"He was running orders in training mode," Karle alleged. 'He had taken several checks in the training mode and it doesn't account for checks. After the customer would leave he would pocket cash out of the register in the amount the check had been written for, and the checks were left in the drawer of the cash register."

Karle said he took his discovery to store owners, who immediately contacted Williams for a meeting the following Monday.

The Sunday evening before Williams was to meet with store owners, Pikeville police responded to an alarm at Save-A-Lot and found Williams, who was still listed on their contact lists for the store, according to Karle.

"Whenever they [the store owners] found out about the checks being run in training mode, they had changed the alarm code at the store," said Karle. "He had come back into the building and the alarm wouldn't shut off because his password wouldn't work. Police arrived and he [Williams] gave them some kind of story that allowed him to go ahead and leave, because I believe he was still technically left on their contact list."

Karle believes Williams may have entered the store after becoming suspicious about the meeting scheduled the following morning.

"I think he had great suspicion about what was going on," Karle said. "It was Sunday evening when he went in and he was supposed to met with the owners the next morning.

The store's nightshift paperwork shows if any orders were run in training mode, Karle said, adding that Williams had been "tearing some of those off the paper before sending it into the offices"

As a result, the money amount being looked at for trial purposes does not match up with the original amount police first investigated, Karle said.

"What their pricing on is what they can definitely prove as far as the papers," Karle said. "There's some of it that's kind of sketchy and I'm thinking that's why the number is different than the number that was first looked at."

Karle did not disclose the amount of the original estimate.

Kentucky State Police officer Steward Howard of KSP Post 9 in Pikeville appeared as a grand jury witness in the case, but could not be reached for comment at press time.



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Guest View Feds should do what state won't

There is reason to be concerned about whether the approach being taken by the Environmental Protection Agency is enough to keep pollution levels in Kentucky's rivers and streams from getting any worse.

Instead of proposing a clear, here's-the-way-it'sgoing-to-be-done approach, the federal agency would allow the state to come up with its own version of suitable guidelines to keep the level of pollution in 1,000 rivers, lakes, streams or portions of them from getting worse.

Normally, leaving issues in states' hands is preferable to federal involvement. In this case, however, Kentucky already has submitted two proposals in recent years that were rejected by the EPA because they were not strict enough.

That should have been a warning sign. If the state could not get it right on two specific proposals, what makes federal regulators think they will now implement and enforce effective policies?

While it does issue tougher water quality requirements that provide a higher level of protection to clean waters, the EPA's latest approach does not provide the same high standards that could keep waters that have even one kind of pollutant from becoming worse. Reducing pollution requires that the same high standards be applied to all Kentucky waterways. The EPA's own regulations require the state to determine whether decreasing a waterway's quality is needed for "important economic or social development in the area in which the water is locat-

Groups such as the Kentucky Waterways Alliance are asking the EPA to strengthen regulations at least to the point that when someone wants to add pollution to some body of water, they be required to present alternatives and select the one least damaging

And there seems to be an abundance of evidence that such a reduction is needed. The EPA itself estimates that 67 percent of Kentucky's waters contain factory or stormwater pollution.

The Clean Water Act was enacted 30 years ago not just to protect the water that's already clean, but to improve the quality of all rivers and streams. Writing off a waterway just because it exceeds the levels of pollution in one category was not the intention of the Clean Water Act.

Daily News, Bowling Green



-Jim Davidson

'Natural' laws

As a motivational consultant, over the past several years, I've had the joy of helping many people achieve greater success and happiness in their lives. In each case I've simply supplied them with some information they didn't have and helped them see more of their Godgiven potential. While success is a relative thing and means different things to different people, I've changed my views over the years in terms of what success means to me personally. In my earlier years I viewed success as getting ahead financially and having more material possessions, as well as achieving greater prestige and standing in the community.

Now as I've grown older and hopefully a little more mature, I realize that many of my views, values and goals were misguided, as I was attempting to lay up treasure where "moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal." Today, I still desire many of those things, but they are no longer my first priority. Serving God, treating other people with dignity and respect and helping my fellow human beings to discover their hidden talents and abilities is far more important to me at this time in my life.

While working to achieve personal success should always be something that is possible in America, because that's part of the American dream, I believe our first priority should be to become good people and good citizens. God knows in today's violent society we really need to invest more of our resources to make America a better place for all of us.

When it comes to your personal success. regardless of what your goals happen to be, there are some things you have to know and, in a sense, have to become second nature. if you are to maximize the talents and abilities that God has given you. One of these areas of knowledge has to do with "natural

It's my belief that many people do not truly understand natural laws and how they work, at least not fully. We all know about manmade laws that are enacted by Congress and signed into law by our nation's president and the state laws that are passed by the various state legislatures. As I heard a lawyer say in a TV commercial the other day, "There

are so many laws passed that even the lawyers can't keep up with all of them!"

But back to what I was saying about natural laws. A natural law has been defined as "a series of events in nature that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity." In other words, if the circumstances are exactly the same in all respects, then the outcome will always be the same.

For example, if you step or fall off a tall building you will always go down. You will never go up. It's the same with all other natural laws - they always work whether we understand or know about them or not. At this point, you may be saying, "How can knowing about natural laws help me?" Well, every natural law is like a two-edged sword. It cuts both ways.

If you operate or perform on the good side of the law, it will always work for you. If you operate on the wrong side, it will always work against you. In doing research over the past several years, I've discovered almost 50 natural laws and from time-to-time in the future, I will share them in this column. Why

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Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort and the legislative process swung into gear last week as members of the General Assembly started taking a closer look at proposed changes to our state's law books.

With more than 500 bills filed for consideration, there's no shortage of issues before us. But the current legislation session only lasts 30 working days. There's a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

The biggest challenge before us will be crafting a state budget. Kentucky, like many other states, is experiencing shortfalls and faces the prospect of making cuts to programs and services or finding new revenue sources in order to balance the budget.

Last Wednesday, members of the Senate and House met in a joint session of the General Assembly to listen to Gov. Patton's budget address, in which he unveiled his proposal to plug budget holes through a \$573 million tax plan.

Revenue would be raised through a variety of methods, including an increased cigarette tax, a revision of the state's business taxes, and a sales tax on certain services, such as car washes, dry cleaning, and pest control services.

The governor's plan would cut taxes on low-income individuals, repeal taxes on non-tangible property, and get rid of the state property tax on motor vehicles.

The governor's proposal is just that a proposal. And let me emphasize that

there seems no likelihood the General Assembly will approve any tax increases of the magnitude the governor envisions. Leaders from both chambers have said we will work to balance the budget through cost savings, efficiencies and frugal spending, while maintaining essential services. The governor's budget should mainly be seen as a starting point for lawmakers to begin working on the document and making the changes that are necessary to ensure the final document is one that will reflect the interests and concerns of the people we represent.

While much time will be spent working on a budget plan in the weeks to come, we'll also spend long hours work-

ing on other legislation. I have introduced Senate Bill 4 to allow District Court to issue a hardship driver's license when violation of general traffic laws has caused a person's license to be suspended. Hardship licenses are issued to people whose licenses have been suspended because of violations of certain laws. To qualify for a hardship license, a person must demonstrate to the court that a hardship has resulted from the lack of driving privileges, for example inability to get to work.

I have also co-sponsored legislation, Senate Bill 96, to allow school districts to delay the purchase of high school textbooks and other instructional materials for one year, saving up to \$21.6 million statewide. This plan offers school districts an option to making more serious cuts, for example laying off teachers. Kentucky is facing a budget shortfall. Current estimates place the shortfall at a total of \$394 million for the budget years that end June 30, 2003.

In last week's committee action, the Senate State and Local Government committee approved a bill that would let Kentuckians vote on a Constitutional amendment that would give the General Assembly authority to place a limit on

non-economic damages awarded by juries in medical malpractice lawsuits.

Proponents of this legislation say that putting a cap on such awards would allow insurance companies to lower the rates they charge health care professionals for medical malpractice insurance. Opponents say the experience of other states that have imposed caps shows that caps do not lower malpractice insurance rates and, in any case, our doctors need legislation that will help them now, not several years from now.

In other committee action, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill that would establish the crime of fetal homicide. Under the legislation, a person could be held legally responsible for injuring a pregnant woman in a way that causes the death of an unborn child. Current law doesn't recognize a fetus as a person. This bill would not allow prosecution of doctors who perform abor-

The Senate Education Committee approved Senate Bill 37, which would establish the framework for a program in which school principals and assistant principals could take up to 6 hours worth of courses per term for free at any of the state's public colleges or universities.

There are many other issues we'll look at in the weeks to come. Though this is the busiest time of the year in Frankfort for lawmakers, it's still a crucial time for us to stay in touch with the people we represent. If there's an issue you have a comment on, I'll hope you will share your thoughts with me by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

You can also stay involved with the legislative process by writing any legislator at: Legislative Offices, State Capitol Annex, 701 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601. If you have Internet access, the Kentucky Legislature's home page is at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

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He said residents also will ask Schlaegel to require Elk Run to implement a dust control plan the company outlined during the trial. A hearing on the company's dust control requirements could be held within two weeks.

The company's plan centered on a reduction in the tonnage of coal moved through the facility and the number of trucks unloading. The number of trucks hauling coal into the plant would drop from 35,000 to 7,000 a year. The tonnage would drop to about 4.4 million tons a

Residents also want the judge to order that the trucks carry no more than 73,500 pounds, the legal weight limit on state Route 3 where the plant is located.

Residents also want Elk Run to cover coal conveyor belts and truck and rail loading points.

"If it's good enough for court, it's good enough for them to follow," said Glasser, whose firm has been working on the case for five years.

After the verdict, Glasser told about 50 plaintiffs: "This will provide some insurance that you won't have to put up with this in the future."

Another plaintiff, Pauline Canterberry, said she was happy with the verdict but feared residents would have to continue to police Elk Run.

"I wish I can say no to that question, but they are people you just can't talk to, and they

have been from day one," Canterberry said.

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Massey Energy spokesman Jeff Gillenwater said he had not seen the verdict and could not

Sylvester residents in the audience applauded the verdict as the jurors were excused.

Faith Extra

. Presidents tangling with their religious denominations

by RICHARD N. OSTLING AP RELIGION WRITER

President Bush and his father each have been at odds with leaders of their Protestant faiths over a potential war with Iraq, recent examples of what academics say is an often contentious relationship between presidents and their clergy.

"It's relatively easy for presidents to get on the outs with their denominations," says Wake Forest University Divinity School dean Bill J. Leonard, In fact, it's hard to find a 20th century president who didn't butt heads with some in his

by BRUCE SCHREINER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

photos of babies killed in vehi-

cle crashes, a group of legisla-

tors launched a new push

Wednesday to create a crime of

Kentucky's homicide statutes

would extend to fetuses, starting

at fertilization. Under current

law, a fetus is not considered a

person until the live birth

says the effort is part of a strate-

gy to undermine women's

the Caleb-Haley Act to memori-

alize two babies stillborn as a

result of vehicle crashes. A com-

panion bill is in the Senate,

which has passed it in the past.

The legislation has never gotten

have this bill passed would

bring a little peace of mind,"

said Troy Thornsbury, whose

pregnant wife and her fetus were

killed when a man, who police

said was impaired by drugs, ran

a red light and rammed their car

The Thornsburys were head-

"My happiness is gone, but to

An abortion-rights activist

A bill in the House is titled

They have bills under which

"fetal homicide."

access to abortion.

through the House.

in Pike County.

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The devout Woodrow Wilson upset fellow Presbyterians as he moved the nation toward entering World War I, including William Jennings Bryan, who quit as secretary of state.

Harry Truman, the first Southern Baptist in the White House, annoyed some in that denomination by spouting "hells" and "damns" in conversation. Jimmy Carter angered Baptist pastors by favoring abortion rights.

Richard Nixon, a nominal Quaker, was strongly opposed by that pacifist faith over the Vietnam

Last week, it was former President George H.W. Bush who

Lawmakers push

Thornsbury.

· 'fetal homicide' bill

ed to a Pikeville hospital for the

delivery at the time. The infant

was later named Haley Natasha

unborn baby also died in a car

crash in Lincoln County, three

days past the due date, said he

believed photos on display in

the Capitol Rotunda refuted the

reasoning of Kentucky's courts.

care what anybody says,"

Denham said, choking back

were struck from behind by a

driver allegedly under the influ-

ence of alcohol or drugs at the

time of the crash. Their baby,

Caleb, was delivered by

Caesarean section but never

said the families are "crying out

of a mare in foal to a champion

stallion that brought \$4 million

at a Keeneland sale. The mare's

pregnancy was noted on a tote-

we as a society under current

Kentucky law have placed a

greater value on the lives of

unborn horses than on the lives

"The tragedy is, in this state,

board at the auction ring.

of unborn babies," he said.

Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington,

Lee also displayed a picture

tears. "They are humans."

took a breath.

for justice."

"These are babies, I don't

Denham and his wife, Leah,

Ralph Denham Jr., whose

was in conflict with his church. In the teachings of Jesus Christ." a televised speech, he recalled his polite dispute over the Gulf War with the former head of his Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning, then said he's "highly offended" by foreign policy statements from current Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold.

His son, George W. Bush, the first Methodist president in a century, disagrees with leaders of his denomination, too. In a TV ad sponsored by a group including the National Council of Churches, a prominent Methodist bishop preaches that the impending war with Iraq "violates God's law and

Democratic Rep. Keith Hall

of Pikeville, a co-sponsor of the

bill, said 34 states have given

legal recognition to the unborn,

including five border states. He

said support for the bill crosses

party lines. "This is not a politi-

cal issue, it's a moral issue," he

prosecution of abortion doctors.

activist said the bill was part of a

strategy to undermine women's

say that a fertilized egg is equal

to a person in this part of the

law," said Beth Wilson with the

reproductive rights section of

the American Civil Liberties

Union of Kentucky. "It's just a

small step, if we do it here, to

should instead toughen criminal

penalties for people who harm

expectant women and cause

nize that the pregnant woman is

the victim of this, that she's the

one that suffers the loss,"

offer exemptions to health care

professionals and to the preg-

nant women themselves.

The legislation also would

Wilson said.

Such action would "recog-

them to lose their pregnancies.

Wilson said lawmakers

move on to other things.'

access to abortion.

The bill would not allow

Still, an abortion-rights

"It makes no logical sense to

Twenty bishops and other Methodist officials joined an urgent religious plea against military action, and the Methodists' social issues spokesman headed for a gathering of ecclesiastical doves in Berlin.

The phenomenon isn't exclusively American, of course. Bush's chief international ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, has endured peace sermons from Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, whom he chose months ago to head the Church of England.

The Bushes and Blair can commiserate with former President Clinton, who was repeatedly criticized by spokesmen in his Southern Baptist denomination. Baptist leaders eventually called for him to quit the presidency or be ousted by Congress during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

What's unusual in the latest disagreement is that presidents and ex-presidents rarely make comments about dissenting clergy as pointed as those from the elder Bush.

Bush insisted he understands and respects those who oppose war. He said what offended him was Griswold's statement to Religion News Service that "I'd like to be able to go somewhere in the world and not have to apologize for being from the United States" because the nation is indifferent to human suffering.

The bishop further accused the administration of "reprehensible" rhetoric and said "we are hated and loathed everywhere I go."

In response, Bush declared: "I do not - never have and never will feel the need to apologize for this great country.'

Griswold replied that during overseas travels he can achieve understanding with people "only when I apologize for, or explain, what they perceive as our unilateralist and self-serving ways."

In his State of the Union address, the current President Bush appeared to recognize widespread clergy qualms that cite "just war" theology: "If war is forced upon us we will fight in a just cause and by just means sparing in every way we can, the

Still, Bush's focus is on diplomatic and military developments rather than the alarms raised by Protestant leaders such as Methodists and Episcopalians, along with the Roman Catholic

hierarchy and Muslim organiza-

ting in his office poring over statements" from anti-war bishops, says David Kalvelage of The Living Church, an independent Episcopal weekly.

U.S. politicians have never been bound by pleas from their "I can't imagine a president sit-1 own or other religious groups and it is becoming easier to ignore

Protestants enshrine individu-

(See TANGLING, page six)

Minister's Moment

'I love you

by MARK D. WALZ PASTOR, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"I love you," Matthew, my almost 5-year-old tells me. He tells me every day, several times a day "I love you, Da-Da". I am not sure where "Da-Da" comes from, but it is so good to hear and my wife Julie hears, "I love you Mama." How sweet it is to hear "I love you," from your child.

The words "I love you," are three small insignificant words when they are by themselves, but put them together to express your devotion to someone special and these three words combined become music to your ears. Words we each appreciate hearing not just once in a while, but many times. Each of us needs to hear those words from

This month people will be saying these "I love you," to some without much meaning. To others those words will mean total, complete commitment and devotion. There will be cards with hearts, roses, candy, jewelry, dinner, perfume, telephone calls, cookies and many other ways. This week we will certainly hear these words and see these acts of expression of Valentine's

What would it be like not to hear those words, "I love you," from someone that we love? Would we sit at our desks, at the kitchen table or on the sofa in our living room and wonder, "Do they really love me?" If we don't hear those words at least every once in a while, how do we know that we are loved?

What about God? Does he hear, "I love you, Lord."? Does God hear it from us? We say, we love God and God loves me, but how do we show our love to

God? Do we thank him for the blessings he gives us? Do we show our love to him? Do we give him gifts to show our love and devotion to him?

I Corinthians 13 tell us about

that love and that quality we

should have. This is the best quality we can have or show. In Colossians we are told to "put on love." The chorus that we sing.

written by Laurie Klein, is a song of love to our Lord. "I love you Lord, and I lift

my voice to worship You. Oh my soul rejoices! Take

joy, my King, in what you hear: May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear."

What a wonderful way to show our love to our Lord, by saying "I love you, Lord!"

My son Matthew has something right, by telling his earthly parents that he loves them, and we are so grateful to hear those three little words Without a doubt God also appreciates hearing those words, "I love you, Lord."

This week, tell those you appreciate and love those three little words, "I love you," but also let God know, too.

Davidson

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not clip out this introductory column and those that will follow. and save them. As time goes by, I believe you'll come to appreciate what this information can do for you. You can also share a copy of the natural laws with other people who are special to

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Alvin Caudill, 95, of Melvin, died Tuesday, February 4, at the Appalachian McDowell Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Terry Caudill of Somerset. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Harry Gambil Childers, 88, of Meally, died Sunday, January 19, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edgar J. (Ted) Collins, 87, of New London, Ohio, native of Floyd County, died Tuesday, February 4, at IHS of New London at Firelands, after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice (Leedy) Collins, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

Esta Lea Osborne Elliott, 69, of McDowell, died Friday, January 31, at Printer. She is survived by her husband, Pink Clines Elliott. Funeral services conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edgar Hall, 51, of Harold, died Saturday, February I, in McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Derlois Joan Hamilton Hall. Funeral services were conducted Monday. February 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bill Lafferty Sr., 98, of Boynton Beach, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 14, 2002, in Florida. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 17, at the Tillman Funeral Home in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Lillie Mae Newsome, 68, of Hi Hat, died Monday, January 27, at her daughter's residence in Wheelwright. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Memorial service for Fannie Salyer, 93, of the Masonic Home of Shelbyville, formerly of Floyd County, were held Saturday, February 8, at the Graefenburg Baptist Church, in Shelby County. She died Friday, January 24, at the Masonic Home, following an extended illness.

Frank Ed Stephens, 51, of formerly Lexington, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 2, at Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County Isabel Sumner Combs, 92, of Lotts Creek, died Monday, January 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Drew Godsey, 93, of Bulan, died Thursday, January 30, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Phillip Ray Short, 42, of Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, February 1. He is survived by his wife, Violet Sue Slone Short, Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Austin Jr. Slone, 59, of Garner, died Friday, January 31, at

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Odds

The past year has been crunch time for Munising High School junior Alex Johnson.

He ate a bag of Cheetos every day at lunch, and collected

Dome

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construct the dome in 2001 to keep coal dust from drifting to the nearby community of Sylvester.

About 150 of the town's residents have sued Elk Run claiming dust from the Massey subsidiary covers their homes and cars. They contend the coal company's operations, located no more than 750 feet from some of their homes, has destroyed property values, making it impossible for them to sell their homes and move.

The six jurors deciding the outcome of a multimillion dollar lawsuit were expected to resume their deliberations on Friday in Boone County Circuit Court.

Continued from p2 empty bags from classmates. His locker eventually became

stuffed with 3,500 bags from the cheese-flavored snacks - each of them worth one gift point. One of Johnson's teachers sent an e-mail to Cheetos manu-

facturer Frito-Lay Corp. "They liked it so much, they sent somebody here," said

Johnson, 17. That someone turned out to be Chester Cheeto, a costumed

cartoon figure and the point character in Cheetos marketing and advertising. Chester appeared at a pep

rally for the basketball team, and presented Johnson with a scrolled declaration proclaiming him an "honorary deputy of cheese." "I think it's unusual and

funny that this has actually happened," Johnson said. "It's kind of cheesy." Johnson hasn't decided what

he would redeem his Cheetos gift points for. "Whatever the biggest thing is," he said.

Obits

Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Gretta Slone. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Adam Sparkman, 69, of Pippa Passes, died Monday, February 3, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Slone Sparkman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Julienne "Jean" Bailiff, 79, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, January 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Guy Bailiff. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruby Bailiff, 83, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, January 30, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Riley Bailiff. Funeral services were conducted Monday. February 3, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Elder Berlin Ball, 78, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday. February 2, in Pataskala, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the Home. direction of Rogers Funeral

Pearline E. Bowling, 82, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, February 1, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 4, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Josephine Cantrell, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, January 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Charles Robert "Red" Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Thomas Theodore Childers, 92, of Pine Mountain, Georgia, a native of Pikeville, died Monday, February 3, at Hospice LaGrange. He is survived by his wife, Helen Childers, Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the direction of Cox Funeral Home.

Sabrina Dale Coleman, 44, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, February 4, at Draffin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Card of Thanks

and all of the staff at Highlands

Regional Medical Center, and everyone

who brought flowers, food, and kind

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Bert Collins, 86, of Belcher, died Wednesday, February 5, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ledna Damron Collins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Viola Mae Daniels, 89, of Pinsonfork, died Wednesday, February 5, at Guyan Valley Nursing Home, Logan, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7. under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Rev. Paul Fouch Sr., 65, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, February 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ocie Dotson Fouch. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Billie Jo Fuller, 51, of Feds Creek, died Thursday, January 30, at Hazard Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Billy J. Fuller. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral

June D. Hayes, 86, of Parkview Nursing Home, Robinson Creek, died Thursday, February 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Arlis Hickman, 84, of Ashcamp, died Sunday, February 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gracie Blankenship Hickman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Bennie Carrol Estep, 50, of Paw Paw, died Tuesday. February 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Grundy Funeral

Carl B. Higgs, 77, of Mayfield, died Tuesday, February 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7, under the direction of Brown Funeral Home.

Marcus Junior Lockhart, 31, of Phelps, died Wednesday, February 5, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Lockhart. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Phelps

Funeral Services.

Henry "Todge" Maynard, 75, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, February 4, at the Veterans Administration Medical Centter, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Danny Meade, 45, of Jackhorn, died Wednesday, February 5, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Clyde L. Mullins, 83, of Myers Towers, Pikeville, died Saturday, February 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Cameron Lee Mullins, son of Sarah Katherine Bartley Mullins and Shannon Don Mullins, died Thursday, February 4, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Hollie Robinett Jr., 73, of Paw Paw, died Saturday, February 1, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Julia Fortney Robinett. Funeral serwere conducted vices Wednesday, February 5, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Ralph Robinson, 56, of Gillette, Wyoming, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, January 27, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, in Gillette. He is survived by his wife, Linda Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 3, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral

Mary Evelyn Walton Rogers, 89, of Lexington, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, February 3, at Central Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

Franklin Wood Sanders, 73, of Lexington, died Monday, February 3, at St. Joseph's Healthcare, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Jimmy Roosevelt Smith, 61, of Claremont, North Carolina, formerly of Ransom, died Wednesday, January 29, at his home. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral

Denver L. Stewart, 85, of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 30, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mildred L. Stewart. A memorial service was held at the Pikeville-Pike County Airport, Sunday, February 2.

Charlie W. Wagner, 83, of Lexington, a native of Pikeville, died Monday, February 3, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Spears Wagner. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 6, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral

David Lee Wright, 28, of Lick Fork of Beefhide, died Thursday, January 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the result of a mining accident. He is survived by his wife, Amanda Damron Wright. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 3, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Bettie Sue Williams Franklin, 65, of River, died Tuesday, January 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Franklin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral

Aubrey Paul "Red" Harmon, 86, of Neon, a native of Williamsport, died Tuesday, January 28, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Hillyer Harlow Harmon. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

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Delbert Wallace Lemaster, 87, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died Saturday, January 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Nola Angeline Meade Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Martha Messer, 67, of West Van Lear, died Monday, February 3. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 5, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Martin County

Robert Arrowood Sr., 72, of Beauty, died Tuesday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 21, under the direction of Richmond-Calliham Funeral

Charlotta Sue Clevenger Jackson, 51, of Inez, died Tuesday, January 28, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Tommy Jackson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Gerald Brenton Branham, 57, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, native of Louisa, died Thursday, January 30, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Bartram. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of Young Funeral

Janet Marcella "Marcy' Dixon, 59, of Columbus, Ohio, died Monday, February 3. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Tangling

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alism, and many Catholic officeholders reject the Vatican's insistence that they follow the church's anti-abortion teaching. Nor is presidential hopeful Joseph Lieberman bound by Orthodox Judaism's beliefs on abortion.

In the case of Iraq, Leonard says some of the antiwar churches are arguing their case from a weakened position.

The Catholic bishops are "mortally wounded" by the recent spate of clerical sex abuse scandals, he says. Until the 1970s, mainline Protestants "were listened to, they

were in the corridors of power and the Rockefellers paid their bills." But their power has waned as that of conservative evangelicals has risen.

Ultimately, Southern Methodist University ethicist Robin Lovin says, politicians' moral judgments are influenced far less by today's church pronouncements than by their religious upbringing. The sermons, discussions and Sunday School classes in their home congregations many years ago may be their guide.

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Adam Blanton has been invited to play for the Huntington Hounds. The right-hander ranked as one of the 15th Region's most efficient pitchers last season as a fresh-

JC sophomore will play for Hounds

- Blanton gets invite to play for elite team -

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - When June rolls around and warm temperatures fill the air while the high school baseball sea-

son has just been completed, one area baseball player will begin a second season with one of the East Coast's top rising traveling baseball teams.

Johnson Central sopho-

more Adam Blanton will play baseball this summer for the Huntington Hounds. He is the first player from Johnson County to play for the Hounds since former Golden Eagle Brandon Pack played

for the team a couple of seasons ago. Pack is now a member of the baseball team at Pikeville College. Blanton led Johnson

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H.S. BASKETBALL

ACHS 94,

Piarist 26

by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - Allen Central (11-7)

remain undefeated in the 58th District

pounded Piarist 94-36 Thursday night to

COMMENTARY

March to March

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

It's not even Valentine's Day and I'm already dreading March.

See, just like everyone else in this hoops-happy state who goes to sleep at night counting Jeff



Sheppard threepoint baskets, I think March should be declared a state holiday.

But also, like most of my sports brethren who have been through the

wars a time or two, it also comes with a slight amount of dread. Its multiple games every night of the week can lead to burnout in a hurry, and can usually be revitalized only by four lovely days of "string music in downtown Lexington, K-Y," and if you're too young to remember that phrase, we do feel bad for you.

This year, however, all bets are

(See MARCH, page two)

CHEERLEADING

• Cheer event on tap for March

PIKEVILLE - The 17th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition will be held at Pikeville High School on Saturday, March 8. The competition will take place for high school squads and All-Star squads on both 2 1/2-minute routine and traditional formats. The competition will also feature three age groups - Pee-Wee, Elementary and Junior High. For more information or to register a squad, contact Lisa Wheeler at Pikeville High School by calling 606/432-0185 or via email at wheeler@pikeville.k12.ky.us.

Pro-Fitness introduces spring calendar of events

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Pro-Fitness Multisports, the area's leader in fitness training, recently released its spring calendar of events. Details follow.

Available now by appointment, personal training on the bike. \$25/person, max three riders per class, approximately two hours. Someone will ride with all participants, answering questions and instructing the inexperienced rider on bike set-up, gearing, spinning, braking, drafting, bike handling, traffic, climbing, etc. Training will reduce the learning curve that cyclists must endure to truly enjoy riding the road or in the mountains. Bike rental available, \$15/class. Location may vary, based on student experi-

February 15 - Bike maintenance class. Will cover emergency repairs, cleaning, flats

(See EVENTS, page two)

- MICHAEL HALL HONORED -



Michael Hall (left) headed up court during a game against Lawrence County earlier this season. Hall is the leading scorer in South

Floyd

tory.

school his-

file photo

■ Thomas

district/conference worksheet.

and Floyd County Conference. The Lady Rebels are undefeated in the district/conference and are headed this week for a couple of showdowns with Betsy Layne, the district leader with a perfect 6-0

getting out ahead of Piarist Thursday (See ACHS, page three)

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

Allen Central wasted little time in

No holding O.J. Mayo

Rose Hill, eighth-grade star oust Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - Paintsville got its first introduction to O.J. Mayo Thursday night in the All "A" Classic in the form of 31 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Mayo, an eighth-grader who scored his 1,000 career point against

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky b'ball

(See MAYO, page two)

■ 3-time All-Conference ■ 2-time All-State honorable mention ■ 3-time All-District ■ Coca-Cola Classic MVP (2003)

MICHAEL HALL ACHIEVEMENTS

& MILESTONES

■ WYMT Classic MVP (2002)

■ East Kentucky All Stars (Junior season) ■ Executive Inn Junior All-Stars

■ 15th Region All-Tournament Team (2001, 2002) ■ AP Top 25 Players

Jeffersontown Invitational All-Tournament Team (2002-03) ■ Blue Chip High Potential All-Star (3 years)

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT - Michael Hall of South Floyd High School has been recognized as one of the finest basketball players in the country through his nomination to the 2003 McDonald's All American High School Boys' Basketball Team.

Hall is one of 1,600 male prep basketball standouts in the nation nominated by the McDonald's All American Basketball Team Selection Committee, a group of nationally prominent basketball experts.

(See HALL, page two)

Sheldon Clark senior duo nominated

HALL NOMINATED FOR

McDonald's Game

Clark girls' basketball team have been nominated for the McDonald's All American Game. The two nominees are Desiree Cassady and Marshall University signee Kelli Jo Moore. Both players are coached by veteran mentor Robin Newsome.

A complete list of the girls' nominees from the

Sarah Beaty, Monticello; Angela Brown, Clinton

County; Krisha Byron, Sacred Heart; Desiree Cassady, Sheldon Clark; Chelsea Chowning, Lexington Catholic; Megen Gearhart, West Carter; Kara Hamilton, Lafayette; Becca Kopple, Sacred Heart; Charlotte Marshall, Shelby County; Stephanie Mills, Greenwood; Kelli Jo Moore, Sheldon Clark; Lauren Parrish, Mercy: Jonna Patterson, Covington Holmes; Kellie Peyton, PRP; Krystal Redmon, Adair County; Sarah Schell, Lexington Catholic; Jenn Skaggs, Louisville Holy Cross; Toni Slaughter, Shelby County; Ashley Staude, South Oldham;

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BLACKLOG - Two seniors from the Sheldon

state follows.

Jessica Still, Apollo; Sarah Todd, Assumption.

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

turns 100

On Feb. 6, 1903 - 100 years ago Thursday - Kentucky played its first game before a capacity crowd in an oncampus gymnasium that is still used today. The loosely organized Kentucky State College team lost 15-6 to a more experienced team from nearby Georgetown College.

The opening loss aside, Kentucky has

(See UK, page three)

Members of the **Prestonsburg Junior** Wrestling Club include pictured in no particular order - Josh Slone, Nick Rowe, Andrew Hall, Kevin Johnson, Shawn Ousley, Zack Rowe, Jordan Baldridge, Chris Bostic, Shane Johnson and Kevin Burchett. Cody Hamilton, another member of the team, is not pictured.



H.S. BASKETBALL

Hornets fall prey to balanced Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Magoffin County, after playing within five or six possessions of Johnson Central when the two teams met earlier this season, could have never imagined the type of balanced effort it saw from Johnson Central Thursday night. The Hornets traveled to Johnson Central and came away with a stinging 75-38 loss in the

(See EAGLES, page two)

Rose's reinstatement still an uncertainty

by ED TAYLOR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Baseball Major League Commissioner Bud Selig said he is in a very sensitive area right now concerning the possible reinstate-

ment of baseball's all-time hits leader, Pete Rose. After six years, major league baseball has begun the consideration of Rose's possible reinstatement after the veteran player has been suspended because of accusations he betted on baseball, particularly the Reds while Rose was manager in Cincinnati.

Since the possibility of Rose's reinstatement, more ugly heads have reared in the ongoing saga. Rose has been hit with law suits over unpaid bills he has owed for years. How much bearing that will have on his being put back into baseball is unknown at this time.

Rose has several pitching for him and reinstatement. Don Zimmer, a long time member of the baseball community, says Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame. No one doubts that. After all, he is the all-time hits leader. But Rose can become eligible for the Hall until he is reinstated.

baseball with a condition - that he be banned from ever managing a team again. Good advice.

Rose still contends that he never bet on baseball, although the commissioner's office says otherwise,

Why, even the judge who sentenced Rose to a prison term, says he should be reinstated. I really do not think his recent troubles will hinder Rose from joining the baseball family again. He should be in the Hall of Fame. However, like Zimmer, I don't

think he should be permitted to step inside a dugout again as a manager.

SPRING TIME

Ahhhh! For all the folks up north, take heart, spring training opens today as pitchers and catchers report to their respective camps. After a couple of weeks of working out the stiffness, the old Grapefruit League will tune up and before we know it they will be playing for real under some real sunshine. I cannot

REDS 1, CHEN 0 The Cincinnati Reds got a victoMayo

So, Zimmer says put him back in ry of sorts already and the baseball \$830,000 will receive instead the that impressive. He did not win a season has yet to begin. Pitcher offer the Reds made, \$700,000. Bruce Chen took his case to arbitra-Hey, who can live on that? Even at tion and lost, Reds 1, Chen 0. Chen, that price Chen is overpaid. He was who was asking for a ridiculous decent out of the bull pen but not

Lawrence County in January, carried his team to a 77-65 win over Paintsville.

At one point in the first quarter of Thursday night's game, Paintsville led by eight and showed no signs of slowing down. That's when Mayo & Co. woke up. Rose Hill went on an 18-3 run in the first half to battle back from eight points down and lead the Tigers 42-35 at halftime. At one point, the ruthless Mayo scored 14 straight

"That 18-3 run in the first half took us out of the ball game," admitted Paintsville head coach Bill Mike Runyon. 'After that we had to play from behind."

Mayo wasn't alone in his triumph over the Tigers. Teammate Zach Gillum, a transfer from Greenup County, hit five-of-six three-point tries and scored 20 points to go along with three assists and three rebounds. Marques Dawson and Mark King each had seven points for the Royals.

Senior forward Stuart Rutledge led Paintsville in scoring with 17 points. Peyton Conley and Shane Simpkins each had 12. Adam Collins scored 11 for the Tigers. Ryan Jarrell and Adam Rice rounded out the scoring for Paintsville with seven and six points, respectively.

Rose Hill advanced to the second round of the Touchstone Energy Classic All "A" Classic with the win over Paintsville.

The Tigers return to regular season 57th District action on

■ Continued from p1 Tuesday with a crucial contest on the road against top rival

NOTES:

Johnson Central.

Thursday night's meeting was the first-ever between the two schools. Rose Hill visits Paintsville in the Tigers' final regular season game of the year on later this month on February

Rose Hill freshman Bill Walker - the team's sixth man has apparently quit the team.

ALL "A" CLASSIC SCOREBOARD

FIRST ROUND Bethlehem 67

Corbin 60

Bishop Brossart 45 Owen County 28

Frankfort 75 Christian Aca.-Louisville 47

Mayfield 58 Hazard 54

Monroe County 61 Holy Cross (Louisville) 52

Rose Hill Christian 77 Paintsville 65

Somerset 55 Lyon County 47

St. Henry 63 Trinity (Whitesville) 41

NOTE:

Both the boys' and girls' finals take place today.

game for the Reds last year (0-2) and had an ERA of over four.

100 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

On February 6, 1903, the Kentucky Wildcats (then Kentucky State College) walked onto a basketball floor to play their first ever basketball game. The result was a 15-6 setback at the hands of state school Georgetown College. I am sure they thought then was, this will not last. It is a fad now, but it will,

like other things, fade away.

This past Tuesday night, Coach Tubby Smith's Wildcats took care of previously unbeaten Florida in the first half and held off a late comeback in the second half to become the only unbeaten team in the SEC (Kentucky played at Ole Miss yesterday). The Gators were ranked as the nation's number one team when the ball was tossed in the air to start the game.

The old gymnasium where

(See ROSE, page three)

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Bears win matchup of Top 20 teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - No. Pikeville College 5-of-7 from the arc before halftime to build a comfortable lead and got a phenomenal night from its junior point guard en route to a 72-54 win over No. 16 Lindsey Wilson College on Thursday.

The threes were part of a 17of-30 (56.7-percent) half, as the Bears ran out to a 42-21 lead at the break. For good measure, the home team made all three free throws. Meanwhile, Lindsey Wilson stumbled out of the gate, hitting only 9-of-30 (30-percent) from the floor and only one of its 11 three-point tries.

Senior Toni Anderson came off the bench to fire in 4-of-5 three-pointers on the game, hit both of his three-point tries, and senior Jason Robinson had 16 markers early as the BEars jumped out to a big lead at the

But junior Kevin Gaines was the story of the night. In 27 min- in three league games.

utes of play, the point guard had seven points, five rebounds and a whopping 13 assists, all of which looks glowing compared to the zero in the turnovers col-

Robinson had 20 on the night, with Anderson adding 12. Junior center Teon Knox had 10 with eight of them coming in the second half.

Lindsey Wilson (18-5, 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference) couldn't match the intensity of Pikeville. Coming in off a double-overtime win over then-No. 1 Georgetown College, the Blue Raiders hit 22-of-64 from the floor (34.4-percent) and hit only five of their 25 three-point tries.

Speaking of Georgetown, the Tigers, at press time, were on deck for the Bears. The two teams were scheduled to meet yesterday evening. Results were unavailable at press time.

Pikeville, with the win over Lindsey Wilson, improved to 21-4 and remained undefeated

H.S. BASKETBALL

Rebels tag East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - All season long, East Ridge - a first-year team out of Pike County - has steadily shown improvement. Tuesday night, East Ridge visited Allen Central. The Runnin' Rebels, in the first action since an All "A' Classic loss to district rival Betsy Layne, outscored East Ridge 19-14 in the first quarter and held on to win, 78-68.

Senior forward Mike Slone scored 32 points to lead Allen

Hall

Central to the victory. Junior Rossi Samons, a player who has started and come off the bench at times this season for the Rebels, added 17 points. Senior Neil Allen scored 14 for Allen Central and Kyle Webb ended the game with nine for the Runnin' Rebels. A 19-10 third period essen-

tially put the game out of East Ridge's reach.

Following the game, each team was left with identical 10-6 records.

March

As a nominee, the 5-11 point and former NBA and NCAA guard will be considered for one superstars as Magic Johnson of the 24 positions on the final (retired) Michael Jordan 2003 McDonald's All American (Chicago High School Basketball Team that will compete in the 26th anniversary of the McDonald's All-American High School

Basketball Game. This year's McDonald's All American Games will be played Wednesday, March 26 the Gund Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, home of the NBA Cleveland Cavaliers and WNBA Cleveland Rockers, and will be broadcast live on ESPN during primetime at 7 p.m. (EST). For the second time in the history of the game, a girls' game also will be played, and will take place at the Gund Arena, with tip-off at 4:30 p.m. (EST). Proceeds from both games will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities Chapters of Northeast Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio. The Ronald McDonald House program has provided a "homeaway-from-home" for millions of family members of seriously ill children since its inception

McDonald's All American alumni include such current

Continued from p1 Bulls/Washington Wizards), Kobe Bryant (Los Angeles Lakers), Grant Hill (Orlando Magic), as well as Chris Duhon (Duke) and Nick Collison (Kansas).

As a starter for the Raiders, Hall as averages five assists, three rebounds and 27 points per game this season. Heading into the end of regular season play Hall has accumulated impressive figures during his basketball career at South Floyd, including 2350 points, 560 career assists and 500 career rebounds.

The son of Michael and Monica Hall, the senior Raider plans to continue his basketball career by attending Pikeville College. He has not yet announced a college major.

Bob and Tom Hutchison, owners/operators of local McDonald's, extend congratulations to the Raider.

McDonald's will make a presentation to the South Floyd senior on he and his team's final home game later this month on February 25 when South Floyd hosts Pike County Central.

who are fans of play in the 57th and 58th districts are no doubt casting a leery eye toward the with its new format. But for those in Pike County's 59th and 60th districts, the headaches may start a week early.

The consolidation of Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard dropped Pike County down to six high schools, which has resulted in two three-team dis-

Three-team districts are no stranger to 15th Region fans; the 57th District girls' tournament was without Magoffin County for many years, and in the 60th, Feds Creek dropped its program for a while in the 1990s.

When this happens, it causes problems in two areas. For one, a team will often win the district title while sitting in the stands, or - just as likely - while some members of the team are home watching Friends.

The way it works is one team gets a bye, meaning the other two play in the first round. The loser of the first game advances - see, you thought losing in the first round of the district meant elimination - to play the team with the bye.

Here's where it gets even more muddy. If the loser of the first game wins in the second, it's over. The first-night winner is the district champ; the second night winner is the runner-up. The second-night loser is out of

ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE

King edges ALC

off for a smooth March. Those ment in reverse.

What all this means is that the district tournaments run contrary to every other sporting 15th Region tournament, what event in the world. It's not a good thing to get the bye. If you play in the first round, you in effect get a do-over. Sure, you can't win the district if you lose the opener, but you can still make it to the region.

> Of course, it could always work out that the same team loses both games. In that case, a third night is necessary with the two winners meeting for the

> And worst of all, the KHSAA has an archaic rule that if a district only has three teams, it cannot seed and must draw for positions in the tournament.

> All of which leads to the regional tournament, which has changed for the best, smoothest event around to a state of confusion. The old saying is that if it ain't broke don't fix it. I'm afraid they've taken something that was fixed and broke it.

Two years ago, the powers that be decided to do things (and be as Title IX compliant as possible) was to play the boys' and girls' tournaments at the same place at the same time. This meant instead of two schools needing four nights each to play the tournaments, one school would spend seven nights, and a full day of Saturday action.

In my estimation, the best thing of all our officials could do is to do something to learn exactly what Title IX is really It's like playing the tourna- all about. I'm not sure very

many truly understand it. Many, however, say I'm off

base here and Title IX has nothing to do with it. Either way, something caused the sudden tinkering of the system. This year, however, things

have changed again. Citing that it's apparently too taxing for one school to host the whole thing, this year first-round games in the 15th Region tournament will be played on the home floor of the district champions.

Let me walk you through a

The boys team at Phelps still hasn't won a game. But let's say March rolls around and it all comes together for the Hornets. They pull the upset and qualify

for the regional tournament. What is their reward? A game in front of the entire region's fanbase on a neutral floor?

They could win an expensespaid trip to play Paintsville on the home court of the Tigers.

Is this fair? It's not even

Also what about folks like Hershel Conn, one of the nicest men I've ever met. I'm going to guess that he hasn't missed a 15th Region tournament game in decades, until this year. He's guaranteed to miss them.

And what about the folks in the media? The Floyd County newspaper could conceivably have four different teams play ing at four different locations, and the guys in Pike County could have all six of their teams

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What if eight different schools win district titles this year? That would result in perhaps nine different sites hosting games in the 15th Region tournament this year.

playing at different places.

I'm cutting off my nose despite my face here; I fully realize this. We have worked the 15th Region tournament the last three years, having been hired by the same folks we're taking this issue with here today. The people who made this decision aren't bad guys. These are nice people who are trying to make it as smooth and as easy as possi-

I just don't believe this decision was it. Maybe I'll be proven wrong; I didn't like the All "A" Classic when it started

But I have the feeling that this summer, this format will be revisited.

In the meantime, we're counting the days until March Madness begins. Let's hope it's enjoyable - and maybe even warm.

Lagles

trict win for us," said Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble. "Coach (Danny) Adams does a great job, we got out early tonight and that really helped."

The game was the second of a win earlier in the night.

bled up Magoffin County in the first period, outscoring the Hornets 20-10. When the halftime rolled around, Johnson Central led 26-16 after the second period yielded just six

Johnson Central got another spark early in the third quarter. The second half was all Golden Eagles. Central took the third

■ Continued from p1 ter 26-10.

make-up affair.

"Obviously, it was a big dis-

game a doubleheader between the two schools. The Johnson Central girls scored a 62-36 rout

The host Golden Eagles doupoints for each team.

period 23-12 and the final quar-

Johnson Central got a very scoring balanced Sophomore Nick Music led the Golden Eagles in scoring with 15 points. Junior Mike Walters and sophomore Tony Hatfield each had 11. Seniors Chris Hur and Justin Woods flipped in eight each, and forward Brandon

Wheeler added seven. Pitt Connelley led Magoffin County with a team-high 13 points. Jason Arnett, Magoffin's leading scorer, finished with 12.

MAGOFFIN CO. (38) - Jayne 3, Barker 8, Helton 2, Arnett 12, Connelley 13.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (75) -Walters 11, Stapleton 2, Hatfield 11, Hurt 8, Callis 3, N. Music 15, Fairchild 2, Adams 4, Rice 4, Wheeler 7, Woods 8.

Events

in 1974.

and more. Cost is \$5/person, limited to 15 students, 10 a.m. to Noon, outdoors weather permitting. Bring bike and tools. Plan on riding after class.

April 27: 100 mile (century) ride. Pike, Floyd and Johnson counties. 65 and 35 mile options will be available to more participation. Mountain bikers may choose the 35-mile route. Make arrangements for pick up in case of emergency or equipment failure. There is no fee. Meet at Pro-Fitness 8 a.m. to depart.

May 24/25: Benham Schoolhouse Inn at Lynch. Drive to the Inn, bike ride to the top of Black Mountain, the state's highest peak (eight-mile climb), on Saturday and hike/trail run to Bad Branch Falls and High Rock in the Pine ■ Continued from p1

(eight miles for all), on Sunday. Fleming to Jenkins and Rt. 119 to Seco.

gency or equipment failure. ■ July 5-6 – Virginia Creeper Trail (70 miles if you complete

maintenance class. For more information, contact Don Fields by calling 886-8604.

Mountain Nature Preserve

■ June 28/29: Seco Winery. Neon/Whitesburg. Distance is 64 miles from Prestonsburg, following US 23 Leave on Saturday morning, return on Sunday for a total of 128 miles. Different groups may choose to ride together on different routes although backroad travel will be longer and more difficult. Participants must make their own arrangements to be picked up in case of emer-

Sign up now for the bike 62

SPORTS EDITOR PIPPA PASSES - After trailing 34-30 through one

by STEVE LeMASTER

half, Alice Lloyd could get only one field goal closer to King. Visiting King led 34-30 at halftime and went on to 64-Eric Ely led! ag in scoring

with 14 points.

Alice Lloyd with 17 points. Nick Samons scored 11. Hondo Hearne chipped in eight for the Eagles.

Alice Lloyd was able to control the boards, outrebounding King 35-23. Each team had 15 turnovers.

GAME NOTE ... Officials for Thursday night's game were Daryl Smith, Chad

Tommy McKenzie paced Allen and Marvin Moore.

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Central in wins last season, his freshman campaign. The thenfreshman went 5-1 and also recorded a save. He struck out 49 batters, while registering a 2.02 ERA. Opposing batters hit just .216 against Blanton.

The newfound opportunity will give Blanton, who was invited o) to play for the team, the chance to show his skills even more through the added summer play. In addition to pitching, Blanton has also played in both the infield and out-

Founded in 1998 by Tim and Jon Adkins, the Huntington Hounds' focus is to provide area youth the opportunity to develop their competitive skills and to promote amateur baseball in the Tri-State Area.

The Huntington Hounds is sponsored by Tri-State Baseball Association, Inc.,(TSBA). TSBA is a corporation exclusively for charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. TSBA was organized in 1998 by Tim and Jon

photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd senior Michael Hall, with family members and coaches around him, signed with Pikeville College in front of teammates and members of the media Thursday.

Adkins. Tim Adkins was a ninth round draft selection of the Toronto Blue Jays in the 1992 draft. Jon Adkins attended Oklahoma State University and was drafted by the Oakland A's in the ninth round in the 1998 draft. TSBA's vision for the future includes placing more players into college, establishing its own scholarship program for the athletes, and the continued promotion of our local youth.

In 1999, the first full season, the 18-year-old team placed second in the Mountain State Classic held in Beckley. The 16-year-old team placed fifth in the regionals; AABC WV State Championships: tied for first place in JB Yeager tournament in Cincinnati; second place in Hound Dog Classic.

During the 2000 season the 18year-old won its regional championship in Altoona, Pennsylvania and finished fourth in their World Series held in Wilmington, Delaware. The 17-year-old team qualified for World Series competition. The 16-year-old team was

AABC State Championship and placed second in regional competition held in Tennessee. The 13year-old team won its Hound Dog Classic and a Cincinnati Triple Crown Classic Tournament. They also finished third out of a field of twenty-five in a NABF National Classic tournament in Mississippi.

Another highlight of the 2000 season saw the merger of the Huntington Patriots and the Huntington Hounds. From 1991 to 1999, Dick Brammer served as the General Manager and Head Coach of the Huntington Patriots. Brammer brings added experience in scouting, recruiting, and coaching to the TSBA staff.

Although the 2001 season didn't bring any World Series titles home our organization was to qualify for the CABA World Series in 14/under bracket and our 16/under program was beat in the regional championship. The organization posted a 93-50 record and the 18/under program placed eight players into college.

2002 brought the Hounds back

to the World Series. The 18/under and 17 year-old team both won berths to their respective divisions. The 16/under program was eliminated in the regional championship. The biggest highlight of the season was the 18/under program placing 11 players into college baseball.

Playing with the Huntington Hounds teams will only help Blanton's chances of playing at the next level.

JCMS captures Mountain Middle School crown

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ - A dynasty is often hard to shake. Johnson County Middle School has enjoyed successful runs in both football and basketball, winning numerous championships since the school opened its doors in the mid-90s.

Earlier this past week Johnson County Middle defeated Warfield 53-35 in the championship game of the Mountain Middle School Conference Tournament.

Johnson County got out to a 17-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Red Devils came back to outscore the Eagles 14-8 in the second to take a 26-25 lead into the half-

time break. Johnson County erupted in the second half, outscoring Warfield 13-4 in the third period. The Golden Eagles then outscored the Red Devils 15-5 in the fourth to claim the cham-

pionship. Jamie McCarty led the way for the Eagles with 17 points. Cody Ratliff followed with 14, Kyle Sublett netted eight points

and Justin Blanton finished with six. Tommy Taylor added five, and Justin Meek and Coty Conley rounded out the Eagles scoring effort with two and one. respectively.

Warfield was led in scoring 10 points. B.J. Slone and Willie Jude each scored eight for Warfield. Tyler Jude added seven and Damen Hensley

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evolved into college basketball's winningest program, and a century later is celebrating a history that has been tainted by scandal, but defined by a record 1,834 victories, 43 NCAA tournament appearances and seven national

And what a way to celebrate an anniversary. On Tuesday night, the sixth-ranked Wildcats topped No. 1 Florida 70-55 for their 11th straight win.

Coach Tubby Smith appreciates the program's success, and its

"The magnitude of it can be overwhelming if you're not humble," current coach Tubby Smith said. "If you ever get to the point where you think you're the one who built it, whether you're a coach here or a player, you're wrong. It's bigger than any indibe vidual. It always will be."

An account of Kentucky's first game in the Lexington Herald-Leader said, "The gymnasium was packed with rooters who continually applauded the brilliant plays of their respective colleges." Outside, more fans awaited game updates from a caller with a megaphone, according to Kentucky basketball historian Russell Rice.

For the Wildcats' home games bold "100" is painted on the court at Rupp Arena, the facility named for Adolph Rupp, who built the program's foundation. A short video chronicling the history has been played on the scoreboards before every game.

The program wasn't immediately successful. In fact, Kentucky endured 13 losing seasons in its first 27 years.

The wins started coming in 1930, when athletic director S.A. "Daddy" Boles hired Adolph Rupp, a high school coach in Freeport, III.

It didn't take long for Rupp to see Kentucky basketball developing into more than just a curiosity. It was becoming a unifying force for the people of the state, his son, Adolph Jr., said in a telephone interview.

"This became the one thing all 15 the people - from the Ohio River to the Tennessee border - could all look at and say, 'We're better than you at this. We don't care who you are or where you're from. We can beat you in basketne ball," Rupp Jr. said.

"My father was aware of that. When he went out to coach a team, he knew he was representing the whole state of Kentucky."

SOUTH FLOYD

His players sensed the excite-

Ralph Beard played for the elder Rupp from 1945-49, when the Wildcats won their first two NCAA championships. Beard remembers hundreds of fans meeting the team at each stop as it traveled by train through eastern Kentucky on its way to postseason games in New York.

Whole towns would turn out. They'd make us food and come on the Pullman and give it to you," Beard said. "In 1949, somebody made life-size action pictures of each player and hung them up on telephone poles. I still

Beard also was a key figure in one of the program's darkest chapters, when he and four other players were caught up in a pointshaving scandal.

Beard said fans recognize him today only for his on-court accomplishments.

The scandal "is never mentioned by people unless I bring it up," he said. "But the scandal was really a blip on the screen for Kentucky basketball. You just can't kill something that big.'

Fan support never dwindled In 1941, H.L. Donovan became the school's president and began a push to build a state-ofthe-art basketball arena. Nine years later, the 11,500-seat Memorial Coliseum opened.

Cynics said the arena was too big, but every home game between 1950-76 was a sellout.

By the 1960s, however, Rupp's run was fading. The Wildcats failed to reach 20 wins in four of the first six years of the

They won 24 of 25 regularseason games in the 1965-66 season and reached the NCAA championship game, where they lost to Texas Western, a team with five black starters.

Rupp had never recruited a black player, and the climate in the country fueled the game's significance, said Smith, who is

"Back then, college basketball wasn't that big a deal. But, boy, that made an impression on me," said Smith, who was 14 at the time. "Those were some changing times. The uproar of civil rights was at its highest point and then here comes (Coach) Don Haskins with his five black

"We were saying, 'Boy, you don't see black people on TV doing that!" That was unbelievable.'

Rupp retired after the 1971-72 season. He departed with 876 victories, an all-time record until North Carolina coach Dean Smith passed him in 1997.

Kentucky hired Joe B. Hall, Rupp's lead recruiter. Hall had helped lure the program's first black player - seven-footer Tom Payne - in 1969. Others followed, like Jack Givens, Sam Bowie and Dirk Minniefield.

The changing landscape of Kentucky basketball was what attracted Kenny Walker, who grew up in rural Georgia and went on to become the school's second-leading career scorer in the early 1980s.

"Could it have been done sooner? Probably. But to just single out Kentucky in that way is a little unfair. You could probably look at a lot of Southern schools at that time and say the same thing," Walker said, "I look at where we are right now. African-American players are a big part of this and now we even have an African-American coach. That says to me Kentucky is doing all the right things in that regard."

Shortly after Walker departed. scandal rocked the program again. In 1988, an overnight package sent from Kentucky and stuffed with \$50 bills was intercepted on its way to the father of

TIMES STAFF REPORT

weeks until senior night, but the

way they played on Thursday,

three young ladies are wrap-

in fine fashion.

ping up their collegiate careers

Teccoa Gallion and Courtney

Mercer scored 63 points, had

21 rebounds, handed out 10

assists and combined for a

mere three turnovers to lead

No. 19 Pikeville College past

Gallion, the Mid-South

Conference's leading scorer,

had 30 points on 13-of-19

shooting, and pulled down 10

rebounds. Collins, accounted

for 19 points on 8-of-12 shoot-

ing, along with 10 rebounds

from point guard Courtney

Mercer. The senior, who is sec-

ond in the MSC in three-point

shooting, picked up her per-

centage by hitting 4-of-5 from

the arc en route to 14 points, as

well as handing out five

gin fool you, this was a close

game until halftime. Pikeville

led 17-10 with 12:24 left in the

opening half after Collins

scored on a layup, but the Lady

Raiders took over. Scoring 15

of the next 18 points. Lindsey

Wilson turned the game around

But don't let the final mar-

But the biggest spark came

Lindsey Wilson 74-50.

and five assists.

Seniors Amanda Collins,

PIKEVILLE - It's still a few

a basketball recruit.

The NCAA put Kentucky on probation for three years and imposed a two-year postseason ban and a television blackout.

Eddie Sutton was fired after just four seasons, and Kentucky hired Rick Pitino on June 1, 1989.

A dizzying three years later, Kentucky fell one heartbreaking. last-second shot by Christian Laettner short of reaching the The stunning loss to Duke

only delayed Kentucky's return to prominence. Pitino led the Wildcats to the 1996 NCAA championship, and the 1997 title game before leaving for a chance to run the Boston Celtics. "I don't believe any coach

could have the situation I've had at Kentucky," Pitino said on the day he resigned, May 7, 1997. "It's better than any situation you could go into."

Smith delivered a seamless transition, guiding Kentucky to the 1998 NCAA championship.

"Kentucky has been a force inevery decade since the 1930s and kids admire that," said Walker. "The foundation and the tradition that was built a long, long time ago is so strong.'

Seniors lead Lady Bears

past Lindsey Wilson

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by Jared Crum with a team-high rounded out the Red Devils scoring effort with two points.

night. The Lady Rebels posted 30 points in each of the first two quarters and led 60-11 at

Three players finished in double figures for Allen Central. Senior Amber Scott led Allen Central in scoring with 18 points. Megan Harris netted 14 and center Rebecca Thomas added 12. Both Harris and Thomas are sophomores.

Tab Caudill and Amanda Mills each finished with nine points and Jessica Isaac flipped in eight.

Whitney Tackett led Piarist (0-15) with 11 points. Mary Bentley chipped in six.

ALLEN CENTRAL (94) -Scott 18, Mullins 6, Harris 14, Thomas 12, Caudill 9, Isaac 8. M. Biliter 3, Cline 4, Mills 9,

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PIARIST (26) - Bentley 6, Tackett 11, Williams 3, Dennison 2. Preston 4.

Hunter 4, K. Biliter 5.

Pike Central 45, Shelby Valley 44

Eighth-grader Haley Ratliff scored on a layup with 30 seconds remaining to give Pike Central a 45-41 lead over Shelby Valley. Central won

Kim Coleman and Ashley Russell each had 10 points apiece to lead Pike Central. Russell also had nine rebounds in the game.

Junior center Beth Hall led Shelby Valley with 13 points.

Johnson Central 62, Magoffin Co. 36

Ashley Wireman scored a game-high 27 points and took things into her own hands in a 62-36 win over Magoffin County, the blowout loss was a much different game than the first contest played earlier this season between the two

Johnson Central held recover.

22-11 in the third period.

with 12 points.

MAGOFFIN CO. (36) -

Adams 7, T. Howard 10, M.

Howard 12, Manns 3, A. Howard JOHNSON CO. (62) -Wireman 27, Daniels 10, Dials 3,

and when Allisia Stewart scored inside with 3:54 left,

the guests were in front 25-20 But Pikeville ended the half with a 10-2 run, with Mercer's second three during the stretch coming at the horn to put Pikeville back on top 30-27.

The second half was a different story. The Lady Bears bolted out of the gate, with a pair of Mercer threes leading the way, and when she hit her fourth of the game with 11:51 left, the Lady Bears led 55-32.

Lindsey Wilson (12-12, 0-4 in the Mid-South Conference) had one player in double figures, as Michelle Calendar came off the bench for 11. Erica Wardlow and Stewart added eight apiece.

The Lady Bears hit 28-of-50 from the floor (56.0-percent) and 5-of-11 from the arc (45.5-

Rose

19 Georgetown and Kentucky met still stands even today. The gym was va packed with fans with many others on the outside getting updates by megaphone. Amazing! How far we have come. Now you tune in on a box in your family room, den, living room or wherever and watch every play. Oh, by the way, UK suffered through 13 losing seasons. Can you imagine that?

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TIME

It won't be long until the second season begins in Floyd County. District tournament time is just around the corner. Here in Florida, the girls' tourament begins February 13 while the boys play February 21. I still enjoy the 58th District and 15th Region basketball more than anything else.

The girls' coach at Lafayette (Fla.) High School is from the state of West Virginia originally and he knows all about the 15th Region teams like Belfry, Betsy Layne,

Allen Central and Sheldon Clark. "I used to read about them in the Williamson paper," said Coach Jimmy Blankenship. "Wasn't Belfry the powerhouse in their region then (under Cindy (Stuart) Halbert)? I remember reading about the Allen Central teams that were so good and Betsy Layne.

Coach Blankenship, who coaches the girls' program at Lafayette High School, told me how he used to steal away at night somewhere and listen to Cawood Ledord call the Kentucky games.

"I told my girls here that basketball in Florida is not like it is in West Virginia and Kentucky," he said. "They didn't believe me. There is no comparison in styles of play." I have enjoyed covering the Lady

Hornets this season for the once-aweek paper. I agree with Coach Blankenship. The Piarist School would look like a state contender Until next week, good sports

everyone and be good sports!

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Magoffin County to just four points in the opening period, outscoring the Lady Hornets 15-4. After the initial period, Magoffin County would never

The Lady Eagles also outscored Magoffin County

Michaela Howard led Magoffin County in scoring

Adams 2, Murphy 4, Daniel 2, Music 2, Howard 12,

Lady Eagles outlast King

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - A 57-44 win over visiting King College Thursday night gave the Alice Lloyd women's team two consecutive victories.

And the Lady Eagles won Thursday night's game in comeback fashion. The Lady Eagles trailed 33-25 at halftime before outscoring King 32-11 to record

Three different Alice Lloyd players scored in double figures. Belicia Mullins led the Lady

Eagles with 13 points. Delores Jenkins scored 11 and Erica Webb added eight.

Devon Reynolds chipped in nine points and Leah Whitley added eight for the Alice Lloyd

Alice Lloyd outrebounded King 44-40, thanks in part to a game-high 16 rebounds by Andrea Kelley.

GAME NOTE

Officials for Thursday night's game were Darrell Wilson, Paul Terry and Ron Woods.

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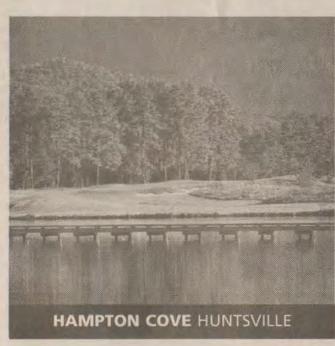
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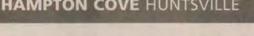
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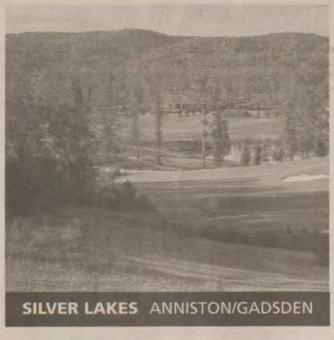
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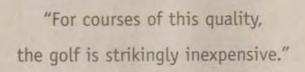




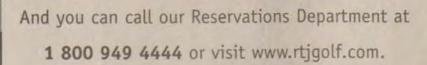


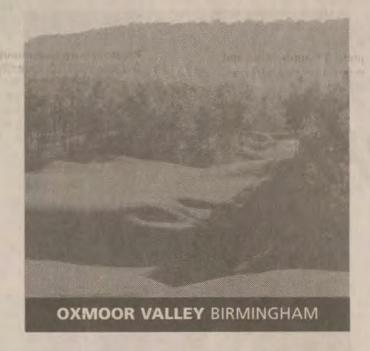


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Kentucky Chautauqua living history comes to PCC

College is proud to sponsor the Kentucky Chautauqua living history portrayal of York performed by Hasan Davis. The performance is free and open to the public at Prestonsburg

questions, you may contact Judy Bowen at 606-886-3863 Ext. 6216 or 6221.

the

Auditorium on February 20, Clark led to the Pacific Ocean 2003 at 10:50 a.m. If you have in 1803-1806, one man stood out from the rest. His name was York. He was distinguished by his black skin and by the fact expedition that he had not volunteered for

Prestonsburg Community College Pike Meriwether Lewis and William this duty. York was a slave, the usual constraints of slavery did body servant of expedition co- not apply. Expedition journals leader William Clark. We don't make it clear that York pulled know whether York wanted to his weight and won the respect be the first African American to of his fellow adventurers. He cross the country, but he was.

was a major asset dealing with In the wilderness, many of the the Indians, who regarded his a free man.

blackness as "big medicine." But the return to civilization was bitter. William Clark refused to free York immediately. He had to wait five years, and little is known of his life as

COLLEGE NEWS

Artisan Center to hold quality review workshop session

The Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center invites artisans in the 49-county service area to participate in the second annual Quality Review Session. Applications are available now and submissions will accepted between April 15 and May 1.

In order to prepare artisans to participate in this process, the Artisan Center will be requiring a mandatory workshop at no charge called "Gearing up for Quality Review", on April 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Artisan Center. At this workshop Artisan Center Project Director Jenny Browning will

review and assist with the application process, as well as basic elements of design and technique expected by the panel. This workshop is required as part of the application process.

Artisans choosing to participate in the Quality Review Process must complete the application and return it with a \$10 nonrefundable application fee along with three examples of their artwork to the Artisan Center by 6 p.m. on May 1.

The Artisan Center is an affiliate of the Kentucky School of Craft and Hazard Community College.

If you would like to request an application or learn more about the upcoming Quality Review Session or the "Gearing up for Quality Review" workshop, you may contact the Artisan Center at (606) 785-9855, 16 West Main Street, Hindman.

COLLEGE NEWS

Scholarships: time to apply is NOW!

Hazard Community College's Financial Aid Office is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2003-2004 academic year. Students, prospective students, and high school seniors planning to enroll at HCC for the Fall 2003 semester should obtain a scholarship application. Scholarship applications will be made available at all campuses of Hazard Community College and at the Guidance Counselor's Office at local high schools.

HCC scholarships are intended for students planning to enroll full-time at Hazard Community College during the 2003-2004 academic year with scholarship funds being applied towards payment of tuition expenses. Factors impacting the awarding of scholarships include grade point averages and scores from entrance testing (ACT, SAT, COMPASS, etc.)

Students wishing to obtain a scholarship application may contact the HCC financial aid office at (606) 436-5721 or (800) 246-7521, ext. 372 or 615, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday. The deadline to apply for 2003-2004 HCC Scholarships is April 1, 2003.

- KCTCS HONORED BENEFACTORS -



Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical Colleges and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) recently honored their most valuable benefactors. Shown in this photo are, from left, KCTCS President Michael B. McCall, Mr. Joseph B. Tharp, III, Vice-President of Marketing, Mountain Enterprises, Inc., Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical College President/CEO Dr. George Edwards, and Governor Paul Patton. KCTCS and its colleges honored 37 of the system's major donors and volunteers at the 2002 President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner. Mountain Enterprises, Inc., was honored for its support of Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical Colleges.

Contact legislators about education plight

Evelyn Wood, Public Relations Director, Hazard Community College

The plight of education is at a critical stage because of the state budget situation and the public is urged to contact their legislators to tell them about the need to protect education in the Kentucky General Assembly.

"A better educated people attracts better jobs; better jobs means these folks will pay more in taxes helping to diminish the chance of a budget shortfall again," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community College, who is working with elementary to high schools. as well as the universities and other educators to let folks know how serious these cuts are in Kentucky.

Just at Hazard Community College, the budget situation means that two full-time faculty positions cannot be filled, one instructional assistant for students won't be hired. the business affairs office is without a worker, and three maintenance and operations positions won't be filled. The Kentucky School of Craft's

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KCTCS holds honors ceremony

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and its colleges recently honored 37 major donors and volunteers at the 2002 President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner. At the System level, the KCTCS Foundation Inc. honored American Electric Power (AEP), which has given more than \$100,000 in contributions to the KCTCS Foundation and KCTCS colleges in Ashland, Prestonsburg, and Hazard. Shown in the attached photo are, from left, KCTCS President Michael B. McCall; Mary Begley, AEP Community Service Manager, Hazard; Frank Crockett, Community Service Manager, Ashland; and

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Alice Lloyd College spring semester underway

The Alice Lloyd College 2003 Spring Semester officially opened as classes resumed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15. Mr. Sean Damron, Director of Admissions, commented on ALC students. "We are so pleased with the number as well as the quality of new and returning students. Alice Lloyd College continues to offer a quality education and an unbeatable price". For more information about applying to ALC in the fall of 2003, please call 1-888-280-4ALC.

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Where does time go?

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

This week my son will be celebrating his 13th birthday and although he wants time to pass by faster, I keep wondering where it went to and how to slow it down.

I can remember when I was his age and couldn't wait to grow up, become an adult, be my own boss and do whatever I wanted to do, but somehow when I grew up and became an adult, doing what I wanted to do required something called

My son has big plans for his future. He is going to drive a Lamborghini, live in a larger-than-life house with a swimming pool, and have a maid to do all his clean-



you would have asked him a few years ago just how he planned to achieve all of these, he would reply, "I am going to work at Wal-Mart" Needless to say now that he is a few years older his plans to make his

ing and cooking. If

dreams come true are now focused on becoming a doctor or pharmacist.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of our childhood dreams had come true? Where would you be? What would you be doing today? Of course, reality strikes suddenly and sometimes harshly and we aren't able to go where we wanted to go or become what we wanted to be but as times have changed what used to be just our dreams

I was out of school 10 years before returning and although it took some adjustment I obtained my associate's degree and am working toward a bachelor's. No, it doesn't all happen at once but little by little I have made a dream become reality.

Being successful can be defined in many ways, but the best way to define self success is finding contentment with what you do, what you have accomplished and who you have become. If you

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NEWS AND NOTES

Have a poodle skirt? Wear it to see the Platters and Marvelettes at HCC

Hey ladies, have you got a poodle skirt? Guys, want to slick your hair back and put on a leather jacket? To feel a part of the 1950s, the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series says some folks will be wearing that kind of garb when The Platters and The Marvelettes perform on Saturday, Feb. 15, with a 6 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. concert at the First Federal Center, Hazard Community College.

Those attending just may feel transported back in time with images of 45 records, coke floats, and saddle shoes that will be on display. Of course, dressing for the year 2003 is always an option too.

If you don't already have dinner reservations, there is still room for to the concert only at 7:30. Admission for the concert is \$16 for adults and \$8 for students.

The Platters, formed in 1953 in Los Angeles, had the beginning of their stardom in 1955 with their hit "Only You," which also helped them become the most popular vocal group of the fifties. Rerecording songs by the likes of Jerome Kern and Rudy Vallee, as well as some original material, between 1955 and 1960, The Platters had four No. 1 songs and 16 gold records, most of which can still be

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Workforce Development Education Pays Scholarship

FRANKFORT - The Cabinet for and services. Workforce Development's fifth annual Education Pays scholarship program is accepting applications. The scholarship is for clients of the cabinet's wide

employment and training programs

CWD Secretary Allen D. Rose said the scholarships help Kentuckians continue their education and prepare themselves for the workforce, while promoting the concept that "Education Pays."

To be eligible, applicants must be a

client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job placement, high school technical education, and Workforce Investment Act services and training, among others.

Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2002 semester.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and Workforce

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Medicare



Donna R. Morton Medicare Beneficiary Outreach Coordinator AdminaStar Federal

What is TRICARE for Life (TFL)?

TRICARE for Life provides expanded medical coverage for Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees, including retired National Guard members and reservists.

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Do I have to be enrolled with Medicare to be eligible for TRICARE for Life?

Yes. You must Medicare Part A and Part B to be eligible for TFL.

If I have both TRICARE for Life (TFL) and Medicare who pays first?

If you use a Medicare provider, Medicare will be the first payer for all Medicare-covered services and TFL will be the second payer. TFL will pay all Medicare copayments and deductibles and cover most of the costs of certain care not covered by Medicare.

Where can I get more information about TRI-CARE for Life?

Two great resources for TRICARE for Life are 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433) and the website www.TRICARE.osd.mil.

If you have questions about other military retiree eligibility and benefits you may call 1-800-538-9552.

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

- OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE AWARD -



NREPC Secretary Hank List, left, and Natural Resources Commissioner Hugh Archer, right, presented Roy Boggs an outstanding employee award for his work on GIS mapping.

P'BURG MAN RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

FRANKFORT - A Prestonsburg man was one of 17 Natural Resources and **Environmental Protection Cabinet** employees recently honored for their exemplary performance during the year 2001.

Roy Boggs is a geoprocessing specialist with the Division of Forestry's Betsy Layne regional office. Boggs' specialty is geographic information systems, and he has spent countless hours researching this technology and its applica-

Boggs designed applications that greatly increase the division's ability to locate forest fires. This technology also provides firefighters with mapping capabilities, allowing greater insight to the terrain, natural barriers and potential safety haz-

In 2001, Kentucky experienced its worst fire season in a decade. Boggs worked tirelessly to provide firefighters and dispatchers with maps to some of the most "fireprone" areas in Eastern Kentucky. His information and products provided greater efficiency during fire suppression activities in the district, while also providing for the safety of all involved.

NREPC Secretary Hank List presented the honorees with engraved plaques during a recent reception held at the Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort. List commended the year's recipients for their unending dedication to the cabinet's mission, for addressing citizens' needs and monitoring environmental trends.

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Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Jan. 31 to Feb.7.

Pikeville Division Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a

court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of

Jesse Blevins and Barbara Blevins, of Tram.

Ronald Hampton, of Belfry. Jeffery W. Elswick, of Neon. Valerie Scott, of Pikeville. Cynthia Lynn Hall, of

Prestonsburg.

Ben R. Brown and Katherine Brown, of Lowmansville. Hassell Ratliff and Barbara Ratliff, of Kimper.

Castle-Robinson Enterprises, of Pikeville.

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American Woodmark supports area arts

American Woodmark's human resource manager Keila Young presents \$500 on behalf of the company to Tammy Duff and the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series, an affiliate of **Hazard Community** College. "We appreciate American Woodmark's gift for our performing arts programming," said Mrs. Duff.

Workshop to show 'smart women finish rich'

ASHLAND - A free financial planning workshop for women, "Smart Women Finish Rich" will be presented from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, by Morehead State University's Ashlano amall Business Developm ter and the Ashland Alliance.

This semmar will provide women with seven steps to help them achieve financial security and fund their dreams. Women will learn how to improve the quality of their monetary life and

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CONSUMER REPORT

PSC warns of rising natural gas prices

FRANKFORT - Home heating costs for many Kentucky natural gas consumers will rise over the rest of the winter, the Kentucky Public Service Commission said today.

Consumers can expect to see rate increases from a few pennies to \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) for natural gas used in the next several months. (A typical residential customer uses 10 or 11 MCF per month.) Depending on the company, the increases will take effect in February or March, and will be reflected first in March or April bills.

"The unusually cold weather over much of the eastern half of the country in recent weeks has driven up the demand for natural gas," PSC Executive Director Tom Dorman said. "That has led to increases in wholesale prices."

By federal law, natural gas prices are not regulated at the wholesale level. In Kentucky, natural gas retailers are allowed to adjust their rates every three months to reflect the cost of the gas they are providing to consumers. The gas cost adjustments must be approved by the PSC before they can be reflected in the retail "As always, we are working to ensure

that Kentuckians are paying rates that are accurate, reasonable and fair," Dorman The wide range of rate increases

reflects the fact that some gas distribution

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EMPLOYMENT

Jobless rates fall in 85 Ky. counties from Dec.2001 to Dec. 2002

FRANKFORT - Unemployment rates fell in 85 Kentucky counties between December 2001 and December 2002, rose in 33 and remained the same in two counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency,

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted jobless rate in December was 5.4 percent.

In December 2002, six counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent, while 13 counties recorded double-digit rates in December 2001.

Woodford County's 2.1 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Jessamine County, 2.4 percent; Kenton County, 2.6 percent; Franklin and Oldham counties, 2.9 percent each; Campbell and Fayette counties, 3 percent each; Henry County, 3.3 percent; Boone County, 3.4 percent; and Anderson, Mason and Shelby counties, 3.5 percent

Butler County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 14.1 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 11.7 percent; Harlan County, 11.5 percent; Letcher County, 11 percent; Russell County, 10.5 percent; Morgan County, 10.1 percent; Ohio County, 9.9 percent; Breathitt County, 9.5

percent; Clay County, 9.3 percent; and Lyon and McCreary County, 9.1 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past

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Jackhorn.

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Michael Cure, of Elkhorn City.

Christine Forsyth, of Regina. Norma M. Browning, of

Hallie. Billy N. Holbrook Jr., of

Andrea Moore, of Jenkins. Jesse Wayne Wright and Janice Esther Wright, of James E. Johnson and

Kimberly Johnson, of McRoberts. Bryan H. Howard and Tracy

R. Howard, of Mousie. Donald R. McElroy, of

Millstone. Adam C. Bentley and

Theresa A. Bentley, of Jeremiah.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay

Luther Hall and Letha Hall, of Neon.

John Lee Smith and Connie Smith, of Weeksbury.

Brenda Hall, of Deane. Dennis Seals and Shelby Jean Seals, of Whitesburg. James P. Polly and Melinda

Polly, of Cromona.



Dwight Smith, math instructor at Prestonsburg Community College, has recently seen his textbook, "Lecture Notes: Intermediate Algebra 108", published. Smith will be using the text book in is Math 108 class this semester. His book was published by Houghton-Mifflin.

Plight



Ashley Cook's experience at the Pikeville Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District helped convince her boyfriend, Tim Reed, to transfer from Morehead to

Couple finds classes in Pike better

PIKEVILLE - Ashley Cook and Tim Reed registered for classes this semester at the Pikeville Campus of the Big Community and Technical College District.

Cook is a 2002 graduate from Belfry High School and will be attending her second semester at the Pikeville Campus, while Reed, her boyfriend, is a transfer from Morehead State University.

Reed is looking forward to attending classes at the Pikeville Campus and feels that his education will not suffer from his transfer.

"I have seen some classes have as many as 100-plus students and I feel that the smaller class size and more one-on-one time with the instructors will be a great benefit," Reed said. Cook's experience at the Pikeville Campus influenced Reed's decision to return.

"My experience here has been very pleasant," Cook said. "I have enjoyed the small class size and it has made the transition from high school to college easier."

Reed says that there always seems to be a lot of pressure to leave home and attend a fouryear university and if he had it to do over he would have begun his classes in Pikeville.

Cook agrees, as she says, "It's not always best to go away to get an education. Start close to home, get adjusted to the college atmosphere, and then consider where you might

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opening is now on permanent hold for hiring a slate of instructors, the Knott County Branch and the Leslie County Center of HCC will have reduced class offerings and services, summer school classes can only be offered on a limited basis and construction work at the New Opportunity Center in Hindman, which would house HCC offices and classes, is being delayed. "This is a lot for one school to suffer, especially at a time when we hoped to offer new and expanding programming," Dr. Box said.

The public is urged to contact their legislators today by Legislative the Message Line in Frankfort at 800-372-7181. "Tell them education matters and they should avoid making cuts in education, from elementary to college and universities," Dr. Box said.

Tony D. Whitaker, president of the Hazard-Perry Chamber Commerce said education should not be cut. "No business person ever wants education cut," he said. "We need to continue the great strides in education that we've made so

The Perry County School System could lose as much as \$3 million over a two-year

KCTCS

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Governor Paul Patton. In addition to AEP's monetary support, the volunteer leadership and commitment of Tim Mosher, President for AEP-Kentucky, as a founding chair of the KCTCS Foundation Inc. Board of Directors has been instrumental in the continuing success of the Foundation. American Electric Power is a multinational energy company with a balanced portfolio of energy assets. AEP, the United States' largest electricity generator, owns and operates more than 42,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. and select international markets and is a leading wholesale energy marketer, ranking among North America's top providers of wholesale power and natural gas with a growing wholesale presence in European markets. AEP is also one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, with almost 5 million customers linked to AEP's wires.

period, noted John Paul Amis, superintendent. "This loss of funding leaves the Board of Education no choice but to consider the following adjustments and perhaps others: raising property taxes; reducing 33 basic classroom teachers therefore increasing class size to the state cap; not purchasing new busses for the second consecutive year; not staffing art, music, and physical education teachers; discontinue plans to improve facilities; reduce expenditures to maintain facilities and grounds; not staffing counselors for the elementary schools; not staffing elementary assistant principals; reducing the number of extra curricular activities offered at the elementary and secondary level; offering Pre School only to students who qualify for state funding; increase in lunch and breakfast prices; eliminating district support for technology, improvement of instruction and professional development; reducing classified support staff, perhaps eliminating some positions; and reducing central office O. Taylor Collins, superin-

tendent of the Jackson City School system, urges legislators to rescind any cuts that have been made so far and restore full funding for education. "It is imperative that we maintain and enhance the great progress that we have made in Kentucky schools," Collins said. "The entire nation is focused on Kentucky and our achievements in our schools. For us to remain in the forefront of schooling in the U.S., our legislators must fully fund elementary, secondary schools and universities," Collins said. "Jackson City School is achieving greatness. Cuts in funding will

put that at risk." James Francis, Hazard City School superintendent, noted that cuts this year and next means a loss of 14 percent of certified staff and an 18 percent loss of classified staff. The Bridge Program, which involves both gifted and academically challenged students, can't be expanded. "Funding cuts means the loss of a writing portfolio specialist, which impacts student achievement," Francis said, "and teachers for art, music and physical educa-

tion must be cut." Francis

noted they have already cut two bus routes and "we just

can't cut any more." Dr. Box and Hazard Community College are part of "Partners for Kentucky's Future"-a group hoping to get the word out to the public about the value of education to Kentucky's future. "To ensure economic success and a high quality of life for its citizens. Kentucky must sustain its commitment to this continuum of education and build on the positive momentum created by its forward-looking actions of the past," is noted in their position paper. Their fundamental message is Promise, Progress and Pride, with three points. One is Kentucky must keep the promise it made to its citizens, children and adults, to improve their educational opportunities at all levels.

the record is clear: We have made progress at all levels, and momentum is on our side. But much work remains to be done. Third, Kentuckians are rightfully proud of these accomplishments, and they recognize that the future of their state is at stake.

Research shows that for every dollar spent on highquality early education programs, taxpayers can expect \$4 to \$7 in benefits. As for elementary and secondary schools, test scores are up. Kentucky is one of only three states to show continuous progress in fourth-grade reading in the National

Assessment of Educational Progress. As for Adult Education, there's good success. In two years, enrollment in adult education jumped by 35,000 students, or 69 percent.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is a major success story. Since 1998, enrollment in KCTCS has grown by more than 22,000 students, an increase of 49 percent. At Hazard Community College, which is part of KCTCS, enrollment hit an all time high of 4,100 students in the fall 2002 semester.

Other research shows that education is the answer for many social problems.

Documentation shows that education has an affect on crime rates, welfare costs, amount raised in taxes, and the amount of civic responsibility.

Call your legislators now.

PCC, Mayo name staff employees of the month



Ruth Perry

Brenda K. Miller, staff associate II at the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, was selected by faculty and staff members as the January Prestonsburg "Staff Employee of the Month"

Miller is the wife of Ted Miller and they reside in She attended Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg Community College and Morehead State University, where she received her bachelor of business administration degree. She has been an employee of the college for 15 plus years.

council members Staff Rachelle Burchett, William Fitzwater and Betty Hunt presented Miller with a certificate and a gift basket. She was over-

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how to build financial freedom.

George R. Snider III, financial consultant at A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., will conduct the workshop that will be held at the MSU/Ashland campus, located at 1401 Winchester Avenue.

Pre-registration is necessary due to limited seating. Additional information is available by calling (606) 329-8011.



■ Brenda K. Miller

whelmed and very humbled to have received such an award.

"I am honored to be the recipient of this award and I want to express my appreciation to everyone who supported me," Miller

Ruth Perry, accountant III at the Mayo campus, was selected by the faculty and staff as the Mayo January "Staff Employee of the Month.

Perry has been an employee at Mayo for approximately 12 years. She is mother of four children, two boys and two girls, and the wife of Jack Perry. She and reside in husband

Award

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Nominations for the NREPC outstanding employee awards are compiled from suggestions by coworkers and supervisors. The outstanding employee

recognition ceremony is usually held during the annual Governor's Conference on the Environment, which was cancelled in 2002 due to budget

Perry is a graduate from Mayo Technical College, where she received a degree in medical secretary, and also a graduate from Prestonsburg Community College, where she received an associate in arts degree.

Staff council members Rachelle Burchett, Betty Hunt and Juanita Parsons presented Perry with and Employee of the Month certificate and a gift basket on Jan. 31. She was more than overwhelmed and felt very honored to receive such an award.

"It is a great honor to receive such an award and I would like to thank the faculty and staff who were a part of making this happen. I feel honored to work with such a wonderful group of people and for such a great institution."

Connection

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haven't found such contentment

moment and reminisce about some of your childhood dreams. Maybe you wanted to be a cosmetologist, a truck driver, an accountant, an LPN or an RN. What about a dental hygienist, a business manager, auto mechanic, or maybe you just wanted to obtain your degree?

Whatever your dreams were, here at Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College, we are ready to make them happen. Give us a call at (888) 641-4132 or (606) 789-5321 and let us help you find the profession you always dreamed about. It doesn't matter how long you have been out of school or if you are just graduating, we want you to succeed and watching you succeed is what makes our dream come true.

Remember you can find us on the web at www.bigsandy.ketcs. edu. See you there!

PSC

companies have the ability to store large quantities of gas that they purchase at times when demand and rates are lower. The stored gas can be withdrawn at times of high demand, reducing the need to purchase gas when wholesale prices are an even-payment plan, allows

"While weather will always affect demand for natural gas and thus affect prices, there are steps companies can take to minimize the impact of seasonal price fluctuations," Dorman said, noting that a recent PSC audit found that the major natural gas retailers in Kentucky are doing a good job of managing their gas purchases. "I think we're seeing the positive effects of some of those efforts

Natural gas prices are higher than they were at this time last year, when unusually warm weather reduced demand for home heating fuels. But this year's prices are much lower than in the winter of 2000-2001, which saw prices rise sharply as the result of very cold weather and a tight wholesale gas market.

With below-normal temperatures forecast to continue into March, Kentucky residents can expect home heating bills to continue to be higher than they were a year ago.

"Unfortunately, it's a double whammy for consumers," Dorman said. "As the weather gets cold, we use more gas, which drives up the wholesale cost and retail rates. If it stays cold, we end up burning more gas at a higher price."

Pays

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Act Investment service providers. The completed application packet must be postmarked by April 15, 2003.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the cab-Web page www.kycwd.org . The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technolo-

Cabinet for Workforce Development - Connecting Kentucky to employment, workforce information, education and training

Kentucky consumers can take a number of steps to soften the impact of higher gas bills in the coming months. They ■ Budget billing: This

customers to pay the same amount each month, based on their average monthly usage over the course of a year. Customers should contact their utility for more information.

Energy conservation measures: Simple steps such a turning down thermostats on furnaces (most people are comfortable at 68 degrees) and water heaters (120 degrees is hot enough for nearly all uses) can be big energy savers.

Energy audits: Many local utilities offer home energy audits at little or no cost to consumers. These audits can identify energy-wasting trouble spots and provide information on how to correct the problems.

■ Weatherization: Windows and doors are among the biggest energy wasters in a typical home. Windows, particularly those without insulated glass, can be covered with plastic. Doors should have adequate weatherstripping. Caulk or weatherstrip gaps around window and door frames. Insulating gaskets for electrical switches and outlets on outside walls also can help reduce heating bills. Crawl space vents should be closed in winter. Cover window air conditioning units in the winter.

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Weatherization programs for low-income families are available in Kentucky. Many local utilities offer weatherization assistance. A state program is administered by the Kentucky option, which is also known as Cabinet for Families and Children and uses local agencies to provide weatherization assistance. Many local utilities also offer weatherization assis-

> For general information about cutting heating costs, utility issues or for assistance with resolving consumer disputes with utilities, contact the PSC by calling 800-772-4636 or go to the PSC Web site at: http://www.psc.state.ky.us/site map.htm#CI

For information on weatherization assistance, call 502-564-7536, Extension 146, or go to:

Jobs

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four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate is seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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heard on any easy. Istening or oldies stations throughout the country today. With hit songs like "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," "The Great Pretender," and "I'll Never Smile Again" The Platters were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, where they so rightly belong.

The Marvelettes occupy an esteemed place in the history of American popular music as the group that caused Motown, and most notably Berry Gordy, to change the label's focus from single bluesy soul artists to a smooth orchestrated harmonic sound that transcended the prior

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racial limits of rhythm and blues. With their first record, "Please, Mr. Postman" hitting the top spot on

the charts Motown was to concentrate on the Marvelettes. Supremes, Temptations, Four Tops, and Martha and the Vandellas and create a new group pop soul sound that totally dominated the music charts until the advent of the Beatles four years later.

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

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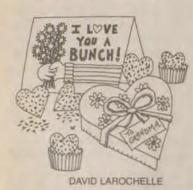
ay Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Send a garden of Valentine wishes

Send a lovely garden of wishes this Valentine's Day with these whimsical paper hearts covered with seeds ready for planting this spring. Gardenseed paper makes planting seeds easier for children and their friends, plus the idea is a charming way to bring loving wishes to others. Here's how:

Purchase a package of flower seeds dated for 2003, or if you have harvested seeds from last fall's harvest in your



own garden, use some of them

for this Valentine gift. Draw a 2-inch heart shape on an index card and cut it out. This will be your pattern. Use a black marker to trace the pattern onto a sheet of construction paper to make approximately 20 hearts. Squeeze 1 tablespoon nontoxic white household glue into a bowl, and dilute with a few drops of water. Lightly "paint" the glue mixture over the paper. While still wet, sprinkle flower seeds with your fin-

Cut out "seed" hearts using the black marker lines as your

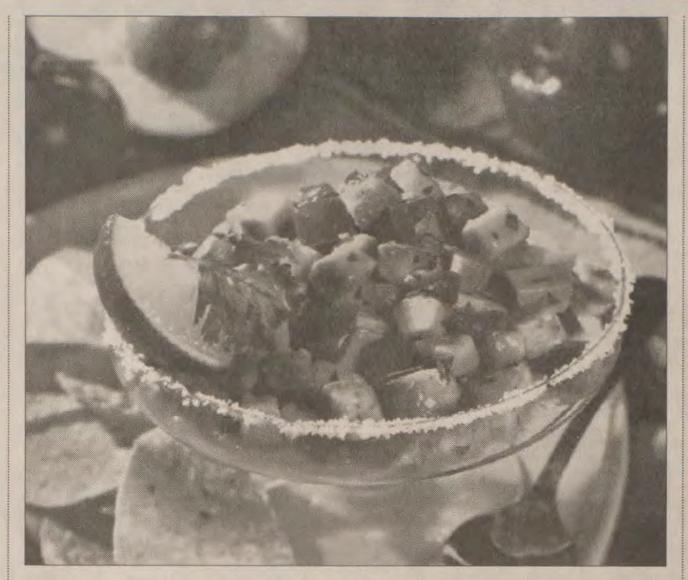
gers inside each heart shape.

Tuck hearts into little Valentine cards to give to classmates and teachers at school, your bus driver, librarian and special neighbors. Include instructions to plant paper hearts in the garden this summer or to grow indoors this spring in a container of potting soil: Cover with soil, water regularly and watch for sprouts to

If you wish to send a special Valentine to grandparents, make your own card with a sheet of construction paper folded in half. Decorate with cutouts, doilies and stickers. Write a verse on the outside, such as "My love for you grows and grows." Tuck seed hearts inside. For extra fun, draw a picture of the type of flower that will grow from the enclosed seeds, such as a bright yellow sunflower! Place in a large enve-

Extra tip: If you saved a standard heart-shaped Valentine chocolate box from last year, fill it with paper candy cups or small cupcake papers. Make a sheet filled with 1-inch seed hearts, cut them out and tuck them in the paper cups. Replace lid, decorate, and add a message such as "Sprinkle seeded hearts in a warm sunny spot to grow a Garden of Love!"

lope and send.



AVOCADOS AREN'T JUST FOR GUACAMOLE

We've been waiting for them for almost a year. Now they're in the produce market, and in abundance - the Mexican Hass variety of avocados. We must take advantage of their availability now, as the season wanes in

I think of them as the Jekyll and Hyde of fruits. Because inside that not-so-pretty, rough, pebbly, dark green exterior lies a beautiful, velvety smooth, light yellow-green flesh that is not only full of flavor but is also full of nutrients vitamin E, folic acid, other B vitamins and potassium. And the fats are the "good" ones recommended for a heart-

by Philomena healthy diet. Mexican Hass avocados are so good because, for the American market, the USDA has stringent standards for growing, harvesting, grading and even packing. They must be grown in certified orchards and pass USDA inspection in the packinghouses and at U.S. ports of

Avocados are ripe when they yield to gentle thumb pressure at the bottom. If not, you may keep them on the kitchen counter, or to hasten ripening, put them in a paper bag. Don't refrigerate them.

And don't limit them to the guacamole bowl. Try

these dishes. What makes the salsa unique, in addition to the avocado, is the wee bit of tequila. And the Tortilla Spirals mixture could very nicely make a delicious sandwich or filling for a wrap.

AVOCADO-TEQUILA SALSA

2 fully ripened Mexican avocados I cup diced plum tomatoes

2 tablespoons chopped cilantro 1 to 2 tablespoons lime juice

1 tablespoon tequila 1/2 teaspoon salt

Cut avocados lenothwise around middle; twist avocados to separate halves; remove pits with a knife blade; scoop out pulp with a spoon; dice. In a mediumsized bowl, combine avocados, tomatoes, cilantro, lime juice, tequila and salt; toss

gently. Cover surface with plastic wrap; chill until ready to serve.

Spoon salsa into a small bowl. Or, if desired, rub a lime wedge around the rim of a margarita glass or bowl; dip rim in kosher (coarse) salt; fill glass with salsa (refill as needed). Garnish with lime wedge or cilantro sprig and serve with tortilla chips, jicama slices or sweet red

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Comfort foods Made fast and

by JoAnna M. Lund

You get a lot of grilled taste from just a few ingredients when you whip these up. My husband, Cliff, has always been partial to Reuben

Grilling indoors

Sandwiches, and as I'm partial to Cliff, I created these with him in

REUBEN GRILL

2 tablespoons fat-free Thousand Island dressing

4 slices reduced-calorie rye bread 2 (3/4-ounce) slices reduced-fat Swiss cheese

I (8-ounce) can sauerkraut, rinsed and well-drained

1 (2.5-ounce) package 90 percent lean sliced corned beef

Spread 1 tablespoon Thousand Island dressing on 2 slices of bread. Top each with I slice Swiss cheese, half of sauerkraut, half of corned beef and remaining slice of bread. Lightly spray tops with butter-flavored cooking spray. Place sand-

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Dear Diane...

Shocked and repulsed

DEAR DIANE:

I am 27 years old and have been dating "Janine" for more than three months. Janine is 34 years old, slender, with vivid blue eyes and raven-black hair. She is absolutely stunning. She is also one of the greatest conversationalists I've ever met. All things considered, she is, for me, the perfect woman.

Perfect, that is, until last weekend, On Friday night, Janine and I decided to

take our relationship to the next level, if you know what I mean. I'd wondered why Janine always wore pantsuits. On Friday night I found out.

Janine has a fake leg.

Diane, I honestly do adore Janine. But when I got a look at her stump, I nearly lost my lunch. I don't know what to do. It was obvious to Janine that I was shocked and repulsed by her infirmity. I feel so horrible.

I want to continue my relationship with Janine. If it weren't for this one problem, I think I would've asked her to marry me by

What should I do? - A WRECK IN WILKES-BARRE

DEAR WRECK:

I don't think the fact that Janine has one leg is really the issue here. I think you were just surprised by the fact that your "perfect" woman has one sock too many. She should have given you some kind of

notice before the two of you became intimate. If she had done that, I don't think you would have been so shocked or repulsed. Give your relationship more time. Give

Janine a second chance and don't rob yourself of the romance of a lifetime because you were caught off-guard.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail her at DearDianeV@aol.com

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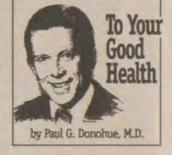
Scarred lungs have symptoms similar to Emphysema

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My husband died at age 62. He had been treated for emphysema for a number of years. An autopsy showed that he did not have emphysema but pulmonary fibrosis. Would he have lived longer if this condition had been discovered and treated? - K.S.

ANSWER:

Pulmonary fibrosis is a strange illness whose cause is not known. It usually surfaces between the ages of 50 and 70. Its hallmark symptom is struggling to



get enough air. Breathing is labored. A dry cough is another prominent symptom.

It behaves enough like emphysema that it is often mistaken as that more-common lung

Scar tissue ("fibrosis") fills the lungs. Oxygen cannot pass through the barrier of scar tissue to reach the blood. That is why patients are breathless at all times.

The treatment of pulmonary fibrosis is as vexing as not knowing why it occurs. Cortisone drugs are often prescribed, but they have far less than 100 percent effectiveness.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Bonehead

Larry Terherst

(FROM "A 3RD HELPING OF CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL") Reprinted by permission of Larry Terherst. (c)1995 Larry Terherst.

As long as I live, I won't forget when I met Alvin C. Hass for the first time in 1991. The other inmate in the prison class didn't use the name "Alvin Hass" when he introduced us - not even close! He introduced Alvin as "Bonehead." Immediately, I felt uncomfortable with Alvin's nickname. The tall, soft-spoken inmate wouldn't look at me as he shook my hand. Needless to say, "Bonehead" was bald-headed. The hair that he had

on the sides went way down past his shoulders. I felt as though I was staring at him, and I tried not to look. But there was a large (and very intimidating) tattoo on top of his bald head. (Yes! A tattoo on his head!) The tatfor the Sou too was of Harley-Davidson wings, and it

his head. As a teacher, I try to maintain excellent composure during stressful times, and I made it through that first day of class. At the end of the period, "Bonehead" slipped me a note while

covered the entire top of

he was filing out of the classroom. I thought: "Oh, no! He's telling me that I'm going to be

'taken out' by his other 'Harley' buddies if I don't' give him a good grade or something like that." A little later, I had a chance to read the note. It said, "Teach (he always called me

'Teach'), breakfast is an important meal and if you're not in by then, you're in big trouble! Bonehead, the Mountain Hippie."

Bonehead completed a series of six classes with me over many months. He was an excellent student who seldom

spoke. However, he handed me a note nearly every day with some type of saying, tidbit, anecdote or otherwise advice for life. I looked forward to receiving them and became a little disappointed if by chance he didn't give me one. I still have them all today.

Bonehead and I clicked. Somehow, I knew that each time I opened my mouth to teach, he understood me. He silently soaked up everything I said. We were connected.

At the conclusion of the course, each student received a certificate. Bonehead had completed the course doing excellent work the entire way through, and I was excited to give him his certificate.

We were alone when I presented his certificate of completion. I shook his hand and briefly told him what a pleasure it was to have had him in my classes and that I appreciated his hard work, excellent attendance and superior attitude. His response stayed with me and continues to make a deep impression on my life. In that soft voice of his, Bonehead said: "Thank you, Larry. You're the first teacher in my life that ever told me I did anything right."

As I walked away, I was awash with emotion. I could hardly hold back the tears thinking that in all of

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Books: Star-Spangled Manners

Star-Spangled Manners: In Which Miss Manners Defends American Etiquette (For a Change)

by Judith Martin (W.W. Norton & Co., \$23.95) Reviewed by David Smith

With wit and grace, syndicated columnist Judith Martin (aka "Miss Manners") takes us, her Gentle Readers, on a tour of American social history with the intent to explain to all that American Etiquette is not simply Euro-lite, but a new set of

social rules that attempt to a title, many suggestions were embrace the principles of equality set down by the founding

While European etiquette is mired in antiquated class hierarchy and elitism, America is in the midst of reinventing a new code of manners that celebrates the individual's right to selfexpression, and the need to respect others' rights as well.

The shuffling-off of the old European stuffiness has presented this country with quite a few challenges - especially at the dawn of our republic. When it came time to give the president offered: His Elective Majesty, His High Mightiness, and, as Martin writes, "His Supremacy, His Supreme Mightiness, His Serene Highness, and numerous other variations along the lines of, but stopping just short of, Superman.

Eventually, the founding fathers settled on simply. "Mr. President." But then, there came the sticky situation of what to call the president's wife. Martha Washington was called Lady Washington. Dolly Madison was called Her Majesty (which she loved).

Finally, writes Martin, the problem was reconciled with "quasi-official sanction being given to a title, 'First Lady,' that, as Jacqueline Kennedy pointed out, ... makes the president's wife sound like a saddle horse."

From the Declaration of Independence's "pursuit of happiness" to Casual Fridays, "Star-Spangled Manners" is a quick and entertaining romp through American history and mores. Highly recommended.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local

Did you know that slugs have four noses?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates is a bridge player - and a good one, by all accounts. He recently competed in the World Bridge Championships held in Montreal, and he and his partner just barely missed making the final round of competi-

■ There is a recognized world record for the dubious sport of accurate wine-spitting. It's 11 feet, 6 inches.

Many people don't know that in all the films made about Tarzan (and there are an awful lot of them), the title character never says, "Me Tarzan, you Jane." Just as in the classic Bogart-Bergman film "Casablanca," no one utters the line, "Play it again, Sam."

Inexplicably, slugs have four noses.

■ Talk about ignominious ways to die: A 72-year-old woman in Buckinghamshire, England, was killed after slipping in her bathroom and impaling herself on the toilet brush. It went through her eye and into her brain, probably killing her instantly.

■ It is illegal to put livestock on a school bus in Florida.

It has been reported that to keep cool during baseball games, Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap. It would wilt in the heat, though, so he had to get a fresh one every two innings.

Play-Doh was originally marketed as

■ The first black lawmaker to be sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives was Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina. Some consider this surprising not only because he was elected in a Southern state, but also because of how early it occurred - in 1870.

■ The man who wrote "The Prince of Tides," Pat Conroy, once said, "I've always found paranoia to be a perfectly defensible position."

Thought for the Day: "If one tells the truth, one is sure, sooner or later, to be found out." -- Oscar Wilde

Ports of call: C'est La Vie Montreal

By Bethany Murray

In Montreal, they don't sweat the cold. They go underground.

Every city should be so smart. In parts of downtown Montreal, you can go shopping, eat in restaurants, change subway trains, get to work and check into hotels without ever having to brave the cold winter air - or the spring rain, the summer heat, etc. Three sets of tunnels have grouped into three "neighborhoods" in underground Montreal. You can wander to the Eaton Center; a number of train stations; the indoor ice rink at 1001 de la Gauchetière: the theater, concert halls and art museum at Place des Arts; the office towers, food court or cinemas Complexe Desjardins; and much, much more.

Place Ville-Marie set off the undergroundaccess trend in 1962, and once the metro opened in 1966, the network really started to grow. Now 30 percent of downtown buildings are connected. So shop, sleep, work and eat without worrying about weather or traffic. For

www.toutmontreal.com/english/eguide/ underground/underground.html.

Back above ground: On Feb. 8-9, you can enjoy the third and final weekend of La Fête des Neiges - the Snow Festival. Everwhite events fill Sainte Hélène Island in Parc Jean Drapeau as Montrealers embrace the winter with warmth - refusing to stay inside, playing like children, exchanging hugs with Boule de Neige ("Snowball"), the lovable, fuzzy polar bear mascot of the 21-year-old festival.

Ongoing events the weekend of the fete include: Fort Plaisant, where 18th-century characters tell tales of life in their days and teach historic games; the Couriers and the Gazette, a race in which messengers distribute newspapers while bicycling - on ice; the House of Mittens, a puppet theater workshop where kids make puppets out of mittens; the Spoilsports' Hideout, where grouchy winterhating characters pooh-pooh winter and the festival fun, and children do their best to persuade them that they're wrong; and the

Glacier, a huge hunk of ice from an imaginary land, a labyrinth populated by the Esprits de l'Hiver ("spirits of winter").

At any point during festival hours, strap on your blades (the original sharp shiny metal kind) and hop onto the ever-popular Skaters' Path, 1.5 kilometers of ice through downtown; and take a couple of speedy runs on the Tube Slides, which will send you careening down chutes of snow and ice, with beautiful views of downtown. And to cap it all off, on Sunday, Feb. 9, Boule de Neige leads a parade of children along the "BOULEvard" for the festival closing.

Almost everything is free of charge; tube sliding, dogsled rides and the House of Mittens workshop each have a small charge. For more information, go to www.fetedesneiges.com/en/ or call (514) 872-6120.

Send comments, ideas or tips to portsofcall2001@aol.com, or send letters c/o KFWS. P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Coupon cutter: Eat healthier



By Marge Svenson

If you're trying to stick to your New Year's resolutions, this week's subject is how to make big inroads on your plans in small ways.

When we set goals, we tend to think they have to be accomplished quickly, and we get discouraged if that doesn't happen. Slow, steady progress actually makes better sense, particularly if you're trying to learn new lifestyle habits, such as getting more sleep or eating healthier foods.

make a few small compromises here and there. Perhaps you can stay up later on two nights and go to bed earlier the rest of the week. Switch brands and eat lower-fat salad dressing or margarine for the long-term calorie savings, or eliminate sugar from your diet. Or make a vow to eat a piece of whole fruit before each meal, which is a great way to lose weight, with better health

Here are this week's coupons savings:

Kashi offers a \$1 coupon on any of its GoLean frozen waffles and 70 cents off any package of GoLean cereal. Save 70 cents on any two GoLean snack bars. Expires Feb.

· • This Is a Hammer

■ Wishbone offers a 25-cent coupon on Don't deprive yourself of pleasures, but any of its Just2Good! salad dressings with two grams of fat per serving. Expires March

■ Special K offers a \$1 coupon on any two 12-oz. or larger boxes of its cereal. Expires Feb. 16.

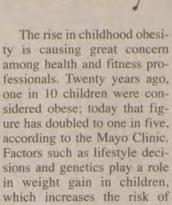
Save 75 cents on any two packages of V8 vegetable juice, any variety. Expires

■ Brummel & Brown offers a 40-cent coupon on any of its buttery bread spread or fruit-flavored spreads. Expires April 30.

Splenda has a 55-cent coupon on any of its sugar substitutes. Expires April 15.

■ Gorton's offers a 40-cent coupon on any of its grilled fish fillet dinners. Expires

Kids and Obesity



Children in America are a reflection of the rise in obesity among American adults, making this condition a family affair.

developing diseases due to the

serious condition of obesity.

Causes of this epidemic include fewer physical-education classes at school, fastfood advertising and the use of computers and video games. And while all of these play a role, the development of a responsible and well-planned program for the whole family seems to be the key to resolving the problem of obesity among children. Here are some suggestions:

· Get the whole family involved in healthy nutrition and exercise routines that breed good habits. Children



like to feel accepted and fit in. Singling them out as needing a "special" program or "different" meal plan from the rest of the family can cause them to feel ashamed and embarrassed. Proper nutrition and exercise are good for everyone, so even if only one member of your family is dealing with obesity, developing good habits will benefit everyone.

. Don't focus on the media's idea of what is healthy or fit. Being "skinny" does not mean you are healthy or fit. Meet with your child's physician and a fitness professional to set realistic and safe goals.

· Have fun! Play family games together that require everyone to MOVE. Ride bicycles, walk around the block, play basketball in the yard or perform classic exercises such as jumping jacks, push-ups and crunches. Encourage your childen to find a physical activity they enjoy. and support them.

Unfortunately, we cannot control our genetics, so we must focus on what we can control. Awareness and planning can limit the potential for this condition to develop.

Block

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bell pepper slices. Yield: 3

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1/2 cup prepared Caesar or Ranch salad dressing, divided 1/2 pound sliced smoked

deli turkey 1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce 2 large plum tomatoes, sliced lengthwise

I tablespoon lime juice Cut avocados lengthwise

around middle; twist to separate halves; remove pit with knife. Holding halves cut side down, cut 1 or 2 slits in skin and peel back. Very thinly slice flesh. Brush one side of tortillas with half the dressing. Layer turkey, lettuce, tomatoes and avocado on tortillas, dividing evenly; sprinkle with lime juice and remaining 1/4 cup dressing. Roll up each filled tortilla; wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least half an hour. To serve: Trim ends of wraps, cut remainder to make 5 or 6 slices; arrange spirals on platter. Makes 25 to 30 spirals.

Foods

wiches, sprayed side down, on a griddle or in a large skillet. Cook over medium-low heat for about 5 minutes. Lightly spray tops with butter-flavored cooking spray and flip over. Continue grilling for about 5 minutes or until golden brown. Serve at once. Makes 2 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 208

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calories, 8 g fat, 14 g protein, 20 g carb., 939 mg sodium, 5 g fiber Diabetic Exchanges Meat, 1 Starch, 1 Vegetable. Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call 1-800-766-8961 for

recipes.

Soup

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Bonehead's growing-up years, no one ever told him he had done anything right.

Now, I'm from the "old school." I was raised in a conservative setting, and I believe criminals must pay for their wrongdoing and be held accountable. Yet I've asked myself several times, "Could it be, by chance, just by chance, that Bonehead's never hearing 'You did that right' or 'Good

job' might have had anything at all to do with why he ended up in prison?'

That moment's experience

more information about her "common folk" healthy

implanted in my heart the desire to make sure I acknowledge, in a positive way, every student that does something 'right.'

Thanks, Bonehead, for telling me that I, too, did something right,

Health

■ Continued from p4 DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My mother, nearing 80, can-

not understand the necessity of

bathing regularly. She is restrict-

ed in what she can do because of

a bad heart. I have offered to

have a caregiver come over

every couple of days to bathe her

in the shower or tub. She would

comply if I could make a case

for the relationship between

cleanliness and good health. Can

Colchicine, a gout medicine, has helped a few patients. New treatments that hold promise are under evaluation.

I understand how upsetting it is to learn your husband had a condition for which he was not treated. I doubt that if the diagnosis had been made during his life, it would have given him any more years of living.

Lung transplantation, when the situation lends itself to transplantation, is the ultimate thera-

Pulmonary fibrosis is rare. Pulmonary emphysema is common. People who would like to learn more about emphysema and chronic bronchitis can obtain the report on those ills by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 601W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 and the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

you help? - E.D.

I don't know of information that proves how long a person can go without bathing before a skin infection takes hold. Damp. unwashed skin creases, such as those under the arms and in the groin, provide breeding grounds for both fungi and bacteria if personal hygiene goes to pot. Your mother does not need the twice-daily showers that teenagers are apt to take, but she should have a bath or shower once a week.

The Case of the Vanishing Toilet Water

By Samantha Mazzotta

I have two toilets in my home. One toilet is used more frequently than the other. Unfortunately, the other toilet does not preserve water in the bowl during the winter months. The tank remains full but the water in the toilet bowl vanishes over 8 hours. This causes sewer fumes to fill my house. The mystery: Why does this only happen during cold weather? I do not experience this during warm weather. There are no obvious leaks around the tank or under the floor. I flush the toilet twice a day in an effort to maintain the water level in the bowl. By the way, there are no pets in the house slurping this water away. The mystery remains unsolved! - Sheila L.

Aha, but it's no mystery at all! The problem -Athanks to your detailed description - is a partially blocked vent in your home's drain/waste/vent system.

A home's DWV system is one of those amazing mechanisms that folks never really notice until something goes wrong. The array creates a careful balance between gravity and air pressure to ensure that waste goes straight to the sewer or septic system, and

that sewer gas is dispersed outdoors. The pressurized environment of a DWV system is pretty stable - a clogged sink or toilet won't upset the entire process. However, a blockage within a

large vent or drain stack can cause trouble. When airflow is blocked, a vacuum is created, and both air and waste material get pulled in the wrong directions. In your case, the water in your toilet bowl is being sucked out of the drain trap, and sewer gases are rising to take the water's place. This is a problem I hear about

often in winter. The blockage is

often caused by frost forming

inside an undersized vent stack.

Warm, humid air created by hot

water draining from the shower,

the dishwasher, the washing

machine, etc. rises into the stack.

Frost within the vent stack could be exacerbated by an existing partial clog, such as grease or soap seum at the connections, or a bird's nest built atop the vent. The solution is to have the

ices up.

vent stack (or stacks) checked and cleared by a professional plumber. He'll look for frost or ice dams inside the pipe and will use a plumber's snake to clear debris from deep inside the vent.

The moisture condenses as it

cools, runs down the inside of the

pipe, and, in freezing weather,

Until the plumber arrives, continue to flush that spare toilet at least twice a day (and more if you remember to). This will hopefully maintain some equilibrium within the DWV system and keep the sewer gas out of your living areas.

Amber Waves



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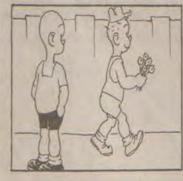
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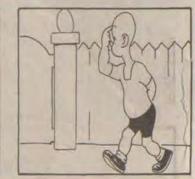
































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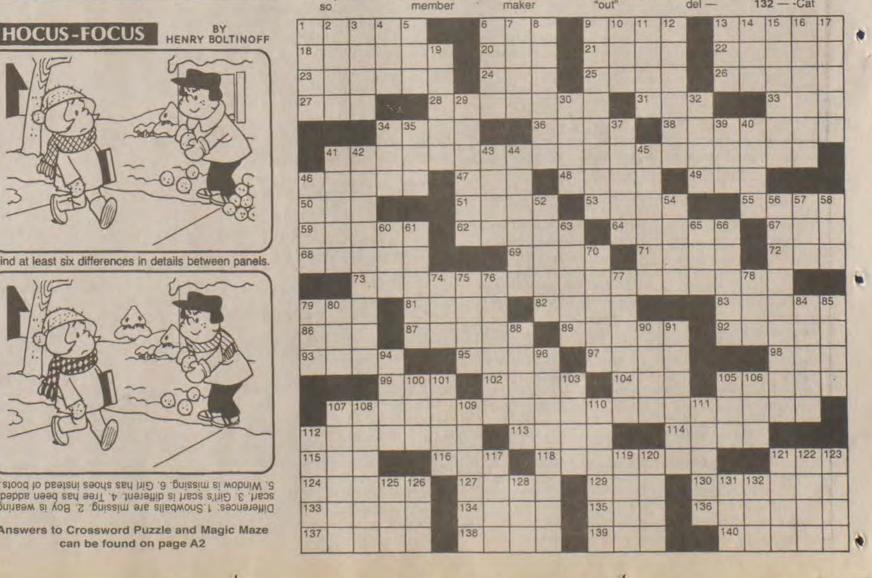
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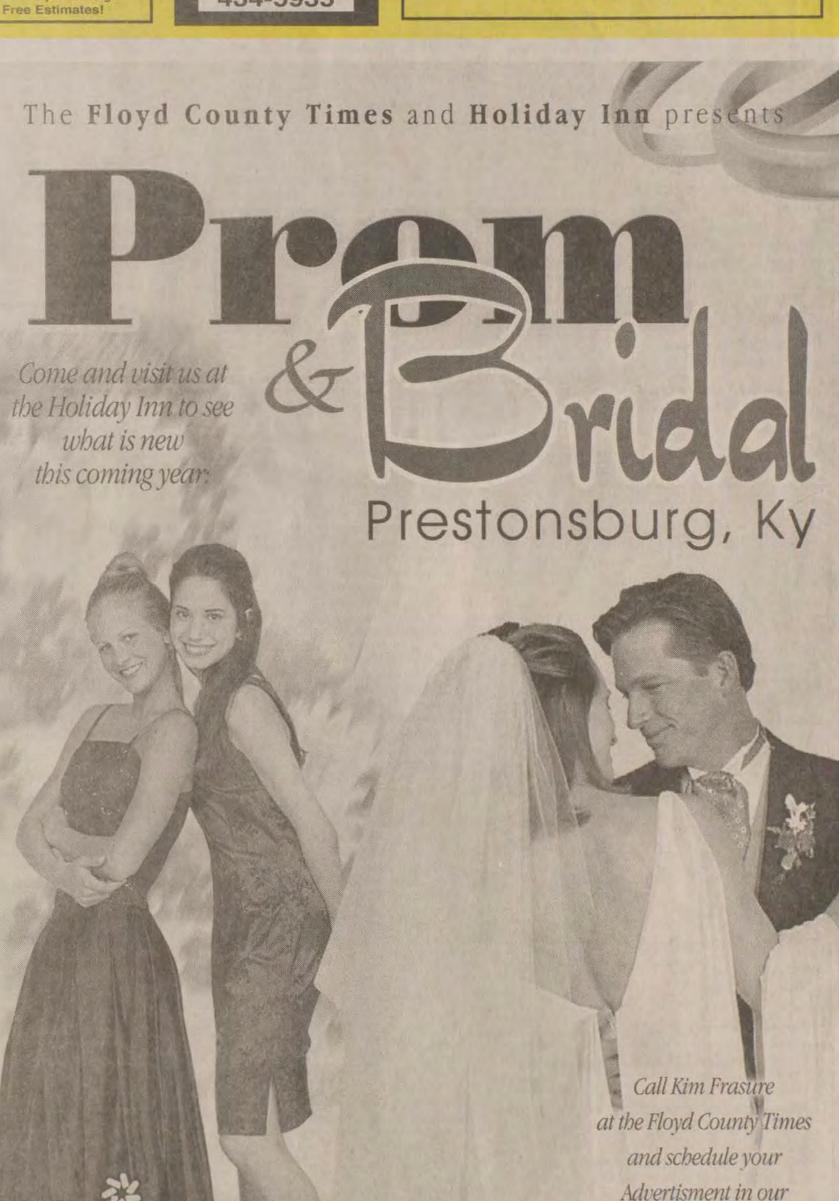
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