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briefs

Drug initiatives get money

LEXINGTON — U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced Friday that he has secured \$8 million for a new drug initiative in southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The region-wide grant program will focus on three points: creating regional drug task forces, pooling resources for interdiction, confiscation and undercover programs; establishing drug treatment programs; and expanding drug education and awareness programs.

The project will be operated out of the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, according to a statement Friday.

Rogers also announced on Friday that he has obtained an additional \$7.5 million for his prescription drug monitoring program. The money will fund grants for states looking either to create a monitoring program or upgrade an existing program.

Rogers also said Friday that another \$13 million in federal funding will be used to eliminate toll-booths on the Daniel Boone and Cumberland parkways in southern and eastern Kentucky.

The funding relieves a large portion of Kentucky's parkway burden and will allow the state to refinance its bonds at a lower rate. Kentucky currently owes \$26 million in bonds for all the toll roads in the state, Rogers said.

LPC grinds to halt over P'burg

Mayor says city has no choice but secession

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The Floyd County Local Planning Committee was only able to discuss one major item of a draft facilities plan on Thursday after the proposed designation of Prestonsburg Elementary

as a transitional school sparked a lengthy debate.

Although five items for discussion were on the agenda for the night's meeting, the controversy over Prestonsburg prevented the panel from getting past the first during the 90-minute meeting.

When a school is labeled as

transitional, no major renovation can be made using construction funds to pay for the project.

George Cawood, LPC facilitator, told the committee that Prestonsburg Elementary would be designated as transitional because it was in the floodplain, was an old building and there is limited access to and from the school.

Gary Frazier disagreed with the explanation.

"That school will be here when

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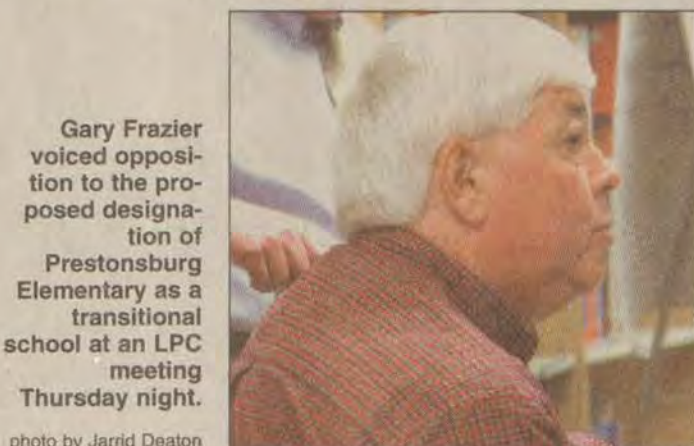


photo by Jarrid Deaton



A truck belonging to Machinery Mining of Ashland was involved in a single-vehicle accident Friday morning at Tram. According to officers at the scene, the truck hit a median divider, causing it to overturn. The driver of the truck was hospitalized after the accident. Hydraulic and transmission spilled from the truck, necessitating a cleanup. The wreck resulted in another mishap shortly afterwards involving a Toyota car rear-ending a sport-utility vehicle.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd raising trash bills \$2

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — The Floyd County Solid Waste Board voted on Friday to raise the monthly rate for garbage pickup.

Residents will be billed for \$12 per household monthly for the garbage services. The previous rate was set for \$10 per month.

Commercial hand pickup will be \$15 per month with the county receiving 15 percent of the fees collected. Other commercial customers were increased by \$0.50 per cubic yard, with the county receiving 15 percent of the collected fees.

Transfer stations will be billed \$43.75 per ton with

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After deadly year, ADD enlisting students' help

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Area Development District Highway Safety Program is attempting to reduce what they report as the highest fatality rate in 25 years on Kentucky highways by addressing drivers at the "grass-roots" level.

According to Big Sandy ADD's report on "High Schools for Highway Safety", 901 people lost their lives on Kentucky's highways in 2001. They report that 27 percent of fatal crashes involved drivers under the age of 24, prompting them to save future lives by creating awareness to the dangers of driving at the

grass-roots level.

The Highway Safety Program, which is composed of members from law enforcement agencies and transportation experts, as well as county and city officials, has developed a project that will encourage students to gain technological experience, while learning about the dangers associated with driving. Freddie Goble, Big Sandy ADD director of transportation, said that since Powerpoint Presentations are popular in today's world, the committee has taken the opportunity to expose students to it by encouraging them to create a presentation utilizing one of the three causes of past fatal

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Appalachia home to abiding sense of having been wronged

by DEBORAH HASTINGS AP NATIONAL WRITER

WHITESBURG — Taking the network's money bothered him not a whit. He cut the radio ad himself, in his rich, trained voice created by an accent straight off the mountains.

G.C. Kincer owns WIFX-FM, broadcasting classic rock and contemporary hits over a 60-mile area

near the Virginia state line. He is a small, proud businessman in a small, proud town. So if CBS wanted him to help them find a local family and make them rich, that was fine by him.

More than fine. More like reparations for years of exploitation.

Kincer has lived in Eastern Kentucky for most of his life. He has seen far worse come over these mountains than a media giant with a

fat wallet looking for "The Real Beverly Hillbillies" — real hill people to star in a reality series based on the 1960s sitcom.

"The damage was done here a long time ago," said Kincer, whose father worked the dank mines here in Letcher County. "The damage was done when the first coal company came here and stripped the

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Dealer avoids jail to pay child support

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Kevin Hamby, 33, of Wheelwright, pleaded guilty to second-degree trafficking codeine before Circuit Judge John David Caudill Friday afternoon, but was offered a probationary sentence in what Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said was not a common move, considering the charge.

The decision to spare Hamby from jail time came when considering a second

charge against Hamby for flagrant nonsupport exceeding \$8,000.

The two cases were combined Friday and resulted in the probationary sentence for Hamby after the court and the commonwealth considered the wishes of Hamby's wife and children.

According to Turner, who said the commonwealth met with Hamby's wife, the family would have been put into a "hardship" situation if Hamby

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A two-vehicle wreck in Prestonsburg at the Archer Park entrance slowed traffic in Prestonsburg Friday morning. The accident involved a Mitsubishi car and a Nissan truck around 9 a.m.

photo by Rita Brock

Man pleads guilty to chase charges

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Thomas J. Miller, the driver who led a host of law enforcement officials on a chase from Prestonsburg to McDowell last year, pleaded guilty and was sentenced on three of the 10 counts brought against him.

When arrested, Miller was charged with fleeing or evading police, seven counts of first-degree

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# Odds and Ends

■ **BALTIMORE** — They're known as the foods that get you in the mood. Experts say dark chocolate, chili peppers and raw oysters have no more power to arouse than a heap of cooked broccoli.

"There's no proof to it," said Cynthia Finley, a registered dietitian at the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center. "There hasn't been any conclusive evidence that any of these foods work as aphrodisiacs."

Lovers around the world continue to think some foods boost the libido, showing that when it comes to love, myth is mightier than science.

"There is something in those oysters," said Dhana Rice, a 38-year-old Baltimore waitress. "Whatever feeling is there, those oysters pump it up."

Some believe spicy foods like chili peppers and curries are aphrodisiacs because they raise heart rates and cause sweating, reactions that occur during sex.

Finley says it's all bunk. The only sure way to increase libido is to exercise and eat right.

"Those people who have bet-

ter cardiac function also have better sex lives," she said.

■ **TONASKET, Wash.** — The first roar woke Dick Riddle at 1:14 a.m. Another jolted him awake at 2:28 a.m., and one more at 5:05 a.m.

"It'll make the hair on the back of your neck stand up," said Riddle, recalling the "gut-wrenching" sound and a sleepless night a week ago.

The noise was coming from the yard of Riddle's neighbor, Stacey Storm, who keeps two big cats — Jonathan, a 600-pound African lion and Selena, a 500-pound Siberian tiger — in her yard.

Riddle has complained to the sheriff's office and the County Commission, and has testified at a House Judiciary Committee hearing last month in favor of a bill that would allow only trained professionals or certified institutions to own dangerous wild animals.

Storm compares Jonathan's bellows to the barking of a dog. "It's not an annoying thing. He roars when he hears a stranger around," she said.

And Selena only makes a growly, purring sound that doesn't carry across the valley, she said.

Last November, Okanogan County cited Storm for a noise ordinance violation. The county prosecutor wants her to pay a \$150 fine and keep the lion quiet for a year. Storm said she won't do it.

"I'm being harassed," she said. "It's an invasion of my constitutional rights."

County Prosecutor Karl Sloan said it might take a new state law to solve Riddle's problem.

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — A 45-year-old Oregon man finished a 4,250-mile cross-country tricycle trip, saying he did it to make people aware of the benefits of pedal power and gas-free travel.

Dan Price rode an average 50

to 60 miles per day on the 33-pound, 27-speed tricycle.

"I haven't bought any gas at all on this trip, at a time when the country is taking about going to war over oil," Price said Thursday.

He began the journey in his hometown of Joseph, Ore., on Nov. 1.

Price originally planned to make an 8,500-mile trip ending in Oregon in July, but is ending the trek because traffic along the

way deterred his desire to continue.

He pedaled from Oregon to San Diego, across Texas and through New Orleans, then through western Florida on his way to Key West. He carried a compact tent and spent most nights camping.

Price finished up his trek at Sloppy Joe's Bar. He was presented with a slice of Key lime pie, a T-shirt and a beer from the management of the bar that

Ernest Hemingway once patronized.

"When I was in high school I read almost all of Hemingway's books, and he was a huge influence on my becoming a writer and having adventures," Price said.

■ **CLEVELAND** — Connie Post has seen an awful lot of dresses, wedding cakes and bou-

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## Appalachia

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land and never put one dime back into it and then took off."

Leaving mountains without peaks, as if knives had been pulled across piles of flour. Abandoning rivers and wells choked with chemicals and sewage. Creating towns, only to quit them. Leaving lungs eaten by black dust.

It happened in Kentucky, in West Virginia, in Virginia and in Tennessee, most of the places CBS has sent scouts armed with \$1,000 rewards to find a family with two children between the ages of 17 and 25; not well-traveled, preferably with a grandmother in tow.

"The Real Beverly Hillbillies" would pluck them out of a holler and drop them into Hollywood as stars of a reality series. They would receive up to \$500,000 for one

year's work plus exotic trips, luxury cars, a butler, a cook and a maid — all in exchange for being watched by television viewers.

And ridiculed and laughed at, say rural advocacy groups such as The Center for Rural Strategies, whose national newspaper ads criticizing the series prompted thousands to write angry e-mails, forcing CBS into a public relations battle.

Entertainment president Leslie Moonves apologized last month, saying the network never intended to offend.

But Appalachia has little patience for being judged.

For some, the resentments date to the black-and-white photographs of despairing Appalachian poverty captured by Walker Evans. Others stiffen

at the recollection of President Lyndon B. Johnson, 40 years ago, choosing Kentucky to declare his war on poverty.

No matter how well-meaning the VISTA volunteers and Life magazine photographers and newspaper reporters who followed LBJ, they communicated in ways large and small that there was something wrong with these folks, something that needed to be shown to the rest of the country.

In 1968, a Letcher County landowner shot a documentary filmmaker to death, later claiming he was defending himself against defamation.

Life can be cheap in the hills of Eastern Kentucky. But more often, it is precious and carefully guarded. Helping each other is a way of life because the land can be so hard and unforgiving.

These valleys carry an inferiority complex, and an abiding sense of having been wronged. Appalachia is a place some Americans like to judge, to feel better about themselves.

Bill Gorman is mayor of Hazard, about 30 minutes and a few economic opportunities up from Whitesburg on Highway 15. He smokes a pipe and wears a thigh-length black leather coat, soft as butter.

He has been mayor since 1978 and he is shameless when it comes to attracting attention and money to this place where his ancestors arrived 300 years

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2003. There are 318 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated, in Haleyville, Ala.

### On this date:

■ In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate "Philadelphia," which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

■ In 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

■ In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

■ In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.

■ In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt.

■ In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

■ In 1948, NBC-TV began airing its first nightly newscast, "The Camel Newsreel Theatre," which consisted of Fox Movietone newsreels.

■ In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

■ In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

■ In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

### Ten years ago:

Prices fell as Wall Street reacted unfavorably to President Clinton's economic austerity plan previewed in a White House address the night before.

### Five years ago:

A China Airlines Airbus A-300-600-R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board and six people on the ground. Skier Hermann Maier of Austria won the Super-G, and Katja Seizinger of Germany won the women's downhill at the Nagano Olympics.

### One year ago:

President Bush, en route to a three-nation tour of Asia, stopped off at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, where he told hundreds of cheering U.S. soldiers that "America will not blink" in the fight against terrorism and Osama bin Laden. Authorities in Noble, Ga., arrested Ray Brent Marsh, who'd been operating a crematory where dozens of decomposing corpses were found stacked in storage sheds and scattered in the woods behind it. Former Cabinet member and Common Cause founder John W. Gardner died in Stanford, Calif., at age 89.

### Today's Birthdays:

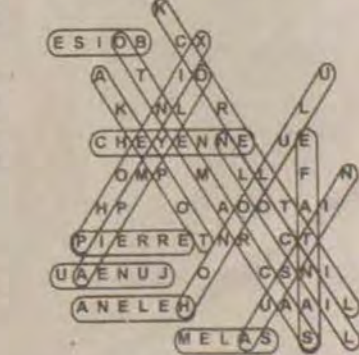
Singer Patty Andrews is 83. Movie director John Schlesinger is 77. Kim Jong Il, the president of North Korea, is 61. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 57. Actor Pete Postlethwaite is 57. Actor William Katt is 52. Actor James Ingram is 47. Actor LeVar Burton is 46. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 45. Actress Lisa Loring is 45. Tennis Hall of Fame player John McEnroe is 44. Rock musician Andy Taylor (Duran Duran) is 42. Singer Sam Salter is 25.

### Thought for Today:

"Anybody can make history. Only a great man can write it." — Oscar Wilde (1854-1900).



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The Floyd County Solid Waste Board voted to increase the monthly garbage bill for county residents from \$10 to \$12 per month on Friday.

## Trash

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the county receiving 15 percent. The PRIDE, FEMA and other county sponsored cleanups will be \$37.50 per ton at the transfer station with no 15 percent host fee applicable.

Any other cities, counties or major waste producers who want to dispose of waste at the transfer sta-

tion will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and priced accordingly by mutual consent of the waste producer, the Floyd County Solid Waste Board and Waste Management.

The next scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Solid Waste Board is May 14.

## Safety

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crashes on East Kentucky roads. Driver error and inattention were the number one cause, with drug and alcohol abuse and failure to use seat belts following in sequence.

Each of Floyd County's five high-schools will be asked to create, design, direct and produce a presentation with a serious message, which they will name and end with a "Driving the Point Home" message. The best presentation will be produced into a video commercial by the Mountain Arts Center and it will be aired on WYMT-TV and possibly other stations across the region. The winning school will also receive a check for

\$300, with all participating schools receiving a check for \$150.

Each high school will also create, write and produce a "public service announcement" that may be used in audio format on radio stations and/or advertising in local newspapers. The winner of the PSA will receive \$100.

For guidelines, contact Chris Bailey, highway safety coordinator, Big Sandy ADD, at (606) 886-2374.

Goble said that the Safety Program is aimed at educating young drivers before the prom.

"We might get enough attention and focus to save a life," said Goble.

## Drugs

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had been jailed.

"He's working now and they're taking payments from his check as well as the additional payments," said Turner.

Turner said that the needs of Hamby's family were more pressing than the charges against him that probably would have sent him to jail, otherwise.

"To see that that family is taken care is more important

than the other charge," said Turner.

Additionally, Turner said the chances of Hamby returning to drug-related activity were lessened a great deal by the probation hanging over his head.

"He's going to be on probation and that lessens the chances of getting into trouble again," said Turner. "The probation office will be drug testing him."

## Guilty

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wanton endangerment, first-degree assault against a police officer and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license.

In agreement with the prosecution's recommendation, Circuit Judge John David Caudill sentenced Miller to five years in prison. Miller will, in agreement with the commonwealth's recommendation, serve two of the five years, and two of the three remaining years probated.

The sentence came after Miller

pleaded guilty to fleeing or evading police, one of the seven counts of wanton endangerment and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license.

During the chase, Miller led local, state and Vehicle Enforcement officers on a high-speed chase from Prestonsburg to McDowell which resulted in Prestonsburg Police Officer Ralph Frasure wrecking his cruiser and suffering injuries as a result.

## Appalachia

ago.

He points to sawed-off peaks lost to strip mining and brags. "Those just give us places to put our houses." He gives visitors a brass key to the city that doubles as a bottle opener. "Even the town drunk has one," he jokes. Though he is Republican, he managed to get President Clinton to visit in 1999, bringing thousands from all over the region, thousands who also bought food and gas and souvenirs; and TV crews that got his city noticed all over the country.

He owns a local cable television company and sees no conflict in that. "I don't have anything to do with it," he said. Because he sold it? "No, I just don't have anything to do with it," he replied, and relit his pipe, which scents the hall leading to his second-floor City Hall office.

Thanks in no small part to Gorman, Hazard has attracted government money to build a highway bypass and a new auditorium, among other things. Believing any publicity is good publicity, he enticed the cast from "The Dukes of Hazzard," a good-ol'-boy CBS comedy that ran from 1979 to 1985, as parade marshals for a local festival and drew 250,000 people.

Likewise, he sees no problem with CBS' newest rural series. Especially if a Hazard family is picked to star in it.

"I'd rather wait to see what the product is before I criticize it," he said. He's more upset by documentarians who've come for decades to photograph poor people with dirty faces.

"It makes me mad," he says. "It makes us look backward and ignorant."

Which is exactly what Dee Davis fears "The Real Beverly Hillbillies" will do. He is president of The Center for Rural Strategies, based in Whitesburg. Davis was born and raised in Hazard, and though he smiles at the mention of Mayor Gorman, he adamantly disagrees with him.

Davis is a big man, with glasses, a beard and a laugh that rumbles before tumbling out. He is by turns earnest and edgy; shy and soft-spoken. He and his small staff seem surprised to be standing tall after starting a David-and-Goliath war against CBS.

"This was very dicey," said Davis. "This wasn't just CBS, this was Viacom," he said, referring to the network's conglomerate parent. "They own about one-third of everything."

But neither Viacom nor CBS responded directly to the quarter-page newspaper advertisements. Each ad began: "How many ways can one TV network get it wrong?" and carried the quote of a CBS executive who described the show's appeal this way: "Imagine the episode where they have to interview maids."

Total cost: \$100,000, money Davis and his colleagues raised from foundations.

Sympathetic e-mails started pouring in, giving his staff a heady feeling. "I think it shows that we have some clout," Davis

said, sitting in the center's storefront office on East Main Street.

Their Web site has logged more than 30,000 hits since September, hearing from residents across Appalachia and America, from men and women serving in the military, and from people who live in other countries.

An Alabama coal miner wrote of being enraged at "the thought of those folks looking down their snooty noses and delighting in the misfortune of my people."

A 24-year-old woman who graduated with honors from Texas A&M said she grew up in a trailer park and was sometimes ashamed. "The hardships I faced growing up served to strengthen me, but the cruel stigma haunts me to this day."

Meanwhile, CBS appears to have backtracked. After sending producers into small towns from West Virginia to North Carolina, the network now says the series is a long way off.

It is still in the development stage, Moonves said recently. "We haven't even found a family yet."

Even if CBS kills the series, the victory may be more perceived than real. It will not bring more jobs or better lives to people here, where unemployment and poverty rates are among the highest in America.

On CNN's "Crossfire," Democratic strategist James Carville suggested an alternative program. "I want to go to Hollywood and I want to take these producers and ... stick their arses in a coal mine and let them make a living there for a year. Let them live off \$6.30 an hour and let's see how they adjust."

Strip mining employs many in these mountains, where overloaded coal trucks spew dark clouds across treacherous highways. But the jobs supplied by the successor to deep-mining — when men on their knees swung a pickax in a three-foot cavern — are not nearly enough.

And people want work. In Hazard, despite its new buildings and roads, the median family income is \$23,768, according to census figures. The nation-

wide figure is \$42,228.

"Look, I can understand a family here being tempted by \$500,000. Most people around here live in a state of denial because the problems are so stacked against you," said resident Tracy Frazier.

He is acutely aware of the embarrassment and anger that infects some people. He knows they do not want their faces rubbed in their limitations, or to be judged by circumstances they cannot control.

After high school, he went off to the University of

Kentucky, where a professor told him to his face it was impossible for him to make the honor roll — though he already had — because he was from Eastern Kentucky.

"People in rural America aren't hopeless, they're powerless," Frazier said. And that is what he fights for as director of the Letcher County Action Team, which is, in large part, the sheer force of Frazier's will coupled with knowing most people around here — including those

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## Hostile witnesses keep man out of jail

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gary Combs Jr. pleaded guilty to three counts of wanton endangerment and was granted a pretrial diversion Friday afternoon in Floyd Circuit Court, a decision that will save him from spending any time in jail.

A pretrial diversion means that Combs will not spend time in prison and can, once he has served his probated period of time, petition the court to remove the felony record all together.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the decision to recommend the diversion came after talking with some of the victims involved in the incident.

According to answers given to Circuit Judge John David Caudill by Combs, the incident

involved his wife, Amy Combs.

"I work a lot and so my wife had a lot of time on her hands," Combs told the court. "So she started messing around. They went out and drunk and were partying and I guess I just got mad and ran them off the road."

Two other people accompanied Combs' wife in the vehicle — Crystal Newsome and Christopher Caudill. It was those people who appealed to Turner that Combs not receive jail time.

Turner said, considering this, the decision became to agree to a pretrial diversion.

"We met with a couple of the victims and they said they didn't want him going to jail," Turner said. "They were even adverse as witnesses, in other words were not going to help us as witnesses in the case."

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## OurView

### 'The tactics of tyrants'

In the name of standing up for patriotism, the Letcher County Fiscal Court is undermining the very values for which America is worth standing up to defend.

At a recent meeting, magistrates chose not to endorse a \$300,000 grant application which would allow Appalshop to renovate a building for use as an exhibition hall. The rationale behind this move? Because a disc jockey at Appalshop's radio station, WMMT, might or might not have made remarks on-air which offended one of the magistrates.

According to the Associated Press, Magistrate Wayne Fleming objected to comments he claims to have heard made by Bill Andy Farley that America has killed more innocent people than any other country in the world. Fleming then used that objection to successfully urge his fellow magistrates to nix the grant application.

If Farley made those comments — he claims he didn't, and says he has listened to several weeks of tapes to make sure — they would certainly shed an unfavorable light on his character. The fact remains, however, that we live in a country in which even the most objectionable comments have the same level of constitutional protection as the words of a preacher, a president or even a magistrate.

But while Farley's comments may make him the object of criticism, the Letcher court has made itself a far worthier target through its own actions.

What the court has done in effect is punish an entire organization — one which has accomplished much good for Letcher County and all of Eastern Kentucky — because one man used his right of free speech to voice an unpopular idea. Such retribution marches in lock step with the tactics of tyrants who retaliate against those who do not toe the party line.

As a person, Fleming is not required to like, embrace or agree with Farley's alleged comments. He even has the right, even encouragement, to combat those words with words of his own, and there is little doubt he would win a war of public opinion.

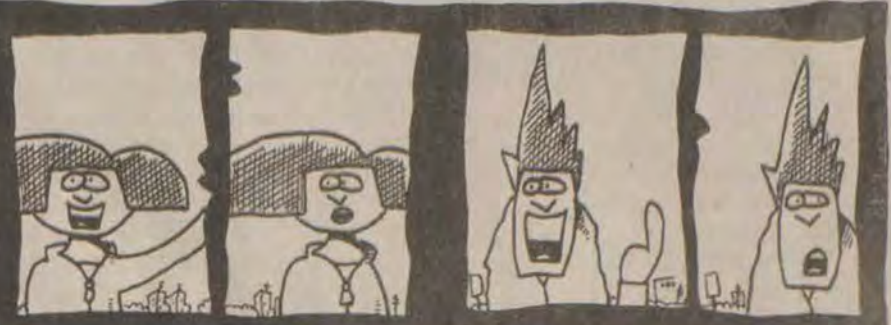
But the Letcher County government Fleming represents is committing a grave wrong by choosing to castigate not only a person who holds political opinions which differ from theirs, but those who are merely associated with that person.

If our system of government ever deteriorates to the point that the rights of man are subjugated by the whims of government, then the freedom we cherish will be lost and that government will be worthy of criticism far harsher than any flight of fancy Farley might have uttered over the airwaves.

In committing this totalitarian injustice, the Letcher County Fiscal Court has taken the first step down that slippery slope. God help us if they do not see fit to correct it.

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— Jim Davidson

## A constant battle

It is often said that an honest confession is good for the soul. I certainly hope this is true, because here at the beginning of my column today, I want to confess that I have a battle going on inside of me.

The battle I'm referring to is the battle between my two natures. On the one hand, I have a "divine" nature that tells me I should always seek to do good and seek after righteousness, and on the other hand I have a "sinful" nature that tells me it's okay to be involved in various activities that are evil or bad.

In view of the crime problems we have in America, the tragic shootings in our nation's schools, the alcohol and substance abuse, gambling addiction and the apparent lack of love and compassion that many people have for others, this may be something worth thinking about.

Before I continue, it might be helpful to define or discuss the terms "divine" and "sinful" nature to make sure we are speaking the same language. The word "divine" means supremely good, as in Godly, and the word "sinful" means to

commit a sinful act or to do wrong. In other words, when someone commits a "sin" they have a broken relationship with God.

At one time or another, you have probably heard this expression: "It was almost 'second nature' for some person to do this or that." The reason this statement is true is because this person has performed the action so long and so often they no longer have to consciously stop and think about it. In other words, the action has become a habit and is an ingrained part of their nature.

If you have ever wondered why the habitual way of thinking for one person has developed a "second nature" of doing what is right, while another has developed a "second nature" of doing what is wrong, I believe this illustration will shed some light on this process.

The constant battle that is going on

inside of every person could be compared to two dogs fighting. For the sake of example, let's say one dog represents good and the other dog represents evil. If you would like to know which dog is winning, it's the dog we feed the most. You'll never see a dog win a fight (except in self-defense) that has its ribs sticking out and is "poor" as a rail, because it hasn't had anything to eat in a long, long time.

As human beings, we need to understand that in the battle of our two natures, we are the ones doing the feeding. Just as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, we will have a "divine" nature or a "sinful" nature depending on the kind of food that we permit to enter our minds and hearts.

Regardless of what some people would have us believe, it does make a difference in what kind of television programs we watch, the movies we see and the books and other literature we read. In simple layman's terms, when we permit filthy, crude and evil thoughts to enter our mind on a regular basis, we are feeding the wrong dog.

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— beyond the beltway

## Sorry, Mr. Powell, it wasn't enough

by DONALD KAUL

Colin Powell did a terrific job of presenting the case against Saddam Hussein to the United Nations. What he was able to demonstrate — to my satisfaction, if not to everyone's — is that Saddam Hussein is trying mightily to confound the work of the U.N. inspectors in his country. This leads one to the inescapable conclusion that he has something to hide, in all probability chemical and biological agents with which to arm weapons of mass destruction.

He also seems to be attempting to get a nuclear weapons program up and running (although this is a somewhat murkier matter).

In any case, he is certainly "in material breach" of the U.N. order not only to disarm, but also to demonstrate to U.N. inspectors that he has done so. This, in the eyes of the Bush administration, is enough to trigger an all-out attack on the villain.

Not in my eyes, nor the eyes of much of the rest of the world.

I never doubted that Saddam was in flagrant violation of the sanctions imposed upon him by the United Nations after he lost a war of his own making 12

years ago. What I doubted was the immediacy of the threat he presents to us and, most importantly, why war was the best way to meet that threat.

That's what I was hoping Secretary Powell would explain. He didn't.

War is always a hideous thing and this one promises to be a particularly ugly one. Surely if Saddam does possess weapons of mass destruction, he will not suffer an attack without using them against the invading army. This means our people will be going into battle against a desperate enemy that is spraying them with nerve gas, mustard gas and all manner of lethal biological agents. Remember the "Gulf War Syndrome?" This war could make that look like a migraine headache.

The collateral damage of such warfare figures to be enormous. Many civilians will die, as they will in the bombing that will precede any attack. A battle plan leaked to the press announced that 800 cruise missiles are being prepared for the attack, more than twice the number fired off in the Gulf War.

It is virtually impossible to undertake bombing on that scale without hitting non-combatants, particularly because Saddam will take no great pains to keep civilians out of harm's way.

So the world's television screens will be filled with images of dead and dying, many of them women and children, as well as scenes of wretched refugees streaming in hordes from American bombs. And each picture will be a recruiting poster for al Qaida, the Muslim terrorist organization.

Thus we will increase the likelihood of terrorism rather than reduce it. (The link between Saddam and al Qaida was perhaps the weakest part of Secretary Powell's pre-

sentation but if there's one thing that can bond those natural enemies in common cause, it's a war against the United States.)

Which brings us to what I thought was the most terrifying inference to be drawn from Powell's information. It is now perfectly obvious that it is all but impossible to defend ourselves against an attack by terrorists using biological agents. When you can poison an entire city with a little vial of something, how do you keep that stuff out of the wrong hands? A war isn't going to do it. Neither will killing Saddam. We're pretty much helpless against a weapon like that. So why go out of your way to inflame the passions of the Muslim world?

Maybe a war against Saddam will prove inevitable. But before we accept that, we should go the extra mile to push inspections and get as many friends and allies on board as we can. We're going to need them when the fighting stops, if not before.

As George Kennan, one of the wisest American diplomats and scholars of the Cold War era, once put it: "... wherever, in this modern age, one has to choose between war and no war, such is the fearfulness of modern armaments that one should give every conceivable preference to the possibilities and arguments for peace before resorting to the sword."

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# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment: Easier said than done

by REV. FLOYD PRICE

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Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.

We are passing through a very popular and special time of our year called Valentine's Day. Americans treat this season seri-

ously. It is the florist's best friend. It is a time when people express love for a special one or ones in their lives.

A word about expressing love - just saying "I love you" is not sufficient. It is easy to pick up the phone, talk a while and finish by saying, "I love you." Do you now? Can you get away with just saying "I love you" and that be for real?

The summer before I married I was "courting" my wife to be. She was more than one hour of hard driving away. I worked a very hard job and I was always tired and dirty after work. But I never found it sufficient to call her and say I'm tired and dirty and I have to work tomorrow. "I love you."

No, I dragged my weary body into a car and rode the distance to

look at her and say (by my presence) "I love you." John says in the scriptures that we don't express our love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.

Two truths are made clear here. If you love someone (a mother, father, sister, brother, sweetheart), you cannot get away with saying it with words only. Love is a demonstrated feeling. Not shown by

action, the words "I love you" are hollow and untruthful. Love for friends and neighbors is demonstrated by deed. A help, a presence, support, caring, giving are required of real love.

We cannot depart from this theme of expressing love without saying a word about our love for God. Isn't it so easy to say a prayer and say, "I love you, God"? But that won't get it ... according to the Bible. If we love God, we must show (demonstrate) our love by

actions. John asks the question, "If someone has material possessions and sees someone in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in that person?"

God loved us and showed that love by giving us His son to take our sin and become a sacrifice for Him. That's how He demonstrated His love for us.

How have you shown your love for God?

How have you expressed your love for another?

## 'E-tithing' catching on in churches

by BOBBY ROSS JR.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For Sally Hanneman, church giving has gone high-tech.

The 47-year-old physical therapist used to scramble to write a check as the collection plate approached on Sunday mornings. Not anymore — now she contributes through an automatic withdrawal from her bank account.

"It just makes life a lot easier," said Hanneman, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Nashville.

In an era when an estimated 60 percent of Americans get their paychecks through direct deposit and half of U.S. households pay at least one bill electronically, some religious leaders see "e-tithing" as a logical step.

It works like this: Members fill out a form providing a bank or savings account number and the amount they want the church to withdraw weekly, semi-

monthly or monthly.

"It's just keeping up with what's available at this point and time technologically," said the Rev. Michael T. Kontogiorgis, assistant chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of

business and finance. "Mainline denominations are using it today because ... they're looking for any way to prop up sagging giving."

From the United Methodist Church to major Roman

their commitment to stewardship, but they miss church for a variety of reasons, whether it be a vacation in the summertime or snowbirds going South in the wintertime," said Len Thiede, vice president of sales and marketing for Vanco Services.

The Eden Prairie, Minn., company processes electronic funds transfers for churches in 18 denominations. Its clients include Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, a Minneapolis financial services organization that manages the denomination's "Simply Giving" program.

More than 5,000 Lutheran churches and schools accept electronic contributions through the program, which started in 1998.

The company charges 25 cents per transaction, but Thiede calls that a bargain.

"It's so inexpensive that if a member would have missed one Sunday during the year, it's more than enough to cover the cost of it for the whole year," he said.

Advocates acknowledge that they have no real evidence that

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America.

Others, who disapprove of e-tithing, say it sells out the idea of consciously making a gift to God.

"It's a way to be out of sight, out of mind," said Jack Wilkerson, the Southern Baptist Convention's vice president for

Catholic dioceses, several large religious denominations are testing the method, some even allowing members to give by credit card.

Part of the idea is to reduce fluctuations in giving from week to week.

"People want to live up to

## Appalachia

who control public and private purse strings.

The league helps start new businesses, build parks, and organize youth groups.

"A lot of people here just want to get out," Frazier said. But a lot want to stay, to make something better for themselves. The hills speak to you or they don't, and there isn't a lot in between.

Like many others, Frazier left for a while, but he couldn't stay gone. At times, he admits, he feels like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike.

Now is one of those times, when a television network wants millions to watch a "reality" series based on a made-up story about dimwitted hillbillies who had never seen indoor plumbing or an outdoor pool.

G.C. Kincer has another view. There won't be a series, he believes, because CBS is wasting its time here.

He has done all right for himself in these mountains. He lives in a hilltop home in Jenkins, 14

miles from Whitesburg, where Consolidation Coal Co. built a town from whole cloth. The company left in the 1950s, selling out to Bethlehem Steel, which left in 1988.

Jenkins has yet to recover any semblance of the boom days of the 1930s and 1940s when 10,000 people lived and worked here. Now there are fewer than 2,500 residents. To Kincer, it is a prime example of a coal company's legacy.

"These people pulled out of here without any thought for the future," he said.

Those left behind fell through the cracks or pulled themselves up by their bootstraps. "We've done OK for ourselves," Kincer said, "but we didn't have any help."

He believes real help will never come. "It's not going to get any better, it's not going to get any worse," he said. "I chose to stay. I like the mountains around me. They're a comfort to me."

He watched, with amusement, as a CBS producer searched for weeks, trying to find just the right family for "The Real Beverly Hillbillies."

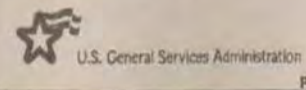
After interviewing dozens of people who answered Kincer's radio advertisement, the producer said no one was quite right.

The applicants were too educated, or too worldly, or made too much money, Kincer said. Having been to Lexington, about two hours away, was considered to be too well traveled, he said.

"Don't let CBS tell you they're canceling the show because of the controversy," he said. Then he smiled. "They're not going to be able to do that show because they'll never find the family they're looking for. That family does not exist. We are not that family."

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quet tosses.

No big surprise: Post, wed 10 times, is apparently Ohio's most-married woman.

"I do believe in marriage and I think the way I've lived my life proves it," she said.

A review of Ohio marriage licenses issued in 2000 found brides as old as 90 and as young as 15, couples with 12 prior marriages between them and couples with a 50-year difference in their ages.

In 1970, the median age for first marriages in the United States was 20.8 years for women and 23.2 years for men. People marry later now: in 2000, it was 25.1 for women and 26.8 for men.

Howard Boettcher of Cincinnati was 96 when he married 79-year-old Alma Eppler. Neither minds the jokes about robbing the cradle.

They never seriously considered living together before they got married in 2000.

"It's just a matter of being old-fashioned if you want to call it that," he said.

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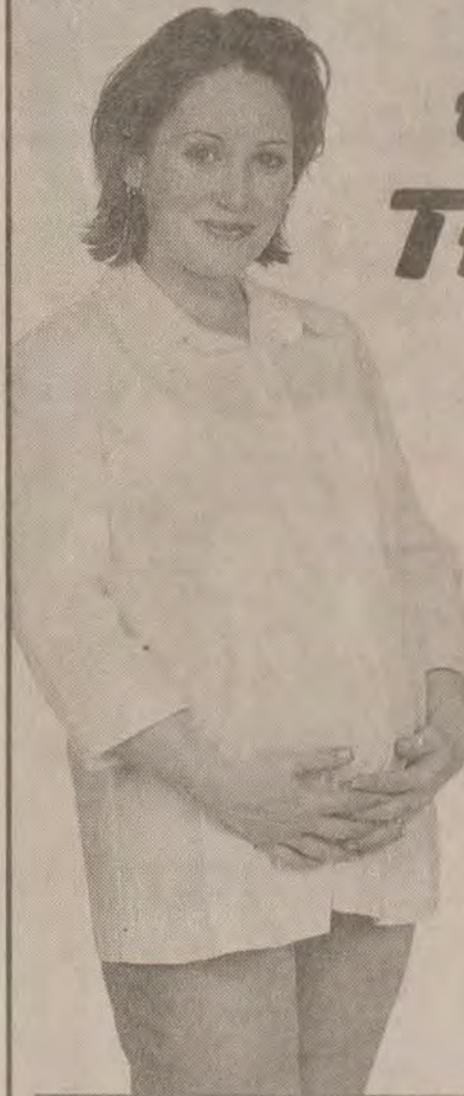
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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Elic Eugene "Gene" Blanton, 48, of Jackson, Ohio, native of Martin, died Sunday, February 9, at the home of his father. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 12, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly, Ohio.

Alvin Caudill, 95, of Melvin, died Tuesday, February 4, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Tommy Nelson, native of Prestonsburg, were held January 30, at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home in Albion, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Smith Nelson. Interment was at the Riverside Cemetery at Albion.

Sylvia Wright Raines, 87, of Grundy, Virginia, native of Pyramid, died at her home, Tuesday, February 11, following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 14, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Edna Bradley Reffitt, 82, of Pierceton, Indiana, native of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 8, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Reffitt. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 11, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Cleo Spears, 61, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, February 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

James Bentley, 75, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, February 5, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Betty L. Castle, 68, died Friday, February 7, at Mercy Memorial Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Monday, February 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Roy Caudill, 97, of Riceville, died Monday, January 27, at Clinton Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Leroy Conley, 77, died Friday, February 7, at Upper Valley Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Bolin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 11, under the direction of Baird Funeral Home.

Nora Evel Franklin, 78, of Concord, died Tuesday, January 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Virginia Mae Green, 82, of Baltimore, Ohio, native of Johnson County, died Monday, January 27, at Rockmill Rehabilitation Center, Lancaster, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eugene Hall, 66, of Meally, died Monday, February 10, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 13, under the direction of Preston

Funeral Home.

Alyssa Yvonne Scarberry, 3 months, died Monday, January 27, at Paul B. Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Ernest Lowell Wilcox, 75, of Stambaugh, died Wednesday, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Mary Maxine Wilcox. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Emma Ruth Hamilton, 68, died Friday, February 8, at Dorthea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Dannie Meade, 45, of Jackhorn, died Wednesday, February 5, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Meade. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Paul W. Pinson, 70, of Varney, died Friday, February 7, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ann Alley Pinson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 10, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Gus Rettos, 82, of Phelps, died Saturday, February 8, at his home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

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

Clarence Edward Dye, 63, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Lawrence County, died Thursday, February 6, at Cleveland, Ohio. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, February 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Gertrude Daniels Hayes, 84, of Louisa, died Monday, February 10, at her residence.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

James R. Marcum, 41, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 11, at the University of Louisville Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 14, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Milton "Milt" McKinster, 70, of Marengo, Ohio, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, February 10, at Riverside Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Grace Boham McKinster. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 15, under the direction of DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Eston Amburgey, 64, of Pine Top, died Tuesday, February 4, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Norene Amburgey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Gilbert Ray Anderson, 74, of Hindman, died Sunday, February 9, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Shelby Jean Slone Anderson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Nelson Jones, 90, native of Ivis, died Wednesday, February 5, at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Arch L. Heady & Sons Funeral Home.

Earl Moore, 85, of Brooksville, Florida, formerly of Hindman, died Wednesday, February 5, at Hospice Care Center, in Brooksville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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

## Magoffin County

Ruie Cisco Blanton, 90,

native of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, January 22, at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, in Portsmouth at Christ's Community Church.

Brenda Cole Montgomery, 55, a resident of Rockholds, formerly of Salyersville, died Tuesday, February 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Larry Dean Patrick, 43, of Salyersville, died Thursday, February 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Reva Push, 90, of Sarasota, Florida, a Salyersville native, died Tuesday, February 4. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Paul R. Young Funeral Home.

Haskel Risner, 71, of Alger, Ohio, a native of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 5, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Tennie Alsept Risner. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 8, under the direction of Hanson-Neely Funeral Home.

Sammie Wireman, 85, native of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, January 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Oma Risner Wireman. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Chiles and Sons-Laman Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Cecil Horn, 85, of Inez, died Thursday, February 6, at Martin County Health Care Facility. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 14, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

James R. Johnson, 72, of Inez, died Tuesday, February 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Irene Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 14, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Avert Kirk, 66, of Buchanan, native of Inez, died Wednesday, February 5. He is survived by his wife, Elva Thompson Kirk. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 15, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Barbara Porter, 61, of Inez, died Wednesday, February 12, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Randall Ratliff, 50, of Grove City, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 12, in Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## Davidson

Again, whether we realize it or not, our nature has a tremendous impact on our daily lives. As the English philosopher John Stuart Mill once said, "Our nature is the sum of all phenomena, together with the causes which produce them: including not only all that happens, but all that is capable of happening."

Just as another human being, if you have never thought about this, I want to encourage you to be very selective in which dog you are feeding. In terms of our society and our culture, we need to get back to respect for others and honesty and decency in everything we do. We will all feel better about ourselves.

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## Churches

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e-tithing increases overall giving.

"It's all anecdotal," Thiede said. "The congregations tell us it definitely does."

The United Methodist Church which reported a dip in its national funds in 2002, is banking on it. The denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration reached a deal with Vanco to make the program available to its 35,000 churches starting in January.

However, it's a voluntary program and not all Methodists support it.

"We can electronically take out our phone bills and our insurance premiums and all sorts of stuff, but giving is something different," said the Rev. Terry Little, treasurer for the United Methodist Church's Tennessee conference. "That's something that needs to be done consciously."

At most congregations that offer e-tithing, only about 10 percent to 20 percent of members participate — although advocates say those numbers will rise as Americans become more familiar with the concept.

The Rev. Larry Richardson, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Nashville, takes care of his car payment, his mortgage — and his tithe — automatically. But only about of the dozen of the 135 families at his church do the same.

"I think it's a matter of personal preference," Richardson said. "We have some people that do like to physically place something in the offering plate,

I understand that."

To ease that concern, companies that provide e-tithing services typically mail participants receipts or cards that they can place in the collection basket.

"This also helps to demonstrate to other members that electronic giving is something that's going on," said Joe Mohen, founder of New York-based ParishPay, which allows parishioners to make donations by credit and debit cards and electronic fund transfers.

Mohen, a Roman Catholic, founded ParishPay in June 2001. Formerly the CEO of election.com — which conducts elections on the Internet — he said the idea came when he realized that because of his frequent traveling, he had given little to his home church.

ParishPay signed contracts recently with the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., making its services available to 1,000 churches with 2.9 million parishioners. The company also started a pilot program with about 20 of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's 520 parishes.

Mohen predicts rapid growth in e-tithing over the next year. Too many church leaders have recognize that weekly giving dips when it rains or snows, he said.

"You just can't operate a church that way," he said. "What we're leading here is a major paradigm shift. It's not a question of if, it's a matter of how fast."

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# Regional SPORTS

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COUNTY TOURNEYS BEGIN  
THIS WEEK

The Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament and the county C-Team tournament both get underway this week.

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COLLEGE

## Campbell named AAC Player of the Week

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

PIPPA PASSES – Kent Campbell has been selected as the Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball

player of the week for the week of February 11.

Campbell, a native of Jeff, is a graduate of Perry Central High School.



■ Campbell

During his high school career he played in state tournaments for the Commodores.

Through last week's award-winning winning time, Campbell averaged 16 points per game and pulled down an average of 6.3 rebounds per contest.

Campbell stands 6-6 and is a senior at Alice Lloyd College.

During the week, Campbell was 80 percent from free-throw the line and shot 43 percent from the field.

HIGH SCHOOL

## Tigers avoid sting, beat Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE – Paintsville is going down the homestretch of an undefeated season in 57th District play.

Hoping to avoid an upset, the Tigers traveled to Magoffin County Thursday night. Coach Bill Mike



■ Arnett

Runyon's team was successful in its efforts, beating the host Hornets 68-48.

Paintsville led 19-14 after one quarter and 26-21 at half-time. Following some halftime instructions, Paintsville returned to the gym floor at Magoffin County and outscored the Hornets by 10 points in the third quarter and five more in the final period.

(See AVOID, page two)

## Stratton: 1,000 points and counting

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne senior forward Natasha Stratton reached a career milestone in a game played on Saturday, Feb. 1 against Sheldon Clark. Stratton, who recently helped lead Betsy Layne to its second straight All "A" Classic State Tournament, scored her 1,000 career point in the game against the Lady Cards. As of February 11, Stratton had 1,066 points in her career.

Stratton and her Betsy Layne teammates were back in action yesterday evening against Allen Central in a crucial 58th District game. Results were unavailable at press time.

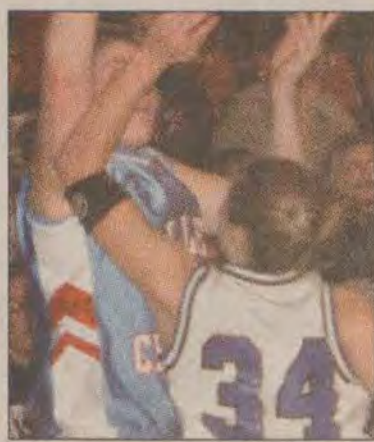


photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central sophomore Megan Harris lofted a shot over an outstretched Natasha Stratton when the Lady Rebels fell to Betsy Layne in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

## Lady Rebs playing as one unit

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – At the present time, the Allen Central Lady Rebels are playing as good as any team in the 58th District, quite possibly even the 15th Region. The Lady

Rebels are now making a claim for a 15th Region run. This year's team includes the most talent of any Cindy Halbert-coached team in the past three seasons.

Since its loss on the road at Johnson Central on January 7, more than one month ago. Allen Central,

as of Friday morning, had won seven of eight games. The only setback in the eight-game stretch was an All "A" loss to Betsy Layne in a game that saw the Lady Rebels hold a lead as late as the fourth quarter.

(See REBS, page two)

## – PRESTONSBURG HOMECOMING –



Prestonsburg High School will hold homecoming Tuesday night as the boys' basketball team plays host to Powell County. Seniors vying for the title of homecoming queen include, pictured above in the front row, left to right: Kristi Barrowman, Tess Collins, Jenna Humphrey and Melissa Stone. Back row, left to right: Miranda Morris, Heather Leslie, Whitney Stone and Celina Rowe. Underclass attendants will also vie to represent their respective classes. Below (Not pictured in any particular order) – Freshmen attendants include Kelly Clark, Katie Hale and Jenna Stewart. Attendants from the sophomore class are Caitlin Clark, Emily Jamerson and Gerri Vance (pictured to the right). Junior attendants are Tiffany Goble, Hope Sanders and Morgan Stone.



H.S. BASKETBALL

## Alice Lloyd tops Appalachian Bible



■ McKenzie

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Alice Lloyd put together quite possibly its most complete game of the season Thursday night in a 110-80 win over Appalachian Bible, much to the liking of Alice Lloyd College head coach Gary Gibson.

With six players scoring in double figures, ALC was able to get past Appalachian Bible, a team just six players strong.

Former Johnson Central standout Tommy McKenzie had 17 points, six rebounds and seven assists to lead Alice Lloyd.

Matt Spencer and Matt Hurt each scored 17 and

Shannon Akers added 16. Hondo Hearne scored 11 and Jimmy Stumbo netted 10.

Josh Conaway netted 21 to lead Appalachian Bible.

Union 93, ALC 77

BARBOURVILLE – Alice Lloyd traveled to Barbourville

(See BIBLE, page two)

H.S. BASKETBALL

## Adams powers Lady Eagles past Rowan

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD – Johnson Central senior Rhonda Adams, in her career at Johnson Central, has often been overshadowed, playing among some other very talented basketball players. Thursday

night, Johnson Central, one of the state's top-10 teams, traveled to Rowan County to play the Lady Vikings of Rowan County High. In the game, Adams scored 13 points, pulled down five rebounds and dished out five assists as the

(See ADAMS, page two)



■ Earnhardt Jr.



■ Green

DAYTONA 500

## DEI, RCR teams ready for Sunday's showdown

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – It's looking like a DEI-RCR showdown in the Daytona 500.

Dale Earnhardt Inc. and Richard Childress Racing – two of the strongest restrictor-plate teams in NASCAR – will start from the first

four spots Sunday in the Daytona 500. Jeff Green will start from the pole in an RCR Chevrolet, followed DEI's Dale Earnhardt Jr., RCR's Robby Gordon and DEI's Michael Waltrip.

It's a natural rivalry – after all, the late Dale Earnhardt won six of his seven championships driving for

(See DAYTONA, page two)

STATE TOURNAMENT

## H.S. state tourney draw held

15th Region boys will face Louisville foe

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – The draws for the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments were held Thursday at WKYT-TV. The boys' draw yielded for the 15th Region boys' champion a date with a team out of Louisville. The 15th Region boys' winner is paired with the winner out of the 7th Region where Eastern, Ballard, St. Xavier and Male are the leading teams.

The 15th Region girls' winner will play a team out of the 10th Region. A breakdown of the draw follows.

FIRST ROUND BOYS'

Wednesday, March 19

- Noon - Region 8 vs. Region 14
- 1:30 - Region 9 vs. Region 10
- 6:30 - Region 5 vs. Region 2
- 8 - Region 3 vs. Region 13

Thursday, March 20

- Noon - Region 6 vs. Region 11
- 1:30 - Region 1 vs. Region 4
- 6:30 - Region 12 vs. Region 16
- 8 - Region 7 vs. Region 15

Leading teams

- Region 1 – Paducah Tilghman, Graves County, Mayfield
- Region 2 – Hopkinsville, Christian County, Henderson County
- Region 3 – Apollo, Muhlenberg North, Daviess County
- Region 4 – Warren Central, Barren County, Bowling Green
- Region 5 – Elizabethtown, North Hardin, Meade County
- Region 6 – Pleasure Ridge Park, Iroquois, Doss
- Region 7 – Eastern, Ballard, St. Xavier, Male
- Region 8 – Scott County, Oldham County, Anderson County
- Region 9 – Highlands, Dixie Heights, St. Henry
- Region 10 – Mason County, George Rogers Clark, Bishop Brossart
- Region 11 – Lexington Catholic, Henry Clay, Tates Creek
- Region 12 – Wayne County, North Laurel, South Laurel
- Region 13 – Rockcastle County, Corbin, Clay County
- Region 14 – Perry Co. Central, Breathitt Co., Powell Co. Whitesburg
- Region 15 – Paintsville, South Floyd, Shelby Valley, Johnson Central
- Region 16 – Rose Hill, Ashland Blazer, Morgan County

(See DRAWING, page two)

# Schrader getting noticed again in Daytona

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Comeback? Ken Schrader insists he's never been away.

The 18-year Winston Cup veteran caused some buzz at Daytona International Speedway last Saturday night when he was one of the strongest entries in the Bud Shootout, a 175-mile non-points race for pole winners.

Making Sunday's Daytona 500 field turned out to be harder.

With a poor 40th-place on the speed chart from time trials and with his new team too low on last year's car-owner points from 2002, Schrader had to finish 15th or better in his 125-mile qualifying race Thursday.

He earned the 30th starting position in the 43-car grid, but it was a close call.

"We knew we had to race into the 500," Schrader said. "We needed to run 15th, and

that's what we did. That was the plan, and I guess it worked out."

He made the big show in a Dodge fielded by the virtually new and untested BAM Racing team.

"We just surprised them," Schrader said. "Last year we ran fourth in the Shootout and led 46 laps in the Daytona 500. ... It didn't surprise them then, I guess, because of the team I was with. We were expected to do that."

The BAM team, owned by Tony and Beth Ann Morgenthau from Coral Gables, will attempt to run the full 36-race schedule for the first time this season.

Last year, while going through six different drivers, the No. 49 BAM entry made it into 16 of 20 races it entered. Its best finish was 22nd by Stacy Compton in the October race at Talladega.

At the same time, Schrader was struggling through a mis-

erable season with MB2 Motorsports, finishing 30th in the points — his first time outside the top 20 since he became a Winston Cup regular in 1985.

Schrader said he thinks the switch to BAM Racing will turn that around, and Beth Ann Morgenthau agrees.

"We had the ups and downs any new team faces," she said. "But as the year progressed, the ups were a little bit higher and the lows not quite as low."

"We have very high hopes for 2003 and the years after that. We have the people in place to make things work the way we want and to reach our goals. And Kenny is a major part of that."

Schrader, whose last of four wins came in 1991, isn't setting any personal goals. He just wants to be competitive again.

"Yeah, that's the only reason I'm doing this," he said. "This is a lot of work just to

ride around.

"If that was all I could do, I'd go do something else that was easier. It might not be as much fun, but riding around is no fun either."

Fun is important to Schrader, one of the most popular drivers in NASCAR. He's known for his broad smile and impish humor.

He's also known as a throw-back to the days when drivers sometimes raced three or four times a week in different types of cars.

For the 47-year-old Schrader, that's the norm.

"We'll get in close to 100 (races) this season," he said. "We had run 10 before we got here last week."

Schrader drives stock cars, trucks, sprint cars and midgets — it doesn't matter as long as it's a race.

He lists his hobbies in NASCAR's annual media guide as "driving in a number of racing series, dirt bikes and motorcycles."

"That's my golf. That's my summer vacation," Schrader said. "It's one of the reasons I probably should have my head examined, but that's what I want to do."

BAM general manager Eddie Jones is excited about the team's prospects, and his enthusiasm is one reason Schrader took the job.

"Last year, we showed NASCAR and other competitors that we were a real entity in the sport," Jones said. "That allowed us to hire the crew chief we needed and get the other key personnel to work for us."

"Then that enabled us to get Kenny, and that brought sponsorship."

Jones believes Schrader can show his true ability this year.

"He likes our equipment and he likes our personnel," Jones said. "Not that he wasn't giving 100 percent with the last team he was with, but he is very, very, very enthusiastic about what he is doing now. He says he thinks we're going to catch a lot of people off guard."

Schrader said his desire to improve on that 30th-place finish is not going to change the way he races.

"I was always more into finishing good and driving it up to the truck than I was passing

every car at all cost," he said. "That's not the way you're rewarded in our sport."

"You can't get better as a team if you're replacing front stubs on cars every week."

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### MCA starts fast in win over Allen

#### 8 Falcons dent scoring column in county win

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — The Mountain Christian Academy Falcons continue their impressive season on the hardwood and on Thursday evening the Falcons started fast and went on to beat Allen 43-31.

MCA jumped out 15-5 in the first quarter and never looked back. Landon Slone and Josh

Ousley led the Falcon attack with 10 points each in the game. The Falcons continued to build the lead in the second quarter and led 29-11 at the half.

Allen was led in scoring by Brennan Case with 10 points on the night. The third quarter was all MCA as the Falcons outscored Allen 12-2 in the third stanza and led 41-13 after three. Lincoln Slone tossed in seven points for MCA and Taylor

Clark added eight for the winners. Allen was able to go on a 18-2 run in the fourth quarter but it would not be enough as MCA went on to the 43-31 win.

## — A Look At Sports —

### 'Let's start another streak!'

by ED TAYLOR  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Louisville Cardinals, once owners of the longest winning streak in college basketball, had that streak snapped at St. Louis, losing a game they should have won. But the end result was a 59-58 defeat at the hand of the Billikens.

Cardinal Coach Rick Pitino took the loss in stride and said, "We will just start a new winning streak and enjoy it!"

The Cardinals got little support on offense with Gaines carrying the load and finishing with a career best 28 points. Even

former UK Wildcat Marvin Stone could not help, going scoreless in the game.

But the thing that needs to be noted, the Cardinals failed to protect a seven-point lead with less than two minutes to play. I could not believe it when Louisville failed to take care of the lead and ball, especially when they had the ball and out bounds with the lead.

Louisville came to St. Louis with the number two ranking in the nation. That will certainly change in the next polls, but the Cards still remain one of the nation's premiere teams. I know they do not play

in a very tough conference, but still they know how to win.

#### REMEMBERING...

Remember the great UCLA programs? Wow! What a drop in quality. The Bruins are not one of the nation's elite anymore. I watched them get trounced by Arizona Thursday night and I just could not believe what was happening. They are next to dead last in the PAC-10.

#### CLOSER TO HOME...

Cindy Halbert has her Allen Central Lady Rebels (13-7) churning and at just the right time. After a defeat of Betsy Layne in a very big conference game, the Lady Rebels have won four straight games and are building momentum. Allen Central is 4-1 in conference play and tied with the Lady Cats for the top seed. (Both teams squared off at Betsy Layne last night.)

Betsy Layne (18-4) was playing without their leading scorer, Whitney Lykens, who will be lost to the team for another week or more. The Lady Cats rebounded back and won over South Floyd. They have a big regional date against Johnson Central on Monday night.

The Lady Eagles (20-1) appear to be on their way to yet another regional championship. It may not be a bad thing if someone knocks them off before tournament time.

#### CAN'T BELIEVE IT DEPT ...

It is hard to think of the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats with only two victories this season and both over Piarist. But teams have those years after so many successful seasons. At times we forget the good years and wonder what has happened to this year. Well, all good programs go through this. The Lady Blackcats program will be back.

Until next Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## GRADE SCHOOL

### David rally falls short at Phelps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS — The David School Comets traveled to Phelps on Thursday night and fell to the host Hornets by a score of 71-49. In a game that was a lot closer than the final score indicated, the Comets found themselves behind 21-2 midway through the second quarter. The Comets then staged an inspired rally and cut Phelps lead to 49-41 before the Hornets pulled away for the victory.

The Comets rally was ignited when Freshman Center Paul Mullins snared a rebound and scored a bucket. The game featured an intense up and down pace, as both teams utilized full court pressure. Adam Meade, who has become the Comets leading scorer, led the team with 20 points.

Brian Conn added 11 points for the Comets, as he fended off the usual assortment of double teams. Nathan Ousley snapped out of a first half shooting slump and added 8 points for the Comets.

David Coach Ned Pillersdorf lamented about the fact that the team always seems to start off slowly and has to fight back from big deficits. The Comets will once again venture to Pike County and play Pike Central at 7 p.m. on Monday night. On Wednesday night, the Comets will travel to Lexington and play the Bryan Station Defenders, and then will return home to Floyd County and play a semi-home game against Betsy Layne.

The game against Betsy Layne will be at the Mountain Christian Academy gym and will begin at 7 p.m.

## Rebs

Halbert has saw her team come together in the second half of the current season.

"We're starting to gel as a team; the chemistry has really improved," said Halbert. "Everything is real positive now and everyone is working real well together."

The team, according to Halbert, began playing up to the

top teams in the region right after the Christmas break.

"Since Christmas we've been real close to Johnson Central, and then Betsy Layne in the All-A," Halbert added. "At this time, we're trying to focus more on offensive execution and better shot selection."

The senior tandem of Amber Scott and Tiffany Turner has

made for a dynamic duo this season. The two are the only seniors on the team.

Junior Terri Mullins and sensational sophomores Becky Thomas and Megan Harris make up what's made for an accomplished core group. Jessica Isaac and Tab Caudill have also added valuable minutes for the Lady Rebels.

Allen Central's perfect record in the district was put to the test on Friday night in a home game against South Floyd and another encounter Saturday on the road at Betsy Layne.

The Lady Rebels boasted a perfect district record of five wins opposed to no losses before Friday night's game with South Floyd and Saturday's third game of the season against the Ladycats. Results from both games were unavailable at press time and will appear in the Wednesday, Feb. 19 edition of The Times.

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game. Stuart Rutledge scored eight for the Tigers. Peyton Conley chipped in seven, and Adam Rice added six.

Eighth-grade point guard Daniel Pugh scored two.

Jason Arnett led Magoffin County with 23 points. Clifton Barker netted 12 and Pitt Connelley finished with eight.

The game was a make-up contest between the two teams.

## Avoid

Paintsville (13-3) remains undefeated in both the 57th District and the 15th Region. Magoffin County (7-13) has just one win in 57th District play.

Junior guard Shane Simpkins led the Tigers in scoring with 17 points. Senior Adam Collins paced the Paintsville scoring effort with 15. Ryan Jarrell netted 13 to give Paintsville three players in double figures for the

## Daytona

Childress and founded his own team.

"It's really hard to decide, if you were going to lose, who would you pick to lose," Earnhardt Jr. said Thursday. "That's one of the toughest deals because you have guys that are sentimental favorites, even for me."

Two years ago, his father was killed on the final lap.

RCR has been slow to pick up the pieces, but has shown signs this week of snapping its slump.

Gordon and Green finished one-two in the first of Thursday's twin 125-mile qualifying races. In the second race, the DEI tandem of Earnhardt and Waltrip crossed the finish line in first and second.

Earnhardt, the favorite Sunday, thinks he and Waltrip will have the advantage if the two teams have to gang up on each other.

"Michael and I would definitely whoop them in a tag team drafting match," he said.

DEI cars have won six of the past eight Winston Cup plate races, and Earnhardt won the Budweiser Shootout last Saturday. He has his sights set on Saturday's Busch series race and a victory on Sunday in the biggest event of the year.

But the RCR gang might be ready to spoil the party.

"I heard Junior say that he hopes he can sweep this deal," Gordon said. "My goal is that he doesn't sweep the deal."

He and Michael have been real strong in restrictor-plate races. RCR has a great history at restrictor plate races, as well, and I'm going to do everything I can to give Richard his second Daytona 500 victory."

RCR and DEI have long worked together, especially on their restrictor-plate programs. They formed an alliance with

car owner Andy Petree — creating "RAD" four years ago.

The program soared in 2001, when RAD cars won the four races at Daytona and Talladega, the two longest and fastest ovals in NASCAR. Changes were made to it last year, but the DEI cars continued to thrive.

RCR, however, was going through growing pains as it expanded from two cars to three while trying to regroup after the elder Earnhardt's death.

It looks like things are on their way back up.

Gordon, starting his second full season driving for Childress, said watching the DEI teams has given him and teammates Green and Kevin Harvick a model to follow.

"Obviously the two teams have worked real good together, I'm sure that was Dale Sr.'s plan when he put those programs together," Gordon said. "They work together, they share information and I think that helps when you have two and three teams."

Harvick starts 31st in Sunday's race and Steve Park

will go from 33rd in the third DEI car.

Both had problems in Thursday's qualifiers, the only weakness among the two teams.

Park had engine problems in the first race and had to drop out. Harvick's car was damaged in a pit-road collision with Kurt Busch in the second qualifier.

Busch spun after he cut off Harvick entering the pits, forcing other drivers to dart around him. It left Harvick's Chevrolet with right front fender damage and a bone to pick with Busch.

"It's not the first stupid thing I've seen him do and I've done some stupid things, too," Harvick said. "The 97 came flying through there with all four tires smoking and out of control. Basically, he tore the right side off our car and knocked us out of the race."

Busch took the blame but didn't say what happened.

"A lot of events led to the final outcome," he said. "The only real thing that we need to explain is that I'm sorry for making the mistake that I had made."

## Adams

Lady Eagles (19-1) got within one game of 20 wins on the season.

Ashley Wireman, Michelle Music and Brianne Daniels all had 10 points apiece for victorious Johnson Central.

Melanie Cornett had 14 points for the Lady Vikings. Rowan County (14-5) got behind in the game early, trailing 23-6 after one quarter. The Lady Vikings are regarded as one of the up-and-coming teams in the 16th Region.

## Bible

Tuesday and came away with a 93-77 loss.

Kent Campbell, recently honored as the Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball player of the week, led Alice Lloyd with 17 points.

Matt Spencer scored 15 and Tommy McKenzie netted 11. Ryan Shannon scored nine and Nick Samons pushed in seven.

Aaron Troutman led Union with 20 points. Joe Bramlage scored 19 for the Bulldogs.



# Citizens National Bank honors area players

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank president Dennis

Dorton honored selected Johnson Central and Paintsville football players and awarded the All Big Sandy MVP Football Award to Chat Yates Tuesday

night during halftime of the Paintsville-Johnson Central game Tuesday night. The week before, Dorton and CNB honored players from Pike

County. Several area players were honored from the Big Sandy Region for being named Citizens National Bank "Players

of the Game" during the football season. In Johnson County, from Paintsville High School, Shane Simpkins, Ryan Brown, Justin Arms, Kyle Arms and Jeremy

Runyon were recognized. From Johnson Central, Yates, Chet Griffith, Phillip Webb and  
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Senior Division UCLA — Patrick Butcher, Billy Stone, Cory Sexton, Daniel Curtsinger, Josh Curtsinger, Zach Jackson, Jacob Cyrus. Note: All players are pictured in no particular order.

## Paintsville Junior Pro Basketball



Senior Division Alabama — Nick Vance, Jordan Witten, T-Mike Blair, Jerrad VanHoose, Kalen Spencer, Casey Brown, Zach Blanton, Craig Huber.



Senior Division Florida — Tyler LeMaster, Mark Nordin, Jeremy Nichols, Brian Gatewood, Mason Thompson, Max Malone, Jesse Creekmore, Lance Mitchell. Cheerleader — Diana Gatewood.



Senior Division Indiana — Austin Lyons, Shawn Selvage, John Cybrwsky, J.C. Ward, Justin Holbrook, Robert Hazlette, Josh Moore, Brandon "Biggin" Hensley.



Junior Division Kentucky — Channing VanWinkle, Elijah Goggans, Jessie Lee Skaggs, Tanner Fitch, Matthew Hicks, Andrew Preston, Juwan Mayes, Tyler Burris, Zach Meade, Alex Hicks. Cheerleaders — Taylor Powers, Alex Wright, Sydney Chirico, Mikka Ward, Kylee Underwood, Apryl Skaggs.



Junior Division Louisville — Bradley Nordin, Tyler York, Dylan Childers, Alex Meade, Zach Baldwin, Thomas Litteral, Tyler Compton, James Witten, Dalton Belcher, Jacob Roberts. Cheerleaders — Peyton Bowers, Taylor Adams, Nikki Hunter, Paige Taylor, Madison Meade, Terri Roberts.



Senior Division Marshall — Justin Riley, Mark Minix, Andy Adkins, Johnny Rednour, Seth York, Luke Green, Garrett Brown.



Junior Division Michigan State — Logan Clark, Adam Spence, Chris Burton, Spencer Taylor, Alex VanHoose, Matthew Barber, Daymon Belcher, Zach Collins, Tommy McCormick, Peyton Smith.



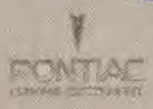
Junior Division North Carolina — Matthew Daniels, Alec Maggard, Brian Murray, Cory Donley, Trey Conley, Jonathon Sherman, Tyler Adams, Alex Salyers, Chase Hall, Jordan Stewart. Cheerleaders — Kynzie Gray, Kelsey Gray, Nikki Adams, Savannah Jackson, Brooke Lyons, Beverly Jennings, Courtney Sherman.



Senior Division Notre Dame — Chris Stumbo, Ari McDonald, Alan Baldwin, Jonathon Sexton, Brandon Ward, Travis Osborne, Daniel Wheeler, Clint Combs.

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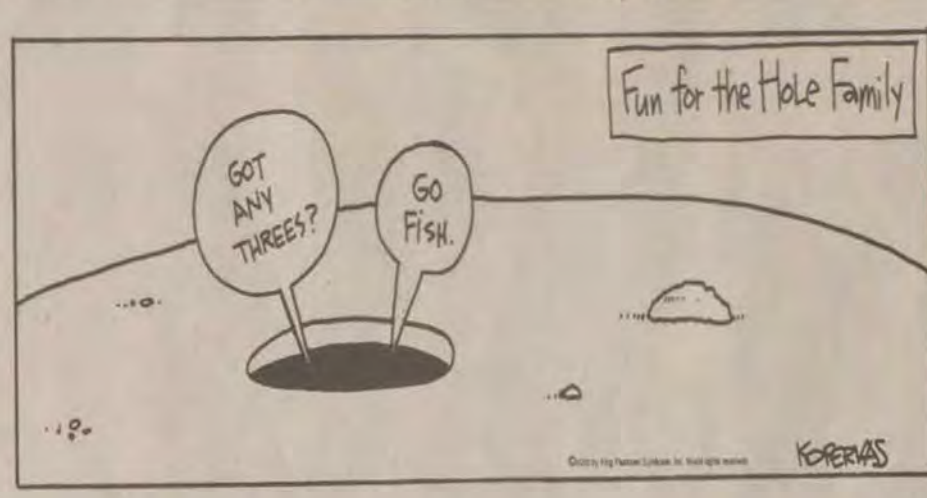
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Cheyenne Lincoln Pierre Topoka  
Helena Little Rock Sacramento

## HOCUS-FOCUS



Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



## Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Deprivation  
5 Tours topper  
10 Turkish title  
15 They squeak for themselves  
19 "Carmen" highlight  
20 Absinthe ingredient  
21 Parcel out  
22 Oklahoma city  
23 Romance?   
26 Stubbs or Straus  
27 Sound from 1 Down  
28 Dutch artist  
29 Scheme  
31 Cavity  
32 Eggy beverage  
34 Count the fish?  
38 Make believe  
41 Scandinavian  
45 Novelist Radcliffe  
46 Prepare prunes  
47 Some underwear  
49 Coat material  
50 Comic DeLuise

52 Marion of "Happy Days"  
56 Stifle Dad?  
60 Steak trimmings  
62 Graceful girl  
63 Clean the sink  
64 GI's address  
65 Straight from the garden  
67 Historical period  
68 Khartoum's river  
71 Likable Loe  
73 "Dies —"  
74 Prepare to shoot  
75 Write a novel?  
80 Pantry item  
81 Talbot or Naldi  
82 Part of MIT  
83 Concerning  
84 Furrow  
85 Statistical focus  
87 Long or Peeples  
88 Chew the scenery  
92 Monroe's successor  
94 Go downhill fast  
95 Recass?  
99 Lurid Lugosi  
100 Congeal

102 Cheeseboard choice  
103 Munich mister  
104 Incites Rover  
108 Vapor Villa d'—  
110 Cavalry weapon  
112 "Well, I'll be!"  
113 Hire a caterer?  
118 Wordless greeting  
120 Literary collection  
121 Actress Merrill  
122 Metrical feet  
126 Declaim  
130 Actor Amaz  
132 Improve?  
136 Trot or gallop  
137 Mountain nymph  
138 "— Gay"  
139 Puppeteer Tony

140 In addition  
141 Mitigated  
142 Widow's inheritance  
143 Collar feature

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1 It becomes ewe?  
2 College exam  
3 Location  
4 Lucifer  
5 Candy quantity  
6 Adam's grandson  
7 Fissure  
8 Tivoli's  
9 Snicker sound  
10 "Fiel"  
11 Ginger —  
12 Murdered  
13 Mobs  
14 Bear out  
15 Tills or Ferrer  
16 Bumbling  
17 Communal  
18 Mrs. Archie Bunker  
24 British school  
25 "Wild Child" singer  
30 "Stroker" (83 film)  
33 Wedding wear  
35 Terminate  
36 Switch words  
37 Crooked  
38 Basics  
39 Gator's cousin  
40 Poi base  
42 Caviar  
43 Sea plea  
44 '59 Marty Robbins hit  
48 Scenter of attention?  
51 Tenor Del Monaco  
53 New York city  
54 Bit of parsley  
55 Mock  
57 Sets straight  
58 '60s designs  
59 Sign  
61 — colta  
62 Asylum  
66 Emulates  
69 Dan  
70 Senator Kefauver  
72 Computer acronym  
75 Bea Arthur role  
76 Maestro Dorati  
77 "Big" star  
78 Runny-mede's river  
79 Vitality  
80 Zodiac crustacean  
86 San —, CA  
89 Colleague of Yves and Christian  
90 Grocer's measure  
91 Bronte heroine  
93 Halloween accessory  
96 Author LeShan  
97 Super, for short  
98 Harbinger  
101 Eastern "Way"  
105 Common contraction  
106 Sand flea  
107 Lady of Spain  
109 — milk  
111 Carrot or parsnip  
113 Scout's honor?  
114 Ryan of "Barry Lyndon"  
115 "Wonder-wall" rockers  
116 Java joints  
117 Worked wood  
119 Refuse  
123 Non-stereo  
124 Forehead  
125 Belle —, FL  
127 Blind as — crustacean  
128 Skater  
129 High-strung  
131 Mineral suffix  
133 — Dawn  
134 Peculiar  
135 Organ of equilibrium

## SFMS rolls over Adams

HI HAT - Looking for momentum heading into this week's Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament, South Floyd Middle School beat Adams Thursday night in impressive fashion, winning 66-29.

South Floyd Middle scoring threat Ethan Johnson led all scorers with a game-high 29 points, Marc Bennett finished with 15 and Anthony Thomsberry flipped in nine.

Wes Akers scored six and Lyle Johnson finished with five, Justin Isaac rounded out the scoring for South Floyd Middle in the A-Team game with two points.

Logan Grindstaff led Adams in scoring with seven points. Seth Moore scored six. Mike Crum and Wes Hall each had four points in the loss.

Trevor Patton scored three. Carmen Maines and Josh Holbrook each scored two. Justin Conn hit on a free-throw for the Blackcats.

## B-TEAM: Adams 28, South Floyd 22

Adams jumped out to an early lead and held on in the end to win the B-Team game, 28-22.

Seth Setser and Josh Holbrook led Adams with six points each. Jody Tackett and Nathaniel Stephens each scored five. Dane Sizemore netted four and Austin Gearheart finished with two.

Wes Akers led South Floyd with 12. Justin Isaac scored seven and Tyler Mitchell chipped in two.

Morgan Mullins rounded out the scoring for the Raiders with a free throw.

## H.S. BASKETBALL Blackcats beat Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - Junior Nick Jamerson had his best game of the season Wednesday night as he and the Prestonsburg Blackcats jumped out to an 11-point lead over host Belfry through one quarter and played on to an 87-76 win, its first in February. Prestonsburg improved to 6-11 on the season.

Point guard Trevor Compton scored 19 and Kris Bentley added 18 for the Blackcats. Joey Willis and Jesse Chaffin each had nine. Joe Blackburn rounded out the Blackcat scoring with a field goal for two points.

Visiting Prestonsburg outscored Belfry in three of the four quarters.

Center Zane Smith led Belfry (5-13) with 26 points. Paul Howard finished with 18.

## Area

Brandon Morrison. Yates received a plaque for being named the All County Player of the Year, and received a trophy for the All Big Sandy Player of the Year. Yates is currently attending Prestonsburg High School where he hopes to be play football for the Blackcats in the fall.

Floyd County players honored for their accomplishments in the fall season were Nick Jamerson, Mikeal Fannin, Rudy Pennington and Joey Willis, all of Prestonsburg High School.

Willis was the leading honoree for the county. From Magoffin County, Cole Hudson Salyer, Bradley Marshall, Adam Smith, Jacob Allen, and Jared Nicely were recognized. Miguel Rivas was named All County. Pikeville's Paul Sullivan was named the All County Player of the Year for Pike County.

Along with the certificates, plaques and trophies have been and will be awarded.

Citizens National Bank also contributed \$50 to each school for each week of football season, plus \$250 to the school which the All County player attended, another \$500 went to the All Big Sandy Player's school.

Citizens National Bank contributed \$3,450 in all to area schools, with Johnson Central collecting \$1,250, Magoffin County receiving \$750, and Prestonsburg High School receiving \$600. Paintsville collected \$550 and Pikeville High School brought in \$300.

The money was awarded to the individual school's scholarship fund in the players' names.

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# Regional COLLEGE

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## Registration deadline for next ACT exam is March 7

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21

(an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges

use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions, and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test.

Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test, because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than two million times last year.

who have already taken the ACT, can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses

Important tips—Students

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### 'Champions of Character' institution

Alice Lloyd College was recently recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as a Champions of Character Institutional Award Recipient. The award recognizes NAIA member colleges and universities that have embraced the character program initiative.

"We have great institutions in the NAIA that have always made the development of the whole person important," said NAIA Director of Development, Rob Miller. "Being an institution which embraces the five core character values and incorporates those principles within its sports teams is just an expansion of the mission of the school."

Since Alice Lloyd's arrival to Pippa Passes, she believed in a character-based curriculum. The College still holds that tradition close today and is proud of this recognition.

### COLLEGE NEWS

## Student Leadership Institute

Hazard Community College is starting a new Student Leadership Institute and is looking for applicants from among those graduating from high school this spring.

Individuals selected for the Institute will benefit in many ways, including be awarded full tuition scholarship, full payment for residence hall and meals, books, and travel to program events; be awarded a paid internship during the summer of 2004 which may count toward college credit; participate in a community service project which will result in college credit; informative and interesting workshop; field trips; connection to cultural heritage; and have a mentor.

"All of this is designed to promote the leadership of our students," noted Steve Jones, director of the Student Leadership Institute. "We have developed a program which is sure to promote the personal growth of our young people. We know that this area needs future leaders and we're going to start with a select group, giving them lots of attention," Jones said.

The deadline to apply is April 5. An Open House will be held in Hazard on Friday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Federal Center, room 123B. An Open House in Jackson is set for Friday, Feb. 28, in the Multi-Purpose room adjacent to the gymnasium, at the Lees College Campus of HCC. Students will reside in the dormitory at Lees while enrolled in this Institute and Hazard Community College.

"We are very excited about offering this Student Leadership Institute," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of HCC.

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The Big Sandy Educational Foundation Board has challenged Gov. Patton and the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for educational institutions and programs.

## Education, business partners call for adequate funding



The Big Sandy Educational Foundation, Inc., has called for Governor Patton and the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for all levels of education to ensure economic success and a high quality of life for the state's citizens.

The group, supporting post secondary education in the Big Sandy Region, emphasized the theme of 'Promise, Progress and Pride' during a meeting at Prestonsburg Community College.

Speakers urged the state's leaders to keep the promises made to Kentuckians to improve educational opportunities for both children and adults. They detailed the progress that Kentucky has made at all educational levels, but stressed that

much work remains to be done. And they noted the pride that Kentuckians have in these accomplishments and the positive news they have generated about the state nationally.

Speaking at the board meeting, George Edwards, President of Prestonsburg Community College and CEO of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District said, "Now is the time for all of us to emphasize the importance of education in eastern Kentucky. The future of this region and all of Kentucky's citizens depend on keeping the quality of education high and accessible for all students."

(See FUNDING, page three)

## Watercolor show by Shouse at HCC

The Stephens Library of Hazard Community College is currently displaying an exhibit of watercolor art by Ernest Shouse through Monday, March 31.

Ernest Shouse, adjunct faculty in art education at the Lees College Campus of HCC, teaches Introduction to Art, Introduction to Art Education, and Workshop in

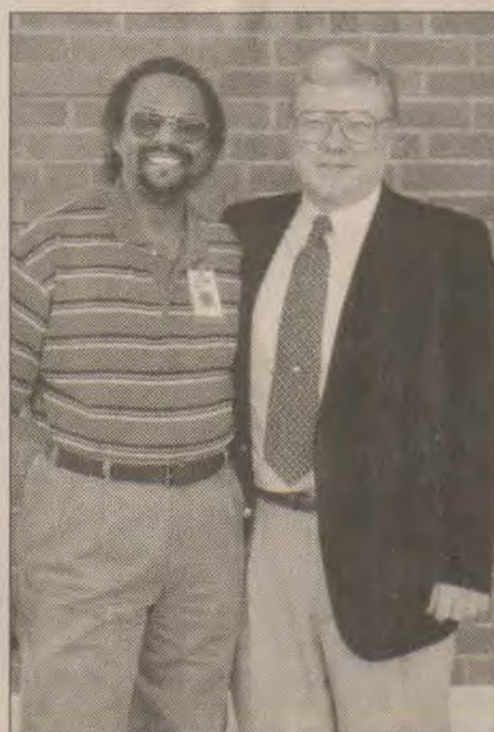
Design Education.

Shouse earned his bachelor's degree in art from Berea College and his master's degree in art from Morehead State University. He spent 32 years in the Breathitt County School system, as well as teaching 30 years as a part-time art instructor for Lees. Shouse also demonstrates painting and pottery techniques to

elementary and high school groups in the area and is currently teaching watercolor at the Breathitt County Public Library.

The library hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 7:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Honored posthumously at Lexington



Bobert Hurt, right, with school employee, Charlie Mealing, left.

A former Hazard man who taught for 28 years at Leestown Middle School has been honored following his untimely death.

Bobert Hurt, the son of Hazel Hurt, of Hazard, and a graduate of Hazard Community College, was a girls and boys basketball coach at Leestown Middle School in Lexington. He died recently following a heart attack

and just before he was going to retire from teaching at age 50. The school held an emotional dedication ceremony and unveiled their gymnasium floor which has now been named in his honor.

Students, former teachers, friends from Lexington and Hazard, and Hazel Hurt made up just part of the large audience.

"Bobert Hurt taught what it takes to make it today," said Ezra Farris, Leestown principal. "He was the first one to arrive at school, and the last one to leave ... and he was part of this family. Farris told the crowd. "He made a difference in the lives of our students," noted Roz Akins, Dean of

Students, noting that Bobert also made a difference in the lives of the fellow teachers he worked with, as evidenced by the many former teachers who returned to

(See HONORED, page three)

### NEWS & NOTES

## Pikeville Concert portrays legendary coach

PIKEVILLE — During the 42 years he coached at the University of Kentucky, Adolph Rupp (1901-1977) raised basketball to near-religious status in the Commonwealth. Basketball took its place next to horses, coal, and bourbon as cultural icons that characterize the state. Rupp's teams won 880 games, four national championships, and one Olympic gold medal. There was a flip side to all



this success - the Kentucky team was suspended for the 1952-53 season after a point-shaving scandal, and Rupp was heavily criticized for taking so long to integrate his program.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, join the Pikeville Concert Association for a Kentucky Chautauqua presentation of "Adolph Rupp, The Coach." The performance features Ed Smith as the memorable Rupp. Smith teaches theater and performance courses in the Communication Arts Department at Georgetown College. He is a graduate of Georgetown and earned a doctorate at the University of Texas. Smith developed and directs Kentucky On Stage: The Performing Kentucky Authors Project, an annual event that brings Kentucky literature to the stage.

Tuesday evening's performance is part of the Pikeville Concert Association's 2002-2003 concert season. Smith portrays Rupp, who grew up in Kansas, the son of

(See RUPP, page three)



From left to right are, Bob Bays, chair, Big Sandy Educational Foundation, Peggy Blankenship, Realty One, and Dr. George Edwards, president, Prestonsburg Community College.

## Realty One donates to Big Sandy educational fund

Peggy Blankenship from Realty One, presented Board Chairman Bob Bays from Classic Bank and PCC President Dr. George Edwards with a check for the Big Sandy Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund benefits students from Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College. These scholarships make it possible for more students from Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and other eastern Kentucky counties to get an education.

Scholarships make a difference in the lives of entire families and communities. The student who is able to go to school on a scholarship today, will in years to come influence his/her family and the community at large. Like pebbles in a pool, a scholarship improves one life and that person in turn improves others. The ripple effect is widespread and will return again and again by improving the quality of education and lives in eastern Kentucky.

Just like Peggy Blankenship, you can make a difference in the life of someone. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Jean Dorton at 606-886-3863 ext. 3350 or by email at jean.dorton@kctcs.edu.

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**No right to Social Security, high court says**By Peter Ferrara  
FOR NEWS USA

Most people don't know that in a landmark decision over 40 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court held that work-

ers and retirees have no property rights or contractual rights to their Social Security benefits.

In the case of *Flemming v. Nestor* (1960), the Court held that Congress has the authority to reduce or cut off the

Social Security benefits of anyone or everyone at any time it chooses.

The case involved the wife of an avowed communist activist who had worked in the United States for decades and paid Social Security taxes all that

time. He was ultimately deported because of his subversive activities.

But under standard Social Security provisions, his wife, still in the country, would be entitled to retirement and survivors benefits on her husband's earn-

ings record. Congress, however, had passed a new law cutting off all Social Security benefits for those who were deported for subversive, procommunist

(See **RIGHT**, page three)**Medicare  
AND YOU**

Donna R. Morton  
Medicare Beneficiary  
Outreach Coordinator  
AdminStar Federal

**Q** I am primary caregiver for a family member that is considering moving to a nursing home. What resources are available that will provide us the information needed to choose the best home in our area?

**A** If you or another family member have a computer with internet access - or you can visit your local library for internet access - I suggest checking out the government website [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

There you will find a Nursing Home Compare section that gives you immediate access to important data about the nursing homes in your area.

Nursing Home Compare contains the following sections of detailed information:

- About the Nursing Home: including the number of beds and type of ownership.

- Quality Measures: Provides data on quality measures including the percent of residents with pressure (bed) sores, percent of residents with physical restraints, and more.

- Inspection Result Information: including health deficiencies found during the most recent State nursing home survey and from recent complaint investigations.

- Nursing Home Staff Information: including the average number of hours worked by registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses, and certified nursing assistants per resident per day.

**Q** Is there a government publication that might help with our decision?

**A** Yes. The Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home is designed to help people find and compare nursing homes. It can help you and your family make your best choice, whether you are planning ahead, or need to make an unexpected decision. It includes information about the types of long-term care, how to find and compare nursing homes in your area, and how to pay for nursing home care. It also provides contact information

(See **YOU**, page three)**— HRMC AUXILIARY DONATES —**

Members of HRMC's Auxiliary were honored with a reception held in recognition of their donation to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. Shown in photo are, from left to right, back row, Jean Burke, Helene Branham, Marvin Sturgill, Cal Herrick, Connie Dillon (x-ray), Armita Snavley, Kathy Allen, Charlotte Goble, and Tim Banks (Cath Lab). From left to right, front row, Garnett Fairchild, Myrtle Burchett, Chicita Callihan (Cath Lab), Margaret Hyden, Chris Hoffman, Dianna Ward, and Dorothy Stover.

**NEW CARDIAC CATH  
IMAGING EQUIPMENT**

PRESTONSBURG - Highlands Auxiliary's latest donation to the Medical Center is a new Contrast Injector Management System for the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. The new injector system for managing contrast medium in patients under going cardiac catheterization procedures streamlines the way contrast injection is performed. Benefits of the new system include reduced

procedure time by 21%; 15% less contrast administered; reduced contrast waste; reduced radiation exposure; and increased patient safety. During a Cardiac Catheterization procedure a dye (contrast medium) is injected into the coronary artery system. Images of the arteries are then taken by an x-ray camera. The images any areas with restricted blood flow (block-

ages). The new system offers superior imaging and can reduce the need for additional images. Rodney Handshoe, MD, Cardiologist and Medical Director of Highlands Cardiac Catheterization Lab said, "This is the first step toward replacing all our old equipment with state of the art technology."

(See **NEW**, page three)**ALLTEL supports parent institute**

ALLTEL Corporation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Pritchard Committee for Academic Excellence, to support its Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership.

The institute, now in its seventh year, provides training for parents to increase their meaningful involvement in schools, with an emphasis on improving student achievement. More than 1,000 Kentucky parents have participated to date, and institute graduates design projects for individual schools that can create opportunities for other parents to participate in

school improvement efforts.

ALLTEL's support will help provide tuition, materials, lodging and meals to parents who will participate in the program, in the Fall 2003 class.

"At ALLTEL, we are committed to bringing much more than just our telecommunications products to the towns we serve," said Terry Beeler, president. "Our goal is to strengthen each community where we do business. Supporting the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership is a great way to do that. We are proud to be instrumental in helping parents get

involved in improving academic achievement in public schools. We encourage all parents to get involved, and make a difference, by participating in one of the institute sessions."

Kerry Zack, manager of the Commonwealth Institute, welcomed the support. "ALLTEL's gift will make it possible for many Kentucky parents to become involved in improving the child's school, by helping address priority needs in academic programs," she said. "The goal is to make sure that all children achieve at high levels."

**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 Feb. 7 to 14.

**Pikeville Division  
Chapter 7**

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a

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

Jonathan Tackett, of Beaver.  
Timothy Ivan Powers and Rosalee Lynn Powers, of Paintsville.  
Terry Scott McKinney and Kathy Marie McKinney, of Inez.  
Steven Craig Spriggs, of Drift.

Roy Davis and Denisa Jean Davis, of Lowmansville.  
Randel Adkins, of Galveston.  
Birtha Deborah Adkins, of Galveston.  
John Bevins, of Pikeville.  
Lorie Ousley, of Martin.

(See **FILINGS**, page three)**YOUR MONEY****Social Security  
poor deal for  
today's workers**By PETER FERRARA  
FOR NEWS USA

A growing number of studies from think tanks and universities concludes that Social Security offers a poor deal to today's workers.

In "A New Deal for Social Security," published by the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., Peter Ferrara and Michael Tanner calculate that even if all promised Social Security benefits are somehow paid, most of today's young and middle-aged workers will still only get a real rate of return on taxes paid into the system of around 1 percent or less. For many, the return will be zero or even negative.

In another study from the Heritage Foundation, William Beach and Gareth Davis calculate similarly that even with all promised benefits, the real Social Security return will still be only 1.23 percent or less for most of these workers. These studies took into account the full range of Social Security benefits.

By contrast, the long-term return in the stock market has been 7 percent to 8 percent after inflation. The long-term return on corporate bonds has been 3 percent or more after inflation.

Ferrara and Tanner show that an average income, two earner couple earning just a 4 percent real return would reach retirement with a fund of about \$1 million

(See **SECURITY**, page three)**CHAMBER NOTES****Floyd County map**by REGINA BECKNELL,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce announces the development of the new "Floyd County Map." This is the first reprinting of our county map in three years. We are pleased to be printing and developing our map locally with our Chamber members.

In the Chamber's continuing efforts to improve resources for our county, the map and the Floyd County Magazine are generated with emphasis on economic development. The Chamber will be producing maps based on the new 911 county addresses. We are working to reproduce a prior Chamber map that featured the county and all five incorporated cities. This map will be two-color, include a street listing for county and cities and highlight our local attractions.

As a county business, you can advertise on this map. Map advertising will be limited, so ads will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested in advertising in our county map, please contact the Chamber 606-886-0364 for ad rate information.

Who receives our county map? Many map requests come from visiting business or industry, relocation information to new citizens, as well as being distributed to all county visitors, whether tourist or conference attendees, interested in knowing more about our area and Chamber membership. Do not let this high profile promotion opportunity pass you by. Call the Chamber for more information on how your business can be a part of this publication.

**CHAMBER TRAINING  
CALENDAR:****Introduction to Excel Spreadsheets**

This hands-on workshop will introduce the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet software in a one-day series on Thursday, February 27, 2003, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(See **MAP**, page three)

# Judge-executive and mayors to co-chair '03 College Phonathon

PIKEVILLE — Pike County Judge/Executive Bill Deskins, Pikeville Mayor Frank Justice II, Elkhorn City Mayor Richard "Hank" Salyer and Coal Run Mayor Phyllis Muncy have been named honorary co-chairs for the 2003 Pikeville College Phonathon.

The four leaders say they and their respective governments are working together to move the county and their cities forward, and Pikeville College plays an important role in their communities' success.

"Local leaders have supported the College since its founding, and have been very important in the

development and growth of the school," said President Harold "Hal" Smith. "We are honored that these leaders have agreed to support our students by serving as co-chairs for the 2003 Phonathon."

Money raised at the Phonathon supports student scholarships. Pikeville College awards nearly \$4 million in scholarships and financial assistance each year. More than 90 percent of the school's students benefit from these awards. The goal for the 2003 Phonathon is \$175,000.

The theme for this year's Phonathon is "Mind, Body, Spirit: An Education for the Whole Person." This emphasizes the

College's heritage and mission of fostering growth of the whole person through physical, mental and spiritual encouragement and education.

The 2003 Phonathon will be held in Sturgill Board Room on the third floor of Record Memorial on February 17-20 and February 24-27. The Board Room will open at 3 p.m. and close each evening at 9 p.m. This allows callers to select a two or three hour block of time which is convenient for their schedule.

"Pikeville College has an estimated \$62 million economic impact on our county and cities

each year," said Judge/Executive Deskins. "We support Pikeville College and the School of Osteopathic Medicine wholeheartedly. They are very important to our county and region."

"The College has been a tremendous asset for the City of Pikeville for over 100 years," said Mayor Justice. "The growth in and around Pikeville as a result of the College's increase in enrollment in recent years is very evident. We work very closely with the College on a daily basis. What is good for the College is good for the City of Pikeville."

Mayors Salyer and Muncy echoed the comments by Deskins

and Justice, saying the College has been a valuable asset to their communities over the years.

"Education is an important part of developing our economy," said Salyer. "The College provides people with a quality education without having to leave the region."

"We see the economic impact of the College daily," said Muncy. "We support Pikeville College and its mission of educating our people and providing opportunities for our region."

Pikeville College alumni, faculty, staff, students and community volunteers will call alumni and friends of the College to update records and request support for the scholarship fund. Gifts of appreciation will be provided to all callers and prizes will be awarded to top callers for the night and the entire event. Aramark will provide dinner each evening for all volunteers.

Terry Spears, vice president for Development at the College, said he is excited about this year's event. Spears said he is confident the

Phonathon will once again be a success due to the involvement of dozens of dedicated volunteers.

"The students of Pikeville College will benefit greatly from the involvement and support of community leaders who help with the Phonathon each year," said Spears. "We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and contributors who care about the future of our region."

Volunteers may sign up by phoning the Development Office at 218-5282, by e-mailing development@pc.edu, or you may sign up online at <http://www.pc.edu/giving/phonathon.html>. Anyone who would like to make a gift to the scholarship fund may call the Development Office at 606-218-5276. People who would like to make a secure online credit card gift may do so at <https://www.pc.edu/cgi/giving/cc.htm>.

## Students from Floyd County named to dean's list

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky is proud to recognize the outstanding academic performance of our students, including 21 students from Floyd County who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2002.

The UK Dean's List by county is also accessible at <http://www.uky.edu/PR/News/DeansList/>.

"UK is always proud to boast about the academic success of its students, such as those who have been named to the current Dean's List," said UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. "These achievements amplify our belief that UK students can compete with any students, anywhere, anytime."

For the fall semester, 3,695 students in an undergraduate student population of 17,007 students were named to the University of Kentucky Dean's List.

To make a Dean's List in one of the colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5

GPA to make the Dean's List.

The students who made the Dean's List from Floyd County are:

Sulma Syeda Badrudduja, Prestonsburg, senior, secondary education-mathematics education, College of Education; Alia Brandis Bradley, Stanville, junior, secondary education-English education, College of Education; Erik Shane Branham, Prestonsburg, senior, accounting, Gatton College of Business and Economics; Allison Leigh Caudill, Prestonsburg, senior, nursing, College of Nursing;

Heidi LeeAnn Caudill, Prestonsburg, freshman, College of Architecture; Jessica Marie Flannery, Harold, senior, finance, Gatton College of Business and Economics; Monica Leigh Hobson, Hi Hat, freshman, political science, College of Arts and Sciences; William Jefferson Jones, Langley, freshman, pre-mechanical engineering, College of Engineering;

Sara Virginia May, Lexington, junior, political science, College of Arts and Sciences; Daphne Leigh McCoy, Betsy Layne, freshman,

elementary education, College of Education; Caroline Amanda McDonald, Prestonsburg, freshman, psychology, College of Arts and Sciences; Monica Kaye McKinney, Melvin, junior, psychology, College of Arts and Sciences;

Joseph Ryan Owens, Langley, senior, biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Jason Wayne Salisbury, Harold, senior, civil engineering, College of Engineering; Jonathan Dewain Senters, now of Lexington, senior, integrated strategic communication, College of Communications

and Information Studies; Julie Anna Shubinski, East Point, sophomore, art history, College of Fine Arts;

Alicia Marie Stone, Blue River, freshman, pre-pharmacy; Crystal Lynn Slone, Blue River, senior, elementary education, College of Education; Stephenie Ann Swope, now of Lexington, junior, computer science, College of Engineering; Amy E. Tackett, Prestonsburg, sophomore, biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Tiffany Dawn Warrix, Prestonsburg, senior, pre-accounting, Gatton College of Business and Economics.

## New

The Contrast Injector Management System is more technically advanced in that it is computer software based. The amount of contrast the patient receives can be set based on the size of the artery. The software program offers the physician greater control and is more user friendly to physicians. Previously contrast medium was injected by a hand operated manifold system. The new computer based injection system operates by pushing a button as opposed to manually injecting with a syringe and will reduce the possibility of wrist strain and carpal tunnel syndrome to the physician. The new Contrast Injector Management System can be used throughout the entire Cardiac Catheterization

procedure as well as for peripheral vascular studies.

Donations to the Medical Center by the Auxiliary are made possible through their operation of the hospital's Gift Shop. In addition to the Cardiac donation the Auxiliary recently donated a new OR table, new monitors, anesthesia equipment, and other needed items. Highlands Auxiliary consists of almost 50 members who volunteer their time to the Medical Center. The Auxiliary is a great asset to the organization in many ways and their work is greatly appreciated.

## ACT

to correct those weaknesses, and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once, can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges, if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor, or register online on ACT's website—[www.act.org](http://www.act.org). The website also has helpful information, sample tests, and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

## Institute

"When I first came here last July and met with residents in many communities, I often heard folks say this region needed to enhance the leadership skills of our youth. We know we need to start while they are young and that the college should be the provider of the leadership training," Dr. Box said, noting the slogan for the program is "growing the region's new leadership for tomorrow."

Those who are high school seniors now can obtain an application for the Institute from Steve Jones by calling him at 436-5721, ext. 8076 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8076 or [Steve.Jones@kctcs.edu](mailto:Steve.Jones@kctcs.edu)

## Right

activities.

The wife sued claiming the payment of payroll taxes during working years created a contractual or property right to Social Security benefits that Congress could not take away. But the Court disagreed, saying in a broad ruling "To engraft upon the Social Security system a concept of 'accrued property rights' would deprive it of the flexibility and boldness in adjustment to everchanging conditions which it demands."

Justice Hugo L. Black explained in dissent, "People who pay premiums for insurance usually think they are paying for insurance, not for flexibility and boldness. I cannot believe that any private

insurance company in America would be permitted to repudiate its matured contracts with its policyholders who have regularly paid all their premiums in reliance upon the good faith of the company."

Reformers argue that one of the benefits of allowing workers to substitute a personal investment account for part of their Social Security benefits is that the worker would directly own all the money in the account and have full property rights to it. Congress would then not be free to reduce or cut off the benefits that could be paid through such an account.

Peter Ferrara is the director of The International Center for Law and Economics.

## Filings

Virgil Ray Robinson and Bessie Ellene Robinson, of Pikeville.

James H. Conn and Irene Conn, of Martin.

Douglas Burchett and Francis Kay Burchett, of Stambaugh.

Alonzo Jr. Polly and Carol Polly, of Mayking.

Emma Mullins, of Salyersville.

Charles Michael Bolden and Jo Ann Bolden, of Harold.

Donetta McCoy, of Shelbiana.

Timothy Craig Cooley and

Gail Cooley, of Prestonsburg.

John V. McCarty, of Salyersville.

Gary Robinette, of Harold. Roger L. Miles and Rebecca L. Miles, of Whitesburg.

## Chapter 13

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

Elizabeth Susan Bentley, of Langley.

Penny Lynn Casey, of Flat Gap.

Brad A. Damron and

Caroline D. Damron, of Neon.

## You

for organizations that can help answer your questions. Choosing a nursing home can have great emotional effect on you and your loved ones. It is helpful to plan ahead, visit and compare several nursing homes, and make good financial plans early. Planning ahead gives you and your family more control and can help make sure that your needs are met so you can get good quality care. Call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask for your free copy.

## Who are Long Term Care Ombudsmen?

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program assists residents of nursing homes and advocate on their behalf. Ombudsman staff visit nursing homes and speak with residents throughout the year, working to make sure that the residents' rights are being upheld. The state inspection team gets information from the ombudsman about problems in the facilities. The program began in 1971 and is funded on the federal level by the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging. Every state has its own ombudsman program. Some states use community volunteers in addition to paid staff.

## Funding

Specific requests for action - reflecting commitments made by the state since the 1990 passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act - were included in a resolution that will be delivered to Governor Paul Patton and members of the General Assembly. The resolution and the organization's focus emphasize the relationships among all levels of education.

"The levels of education in Kentucky - early childhood, elementary and secondary, postsecondary and adult education - represent a continuum of opportunity for all Kentuckians," the resolution stated.

Don Cecil, Superintendent of Magoffin County Schools told the group, "I want to encourage everyone to get involved. Numbers count and our legisla-

B. The ombudsman is an important resource to residents, their families and friends. The ombudsman can provide information about how nursing homes are organized and regulated. The ombudsman may be able to highlight the nursing home's strengths and weaknesses. The ombudsman can also work to resolve problems such as poor care, dietary needs and financial issues. Sometimes consumers' problems can be dealt with very effectively by the ombudsman who mediates between the resident and the nursing home staff. However, the consumer may want to file a complaint with the regulatory agency that has the power to enforce Federal guidelines on nursing homes. The Ombudsman can work with you to determine how problems in nursing homes may best be handled. Find the Long Term Care Ombudsman for your area by calling your local Area Agency on Aging or the Kentucky Office of Aging at 1-800-372-2991.

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](http://www.medicare.gov) on the internet.

## Rupp

immigrant farmers. He played three years of varsity basketball at the University of Kansas, but never scored a point. He began his coaching career in Kansas, but soon moved on to Iowa and then Illinois. The University of Kentucky hired him in 1930. Rupp expected success and found it not only in basketball but in various business ventures, including raising Hereford cattle. He could be charming or sarcastic, courteous or brusque. He was notoriously superstitious, always wearing a brown suit, carrying a buckeye, and looking for a bobby pin, a sign that victory was imminent. Rupp's genius for public relations and his

## Security

in today's dollars, after inflation, if they could pay into a personal account what they and their employer would otherwise pay into Social Security.

That fund would pay them more out of the continuing returns alone than Social Security promises, allowing them to leave the \$1 million to their children. Or it can be used to buy an annuity that would pay them more than three times what Social Security promises.

Several think tanks now maintain Web sites where workers can enter their personal data and see how much more they would get from investing their tax money through a personal account earning just standard investment returns, as compared to Social Security. The most prominent are the Cato Institute at [www.socialsecurity.org](http://www.socialsecurity.org), the Heritage Foundation at [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org) and the National Center for Policy Analysis at [www.mysocialsecurity.org](http://www.mysocialsecurity.org).

Peter Ferrara is the director

## Honored

the school for the ceremony in his honor.

Former school principal Rafael Cordoves, who met Hurt in 1974, said he was a man who cared about teaching. "He was a role model for all ... he was instrumental in Leestown being named a Magnet school ... a very successful coach," Cordoves said. "He taught all of us how to live."

Joe Gibson served as Hurt's assistant coach for five years and he called Hurt a mentor and a friend. "He wanted students to be the best they could be," Gibson

said. Former basketball coach Debbie Mack taught with Hurt for 14 years and told the crowd "teaching was his passion. He was the teacher the students would come back and see."

Hurt was named Teacher of the Year at Leestown Middle School for 2000-2001 by the Fayette County Schools. As noted then, his commitment and support of each student is evidenced in the high expectations he has for his students. "He is known for helping students set and meet goals higher than most of them thought they could achieve."

"Students consider him fair, a good listener and always someone who is willing to meet them at their level and go the extra mile," was stated at the time of the

team's winning ways combined to make Kentucky basketball a statewide phenomenon, a point of pride around which Kentuckians of all stripes still rally.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Season tickets will also be available at the door. For more information about the Pikeville Concert Association, please call (606) 432-5407 or (606) 437-7878.

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## Map

to be held at the MSU @ Prestonsburg campus. Learn the basics of spreadsheet operations and the related terminology. Discover how to manipulate cells, rows, columns, formulas, and other spreadsheet information to handle your business functions - a "must" for small business owners. Seating is limited; therefore, pre-registration is required. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged to all participants for this session. This fee includes lunch. A basic knowledge of PC's and Windows is required. Contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at 886-0364 or the Paintsville office of the MSU Small Business Development Center at 788-7331 to register. Hosted by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and the Morehead State University Small Business Development Center.

award.

"They say he is the mainstay of the Technology Program at Leestown, and has worked to ensure that students and staff at Leestown develop the technology skills necessary to handle current and future technological advances."

After he received that award, a former student and present doctor, Scott Bridges, now living in Knoxville, Tenn., wrote a Letter to the Editor saying, "the students of Leestown from over 20 years ago are deeply indebted to Hurt for providing a strong base of knowledge from which to build future careers in science. I suspect that over the ensuing decades, his talents have only been exponentially (a word whose understanding I owe to Hurt) increasing, and I have no doubt that his ability to assuage adolescent angst has remained constant."

In 1998, Hurt was named Educator of the Year by the Kentucky Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The award was based on his development of innovative educational programs and teaching methods, professional commitment to continually upgrading his skills, awareness of educational issues and trends and commitment to excellence.

Hurt lived in Jessamine County with his wife, Deborah.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Get It Together! Organizing Tips That Work

Believe it or not, we're starting to get that "clutter-free" feeling in our household. Last year at this time, I was motivated to get everything organized — really organized. Of course, some projects were too ambitious (clean out the stuff in boxes, bins and bags in the attic), but others were doable and will carry on into 2003 because — hooray! — they worked!

Pick and choose from my favorite organizing tips to help you feel you're getting control of clutter and your time.

#### BATHROOM STUFF

■ Purchase the same color bath and hand towels and washcloths for all bathrooms in your home. You will no longer need to sort and shuttle by color to specific racks, cabinets and rooms.

■ Hang a shoe organizer behind the bathroom door to tuck everyday items, such as brushes and lotion, into pockets immediately after use. If you have preschoolers, hang it low enough for them to reach, too.

#### PHONE NUMBERS

On one sheet of paper, type a categorized list of your family's frequently called phone numbers, such as doctors, community services, schools, restaurants, relatives, friends and the parents of your kids' friends. Include work, home and cell phone numbers. Make copies and place by every phone in the house. Also, fold extras to place in your wallets for easy access when away from home.

#### KIDS' ART

Within children's reach, hang inexpensive Plexiglas box frames to fit an 8-1/2-by-11-inch sheet of art paper. They can switch pictures whenever they draw new ones. Slip previously displayed drawings into clear plastic sleeves and store the collection in a decorated three-ring binder. Over time, your family will have its own "coffee-table art book."

#### SMALL STUFF

Gather empty wicker gift and floral baskets you might have jammed on the tops of kitchen shelves and put them to use as decorative, easy-to-carry storage containers for small items. Use them for:

■ small stuffed animals and toys in baby's room

■ crayons or other art supplies that are easily crushed underfoot

■ colorful packets of hot chocolate and tea by the stove or microwave

■ washed fruit for healthy snacking

■ small, blooming primrose plants for a bright winter table centerpiece.



## DON'T PASS UP THESE TASTY LAMB SHANKS

If you pass up shanks in the lamb section of the meat department, you are missing out on a very tasty meal. Ideal for the person who lives alone, and relatively inexpensive, shanks are easy to cook, can be simply braised, stewed or roasted, and they are tender and delicious.

I brown shanks in a little olive oil, add minced onion and oregano, thyme or rosemary. Sometimes I add whole allspice. Sometimes I use all four herbs and spices. I deglaze the pan with about a half cup of dry red wine and when that has cooked away I add water to almost cover the shanks, bring it to a boil and cover the pan, lower the heat and let the range do the work. In an hour and a half or so, the meat is ready to fall off the bone. In the last half-hour I may add a cut-up potato, a couple of carrots and a handful of frozen peas. And I have a dish for a couple of meals with one shank. If I cook more than one, I freeze the extra for a future dinner.

In today's recipe, shanks are rubbed with a blend of several zesty spices for a Southwestern flavor, browned on top of the range, cooked for a bit with tomato and salsa, then baked. The dish needs little attention once it goes into the oven.

If you don't like the hot stuff, you can omit the habanero chilies and use a mild salsa. Serve the sauce on

polenta, hominy, rice or couscous.

### SOUTHWESTERN AMERICAN LAMB SHANKS

Southwestern Rub\*  
4 American lamb shanks, 1 to 1 1/4 pounds each  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes  
1 cup spicy salsa  
1 to 2 whole habanero chilies



1. Prepare Southwestern Rub (recipe follows); set aside. Preheat oven to 350F. Remove any external fat from shanks.
2. Rub all surfaces of lamb shanks generously with Southwestern Rub, pressing in as necessary. In deep, oven-safe sauté pan or Dutch oven, heat oil over high heat; add shanks, turning occasionally to brown all sides, 4 to 5 minutes per side. Add tomatoes, salsa and habanero chilies; bring to boil.
3. Cover pan, place in preheated oven and cook until lamb is very tender, about 1 hour, 45 minutes. Remove shanks from pan and keep warm. Remove and discard chilies; degrease tomato sauce and reheat if necessary.

(See **BLOCK**, page five)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Do the math — the three "C's" of the season add up to Valentine's Day! Enjoy this tasty treat to your heart's content, but be sure to save some for

### Chocolate! Cherries! Cupid!

your sweetheart.

#### HEAVENLY WHITE CHOCOLATE CHERRY PIE

1 (20-ounce) can sugar-free cherry pie filling  
1 (6-ounce) purchased chocolate crumb pie crust  
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant white chocolate pudding mix  
2/3 cup dry milk powder  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped

topping  
2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips

Reserve 1/2 cup cherry pie filling. Evenly spread remaining pie filling in pie crust. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping. Spread pudding mixture evenly over cherry filling. Drop reserved cherry pie filling by tablespoon over pud-

(See **FOODS**, page five)

## Dear Diane...

### Third time's the charm

#### DEAR DIANE:

When I read your invitation for women to brag about their men, I ran to my computer. I am on marriage No. 3 and truly have something to brag about!

I was first married at age 17. A difficult upbringing led me to marry young, and I was not equipped with the best tools to choose a life partner. I won't go into details about marriage No. 2, but suffice to say I learned A LOT.

After marriage No. 2 failed, I joined a single-parenting group. Several months later I met my current husband, Greg. He was not the "perfect" specimen of a male, but tall, thin, balding and rather shy. He had a 1-year-old son and had never been married.

We started dating and realized we had different backgrounds, yet strong similarities. We married after a year and a half, and we just celebrated our 11th anniversary. It has been a tough 11 years with a daughter with ADD and a son we juggle between two homes.

Part of our glue as a couple has been our love for each other and our love for our children. I have never known a person as loving as Greg. I tell people I am a flower and Greg is my sunshine. He tells me regularly that he loves me and that I am wonderful.

My daughter, now 20, e-mailed Greg for his birthday, saying "I love you so very much and appreciate what you've done for me throughout my life. You have never given up on me, even when you probably wanted to. ... My mother made such a wonderful decision in marrying you. I am so glad that she did. She couldn't have picked anyone better."

My daughter's words are the legacy of a man who took a chance on marrying a woman who had been married twice before. The lessons I learned helped me to choose a man who knows truly how to love.

— LISA IN ALBUQUERQUE

#### DEAR LISA:

What a beautiful story! I am so happy for you. Anyone else have a story to share?

## Vaccine for Cancer Prevention

EDITORS: Please ensure that pamphlet offer includes price and all other information.

#### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

What is this about a cancer vaccine? I have heard many people at work talking about it, but I haven't seen anything in print or on TV or the radio. Vaccines are used to prevent infections. Do you know what this is all about? — R.M.

#### ANSWER:

There's been talk about this matter in all the media. It is a vaccine for prevention of genital warts, a sometime precursor of cervical cancer, one of the most common female cancers.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

The human papillomavirus, HPV, is a large virus family with more than 70 distinct strains. All of the strains produce warts. People can thank these viruses for the warts on their feet and on their fingers and anywhere else they might have them. Different strains pick out different body territories as their homeland.

A handful of papillomaviruses infect the genital organs. Of that handful a smaller number might lead to the development of cervical cancer. One, in particular, is especially trou-

(See **HEALTH**, page five)

# — Chicken Soup: I still love you —

Twelve feet or so off the east edge of State Road 103, which runs north and south through the town of Newbury, N. H. (population fifteen hundred, more or less), there sits a squat, brown-gray slab of rock roughly the height of a man. Its southern face is flat, nearly smooth, at a billboard angle toward the traffic coming north.

About 25 years ago, across from the rock on the west side of the road, there sat a tidy, white cedar-shingled house in whose back yard, as it is remembered, a dozen chickens pecked about. Their eggs made breakfast (and a tiny sideline business) for a family named the Rules, whose daughter Gretchen was pretty, smart, wistful

and 16.

There was a boy — a shy boy, also wistful, whose name is forgotten today — who pined for Gretchen Rule. He cast about for ways to tell her or show her — without telling or showing himself — then hit upon the rock: "CHICKEN FARMER, I LOVE YOU," he wrote on it in 8-inch-high, spray-painted letters one moonlit, high-starred night — or so the story goes. And the girl saw and guessed the author (though it was only, really, a guess) — and the town and the

passing motorists smiled, made their own guesses and went on about their ways.



The message endured for years, though brambles grew up to obscure it, and the letters, once so bold and white, began to fade.

Gretchen Rule went away to Harvard, then on to life. The boy, whoever he was — or is — became a man. The rock grew into a relic, a love note out of time.

One night — 10, perhaps 12 years ago (no one saw it happen, and no one today can say for sure) — the brambles

were cut away. And the message was repainted and renewed: "CHICKEN FARMER, I STILL LOVE YOU."

The rock became a landmark. "It's your first left past Chicken Rock," the locals were wont to say. "Chicken," "love" and "farmer" were the first words one Newbury kindergartener — today a teenager — learned to read. Sunapee-bound skiers headed north from Boston spun tales of unrequited love. And every year or two, barely noticed, the letters would be freshened and the brambles cut away.

Then, late last April, an unknown caller complained about "graffiti" to the Newbury office of the New Hampshire Department of

Transportation. By nightfall the same day, a 3-foot square of rust-colored primer was all that was left of a shy boy's long-ago love. The Concord Monitor offered its requiem: "Love Message to Chicken Farmer Is No More."

A week passed. Then, with the coming of dawn on April 30, a Wednesday, the new sun rose on New Hampshire's stubbornest love: "CHICKEN FARMER, I STILL LOVE YOU."

The same message, the same 8-inch letters. But bolder this time: thicker-lettered, and painted rather than

(See **SOUP**, page five)

# Books: Seven greatest truths

**The Seven Greatest Truths About Successful Women**  
By Marion Luna Brem  
(Penguin Putnam Inc., \$13.95)

Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

Nineteen years ago, Marion Luna Brem was a divorced mother of two. She was broke, had never had a real job and was undergoing chemotherapy

for breast cancer that was supposed to limit her life to two to five more years. After feeling sorry for herself for about a millisecond, Brem "pulled herself up by her bootstraps" and started to live her life. For her sake, as well as her children's sake, she knew she couldn't just wilt and die.

Through resiliency, passion, nurturing, intuition, creativity, self-value and sensitivity — the seven truths Brem discuss-

es in her book — she is able to succeed in the male-dominated industry of car sales. She not only becomes a top sales executive, she becomes the owner of two car dealerships and an advertising agency.

"The Seven Greatest Truths About Successful Women" isn't a "girl power" book, as it were. It is full of life lessons about how to know what you want and how to achieve the results you want. Brem isn't

trying to be your psychiatrist, but your friend. And, as hokey as that may sound, it works.

Brem has one objective that she focuses on: to make successes out of the women who read her book. Whether you wish to obtain financial or spiritual success, Brem will walk you through to its completion. And when you complete the book, you'll feel ready to give your goals your best shot.

## Glass is a liquid — if you're patient

■ The number of people in the world aged 65 and over is growing by 800,000 every month.

■ Scientists who study abstract art — and such scientists do exist — have used computers and statistical analysis to show that many great works exhibit a fractal mathematical structure. And you thought it was just a blob.

■ The popular Internet auction Web site, eBay, specifically prohibits the sale of body parts.

■ Observed scrawled on a subway wall: "One hundred thousand lemmings can't be wrong."

■ Glass is a liquid — if you're patient.

■ If you put tomatoes, cucumbers, olives and pickles on two pieces of bread, you

### Strange BUT TRUE

have a fruit sandwich.

■ Actor Michael Caine's middle name is "Micklewhite."

■ The United States military has spent huge sums of money researching quiet alternatives to zippers, snaps and Velcro.

■ A recent survey by the British Association for the Advancement of Science shows that Americans and Canadians like jokes that make people look stupid, and Scots prefer jokes about death.

■ The word "antonym" has no synonym.

■ In an example of what pollsters call "response bias," people tend to over-report their church attendance by 70 percent.

■ Vermont celebrates Cow Appreciation Day.

■ Psychologists tell us that even as adults enjoying a new bond with our parents, we should not reveal to them dangerous exploits from our past. It can cause trauma and anxiety.

■ Eskimos really only have one word for snow.

Thought for the Day: "Modern art is what happens when painters stop looking at girls and persuade themselves that they have a better idea." — John Ciardi

## Your America: Mardi Gras 101

Let's say that about this time last year, you and some friends decided that 2003 would be the year that sees you screaming for beads at Mardi Gras. And let's say that a few months ago you recalled your declaration, got everyone together and actually booked a hotel room in the greater New Orleans area. Now what?

There are a lot of things that the first-timer should know about the legendary New Orleans fest. It seems the only stories that circulate are about the incredible amount of drinking and flashing going on.

The truth is, New Orleans is a very family-friendly city, and Mardi Gras is a wonderful event for both single partygoers and parade-loving families. Here are some tips for enjoying your stay in New Orleans during Mardi Gras, from the hometown experts at [www.mardigrasneworleans.com](http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com).

■ The French Quarter, home of legendary Bourbon Street (and all the alcoholic excess that goes with it), is a great place to have a good time. But keep your wallet safe, follow

the directions of law-enforcement officials and relax. It's fine to have an open alcoholic beverage on the street, as long as it is in a plastic cup — no glass. Also, despite what you might have heard, the drinking age is 21 and enforced. After the sun goes down, the French Quarter is no place for the kids. There are no parades that run through the French Quarter anyway, so keep it adults only.

■ Pick the parades you want to attend, and claim your spot EARLY. The street can look totally clear one minute and a half-hour later, there will be a crush. Map out the parade routes and come prepared — with chairs or blankets (if the weather will be chilly) and plenty of patience.

■ Yell for beads, but don't forget your safety. Don't ever run into the parade route to pick up beads or other booty from the throwers. It's unsafe and can quickly get you arrested. If something falls on the ground, don't bend over to pick it up; a rush of the crowd can send you to the ground to get trampled. The experts suggest stepping on

the item and picking it up when the coast is clear.

■ Plan transportation in advance. Parking in the Central Business District and the Garden District is tough on a regular day, and you can forget parking in the Quarter if you don't live there. Lots fill up quickly during Mardi Gras, as do hotels with attached parking garages. If you plan to drive in, be very careful about where you park, as tickets and towing are the order of the day.

Bottom line: Don't be rigid. Plan for it to be crowded and exciting. Give extra deference to the legendarily good-natured cops of New Orleans, and don't drink too much. And, of course, have a great time.

Visit [www.mardigrasneworleans.com](http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com) for lots of great information. Mardi Gras begins March 4.

Write to Your America in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail [youramerica@hotmail.com](mailto:youramerica@hotmail.com).

## Coupon cutter: Beauty Aids



Spring is the symbol of rebirth. That's why we work so hard at charting new courses right after the start of the new year. All goals seem possible in the spring — we know that a better job or the results of a new diet are within our grasp if we work hard enough at it.

Change begins with small steps, though, and sometimes it's easier to work toward bigger goals by breaking them down into achievable, week-by-week increments.

Looking for a better job? Take a course or

two to get better training. Polish your resume. Take a critical look at your wardrobe and sell or donate clothes that don't work for you anymore. Examine your appearance. Would a new hair color or makeup give you a needed update?

By taking one step at a time, you're more likely to accomplish what you set out to do.

### Here are this week's coupons in health and beauty aids:

■ Herbal Essences offers a \$2 coupon on any of its hair color products. Expires March 31.

■ L'Oreal offers a \$1 coupon on any shade of Preference hair color. The company is sponsoring a sweepstakes for a spa visit at [www.lorealparis.com/redcarpet](http://www.lorealparis.com/redcarpet). The Web site

also offers coupon savings on L'Oreal products. Save \$2 on any purchase of Visible Results moisturizer, \$1 on Pure Zone cleanser and \$2 on Ideal Balance makeup foundation.

■ Save \$1 on any L'Oreal skin-care product such as Revitalift anti-wrinkle and firming cream. Expires April 30.

■ Revlon offers a \$2 coupon on any Colorstay face, lip, eye or nail product.

■ Open, a new brand of hair color marketed to young women, has a \$3 coupon on any shade. Expires April 30.

■ Clairol offers a \$2 coupon on any shade of its Hydrience hair color. Expires March 31.

■ Save \$2 on any Almay makeup product for skin, lips and eyes. Expires April 12.

■ Maybelline has a \$1 coupon on any mascara, eye shadow or liner. Expires April 12.

## Bring the Gym Home



Creating a gym in your home may be easier than you think. No longer are large, expensive pieces of equipment the only option in bringing the gym home. With the purchase of a jump rope, resistance bands/tubing, a medicine ball and stability ball, you can create a fully functional gym in your house. These items are inexpensive, take up minimal space and can be used to perform hundreds of exercises.

### The following are sample exercises using a jump rope, resistance band, medicine ball and stability ball:

■ Jump rope: Great for cardiovascular training.

■ Resistance band: Biceps curls (Works front of arms). Hold handles and place bands under your feet. With your palms facing forward, bend your elbows bringing your palms toward your armpits. Lower, then repeat.

■ Medicine ball: Overhead tricep extension (Works back of arms). With feet staggered and shoulder-width apart and ball grasped between hands, extend your arms directly overhead, close to your ears. Lower the ball by bending your arms directly behind your head until your arms are at a 90-degree angle. Extend your arms, and then repeat.

■ Stability ball: Wall squats (Works legs and gluts). Find a sturdy empty wall and place the ball against it. Place your middle to lower back

against the ball. Walk your feet slightly forward, still keeping the ball behind you. Lower yourself slowly toward the ground no lower than 90 degrees. Press through your heels and straighten your legs to stand back up. Repeat.

Complete one to three sets, 10-15 repetitions of each of these exercises. Remember to breathe and support your abdominals and back through each repetition.

Be sure to talk with your physician or fitness professional about developing a fitness program that can be done at home. He or she can instruct you on what weight and size equipment can best aid you in reaching your fitness goals. The purchase of fitness equipment alone will not make you fit, so it is extremely important to receive proper instruction of how and when to use the equipment you have selected. Do not invest in any equipment until you have a plan to utilize it.

Slowly grow your collection of fitness equipment. Purchase one piece of equipment and incorporate it into your fitness plan, then add another. As with large fitness equipment, if you don't put it to use it will just collect dust.

*Fitness equipment can be found at most sporting-goods stores.*

*Two companies that I recommend are Spriproducts, Inc. (1-800-222-7774, [www.spriproducts.com](http://www.spriproducts.com)) and Perform Better ([www.performbetter.com](http://www.performbetter.com)). Both companies carry a large assortment of fitness equipment of great quality.*

## Block

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Pour sauce into gravy boat or bowl.

4. Serve shanks with soft polenta, yellow hominy, cooked rice or couscous, and add tomato sauce. Garnish with fresh cilantro, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

### \*SOUTHWESTERN RUB

4 tablespoons chili powder

2 tablespoons ground cumin  
1 tablespoon ground coriander  
2 teaspoons oregano  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon cayenne  
In small bowl, combine chili powder, cumin, coriander, oregano, salt and cayenne. Stir to blend thoroughly. Rub over surfaces of lamb shanks.

## Foods

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ding layer to form 8 mounds. Evenly sprinkle chocolate chips over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 pieces.

■ Each serving equals: 198 calories, 6 g fat, 4 g protein, 32 g carb., 387 mg sodium, 1 g

fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fat, 1 Fruit.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at [www.healthyexchanges.com](http://www.healthyexchanges.com) or call 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

## Soup

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sprayed.

In Newbury, the townspeople, inspired now as never before, took steps to ensure that their landmark would live on. "A Petition for Status Quo to the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation," they

called it and filled it with signatures -- 192 signers in the space of a day. The DOT responded with a letter. The Chicken Rock's message would be forever safe.

And somewhere, surely, a shy, fortyish man must have smiled.

## Health

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blesome. That is HPV-16. About one in five women carry that virus.

Researchers have developed a vaccine that appears to protect women from infection with HPV-16. That is an astounding accomplishment. It gives hope for conquering this prevalent cancer.

Keep in mind that this is new information. The vaccine is in trial stages. It is not available to the general public now. Furthermore, it does nothing for women who are already infected with the virus.

Your statement about vaccines being developed for infections is true here. Preventing HPV infection can prevent cancer.

For more on cervical cancer and Pap smears, readers can order the newly written pamphlet that covers those topics. Write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 1102W, 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.

### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

For as long as I can remember, I have been told to drink eight glasses of water a day. Well, I can't get eight glasses of water in me. Can other liquids count? How about coffee and tea? — J.C.

ANSWER: The advice to drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day was all but a federal law. Thoughtful people have begun to challenge the necessity of so much water. They, and now I, say you don't need that much water.

All fluids count when it comes to toting up the daily fluid requirements. Even coffee, tea and alcohol. Granted, they make people urinate, but they still contribute to the daily fluid load. You can tell if you have taken enough fluid from the color of your urine. If it is pale yellow or colorless, you have taken all the fluid you need.

## This Is a Hammer

### Wall-Mounted Heater

Q: I have a wall-mounted electric heater in the bathroom of my 1950s-era house, which I only run during cold spells when I want to enter a nice warm bathroom in the morning. However, during the last cold snap, I noticed a burning smell coming from the heater. I turned it off right away. Can I repair the unit safely, or should it be replaced? — Joe P., Ocala, Fla.

A: With an antiquated electric heater, several possibilities for the burning smell exist, and all of them spell a hazard. You were smart to shut off the unit. Deteriorating insulation around

the wires, a faulty limit control, or even dust collecting behind the heater could be the cause.

Wall-mounted heaters are installed in parts of a home that don't have central heat running to them. In some Florida houses, the bathroom unit is the only heater in use throughout the winter; supplemental heat is provided by portable heating units.

The unit is placed in a metal wall can that is mounted between two interior wall studs. This makes it somewhat easy to remove for maintenance or replacement. So, to find out the cause of that burning smell, collect this equipment: standard and Phillips screwdrivers, needle-nose pliers, a circuit tester and a multi-tester, an old toothbrush (for cleaning) and a spare

cloth.

Shut off power to the heater at the main circuit box. Remove the control knob and the mounting screws and slide the heating unit out of the wall can, lifting the top out first. Use the circuit tester to make sure power to the unit is completely off before proceeding.

The wires and surfaces behind the heating unit are probably coated with years' worth of dust. Clean them with the dry toothbrush and cloth, and wipe down the wall can, too.

At the top of the unit are one or two limit controls — thin pieces of metal attached to conductive assemblies. Disconnect the limit controls from their wiring one at a time, and set the multi-tester to test for continu-

ity. If the tester doesn't indicate continuity, the faulty limit control(s) must be replaced.

Frayed insulation around either the unit or the household wiring is another dangerous possibility. If the heater's wiring is badly deteriorated, you can consider rewiring it; however, replacing the entire unit may be cheaper and faster. If the household wiring (the wiring bundle running into the wall can) has deteriorated, consult an electrician, as the problem could extend beyond the wall heater.

Send questions or home repair tips to [homeguru2000@hotmail.com](mailto:homeguru2000@hotmail.com), or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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