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Drug arrest made after traffic stop

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Ohio man was arrested Thursday after police found drugs in his vehicle after stopping him along U.S. 23.

Michael Marcelli, 23, of Geneva, Ohio, was stopped by Floyd County Drug Task Force member and Prestonsburg Police Officer Bryan Hall at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon along U.S. 23 near Holiday Inn.

According to the citation, a search was conducted of the vehicle at which time Hall found Marcelli carrying concealed cocaine and Oxycontin pills.

Hall was arrested on the spot and charged with first-degree possession of cocaine and first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office said the stop was made based on a tip that Marcelli had drugs in his possession. The sheriff's department said that approximately a half ounce of cocaine and numerous Oxycontin pills were confiscated.

At his arraignment Friday morning before District Judge Eric Hall, Marcelli pleaded not guilty to both charges and was appointed a public advocate.

Hall set a \$5,000 cash bond for Marcelli, who is due back in court for a preliminary hearing on March 24.

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Bush declares disaster; money on the way

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Concerned business and home owners, as well as county officials, who shared losses due to disastrous weather conditions during the month of February, can now rest assured that federal help is on the way.

On Friday, President Bush

declared a major disaster for Kentucky that will officially release federal money to help aid individuals, families, business owners and counties alike.

The declaration was made after a review of damages from winter ice and snow storms, heavy rain, flooding, tornadoes and mud and rock slides which pummeled the state between Feb. 15 and 26.

Throughout the state, the storm caused five deaths, power outages for 180,000 structures and disabled 32 regional water systems serving 91,000 residences and businesses. Early estimates say damages are more than \$41 million.

For many residents who have since put the reality of these numbers as far behind them as if possible, the declaration means a sigh of relief.

Public assistance — or assistance that would help counties repair or replace public facilities — has been a clearly feasible possibility since mid-February, according to county officials. However, it has been the individual assistance — help that would enable families and individuals who had property damaged or destroyed

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Family Inn Restaurant in Garrett was turned into a drive-thru on Friday after a sleeping motorist crashed into the building.

Sleeping driver crashes into Garrett restaurant

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — The Family Inn Restaurant was literally turned into a drive-thru on Friday after a sleeping driver ran off the road and crashed through the building.

Barry Holbrook, of Beaver, apparently fell asleep at the wheel around 7 a.m. and drove through

the front of the restaurant. Police said Holbrook had been driving "over 55" miles an hour when he crashed in to the building.

According to Larry McKinney, owner, this is the second disaster to befall the establishment in less than a year.

"About 11 months ago our old building in town burned," McKinney said. "Then we moved over here and it is destroyed

again." The crash destroyed tables, chairs, coolers, pinball machines and a newspaper machine.

McKinney said that the restaurant will remain closed until insurance claims have been taken care of.

"Friday is our busiest day of the week," McKinney said.

Barry Holbrook was not injured in the accident.

Convict doesn't take judge's bet

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who had just been sentenced to one year in prison on a charge of escape was offered a peculiar bet by Circuit Judge John David

Caudill on Friday. Caudill asked Scottie Ray Bradley, a persistent felony offender, if he would like to make a bet with him.

"I'm a gambling man," Bradley said.

Caudill then told Bradley that

he would give him \$100 if he was able to go one year after his release without any type of violation of the law.

"If you can make it one year, come back to me and I will give

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Kelli Johnson, 18, of Tennessee, prepared to give an interview to WYMT on Friday, at the Pike County Justice Center, where she came to rally against the release of alleged sex abuser Allen Beecher Sturgill.

photo by Loretta Blackburn



Victim pleads to keep man behind bars

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A bond reduction hearing in Pike County Circuit for a man accused of 19 counts of sex abuse was attended by victims and their families, who opposed the request calling it "a grave mistake."

The grandmother of one of the victims was present to support her husband, who is accused of the crimes, while Kelli Johnson, 18, of Tennessee, came to oppose the proposed request to lower the \$100,000 bond for Allen Beecher Sturgill, who was indicted on 19 counts of first-degree sex abuse on Feb. 26.

"I think they will have made a grave mistake if they let him have the opportunity to molest more children," said Johnson in reference to the possibility of Beecher's release.

The damage to families who suffer abuse was appar-

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■ HEPHZIBAH, Ga. — Daniel McElmurray has milked his family's dairy farm for all its worth.

After hearing his dad, Earl, complain about weak milk production from their 300 cows, the 10-year-old student at Goshen Elementary in Augusta helped solve the problem with a prize-winning science fair project. He tested the effects of classical, country and rock music on the cows.

Daniel said he and his dad like to listen to music while they milk the cows, without giving the cows much say in the selection.

Turns out rock is their least favorite. After listening to Lynnyrd Skynyrd, Shania Twain and a selection of classical

music, the cows proved they prefer classical to country and rock by producing 1,000 pounds more milk.

"I guess a slower beat helps them relax," Daniel said Thursday, after learning he won first place in his region. He received a special award from the American Society of Mammalogists, an organization that supports the study of mammals.

■ FARGO, N.D. — A haywire ATM machine spit out extra cash but three honest bank customers ignored temptation

and returned the free money.

"All I wanted was \$20 to go to the movie," said Mary Davidson. "Then \$20 bills just started shooting out of the machine."

In total the machine spit out \$125 to Davidson.

Barb Hoffland's first attempt to withdraw \$100 from the money machine failed. On her second try, she pulled out her \$100 - and another \$100.

"I thought I could go shopping, but I couldn't. It wasn't my money," she said.

A third customer Monday morning also turned the cash in,

bank officials said, even though it might have been tempting.

"It was like being in Las Vegas without all the lights and whistles," said Marietta Rasmussen, a Ramsey National Bank supervisor.

The bank would have been out only \$285. But the incident proves North Dakota is rich in honesty, she said.

"I'm glad we're in North Dakota," Rasmussen said. "Somebody out East or West may not have had our same values."

Turns out cold weather caused the ATM cash door to stick so some customers who wanted to withdraw money could not get it. The door opened for other customers, who then wound up with their cash and the cash belonging to the previous customers.

Rasmussen said the machine has been fixed.

stolen from an unlocked room in the Biomedical and Physical Science Building at Michigan State on Sept. 12 or Sept. 13. Researchers' computer disks and documents also were reported taken.

The bacteria were identified as two strains of the bacterium *actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, or APP, which can cause a deadly form of pneumonia in pigs, but are harmless to humans.

Federal officials alerted hog farmers and veterinarians to closely watch their herds for signs of illness because of fears that terrorists might have stolen the bacteria.

The school's Department of Public Safety determined no one had forced entry into the laboratory, and authorities said Doree's research appeared to have been targeted.

Doree later confessed to staging a phony break-in and theft to cover up his "sheer laziness," the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. About \$100,000 of the grant was used, said a university official.

A telephone message seeking comment was left Thursday at Doree's residence.

Groups planning 'Clean Sweep'

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Friends of Dewey Lake, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Kinzer Drilling Company, Coca-Cola and State Wide Press will be hosting the "Annual Operation Clean Sweep," on Saturday, March 29.

The public is invited to participate in the 2003 park and lakeshore cleanup. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Office of Recreation and Interpretation, next to the Jenny Wiley Boat Dock.

A complimentary cookout will follow at the Office of Recreation and Interpretation at 2:00 p.m. for all volunteers. Also, "Operation Clean Sweep" T-shirts will be given to all volunteers who pick-up two bags of trash (limit one per person while supplies last).

For additional information, contact Ron Vanover at (606) 886-2711 or Stonney Burke at

■ GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A former Michigan State University researcher was charged with staging the theft of pig bacteria to cover up the misuse of federal grant money.

The U.S. attorney's office for western Michigan said Thursday that researcher Scott Matthew Doree, 28, "built his graduate career on fabricated and non-existent research concerning bacteria that causes disease in pigs."

The bacteria were reported

■ DES MOINES, Iowa — A motorcade with two sheriff's cars and a fire truck were part of the ceremony that helped unveil a giant Cheeto as a tourist attraction in northwest Iowa. The event culminated with the Cheeto's first live television appearance.

Bryce Wilson, 24, a disc jockey at KLGA-FM in Algona, arranged for the huge piece of snack food to be mailed from Hawaii and then set up a major event to unveil the Cheeto at a local restaurant.

The whole thing began as a way to have fun and make people laugh, Wilson said, adding that it really took off when ABC-TV's Jimmy Kimmel requested the unveiling be part of his live late-night talk show.

"It's just crazy, but I'm lovin' every minute of it," Wilson said. "We've had a lot of fun with this thing."

With a crowd of 200 chanting, "Cheeto, Cheeto," the cheesy lump made its debut.

"That is an amazingly large Cheeto," Kimmel said as his studio audience in Hollywood cheered.

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Eastern Kentucky adult education facility wins Oprah award

The Associated Press

BEREA — An education facility geared to middle-aged Appalachian women has received the Oprah Winfrey's Use Your Life award of

\$100,000.

Jane Stephenson, founder of the New Opportunity School in this Eastern Kentucky town, and more than 20 school officials traveled to Chicago this week to receive the award during a taping of Winfrey's show. The show will air Monday.

The New Opportunity School offers two three-week programs each year to help women from Eastern Kentucky and Appalachia with education, careers and self-esteem. Participants complete internships at local businesses, attend classes and take day trips to cultural attractions across the state. The participants also get a used business suit and connections to

medical resources, school officials said.

The money from Winfrey will help Stephenson offer three such programs a year. Stephenson also plans to build a computer lab to offer basic computer courses. The school also needs "a copy machine that colates," she said.

So far, 385 women have graduated from the program. Three in four of the program's graduates are either in school, employed, or both, said Amy Harmon, director of development for the school.

The New Opportunity School is now in its 16th year.

"It's a total surprise to us," Stephenson said. "It's very grat-

ification for this facility."

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 16, the 75th day of 2003. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 16, 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

On this date:
■ In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.
■ In 1836, the Republic of

Texas approved a constitution.
■ In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.
■ In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.
■ In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.
■ In 1945, during World War II, two Jima was declared secured by the Allies.
■ In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr.
■ In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.
■ In 1983, radio and television star Arthur Godfrey died in New York at age 79.
■ In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

Maj. Gene McKinney, once the Army's top enlisted man, was reprimanded and demoted one rank by a jury that had convicted him of obstruction of justice in a sexual misconduct case.

One year ago:
Gunmen killed Archbishop Isaias Duarte Cancino, a prominent critic of Colombia's leftist guerrillas, in Cali. Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Cecil was struck by a flying hockey puck during a game between the hometown Columbus Blue Jackets and the Calgary Flames; she died two days later.

Today's Birthdays:
Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 77. Former U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., is 76. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 62. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 62. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 61. Country singer Robin Williams is 56. Actor Erik Estrada is 54. Actor Victor Garber is 54. Actress Kate Nelligan is 52. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 52. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 49. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 49. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 48. Rapper Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 44. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 39. Actress Lauren Graham is 36.

Ten years ago:
President Clinton met with ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide; afterward, Clinton announced he was sending a special envoy to Haiti to seek a return to democracy.

Five years ago:
In a long-awaited document that Jewish leaders immediately criticized, the Vatican expressed remorse for the cowardice of some Christians during the Holocaust, but defended the actions of Pope Pius XII. Sgt.

Thought for Today:
"The only joy in the world is to begin." — Cesare Pavese, Italian novelist (1908-1950).

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Appalachian reps will fight federal funding cut

by DAVID DISHNEAU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Congressional representatives from the 13 Appalachian Mountain states will fight the Bush administration's proposed 50 percent cut in regional economic development funds, Rep. Roscoe Bartlett said Monday. The plan to slash Appalachian Regional Commission funding to \$33 million in fiscal year 2004 from the \$66 million that the joint feder-

al-state agency received this year could hurt struggling workers and their families, Bartlett, R-Md., said. "For some of these communities, this is really survival kind of money," Bartlett said. "There is no way they can bootstrap this. There's just not enough money in the local economy to do it." Bartlett made the comments after introducing Anne B. Pope, the agency's new federal co-chairwoman, to about 50 elected and community leaders from

Maryland's western panhandle. Three Maryland counties — Allegany, Garrett and Washington — are among the 410 covered by a 1965 congressional act that created the ARC to foster social and economic development. Pope, making her first official visit to an ARC state since being sworn in Feb. 3, said she sympathized with those trying to hang on in a tough economy. "I commit to everyone in this room that whatever funds ARC eventually gets, we'll maximize those the best we can," she said. White House officials say the proposed cut reflects efforts to streamline government spending and avoid duplicating financial aid grants. In Maryland, the ARC has

supported water and sewer improvements, industrial park construction, educational initiatives, tourism development and many other projects in the past five years, usually in partnership with state and local governments. Pope said ARC priorities — set by her and the 13 state governors who share in guiding the agency — include completing the Appalachian Development Highway System, which is 80 percent done, and investigating the possibility of attacking drug abuse as a regional problem. Local officials expressed fears that lower ARC funding could jeopardize economic development efforts. "If the ARC goes, one leg in our overall strategy will be

pulled out," Duane Yoder, president of the Garrett County Community Action Agency, said. Anna Custer, executive director of the Greater Cumberland Committee, which promotes business interests in far western Maryland and neighboring counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, said the region would suffer if ARC funds are cut.

"We feel we've come too far to lose any ground now," she said. "The bottom line is, if ARC doesn't do it, who is?" In January, the ARC said 32 counties would move off its list of "economically distressed" counties next year, and two would move on, based on poverty data from the 2000 census and annual unemployment and

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Wager

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you the money," Caudill said. "But if you have any violation whatsoever, I will give you 10 years." Harolyn Howard, Bradley's attorney, talked him out of the wager.

"After a year, you come back here and tell me that you could have had my money," Caudill said. Bradley was sentenced to one year in a penitentiary with 122 days jail credit.

Victim

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ent as Johnson said that even though her grandmother had chosen to "side" with her husband and not her family, she didn't want to turn her back on her.

He said that he had talked them into coming forward and then got in touch with his family. "He is a low-life and needs to be dealt with," said Trivette.

"But if she is going to turn her back on us, then I don't know what else to do," said Johnson. There to support his niece and other family, the defendant's brother-in-law, Ancil Trivette, of Letcher County, said he had heard "bits and pieces" of information in relation to the charges against Beecher for 17 years. He said that an incident involving Danielle Van Dam, a child killed during a sexual assault in California last year, prompted him to take action. "I told my wife that this has got to stop," said Trivette in reference to the possible victimization that he had suspected. Trivette said that he got on the computer and contacted Beecher's previous wife and children, at which time he learned that a daughter and two sons had allegedly suffered abuse at the hands of their father.

Beecher, who was arrested in Tennessee, is accused of having sexual contact with four different people, who were under 12 at the time, between Dec. 14, 1983, and Nov. 29, 1991. One of those who found the courage to come forth is Johnson, who came to Pike Circuit Court on Friday with the hope of preventing the abuse from happening again. "Whoever fought to get him out is just as guilty as he is," said Johnson. The Circuit Judge Charles Lowe took the request under consideration on the basis that the family could come up with a property bond, but had not lowered the bond as of Friday.

Editor's note: Although it is the policy of The Floyd County Times not to identify alleged victims in crimes of a sexual nature, Ms. Johnson agreed to speak to the newspaper.

Eight facing gun charges to appear in federal court

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Eight people are scheduled to be arraigned Monday in U.S. District Court, on charges relating to the possession and transporting of stolen firearms from Johnson and Martin counties to West Virginia. According to federal indictments, Bruce Bowen Jr., James Douglas Newsome, Jessie Newsome and Otis Jason Jude are charged with two counts in which they are accused of aiding and abetting each other, possessing seven stolen firearms and transporting them in interstate commerce from Johnson County to West Virginia. The incidents

are said to have occurred on Nov. 22, 2001. Another indictment alleges that Darren Keith Marcum, Robert Maynard and Patricia Maynard, also known as Patty Williamson or "P.J.", are accused of aiding and abetting and possessing 12 stolen firearms, as well as transporting them from Martin County to West Virginia. The event is reported as taking place on Jan. 15, 2002. According to court records, Ronnie Messer was indicted for possessing and transporting two stolen firearms. The three indictments are related to a 2002 case in which Chad Allen Nichols allegedly possessed, transported and disposed of stolen firearms.

Board settles lawsuit over injured student

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The mother of an Allen Central High School student, who she claims was injured at the school during the summer of 2000 due to negligence on the part of the Floyd County Board of Education, petitioned the court Thursday for approval of a settlement agreement negotiated with the school board for over \$7,000. Sheila Patton filed the suit on behalf of her daughter, Leanna Patton, in 2001, claiming that a faulty vent cover fell from the school's ceiling on Aug. 23, 2000, and struck her daughter in the head, resulting in severe injuries and damages. Patton further claimed in her suit that the incident was a direct result of negligence on the part of Floyd County Schools Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning and the other six board members serving at the time. Patton complained that board members should have been aware of the faulty equipment as part of their commitment to provide Floyd County students with a safe learning environment. In answer to Patton's claims, board members returned 10 points of defense to the allegations, including a rebuttal to the claims of negligence, saying they had no control over or responsibilities for the supposed incident. The school board also included in its answer that the incident could have been the fault of the student and asked this to be considered in seeking an amount for damages. At the request of the school board, Patton was asked to submit through an attorney answers to certain questions pertaining to her daughter's injuries and what happened at the school. When asked to describe the incident in detail, the response was straightforward. Patton said that while attending her fourth period chorus class at Allen Central High School, her teacher, Mrs. Prater, asked Robert Fitzpatrick to pull a bag off of a nearby vent. When Fitzpatrick did so, Patton says the vent cover fell from the ceiling and struck her daughter in the center of the forehead. Photographs included in

court documents show a wound about the size of a sliver dollar on Leanna Patton's forehead. However, accompanying medical records conclude that no serious damages were brought about by the incident. The petition, filed by Patton Thursday, explains to the court that she has negotiated a settlement with the school board for \$7,500 through its liability insurance carrier Zurich, which, if awarded, would be used to pay legal fees in the case or used for the direct betterment of her daughter.

Father has son arrested for forgery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Harold man saw his son arrested Thursday and charged with second-degree forgery, a felony charge that landed him in jail pending payment of a \$10,000 cash bond. But it could be safe to say the father is probably losing little sleep over his son's incarceration, considering he had him arrested in the first place. Clifton Boyd, 24, of Harold, was taken into custody Thursday after being served with a warrant by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy B.J. Caudill. The warrant cited his father, also named Clifton Boyd, as the complaining witness. According to the warrant, the

younger Boyd was arrested for allegedly signing his namesake to one of his father's checks on Nov. 29. The amount of the check was not specified. Deputy Caudill arrested Boyd at the Harold residence of Curtis Case after the owner of the property gave consent for his home to be searched. Caudill wrote in his report that a search of the home found Boyd "hiding under a bunch of clothes" in Case's basement. Boyd pleaded not guilty in court Friday and was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash bond set by District Judge Eric Hall. Boyd is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court on March 24.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Our view

Where are the naysayers now?

It was late November 2002 and the loyal University of Kentucky Wildcat fans were viewing the coming men's basketball season with a sense of foreboding. Instead of the usual bold predictions of yet another national championship, the Big Blue loyal looked into the crystal ball and saw nothing but clouds.

These 'Cats will lose 10 to 15 games, the usually confident Wildcat fans bemoaned. They will be lucky to finish .500 in the tough SEC. They may not even make the NCAA tournament. Surely, this year would mark the end of the Tubby Smith era.

When the 'Cats were blown out by Rick Pitino and his University of Louisville Cardinals in early January, the loss only confirmed what the fans feared: This was a so-so team with an inept coach. Send the moving van to Tubby's house!

But a funny thing happened on the way to a disastrous season. The Wildcats started winning. And winning. And winning some more.

The Wildcats ended the regular season last Saturday with 20 straight wins, going a perfect 16-0 in the SEC and 26-3 overall. Although ranked No. 2 in the polls, if there is a better team in the country, we haven't seen it. This team has found success with a great defense that makes good teams look bad.

Of course, the 'Cats still could lose in this week's SEC tournament and fall short of a national title in the NCAA tournament, but even that would do little to tarnish the accomplishments of this surprising team.

The 'Cats are on a roll, and Tubby Smith's many critics have been silenced. Even announcer Dick Vitale has proclaimed Tubby Smith should be major college "Coach of the Year."

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



— Jim Davidson

A test for "first time" parents

It has been said that "Children in a family are like flowers in a bouquet: there's always one determined to face in the opposite direction from the way the arranger desires."

For the vast majority of parents, our greatest hope is for our children to grow up to be happy, healthy and successful human beings. In today's times this is no easy feat even for those parents who are the most qualified, but it is a monumental task for "first time" parents who did not have a good role model or were never taught parenting skills but rather who were allowed to grow up like weeds in a garden.

My good friend, Max Heath, sent me something the other day that really puts what I'm saying into context. It was an article titled "How to know when you are ready to have kids" and it contained a series of tests for first time parents. If you have successfully reared one or more children you will really appreciate this, but for young couples who are expecting or thinking about having a

child, this will definitely give you something to think about.

Here are the tests:

No. 1: Mess Test, "Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer."

No. 2: Toy Test, "Obtain a 55-gallon box of Legos (you may substitute roofing tacks if you wish.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold and take off your shoes. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream because this would wake a child at night."

No. 3: Grocery Store Test, "Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage."

No. 4: Dressing Test, "Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff into one small net bag making sure that all the arms stay inside."

No. 5: Feeding Test, "Obtain a large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a chord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal into the mouth of the jug, while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug

on the floor.

No. 6: Night Test, "Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8-to-12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 3 p.m. begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9 p.m. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10 p.m. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing these until 4 a.m. Set alarm for 5 a.m. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for five years. Look cheerful."

No. 7: Ingenuity Test, "Take an egg carton. Using a pair of scissors and pot of paint, turn it into an alligator. Now take a toilet paper tube and turn it into an attractive Christmas candle. Use only Scotch tape and a piece of foil. Last, take a

milk carton, a Ping-Pong ball, and an empty box of Cocoa Puffs. Make an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower.

No. 8: Automobile Test, "Forget the BMW and buy a station wagon. Buy a chocolate ice cream cone and put it in the glove compartment. Leave it there. Get a dime. Stick it in the CD player. Take a family-size package of chocolate chip cookies. Mash them into the back seat. Run a rake along both sides of the

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— beyond the beltway

Reasons for caution before Bush's war

by DONALD KAUL

A few weeks ago Michael Kelly, a columnist, wrote a piece scoffing at the concerns of the nervous Nellies who are giving less than enthusiastic support to the president's

Let's-Give-War-A-Chance foreign policy. They were being unduly alarmed, he said, by the prospect of a war that would cost us a few hundred casualties, a thousand or so at most, and make the Middle East into Switzerland with minarets.

Well, if that's all there is to it, I'm for the war, too. Put me down for two tickets; I want to watch.

Not really. Oh, I can see a pretty quick war with minimal U.S. casualties, perhaps, but I am mindful that countries generally go into war with that mindset. The South thought they'd prevail in a few weeks against the North in the American Civil War. All the countries of Europe were expecting quick victory in World War I and Hitler imagined he'd knock over the Soviet Union without much trouble. I won't even mention us and Vietnam.

To make a long story short, they were wrong — all of them. Occasionally you have a war that runs its course quickly and turns out well — the Gulf War, for example — but it's nothing to count on. And the thing you have to remember is that once you get into a war, it is very, very difficult to get out, short of winning or losing.

But even supposing that the coming Iraq War is a quickie, that doesn't quell all doubts. The very act of attacking a

Muslim country is bound to stir passions in an Arab world that is in no further need of stirring. What will be the repercussions in Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia? There's no way of telling but the leaders of those countries are certainly not sanguine about it.

Then there is the question of what is to be done with a conquered Iraq. Do we, as President Bush has suggested, stay and rebuild it, make it into a democratic beacon for the rest of the Middle East to emulate? Easier said than done.

Which is why, one would think, it is important to get as much support from the United Nations as we can. We don't need the countries of Europe to win the war, but we could certainly use their help in keeping the peace. And unless we keep the peace, we will wind up worse than we were before the war, whatever its outcome.

There is one other unspoken factor that makes much of the world uneasy about this war — George W. Bush.

We — and I hope you don't mind if I speak for the people of the world; I am a certified columnist, after all — don't trust him. We don't have confidence in his judgment, his advisers or his integrity.

His justifications for the coming war have been ever-changing and relentlessly shifty. It's because Saddam is developing nuclear weapons. It's because he's a threat to his neighbors. It's because he's

violating the conditions of his surrender in the Gulf War. It's to rescue the Iraqi people from his brutal rule or bring peace to the Middle East or stop terrorism or, even, punish him for his role in the 9/11 attacks.

They keep throwing things against the wall in the hope that something sticks and some of it does. (The 9/11 argument is by far the most curious. There is virtually no evidence that Saddam had anything to do with 9/11 but my guess is that if you went out on the street and asked people, they'd tell you that was why we had to attack him.)

The only thing the Bush people are adamant about is that this war is not going to be about oil. No sir. We, apparently, have no interest in getting more control over the world's oil supply.

Damn me for a skeptic, but I have my doubts.

You might be able to convince me that a preemptive war against Saddam is a good thing. But not this war, not led by these people.

And certainly not before the U.N. inspectors have done their job.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. For more information, email donaldkaul@aol.com.



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MINISTER'S MOMENT

Give to God what belongs to God

by FATHER BOB DAMRON
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While I was a Peace Corps volunteer in the jungles of Ethiopia in Africa, monkey was the meat that became the mainstay of our diet on most occasions. The people in our village had a very interesting way of catching the monkey that became our food. They caught them not with arrows, nor with guns, but with nuts and bottles.

They would place very heavy bottles with long necks underneath the trees in the jungle. In the bottom of the bottles, they would place a handful of sweet smelling nuts. The monkeys would reach their arms down towards the bottom of the bottle to get the nuts.

As long as they held the nuts in the grasp of their hands, they could not remove their arms from the bottles. If they dropped the nuts and left them in the bottom of the bottles, they could easily remove their arms and leave. But the monkeys were unwilling to open their hands and let the sweet smelling nuts go. The bottle was too heavy to carry away, so the monkeys with their arms reaching down into the bottles were trapped.

The people of my village would return the following morning to find the monkeys sitting beside the heavy bottles with their hands still grasping the nuts. Soon the monkeys became our food because they refused to let go of the sweet smelling nuts.

We may smile at the foolish monkeys, but how often do we hold on to our possessions as stubbornly as the monkeys held on to the nuts in the bottle? How often do we hold tightly close to our hearts the things of this world and not hold close to our hearts the things of God?

In the Gospel of Luke (Luke 20:20-26), Jesus tells us, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but give to God what belongs to God." Give to the world what belongs to the world, but give to God what belongs to God.

I remember an 80-year-old telling me once that he had only slept a few hours the previous night. He explained that he himself wrote the radio commercials, and it seems that he had tossed and turned through the dark hours of the night trying to think of a new commercial that would make him more money.

I remember the heavy sadness I felt for this financially wealthy but personally impoverished old man. He had invested his heart in the currency of this world. He had deposited his soul in the earthly banks. "Here you are," I thought, "worth many millions of dollars and you are near the end of your life. Still, you are losing sleep and turning your soul inside out in search of clever gimmicks that will make you even more money. You do not own your money, old man, your money owns you."

Give to Caesar, give to the world, those things that belong to Caesar, that bear the image of this world, but give to God that which has the image of God on it.

Jesus asks the Pharisees whose image is on the coin — it is the image of Caesar — therefore the coin belongs to him because his image is stamped on it. Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. The material possessions of our world (money, cars, clothing, furniture, houses) all bear the image of this world, stamped with the image of our world upon them. They were made by humanity, to be used in

this world. They cannot be taken to the next world.

Therefore, give to this world the things of this world, those things that bear the image of this world upon them. But give to God those things that bear the image of God, that belong to God. The Book of Genesis tells us that only humanity was created in the image of God. The human person bears the image of God upon himself or herself. We are to give our

hearts, our souls and our lives to God alone because they bear the image of God upon them — they belong to God.

Don't ever give your heart to a thing of this world. If you do, that thing, whatever it might be, will gradually become your master. It will own you and will lead you around on a leash, such as that millionaire old man. The Bible did not say that money is the root of all evil, but rather that the love

of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Having money isn't an evil, but giving your heart (which belongs to God) to money or any other material possession is a tragedy. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be.

We are not to give our hearts, our souls, our lives to the things of this world, for our hearts, souls, lives were created in the image of God — they belong to God. Our hearts were minted in the fire of

God's love for us. Our souls were stamped with the hope of life eternal with God, and our lives bear the image of God's Son. Let go of the things of this world, and give to God our hearts, our souls and our lives.

And Jesus said, "Give to Caesar, give to the world, what belongs to Caesar, to the world, but give to God what belongs to God — our hearts, our lives, our souls."

Mormon romance novels a hit among readers in the church

by CATHERINE S. BLAKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Most romance novels are filled with details of how the heroes and heroines consummate their love.

Then there's the Mormon romance novel, in which descriptions of the characters' sex lives are limited to little more than the first kiss — that could happen after they're engaged to be married.

The novels, with chaste men and women brought together by their faith, are gaining in popularity as Mormon readers search for fiction that reflects their values.

"Commitment is what's strong in our market," said Robby Nichols, vice president of marketing for Covenant Communications, a publisher of Mormon books. "There is no swearing, no graphic anything and we steer as far from innu-

do as we can."

Author Anita Stansfield helped open the market for other Mormon romance writers in 1994, with her novel "First Love and Forever," about a woman whose former boyfriend reappears as she struggles in her marriage to an insensitive man.

Stansfield has since sold more than 600,000 books and is now working on her 23rd novel.

"I realized that there was a big hole in the LDS market for women's fiction and I felt like I could do better," Stansfield said. "I couldn't find anything to read that satisfied me."

Her novels follow the structure of traditional romances — a central love story with a happy ending — but her books are built around the lifestyle of members of The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The main relationship typically involves a wayward man who becomes Mormon to marry the woman he loves, or Mormon couples who come together after a death, divorce or estrangement.

Characters marry in Mormon Temples and participate in "family home evening," the Monday nights the church designates for families to spend time together. They also discuss Mormon theology.

Stansfield said the people who buy her books do not want long, detailed love scenes, which she called an "insult to our intelligence because we all know how it works."

"The women I talked to ... they want the romance, but they

don't want to read all the pornographic details," Stansfield said.

Yet, Stansfield said she sometimes includes references to physical intimacy if it fits the plot. One of her novels, "A Promise of Forever," is about a woman recovering from breast cancer and her relationship with her husband, including their love life. But the bedroom scenes focused more on the woman's feelings than her interaction with her husband.

The Romance Writers of America, based in Houston, does not compile statistics on sales of books with spiritual themes, but the genre "has definitely grown in the last three to five years," said Nicole Kennedy, a spokeswoman for

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At 104, widow of traveling evangelist strong in mind, faith

by BOBBY ROSS JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — On weekday afternoons, 104-year-old Laura Keeble sits in her nursing home room, content to watch Oprah Winfrey on television.

But at 3 p.m. on Sundays, the widow of traveling evangelist Marshall Keeble expects someone to wheel her downstairs for worship service.

"I'm going as long as I'm able to get up," she says.

Baptized in a Mississippi creek 90 years ago, this gentle woman known as "Sister Keeble" boasts a spiritual strength that belies her wrinkles, white hair and wheelchair.

For much of her life, she lived in the shadows of her husband, who baptized an estimated 40,000 people, started more than 250 Churches of Christ — mainly black congregations — and quietly worked for integration.

But Sister Keeble, who also became "Mama" to dozens of young girls, has her own story.

Born Aug. 6, 1898, Laura Catherine Johnson was one of seven girls and three boys in her family. Her father, Luke, worked in an iron foundry. Her mother, Susan, was a nurse.

Laura attended No. 2 High School, the black school in Corinth, Miss. Her great-granddaughter Gwen Cummings, 52, asked her one time if she resented the segregated education.

"We weren't taught that way," Cummings recalled her

saying. "We stayed busy and we stayed circled in Christianity."

When Keeble came along he was already a well-known minister. Laura was 35, working as a nanny and wondering if she might die an "old maid."

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In 36 years of marriage, the couple had five children, two of whom died in infancy.

"Some of you ought to find me a good wife," Keeble told friends after Minnie died from an illness. "I can't live single the rest of my life as young as I

am."

A relative suggested Laura, and Keeble initiated the courtship with letters. To see a preacher "flirting around with a woman" disgusted him, he said, so he never spent more than five minutes alone with her before they married.

Keeble later said the relative "told me I'd get the best rose in the Johnson flower garden, and I think I did."

Today, though she is somewhat forgetful, Sister Keeble's love for her husband still shines through.

"Ain't he a dandy?" she says, holding a black-and-white photograph of her husband of 34 years. "He loved to dress and go preach. He'd say, 'Come on, Mama, let's go to church.'"

She chuckles as she recalls their drawn-out honeymoon: a three-month tent revival that he preached in California.

Keeble's gospel meetings often drew whites as well as blacks, making him a target of the Ku Klux Klan. Others criticized him for not taking a more militant position on integration.

"Integration? I would rather get it slow than get it wrong," he said in 1964. He described how he had raised \$50,000 for an all-white Christian college in Oklahoma, prompting school leaders to decide "they could not take the money I raised and turn our colored children away."

While the minister spent weeks and even months on the

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Floyd County

Laura Hunt Akers, 90, of Stanville, died Friday, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Viola Bates, 87, of Kite, died Friday, March 7, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Gary Edward Crum, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 9, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillian Margaret Fultz, 90, of Leesburg, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, March 8, at the Avante. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Dennis Goble, 56, of Prestonsburg, was dead on arrival, Sunday, March 9, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gardenia Gaye Goodman, 60, of Emma, died Sunday, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. The body was cremated; no services were scheduled. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Elisha (J.J.) Hall, 19, of Drift, died Thursday, March 6, at the Stumbo Hollow. He is survived by his wife, Tina Johnson Hall. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eddie Douglas Hall, 45, of Blackie, formerly of Wheelwright, died Sunday, March 2, at home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gary Kilgore, 52, of Hippo, died Tuesday, March 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Griffey Kilgore. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Troy "Duke" McKenzie, 88, of Auxier, died Friday, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Irma Marshall McKenzie. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

First Sgt. Denver D. "Mac"

Odds

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The Cheeto appeared slightly smaller than a tennis ball and dwarfed a regular size piece of the snack food. It weighs only six-tenths of an ounce but has quite a girth, Wilson has said.

The Cheeto will be on permanent display in a glass case at Sister Sarah's Restaurant in Algona.

Frito-Lay, the Texas-based maker of Cheetos, donated items to be auctioned at the event. About \$1,600 was raised for the Kossuth County food bank.

"That Cheeto keeps on giving and giving," Kimmel said when Wilson informed him of the charity amount.

Wilson said he first learned about the big Cheeto on a Web site while trying to find silly stories for his afternoon show.

Navy Petty Officer Mike Evans, stationed in Hawaii, bought a bag of Cheetos for his 3-year-old son and discovered the massive hunk of the cheesy food inside.

Evans tried to auction the Cheeto on e-Bay, but Wilson convinced him to give it to Algona, a town of 5,700 residents, as a tourist draw.

McKinney USA Ret., 77, of Boonsboro, Md., native of Betsy Layne, died Wednesday, March 5, at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown. He is survived by his wife, Ruby L. Keyton McKinney. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Bast Funeral Home.

Albert Edward "Bubby" Prater, 59, native of Floyd County, died Friday, February 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hazel Robinson, 87, of Martin, died Monday, March 10, at the Salysersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ishmael Shepherd, 74, of Hueysville, died Friday, March 7, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Emma Ray Tibbs Wells, 79, of East Point, died Wednesday, March 12, at the Mountain Manor of Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 14, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Ida Stumbo Williams, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 8, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County

Viola Bates, 87, of Kite, died Friday, March 7, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Eunice Bates, 91, of Kite, died Thursday, March 6, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ethel Mullins Hall, 77, of Topmost, died Tuesday, March 4, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, McDowell. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Russell Hamilton, 72, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 4. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Silas Martin, 65, of Leburn, died Monday, March 3, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Isabelle Jent Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Blaine Slone, 90, of Craynor, died Wednesday, March 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sally Jo (Faye) Slone, 65, of Mousie, was dead on arrival Thursday, March 13, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Milford Slone. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Martin County

James Milton Copley, 65, native of Martin County, died Sunday, March 2, at Hazard Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Mary Duncan, 97, of Debord, died Sunday, March 9, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 12, under the

direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Paul Richard Evans, 19, of Lovely, died Tuesday, March 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Debra Jean Hale, 40, of Warfield, died Thursday, March 6, at Maher, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, James Hale. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Ada Sue Cornette Registrar, 63, of Inez, died Friday, March 7, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Eva Mae (Collins) Branham, 81, Johnson County native, died March 1, at home. She is survived by her husband, Elzie Branham. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash, Indiana.

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Tiffany Anne Briggs, 20, died Sunday, March 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Milton Copley, 65, of Paintsville, died Sunday, March 2, at Hazard Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, for Sylvia Dotson, 93, native of Johnson County, who died at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Demis Fairchild, 72, of Staffordsville, died Monday, March 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Blair Fairchild. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eddie Kimbier, 59, Johnson County native, died Wednesday, February 26. He is survived by his wife, Martha Cantrell Kimbler. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Edith Sadler McKenzie, 78, of Stambaugh, died Thursday, February 27, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Glen Montgomery, 69, native of Paintsville, died Wednesday, February 26. He is survived by his wife, Faye Price Montgomery. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under direction of Betts & West Funeral Home, Nicholasville.

Clinton Patrick, 69, of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, March 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Frankie Edith Coleman Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Albert Edward "Bubby" Prater, 59, died Friday, February 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Larry G. Ramey, 52, native of Paintsville, died Sunday, March

2, at home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley West Ramey. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home, Delaware, Ohio.

William Lefrance Rigsby, 76, of Paintsville, died Sunday, March 9, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Castle Rigsby. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Edith Stambaugh, 86, of Sitka, died Thursday, March 6, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Maude Ellen Hardwick, 79, Lawrence County native, died Friday, February 28, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Herbert Hoover Hatfield, 74, died Sunday, March 2. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jon Dee Jenkins, 54, of North Carolina, died Wednesday, March 5, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Jenkins. Heston Funeral Home, Louisa, was in charge of arrangements.

James Thomas Lemaster, 70, of Louisa, died Friday, March 7. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Lula Curnutte May, 88, of Blaine, died Sunday, March 9, at Mt. Carmel West, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Maxine Skaggs Porter, 75, a Lawrence County native, died Tuesday, March 4. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Francis Marie Pylant, 46, died Wednesday, February 26, at Livingston Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Roberta Hayes VanHoose, 65, died Wednesday, February 26. She is survived by her husband, George W. VanHoose. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mormon

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said the decision not to sell the book was made in light of a study the chain commissioned which found customers dislike books that violate "their core values," Dew said.

The quality of books by religious authors has improved and publishers have recognized that they can make a profit on them, publishing executives say. Leading romance publisher Harlequin has its own line of spiritual paperbacks called "Love Inspired," billed as storytelling for women with "strong family values and high moral standards."

For Covenant, the romance novel category has been growing faster than other books the Mormon publisher sells, with 16 titles published last year, Nichols said.

However, even Mormon writers sometimes have to tone down their stories. Deseret Book, recently refused to carry "The Last Promise," a book by Mormon author Richard Paul Evans, about a woman who, caught in an abusive relationship with her husband, turns to another man for emotional support and, eventually, romance.

The affair between the woman and her male friend is never consummated. But Sheri Dew, president of Deseret Book,

Pike County

Rudy Adkins, 47, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, native of Pike County, died Saturday, March 8, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Dianna Deskins Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

John Will "Dude" Coleman, 80, of Kimper, died Sunday, March 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Cora Lee May Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Crawford Hardin, 94, of Big Rock Virginia, native of Pike County, died Saturday, March 8, at the Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Audrey Gene "Bean Pole" Looney, 68, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, March 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Faith

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road, Sister Keeble stayed home.

"There was plenty to do at home to keep her occupied," author Willie Cato wrote in the book "His Hand and His Heart ... The Wit and Wisdom of Marshall Keeble." "She became a very loving mother to his three children and also to the grandchildren."

Later, when the minister served as president of the Nashville Christian Institute, a school for black children, Sister Keeble kept up to a dozen girls at a time in her home. She never gave birth to a child, but she became "Mama" to many.

However busy their days were, the Keebles always knelt and prayed before going to bed — and prayer is still an integral part of Sister Keeble's life.

When she fell and fractured her back a few years ago, Sister Keeble insisted on thanking God before she sipped a cup of soup.

"She was in such pain ... but she said, 'Righteous father, I most humbly thank you for these blessings that you've given me,'" Cummings said, her voice choking with emotion.

Keeble's favorite song is "Faith Is The Victory."

"I used to wonder why she liked that song," Cummings said. "As I grow older, I understand. She's lived by faith."

That helps explain why Sister Keeble insists on attending worship as long as she can.

On a recent Sunday — even though she was suffering from a nasty cough — Sister Keeble had

Opal Lynch, 87, of Winchester, formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, March 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Kenneth E. Mullins, 56, of Island Creek, died Friday, March 7, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 10, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Bertha Pinson, 88, of Brushy, died Saturday, March 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Noble Roberts, 79, of Jonacy, died Monday, March 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 14, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Betty Jean Taylor, 64, of Feds Creeke, died Monday, March 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Billy Taylor. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

relative roll her wheelchair to the nursing home lobby for worship service.

She wore a purple dress and a diamond ring that her husband gave her — a blue, decades-old church hymnal rested on her lap.

About 40 nursing home residents sang "O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink," then men from the church across the street prayed and offered communion.

As the collection plate approached, Sister Keeble pulled out a \$5 bill.

"Nobody's expecting her to give," Cummings said.

But Sister Keeble saw it differently.

"The Lord is," she said.

Obituaries

Mikey Little

Mikey Little, 80, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born February 22, 1922, at Bypro, he was the son of the late Lufe and Mary Johnson Little. He was a retired coal miner and a member of Local Union 5899; a World War II veteran; a member of DAV Chapter 128 at Garrett; a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Bypro, a Kentucky Colonel; and a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey Bailey Little.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy A. Bates and Mary Little, both of Wheelwright; two sisters, Dovie Hall and Julia Little, both of Bypro; and three grandchildren, Judy Lynn Miley, Jason Edward Cook, and Stephanie Ann Arnold.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Bill Little, Walter Little, James Little, Bobby Little, and Charley Little; and seven sisters, Beulah Mullins, Gladys Little, Callie Little, Vassie Little, Lori Little, Virde Newsome, and Maggie Wallen.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 14, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery at Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

said the decision not to sell the book was made in light of a study the chain commissioned which found customers dislike books that violate "their core values," Dew said.

Stansfield, whose books are published by Covenant, had to delete a sentence from her novel, "When Hearts Meet," that described a couple's wedding night. It read, "He laughed and kicked the door closed."

Stansfield disagreed with the edit and said making those cuts are difficult because she considers herself a moral writer trying to uphold a standard for her readers.

But Keith Hunter, vice president of marketing and sales for Deseret, said sometimes changes are needed to fit the bookstore's mandate and customer tastes.

"Our customers are looking for books that build faith," Hunter said. "They are looking for things that strengthen individuals and families. Things that are a disconnect are things that glorify immorality or that present the consequences of negative choices in a positive way. We sell values-based literature."

Disaster

which was not covered by insurance — that most have been waiting to hear about.

Earlier in the month, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) might have to be liberal in their assessments in order for the county to get the individual help.

Now, Floyd County joins 14 other counties across the state which will see access to individual aid. Those counties are Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Fayette, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Martin, Owsley, Perry and Pike.

"I know that Congressman Rogers and Senator McConnell and Senator Bunning have worked toward this end," Thompson said Friday. "I know for us to get the individual assistance, Congressman Rogers played a big part in

that." Thompson said FEMA is expected to arrive in Floyd County in the next seven or eight days.

Congressman Rogers also recognized the apprehension of those awaiting word on help in dealing with disaster-related losses, while at the same time hoping to prepare for future plans for prevention.

"I am grateful President Bush approved a federal disaster declaration for Kentucky," Rogers said in a statement Friday afternoon. "Many of our communities and families are still feeling the impact of this devastating storm... It is my hope that governments throughout the state will make the most of this opportunity and will seek federal funding to help prevent this type of damage from occurring in the future."

Individual assistance can include grants for temporary

housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help residents and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Anyone seeking individual assistance under this program should call 1-800-621-FEMA.

In addition to the much-awaited individual assistance, the public assistance many felt confident would come has been designated for 51 Kentucky counties. The eligible counties include: Anderson, Bath, Bourbon, Bracken, Breathitt, Breckenridge, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliot, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Harrison, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Meade, Menifee, Mercer, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell,

Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Washington, Whitley, Wolfe and Woodford.

Michael Brown, FEMA director, said in a statement shortly after the declaration Friday that federal funding will be provided to these county governments to pay the normal 75 percent of approved costs for debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and the restoration of damaged public facilities.

Governments seeking this assistance have been asked to contact the FEMA regional office in Atlanta at 1-770-220-5200.

Also, a third program for disaster assistance, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, was made available through President Bush's declaration Friday. This program provides assistance to state and local governments wishing to take action aimed at preventing or reducing long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological hazards. For more information about this type of assistance, call FEMA's regional office in Atlanta at 1-770-220-5200.

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Types of help available

Now that individual help is on the way, FEMA has detailed what is required and what can be afforded for those meeting those requirements.

According to FEMA, individual assistance for individuals and families affected by mid-February storms can include several options.

One of those is for rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance is provid-

ed for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters. Help may be extended if requested after the initial period, based on a review of the applicant's requirements.

Also, grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged homes safe, sanitary and functional.

Another grant that could be applicable can be obtained to

replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs.

Those losing work days as a result of disaster may be eligible for unemployment payments up to 26 weeks, pending they do not qualify for state benefits, such as those self-employed.

Another option could be low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans are available up to \$200,000 for primary residence, \$40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to \$1.5 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance.

Loans up to \$1.5 million for small businesses that have suffered disaster-related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact may also be made available, according to FEMA. However, this loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of \$1.5 million.

Additionally, farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators can receive loans through federal aid to cover production and property losses. These loans can be up to \$500,000.

But help doesn't just end with money. For those affected in ways that money can be of little help are not forgotten within disaster relief programs.

Crisis counseling can be offered for those traumatized by the disaster can find help, as well as income tax assistance for filing casualty losses and advisory assistance for legal, veterans benefits and Social Security matters.

For more information about the federal help that can be made available to you and under what conditions, call 1-800-621-FEMA or 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing and speech impaired.

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Davidson

car. There, perfect!

No. 9: Final Assignment, "Find a couple who already has a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance and toilet training and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run wild. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you have all the answers."

Well, that's it. At the very least this should give all of us some food for thought and make us appreciate our parents more.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Sentencing delayed for drug treatment

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The sentencing of a Mousie woman charged with complicity to robbery for the Oct. 11 robbery of an Eastern Autobahn station was continued on Friday after Judge John David Caudill ruled that she would enter a long-term drug treatment program.

April Leigh Cook, 21, had previously appeared before the court to enter a plea agreement on March 2, but Judge Caudill did not accept it after information was received from the jail that Cook had tested positive for drugs.

"You have a bad drug problem, and you are finally admitting it," Caudill said.

Caudill then told Cook that failure to complete the program would land her in a penitentiary.

"You're an attractive young woman. They won't like you down there," Caudill said.

The original charge against Cook alleges that she entered the Autobahn and appeared to be checking it out. As she was leaving, Andrew Scott Halbert entered the store wearing a ski mask and was believed to have a shotgun in his possession.

After being apprehended, it was discovered that the weapon was actually a plastic BB gun.

Couple face charges related to stabbing

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Arrest warrants were served on two people from Turkey Creek at the Pike County Detention Center on Thursday, in connection to an incident involving the stabbing of a Williamson man.

According to court documents, Crystal Runyon, 22, formerly of Kermit, W.Va., was arrested on charges of first-degree assault for allegedly stabbing Bobby Marcum on March 2, causing serious physical injury.

Another document states that Eloy Doc Evans, 32, also a former Kermit resident, was charged with complicity to first-degree assault for allegedly aiding Runyon in the commission of assaulting Marcum with a deadly weapon.

Both Runyon and Evans were served the warrants on March 13 at the Pike County Detention Center and were arraigned on Friday, at which time they received a \$10,000 cash bond each.

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"came ... close to being held in contempt of court for perjury," Frazier's ruling said.

The case was the first of its kind to reach the appeals court since the General Assembly's passage in 2000 of Mandy Jo's Law, which was prompted by a similar case from Knott County.

For enforcement of the new law, the appeals court used the

Arms-Kimblor case to declare that abandonment means "neglect and refusal to perform natural and legal obligations" for a child's care and support.

That includes failure to take any responsibility for "care, training and guidance during the child's formative years," the court said in an opinion by Judge Joseph Huddleston of Bowling Green.

Drift man gets 5 years for leading police chase

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Drift man was sentenced on Friday to five years in prison for allegedly endangering the lives of police officers after leading them on a chase.

Thomas J. Miller, 21, previously entered a plea agreement

with the commonwealth on the charges that he engaged in conduct that caused serious physical injury to Officer Ralph Frasure and creating a danger to officers Dennis Hutchinson, Gerald Clark, Ralph Frasure, Steve Little, Thomas Gearheart, Robert Caudill and Tpr. Scott Hopkins.

Two years of Miller's sentences will be probated.

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income figures. None of those counties are in Maryland, where the ARC classifies Allegany and Garrett as "transitional" and Washington as "competitive."

By law, half of all ARC funds must go to distressed areas.

The ARC states are Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.


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Twitch and pause for early bass

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Late winter and early spring bass fishing is often a matter of hurry up and wait. You can rush to get to your favorite

lake, but allow plenty of time for a suspended jerkbait to linger in likely locations if you hope to catch fish, says veteran bass angler Britt Cone.

Cone, of Benton, is an accomplished tournament fisherman, a Ranger Boat/Yamaha Outboard fishing team

member who can claim three Red Man All-American qualifications for his bassing resume in addition to numerous tournament victories on his home waters of Kentucky Lake.

His routine tools for fooling early season bass are the skinny, minnow-

shaped lures commonly called jerkbaits — so labeled for the way Cone and other anglers employ them during the chilly water period.

"I usually use a Smithwick Rogue that I have weighted to get it to suspend when it's sitting still," he said.

While there are factory-made suspending jerkbaits, Cone recommends customizing stock baits by adding a small bit of lead, flattened and epoxied to the belly of the lure, just enough so

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COMMENTARY

UK guard at top of game

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

When Keith Bogans plays his final basketball game for the University of Kentucky, he'll have something more than a ring or a trophy. He'll have the satisfaction of knowing that he used his college experience well.

Right before our very eyes, he has grown from a precocious kid into a mature adult.

The journey was difficult. After his sophomore season, he

was ready to turn pro until he discovered in a tryout camp that he simply wasn't ready.

Some players wouldn't have accepted that reality check and turned pro anyway.

But Bogans returned to college, determined to improve.

It didn't happen immediately.

In fact, Bogans mostly struggled through a junior season that exposed some fatal character deficiencies. When it mercifully

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AUTO RACING

Veterans slowly adapting to NASCAR's ways

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As a veteran crew chief, Robbie Loomis had a standard way of doing things when he moved over to Jeff Gordon's team in 2000. The trouble was, times were changing and Loomis was hesitant to abandon his old-school ways.

"I had to sit down and I actually read an article on open-mindedness and how you have to be receptive to new ideas and things," Loomis remembered. "It's very challenging. The more success you have, the harder it is to change."

"I think that's what ultimately winds up getting you in trouble, because these guys that haven't had success have a clean sheet of paper. They're willing to go out there and try anything as far as the race car is concerned."

As technology drastically

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— Girls' Regional Tournament —



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central sophomore Becky Thomas went up for two of her game-high 22 points against Johnson Central. Thomas returns for the Lady Rebels next season along with fellow sophomore Megan Harris.

Lady Rebs' region effort falls short

JCHS girls rally, beat Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Almost, but not quite enough.

Allen Central led Johnson Central on the scoreboard in every quarter except the last Thursday night in an epic battle which ended with the host Lady Eagles, defending 15th Region champs, winning 64-63.

The game was anything but

easy on the nerves of Johnson Central head coach Philip Wireman, his staff, players and fans of the program.

Allen Central, 58th District Champion, raced out to an 18-10 lead and led 37-25 at halftime. Johnson Central outscored the Lady Rebels in both second half quarters to post the win.

Trailing by 12 points at the half, Johnson Central outscored the visiting Lady Rebels 15-9 in

the third quarter to cut the 12-point halftime deficit in half. A 24-17 fourth period in favor of the Lady Eagles propelled the host team.

Rhonda Adams led Johnson Central in scoring with 16 points. Brianne Daniels scored 13 and Alice Daniel added 11. Tiffany Howard scored 10.

Johnson Central seniors

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pelphrey finishes even first season as head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN — Current University of South Alabama men's basketball coach John Pelphrey was once described by many as a gym rat. The Paintsville Tiger and University of Kentucky Wildcat got his first crack at a head coaching job this season when he headed south to Mobile, Ala. and the University of South Alabama.

Pelphrey and his South Alabama team ended its first season together recently with a loss.

South Alabama's attempt to overcome a 17-point deficit fell just short in a 72-69 loss to

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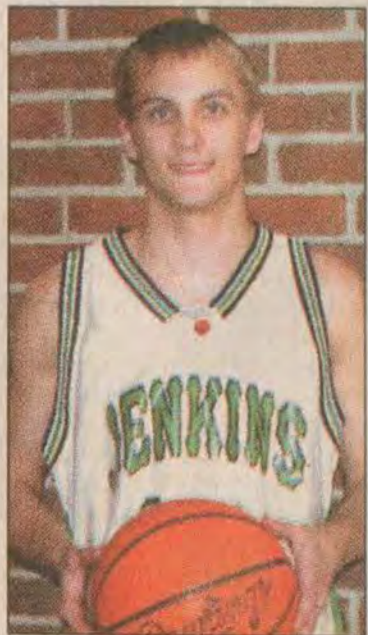
COLLEGE GOLF

Vanhoose back in action on links for EKU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University women's golf team wrapped up play earlier this past week at the Lady Racer Classic with a third-place finish after posting a two-day score of 673 (342-331). Host team Murray State

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Jonah Tackett recently joined the 1,000-point club at Jenkins High School. Tackett, a junior, is the son of Harvey and Jan Tackett of Jenkins. He is the grandson of Julius and Juanita Mullins of Melvin.



photo by Jamie Howell

Kim Clark drove the basket for two of a game-high 35 points in Betsy Layne's win over Magoffin County. The win advanced Betsy Layne to a championship game last night against Johnson Central. Results will appear in Wednesday's edition.

GIRLS' 15TH REGION TOURNAMENT

BL girls advance to title game

Clark, Lykens combine for 63 points in victory

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — When the dust had settled at Johnson Central High School on Thursday

evening it was the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats and the Johnson Central Lady Eagles that were the only two teams left standing with a shot to claim the 15th Region title. The semifinals proved the two teams deserved to be ranked one and two all season in the 15th Region.

Last year it was the same two

schools in the championship game of the tournament and Johnson Central came away with the win, however this year Coach Cassandra Akers and her team hope to turn the tables and make the trip to Bowling Green for the Girls Sweet Sixteen. Betsy Layne

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Reed

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ended, a lot of fans were upset – deservedly so – with both Bogans and coach Tubby Smith. But as a senior, which has become an endangered species in college hoops, Bogans finally

put it altogether. Gone are the days when he resembled a line-backer trying to play basketball. He has learned to play within himself, make better decisions, and let the game come to him.

Although he starts at shooting guard, the 6-foot-5 Bogans really is a small forward. Offensively, he's at his best on the wing, where he can shoot the three when open or drive to the

hoop for a shot or a dish-off. He relentlessly crashes the boards. On defense, Bogans has helped set the tone for UK's more aggressive style. He fills the passing lanes, gets his share of deflections, and helps on the glass. Like former UK star Mike Casey, he has developed a nose for the ball. Perhaps most importantly, by both default and example, he has become a leader.

consistency. He has been a pillar of a UK team that has carved out a special place for itself in the minds and hearts of Wildcat fans. The upshot is that although the route has been circuitous, full of potholes and dead ends, Bogans finally has arrived at his desired destination. He has a shot at being a first-team All-American. He'll be drafted by an NBA team. Presumably, he's on course to graduate. For him, the decision to stay in school has paid handsome dividends. The NCAA should use him as a poster child for the good that can happen when the system works as intended. But Bogans is the exception instead of the rule. He had the character and the support necessary to make the right choices, difficult as they might have seemed at the time.

He doesn't need to win an NCAA championship to validate his college experience. That would be only a bonus. Whatever happens the rest of the way, Bogans has defeated the critics who called him "Keith Bogus."

For a very small and uniquely talented group of players, the right decision is going directly from high school to the NBA. For another small group of, ahem, student-athletes, the right decision is to go to the NBA after only a year or two in college. But for the vast majority, it's better to be like Keith. Stay in school for at least four years. Be open to constructive criticism. Understand that trying to do less sometimes means doing more. Learn about unselfishness and sacrifice from an excellent coach.

And, finally, become the player you always wanted to be. When Bogans' eligibility expires, he'll be high on UK's all-time scoring list. But he'll be at, or near, the top of a more important list: Those who profited the most by staying in school and working to improve both as players and people.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Virgie, JCMS make good showings at state event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The boys' high school basketball teams at Shelby Valley and Johnson Central found themselves back in the 15th Region tournament this season. Before district finals were even decided in the high school ranks, the state middle school basketball tournament was held at Kentucky Basketball Academy in Lexington. Both schools had feeder schools in the event. Johnson County Middle School made it into the Sweet Sixteen of the tournament. Virgie finished in the top-four in the tournament. Rose Hill,

without eighth-grade sensation O.J. Mayo, won the state event. Mayo did dress out for the tournament, but did not play.

The Eagles reached the Sweet Sixteen of the 48-team tournament, playing four games in two days. Johnson County defeated Browning Springs, 56-45, last Friday night in the first matchup, with Jamie McCarty leading all scorers with 27 points. The Eagles then took down

Blessed Sacrament of Covington, 57-43, on Saturday, with McCarty leading the way again with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Justin Blanton also reached double figures with 11 points. Johnson County then knocked off Bardstown, 43-39, to reach the Sweet Sixteen of the tournament before being defeated by Scott County, 42-39, in a game the Eagles led until the one-minute mark of the game.

Veterans

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changes the ins and outs of NASCAR, veterans are slowly being forced to adapt or risk falling to the back of the pack. Jeff Burton, Bobby Labonte, Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace all grew up working on cars and fine-tuning the setups. Struggling to get to Victory Lane the past few years, they were forced to step back and stop getting their hands so dirty.

"None of us really had good years the past couple of years," said Burton, winless in his last 44 starts. "Times have changed, and I don't think that we can keep up with all of the technology and also drive the race car. You can't do it anymore. ... A driver who's ignorant to the things we have learned through years of experience by setting up our cars and building them has an advantage because he's willing to turn that over to people who've studied it, paid attention to it and thought about it 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The new attitudes seem to be working: Veterans have won three of the first four races this season. But it was the year of NASCAR's "Young Guns" last season, when drivers 30 and under dominated the series. Jimmie Johnson won three races as a rookie, benefiting from computer information gathered by Gordon, his teammate.

Ryan Newman used his engineering degree to try new technology-driven ideas and parlayed it into rookie of the year honors. Wallace, his teammate, went winless for the first season since 1985. He tried some of Newman's

setups early in the season, rejected them after a few races, then was forced to revisit some of the new ideas based on Newman's success. "I probably learned more from (Newman's) engineering team than he learned from me because they started off with a goal in mind, and that was they are basing everything off of the computer," Wallace said. "I based everything off the seat of my pants."

Sometimes during races, Wallace gives specific instructions to his crew rather than describing to his crew chief and the team's engineers how the car feels and letting them decide how to adjust it. Younger drivers tend to describe the car's handling and let the crew decide what to do. Labonte, the 2000 Winston Cup champion, saw his performance taper off the past two seasons.

Under new crew chief Michael "Fatback" McSwain, he's more open to new ideas this year and scored his first win of the season last week at Atlanta. Labonte knows the influx of technology has changed the sport, putting less of an emphasis on driver skill. "The importance has gone to the race car more than ever," he said. "It's taken it out of the driver's hands and put it in the race car's hands over the past five years."

"If your car's off a little bit, it doesn't matter how much experience you've got, you're not going to be able to make up for it."

Gordon, a four-time Winston Cup champion who was nearly overshadowed by teammate Johnson last season, agrees. "Everybody always wants to know who is the best driver," he said. "I don't think there is such a thing because there's always somebody newer or better or faster or stronger or smarter. If you're not willing to accept that and allow yourself to get better and learn from others, even a young guy coming up, you're definitely going to be left behind."

So veterans are going to their younger teammates for input, rather than the other way around. Burton spent years going to Martin, his older teammate for advice. When Martin started coming to him, he didn't like it. "When we started having success, he was coming to me and asking me questions and I was really uncomfortable with that," Burton said. "I was like, 'You're supposed to be telling me things, but times change, and you have to roll with them.'"

These days, Burton consults with rookie teammate Greg Biffle and third-year driver Kurt Busch. "There is no doubt that every driver on our team, including the youngest and least-experienced, can bring things to the table that teach us," Burton said.

Looking back...

Bobby Labonte won last week's NASCAR Winston Cup race.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Union softball slow start includes double dip loss to Lady Bears

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE — Union College has gotten off to a rough beginning to the 2003 season as the Lady Bulldogs are 0-4 thus far.

Union dropped a double-header season opener to visiting Spalding (Ky.) University on Saturday, March 8, by the scores of 7-2 and 10-1. On Tuesday, Pikeville College narrowly swept the Lady Bulldogs, winning 4-3 and 8-7.

The Lady Bulldogs will play host Midway College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Versus Spalding, Union jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first, but Spalding countered with seven runs during the second, third and fourth innings. All but one of the Lady Pelicans' scores were unearned as Union committed five errors, all of which came during Spalding's rallies.

Heather Dufour had a solid game, going 3-of-3 with a run scored and an RBI.

In the second game, Spalding posted three runs in the top of the first and didn't look back en route to the 10-1 decision. Union's lone run came in the

bottom of the first as Brandy Green drove in Dufour. Once again, errors proved costly for the Lady Bulldogs as they surrendered six unearned runs in the nine-run loss.

In Tuesday's first game, Pikeville rallied for three runs in the sixth to escape with the 4-3 win. Union led 3-1 going into the sixth when the Lady Bears rallied to take the lead. The Lady Bulldogs tried to generate some offense in their final two at bats but couldn't get anything going.

Pikeville drew first blood in the fourth, however, Union countered with three runs in the bottom of the frame. Jennifer Latham, Jessica Suttles and Amanda Lewis each scored a run for the Union squad.

In the nightcap, Pikeville opened up a 3-0 lead in the top of the first and eventually built an 8-4 lead after four-and-a-half innings. Union fought back, though, scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth to make it 8-7. It could've been tied, but Lewis was thrown out at the plate.

Sara Moberly had a good game, going 4-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI.

used a quick spurt in the opening minutes to set the tone and gain the early momentum.

Kim Clark opened the game dialed in from long range by scoring 14 points early in the game and finishing with a game high 35 for the Ladycats. The Ladycats led Magoffin Co. 26-10 after the quick start in the first quarter and 31-22 at the half.

Whitney Lykens put up some big numbers as well for Betsy Layne scoring 28 points in the contest as the Whitney Lykens that folks around the 15th region are familiar with returned with a big game after recovering from a recent injury. Brittany Manns led Magoffin Co. with 20 points in the game. Betsy Layne held a nine-point lead at the half and the teams played even in the second half with both scoring 43 second half points. Natasha Stratton and Tiffany Meade both enjoyed good floor games for the Lady Bobcats.

Betsy Layne and Johnson Central faced off in the 15th Region championship last night at Johnson Central with results to appear in Wednesday's edition.

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LOUIS STOUT

Former KHSAA commissioner gathering information for book

by JOE WALKER THE PADUCAH SUN

PADUCAH — In the days of segregation, Kentucky's black athletes often traveled only in daylight, stayed with black families for safety, and routinely ate sack lunches because they were banned from white restaurants. And records of their athletic accomplishments are scarce, in part because many newspapers didn't cover the games until schools began integrating about 1957.

Many of those players and coaches have died, and their stories are buried with them. But gathering shreds of information for a book about the league has been Louis Stout's passion for the past five years.

Stout started playing basketball in the 1940s for Banneker, a black high school in Cynthia, and moved to Cynthia High School when the two schools merged in 1956. Starting in 1971, he served as assistant commissioner and then commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

After retiring in June after eight years as commissioner, Stout has pushed his fact-finding into higher gear to meet an April 4 deadline to get a 300-page book to Host Communications for publishing late this summer.

Titled "Shadows of the Past," the book will have well over 300 pictures of players, teams, principals and coaches of the league, which began in 1932 with 44

teams and ended in 1957 with 55. It also includes teams playing in the 1920s, and will have school histories and athletic records if available, he said.

Stout visited Paducah recently doing final research on former black schools.

"I've been under houses, in attics, garages and basements," Stout said, adding that libraries usually have limited material. "I'm about 15 years too late. Most of the people who were involved in that era are gone."

Only about 12 head coaches are still living, and very few principals remain, Stout said. Most of the teams played basketball, and several had track, baseball, football and girls' basketball programs.

Stout said he found the lone

surviving player from a tiny black high school at Beaver Dam. The 89-year-old man had the picture of his team that won the state championship in the 1930s.

"It's a short story, but it's a unique story because he's the only one still living," Stout said. He said hardback copies will be provided to schools to further black history.

His said his main goal is to tell people what life was like for black athletes during segregation.

"I want to educate young people that athletics just didn't start today," he said. "I stay away from the racial tension of it, but I do write about some of the fun things and things that were necessary for you to do to survive."

Coach

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Middle Tennessee in the quarter-finals of the Aeropostale Sun Belt Conference Men's Basketball Tournament at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Chris Young, the Jaguars' single-season 3-point record holder, had his game-tying three-point shot blocked in the waning seconds by Blue Raider forward Bryant Mitchell and the Jags finished the season at 14-14.

"Unfortunately for us, Middle Tennessee had some guys make great plays at key times," said first-year Jag coach John Pelphrey. "We just couldn't

catch them down the stretch. They made their three-point shots tonight. They were better than us today."

Despite coming up short in the tournament game, and falling short of a tournament championship, Pelphrey and team accomplished some things together in the first season together. Before Pelphrey came to South Alabama late last spring, the Jags men's basketball program had suffered severely.

Before coming to South Alabama, Pelphrey served as an assistant coach at both Marshall and Florida.

STATEWIDE

PRP, Eastern upset in regional play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Sixth Region boys semifinals featured a pair of upsets on Thursday night.

Iroquois, ranked 21st in the state by iHigh.com, stunned second-ranked Pleasure Ridge Park 67-65 behind 23 points from Terrence Walker and 17 from Derrick Goodloe.

PRP (27-4) made a frantic comeback, but never actually had a shot to tie or lead in the fourth quarter.

In the other semifinal, Mr. Football Michael Bush isn't quite ready to give up on his basketball career just yet.

Bush scored 29 points, leading unranked Male to a 83-82 triple-overtime win over Eastern.

Bush had plenty of help from Casey Shumate (20 points) and Alex Gravelle (19 points) as his team came from behind in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

Eastern (23-9), ranked sixth in the state by iHigh, was led by Jermaine Bentley's 22 points. Rajon Rondo and Ricky Bodiford each had 17.

For the latest Kentucky high school boys' and girls' basketball scores, go online to www.khsaa.org.

Fishing

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that the lure neither floats nor sinks, rather tending to "hang" in place when stationary.

"To fish a jerkbait, I'll cast out, then crank it down for two or three turns of the reel handle," he said. "Then I'll pause it and let it sit for a few seconds. After the pause, I'll twitch it forward two or three times as I take up slack, then pause again."

The short-lipped minnow lure only dives three to four feet. Early season bass, however, may have moved shallow to enjoy warming water, or deeper bass, both largemouth and smallmouth, well may be "called" up to the lure from well below. The lure features an internal rattle that beckons to fish when it is jerked.

"The jerkbait works best in clear water because fish can see it from way down and will come a long way up to get the lure," Cone said.

Cone utilizes jerkbaits along steep, rocky shorelines, focusing on underwater bars or points that create structure that will cluster chilly bass.

How long to wait on bass? When pausing a jerkbait, wait as long as it takes — or as long as you can stand it, Cone advises.

"If the water's still really cold, I'll start out pausing for 10 to 15 seconds at a time," Cone

said. "If the fish are more aggressive and you get a hit after waiting only five seconds, then I shorten my pauses and only wait that long. I know that there are fishermen who will pause 20 to 25 seconds, but I'm not quite that patient," he admitted.

Jerkbait bass may slam the slim lure — smallmouth can be especially brutal — as it suspends motionless. Some bass hit after a paused lure resumes motion. Others will "just be there" when the angler twitches the lure following a pause. The jerkbait "hangs in their faces" and provokes strikes when low water temperatures make fish more reluctant to chase down lures that move steadily.

Wait-a-bit jerkbaiting could work much of the season, but Cone and other anglers find that it's most efficient while water temperatures remain low.

"I'll fish jerkbaits in March and up to about the middle of April, then I'll put them away when the water temperature reaches 55 or 56 degrees," Cone said.

Jerkbaiting works at a time when many of the largest, mature female bass first move shallower to absorb warmth. That means jerkbait fishing catches some of the largest fish of the year.

Darlington trying to save spring race

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Almost before Darlington Raceway president Andrew Gurtis got directions to his office two years ago, he was

warned about one of his biggest challenges: protecting the spring race at NASCAR's oldest superspeedway.

Gurtis has so far shrugged off the comments of Darlington's demise from rival owners such as Bruton

Smith. Now, Gurtis is preparing to defend Darlington from a more powerful and influential force: NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr.

Gurtis knew things had changed dramatically in January when France listed a group of tracks,

including Darlington, that might lose one of their two yearly visits from NASCAR.

"Without question, we crossed a threshold," said Gurtis, who was a vice president at Daytona International Speedway before coming to Darlington in March 2001. "I don't think it's a foregone conclusion, I don't think it's a stark reality. But we are on notice."

Even as Darlington prepares to celebrate its 100th Winston Cup race with the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 on Sunday, Gurtis is compiling facts and figures for NASCAR and International Speedway Corp., which owns Darlington and several other raceways, to show that the old country track is still a necessity for 2004 and beyond.

"I would cite increased sales the last four years at this March race, a great sponsor in the Carolina Dodge Dealers, and Darlington's position as a pillar of the sport, of NASCAR," he said.

The list of drivers who have been to Darlington's Victory Lane reads like a Hall of Fame: David Pearson, Dale Earnhardt and Cale Yarborough. In fact, the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame is located just outside the gates.

For decades since Harold Brasington carved the misshapen track out of some farmland, racers have measured themselves on the

gravelly, tar-black surface with that crazy Turn 2 corner that runs up out of nowhere.

"It is nothing like anything else we race on," said John Andretti, whose first Winston Cup pole came at Darlington's Southern 500 in

1995.

The track's slogan, "A NASCAR Tradition," plays into its history. But Gurtis isn't blind

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Marshall adds K-State to slate

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University Director of Athletics Bob Marcum announced this past week the addition of Kansas State to the 2003 Thundering Herd football schedule.

The game will be played in Manhattan, Kan., on Sept. 20 and is the first of a three-game series

between the two schools. The Wildcats will play in Huntington on Sept. 10, 2005 with the Herd making a second trip to Manhattan on Sept. 9, 2006.

"This should be a great series for our football program, one that our fans should be excited about," Marcum said. "It will be a match up of two of the great college football stories of the last decade. Coach

Snyder has put together one of the elite programs in the nation, with a long list of successes any program would be proud of.

"At the same time, Coach Bob Pruett and the Marshall program have enjoyed unprecedented success with 19 straight winning seasons, three Heisman trophy candidates, five straight bowl victories and five MAC titles. The game will draw attention nationwide."

Kansas State is a member of the Big XII Conference and has been a regular member of the national top 25 polls under head coach Bill Snyder in recent years. The Wildcats finished the 2002 season with an 11-2 mark, including a 34-27 victory over Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl.

KSU finished the 2002 season ranked sixth in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and seventh in the Associated Press Top 25. Marshall finished the season ranked

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RUNNING

Runs scheduled for Tug Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. — The Tug Valley Road Runners Club and the city of Williamson will present a 10k run on Saturday, April 26. The race will start at 8 a.m. at the SWVCTC campus in Williamson, W.Va.

Later this year, the Hatfield-McCoy Marathon/Half marathon will be held. Saturday, June 14 is the date

slated for the Hatfield-McCoy races. The half marathon will start in Goody in Pike County and end in Matewan, W.Va. The full marathon will also start in Goody, but will end in Williamson.

Both the half marathon and the marathon will begin at 7 a.m.

For information on any of the aforementioned races, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626 or email tvrec@hotmail.com.

EKU

with a score of 647 (328-319).

Johnson Central graduate Beth Vanhoose is a member of the EKU women's golf team. The former Lady Eagle linkster established herself at Eastern as a freshman and has steadily improved for the Lady Colonels.

EKU fielded two teams in the tournament and the EKU Maroon team finished eighth

with a score of 747 (380-367).

Murray State's Lee-Anne Pace won the individual title with a score of 147 (76-71).

Brittany Klein led the Lady Colonels with a 12th-place finish after firing a score of 168 (85-83). Leah Larkin, Kelly Flynn and Tamara Thompson all tied for 17th overall in the individual standings with scores of 170. Jennifer Sullivan rounded out the

Short

Ashley Wireman and Michelle Music were held to six points apiece.

Allen Central was led in scoring by a game-high 22 points from sophomore center Becky Thomas. Senior guard Amber Scott scored 14 and Megan Harris chipped in 12. Terri Mullins scored seven and Tiffany Turner added six.

Jessica Isaac rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.

The Lady Rebs dropped a 59-50 game to Johnson Central during the regular season.

Allen Central ends its season with a record of 19-11. Johnson Central improved to 27-1. At press time, the Lady Eagles battled Betsy Layne for a trip to the Girls' Sweet Sixteen at E.A. Diddle Arena at Western Kentucky University.

The only loss heading into Saturday night's regional championship game for the Lady Eagles came in a tournament in Florida played in December.

Results from the championship game were unavailable and will appear in Wednesday's edition.

AC girls early favorite for 2003-04 crown

Allen Central junior point guard Terri Mullins and sophomores Becky Thomas and Megan Harris will be a year older and more experienced when the the 2003-04 season rolls around in the fall. The talented trio have as much varsity experience as any team's trio returning next season. Add Jessica Isaac, Tab Caudill and some others to the mix and all other teams in the region should take notice of the Allen Central team in the upcoming season.

A Johnson Central team fighting to rebuild will be present with head coach Philip Wireman.

ALLEN CENTRAL (63)
Thomas 22, Scott 14, Harris 12, Mullins 7, Turner 6, Isaac 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (64)
Wireman 6, Murphy 6, Music 2, Daniels 13, Daniel 11, Adams 16, Howard 10.

RECORDS
Allen Central 19-11, Johnson Central 27-1.

Game

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tion of The Times. Scoring was as follows: Betsy Layne — Clark 35, Lykens 28, Stratton 6, Daniels 4, Witt 1. Magoffin County — Manns 20, M. Howard 17, C. Howard 9, Shepherd 7, A. Howard 4, Adams 3.

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scoring with a two-day score of 172 (90-82) for the fourth-place EKU team.

EKU Coach Joni Stephens expects more good things from Vanhoose.

"Beth has a great work ethic and sets the example for the term "student-athlete," said Stephens. "She finished her first three semesters at EKU with a 4.0 GPA and made great strides last spring in her game. Beth hits the ball very straight and had begun to see an improvement in her distance. Sometimes she has a tendency to over-analyze while on the course, which hurt her scoring ability this fall. Her focus this spring will be concentrated on improving her short game and her mental game. Work on these areas will help her regain confidence in her ability and will see her scores dropping back into the high 70's and low 80's."

For the Maroon team, freshman Lindsay Jordan placed 21st with a score of 171 (88-83), while Brittany Rodgers finished tied for 36th with a two-day total of 186 (95-91). Vanhoose and Sarah Beth Huff were 41st and 43rd with scores of 189 and 201, respectively.

Eastern Kentucky returns to action this week, Mar. 16-18, at the Gamecock Classic in Jacksonville, Ala.

A LOOK AT BETH VANHOOSE...

Sophomore... Very determined... Struggled a little this fall with the mental side of her game... played in three fall tournaments... low round of 78 at the EKU Fall Invitational... Ended the fall with a 90.43 tournament average... Cumulative GPA of 4.00.

Jones, Gators still in the hunt



Donnie Jones

The Jones File Coaching Experience:

- 1988-90 Assistant Coach, Pikeville College (Kentucky)
- 1990-92 Graduate Assistant Coach, Marshall University
- 1992-96 Assistant Coach, Marshall University
- 1996-Present Assistant Coach, University of Florida

Playing Experience:

- 1984-88 Pikeville College

Pikeville College Playing Honors:

- Team Captain, 1988
- Career Assist Leader
- Single-season Assist Leader
- Single-game Assist Record

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW ORLEANS — Regardless of how the University of Florida men's basketball team finishes, a spot in the upcoming NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament is secured. When Paintsville native John Pelphey got his first head coaching job at South Alabama last year, a former Pikeville College player and assistant

coach moved up on the Florida coaching staff.

Pikeville College product Donnie Jones is in his seventh year as an assistant coach at the University of Florida and his ninth season as an assistant to Billy Donovan. Jones, who was retained as an assistant coach at Marshall University when Donovan was hired as the head coach at the West Virginia school in 1994, assists in all phases of coaching — from off-campus recruiting, practice planning, on-floor coaching, to scouting. He is also responsible for coordinating the Gator summer camps, game scheduling and travel.

Jones has played a key role in UF's recruiting and player development that has led to a school-record four consecutive NCAA appearances and back-to-back Southeastern Conference Championships in 2000 and 2001. The 1999 and 2000 teams made the first back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances in school history and the 2000 squad made the first-ever appearance in the National Championship game. The Gators are 124-65 (.656) during Grant's six-year stint in Gainesville and only three teams in the nation have won more games than Florida in the past three years.

Jones served on the Marshall staff for six years. He was a graduate assistant at Marshall in 1990 and earned his Master's in Sports Management in 1992. He was then promoted to assistant coach and was involved in all aspects of the basketball program, assisting with scouting, the conditioning program, film exchange, on-floor coaching and serving as Thundering Herd's Summer Camp Coordinator.

Prior to his arrival at Marshall, Jones worked for two years as an assistant coach at Pikeville College. While at Pikeville, Jones was responsible for scouting, recruiting, pre-season conditioning, on-floor coaching and the school's summer basketball camps. Jones also worked in an administrative capacity in the admissions office

while at Pikeville.

He still returns to Eastern Kentucky and often conducts fundamental camps in the area.

Jones, 35, earned his bachelor's degree in business education from Pikeville in 1988 after setting several school records during a stellar basketball career. He set school records for most assists in a game (21), season (276) and in a career (513). Jones served as the team's captain as a senior, finishing second in the nation in the NAIA with 10.7 assists per game. During his career, Jones played with two-time NAIA All-American Todd May, who averaged 40.1 points per game, and helped Pikeville to its first 20-win season in 11 years. In addition, he was recognized in "Who's Who" among college students.

Jones is certainly comfortable in his current position with the Gators. The backdrop of the city of Gainesville is also much to the Pikeville College grad's liking.

"The atmosphere at the University of Florida is great," said Jones, in an interview prior to the start of the current season.

"It's a great place to live and work."

A native of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Jones also operates his own summer camp in his hometown.

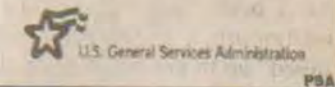
Jones is married to the former Michelle Gibson of Salt Rock, West Virginia.

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Bears rally past Lambuth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Since his first year as a head coach, it's been Randy McCoy's postseason mantra: Survive and advance. On Thursday night, McCoy's Pikeville College Bears did just

that, rallying from a nine-point second-half deficit to knock off Lambuth University 70-67 in the opening round of the Mid-South Conference basketball tournament.

"We didn't necessarily play well at times, but we played hard

and came through in the clutch," the coach said. "Our guys did what we had to do to win, and that's what it's all about in the tournament."

The Eagles were in front nine points three different times in the second half, including at 48-39 when A.D. McCreight scored on a layup with 14:46 left.

But the Bears battled back when Kevin Gaines and Emanuel Tekie hit threes to pull the Bears to within two at 52-50 with 8:24 on the clock. The Bears continued to battle, and when Jason Robinson converted a three-point play with 4:09 remaining, the teams were even at 61.

McCreight made a free throw to put the Eagles on top by one, but junior Greg Davis nailed a three with 3:20 left to put the Bears on top by two. The Eagles never drew even.

The Bears' balanced attack saw four players reach double figures. Robinson led the way with 15, while Kevin Gaines flipped in 14 to go along with nine rebounds and five assists. Teon Knox had 13 while Charles Sanders contributed 10.

Lambuth was led by Ray, who

had 20 points. Robert Liggins had 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Bears' next challenge was last night at Cumberland College in the semifinals.

Results were unavailable at press time.



photo by Jamie Howell
Amber Scott headed down court after an Allen Central score.

NASCAR Winston Cup

The 2003 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule, with winners in parentheses:

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 16 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)
- Feb. 23 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Dale Jarrett)

MARCH

- March 2 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 9 — Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga. (Bobby Labonte)
- March 16 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.
- March 23 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- March 30 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas.

APRIL

- April 6 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
- April 13 — Virginia 500, Martinsville.
- April 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.

MAY

- May 3 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va.
- May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

JUNE

- June 1 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- June 8 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 15 — Sirius Satellite Radio 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 22 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

JULY

- July 5 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 13 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 20 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- July 27 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond.

AUGUST

- Aug. 3 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis.
- Aug. 10 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 17 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn.
- Aug. 23 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Aug. 31 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6 — Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 14 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon.
- Sept. 21 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
- Sept. 28 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 5 — Kansas 400, Kansas City.
- Oct. 11 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 19 — Old Dominion 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 26 — Georgia 500, Hampton.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 9 — Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn 400, Rockingham, N.C.
- Nov. 16 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla. Driver Standings

Division

This year's major division will be minus two teams as the Reds and A's squads will be dissolved. Players from those teams from last season will be entered back in the draft this season.

50th Anniversary planned in 2003 for two leagues

The Prestonsburg and Paintsville Little Leagues will begin their 50th years of offer-

ing baseball, to the youth of Floyd and Johnson counties. The annual parade and other ceremonies are being planned for the Paintsville league. The events will begin Saturday April 19.

The Prestonsburg league also plans to hold its opening day ceremonies in April.

Bob Lyons returns to head Paintsville Little League as its president. Rick Hughes is the Prestonsburg Little League president.

Race

to what's happening outside South Carolina's PeeDee region.

He said NASCAR took the unprecedented step of saying to track owners, presidents and promoters, "All right, those dates are assets, and if you want to shuffle them around, we're going to listen to you."

Gurtis and fellow owners have been scrambling ever since.

The big question, Gurtis says, is whether ISC should stick with two 60,000-seat facilities in Darlington and Rockingham, "neither of which is selling out either of its races, and take a race or two races out of a saturated Carolinas market and move it to a race-hungry market" such as Kansas City or Fontana, Calif.

"Things change," he said. Plus, it makes sense to tap into regions outside NASCAR's birthplace to sustain the sport's growth.

All one had to do was see the empty seats at Atlanta Motor Speedway this past weekend. Gurtis isn't expecting to fill his 54-year-old raceway this time around either, which should make it that

much tougher when he talks with ISC and NASCAR leaders in the next few weeks.

"If Darlington wants to keep its races, then the fans are going to have to show that," Andretti said.

Gurtis believes he's got some selling points.

The track has improved its facilities and appearance in the past decade, and Gurtis and his team have spurred ticket sales through aggressive marketing.

Gurtis expects to know Darlington's 2004 status by late spring or early summer. If it loses its March date, the Southern 500 will become an instant sellout and even bigger to area fans than before, he said. While talks of lighting the track are on hold, Gurtis thinks the Craftsman Truck Series could be added to its Labor Day lineup. The year's second truck race is scheduled for Friday.

Gurtis isn't admitting defeat, but he knows that a move is more than idle gossip. "I get a tremendous sense from community leaders on up to the state level that they are worried," he said,

Marshall

19th and 24th in the two polls.

The addition of Kansas State completes the Herd's 12-game schedule for 2003. In addition to Kansas State, Marshall will travel to face non-conference foes Tennessee and Troy State and will host Hofstra.

"This will be the most challenging non-conference schedule we have played since I have been at Marshall," Pruet said. "Both Tennessee and Kansas State are perennial top 10 teams and Troy State has a solid up and coming program."

The home Mid-American Conference schedule includes games with East Division foes Kent State, Akron and Ohio as well as defending West Division champion Toledo. Road league games include trips to Buffalo, Miami, Central Florida and Western Michigan.

The MAC Championship game,

which is slated to be played on Thursday, Dec. 4, will be played at the home of the West Division winner.

The Herd will once again play games across the days of the week. The Toledo game on Friday, Sept. 12, as well as the games against Miami (Wed., Nov. 12) and Central Florida (Wed., Nov. 19) will be televised by the ESPN family of networks. The annual "Battle For The Bell" with Ohio is slated to be played on the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 28).

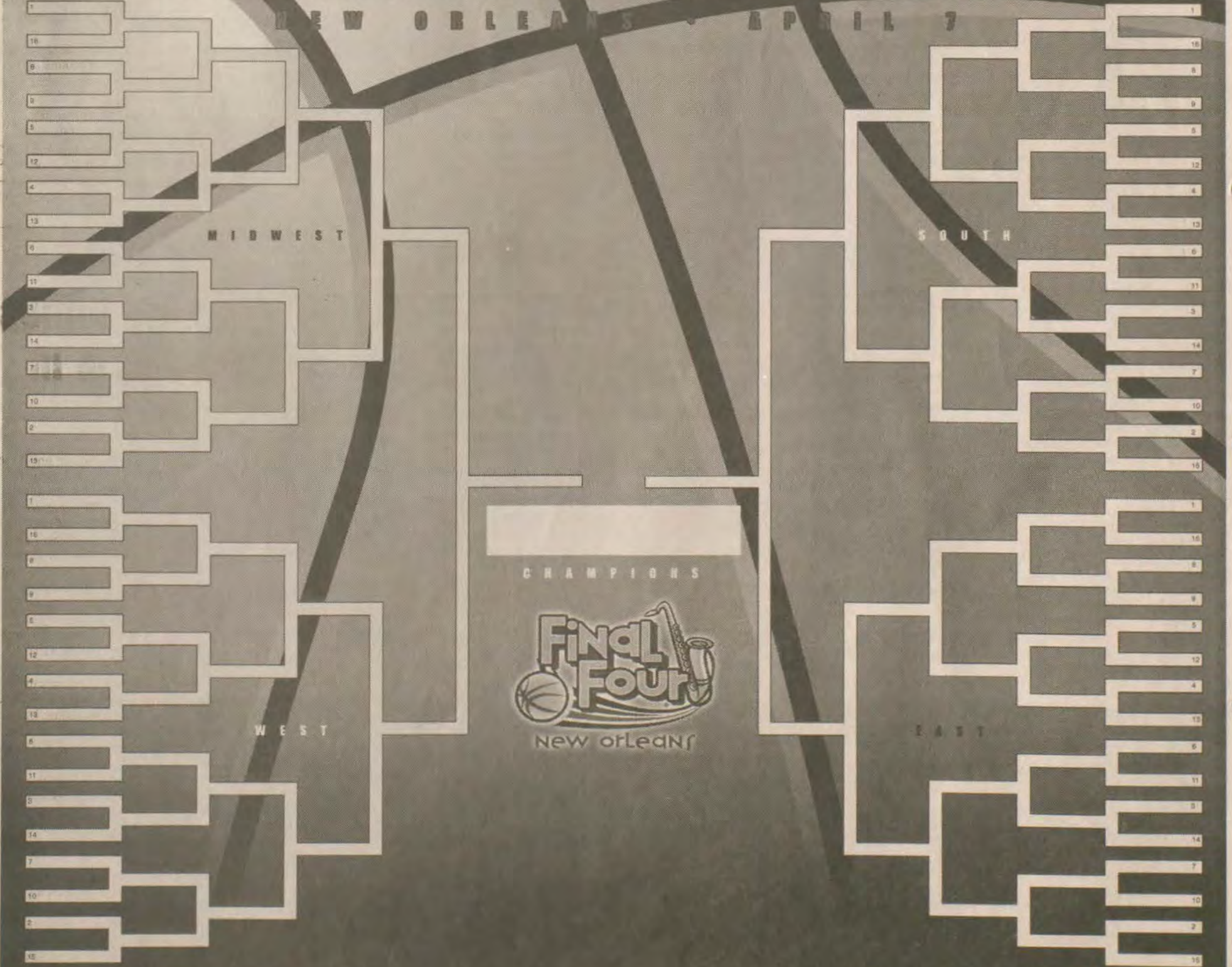
Complete information on Herd TV games for 2003 will be announced later.

Camp applications available at newspaper office

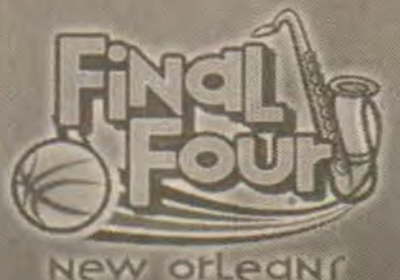
Applications for a pair of football camps to be held at Marshall University this summer at The Floyd County Times office in Prestonsburg.

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CHAMPIONS



Microsoft institute benefits KCTCS IT faculty

LEXINGTON - Faculty at colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System will participate in the Working Connections IT Faculty Development Institute to ensure that their students enter the information-technology workforce with cutting-edge skills.

KCTCS was one of 10 colleges or institutions selected to offer the training program. Some 120 information-technology faculty from community and technical colleges across KCTCS will receive the training this year. The training program is supported by Microsoft Corp., the American Association of

Community Colleges (AACC), and the Bellevue (Washington) Community College National Workforce Center for Emerging Technologies (NWCET).

Microsoft, AACC and NWCET recognize the importance of technology in today's economy and the need for a skilled workforce, including many indi-

viduals from populations now under-represented across industry sectors. "We are pleased to continue our fruitful partnership with Microsoft, which has assisted our colleges in teaching students skills that are relevant to the IT jobs of today and tomorrow," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president.

Community and technical colleges such as those in KCTCS are recognized as the leading IT training providers. However, faculty and college presidents cite providing students up-to-date technology skills as one of their biggest

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COLLEGE NEWS

'The British Experience' student diary

The first two students are benefiting from a KCTCS partnership that allows eligible students the opportunity to study at a college of the University of Oxford in England. Mary Burzlaff and Neely McLaughlin, two former Elizabethtown Community College students who now attend Georgetown College, left for England in mid-January and will study at Regent's Park College at Oxford during the spring semester.

KCTCS and Georgetown established the British Experience in Learning and Living (BELL), which creates for KCTCS students the opportunity to transfer to Georgetown and, if they meet appropriate criteria, study at Regent's Park, one of 39 colleges that compose Oxford. The BELL partnership also allows KCTCS faculty and staff to study at Regent's Park, and five have done so. But the two young women from Elizabethtown are the first students to fully qualify for the program and study in England.

While in England, Neely and Mary are writing a diary about their experiences. At the attached web link, please view their first dispatches from Regent's Park. <http://www.kctcs.edu/foundation/britishexperience/diaries.html>

Meet the cast of 'The Odd Couple'

Little Theatre is hard at work on their spring production of Neil Simon's play "The Odd Couple" (female version), to premier on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and run through April 13 at 2:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Learning Resource Center at Hazard Community College. Director Terry Thies invites everyone to meet the lead players in the show, a group of local women and men with real comedic flare.

Rebecca Fletcher plays Olive, a career woman whose house is as helter-skelter as her life. Rebecca is a 25 year-old mother of two sons (Cade and Reece), and when she isn't taking care of her family she is hard at work at the Hazard Clinic. She is also involved in various community events, including Cheer for Life and Christmas for Charity. This is her first appearance in a Little Theatre production.

Missy Combs plays Florence, a recently separated, hopelessly neurotic homemaker who nearly drives her messy roommate bonkers. A 20-year veteran of the stage, this is Missy's first play since graduating from Perry County Central in 2000 and her first ever lead in a non-musical production.

Although she is an aspiring actress, singer and musician,

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— ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE —



Dr. Joe Stepp, president, Alice Lloyd College, recognized students for bravery and leadership in an afternoon ceremony held March 6 on the ALC campus.

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR RESCUING ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Four Alice Lloyd College students started the morning off on February 25 thinking that it would be like any other day - classes, lunch, and maybe some homework. What they did not know was that they would end the day being recognized for their bravery and self sacrifice as they came to the rescue of a couple in a vehicle accident. ALC students Melissa Dunaway, Larry

Marcum, Ben Monroe, Leslie Gibson, Dan Howard, and Jennifer Vickers came upon an accident involving a local man and woman as their vehicle left the road and struck a utility pole not far from campus. The students voluntarily stopped to help and as they approached the truck, they realized it was on fire. Risking their own safety, they were determined to free the elderly cou-

ple and stay with them until help arrived. Even on the cold and snowy day, one of the students gave up her coat to keep the elderly man warm.

The students were presented with the Alice Lloyd College Meritorious Service Award by President Joe Stepp on Thursday, March 6, noting them for enriching the lives of oth-

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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 communi-

ty 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. 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. "When I first came here last July and met with residents in

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JBS students compete in Science Fair

by SAMANTHA SIZEMORE

Congratulations are in order for the winners of The June Buchanan School Science Day 2003!

The following students placed in their respected categories: Junior Biology: 3rd Place: Misha Hall- The Effect of Chlorine on Plant Growth; 2nd Place: Shamima Akther- The Effect of Different Proteins on the Growth of Venus Fly Traps; 1st Place: Brock Childers- The Effectiveness of Hand Sanitizers on Bacteria.

Junior Chemistry: 3rd Place: Joe Hall- The Effect of Temperature on the Life of a Battery; 2nd Place: Sekufe Akther- The

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NEWS & NOTES

Amazon potters visit Kentucky School of Craft

Hazard Community College and its new Kentucky School of Craft will host two Quichua Indian potters on March 18 and 19 from the upper Amazon basin region of Ecuador. Hazard Community College is one of only six sites in the U.S.

The work is all hand built using jungle clays and painted with local slips that are then covered with a tree sap coating after firing, thus sealing the form for everyday use. A coil building technique is used to build each piece with the frings done individually.

selected to host these potters who will be visiting Knott, Perry and Breathitt Counties. The potters, Esthela Dagua and Mirian Dagua, both of Puyo, Ecuador, are two of the finest Quichua potters today producing ceramic work in the upper Amazon basin and will be conducting demonstrations of their pottery-making techniques.

Esthela M. Dagua, originally from the pottery village of Sarayacu, located on the Rio Bobanaza, has produced pottery for sale and trade for nearly 30 years. She has trained numerous young girls to be successful potters and her wares have been shown in exhibitions of Quichua pottery of the Amazon both in Ecuador and the United States.

Mirian Dagua Vargas, the daughter of Esthela, was trained by her mother and has produced beautiful ceramic work since she was a young girl. In keeping with the family tradition, Mirian has become one of the leading ceramists in the Pastaza region of Ecuador where she produces and sells her work. Her fine ceramic

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EVENTS

Sacred Winds Ensemble in Concert

The Sacred Winds Ensemble, under the director G. Scott Bersaglia, will be presenting their seventh annual summer concert on Sunday, June 8, 2003 at the First Federal Center of the campus of the Hazard Community College. This year's concert, So Who Is This Jesus? with the subtitle Don't You See?, focusing on who Christ is and how people can see Him.

Much of the program will contain familiar hymns and spirituals including, Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners, I Come to the Garden, We Shall Behold Him, I Know My Redeemer Liveth, among others. Four new works for wind ensemble have been written by Kimberly K. Archer, The University of Texas at Austin; Barry Milner, Morehead State University; John Vander Ghest, The University of Texas at Austin; and J. Daniel Jenkins, The Eastman School specifically for the Sacred Winds Ensemble. Hazard native Caroline Roll, has been commissioned to produce ten original paintings depicting the story of the Samaritan Woman found in John 4.

Representing an estimated 20 educational institutions, the ensemble's members will arrive in Hazard on June 6 from nine states. Rehearsals will begin that afternoon and continue through out Saturday. The concert will be presented on Sunday, June 8 at 2:30pm at the First Federal Center in Hazard, KY.

Southeastern Media purchases N.C. television station

Southeastern Media Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. (CNHI), announced last week the signing of an asset purchase agreement providing for the purchase of WSFX-TV, Wilmington, N.C., from Wilmington

Telecasters Inc. and Channel 26 Associates, Limited Partnership. WSFX is a Fox television affiliate and one of the fastest growing stations in the southeast. The purchase price, payable in cash upon final order of the FCC and satisfaction of other custom-

ary closing conditions, was not disclosed. Completion of the sale is subject to FCC approval, receipt of consents to assignment of certain material agreements, and satisfaction of other customary closing conditions. "We were very pleased that the

owner of the station had enough confidence in us to entrust us with WSFX" said Michael Reed, president of CNHI and Southeastern. "WSFX is clearly one of the premier Fox affiliates in the southeast and we feel fortunate that we were able to make it our first foray into

the North Carolina television market. CNHI has owned newspaper properties in North Carolina since 1997 and we love the state. The employees of WSFX should feel great about what they have

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminStar Federal

Q Does the Original Medicare plan cover mental health care in the hospital?

A Medicare covers outpatient and inpatient mental health care. Mental health care includes services and programs to help find, diagnose and treat mental health problems. Medicare Part A helps pay for 190 days of inpatient care in a Medicare certified psychiatric facility during your lifetime. There is no lifetime limit on inpatient care given in general hospitals. You may get care in general hospitals after you reach the 190-day lifetime limit in specialty psychiatric hospitals. There are only a certain number of days in each benefit period that Medicare will help to pay for your care in a general hospital.

Q What Part of Medicare helps pay for outpatient mental health care?

A Medicare Part B will help pay for mental health services given outside a hospital. This would include the care you receive in the hospital's outpatient department that does not require an overnight stay. You might also get this care in a clinic or the office of a doctor or therapist.

Q Will Medicare help pay for services of any provider of mental health care?

A No. It is important to know that Medicare only pays for these services when they are given by a health care professional that can be paid by Medicare. You should ask your psychologist, social worker, or other health professional if they accept Medicare payment before you schedule treatment.

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

— WAL-MART SUPPORTS LOCAL LIBRARIES —



Cindy Hackworth, left, Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, was pleased to present Homer L. Hall, right, librarian, Floyd County Library, with a check for \$500. The funds were presented to the county library as a literacy grant offered from the Wal-Mart corporation.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

T.V. & RADIO

East Ky. Broadcasting buys two stations

Walter E. May, owner of East Kentucky Broadcasting and East Kentucky Radio Network, has announced that a purchase agreement has been signed for WZLK 107.5 FM licensed to Virgie and WLSI 900 AM licensed to Pikeville. The transfer of control of the radio stations is subject to approval from the Federal

Communications Commission. In a statement released by the company, May said the addition of the two radio stations would allow his broadcasting group to better serve the people of Eastern Kentucky and, with nine stations, will give the company a better way to serve listeners and advertisers.

The East Kentucky Broadcasting Group will now include WPKE 1240 AM, WDHR 93.1 FM and WLSI 900 AM in Pikeville; WXCC 96.5 FM and WBTH 1400 AM in Williamson, W.Va.; WZLK 107.5 FM in Virgie; WPKE 103.1 FM at Coal Run Village; WPRT 960 AM in Prestonsburg; and WPBA 1460 AM in Elkhorn City.

FRANKFORT

Call 1-800-PATCH-IT for pothole repair

Frankfort — While potholes are a springtime ritual, this year's severe winter has produced a bumper crop! Due to the large number of potholes this year, the Transportation Cabinet has established a toll-free number to report potholes. The number is 1-800-PATCH-IT.(1-800-72824-48)

The number is answered by a machine and callers can leave the

exact location, county and any details they have about the pothole. If the location is on state-maintained roads, the request is sent to the appropriate district. If the area is the responsibility of another government entity, the report is forwarded to them.

In general, three factors produce potholes: excessive amounts of moisture beneath the pavement; the freeze-

ing and thawing cycle and traffic beating on the spot. Chuck Knowles, director of the division of operations, said the potholes are particularly bad this year due to extreme cold temperatures and the amount of precipitation. Knowles estimated that about \$4.9 million will be spent this fiscal year on

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Homier Mobile Merchants rolls into West Liberty on March 27

WEST LIBERTY — Homier Mobile Merchants will roll into West Liberty on March 27 at the Morgan County Fairgrounds off Route 172, starting from noon to 7 p.m.

From air tools to power tools to hand tools, Homier Mobile Merchants brings thousands of quality, name-brand merchandise to

towns across America each year at prices 30 percent below the competition.

Realizing that a company is only as good as the service it provides after the sale, Homier has made an uncompromising commitment to customer service. Unlike transient vendors who are often "here today

and gone tomorrow," Homier has a "no questions asked" policy for returns and refunds, and a toll-free customer support line. This insures that long after the sale has left town, customers will be able to contact Homier should there be any problem

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RATE INCREASE

Emergency home heating aid program to reopen

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's program of emergency heating aid for low-income households will gear up again Friday, March 14, thanks to the release of an extra \$3.5 million in federal funding.

Beginning Friday, low-income families who face a heating crisis can apply for aid at their local Community Action Agency (CAA). The heating assistance programs at most of the state's 23 CAAs shut down earlier this winter when they ran out of money, but the new funding will enable them to reopen.

The new money for Kentucky is part of \$151.3 million the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released last week to help people nationwide meet their late-winter heating needs through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Since last fall, states have received a total of \$1.76 billion in LIHEAP funding.

This winter, Kentucky's LIHEAP program has twice run out of money and twice been revived by the arrival of supplemental funds. Last fall, the state received an initial LIHEAP grant of \$18.8 million, but nearly all of that was gone by early January, when it received an additional \$1.8 million.

The federal government often supplements its initial LIHEAP funding during the winter heating season, but rising fuel prices and cold weather made the appeals

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Floyd County school officials strive toward excellence through service

Submitted article

The following individuals were recognized at the February 24th Floyd County Board of Education meeting for their service to public education through service with statewide organizations:

- Janice Allen serving on the Kentucky Board of Education Board of Directors
- Jeff Stumbo serving as Director at Large on the Kentucky School Board Association.
- Stephanie Shepherd, Serving as Chair of the Interprofessional Relations Committee on the Governing Board for The Kentucky School Counselors Association
- Beverly Crisman- serving on The Kentucky School Public Relations Association Board of Directors.
- Elizabeth Allen-Serving on The Kentucky Association of School Councils Board of Directors.
- Rebial Reynolds-Serving on the Family Resource Service Centers Executive Board of Directors
- Glenda Fraley -Serving as a member of the State Textbook Commission Committee for 10 years.
- Greg Adams-Serving as Director of Region 8 for the Kentucky School Plant Management Association
- Pete Grigsby-Serving as Chairman of the Floyd County Committee to KDE for Health & PE.

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Floyd Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members



David Tackett, left, president, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, welcomes new member, Dr. Ryan Maynard, to Chamber membership. Dr. Maynard is a chiropractor.



David Tackett, left, president, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed new member, Barry Spurlock, New York Life Insurance, to Chamber membership at a meeting held earlier this month.

by REGINA BECKNELL,
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new members at their March 9th membership meeting. Dr. Ryan Maynard, chiropractor and New York Life Insurance agent, Mr. Barry Spurlock.

Mr. Spurlock has been in the insurance business for twelve years and with New York Life

for three months. He was formerly area manager for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, for which he worked for nine years. Spurlock offers all forms of life insurance as well as annuities, 401k's, and long-term care for individuals and businesses. At the March meeting, he shared with us that New York Life was founded in 1845, giving them 157 years of experience in protecting the interests of the people of



Missy Combs



Jack Faust



Rebecca Fletcher



Robert Smith

Cast

she is currently pursuing a criminal justice degree from Hazard Community College.

Robert Smith plays Manolo, one of two swarthy Spanish brothers. Robert is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University and holds a bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a focus in musical theatre. Last year, he directed the

musical "Quilters" for the Appalachian Regional Theatre Society, which took runner-up in the Kentucky Theatre Association's statewide community theatre competition. He leaves in May for North Dakota, and will spend the summer playing the role of a singing, dancing cowboy in "The Medora Musical."

Jack Faust plays Jesus, one of two hot-blooded brothers from Barcelona. Jack is a local attorney and a veteran Little Theatre player. In his last role as Teddy in the fall production of "Arsenic and Old Lace," he played the slightly off center brother to two murderous sisters. He is well known for his English characters, but is looking forward to the change to Spanish.

The play is part of the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series.

Plan now to come and enjoy the show.

ALC

ers through extraordinary service and leadership. The ceremony took place in Pippa's Room on the third floor of the Student Center at 1 p.m.

"I am so proud, but not surprised by the actions of these Alice Lloyd College students. They put themselves in harm's way to save the lives of others—that is a true testament of character and leadership. Our students are very special at ALC," said President Stepp.

Amazons

painting has become the equal of her mother as they both continue, to set the standard for excellence among Quichua potters producing ceramics in the upper Amazon basin region.

The works of the Quichua range from the simple, yet highly decorated bowl forms and larger tinajas (both of which are used for the daily preparation and drinking of Chicha), to animal and figure forms that are often part of ceremony and cultural definition and frequently make reference to the Quichua cosmology. The fine, detailed line painting, using brushes made of human hair, are some of the strongest characteristics of the work.

Abstracted animal and plant configurations are often painted onto the forms that depict common imagery seen in the jungle regions of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

The work is all hand built using jungle clays and painted with local slips that are then covered with a tree sap coating after firing, thus sealing the form for everyday use. A coil building technique is used to build each piece with the firings done individually. The pottery making process of the Quichua is

slow and tedious yet produces some of the finest ceramic wares of the entire Amazon region.

Scheduled Events and Times

■ Tuesday, March 18, the potters will be at Hindman Elementary School, in Knott County from 8:30 a.m. to noon and then will be at Knott County Central High School from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., an opening reception of Amazonian art works will be held at the Artisan Center Gallery in Hindman with a slide lecture by Professor Joe Molinaro of Eastern Kentucky University, an authority on the potters of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

■ Wednesday, March 18, the potters will be in Perry and Breathitt Counties on the Hazard and Lees campus of Hazard Community College.

For more information, please contact Tim Glotzbach at the Hazard Community College/ Kentucky School of Craft (606) 785-1055 tim.glotzbach@kctcs.edu

America. New York Life is currently ranked as the highest rated insurance company in America, with billions of dollars in claims paid to policyholders.

Mr. Spurlock enjoys community involvement as an assistant basketball coach at Allen Elementary School as well as serving as youth advisor in the youth program at his church. Barry and his wife, Janie, have six children, Kayla, Katina, Kindra, B.J., Jaden and Kassidi.

New York Life Insurance is located at 2797 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg. You may contact Barry's office by calling 874-5948, or email to: spurlock@setel.com.

Dr. Ryan Maynard's chiropractic office is located at 781 South Lake Drive, beside Music-Carter, in Prestonsburg. Dr. Maynard is certified by the National and Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He received his education at Marshall University and the Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine. Having a personal interest in athletics, Dr. Maynard has extended chiropractic experience in sports medicine, industrial injury and other specialized technique programs.

Originally from Wayne

County, W.VA, Dr. Maynard has now settled in Prestonsburg with his wife, Jessica, and their son, Tommy. Dr. Maynard shares that he is excited about practicing chiropractic medicine in Floyd County. Call 886-3737 for an appointment.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce encourages the community to welcome Dr. Maynard and Mr. Barry Spurlock at our next Chamber event: "Eggs & Issues" Breakfast Meeting, to be held on April 9th. The breakfast meeting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., at the Jenny Wiley

State Resort Park Lodge.

At this meeting, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will be pleased to welcome Mr. Jeff Allen, Lobbyist for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Allen will be updating the membership and answering questions on the latest legislative session. The Chamber provides its members with legislative updates to keep our local businesses prepared. The Government/Civic Affairs Committee hosts our "Eggs & Issues" meetings. Breakfast Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members; reservations are now being accepted for this event.

For information on this and other Chamber events and services, call the Chamber office (606-886-0364) or check out our website (www.floydcountykentucky.com) or email to: floydchamber@setel.com.

Rolls

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with a purchase. Customers can also order products from Homier's website at www.homier.com.

The mobile merchandising concept was the brainchild of company president and CEO Chuck Homier. Instead of building and operating "bricks and mortar" sites at a limited number of locales, Homier figured out, almost by accident, that he could take his shows on the road and eliminate the cost of expensive overhead.

"Our concept was to eliminate the middle man, and then pass those savings directly to the

consumer," Homier said. "As an added bonus, the mobile merchandising concept insures that everyone throughout the county, at one time or another, has chance to share in the Homier savings."

Homier says that the excitement created by a Homier sales event brings people back year after year.

"Our concept is innovative, and people tend to get excited about new and innovative things," Homier said. "It's our job to keep them excited, and I think our pricing and the constantly new and evolving line of quality products does exactly that."

We want a dramatic savings for the customer, while at the same time guaranteeing 100 percent product satisfaction. Great prices, superior quality — that's our goal."

On average, Homier holds more than 60 sales events a week, 50 weeks a year. At any given time, Homier has more than 50 tractor-trailers and 24 sales and service crews crisscrossing the highways of America.

Service

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Repair

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pothole repair.

Pothole patching is being done by district crews throughout the state when they are not involved in storm cleanup activities. With the current temperatures, workers are using a cold mix for their repairs—many holes will be repaired again in the spring using a hot asphalt mix. When possible, most potholes are repaired within a couple of days of notification of the problem.

Service

■ Jeff Stumbo-Serving as a member of the Floyd County Committee to KDE for Health & PE

■ Jennifer Martin-Serving as a member of the Floyd County Committee to KDE for Health & PE

■ Judy Combs-Serving as a member of the KDE Business Education Task Force

■ Matt Wireman -Serving on the Kentucky Association of School Business Officials Board of Directors

■ Ricky Hancock-Serving as a NAPT certified driver with the National Association for Pupil Transportation

■ Karen Johnson-serving as a member of the Kentucky Association of Pupil Transportation/ National Association Pupil of Transportation School Bus Safety Week Committee

■ Joyce Watson-serving on the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics Board of Directors

■ Davida Bickford-serving on the Kentucky Middle School Association Board of Directors

■ Debbie Daniels serving on

the Kentucky Association of Career & Technical Education Board of Directors; member of the KDE Advisory Council for Professional Development; and serving on the KDE Scholastic Audit Team.

■ Dani Smith serving as a member of the Evaluation Committee for the Professional Standards Board Continuing Education Option

Fair

Effect of Coca-Cola on Different Tissues; 1st Place: Kestin Howard- The Effect of Acid Rain on Different Types of Metals.

Junior Human: 3rd Place: Alex Narramore- The Effect of Different Types of Music on Reading Comprehension; 2nd Place: Rebecca Reed- The Effect of Perfume on Preference; 1st Place: Rachel McFarland- The Effect of Age on Visual Selective Attention.

Junior Physics: 3rd Place: Rachel Frazier- How Does the Height of a Ramp Affect the Potential Energy of a Car?; 2nd Place: Seth Hall- The Effect of Certain Substances on the Sliding Ability of Soap; 1st Place: Nate Hovee- The Effectiveness of Different Water Filters.

Botany I: 3rd Place: Renee Fields- The Effect of Organic And Inorganic Fertilizers on Plant Growth; 2nd Place: Rebecca Caudill- The Effect of Ultra Violet Light Exposure Prior to Seed Germination; 1st Place: Marci Cornett- The Effect of Location on Soil Nutrients and Plant Growth.

Botany II: 3rd Place: Scott Howard- The Effect of U.V. Light on Seedling Plant Growth; 2nd Place: Malinda Hull- The Effect of Abrasive Treatment of a Seed Coat on Germination; 1st Place: Chris Yeary- The Effect of Temperature on Plant Growth.

Chemistry: 3rd Place: Samantha Sizemore- The Effect of Salt on the Rate of Oxidation of Metals;

2nd Place: Leyton Childers- The Effect of Different Solvents on Chromatography; 1st Place: Weston Childers- The Effect of Additional Molecules on the Diffusion Rate of Saline Solution Environmental: 3rd Place: Richard Whitaker- The Effect of Stream Location on pH Value of Water;

2nd Place: Jade Maggard- The Effect of Distance From Road on Particulate Pollution; 1st Place: Melissa Slone- The Effect of Bacterial Action on the Oxidation of Metals

Physics: 3rd Place: Chase Cornett- The Effect of Material on the Elasticity of a Basketball; 2nd Place: Ryan Smith- The Effect of Frequency of Sound on Water Resonance; 1st Place: Kyle Hall- The Effect of Height of a Falling Object on Random Motion.

Human Cardiovascular: 3rd Place: Kendra Sparkman- The Effect of Age on Heart Rate After Exercise; 2nd Place: Byron Sparkman- The Effect of Different Activities on Oxygen Consumption;

1st Place: Shah Ashfaq- The Effect of Circulation on Tactile Sensitivity.

Human Memory-Thinking: 3rd Place: Jenna Patton- The Effect of Cold Temperatures on



Margaret Arnett, the college nurse at Pikeville College, is one of many dedicated volunteers who make calls during the annual Phonathon which raises money to support 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.

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Reasoning Speed; 2nd Place: Jenilee Stepp- The Effect of Color on Short Term Memory; 1st Place: Samantha Collins- The Effect of Gender on the Ability to Follow Directions.

Human Age and Gender Studies: 3rd Place: Jessica Madden- The Effect of Age on Motion Perception; 2nd Place: Tyler Ward- The Effect of Gender on Fragrance Preference; 1st Place: Seth Combs- The Effect of Gender on Visual Selective Attention.

Human Studies: 3rd Place: Ryan Martin- The Effect of Acidic Liquids on Human Teeth; 2nd Place: Sharmin Akther- The Effect of Different Substances on the Darkening of Henna on Hands; 1st Place: Melanie Veneracion- The Effect of Music Type on Hand-Eye Coordination.

Zoology: 3rd Place: Travis Cook- The Effect of Population Density on Fish Respiration; 2nd Place: Kassie Robinson- The Effect of Different Temperatures on an Earth Worm's Heart Rate; 1st Place: Jessica Slone- The Effect of Garlic as an Antibacterial Agent.

A representative from grades 7-12 will go on to compete in the Regional Science Fair, to be held on March 15th, in Pikeville.

Aid

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for extra aid unusually urgent this year. The Bush Administration initially sought to hold LIHEAP spending below last year's level, but it has now appropriated more money for the program than it did last year.

Under Kentucky's LIHEAP program, households at or below 110 percent of the federal poverty level can apply for assistance if they have a heating crisis. Qualifying clients can receive up to \$125 in cumulative aid if they have received a disconnect or past-due notice from a utility. They can also receive assistance if they have no more than a four-day supply of a non-metered fuel—firewood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene.

LIHEAP in Kentucky is operated by the Kentucky Association for Community Action under a contract with the Cabinet for Families and Children. For more information about the program or a list of CAAs, call the association at (800) 456-3452 or log onto <http://www.kaca.org/>.

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challenges. The Faculty Development Institute aims to bridge that gap.

"Microsoft is proud to be offering the same high quality technology once only found in four-year

universities to our community college partners," said Scott Carlton, Microsoft Great Lakes District general manager. "By offering state-of-the-art training to faculty, we are helping to empower students to realize their full potential as members of the IT workforce." The institute concept is based on a successful training model used in Washington state for the past four years and funded by Microsoft. Nationally, approximately 15,000 IT instructors at 1,100 community and

technical colleges will continue to benefit as the institute is fully rolled out to all 50 states over the next five years.

Student

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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

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun
by Donna Erickson

Hide-and seek snacks for pint-size appetites

Stir up some easy-to-prepare "hide-and-seek" eats to satisfy your preschoolers' mid-morning or afternoon appetites! No, the kids don't exactly have to run around the house to find these snacks, although an older child in the family might enjoy creating a mini treasure-hunt game with



DAVID LAROCHELLE

clues. What really makes this snacking so much fun is the simple idea of identifying and naming something hidden inside something else.

SO-YUMMY MUFFINS

Slice a muffin in half horizontally. Scoop out a bit of the center and fill with your favorite cream cheese. Add a banana slice, too, if you wish. Replace the top before serving. For a dessert treat, spoon a dollop of whipped cream or some chocolate sauce into the center of a cupcake.

TURKEY WRAPPERS

Set out a tray with slices of crunchy vegetables, such as green beans, celery and carrots. Spread mustard or mayonnaise on a slice of turkey or ham luncheon meat. Roll the slice of meat around a couple of favorite vegetables and eat. It's fun to roll a slice of meat or cheese around a small breadstick, too.

SECRET ORANGE SIPPERS

Slice off the top of a firm, large orange to create a lid, then scoop out the fruit to form a round cup. Fill with juice or a fruit smoothie. Cut out a hole in the "lid" for a straw to fit through and set the lid on top of the cup. Your child might like to fill the same orange "bowl" with gelatin or fruit salad at supper.

PARENTING TIP:

Think about all the possibilities for "hide-and-seek" eats at every meal — for example, blueberries in pancakes, fruit in a gelatin salad, chili in a bread bowl, cheese in stuffed pasta, beans in a quesadilla and fruit in an apple turnover. Keep your family guessing as you focus on the ingredients of eating healthy and well.

Write Donna with your



LAMB STEW IS TRADITIONAL IRISH FARE

If you expected a recipe for corned beef and cabbage today in time for St. Patrick's Day, you'll be disappointed. It occurred to me that it might be good to give you, instead, a real Irish lamb stew. But, in researching a "real Irish lamb stew," I found "there's a certain amount of argument about what constitutes an authentic Irish stew," according to Darina Allen, cookbook author, broadcaster, cooking teacher, and founder and operator of the Ballymaloe Cookery School in County Cork, Ireland.

In her "The Complete Book of Irish Country Cooking" (Penguin Books, \$27.95), Allen points out that the stew came about by "combining simple, available ingredients in a big pot and cooking them over the fire."

She also says that Florence Irwin, an Irish cookery writer and instructor of more than 50 years ago, said that when the "big house" killed a pig or sheep, the parts they did not want they gave to their laborers, who would then put them in a pot with onions and potatoes. And that sometimes provided a soup first and then a second meal of meat and potatoes. In her book, Allen provides two such recipes, Ballymaloe Irish Stew and Ulster Irish Stew.

We're not even calling the stew that follows Irish, because it's as far from Irish stews as Ireland itself. But

it is a lamb stew, embellished with extra vegetables and wine. Just for the novelty, it is served in a hollowed-out large round bread placed on a platter. You may prefer to ladle it from a real bowl — and that's OK, though the bread soaked with the juices is yummy!

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

LAMB STEW IN BREAD BOWL

- 1 1/2 pounds lean, boned American lamb shoulder
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 beef bouillon cube, crushed
- 1/4 cup burgundy wine
- 2 cups water
- 5 medium carrots, chopped
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled, sliced
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, sliced
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 large, round loaf bread*

Cut lamb into 1-inch cubes or have butcher do it. Coat lamb with flour. Over low heat, heat oil in heavy

(See **BLOCK**, page five)

Comfort foods



by JoAnna M. Lund

You'll get more than your share of hugs and kisses from everyone who finds these goodies tucked inside their lunch bags or waiting for them at the breakfast table!

Peanut butter kisses anyone?

PEANUT BUTTER KISSES MUFFINS

- 1 1/2 cups reduced-fat biscuit baking mix
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1/3 cup no-fat sour cream
- 6 tablespoons reduced-fat peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 8 wells of a 12-hole muffin pan with butter-flavored cooking spray, or line with paper liners. In a large bowl, combine baking mix and sugar substitute. Add milk, sour cream, peanut butter and vanilla extract. Mix well just to combine. Fold in chocolate chips. Evenly spoon batter into prepared muffin wells. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Place muffin

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Dear Diane...

Bragging about my wife

DEAR DIANE:

I've enjoyed very much the stories by women bragging about their husbands, and I would like to brag about my wife.

She died from cancer in 1988 after 38 years of a happy marriage (I hope), but at least she helped by constantly (two or three times weekly) telling me how smart, wise and knowledgeable I was.

When I would ask her, "Honey, what's the matter?" she always — in a low, gravelly voice — told me, "You oughta know!"

Thanks for an enjoyable break in my rather lonely day.

— HOMER IN DENVER

P.S. When I tried to e-mail you at your deardiane@aol.com address, I got a notice that this address did not exist. Was there a misprint?

DEAR HOMER:

First, let me thank you for your letter and offer my condolences on the loss of your wife. Even though she died in 1988, I know not a day goes by where you don't think of her and miss her.

They say "time heals all wounds," but I know from experience that it cannot fill the void left in our hearts when someone we love passes on.

Secondly, my new e-mail address is: dianeadvice@aol.com.

I had to change it because a hacker broke into my AOL account and used my e-mail account to send junk e-mails to thousands of people. As a security precaution, I closed that account and opened a new one.

Let this be a warning to everyone out there to change your passwords often!

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Surgery is best option for prostate cancers

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Our son, 47, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. From eight biopsies of his gland, three showed cancer cells. His doctor wants him to undergo surgery. Our son does not want surgery but chooses to go the way of good nutrition. What foods contain lysine? It is reputedly helpful for prostate cancer. — D.A.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ANSWER:

The relationship between diet and cancer is intriguing, and clues suggest a link between some foods and some cancers. A low-fat diet appears to offer some protection against prostate cancer, as does a diet rich in soy, flaxseed, cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. Tomatoes are given a stellar position in prostate cancer prevention. They contain lycopene, and it is the active ingredient in bestowing protection. Cooked tomatoes and tomato sauces are better lycopene providers than raw tomatoes.

Having said that, I urge your son to reconsider his position. Surgery is often reserved for men whose cancer is confined to small areas of the gland and, if that is your son's case, such prostate cancers are often curable. He is turning down a chance to live a long, healthy life. At least talk him into conferring with one or several more doctors for their opinions.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Dreams

Ryan Kelly, 10

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PRETEEN SOUL")

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When I was 3 years old, I slept on a very small bed in a large room with 25 other boys and girls in an orphanage in Hungary. Being the youngest boy in the building, I got picked on often because I was the smallest. My sister, Kristin, protected me when she could, but the older boys were really mean to me. Kristin and I had been taken from our birth mother when we were only

babies because she couldn't take care of us.

When I was about 1 year old, Kristin and I were taken in by a lady who became our foster mom. We thought we'd found a home and had really grown to love her, when about a year and a half later, she decided she couldn't afford to keep us any longer. She told us that she was taking us to the orphanage for a visit, but she never came back to pick us up.

We had lived in the orphanage again for about six months by the time Christmas came.

None of us got any presents at all. I had only a few clothes of my own and no toys. We got two meals a day, but the bread was hard and the food was terrible. I had one good friend at the orphanage named Attila, and we used to talk a lot about

what it would be like to have somebody come and take us away from there. Our dream was to have a real family and do things that most other

kids did. I had never even gone swimming or seen a movie in my life. Sometimes Attila, Kristin and I watched the only show they had on television, which was "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Two or three times, people came to the orphanage and talked to my sister, Kristin, and me, but they never came back to see us again.

One day, this pretty lady with big hair and a big man with glasses came to see Kristin and me. We couldn't understand what they were saying, but the Hungarian girl who was with them told us that they had come from a far-away place called America. We spent a

lot of time with them that day, and I told Attila what a good time I had.

They came back to see us every day for a week and took us for ice cream and long walks. The Hungarian girl told us that the man and lady wanted to adopt us and take us back with them to America. We were so excited and happy.

When I told Attila what was going to happen, he was very sad and didn't want us to leave him there. I told him he should ask the big man if he would take him too so that he could come to America and be my brother. The next

(See **SOUP**, page five)



Dream Weaver
by Penina Keen Spinka
(Dutton, \$24.95)
Reviewed by E.B. Waddell

Books: Dream Weaver

Readers of last year's "Picture Maker" were treated to a moving tale of adventure and courage as they followed a young Native American girl torn from her tribe and forced to seek safety through hostile lands and peoples, eventually encountering a Norseman named Halvard and a new life she never could have imagined.

Picture Maker's daughter, Ingrid, as she too struggles to find her place in the world.

Ostracized by her Greenland community because of her family's pagan beliefs and adopted Inuit ways, "half-breed" Ingrid tries her best to fit in without denouncing her unique heritage. When tragedy strikes the settlement, Ingrid and her family come to a daring decision — they will strike out west and seek out a new life with the Inuit peoples of

the far North, who sheltered Ingrid's father and mother long ago. Ingrid soon realizes, however, that even here she still does not belong, and she sets out on a final journey — to seek her mother's homeland and, she hopes, her own.

Like "Picture Maker" before it, "Dream Weaver" is notable for its attention to places and peoples not often chronicled in literature, particularly the short-lived Norse settlements of Greenland and the

pragmatic, nomadic life of the Inuit. Each group Ingrid encounters spills over with fascinating detail, and their varying worldviews are distinctly and realistically drawn. Readers who love to be thoroughly transported to another time and place will not be disappointed.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Rejuvenate your resolution



Around this time of year, many people are modifying their New Year's resolutions from "I will get in the best shape of my life" to "As long as I don't gain any more weight, I should be OK."

It's right at this moment that you must hold on to what motivated you at the start of the year. Many people get within a hair of their fitness goals but then taper off — just when the body is beginning to make substantial changes. While everyone knows it takes time for the body to adapt and change according to new nutritional and exercise routines, most of us fail to realize that our bodies are running the clock, not our minds.

We must be honest and realistic with ourselves when setting our fitness goals and accept that it will take consistency and patience after extended periods of inactivity or poor nutritional habits for our bodies to reach our desired level of fitness. In our society, we want everything yesterday, and want to take the easiest road to get there.

We only get one body, so we owe it the time, energy and

patience needed to follow through with our current fitness goals. The long-term benefits will make the trip — as long and challenging as it may be — well worth it.

The following tips can help you stay on track to reaching your fitness goals.

■ Mix up your current routine. If you are getting bored with your exercise routine, seek the assistance of a personal trainer, purchase a new fitness video or enroll in a fun and innovative exercise class.

■ Find a fitness buddy for support. Accountability is one of the main reasons people do not stay with exercise programs. A positive and committed fitness buddy will hold you accountable when you might just slack off on your own.

■ HAVE FUN! Once you stop having fun and enjoying your fitness routine, it's usually downhill from there. Make sure fitness is part of your life and not a burden on it. Engage in activities that keep you motivated and passionate about reaching your goals.

Sarah Bernhardt played the role of Juliet at age 70

■ "Gone With the Wind" is one of the most famous movies ever, and the most-quoted line from it, of course, is "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." When it was filmed, however, "damn" was a forbidden word in movies. Instead of changing the line to "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a darn" (which would be much less effective), producer David O. Selznick paid a \$5,000 fine for using offensive language. A wise choice, I think.

■ In the Sahara Desert, the town of Tidikelt once went 10 years without a single rainfall.

■ Those who study such things say that marijuana is psychologically more harmful to dogs than to cats. This is because, they say, the marijuana plant is related to catnip,

Strange BUT TRUE

which cats already have a certain amount of experience with.

■ Here's something to think about: Just a few decades ago, a keyboard was a piano, a mouse was a rodent, LOL was a little old lady, a CD was somewhere to put money, and if you unzipped anything in public, you'd probably be arrested.

■ Famed stage actress Sarah Bernhardt played the role of Juliet at the age of 70.

■ If you could stand on the planet Pluto, the sun would appear to you no brighter than Venus appears in the evening sky to someone standing on Earth.

■ If you store dry ice in an airtight container, it will explode.

■ If all the cream filling used to make Oreo cookies in one year were used to decorate wedding cakes instead, you would have enough icing to frost all the wedding cakes made in the United States for the next two years.

Thought for the Day:

"Man is a gaming animal. He must be always trying to get the better in something or other." — Charles Lamb



Overnight Fantasy

Cinderella: Be the belle of the ball as you sleep in a comfortable queen-sized bed nestled in a horse-drawn carriage. You can't miss with the "glass slipper" whirlpool.

Jungle Safari: Imagine yourself in the thick of the jungle as you sleep away in your thatched hut (with mosquito netting, of course) and bathe in your private whirlpool, cleverly hidden in the banks of a stream running through your room.

Lover's Leap: Overnighting with the oldies, you'll get a room that looks surprisingly like a "secluded" park, including picnic table, park bench and your own 1973 Oldsmobile Delta convertible with a queen-sized bed.

Moby Dick: A queen-sized waterbed nestled in a mock whaling boat, and the tiled whirlpool inside a whale's mouth.

Northern Lights: A 10-sided waterbed rests inside an igloo for two.

Space Odyssey: A re-creation of the Gemini Space Capsule with 10-sided bed, this room includes stereo, Nintendo and a moon-crater whirlpool.

And for families who want to FantaSuite together, the Wild, Wild West: An honest-to-goodness prairie with a covered wagon (with queen-sized bed) AND a teepee (also with queen-sized bed).

Fantasuites has four locations: Burnsville, Minn., in the Minneapolis area; Dodgeville and West Bend, Wisc.; and Greenwood, Ind., in the Indianapolis area. Each location varies as to which and how many suites are offered. All locations feature "normal" hotel rooms as well as FantaSuites, but given the opportunity, can you imagine staying in a boring regular room? Call 1-800-666-7829 for more information and to make reservations, or log on to www.fantasuite.com for info and pictures. Room prices begin at \$149 per night and include continental breakfast.

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Coupon cutter: Dairy products



By Marge Svenson

The latest information about calcium is that women need more of it. According to government statistics, women ages 19-50 need 1,000 mg of calcium per day. After age 50, the requirement goes up to 1,500 mg per day. Yet nine out of 10 women fall short of this recommended value.

Calcium is important because it helps keep bones strong and allows for normal blood clotting and muscle contraction. You may still have to take a calcium supplement

to get enough every day, but increasing your consumption of milk, cheese and yogurt is a step in the right direction.

Here is this week's savings in dairy coupons:

■ Save \$1 on any three Kraft cheese products, including grated Parmesan cheese, deli cheese slices, shredded, chunk or cube cheese, string cheese, and cheese sticks. Expires March 31.

■ Cabot offers a 35-cent coupon on any size of its sharp cheeses. Expires March 31.

■ Dannon has a \$1 coupon on any two packages of Light 'n Fit yogurt, with fruit or the creamy variety. Expires April 30. The company also offers a buy-three, get-one-free coupon.

■ Dannon also has a 35-cent coupon on any one package of Danimals yogurt in

cups or the drinkable variety. Expires May 9.

■ Yoplait offers a 40-cent coupon on any two cups of Whips! light and fluffy yogurt. Expires April 6.

■ Healthy Choice has a 50-cent coupon on any one pint of its ice cream, available in seven different flavors. Expires March 31.

■ Save 75 cents on any size Breyers ice cream or frozen yogurt. Expires April 30.

■ Edy's offers a \$1 coupon on any quart or larger of its Better-For-You line of reduced fat and calories ice cream. Expires April 28.

■ Save \$1 on any size of Dairy Ease, a lactose-free milk product. Expires April 30.

■ Ben & Jerry's has a \$1 coupon on any two pints of ice cream or one multipack of ice-cream bars. Expires March 23.

••• This Is a Hammer •••

Critter Capers

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q Help! A family of raccoons moved in under the eaves of my house this winter. When I'm on the upper floor, I can hear them thumping around in the walls and the upper crawlspace. What's the best way to get them out of there? — Joe T., Methuen, Mass.

A The best way? Fast. Raccoons, squirrels and other unwanted outdoor guests can do major damage to

your home's insulation, wiring and walls. Allowing them to stay or "winter over" can be costly.

The trouble is, raccoons especially are rather smart critters. At one home I helped restore, a pair of raccoons actually chewed/clawed through the roof sheathing, bent back a shingle and propped it open with another piece of shingle for instant access to the crawlspace. At another home, squirrels and raccoons had chewed through the old plaster walls to gain access to the third floor. Turns out a former tenant had been feeding the wild creatures during the summer, and these fearless fellows moved right in when the weather cooled down.

Setting out poison, or placing it in the walls, might be a fast way to rid your home of critters, but it's not the best. Rodents that consume the poison will most likely

die inside the walls, out of your reach. And trust me, that "decomposing critter" odor will permeate every room of your house for a week or more. Additionally, the surviving rodents may learn to avoid the poison and go on with their busy lives.

Crawling through the attic or crawlspace with a pellet gun and ping-pong intruders is also not advisable, for many reasons. The most likely result is that, in the dark, you'll miss or only wound the critter; it will crawl off into the walls to die, and voila, you've got a smelly house again. Add to that the risk that you'll hurt yourself or someone else with that gun and ... well, it's not a good idea.

I recommend setting live traps and deterrents instead. These aren't foolproof, but they will remove the problem without resorting to poison or otherwise

harming the wild animal. Professional removal services are also advisable. The service will set traps, check them regularly (and move them if needed) and remove the animals once they are caught.

To deter wild creatures from moving in again, spray ammonia at their old entry/exit points daily while you repair the damage, and monthly throughout the spring, summer and fall in any areas that might provide an entry point or shelter for new animals. Clean the gutters and eaves in spring and fall, and screen off potential shelter areas with steel mesh.

HOME TIP

Thoroughly inspect areas where raccoons or squirrels have intruded, and replace damaged insulation, wood and wiring immediately.

time the man and lady came, he jumped up into the man's lap and asked him if he could come home with us. But, since the man didn't speak Hungarian, he didn't know what Attila wanted and just smiled at him.

Kristin and I flew on a great big jet plane to America. Things look very different but wonderful here. All the food tastes great, and I have my own room with a big bed and lots of clothes. I got a stuffed animal of my very own — my first toy.

Everyone was really nice, and our neighbors even gave each of us something called a bicycle. It didn't take long for me to learn to ride. Christmas came and there were lots of boxes under the tree for Kristin and me. America is a great

place, and I am very happy here.

After a year, we went with a group of kids to a special ceremony where we were made citizens of the United States! After the ceremony, two men with a TV camera came and asked us questions about what life was like in Hungary. That night we were on television like the Ninja Turtles!

I hope that Attila got to see us, and I wonder if he knows that dreams really can come true.

Look for our latest books, "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul" and "A Second Round of Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

Health

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The list of lysine foods includes: eggs, meat (beef and chicken in particular), milk, cheddar cheese, soy products, navy beans and yogurt. I listed them because you asked. I don't list them as being a prostate cancer treatment.

Readers interested in prostate problems and their treatments can obtain a copy of the new Prostate pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (U.S. funds only, no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DR. DONOHUE:

I was told I have a toenail fungus. The doctor said the medicine he would prescribe — Lamisil — costs a great deal of money. I think this is

absurd, since there is no guarantee that the medicine will work. Is there something else I can do? What happens if I don't do anything? — J.A.

ANSWER:

Lamisil (terbinafine) is expensive but can often get rid of toenail fungus. It has been linked to a number of serious incidents of liver failure. During treatment, therefore, blood samples must be taken periodically to ascertain the liver's status.

Other treatments? Penlac Nail Lacquer is a recently marketed treatment. It is applied directly to the involved nail. There is no guarantee of cure that comes with it. It is not terribly expensive.

No treatment is also an acceptable course. Many ignore the nail and go about their business without any problems arising.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves



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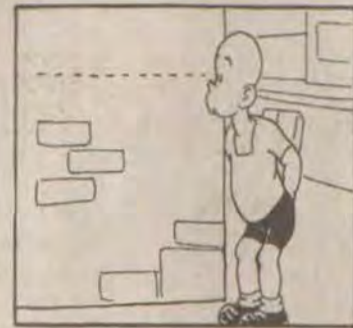


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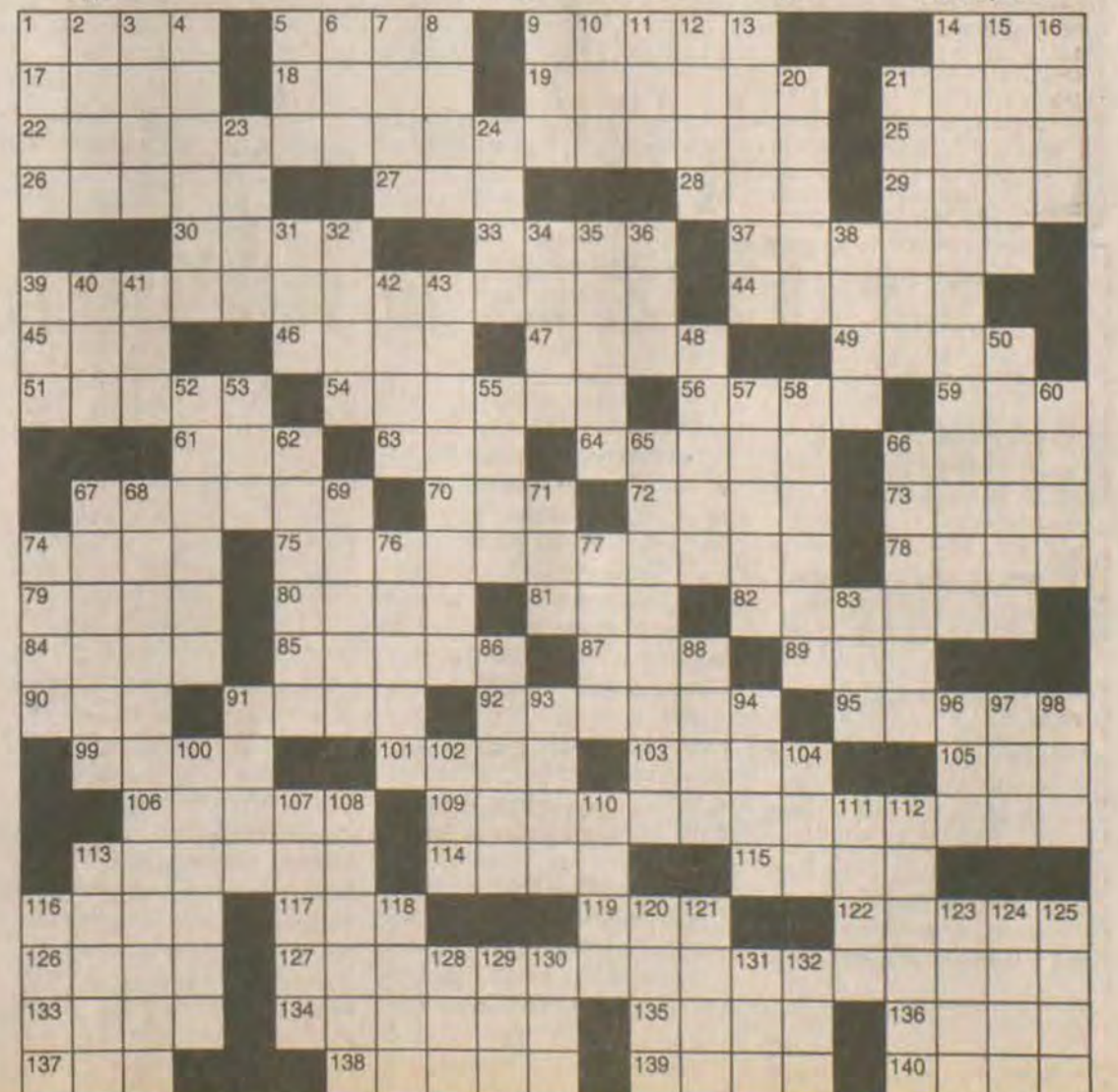
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by Mike Marland



Super Crossword FOR THE BIRDS

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- 1 Sagan or Sandburg
 - 5 Swarm sound
 - 9 Montana
 - 14 Monterrey city
 - 17 '58 Pulitzer winner
 - 18 Piece of fencing?
 - 19 He was "The Thing"
 - 21 Pipe part
 - 22 WREN
 - 25 Brobdingnagian
 - 26 For — (cheaply)
 - 27 Comic Costello
 - 28 — Na Na
 - 29 Mascagni opera
 - 30 Poet Wilcox
 - 33 Lohengrin's bird
 - 37 African antelopes
 - 39 LARK
 - 44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author
 - 45 Bonanza material
 - 46 Coveleski or Musial
 - 47 Vichyssoise veggie
 - 49 Tip one's topper
 - 51 Long-tailed parrot
 - 54 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
 - 56 Scandinavian city
 - 59 Griffon greeting
 - 61 Fool
 - 63 Missouri airport abbr.
 - 64 Valuable instrument
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 - 70 Elf
 - 72 Dash
 - 73 Sarah — Jewett
 - 74 Inland sea
 - 75 QUAIL
 - 78 Depravity
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 - 89 Monsarrat's "The Cruel —"
 - 90 Tulsa commodity
 - 91 Cheat at hide-and-seek
 - 92 Preposterous
 - 95 Sweetheart
 - 99 Turn over
 - 101 Darjeeling dress
 - 103 Invasion
 - 105 Frankfurter's field
 - 106 Rent
 - 109 CRANE
 - 113 Church official
 - 114 Oriental staple
 - 115 Big rig
 - 116 Channel
 - 117 Actress Hagen
 - 119 Plutarch character
 - 122 Tole material
 - 126 Be important
 - 127 PAR-TRIDGE
 - 133 Actor Novello
 - 134 Kindle
 - 135 Heart burn?
 - 136 Time for a sandwich
 - 137 According to
 - 138 German port
 - 139 Racing legend
 - 140 Guy Fri.
 - 3 "— Man" ('84 film)
 - 4 Not as fatty
 - 5 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 6 Prosperous times
 - 7 Non-non-chalant?
 - 8 Nil
 - 9 Crank's comment
 - 10 Swiss canton
 - 11 Explosive initials
 - 12 Golfer's gadgets
 - 13 Avoid
 - 14 DUCK
 - 15 Toomey or Philbin
 - 16 Iowa city
 - 20 Musty
 - 21 Japanese religion
 - 23 Hard on the eyes
 - 24 Astrology term
 - 31 Brown or Baxter
 - 32 Vino center
 - 34 Corduroy ridge
 - 35 Writer Rogers St. Johns
 - 36 Formerly known as
 - 38 Moro of Italy
 - 39 One who no's best?
 - 40 Distinctive period
 - 41 — room
 - 42 Singer Elliot
 - 43 Bete noire
 - 48 Adorable Australian
 - 50 Tenor Corelli
 - 52 One of the Judds
 - 53 Tolstoy title start
 - 55 Coalition
 - 57 Play ground?
 - 58 Bedding
 - 60 At large
 - 62 Word with dog or state
 - 65 "Never on Sunday" star
 - 66 Good-humored
 - 67 Amatory
 - 68 CARDINAL
 - 69 — Dame
 - 71 Anaconda, for one
 - 74 As well
 - 76 Pursues
 - 77 Coffee pots
 - 83 Ring counter
 - 86 Andretti or Cuomo
 - 88 Fiber source
 - 91 Swamp stuff
 - 93 "Death of a Salesman" son
 - 94 Pad
 - 96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
 - 97 Bud
 - 98 Fluffy female
 - 100 Crime writer Colin
 - 102 PC key
 - 104 SHAEF commander
 - 107 "The March King"
 - 108 Whole
 - 110 Stamping ground
 - 111 TV award
 - 112 Strauss city
 - 113 Debonair
 - 116 — coffee
 - 118 Energy source
 - 120 One of a pair
 - 121 South Seas novel
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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