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### briefs

## Burchett named to board

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — An Allen contractor was recently named to the Kentucky Association of Highways board of directors.

Joe Burchett Sr., president of Bush & Burchett Inc., of Allen, was named to the board along with 12 others from across the state.

Other members recently announced came from Covington, Bardstown, London, Grand Rivers, Louisville and many others areas of the state.

The association also named several officers for the upcoming 2003 year.

Those officers were:

- Bill Cress, of Paris, chairman.
- Larry Judy, of Cynthiana, vice-chairman.

- Steve Lawson, of Lexington, treasurer.

The announcements were made during the association's annual convention in Frankfort.

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#### Today

**Showers**

High: 64 • Low: 48

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High: 66 • Low: 41

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

## Man says charges retaliation

Claims life threatened by man who filed charges

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Walter R. Barnett, the man who was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly holding Martin resident Matthew Moore at gunpoint on April 10 at the Martin Speedway, claims he is innocent and says he did not even have a gun when the alleged incident occurred.

Barnett, 55, and also of Martin, was accused through a criminal complaint sworn by Moore on April 14, but says the charge is bogus and only a retaliatory measure on Moore's behalf.

Barnett was arrested Monday in response to a criminal complaint filed by fellow-Martin resident Matthew Moore. In his complaint, Moore alleges that on April 10 Barnett pointed a .45 automatic pistol at him at the Speedway just off Route 80 in Martin.

But Barnett insists that Moore fabricated the alleged incident in response to a complaint he filed against Moore in late February.

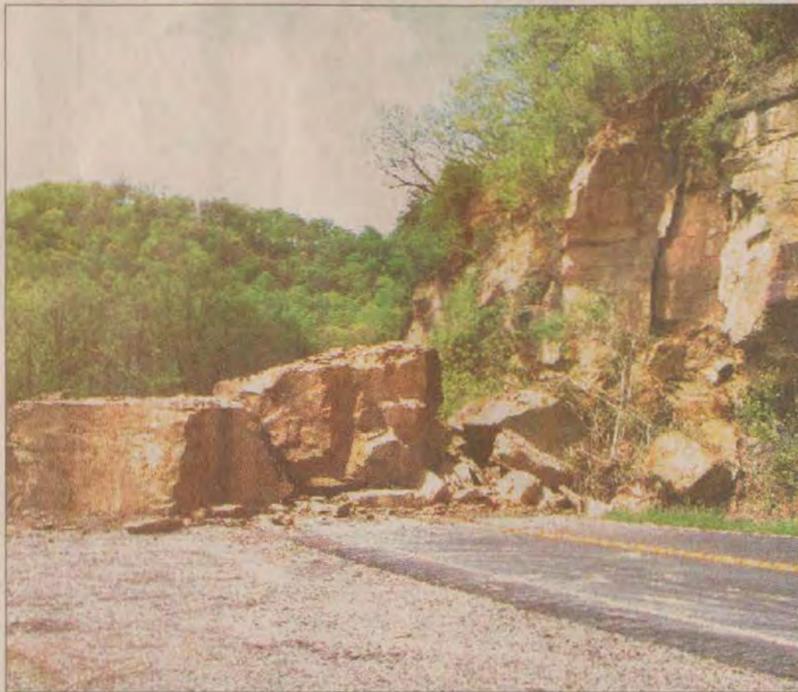
According to court documents, Moore was charged with second-degree criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking for allegedly breaking the windows of Barnett's truck and taking his 22 Hornet rifle with scope, a 12 gauge Baretta shot gun, a 44 Magnum pistol, 45 hydrocodone tablets, 120 Xanax tablets, \$400 in cash, a checkbook and a wireless phone valued at \$381.20 with full service.

The charges were waived to a grand jury during a March preliminary hearing and Barnett, who was listed as the complaining witness in the case, says Moore's recent allegations against him are nothing more than vengeful retaliation.

Barnett also produced a recording of a man he says is Moore. On the tape, the man talks of his plans to have charges filed against Barnett if charges are brought against him. He later talks of plans to shoot Barnett in the back, then beat himself with a stick in order to tell

(See RETALIATION, page seven)

### APRIL SHOWERS BRING TUMBLING BOULDERS



A massive rock fall on Route 302, the road that runs around Dewey Lake, occurred on Good Friday, April 18. Bud Akers, superintendent at the Allen Maintenance Garage, Highway District 12, said that the road would remain closed until at least today, perhaps longer, so that final debris removal and cleaning can be completed. Sam Hale, District 12 Construction Engineer, pointed out the irony of the rock fall date. "We had just finished paving the road; the inspector completed his work on Thursday, April 17, and the rock fall happened on Friday. Just our luck."

## Utility scales back increase

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Not all of Martin's city council members were thrilled with news Tuesday that a 27 percent increase in their water rates from provider Prestonsburg Utilities would be lowered to 10 percent.

The adjustment did not seem to leave the council upset, but council member Mahendra Varia offered a question that seemed to pique the majority's interest.

"Is the 10 percent figure just a favor?" Varia asked. "Because before, we were told that the 27 per-

(See INVESTIGATION, page three)

## Grandmother files charges after she says shots fired at grandson

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A 71-year-old Hatfield woman has sought criminal charges against a Belfry couple, claiming they fired shots at her minor son, while in possession of three four-wheelers and a dog that had been stolen from her.

According to court documents, Virginia Robinette alleges that on April 3, Christy Chism, 31, and Steve Chism, 34, were seen with property that had been stolen from her, three four-wheelers and a boxer dog. She stated that, on the same day, the Chisms were firing shots at her 17-year-old son, Josh Robinette.

Virginia Robinette also alleges that the

two made statements to her, such as "I can murder somebody and get away with it", and "I'll take your kids away", which made her feel threatened and afraid to go home for 11 days.

Both Christy and Steve Chism were charged with first-degree wanton endangerment, menacing and receiving stolen property.



Patrick Etherton now faces new allegations regarding a Floyd County burglary.

## Murder suspect charged in Floyd

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two men were indicted by a Pike County grand jury in connection to the 2001 murder of Raccoon store owner Charles "Co Co" Thompson.

The indictments came after Kentucky State Police Detectives Phil Bowersock and Terry Thompson presented 18 months of

investigative work resulting from what they said was several man hours to the grand jury.

Patrick Etherton, 20, of Ypsilanti, Mich. was indicted and charged with capitol murder and first-degree robbery, while Raymond French, 25, Phelps, was indicted on one charge of criminal facilitation to commit first-degree robbery.

Etherton was since been charged

with third-degree burglary in Floyd County for allegedly breaking into the Mud Creek Clinic on April.

The hours were logged in the investigation, according to police, to "ensure a positive conclusion" to the high-profile murder case that stunned the community of Raccoon in November of 2001.

Both Etherton and French are

(See BURGLARY, page three)

## Candidate talks education during David School stop

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — Lieutenant governor candidate Barbara Edelman made her number one priority crystal clear Thursday afternoon during a speech at The David School.

That priority was not the state budget. It isn't the local government issues, either. It wasn't even the horse industry.

Edelman, gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford's running mate for next month's primary election and the mother of teenagers, told those attending the speech that, for her, the "number one" issue is simple.

Education. "I attended public schools and my three teenagers are in public schools,"

Edelman told the students and teachers gathered in the school's lunchroom. "I believe the public system is letting us down. Not the students or the teachers, but Frankfort."

Why visit The David School, a private institution nestled far in a valley along the Floyd-Magoffin county line? Edelman said she was on a fact-finding mission.

"I want to see what other options there are for education," Edelman said. "All I know are public schools."

Edelman told the group of David students she believes that "education was the key to the success of the next generation", and applauded their decision to take their education seriously enough to enroll at such a school.

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Lieutenant governor candidate Barbara Edelman picked an appropriate spot for a campaign stop, choosing to focus on education issues while visiting The David School.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Tony and Emily, a pair of Siberian tigers at the San Francisco Zoo, are a couple of scaredy cats.

Their eyes bulge, their mouths loll and their ears fold back — the typical behavior of frightened felines — upon seeing a lifelike portrait of their popular predecessor.

But the tiger siblings are just going to have to cope. The eight-foot oil painting of Sedova, a popular Siberian tiger who lived at the zoo for 19 years before her death in 1992, is going to stay hanging in their habitat, zoo officials say.

"Animals are more important than pictures. But it is a magnificent portrait — kind of a testi-

monial to one of the zoo's most beloved cats," said Linda Caratti, the tigers' keeper.

According to Caratti, there is no question that 11-year-olds Emily and Tony are unnerved by the painting, which reportedly bears an impressive resemblance to its subject. The tigers often refuse to enter the exhibit at feeding time and won't turn their backs on the fierce gaze staring out at them from a wall.

"It's their instinct to feel threatened by another tiger," Caratti told the San Francisco Chronicle. "They just haven't figured out it's a picture. Instead, they look totally scared, like it's a giant ghost tiger."

■ **STAMFORD, Conn.** — You have the right to remain silent, but what if you vomit evidence before police read you your rights?

Vincent Betances wants his drug-dealing conviction thrown out, arguing that eight bags of heroin he threw up after emergency medical treatment should never have been admitted into evidence.

He contends police illegally seized the evidence from an ambulance after asking him if he'd swallowed heroin — but before reading him his rights.

The state Supreme Court heard arguments in the case Wednesday and is expected to issue a ruling this summer.

Betances was arrested on drug charges in New Haven on June 20, 2000. Police said he was holding 30 bags labeled "The Cure."

While handcuffed and in a police cruiser, Betances began sweating profusely, turned pale and had difficulty breathing. Betances admitted he had swallowed four bags.

A paramedic gave Betances a medication to prevent the body's absorption of the drugs. A short time later Betances threw up eight bags of heroin, which an officer seized.

Assistant State's Attorney Toni Smith-Rosario argued that police should not be penalized for protecting the public, includ-

ing defendants in their custody. "Most defendants are grateful when police save their lives," Smith-Rosario said.

Suzanne Zitser, a public defender representing Betances, countered that exceptions to the Miranda warning must satisfy stringent requirements.

"It's not even a close call in this case," Zitser said. "There was no threat to the public or police officer safety."

■ **FORT PIERCE, Fla.** — Usually, it's the students who get suspended for not asking permission.

A high school English teacher was suspended for three days after showing a class portions of the R-rated movie "Dracula" without the OK from administrators or parents.

Teacher Stephen McKee did not show any nudity or parts of the movie that prompted the R rating, but he should have sought approval before showing any movie rated anything other than G, Assistant Principal Terry Davis said.

McKee's English honors class viewed the first 20 minutes of the film as part of its study of the novel.

In a disciplinary letter, schools Superintendent Bill Vogel said teachers are required to protect students' physical and mental health and "the content of this video is inappropriate and unacceptable for the classroom."

McKee, a second-year teacher in the district, was also reprimanded in February for asking questions on a test that referred to a "blonde babe" and a classroom disturbance. Students said the questions offended them.

McKee did not immediately return a call to his home Wednesday.

■ **CLEARLAKE, Calif.** — Veterinarians are calling a dog that survived being hit by a car, shot in the head and kept in a freezer for two hours a "miracle girl."

Dosha, a 10-month-old mixed breed, is getting a thorough checkup to make sure she doesn't need further treatment, and the prognosis is good.

Vets say she probably won't have any long-term health effects, besides trouble with her right ear damaged by a policeman's bullet.

"It's amazing she doesn't have lasting injuries," Dr. Debra Sally of the Clearlake Veterinary Clinic told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. "She is a miracle girl."

More X-rays were scheduled for Thursday before doctors decide whether to refer the dog to the University of California, Davis' veterinary hospital for more treatment.

Dosha's ordeal started April 15, when she escaped from her owner's backyard and got hit by a car. The Clearlake police officer who reported to the scene shot the collarless dog when no one could tell him who owned her.

The dog was taken to the local animal shelter, where she was put in a freezer for disposal later. After about two hours, the center's interim director opened the freezer door and found Dosha standing upright in a plastic orange bag.

When Dosha arrived at the vet's office, the hypothermia was acute.

"The gunshot was, of course, no good. The hypothermia was more life threatening when she arrived here," said Yvonne Scott, the clinic's office manager. "The car accident was the

least of her problems."

Local animal groups and the Humane Society of the United States have begun fund-raising efforts to pay for her care.

Clearlake's police chief has defended the officer's decision to shoot the dog. The officer said Dosha appeared to be in extreme pain and he wanted to end her suffering.

■ **SAN JOSE, Calif.** — A man accused of barking at a police canine is in the doghouse with authorities.

Richard "Tyson" Dillon, 25, faces a misdemeanor charge that he willfully and maliciously interfered with a Palo Alto police officer's duty by teasing and agitating the officer's dog. The incident occurred March

5, on Mardi Gras night, when Dillon, a bartender, and a co-worker were walking in downtown Palo Alto and passed a group of officers standing by their patrol cars.

According to Dillon's attorney, Donald Tasto, the police dog in one of the cars was already agitated and barking at other passers-by when Dillon returned a single "friendly bark." Police cited, then released him.

Tasto contends his client's behavior doesn't measure up to a crime.

"It's ridiculous that someone could be charged for barking," he said in a phone interview Tuesday, adding that Dillon

(See **ODDS**, page six)

## Card Shower

John W. Huff, formerly of Hueysville will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 4, 2003. He's looking forward to hearing from all his family and friends. If you would like to help celebrate his birthday, please send cards to:

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 25, the 115th day of 2003. There are 250 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

### On this date:

■ In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

■ In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

■ In 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was \$1.

■ In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

■ In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

■ In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

■ In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war.

■ In 1983, the "Pioneer Ten" spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit,

speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

■ In 1990, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending eleven years of leftist Sandinista rule.

■ In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

### Ten years ago:

Hundreds of thousands of gay rights activists and their supporters marched in Washington D.C., demanding equal rights and freedom from discrimination. Voters in Russia participated in a referendum, giving President Boris N. Yeltsin a sturdy vote of confidence.

### Five years ago:

Whitewater prosecutors questioned first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on videotape about her work as a private lawyer for the failed savings and loan at the center of the investigation.

### One year ago:

President Bush hosted Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia at his Texas ranch for a day of talks. The House voted 405-9 to abolish the embattled Immigration and Naturalization Service. Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile member of the

(See **HISTORY**, page seven)

## Public hearing set on 2005-6 budget for Cabinet for Families and Children

Residents of the Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties that make up the Big Sandy Service Region of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children are invited to participate in a public hearing on service needs in their communities.

The hearing will be held on Monday, April 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the conference room of the Big Sandy ADD Board

office, in Prestonsburg.

Participants may make oral presentations, but are also requested to submit their comments in writing at the hearing. Similar hearings will take place in all 16 of the Cabinet's service regions. The results will be used in planning the Cabinet's budget proposal for 2005-6.

For more information, contact Susan Howard at 789-6251.

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**The City of Martin and the area churches are holding a candlelight service in honor of our military on NATIONAL PRAYER DAY, MAY 1st, at 7 p.m., in the City parking lot.**

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Investigation

cent was adjusted with inflation or cost-of-living increases."

The question was posed to Martin city attorney Stacy Marshall, who was charged with speaking on behalf of absent Prestonsburg Utilities Assistant Supervisor Eddie Campbell.

Marshall could only agree to relay the question, which seemed a mystery to Varia, who said he couldn't understand how the adjustment could have been made if the original figure of 27 percent was based on certain criteria.

"There is a lack of communication and lack of explanation," Varia told fellow council members Tuesday evening. "That's wrong."

Most notable in the council's lack of enthusiasm with the 17 percent water rate savings was Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson's mention of talks with Bob Meyers, director of the city's only other option for a water supplier, Southern Water and Sewer District.

"I've talked with Bob Meyers,

and he's looking at some numbers to see what he can do for us," Robinson said.

The possibility of switching water services to Southern Water and Sewer was first mentioned during the city's last regular meeting on March 25. It was during this meeting discussion of the rate increase was first approached by full council.

However, there could be both

logical and legal hitches in the plan to change suppliers, Marshall told the council Monday.

Marshall reminded council members of their standing contract with Prestonsburg Utilities, which Prestonsburg Utilities Supervisor Seldon Home said last month was signed in November of 1984. According, then, to the terms of this contract, there are 22 years remaining under the 40-year

agreement.

But financial logic may also prove to be a hurdle in proposing a switch in providers, said Marshall.

"The only other [provider] would be Southern Water [and Sewer District]," Marshall told council members. "And then first, there's the contract, but second of all, there's a chance they couldn't get it [the rates] cheaper."

According to Marshall, Prestonsburg Utilities contends that the rate increase came after 10 years of no rate hikes to the city, but agrees it may have been less of a shock to Martin residents

if the increases had been made annually, rather than allowing the charge for providing water to grow over the past decade before billing.

Marshall explained to council members that Prestonsburg Utilities would be unable to impose a rate increase for reasons of expansion.

"They can't expand and have that as justification," Marshall said. "They say they didn't do that. They say they didn't increase the rate for 10 years."

Southern Water and Sewer director Bob Meyers could not be reached for comment.

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Burglary

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currently being held at the Pike County Detention Center.

A third man — William Hopkins, also known as Billy Tackett — was also indicted in the murder case, but has fled the state, police said.

Police identified Tackett as a white male, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighing about 165 pounds with brown hair.

Anyone with information that could lead to Hopkins' whereabouts should contact the Kentucky State Police at (606) 433-7711 or 1-800-222-5555. Those providing information may remain anonymous.

The case remains under investigation by Detectives Bowersock and Thompson.

Police say not all claims substantiated

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — One of the two state police officers who responded to an assault complaint against Martin City Police Officer Steve Toy just after midnight Monday said Wednesday that not all allegations made

against Toy could be "substantiated".

Kentucky State Police Trooper John Hunt, who assisted fellow trooper Les Stapleton in handling the complaint Monday, said Melinda Short made allegations of assault and that those allegations were investigated at the time and continue to be investigated by the state police.

However, Hunt added that while handling the original complaint, there was little evidence that could back up the numerous accusations Short reported after the alleged incident.

"She said she got assaulted, but we didn't see anything to substantiate that an assault had taken place," Hunt said Wednesday.

Stapleton offered during his initial interview Tuesday that Short may have even been arrested herself shortly after reporting her complaint, but Hunt said Wednesday that no arrests were made. Hunt said Short's mother took her home from a nearby hospital where she had apparently went seeking treatment.

Among the accusations Short has claimed that Toy assaulted her after an argument which began after having drinks at the American Legion in Martin, then driving her four miles to her home where she says he continued to assault her before she escaped to a nearby BP station to call authorities.

Man accused of taking drugs to Pike jail

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Detention Center sought promoting contraband charges against an inmate after a random search turned up drugs on April 23.

According to court records, Timmie Lee Smith, 35, of Kimper, was charged with a felony and three misdemeanors Wednesday, after police discovered a bag of pills that fell out of the leg of Smith's shorts.

The report states that Smith claimed the pills, identified as three 10-milligram Lorcet tablets, and three 350-milligram carisoprodol (Soma) tablets, as well as a bag of marijuana, were all found in his cell.

Smith was charged with possession of marijuana, first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance and prescription in improper container. He was given a \$20,000 full cash bond during arraignment on Thursday.

Complaint says rocks caused \$1,000 damage

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — According to a criminal complaint filed in Pike County District Court on Thursday, a rock throwing spree ended in a criminal mischief charge of over \$1,000 in damages for an Elkhorn City man.

The complaint, filed by Jennifer Coleman, of Elkhorn City, states that on April 15, Russell Ratliff intentionally hit

her in the side of her head with a half-gallon liquor bottle, causing minor injuries. She alleges that he then threw rocks at her 2003 Toyota Rav-4, putting dents on the passenger side and scratches down the top, causing damages of approximately \$1,000 or more. She claims that he also threw rocks at her house, damaging the vinyl siding.

Ratliff was charged with fourth-degree assault and first-degree criminal mischief.

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# Viewpoint

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—Fred Allen

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss., on President Bush and the economy:

The nation has had its eye on the war in Iraq and terrorism, but attention is now turning to domestic issues. That's President Bush's newest political challenge.

Bush has proven to be an aggressive "war" leader, but it's the "bread 'n' butter" domestic issues that win elections.

So far, the major "bread 'n' butter" issue for Bush is cutting taxes (and an education bill passed in his first 90 days).

Surely, it's not lost on him that his father came away from the Persian Gulf War with high public opinion polls only to be dumped a few months later by a former governor from Arkansas. The election mantra of the Clinton campaign was: "It's the economy, stupid!" ...

Bush has a good excuse with the effects of 9/11 and other economic factors. But if the economy doesn't pick up, Bush II could face similar problems.

The biggest problem is a lack of fiscal discipline. A budget surplus has been turned into \$6.4 trillion in debt. Since both the House and Senate are in GOP hands, Bush should have carte blanche and it will be hard to blame Democrats.

The biggest economic initiative has been a massive tax cut proposal, which has gained criticism from fiscal leaders in his own party.

With 18 months until the presidential election, there's still plenty of time for Bush to start buttering bread.

Houston Chronicle, on cashing in on Iraq:

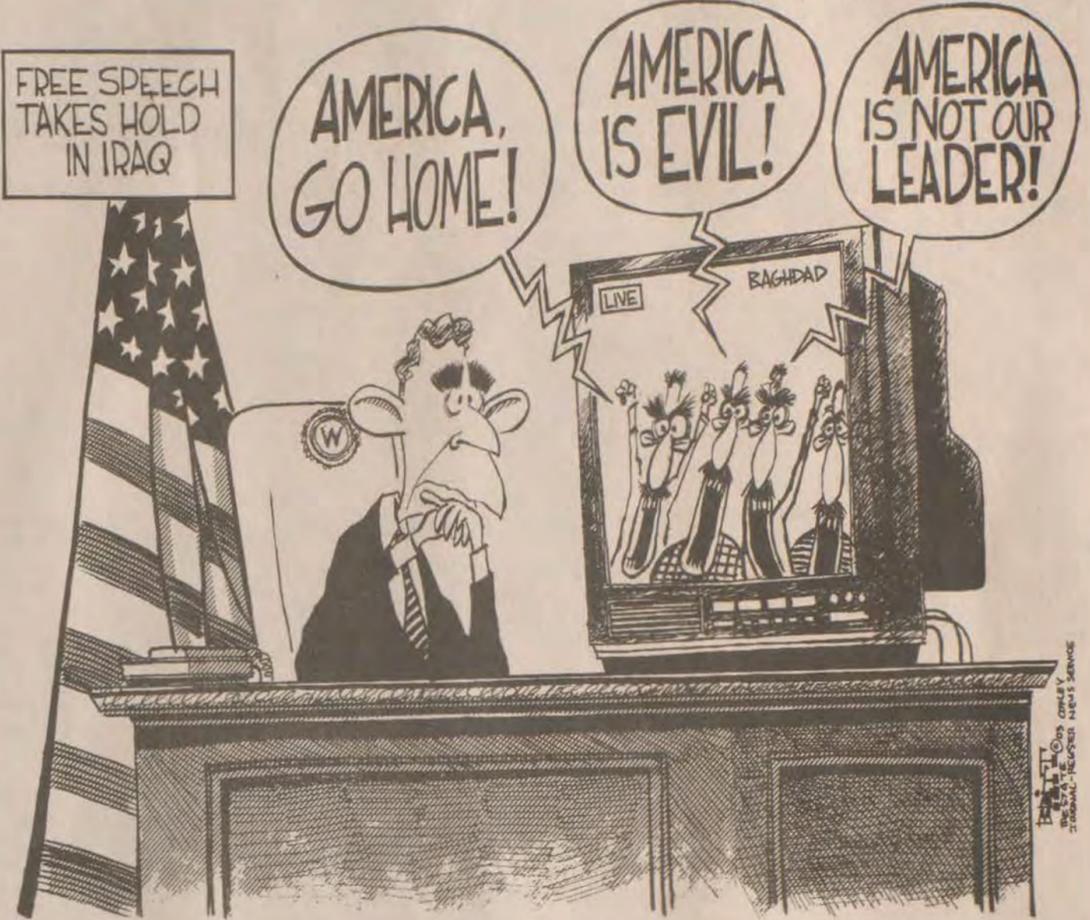
... Now that the sounds of the war are fading, the clink, clink of U.S. business interests in Iraq is clearly audible. The U.S. government's concern for U.S. profits, it turns out, is at least as strong as its French counterpart. Highly evident and troubling today, the swift revolution of doors between Washington and the corporate world evokes President Eisenhower's warning about the dangers of the military-industrial complex.

Houston-based Halliburton, run by Vice President Dick Cheney until he became George W. Bush's running mate, was hired by the Army Corps of Engineers to put out Iraqi oil fires, perform emergency oil field repairs and clean up spills and pollution. ...

The big plum went to the Bechtel Group, a construction behemoth based in San Francisco. Competing in a Pentagon invitation tournament, Bechtel won the right to bill as much as \$680 million over 18 months rebuilding Iraq's roads, utilities and other infrastructure.

Aside from its substantial campaign contributions to both parties, Bechtel's most visible link to the Bush administration is George Schultz. A longtime Bechtel director, Schultz was secretary of state during the first Bush administration and chairs the advisory board of the Committee for the Liberation of Iraq. Having encouraged the taxpayers to underwrite much of the recent destruction in Iraq, Schultz now wants the taxpayers to pay his company to make repairs. ...

Perhaps these two companies got the job because they are the best qualified. But the fact remains that the companies with the best political connections won, and those without such connections lost. ...



## In the moment

### 'For you'

While working to finish my projects for the approaching semester's end, I have been reflecting on the last four years. In a matter of days I will be receiving a hard-earned degree that I know will be my foundation for a rewarding career.

The journey has been one of challenges, but they have only motivated me to seek the best within myself and added positive qualities to the person that I am. I don't intend to give the impression that it has been a continuous uphill run, I am merely referring to the obstacles that faced me as a single mother raising two children on my own.

It was quite a task at times to juggle work, classes and children, not to mention, family, friends and boyfriend. Needless to say, there was little time for me, but thanks to the conversations with God on the numerous trips to Pikeville, I survived.

I will give myself the credit I deserve for putting forth the effort it took to make it to this point in my life. However, I did not do this alone. My son, Reggie, and my daughter, Fallon, have tolerated my absence, sometimes with rebellion, but nonetheless they have supported my efforts. My boyfriend, David, who has been with me through most of it, has been ever so patient, taking what I had left over without complaining.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

My dearest friends, especially Cheryl, tolerated my lack of time and were willing to lend an ear when I needed to vent. My employers granted me the flexibility I needed to put it all together.

As you can probably

derive from the previous paragraphs, I am overwhelmed with the knowledge that life and people are gifts that I sometimes get too busy to recognize and when I do, I am amazed at just how many of them there are. I love every one of you and I am so grateful that you have been with me on this journey.

This article is for you, who taught me anything, which includes a few who attempted to hold me back, because I learned from you, too. It is

also for the person who sees the obstacles that lie in front of goals and wonders if the goal is attainable. I want you to know that it is and in terms of education, it is ever so rewarding.

If you are in the middle of the struggle to better yourself, I want you to know that I know what it's like to sit up until 2 a.m. only to drag myself out of bed at 6, sometimes for days in a row; to dig for change so that you

can order something that is not on the 99-cent menu; to try to focus on the instructor, while trying not to worry about a sick child that's home alone; and to plot a way to get enough hours to buy those shoes that your child wants. Though they were nuisances at the time, all those things added to my character and strengthened my value system. They were gifts, disguised as gifts usually are.

I want to thank you, my readers, for allowing me to share a part of myself with you, and especially those of you who shared back with me that you related to specific articles. I can't even begin to express how good it feels to have someone tell me that something I wrote was significant enough in their life for them to hang it on their refrigerator. If you read my column, I am connected to you and I'm glad that you were with me during the best year of this particular journey.

I don't know where life will take me, but wherever that may be, I will have this experience.

## Guest Column

### PRIDE cleaning county

Spring is in the air, but trash is on the ground. As warm days and green leaves return to Floyd County, wouldn't it be nice to give the countryside a spring cleaning?

Floyd County residents who want to spruce up their community can volunteer during the PRIDE spring cleanup, April 12 to April 26. During this two-week period, your local PRIDE coordinator has scheduled cleanup activities across the county. Volunteers will provide the manpower to clean roadsides,

hillsides and waterways, and PRIDE will provide trash bags, gloves and safety vests. By working together today, we will have a cleaner, healthier tomorrow.

In previous years, Floyd County volunteers have made a tremendous difference. Since 1997, PRIDE cleanup efforts in Floyd County have produced impressive results:

- 15 streams cleaned.
- Seven dumps cleaned up.
- 23 roadways cleaned.
- 405 tons of appliances collected.
- 60,401 tires collected.
- 382 bags of trash plus 2,788.34 tons of trash collected.
- 448 volunteers worked

1,041 hours.

It is easy to see that PRIDE — Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment — is making progress in cleaning our region's environment, but we still have work to do. So do something that makes a difference where you live — become a PRIDE volunteer!

Floyd County residents who want to participate in the PRIDE Spring Cleanup can contact Brett Davis or Tom Harris, your local PRIDE coordinators, at (606) 886-9193 or (606) 886-3537, or by calling PRIDE at (888) 577-4339.

Karen Engle  
PRIDE executive director

### Seeking information

Hi! My name is Candice Gear and I'm a fifth-grader from West Ridge Elementary School in Harlan, Iowa. Our class is studying geography and history of the United States. We would appreciate it if you would send us a postcard, souvenir or information about Kentucky, so we can learn about our country. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

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At the Movies:

# "Malibu's Most Wanted"

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

For a movie that preaches about being yourself, "Malibu's Most Wanted" has a serious identity crisis.

It's practically a big-screen version of a Tony Robbins self-empowerment book, tucked inside a parody of "8 Mile," then smothered in the same tired racial stereotypes that have provided the flimsy premise for a string of recent comedies, including "Bringing Down the House" and "Head of State."

(And considering how much money these movies have made at the box office, it looks like we'll be inundated with more of them.)

Jamie Kennedy stars as a white, Jewish, wannabe rapper named Brad Gluckman — and he's mildly funny at first, but his character is so one-note, he and his motto ("Don't be hatin'") quickly grow tiresome.

Kennedy developed the character from a sketch he does on his WB comedy series "JKX: The Jamie Kennedy Experiment." And like The



"Malibu's Most Wanted," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and violence. Running time: 85 minutes

One stars out of four

Ladies Man, Pat, Mary Katherine Gallagher and myriad other "Saturday Night Live" characters who've gotten their own movies, he'd have been better off sticking to television.

Brad — or "B-Rad," as his crew calls him, because he considers Brad his "slave name, a'ight?" — dresses and talks like he's straight outta Compton, when he really lives in a beachfront mansion in Malibu.

His behavior becomes a liability to his father, Bill Gluckman (Ryan O'Neal),

who's running for governor of California. So here's how Bill's campaign manager (played by Blair Underwood, who's black) proposes to fix the problem: He'll pay two actors, Sean and PJ (Taye Diggs and Anthony Anderson, who are also black), to pose as gangstas, carjack B-Rad's hydraulic Cadillac Escalade, and drag him to the 'hood. This, in theory, will "scare the black out of him."

It's slightly funny at first when prissy PJ and Juilliard-trained Sean try to act ghetto; they fight like jealous high

school girls over who gets to wear the cornrows, and need an urban dictionary to figure out that "wack" means "weak, or of poor quality." But that joke loses its luster quickly, too.

B-Rad's kidnapping unfortunately serves as the movie's forced, feel-good turning point. He runs into several people who provide him with affirmation that if he truly believes he's down, and that his rhymes are tight, then he's got to keep it real.

"You've just gotta stick with it and be yourself and don't let anybody tell you who you are," says Shondra (Regina Hall), PJ's cousin who serves as the bait in the kidnapping.

Later, a talking rat (voiced by Snoop Dogg, whose lexicon clearly influenced B-Rad's speech) comes to him in a dream and says, "You need to stop listening to all these perpetrators and just be yourself."

More warm, fuzzy tidbits come from B-Rad's dad, who confesses in a climactic epiphany: "I wasn't there for you. I can't change that. But I always loved you."

Is this the same movie that, just minutes earlier, made fun of Korean liquor store owners and Hispanic gang members?

Directed by John Whitesell (whose credits include "See Spot Run" and "Calendar Girl"), the film lists four screenwriters — including Kennedy — who seem to aim for equal opportunity in their hackneyed racial imagery.

The most offensive and ill-timed of all: B-Rad's friend Hadji (Kal Penn), who's of Arab descent, shows off his rocket-powered grenade launcher, which he says was a Christmas gift from his Uncle Ahmet.

Even a riff on "8 Mile" — the movie that made another

(See WANTED, page ten)

## A book by Eric Alterman defies a common belief: 'What Liberal Media?'

by **FRAZIER MOORE**  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — The news business has plenty of failings, but left-wing bias isn't one of them, Eric Alterman says.

So why does almost any discussion of the media default to its alleged liberal tilt?

The answer is: Years of conditioning that goes back, at least, to Richard Nixon's media-bashing vice president, Spiro Agnew. Or so says Alterman, who aims to overturn what he sees as a bum rap.

Alterman, 43, writes the media column for The Nation and a Web log for MSNBC.com. He's a liberal. And he's clearly

fed up with the widespread assumption he challenges in his new book, "What Liberal Media? The Truth About Bias and the News."

"I think that even most journalists genuinely believe that the media are liberal," says Alterman during an interview at his Manhattan apartment. "They tend to bend over backwards to give conservatives more than a fair shake on most issues. They feel pinned in, to a considerable degree, by the perception of bias."

"In my book I wanted to say: 'No! You're bowing to a false god!'"

"I'm not trying to convince the media to be liberal," he

insists. "I'd just like to even up the sides a little."

With his book, Alterman is hoping to embolden media professionals. But he also sounds a wake-up call to media consumers.

"I have a sense that there are loads of liberals out there who have been going crazy because they keep hearing about the liberal media," says Alterman. "And yet, more often than not, the media are dominated by conservatives."

His head count of conservative commentators speaks for itself (especially since Phil Donahue, one of the few liberals Alterman could come up with, has since been sent back into retirement).

But Alterman's analysis of media owners turned up no right-wing conspiracy — just a practical policy of courting the largest possible audience while averting controversies that could hurt the bottom line.

"There's an enormous conservative movement in this country, and no liberal movement," says Alterman. By favoring conservatives over the far less organized or vocal opposition, media owners are simply following the path of least resistance.

To make sure the political right maintains the upper hand, it ritually blasts the media with charges that even some leading conservatives, in unguarded moments, pooh-pooh.

Alterman quotes James Baker, Pat Buchanan and William Kristol dismissing the notion of a liberal media bias.

And from Rich Bond, former Republican Party chairman, he hears the strategy behind conservatives' campaign of "left"-baiting.

"If you watch any great coach," Bond is quoted as say-

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(See BOOK, page ten)

## GOP campaign moves to Eastern Kentucky

by **CHARLES WOLFE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — The four Republican candidates for governor Wednesday expressed skepticism about whether Kentucky's often-criticized school testing system is truly accurate and should be retained.

The system, known by the acronym CATS, "has a lot of people who dislike it and a lot of problems with it," one of the candidates, Rebecca Jackson, said during a forum televised live throughout eastern Kentucky.

CATS — the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System — was crafted for Kentucky and devised as a way to determine how well schools perform. It currently is under fire, especially from some members of the General Assembly, and critics who say its results are contradicted by results of national tests such

as the ACT. Jackson said she was more partial to national, standardized tests. If elected, she would assemble experts to ponder how best to measure school performance. "I believe probably it will not be the CATS testing system," she said.

Of the other candidates, Ernie Fletcher said "you're always in need of reforming a reform." Virgil Moore said the system has frustrated teachers and school administrators. Steve Nunn said it contributes to a blizzard of paperwork for teachers. "In many respects we've lost our focus," Nunn said.

The four shared a stage in Hazard at a forum organized by the Kentucky Young Republican Federation. It was carried live throughout eastern Kentucky by WYMT-TV in Hazard. It was being broadcast at other times by

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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Jena Michelle Slone, 23, to Thomas R. Ousley, 32, both of Pikeville.

Krystal Michelle Burchett, 26, of Prestonsburg, to James Matthew Slone, 25, of Pikeville.

Reba Jean Martin, 42, to Ernie Jude, 44, both of Prestonsburg.

Deborah D. Bentley, 44, of Hazel Green, to Orpha J. Crase, of Campton.

Rebecca Lynn Tucker, 21, to Dwayne Allen White, 27, both of Hi Hat.

Debra Ann Blanton, 46, of Thelma, to Michael Glen Kessinger, 41, of Allen.

Lola Nicole Justice, 18, to Christopher Shawn Howell, 26, both of Betsy Layne.

Melessia Greer, 37, to Wendle Riddle, 34, both of Prestonsburg.

Marnie Nicole Hamilton, 26, of Craynor, to Robert Lee Stewart, 40, of Betsy Layne.

Krista Leanne Evans, 22, to Brian Keith Chaffins, 25, both of Garrett.

Misty Dawn Howell, 21, to Everett D. Salisbury, 25, both of Galveston.

Anna Grace McGuire, 15, to Oney Dwayne Isaacs, 19, both of Teaberry.

## Civil Suits Filed

Lacy Tackett vs. Melissa Tackett; divorce.

Citibank South Dakota vs. Danny McCown; complaint.

Pioneer Credit vs. Rodney and Tonia Brown; complaint.

Gary Artrip vs. Tonya Artrip; divorce.

Chelsea Realty vs. Ermel Sturgill; warning order on claim.

Forrest Music vs. Michael S. Osborne; complaint.

Angela L. Paige vs. Eugene J. Paige; petition for health care insurance.

Dennis Hicks vs. Connie Parsons; petition for health care insurance.



Remembering our mom and dad, and all the years we had years of sacrifice, laughter, and love

Memories of encouragement and guidance, with help from above

Three years ago, dad was first to leave

It was sad to watch our mom grieve

It broke our hearts when she passed last fall

But, now, springtime is worst of all

This was Mommy's favorite time of year

Loving her pretty flowers, like her family she held so dear

Memories of her working in her garden, sowing seeds, and making all her kids go pull weeds.

Mom's special day was April 28, her birthday, and she married our dad on that date.

If she were with us today, we could hear her say, "on my 18th birthday, I married Earnest, 66 years ago today."

Now that both our parents are gone, we know the true meaning of "A House is Not a Home."

The children of Earnest & Minerva Vance

Sandra Meade vs. Luther R. Meade; petition for health care insurance.

## Small Claims Filings

Dan L. Short vs. Kurt and Ann Prater; debt collection.

Mary Skeens vs. Jimmy Jones; failure to fix automobile.

Rosetta Murrell vs. Billy Spencer Jr.; debt collection.

Bufford Rose vs. Ike Jason England; debt collection.

Gopal Majmundar vs. Norman Meyerhoff; debt collection.

## Charges Filed

Verneil Ruble, age unlisted, Lick Creek, theft by deception.

Richard Hill, 42, Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication.

Michael J. Hall, 18, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.

Tina Hall, 28, Langley, public intoxication.

Randy Hall, 43, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.

Edward G. Stanley, 24, Allen, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, fleeing or evading on foot, resisting arrest.

Jesse R. Compton, 22, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.

Elizabeth Goble, 36, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.

Estill C. Crace, 29, Allen, third-degree terroristic threatening, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Billy Vicars, 62, Melvin, two counts of harassment.

Linzie J. Lowe, 32, Prestonsburg, harassment.

Priscella Amburgey, 22, Prestonsburg, harboring a vicious animal.

Timothy L. Jacobs, 35, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Phillip D. Newsome, 34, Hi Hat, fourth-degree assault, vio-

lation EPO.

Anthony W. Bryant, 28, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.

Vicie Estep, age unlisted, Hi Hat, theft by deception.

Mary Anne Raines, 44, Newark, N.J., alcohol intoxication.

Okie Prater, 50, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Howard T. Lemaster, 30, Falcon, theft by deception.

Tim Lemaster, Falcon, theft by deception.

Brenda Reil, age unlisted, West Van Lear, theft by deception.

Lacy D. Shepherd, 46, Allen, terroristic threatening.

Glenna Setser, 32, East Pint, harassment.

Billy B. Messer, 59, Melvin, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Larry D. Anderson, 31, Hazard, two counts of third-degree criminal mischief.

Harolos Marshall, 45, Langley, possession of marijuana.

Franklin T. McGuire, 18, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.

Shella Akers, 27, Teaberry, fourth-degree assault.

Lisa M. Brown, 38, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct.

Bruce A. Gallion, 18, Avon, Ind., public intoxication, possession of marijuana.

James Mullins, 42, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

Stephen R. Wright, 42, Martin, violation of emergency protective order, first-degree wanton endangerment.

Penny Branham, 51, Prestonburg, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence.

Tom Lemaster, 40, Salyersville, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Roy Smith, 51, Wheelwright, fugitive/governor's warrant.

Christy Hamilton, 24, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Kimberly M. Hardy, age unlisted, Van Lear, theft by unlawful taking.

Charles Stevie Goodmen, 25, Eastern, receiving stolen property.

Paul Thomas Wells, 32, Sitka, theft by failure to make required distribution.

Daniel Hatfield, 26, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication, possession of open alcohol beverage container, first-degree flee/evading police, disorderly conduct, giving false name, resisting arrest.

Otis Wallen, 51, Martin, fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication.

William K. Moore, 38, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Harold Pack, 48, Ivel, fourth-degree assault.

Patricia L. Stanley, 36, Hi Hat, terroristic threatening.

Mary Sue Meade, 33, Weeksbury, harassing communications, menacing.

Aaron Clay Spradlin, 23, Hager Hill, alcohol intoxication.

Robert Lee Spradlin, 21, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.

Rhonda Francis Dalton, 22, Inez, alcohol intoxication.

Randall W. Young, 42, Lancaster, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana.

Brian Ross Noiles, 76, Toronto, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, carrying concealed deadly weapon.

John D. Williams, 49, Sikeston, Mo., alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana.

Brian William Flegle, 33, Arcada, Fla., alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Scott Mccolloch, 35, Prestonsburg, disorderly conduct.

Cecil Alexander Hunter, 22, Auxier, theft by unlawful taking.

Juanita Faye Owens, 27, Martin, theft by unlawful taking, failure to surrender revoked.

Bogaline Hamilton, 64, Grethel, parent failure to send child to school.

Walter R. Barnett Jr., 55, Martin, first-degree wanton endangerment.

## Inspections

Action Express Mart, Ivel, complaint. Violations noted: Inspection revealed several food items held below the required temperature. These items were discarded immediately and the warmer units were adjusted to correct temperature.

Action Express Mart, Ivel, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Violations concerning food warming units was corrected. Score: 98.

Little A Market, Blue River, regular inspection. Violations noted: Over-the-counter medicine found out of date, unable to locate all thermometers, perishable food items stored improperly, shelves not protected with non-absorbant material, cold

water not working at three-compartment sink, hand sink missing paper towels, restroom does not have self-closing door. Score: restaurant, 95; store, 89.

Campbell Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hair nets not in use in food preparation area, food preparation table in disrepair, floors in disrepair, light in display case not shielded. Score: restaurant, 96; store, 98.

Cardinal Country Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in ice cream freezer, water jugs stored on floor, hair restraints not in use in food preparation area, restroom without a self-closing door, outside dumpster not covered. Score: restaurant, 95; store, 93.

Velocity Market, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items stored on the floor, food contact counter tops in disrepair, foam trays observed stored on floor, no towels at hand wash sink in meat processing area, floors in disrepair throughout store and restrooms, ceilings in disrepair.

(See RECORD, page eight)

# Obituaries

## Diane Lynn Spurlock

Diane Lynn Dingus Spurlock, age 45, of Allen, wife of Don Keith Spurlock, passed away Monday, April 21, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born February 14, 1958, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Bill "Crush" Dingus and Linda Stumbo Tussey of Columbus, Ohio. She was the stepdaughter of Raymond Tussey of Columbus, Ohio.

She was a counselor for the Prestonsburg Juvenile Detention Center, and had devoted most of her life to underprivileged children. She operated a home for runaway children in Stanville, and most recently, worked at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center.

In addition to her husband, mother, and stepfather, she is survived by one son, David E. Cline II, of Ashville, Ohio; one step-son, James Donald Spurlock of Allen; one daughter, Gina Nicole Justus of Columbus, Ohio; four brothers, Bobby Dingus and Billy Dingus, both of Martin, and Steve Tuttle and Larry Collins, both of Columbus, Ohio; and one grandson, Brandon Daniel Justus.

Funeral services for Diane Lynn Spurlock will be conducted Friday, April 25, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in the Highlands Memorial Gardens, Staffordsville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Elizabeth Darnell Collins Crum

Elizabeth Darnell Collins Crum, 38, of Printer, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, in Martin, following an extended illness.

She was born July 28, 1964, in Floyd County, the daughter of Vivian McKinney Collins of Printer, and Tommy Collins of Drift. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Scottie Crum.

Survivors, other than her parents, include her stepmother, Darlene Collins, of Drift; three sons, Eric Crum and Steven Howard, both of Printer, and Silas Crum of Martin; three daughters, Rayne Crum of Lancer, Erica Crum of Printer, and Katlin Collins, of Drift; two brothers, James Collins and Charles Collins, both of Printer; a sister, Sandra Meade of Printer; two step-sisters, Belinda Bailey and Stacy Castle; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 25, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Barry Spurlock and Bishop Ken Carriere officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery at Drift, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Odds

"doesn't have a mean bone in his body."

"And what about First Amendment rights?" Tasto asked. "Is there no freedom of bark?"

Palo Alto police spokesman Jim Coffman acknowledged that barking in itself may not warrant a citation, but he said the law clearly prohibits actions that harass and agitate police dogs.

Police also accused Dillon of

swinging a fist at the dog — something Dillon denies.

Dillon, who could face up to a year in county jail and a \$1,000 fine if convicted, pleaded not guilty in a Palo Alto courtroom Tuesday.

■ **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Unless Alabama's election law is changed, there could be one notable candidate missing from the state's 2004 presidential election ballot — President Bush.

The problem is that the Republican National Convention is being held later than usual to avoid conflict with the Olympics, and the GOP won't choose a candidate until Sept. 2 — two days after Alabama's Aug. 31 deadline to certify presidential contenders.

Republicans are asking the Democrat-controlled Legislature to change the law and extend the deadline until Sept. 5. That bill is on the work agenda in the House for Thursday, but some Republicans say they are concerned the bill has been placed behind several contentious issues and may not come up for consideration.

"I don't think the people know that if this doesn't pass, they won't get to vote for President Bush," said Rep. Mike Hubbard, a Republican.

He said if the bill doesn't pass, Bush could be forced to run as a write-in in Alabama.

Bush received 56.4 percent of the vote in Alabama in 2000 to 41.6 percent for former Vice President Al Gore, a Democrat. Republicans have carried Alabama in the last six presidential elections.

■ **NEW YORK** — A mermaid who was captured after parading topless through Coney Island will get a \$10,000 check from New York City.

Amy Gunderson, 31, had sued the city claiming her First Amendment rights were violated when she was arrested for wearing only a thong and body paint at the 2001 Mermaid Parade.

In a deal announced

Wednesday by Gunderson's lawyer, Ronald L. Kuby, the city will pay \$10,000 to settle.

In her lawsuit, Gunderson, a model, said her rights were violated when she was arrested June 29, 2001, for exposing her chest. The charges were eventually dismissed.

Kuby, a longtime judge at the parade, said Gunderson was within her rights to be topless because her float and costume fell within the definition of entertainment.

The parade, a Coney Island fixture for two decades, has traditionally featured floats with topless women dressed as surf-tossed sea creatures.

But in 2001, police issued Gunderson a criminal summons for exposure, and other topless women quickly covered up with seashells, beads and Band-Aids, said Gunderson's lawyer, Ron Kuby.

The city admitted no wrongdoing in reaching the settlement.

"The city evaluates cases and makes business decisions every day. We felt it was in our best interest to settle the case," said Deborah Meyer, a city lawyer.

■ **DRACUT, Mass.** — Residents of this New England community have been getting million-dollar bills. And they're not happy about it.

Doris Bellerose said she "almost had a nervous breakdown" when her latest water bill came to \$3.9 million. Her previous bill was for \$81.50, after her senior discount.

Other Dracut residents have been getting inflated bills, including one of the town's own billing clerks who was charged \$3.3 million.

Water district commissioner Bob Corey blamed the error on a computer glitch caused by Dracut's recent switch from a biannual to a quarterly billing system. He said the district has begun mailing new bills to recipients of inflated bills, along with an apology.

"If I would have gotten a bill like that, I would have been screaming, too," Corey said.

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# Candidates for state offices have spent \$6.8 million

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Candidates for governor and other statewide constitutional offices have raised more than \$11.4 million and spent more than \$6.8 million, according to new campaign finance reports.

Those running for offices other than governor filed their first campaign finance reports of the season this week. Gubernatorial candidates have until Friday to file an updated batch of reports with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. The primary election is May 20.

Aside from the race for governor — which has eight candidates, four from each major party — the race for attorney general has shaped up as the most expensive.

Six candidates in the race have gathered \$768,782 — more than half of it by Democrat Greg Stumbo — and spent \$333,161. Stumbo and his two Democratic rivals account for the lion's share of fund raising. Three Republicans have mustered just over \$32,000.

Stumbo, majority leader of the Kentucky House, reported raising \$398,185. He reported spending \$131,172.

Former Attorney General Chris Gorman, who is trying to regain the office he held from 1992 to 1996, raised nearly \$211,000 and spent about \$145,000. The third Democrat in the race, state Auditor Ed Hatchett, had raised \$127,000 and spent \$49,000.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, the only constitutional officer eligible to seek re-election this year, has topped \$400,000 in fund raising. His opponent, Kenton County Commissioner Adam Koenig, reported less than \$12,000. Neither has a primary opponent.

In the race for secretary of state, Democrats have raised more than \$348,000 while spending \$80,000.

Democrat Russ Maple far exceeds two primary opponents with \$307,000 raised and \$47,000 spent. The lone Republican candidate, Trey Grayson, has raised \$112,000 without a primary.

Eight Democrats running for commissioner of agriculture have raked in \$354,000 while spending a combined \$134,742.

There are eight Democratic candidates and two Republican candidates in the primary. Roy Massey, a former Department of Agriculture administrator from Frankfort, leads that field with more than \$145,000 raised and \$46,600 spent.

On the Republican side, Richie Farmer of Manchester, a former University of Kentucky basketball player, reported raising \$36,055 and spending about half of it. His lone opponent, Leonard "Buck" Beasley of Bloomfield, reported raising just \$450 and spending nothing. Beasley was the Republican nominee for commissioner 12 years ago.

Seven candidates for state auditor have raised more than \$300,000 and spent about \$120,000 so far. Most of it — \$216,000 — was raised by Democrat Crit Luallen, a former top aide to Gov. Paul Patton.

On the Republican side, Osi Onyekwuluje of Bowling Green reported raising \$41,000 and spending about \$33,000.

Totals for the state's gubernato-

rial race fluctuate, as candidates file 24-hour reports with the registry every day. They have until Friday to file their next round of campaign finance reports.

## Candidate

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The David School is not the typical private institution, which will very often have a religious background. Instead, the school — founded in 1968 by director Danny Greene, a native of New York — is decidedly nondenominational, as well as apolitical.

Was it odd, then, to have a candidate for lieutenant governor include The David School on her list of spots for campaigning? Not according to Greene.

"We are a nonpolitical school," Green said. "We don't support any certain person, but she [Edelman] said she wanted to talk about education and so we agreed."

Edelman did not disappoint the soft-spoken school director. During her roughly 30-minute speech, her running mate was mentioned only once and the

importance of education was pushed again and again.

"We have to break the cycle of nonsuccess and embrace opportunities through education," Edelman said. "You can't bluff and shortcut your way through. It has to be education. Education has absolutely been the sledgehammer of my life to break down barriers."

Edelman recounted her days in the public school system and how she was pigeonholed as the standard female student. She also made reference to her days as an assistant U.S. attorney and how it took several years to be taken seriously as a 20-something woman in a profession then dominated by men, but stressed that education was the best preparation for approaching the future.

"I believe education is the number one issue in this state," Edelman said. "It is absolutely the most important issue."

Afterwards, Edelman explained almost apologetically for her lack of political experience, but showed determination as a new hand to the political arena.

"I believe I am a mom on a mission," said Edelman. "I've made mistakes along the way, and this is my one shot. If I don't make it, then I tried; but if I make it, I believe I can make a difference in this state."

## History

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Grammy-winning trio TLC, died in a car crash in Honduras; she was 30.

## Today's Birthdays:

Country musician Vassar Clements is 75. Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 73. Basketball Hall of Fame electee George "Meadowlark" Lemon is 71. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 70. Actor Al Pacino is 63. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 58. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 58. Actress Talia Shire is 57. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 56. Rock musician Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 54. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 53. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 49. Actor Hank Azaria is 39. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 39. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 38. TV personality Jane Clayson is 36. Actress Renee Zellweger is 34. Actor Jason Lee is 33. Actor Jason Wiles ("Third Watch") is 33. Actress Emily Bergl is 28. Singer Jacob Underwood (O Town) is 23.

## Thought for Today:

"I think that the glorious thing about the human race is that it does change the world — constantly. The world or 'life' may seem to more often overwhelm the human being, but it is the human being's capacity for struggling against being overwhelmed which is remarkable and exhilarating." — Lorraine Hansberry, American author-dramatist (1930-1965).

## Osborne hosts district academic competition

On Saturday, March 1, W.D. Osborne Elementary hosted the District 104 Governor's Cup competition. Four local schools, including Osborne, Prestonsburg Elementary, Allen Elementary and Mountain Christian Academy, participated in the academic competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust and administered by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition.

The Governor's Cup featured eight events, including the quick recall event, which was the only event open to the public.

The academic team at Osborne placed third in the district quick recall match.

Nicholas Osborn, a fifth-grade

student in Dale Pack's homeroom, came in fifth place in the math competition and went on to attend the regional competition.

Haley Sword, another fifth-grade student in Pack's homeroom, placed third in composition.

Other students on the Osborne academic team are Brenna Bates, Hannah Tackett, Jacob Tackett, Ethan Spears, Kyle Bailey, Sarah Caldwell, Annie Hall, Leigha Johnson, Mitch Johnson, Dreshaun Sanders, Whitney Walker, Joshua Akers, Kiana Hall, Miceah Johnson, Christian Jones, Nicholas Johnson, Kimberly Little and Gabrielle Bailey.

Teresa Evans is coach of the academic team.

## Woman accused of snatching clothes, purse from home

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville woman has been charged with burglary for allegedly entering a residence and taking four clothing items and a purse.

According to court documents, Virginia L. Pickle, 31, was arrested on Wednesday, after the Pikeville

Police Department received a complaint that she was trespassing in a residence.

Officer John F. Hunt reported that he saw Pickle when he turned onto College Street and asked her to come back to the residence with him to sort out the problem.

Hunt reported that he talked with Donna Bugg, who said that she had seen Pickle come out of the house that her mother, Eloise H. Layne, owns on Bank Street, with clothes in her hands. When Pickle saw Bugg, she allegedly threw down the clothes and fled the scene down Azalea Alley.

Hunt reported that the clothes found on the porch totaled one pair of Tommy Hilfiger jeans, one pair of denim shorts, two blouses and a purse. Hunt said that after he read Pickle her Miranda warning, she admitted to entering the residence and taking the items.

Pickle was charged with second-degree burglary and theft.

## Retaliation

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police he had shot Barnett in self-defense.

Barnett appealed to the county attorney's office for a restraining order against Moore, claiming there have been threats made against his life.

The order was filed Wednesday in Floyd District Court.

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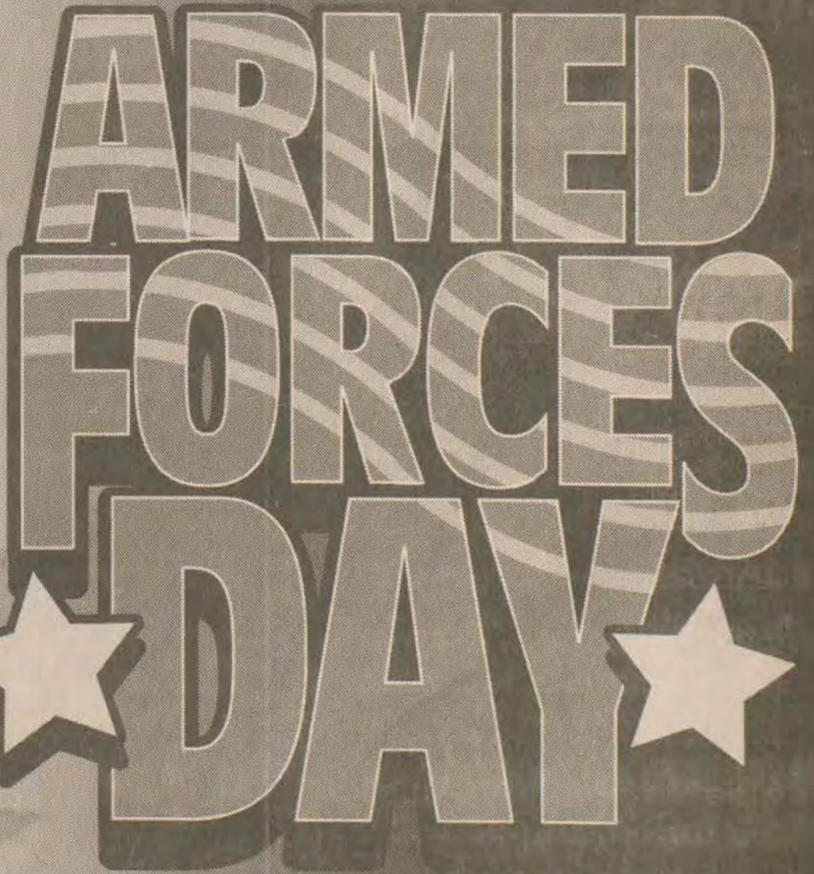
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Roadie's, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration or freezer units, food item observed on the floor during inspection, food contact surface counter tops in disrepair, drain board surface of three-compartment sink in bad repair ceilings in need of repair. Score: 93.

Champs Country Cooking, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted and not stored in proper cleaning solution when not in use. Score: 97.

Court Street Bingo, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometer in freezer unit.

Jim's Bait and Tackle, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lighting not adequately provided. Score: 99.

Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Toxic items not properly stored. Score: restaurant, 95; store, 95.

the intersection of Big Mud and Little Mud Roads.

Clyde Boyd and Shilea Sue Boyd to Sherri Coleman, property located on Samson Branch. John W. Bryant and Lisa

Bryant to John W. Bryant and Lisa Bryant, property location not listed.

Mary Alice Marshall to Andrea Ferrell, property located on Little Mud Creek.

## Move

WKYT-TV in Lexington, WBKO-TV in Bowling Green and WLKY-TV in Louisville.

Party activists wanted to help get the Republican message beamed into Eastern Kentucky, one of the organizers said.

"I thought it would be good to have an Eastern Kentucky venue," said Derek Combs, a Bureau of Prisons employee who is chairman of the Kentucky Young Republican Federation.

"I think perhaps eastern Kentucky doesn't all the time get the kind of ... attention people need. This state has a lot of issues we need to deal with," Combs said.

On a topic of particular consequence in Eastern Kentucky — the illicit trade in prescription narcotics — each called it an overriding problem, though there were few specific recommendations beyond the general approach of trying to revitalize the economy and create jobs that would make

drug trafficking less of an economic proposition.

Nunn, however, said he would emphasize rehabilitation instead of jail time and "try to turn these people's lives around with faith-based initiatives."

Fletcher, the perceived front-runner of the group, was targeted by each of the others when they were permitted to question one another.

Nunn, whose campaign is trying in court to get Fletcher disqualified for the May 20 primary, accused Fletcher of voting to cut Medicaid funding in Congress, where Fletcher represents the 6th District.

Moore said Fletcher had "sold out to the law firms" for campaign contributions. Jackson questioned whether Fletcher, an engineer and physician by training, had the experience necessary for a "chief executive officer" with 30,000 employees — a reference to state government.

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Joel D. Jenson and Elizabeth Jenson to Ted McDonald, property location not listed.

Delois Ann Hamilton Tackett to Jennifer Hamilton Stamey, property located on left hand fork of Toler Creek.

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Michael L. Patrick to Donna L. Price, property location not listed.

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 Liberty Baptist, Denver, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.  
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## P'burg Elementary honored at PRIDE Envi Awards

SOMERSET — Prestonsburg Elementary School was honored Monday during the 2003 PRIDE Envi Awards Ceremony.

Prestonsburg was a finalist for the Elementary School Campus of the Year Award. The school was one of three finalists chosen from the 200 schools that participate in PRIDE programs.

Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier, teachers Phyllis Allison and Debbie Walker, and 28 students attended the ceremony, which was held at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Allison accepted a silver tray on behalf of the school, and the students received individual award medallions. They met Congressman Hal

Rogers and University of Kentucky President Lee Todd, and enjoyed musical entertainment by the Kentucky Opry.

"I am proud of these students," said Rogers, who founded the PRIDE initiative in 1997. "They are our next generation of leaders, and Prestonsburg Elementary is making sure they are prepared to be good stewards of our environment."

PRIDE recognized Prestonsburg Elementary School for its outstanding environmental education efforts. The school's outdoor classroom includes a butterfly garden and wetland with native plants and small animals. Students soon will build birdhouses for the

outdoor classroom with help from Carl Perkins Job Corps Center students. In the garden, the students grow pumpkins or corn in the fall and tulips in the spring. The school recycles aluminum cans and paper. Throughout the year, students cleanup school grounds, a local park and a stream. The school's PRIDE Club plans to stencil "Dump No Waste" on drains throughout Prestonsburg as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Watershed Patch Project."

PRIDE stands for Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment. The organization links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end illegal trash dumps and promote environmental education and awareness. PRIDE is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For more information, please call the PRIDE office at 888-577-4339 or visit [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org).



Prestonsburg Elementary School students with PRIDE mascot J. Waterford Frog, University of Kentucky President Lee Todd, Cynthia Rogers, Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Secretary Hank List.

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white rapper, Eminem, socially acceptable — falls flat. B-Rad's kidnappers take him to a club, where he engages in a rap battle. "This is my one chance, my one shot. I gotta prove myself," he tells Shonda.

To quote the character known as the Token Black Guy in "Not Another Teen Movie" — which is looking better by the minute — "That is wack!"

"Malibu's Most Wanted," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and violence. Running time: 85 minutes. One star out of four.

### Book

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ing, "what they try to do is 'work the refs.' Maybe the ref will cut you a little slack on the next one."

As a case history of how the media cut Republicans slack at the Democrats' expense, Alterman exhaustively revisits the 2000 presidential race.

"I knew (the media) were distorting Gore's record and ignoring Bush's deceptions," he says. But when he took another look at that coverage while researching his book, "I couldn't believe how bad it was. I don't like Gore that much, but when I saw how the media mistreated him, I became quite sympathetic."

"What Liberal Media?" arrives with the United States at war against Saddam Hussein, and Alterman sees his book's thesis newly validated by the coverage.

U.S. news outlets, he says, "feel a need to prove their patriotism to conservatives, to counteract the false blame leveled at journalism for 'losing the Vietnam War.'"

"Instead of the straight-forward scrutiny you expect from a good doctor when you go in for a checkup," Iraq War coverage reflects a different ambition from many journalists. "They want to be as positive as they possibly can: It's the right war at the right time at the right place."

In the front row of that bully pulpit is Fox News Channel, which has always positioned itself as the news source for people who don't trust news sources.

Thus far in Iraq, says Alterman, the flag-waving Fox "makes no distinction between its journalists and the fighting forces," a mindset that got correspondent Geraldo Rivera in trouble this week when military officials accused him of airing unauthorized information about troop movements.

Also this week, Baghdad-based Peter Arnett was dismissed by NBC and "National Geographic Explorer" for giving an unauthorized interview to Iraqi state television in which he said the U.S.-led war effort had been a failure.

"I think that was a very stupid thing to do," Alterman says. "But clearly what Geraldo is accused of is a far greater offense: People could die because of what he did. Yet all the anger is directed at Arnett."

It's just the latest assault by conservatives, says Alterman. His book blows the whistle on their long-standing war plan.

# Sports

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## Cumberland football program signs two

PAINTSVILLE – The Cumberland College football program signed two players from Johnson County earlier this week. Cumberland landed Paintsville High School fullback Kyle Murphy and Johnson Central offensive lineman Scott Stratton. Murphy is the fourth Tiger to sign this spring.

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### COMMENTARY

## Racing's Peter Pan poised for another run

by **BILLY REED**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON – The most amazing thing about D. Wayne Lukas, arguably the most amazing trainer in Thoroughbred racing history, is that he never gets old. He is racing's answer to Peter Pan. Every spring, it's almost as if he was a kid trainer approaching his first Kentucky Derby.

So here he was on Saturday, April 19, bouncing and smiling as he headed toward the winner's circle after Scrimshaw had won the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland. He's 67 in chronological years, but 22 in his heart. "You got a Derby horse," a man shouted. "Well," said racing's Peter Pan, "we at least got through

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### BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

## Back from the road...

by **RICK BENTLEY**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Having spent most of the last six weeks on the road, here's a few items scribbled on the bottom of my suitcase.

■ In Sunday's edition, *The Floyd County Times* reported that rumors were rampant that Prestonsburg sophomore sharpshooter Kris Bentley has transferred to Shelby Valley. I can provide conformation of this.

Bentley, to whom I am not related, had a nice sophomore season for the Blackcats, doing what most sophomores who rely

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## Bourbon Co. makes field complete for Tiger Hoops Classic

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The tournament field for the first annual Tiger Hoops Classic is now complete. Bourbon County made the field complete by confirming a commitment earlier this month.

Teams in the inaugural tournament include Oak Ridge Tenn.; Chattanooga Christian Tenn.; Campbell County; Louisville Seneca; Holy Cross; Shelby Valley; Johnson Central;

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photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd Coach Barry Hall and team dropped a game to Betsy Layne earlier this week. Raider senior Michael Hall is pictured.

### H.S. BASEBALL

## Bobcats hold back SFHS

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT – Visiting Betsy Layne trailed 1-0 after inning after senior Michael Hall scored in the initial frame, but the lead would not last. A three-run third inning and two more in the fourth frame

helped Betsy Layne to what was eventually an 8-3 victory.

Lance Collins, Jordan Kidd and Brett Preston scored in the third inning for Betsy Layne. Patrick Stapleton and Ryan Lawson came across with the Betsy Layne runs in the fourth

inning. Hall and Stone accounted for South Floyd's other two plate touches in the sixth inning when each came around to score.

The top three batters in the Betsy Layne order scored

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## – PRESTONSBURG BASEBALL –



Prestonsburg senior Joey Willis is pictured on the right leading off secondbase in a game played earlier this season against Betsy Layne.

### NOTES:

- Prestonsburg catcher Adam Dixon is one of several four-year starters on the Blackcat roster.
- Kevin Slone leads Johnson Central in hitting. He is batting .455 for the season.
- JCHS player Trenton VanHoose has 13 hits, 11 runs and 12 runs batted in on the season for an average of .448.
- Travis Montgomery and Trenton VanHoose each have a home run for Johnson Central this season.

## GOLDEN EAGLES PULL PAST PRESTONSBURG

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – A five-run sixth inning put Prestonsburg out of the game Wednesday night against host Johnson Central. The Golden Eagles eventually posted a 9-2 win over the visiting Blackcats.

Johnson Central put its first run of the game on the board in the game's first inning when leadoff hitter Chet Griffith reached base on a walk and came around to score before the end of the frame. After a scoreless first inning,

Prestonsburg came across with a single run in the top half of the second when senior John Hunt scored. Prestonsburg trailed 3-1 after three innings and 4-1 at the end of five. Still in the game, Prestonsburg gave up the big inning in the sixth inning, due in huge part to poor fielding.

Johnson Central pitcher Adam Blanton, after scoring a win over Betsy Layne on Saturday, came on in strong fashion against Prestonsburg. Blanton is 2-1 on the season with 32 strikeouts. He has walked 108 batters and has an ERA

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Racer Marshall Edwards will compete in two events over the next two weekends – one in Cleveland this weekend and another in Pittsburgh next weekend.

### TRACK AND FIELD

## South Floyd track team competes in Invitational

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

JENKINS – The South Floyd track and field team traveled to Letcher County Saturday to take part in the third annual Double Kwik Invitational.

South Floyd's boys track team finished sixth out of seven squads. Knox Central finishes first, followed by Jenkins, Shelby Valley,

Whitesburg, Perry Central, South Floyd and Jackson City.

Tyler Greer, Chad Mullins, Adam Tackett, Landon Hall and Gerald Martin were among the competitors from South Floyd. Tackett and Hall each had a third-place finish.

Brandon Chaney had a second- and a third-place fin-

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### H.S. BASEBALL

## AC blanks Phelps, 6-0

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS – Allen Central hurler John Hall started on the mound Tuesday night at the Rebel baseball team scored a 6-0 shutout win over Phelps.

The game was scoreless until the third inning when Allen Central plated four runs to go up 4-0. Alex Patton, Dustin Hammonds, Tyler Turner and N. Music all came around to score in the top half of the third inning. Neil Allen and Alex Maynard added two more insurance runs for the Rebs in the top half of the seventh. Allen and Maynard each went 2-for-4 in the Rebel victory. Allen Central scored its six runs on eight hits. Phelps was limited to just two hits.

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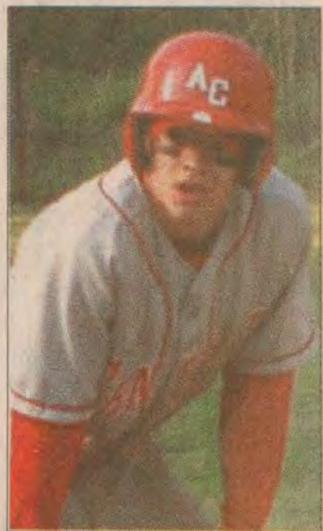


photo by Steve LeMaster

Alex Patton came across to score one of the runs for Allen Central in the win over Phelps.

### SOUTH FLOYD

## Hall has plate full with AD duties

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd High School Athletic Director Barry Hall has the normal duties of AD on his plate day in and day out, but lately, things have been a little bit busier around the SFHS campus.

Hall and South Floyd principal Henry Webb are currently in the middle of a search for a new girls' basketball coach to take over for the outgoing Melinda Osborne. A job opening often puts added strain and stress on an AD and a school administration.

And on top of the job search, Hall has a baseball team to coach and guide.

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Classic

A LOOK AT SPORTS

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Paintsville; Rowan County; Silver Grove; Prestonsburg; Bullitt East; Morgan County; East Carter; and Greenup County.

"This will be an outstanding field and the fans will enjoy the competition," said Tournament Organizer Bob Lyons. "I had several outstanding teams to choose from for the final spot in the tournament."

Teams from the same region, will be in different pools and won't play each other unless they advance to the championship round.

"This tournament has several excellent players, that will be rated high in their grade rankings nationally," added Lyons.

Schools from Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Georgia, Indiana and Virginia contacted the tournament, to discuss participating. "Some states limit the game totals to 20, others count each game you play toward your regu-

lar schedule," said Lyons.

The format will be pool play, with four teams in each pool and the winners advancing to the championship round on Monday.

"The championship round will be the same as the Sweet 16, morning semis and championship in the evening," said Lyons.

The tournament will benefit the local economy and bring an estimated 2,500 new visitors to the area for lodging. The tournament dates are Dec. 26-29, 2003 and all the games will be played at the Paintsville High School gym. "This has been a massive undertaking, organizing, scheduling and contacting these schools, but it will be worth it to promote these schools," added Lyons.

The tournament will be contacting local merchants, for sponsorship or anyone interested can contact Bob Lyons at 606/789-5961, for more information.

# DeMoss just the one to run UK women's program around

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

ketball and did something no other school nor professional team could — woo Mickie DeMoss away from Pat Summitt and the Tennessee



Bernadette Mattox was at one time an assistant with the UK men's basketball program under then-head coach Rick Pitino. It was just a natural thing to do offer Mattox the women's coaching position after Sharon Fanning resigned and headed to the University of Mississippi, where she turned that program into an SEC contender.

Mattox, for eight seasons, tried to do the same with the Kentucky women's basketball team but enjoyed only one season of contending and on March 10 of this year she resigned the head position at UK.

Kentucky Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart went after one of the most sought after assistants in women's college bas-

Lady Vols basketball program. After spending 18 seasons with the Lady Vols, DeMoss said she felt it was time for her to accept the challenge and "build my own program." DeMoss brings 26 years of experience to a program that

has never been a bona fide contender for an SEC title nor a National Championship. DeMoss hopes to change all that in saying she was excited about being at Kentucky and

feels great things can happen at UK.

She was the recruiting coordinator for UofT and brought in some of the top names to the Lady Vol program that has been one of the top women's basketball programs in America. Change and improvement will not happen overnight for the Lady Wildcats but given time, DeMoss is just the person to go out and bring in top quality players.

Kentucky will return a young but very talented basketball team next season and DeMoss is just the coach to guide the program. I look for a contender in three more seasons at UK.

## REDS BATS SILENT

I suppose if you were to ask

the Cincinnati Reds which country they preferred playing baseball in it would not be Canada but Puerto Rico. The Reds did not fare all that well in their three-game stint against the Montreal Expos recently, but they did make contact with the ball, hitting out six home runs in the third game and pulling out a 7-5 win.

However lively the bats may have been elsewhere, they did not ring out Tuesday night in a 2-1 setback to the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Reds bats are producing and errors continue to plague the Reds as they are major league baseball's worst fielding team.

Despite a rare and very unusual stellar performance

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## Team

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ish for Shelby Valley's boys.

The South Floyd girls finished fifth. Knox Central also won on the girls side. The Shelby Valley girls finished second, Jenkins third, and Jackson fourth. The girls team from Cordia rounded out the field with a sixth-place showing.

South Floyd's Stephanie

Skeens finished first in the shot put event with a throw of 28-02.00. Megan Hall also competed for South Floyd.

Shelby Valley had several several girls finish in the top three in respective events, including Esther Fleming, Jessica Mullins and Brittany Deskins.

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on outside shooting do — he was on some nights and off some others.

He did both in the semifinals of the 15th Region tournament. Bentley heated up in a stretch against Paintsville that was reminiscent of the days when Jeremy Hall roamed the hardwood for Allen Central, only to cool off and look like me these days on Sunday afternoons on Cousin Brian's court.

Upon getting the approval of the KHSAA, Bentley will join what is already the best junior-to-be trio in at least this part of the state. Kelsey Friend, Seth Kiser and Patrick Tackett have already made consecutive trips to the Sweet 16, and have what are supposed to be their two best seasons ahead of them.

Combine that with the fact that the new Four Horsemen are led by J.J. Dillon himself, four-time Pike County Coach of the Year Rodney Rowe, and you have yourself a sure-fire preseason favorite for the next two seasons.

How about the little nugget David Justice dropped during his broadcasting debut Wednesday night?

It seems the Reds took out an insurance policy that would pro-

vide them a financial windfall if Ken Griffey Jr. misses at least 90 games this season. Justice further speculated that the policy could be a factor in how quickly Griffey returns should the financially-strapped Reds continue to struggle this season.

You sure would hope the Reds wouldn't sink to this, but if they handle this as they have what passes for their pitching staff, anything is possible.

After watching him throw seven innings of three hit, one strikeout ball on Wednesday night, I think we can officially declare the Greg Maddux scare over. The former Pikeville Cub picked up win No. 275 in the major leagues and looks destined for yet another solid season with at least 15 wins.

Meanwhile, it appears the Braves are hitting well enough to overcome their shoddy starting pitching, at least in the short term. The addition of Mike Hampton and Shane Reynolds surely couldn't hurt, and although it seems that Paul Byrd may never take flight, the experience those guys bring to the table could provide Maddux a solid enough supporting cast to keep them atop a mediocre East Division for one more season.

## SFHS

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individual insurance runs for the Bobcats in the top half of the seventh inning to pad the Bobcat lead.

South Floyd went quietly went its turn to bat came around in the home half of the seventh.

Jordan Kidd pitched Betsy Layne to the win. Scott Devin Allen took the loss for the Raiders.

## SINGLES

Many area high school basketball players, including Betsy Layne's Jordan Kidd and South Floyd's Michael Hall help lead their respective school's baseball teams.

Tyler Hall, another South Floyd senior, ranks as one of the

top power hitters in the Floyd County Conference.

The Floyd County Conference baseball race has so far shaped up to be a good one. Prestonsburg is much improved from one year ago. Although still struggling in the field, and at times with pitching, Prestonsburg will likely be in the mix at the end of the season. Allen Central, South Floyd and Betsy Layne have come out strong out of the gates; more stronger in some outings than others.

South Floyd fell 14-2 on the road at Paintsville Wednesday night. The Raiders were scheduled to host the Tigers last night.

# P'burg AAU 12s off to state

The Prestonsburg AAU 12s will be traveling to Bardstown tonight to open play in the 12-year-old AAU state tournament. The Blackcats are coming off a victory Saturday over the River Cities (Russell) team by a

score of 66-57. In that game, Josh Prater and Jody Tackett led the way with 28 and 19 points, respectively. Prater nailed six three pointers in the contest and Tackett connected on three three-point field goals as the

Blackcats rolled to a 12-point lead in the second half.

Chase Richardson had 14 points and 18 rebounds in the winning effort.

Luke Sturgill played strong down the stretch as he scored three quick points in an early second half run for the Blackcats. Allen Craynon and Seth Setser also scored and had good defensive efforts against River Cities.

Kyle Hall, Cameron Tincher and Alex Stumbo contributed defensively in the win.

In preparing for the upcoming tournament, the Blackcats (16-8) have played a tough schedule which includes 2 wins over Knott County and wins over Ashland and River Cities. The team has 8 losses but these include three losses to the East Kentucky Lightening All-Star team, two four-point losses to Ashland in a tournament, and two very close losses to a strong Perry County team.

## Blanton-led Eagles win

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central sophomore Adam Blanton, a player who'll take his pitching show on the road for the Huntington Hounds this summer, pitched a complete game in a 3-1 win over Betsy Layne on Saturday at Paul G. Fyffe Field on the campus of Johnson Central High School.

Betsy Layne scored its only run of the game in the fourth

inning. Jordan Kidd, who also pitched for Betsy Layne, reached base and scored for the Bobcats.

Johnson Central scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning.

The Golden Eagles added one more run in the sixth.

Blanton went the distance for Central, allowing one unearned run on four hits while striking out nine and walking none. The win improved Johnson Central's record to 2-2 on the season.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Molly Burchett,  
Prestonsburg  
Track and Field



John Hall,  
Allen Central  
Baseball

## AC

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Allen Central was back in action last night on the road in Pike County against Belfry. The Rebels are scheduled to play district foe Betsy Layne on Saturday.

## Eagles

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of 2.01. "The late innings killed us," said Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett. "Giving up the one big inning really hurt us."

Prestonsburg is scheduled to host Betsy Layne tonight. Johnson Central is next back in action this weekend in the City Between the Lakes Tournament.

## Hall

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The main objective for South Floyd, according to Hall, is to get the best person for the job.

"The girls job has about eight people interested and we will seek the best fit for our school and team," said Hall. "We are not set on anyone as of now but have had a few discussions."



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this one." In winning the Lexington by three lengths over an outstanding field, Scrimshaw did more than win another trophy for owners Bob and Beverly Lewis. He put a sparkle in Lukas' eyes, a bit of swagger in his step, a vision of roses in his mind. Suddenly he was 22 again, with the world and all its possi-

bilities before him. Sometimes, after they have reached the pinnacle, trainers become jaded or complacent. They go through the motions, yet they're not INVOLVED the way they used to be. They know it and you know it, but nobody talks about it. But with Lukas, it's different. The man's passion for excellence knows no boundaries.

Every year, it's as if he's starting all over. Forget all the wins in the Triple Crown races and the Breeders Cup. Forget all those records for wins and earnings. Forget his remarkable impact on the sport for almost 25 years. Lukas has nothing left to prove. He could retire at this moment and say, "OK folks, see if you can top this or that." Yet, in a Kentucky springtime, he

becomes a kid again. The man who has saddled more Derby starters than any trainer in history, and who has won the roses four times, wants one more shot. He's not being greedy. He's really not trying to burnish his image. It's just that he's much like his good friend, basketball coach Bob Knight. Every year is a new one. What you did in the past counts only with historians.

You want to compete NOW, not yesterday. He would not want to admit this, believing that he's 22 years old in another marvelous Kentucky springtime, but Lukas has become Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons or Ben A. Jones. He has reached the point in his life where he's being repaid a bit for what he's done for this game.

So that's why when Scrimshaw moved to the front of this outstanding field and pounded down the stretch, the crowd at Keeneland roared its approval. D. Wayne Lukas was back in the Derby with a legitimate shot. And, by the way, considering the Derby history of the last 20 years, what would the Derby be without D. Wayne Lukas?

In case you were wondering, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Scrimshaw is a decoration of bone or ivory objects, such as whale's teeth and walrus tusks, with fanciful designs, traditionally carved by Anglo-American and Native American whale fishermen with a jackknife or sail needle and emphasized with black pigments.

Among the traditional subjects are whaling scenes, ships, naval battles, flower bouquets, Masonic emblems, coats of arms, and the Irish harp. The earliest surviving examples date from the late 17th century, but the craft reached its peak in 1830-50. It is still practiced by whalers in Siberia and Alaska.

In reading this definition, the term "flower bouquets" caught my attention.

A garland of Kentucky Derby roses for Scrimshaw.

In the last four years, Lukas has used the Lexington Stakes

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TRACK AND FIELD

Pikeville squads take meet for second straight week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Track and field teams from Pikeville High School came out on top for a second straight week Tuesday night at Bob Amos Park.

One highlight for Prestonsburg in the Tuesday night meet was the performance of sophomore Molly Burchett, who broke a school record in the 300 low hurdles event.

A list of the top three finishers for each event follows.

Boys 100 Meter Dash: 1 - Paul Sullivan, Pikeville; 2 - Kevin Jervis, Prestonsburg; 3 - Ron Blume, Johnson Central. Boys 200 Meter Dash: 1 - Kevin Jervis, Prestonsburg; 2 - Max Pafunda, Pikeville; 3 - Luke Blackburn, Pikeville. Boys 400 Meter Dash: 1 - Anthony Gillespie, Shelby Valley; 2 - Matt Sykes, Pikeville; 3 - Jonathon Shepherd, Prestonsburg. Boys 800 Meter Run: 1 - Tyler Whitaker, Johnson Central; 2 - Abhi Shetty, Pikeville; 3 - Josh Sanders, East Ridge. Boys 1600 Meter Run: 1 - Adam Stanley, Pikeville; 2 - Matthew Rasnick, Pikeville; 3 - Tyler Whitaker, Johnson Central. Boys 3200 Meter Run: 1 - Zach Combs, Pikeville. Boys 110 Meter Hurdles: 1 - Curt Lowndes, Pikeville; 2 - Brandon Chaney, Shelby Valley; 3 - Brett Steele, Betsy Layne.

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles: 1 - Curt Lowndes, Pikeville; 2 - Griffin Myers, Pikeville; 3 - Michael Tackett, Pikeville. Boys 4X100 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Derek Sword, Luke Blackburn, Joe Smith, Paul Sullivan); 2 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Richard France, Paul Terry Fleming, Anthony Gillespie, Boha Esenov); 3 - Jackson City 'A' (Josh Neace, Justin Gross, Dutch Chapman, Mason Taulbee). Boys 4X200 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Derek Sword, Paul Sullivan, Luke Blackburn, Max Pafunda); 2 - Pikeville 'C' (Jacob Sword, Seth Wheat, Bobby Goble, Rob Murray); 3 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Boha Esenov, Zach Mullins, Jeremiah Johnson, Brandon Chaney).

Boys 4X400 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Curt Lowndes, Griffin Myers, Will Lockhart, Matt Sykes); 2 - Johnson Central (Garrett Conley, Bryan Childers, Joe Hall, Tyler Whitaker); 3 - Pikeville 'B' (Abhi Shetty, Michael Hall, Max Smith, Brandon Adkins). Boys High Jump: 1 - Nick Potter, Shelby Valley; 2 - Joe Potter, East Ridge; 3 - Drew Cecil, Pikeville. Boys Pole Vault: 1 - Griffin Myers, Pikeville. Boys Long Jump: 1 - Ron Blume, Johnson Central; 2 - Paul Sullivan, Pikeville; 3 - Josh Neace, Jackson City. Boys Triple Jump: 1 - Luke Blackburn, Pikeville; 2 - Aaron Branham, East Ridge; 3 - Derek Sword, Pikeville. Boys Shot Put: 1 - Paul Sullivan, Pikeville; 2 - Luke Blackburn, Pikeville; 3 - Joe Hall, Johnson

Central. Boys Discus Throw: 1 - Will Lockhart, Pikeville; 2 - Brett Gibson, Pikeville; 3 - Galen Conley, Johnson Central.

Girls 4X800 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Elizabeth Combs, Adrienne Demarest, Sarah Beth Dye, Brittany Tackett); 2 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Sarah Billiter, Sara Ratliff, Stephanie Billiter, Jessica Mullins); 3 - Johnson Central 'B' (Kayla Price, Nikki Puckett, Tiffany Danner, Tiffany Lemaster). Girls 100 Meter Hurdles: 1 - Esther Fleming, Shelby Valley; 2 - Molly Burchett, Prestonsburg. Girls 100 Meter Dash: 1 - Krista Blume, Johnson Central; 2 - Hailey Rogers, Pikeville; 3 - Esther Fleming, Shelby Valley.

Girls 4X200 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Elizabeth Combs, Amanda Deskins, Hailey Rogers, Menaka Nadar); 2 - Johnson Central 'A' (Paige Gamble, Christy Meeks, Courtney McKenzie, Krista Blume); 3 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Esther Fleming, Ashlie Lucas, Brittany Tackett, Kristian Simpson). Girls 4X100 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Menaka Nadar, Amanda Deskins, Hailey Rogers, Bailey Joyce); 2 - Johnson Central 'A' (Paige Gamble, Jamie Dials, Christy Meeks, Krista Blume); 3 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Ashlie Lucas, Jessica Mullins, Sarah Billiter, Esther Fleming). Girls 400 Meter Dash: 1 - Brittany Deskins, Shelby Valley; 2 -

Christy Meeks, Johnson Central; 3 - Tiffany Lemaster, Johnson Central. Girls 300 Meter Hurdles: 1 - Molly Burchett, Prestonsburg; 2 - Brittany Deskins, Shelby Valley. Girls 800 Meter Run: 1 - Sarah Beth Dye, Pikeville; 2 - Kayla Price, Johnson Central; 3 - Jenni Bartley, Shelby Valley. Girls 200 Meter Dash: 1 - Taylor Mosley, Prestonsburg; 2 - Jessica Mullins, Shelby Valley; 3 - Menaka Nadar, Shelby Valley. Girls 3200 Meter Run: 1 - Brittany Tackett, Pikeville. Girls 4X400 Meter Relay: 1 - Pikeville 'A' (Elizabeth Combs, Sarah Beth Dye, Adrienne Demarest, Hailey Rogers); 2 - Shelby Valley 'A' (Brittany Deskins, Stephanie Billiter,

Kristian Simpson, Sara Ratliff).

Girls Shot Put: 1 - Courtney McKenzie, Johnson Central; 2 - Tessie Rice, Johnson Central; 3 - Amanda Hartsock, Pikeville. Girls Discus Throw: 1 - Lyndsey Frasure, Betsy Layne; 2 - Staci Stephens, Shelby Valley; 3 - Courtney McKenzie, Johnson Central. Girls Long Jump: 1 - Bailey Joyce, Pikeville; 2 - Anne Francisco, Pikeville; 3 - Krista Blume, Johnson Central. Girls Triple Jump: 1 - Anne Francisco, Pikeville; 2 - Tyler Vinson, Pikeville; 3 - Kelsey Wright, Shelby Valley. Girls High Jump: 1 - Natasha Newsome, Shelby Valley; 2 - Ashley Campbell, Jackson City. Girls Pole Vault: 1 - Christina Davis, Pikeville.

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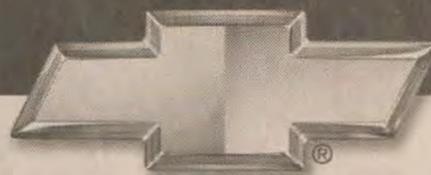
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Sports

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from pitcher Paul Wilson, the Reds left runners at third base twice with only one out, failing to get the runners home both times. Another reason for the dry bats may be because of not making contact. The Reds batting order whiffed 13 times against Dodger pitching. The Reds seem to be letting the good pitches go by while swinging at the ones in the dirt. When I played we were told to hit the ones in the strike zone and leave alone the ones in the dirt. Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



The team of Michael Jervis and Scott Daniel finished first in last weekend's Appalachian Wireless Bass Classic. A story on the tourney appears elsewhere on this page.

**LITTLE LEAGUE**

# Area Little Leagues join forces

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Selected teams from the Prestonsburg and Harold-Allen-Prater Little League organizations have been busy this week in scrimmages. The Prestonsburg and HAP leagues, upon beginning their respective seasons next week, will pit teams against each other throughout the upcoming season.

"This is the best thing these two leagues could have done," said Dwight Jarrell, a coach in the HAP league.

Paintsville Little League, which began its season last Saturday, will do inter-league play with several different leagues. The Paintsville league, which fields two girls' softball teams this year, took advantage of the warm temperatures Saturday by offering up a full slate of games.

Paintsville Little League

President Bob Lyons is excited about the inter-league play.

"In girls' softball we are playing Magoffin County, Prestonsburg, Morgan County and hopefully HAP," said Lyons. "We are also inter-leagu-ing in Junior, 13-14's with Prestonsburg, Morgan County and Beaver Creek."

**HEAVY HITTER**

One of the highlights of the young Paintsville Little League season came on Tuesday night when 11-year-old Cody Parker pitched his team, the Rangers, to a 13-8 win over the Cardinals. In the win, Parker belted a pair of home runs.



Davy Dutton, of Williamsport in Johnson County, killed the 24-pound turkey pictured above Tuesday evening near his home.

**THUNDER RIDGE**

# Ridge racing a go for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The green flag is ready to fly as JD Racing INC presents the Thunder Ridge Raceway Season Opening race of the 2003 season. Saturday, JD Racing INC and Thunder Ridge Raceway will host four divisions of racing.

On the card will be the Limited Late Models running for a \$1,000 to win feature event, Street Stock will be running for a \$700 to win feature event, Bombers will be chasing a \$600 to win feature event, and the 4-Cylinders will have their eye on a \$500 feature event win, also Late Model drivers that would like to test their cars out

on the track are welcome to come and test as well, also they will be a couple of possible surprises for the racefans that attend the races on Saturday.

Late Models will be added to the regular show lineup on May 3 and will be after a \$1,500 to win feature event each and every week during the racing season. Late Model Drivers might also want to take this opportunity to prepare for the May 10th Mid Atlantic Championship Series that will roll into Thunder Ridge.

Their have been many improvements to the track from last year, an upgraded sound system, a larger parking area, and a few behind the scenes improve-

ments that should make the program run more smoothly and efficiently.

Gates will open at Thunder Ridge at 4 p.m.

For more information about the dirt track racing at Thunder Ridge please call 606-436-5870 after 6 p.m. or on raceday call 606/886-RACE or email jamie24@foothills.net or therealjuice@hotmail.com or check the East Kentucky Racing Online Message Board at <http://eastkyracing.proboards9.com> and click on the Thunder Ridge Raceway forum for all the latest information.

**H.S. SOFTBALL**

# No-hitter adds to Daniels' fine career

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Brianne Daniels is a pioneer for Eastern Kentucky fast-pitch high school softball. The Johnson Central sophomore will go down in the books as one of the top pitchers to pick up a soft-ball in this area.

Johnson Central defeated rival Paintsville Monday at Lady Eagle Field. Daniels and the Lady Eagles jumped on top of visiting Paintsville early,

leading 6-0. Johnson Central added three runs in the third inning and one more in the fifth to record a 10-0 Mercy Rule victory

Third baseman Maggie Callis' two doubles and three runs batted in led the Johnson Central offensive attack.

JC first baseman Holly Burton had a pair of singles.

Daniels struck out 10 and walked none in five innings of work.

Johnson Central evened its record to 4-4 with the win.



Brandy Anderson

# Ladycats top South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MINNIE - The Betsy Layne Ladycats scored six times in the first two innings and held on to beat South Floyd in a high school softball game played Monday evening.

The Ladycats, on four walks, a South Floyd error and a pair of singles, scored five runs in the first and another in the second en route to a 7-6 victory.

Betsy Layne's Amanda Robinette held South Floyd to just one run over the final five innings to earn the mound triumph.

Robinette went the distance for Betsy Layne, giving up four hits and striking out six while working out of jams in the fourth and sixth innings to preserve the victory. She also scored three times.

Sophomore Misty Tackett knocked three hits for Betsy Layne. Kim Clark, Brandy Bentley and Krystal Kirk had one hit each.

Tabitha Tackett and Lisa Fannin had two hits each for South Floyd.

**Reed**

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as a vehicle to Kentucky Derby immortality. In 1999, the disrespected Charismatic, far back in the Santa Anita Derby, used the race to blossom into a horse that won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

Only last year, another Lukas-trained colt, Proud Citizen, used a victory in the Lexington as a springboard to finish an impressive second in the Derby won by War Emblem.

So D. Wayne is back with a colt that has a legitimate shot to win the roses, which adds an interesting dimension to the 129th Kentucky Derby. Trainer Bobby Frankel holds the strongest hand. He has the deserving favorite in

Empire Maker and the likely second choice in Peace Rules.

Yet Frankel has never won a Triple Crown race, the huge monkey - the gorilla, if you will - on his back. The one trainer he fears most, whether he admits it

or not, is D. Wayne Lukas, the 67-year-old legend who feels as if he's 22 in another remarkable springtime in Kentucky.

Lukas knows how to win the Kentucky Derby. Lukas has Scrimshaw. Lukas will be a story that the national media can't ignore. And deep in the back of his mind, Bobby Frankel, the poker player who seemingly holds the best cards, has to be wondering about a comment Lukas made yesterday:

"I never thought you had to look good in February." February is for dreamers and pretenders and hopefuls.

Springtime in Kentucky is for the real deal.

And nobody knows that more than D. Wayne Lukas, who's 67 in years but a vibrant youngster in his heart.

To contact Billy Reed send e-mails to [BReedII@aol.com](mailto:BReedII@aol.com)

# Touchdown Club announces golf scramble

PRESTONSBURG -

The Prestonsburg High School (PHS) Touchdown Club announces its annual golf scramble. The golf scramble will be held on Saturday, May 24 at Stumbo Park in Allen. Tee-off time is 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$200 per team. The event is a four-man scramble.

First-place will pay \$1,000; second-place \$700, and third-place \$500.

One hundred dollar awards are offered for closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt.

To pre-register, contact any of the following people: John DeRossett, 886-6639; Rodney Ousley, 874-0317; Gerald DeRossett, 886-6090; Ronnie Slone, 886-0006; Kim Compton, 886-1206.

# PC announces plans for girls team camp

PIKEVILLE - Pikeville College head coach Bill Watson wastes little time when planning for the future. The summer will be busy around Pikeville College, what with the team camps and all.

Watson and the Pikeville College women's program will host a team camp July 10-12. The following gyms will be used for the camp: Pikeville College, Pike Central and Shelby Valley. The cost of his camp will be \$375 for one team and \$550 for two teams. Coaches may contact Watson at 606/218-5356 or Pike Central head girls' basketball coach Tammy Tussey at 606/432-4352 or via email [tussey@pike.k12.ky.us](mailto:tussey@pike.k12.ky.us) or [bwatson@pc.edu](mailto:bwatson@pc.edu)

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

PRESTONSBURG - The Tug Valley Bass Anglers would like to recognize and thank all the sponsors who made the Appalachian Wireless Bass Classic a success. Without them this event would not have been possible. Appalachian Wireless for contributing prize money and give away items as well as letting us use their store and lot for the pre tournament meeting and weigh in. Pepsi/Sierra Mist for contributing prize money. Budweiser for contributing prize money and give away items. Mikrotec Internet Services for providing the television coverage. Dr. Massabni - Big Sandy Cardiology for contributing prize money. Eastern Kentucky Anesthesia & Pain Management for contributing prize money. Lucky Craft Lures for providing four really nice prize packs. Wal-Mart for providing Casting Kids Prizes and Little Caesars Pizza for feeding our crew.

What a tournament. If you didn't compete in the event or come to the weigh in you missed a great tournament and weigh in show. The weigh in was taped by WPRG Channel 5 making it the first local bass tournament to be televised. "The best tournament I have ever fished", "You guys put on a great tournament, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers is a great organization and a class act". These were some of the comments made by the contestants after the tournament.

A field of 29 boats competed

for a tournament purse of \$1,800 for first place, \$800 for second and \$300 for third.

The tournament began with a 7a.m. blast off from the Brandy Keg Ramp. As the anglers made the run to their first spot, the day was dawning on what was a perfect day for a tournament. The weather was great, with sunny skies, warm temperatures and a slight breeze.

The lake had come up prior to the event because of several days of rain during the week before the tournament. The water ranged from very muddy to stained with quite a bit of floating debris. Conditions like this don't detour quality fishermen. They take what the lake gives them, consider all their options and formulate a plan best suited for the conditions no matter what they are. There was a lot of good fish caught, that just goes to show you its never to bad to fish, someone always figures it out.

After eight hours of competition the contestants had to check back in by 3 p.m. After all the boats checked in everyone loaded their boats and prepared for the trip to the weigh in. The boats with fish were led by police escort to the Appalachian Wireless store at the Prestonsburg Village Plaza. All the boats were lined up and the anglers were placed in the boat. The anglers were driven up to the weigh in stage where they got their fish out of the livewell in front of an enthusiastic crowd and walked up on the stage to weigh their catch. When the tournament concluded the aerated tank was hauled back to the lake and all the fish were released alive.

**H.S. SOFTBALL**

# Lady Rebels drop P'burg, 9-1

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT - Allen Central senior pitcher Tiffany Turner allowed just one run as the Lady Rebels had little trouble beating Prestonsburg 9-1 in Floyd County Conference action Wednesday night.

After turning Prestonsburg away in order in the top half of the first inning, Turner helped her cause by coming up to the plate in the leadoff hitter position and nailing a home run.

Terri Mullins doubled and scored and Jessica Isaac walked and later scored to put the Lady Rebs up 3-0 in the opening inning.

After a non eventful top half of the second inning for Prestonsburg, Allen Central's Jenny Spurlock and Laura Gibson each scored runs to extend the Allen Central lead out to a 5-0 advantage in the second.

Kristie Howard singled and later scored for one of two Lady Rebel runs in the third inning. Host Allen Central led 7-0 before Prestonsburg put its first and only run of the game on the board in the fourth inning.

Mullins answered the Prestonsburg score with a run of her own in the fourth inning. Turner singled and scored for Allen Central's final score of the game in the bottom part of the sixth inning.

**The top 10 teams are as follows.**

- 1st Place - Michael Jervis & Scott Daniel, 5 bass limit - 13.63 lbs.
- 2nd Place - Tee Watkins & Joe Hopson, 4 bass - 10.84 lbs.
- 3rd Place - John Hunt & Lizzie Hunt, 2 bass - 7.37 lbs. (Big Bass 4.61 lbs.)
- 4th Place - Mitch Atkinson & Don Pack (3 bass - 7.11 lbs.)
- 5th Place - Allen Rose & George Thornsby, 2 bass - 6.72 lbs.
- 6th Place - Jason Patton & Bear Halbert, 3 bass - 6.21 lbs.
- 7th Place - Dicky Tackett, 2 bass - 6.07 lbs.
- 8th Place - Jimmy Straton & Brandy Barnett, 3 bass - 5.32 lbs.
- 9th Place - Ralph Taylor & Chris Tackett, 2 bass - 4.59 lbs.
- 10th Place - James Dials & Kevin Dials, 2 bass - 4.28 lbs.

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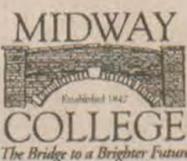
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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Just 'pondering'

I ran across a quote this week attributed to Jackie Gleason, who some of you may remember played Ralph Kramden, a New York City bus driver, in the weekly comedy "The Honeymooners." Gleason also was the center of many other wonderful projects, but is probably best remembered for immortalizing the loud, brash, Brooklyn bus driver.



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

He is also well known for his famous line, "And away we go...", which is inscribed on his gravesite monument in St. Mary's Cemetery, Florida.

For years I've thought not very much more of Gleason than simply as a "funny man." The quote I ran across earlier this week spoke volumes in regard to the true nature of the man. "I have a 'Play the Melody' philosophy," reads the quote, "It means don't over-arrange, don't make life difficult. Just play the

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Out and about

When I got home last Friday, I was worn out. I had been through an all-day management meeting, capping off a week that was even more stressful than usual, including scary news from my eye doctor.



Pam Shingler  
Contributing Writer

I just wanted to curl up in my ugly-easy chair, sift through the mail, read the week's accumulation of papers, watch mindless TV and maybe doze off now and then.

Instead, I heated a bite to eat, fed the dogs and went right back out to see Cotton Patch Gospel at the Mountain Arts Center. Marty Childers, managing director of Jenny Wiley Theatre, had emailed me earlier urging me to attend the play, which I first saw probably 25 years or more ago. I promised I would go but regretted the promise as fatigue settled over me.

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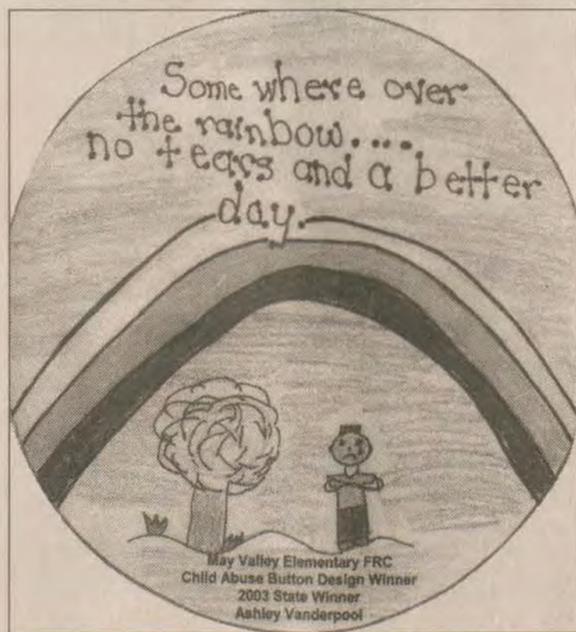
## MAY VALLEY 1ST PLACE AWARD



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Donna Bartrum, director of the May Valley Elementary Resource Center, left, stands proudly in the hallway outside her office in front of a multitude of student drawings that were entered in the 2003 "Child Abuse Button Design" state-wide contest. The student to Bartrum's right is Ashley Vanderpool, whose design was chosen as first in the state.

## Rainbow Dreams of 'No Tears and a Better Day'



Ashley's award winning drawing will be featured throughout the state of Kentucky.

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Just as Dorothy dreamed of happier times "some-where over the rainbow," so do children who live each day with abuse, neglect and mistreatment as a saddening part of their lives.

Ashley Vanderpool, a fourth-grade student from May Valley Elementary, dreams that dream of happier times right along with them. Ashley, the daughter of Marianne Mayo and Eric Vanderpool, used the "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Wizard of Oz theme to come up with the slogan, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow...No tears and a better day," to win first place in the state's 2003 "Child Abuse Button Design" contest.

The contest targets fourth-graders from around the state and student designs are judged by a distinguished panel of judges gathered from throughout the state. Ashley, who remains very sweet and humble in spite of this great honor, says that she has met First Lady Judi Paton, who she says "is very nice," several times throughout this past month, which has been designated as "Child Abuse Awareness Month" throughout the nation.

Child Abuse Awareness Month was originally set aside by the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and

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### THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

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

"Snow on the p'nts, blood in the gullies." So spoke an old mountaineer of the dogwood and redbud, that glory-fy these hills, this wonderful season of the year.

### WE MAINTAIN...

Today, medical men from New England to the plains country, are at Jenny Wiley State Park, and already our ears have heard the soothing music of praise of the beauty of this picturesque part of America. We still maintain that the planting of dogwoods and redbuds by the thousands, from one end of the Mountain Parkway to the other, would not only make this the most beautiful drive in America, but would give visitors such as these, something to remember for the rest of their lives. This done, Washington and its cherry blossoms couldn't touch us.

### THE FIX WE'RE IN

Prestonsburg's streets are in that well-known condition

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### KIMS KORNER

## Assumptions waste time and energy

Have you ever found yourself assuming something only to find you were so totally wrong it blew your mind? Yep, assumptions can most definitely



Kim Little Frasure

send us into a whirlwind of emotions, and sometimes some major trouble with a capital "T".

When we "assume" something, we are merely taking a 50-50 chance towards the outcome of the situation being what we intend.

Oh, the adrenaline rush that exudes the body when "fact" replaces "assumption"!

If we could only live in the factual content of life rather than making assumptions, we could avoid a whole lot of pain and confu-

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## Things to Ponder: Life after the birdies fly

Spring brings with it various changes in life. After a winter of sitting around, many folks are busy stirring in the good earth—planting flowers and cutting grass. Others are working even harder trying to shed the extra pounds stored for hibernation, that in turn are very much undesired when it becomes time to go to the beach. Also, with it being spring, the end of the school year can't be far behind. As expected, the anticipated closing of another academic year helps to create distress for lots of families. Some youth are going to have a developmental change, whether or not

they really want to, or they are ready. They are moving up from one level of school to another, with its increased responsibilities. That fateful day occurs, when the older teenager leaves home for some type of advanced education, college or technical training, a new job, or marriage. Whatever it is, the parents finally bear witness to their offspring leaving the home, similar to young birds flying away from the nest. The newly "released" young people have questions, such as "Is Mom devastated, because I'm not there? Are my parents experiencing the "empty-nest syndrome?"

The so-called empty-nest syndrome was first made popular by sociologists in the 1970's. Gradually, the media contributed to it being accepted as conventional wisdom that parents, especially mothers, would typically have a predictable emotional condition created by the family's children leaving home, and parents being left alone to their own resources. It became widely accepted that most parents reacted emotionally, with depression, loss of purpose, and crisis of identity, when they were without children, daily in their lives.

An expectation was that Mom and

Dad were just so lost when they were no longer identified as their daughter Jane's cook, chauffeur, and money source. However, the most recent research is discarding such myths as empty-nest depression and loss of purpose. It has been noted that home situations have changed a lot over the years, since the idea of empty-nest syndrome was first presented. Many mothers now work outside the home, which gives them another role, rather than just a parent. Different methods have been developed for the

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,

# School Happenings

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ May 6 - Red Cross Blood Drive, begins at 12:00 p.m.  
 \*\*\*8th grade class is selling Papa John's cards (pizza discounts) to help raise money for the 8th grade prom and class trip. If you would like to help the Adams eighth-graders by purchasing a Papa John's card, please contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812 or Diane at 886-7926.

■ Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

■ Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services

Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*\*If your child has lost any type of clothing, please check at the Youth Service Center office.

■ Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

\*All SBDM Council meetings open to public. All are welcome to attend.\*

\*\*School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to the school Family Resource Center.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and

physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ April 25 - "Spring Fling Dance," 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission - \$3 per person. Reason for admission is to help fund trip for 2nd and 3rd grades to the Louisville Zoo in May. Grades K-8 are invited to attend. Dance will be held in

school gym.

■ April 28 thru 30 - "Volunteer Appreciation Week." School will host a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, April 30, from 11:30 - 12:30. We appreciate all our school volunteers, so come on out and "have lunch on us!"

■ Call school Family Resource Center at 358-9878, to make an appointment for a free physical for your child who plans to enter Kindergarten in the fall semester, 2003.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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## Ponder

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not-at-home children to keep in touch with their parents, and parents to reach out and touch the youngsters, since long-distance and airfare charges are lower, and e-mail is available.

Although the empty-nest syndrome does occur, it has been found that, in reality, it does not exist as first pictured. Parents do miss their children, but the opposite reaction is actually often true. Research results have shown that parents usually enjoy greater freedom, a reconnection with their spouses, and more time to pursue their own goals and interests, after their kids have flown the nest and close parental control. One researcher found that 40-something mothers and their 20-something daughters were "almost sappy positive" about their relationships, when the daughters were no longer living at home. A possible explanation was the impact of the day-to-day stressors that are created by merely living together, and the difference between children being a "teenager" and their acting more like "adults." Even though parents might worry and be concerned about "losing" their child, when the child leaves home, actually there is the possibility that the parents and the children will have a more mature and more emotionally meaningful relationship.

Other research results have revealed additional unexpected benefit of the empty-nest period, such as a renewal of the parents' connections with their other family members. Although much of the research has been on the parent/child relationships, and the marital relationship, they are not the entire story. It has been found that parents are allowed to have the time and space to be together again with their brothers and sisters, after they do not perceive their children as requiring so much of their daily time.

An unexpected finding, in comparison to past descriptions, was that it is actually fathers, rather than mothers, who are more likely to have a hard time, when their children leave home. It seemed that, in one study, many of the women had been the traditional, stay-at-home mothers, and were thought to probably be most likely to experience empty-nest syndrome. In reality, these moms were looking forward to their children leaving home. In fact, they had started planning and preparing for the next stage, in terms of what they wanted to do, such as going back to school, returning to work, or thinking about new interests. In contrast, the group of fathers, who tended not to talk at all about preparing for the change, were less

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Domestic Violence in order to increase public awareness on the social issues regarding the four basic types of child abuse which are comprised of physical abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse.

Ashley, who says that she doesn't know any children who are being abused, agrees that child abuse is something that should be prevented. "That's really the purpose of this program, of this contest, to make children aware of child abuse and what they can do about it," said Donna Bartrum, director, May Valley Elementary Family Resource Center.

Ashley's design, which has been designated as "Grand State Prize Winner," will be featured on all Kentucky "Prevent Child Abuse" advertisements in the year 2004. Currently, the design has been centered amid a colorful "judge's" ribbon on an eye-catching button that has already been handed out to organizations and people who are working to prevent child abuse and to ensure that every child lives in a safe environment without fear of harm.

Ashley's design, which was originally submitted on an 8"x10" round poster board, is currently hanging in the state's Capitol, along with winning designs from

school winners from across the state. The designs will be on display throughout the month of April.

This past April 1, Ashley was honored to attend a banquet, hosted by First Lady Judi Patton, at the Capitol Rotunda, where she was formally recognized and her artwork displayed. She also attended the "Blue Ribbon Reception" held April 7 at the Governor's Mansion, where she was introduced once again as a special guest and presented with a gift certificate to the "Toys 'R Us" children's toy stores.

"Ashley also attended a meeting held on the PCC (Prestonsburg Community College) campus this month in recognition of child abuse awareness month," said Bartrum. "Additionally, she will be attending the state "Prevent Child Abuse" conference this coming September at the Marriott Hotel in Lexington," she continued. "She will be recognized again at this statewide conference. We're all just really excited about Ashley winning this award. It's wonderful. I actually think her mama and me are more excited than anyone about the whole thing. This is a big thing, a wonderful award, we're thrilled for Ashley and extremely proud of her."

The "Prevent Child Abuse Button Design" con-



'Easter Parade'

These children enjoyed Easter morning with a special Sunday Service "Easter Parade of Hats." The children fashioned their own "Easter Bonnets" and then held a parade down the aisles of the church so everyone could see their beautiful handiwork. The children all are members of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Jr. Church which is conducted by Patsy Sword and Linda Ferrari. Rev. Louie Ferrari is pastor of the church and invites all to attend worship services with his congregation.

## Korner

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sion. But, life's funny that way, and there are times we find ourselves when we must assume another knows something, or how to do this or that. Be it a time-consuming element, where taking time to explain just doesn't seem worth it, we "assume" and go about our business. Then when a situation goes awry, and time approaches to address this ordeal, "BAM", smack in the face, you realize you've assumed, when a simple explanation could have saved a whole lot of time, a whole lot of confusion, and a whole lot of pain!

Assumptions play such a major role in our lives we don't even realize it, from the smallest of everyday tasks, to some major roles of life.

Take feeding the dog for instance. Just this weekend I assumed Tiff had fed Casey, for she was home and I was not at Casey's usual feeding time. Not being a usual task for Tiff to do, she just wasn't thinking about the poor ol' dog and I was so exhausted after finally getting home, I thought, "Oh well, surely Tiff has fed her." Hence: Assumption #1.

At approximately 3 a.m., when Casey decided she was going to scratch the door down and bark until the

entire neighborhood was awake, did I realize she was way past being patient for her food, and now both our adrenaline states were running on high! Had I simply remembered to ask Tiff if she'd fed the dog before she left for work, Casey would have been more than glad, I am sure, and I wouldn't have been awakened from a sound sleep at 3 a.m. Yes, sometimes communication is key! Granted this is but a mere example of "assuming" and

the consequences thereof.

And assumptions take place daily in our jobs, our homes, and even our schools. If we could all just remember or take the time to simply "ask" before we "assume" our lives may take on a whole new avenue.

Take the key to communication and open your mouth, save your mind some conflict, and maybe a little headache. You may even get to sleep better. 'Til next week, God bless.

## Bluegrass music workshop for teachers

A bluegrass music workshop will be held for school music teachers on Thursday, June 12, at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground, Georgetown.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Festival of the Bluegrass and the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), along with financial support from the East Kentucky Power Co-operative.

Similar workshops have been held in previous years, with the objective of helping school music teachers learn about bluegrass music so that they can impart some

understanding of this Kentucky musical heritage to their students. This year, the workshop is to have an additional objective: the teachers will be encouraged to go back home and, in collaboration with music lovers in their own communities, to help start year-round programs. The program in Stanton, the Wise Village Pickers, is the oldest and best-known of the year round programs and is an excellent model of what can be achieved. The Wise Village Pickers perform reg-

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# SNOOP Pet Photo Contest this Saturday!

The Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) will hold its annual "Pet Photo Contest" on Saturday, April 26, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. \$1 admission fee; \$5 fee to enter photo which will include a free

Polaroid snapshot of your pet taken on site. Entries may be received up until actual judging begins at 11:30 a.m. You may enter your pet's photo in the following categories: "Funniest Photo," "Best Dog," and "Best Cat." Also, special guest judge, "Munroe," will be present to

present the "Munroe's Pick" award. All proceeds will benefit SNOOP, a county-wide organization, and all photos will be returned. Winners need not be present to win. Door prizes will be also awarded. For more information, contact SNOOP at 889-9982.

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But a promise is a promise, and, as usual, I was glad I went. The cast, most with Morehead State University ties, is excellent. The play, which sets the story of Jesus in 20th century Georgia, is upbeat, witty and poignant. If you didn't go, you missed a treat. Thanks, Marty, for goading me into going, and thanks to all the folks at JWT for sponsoring the show.

\*\*\* This is as good a time as any to remind you that we're approaching a new season for Jenny Wiley Theatre, one of my favorite places in the whole wide world. This year's season promises to carry on the tradition of excellent entertainment that we've come to take for granted.

I'm eager to see Driving Miss Daisy. It's a wonderful lesson in relationships between genders, between races, between ages, between classes. I saw the movie, but I've never had the opportunity to see it up close on stage.

I'm looking forward to the classic musical, The Wizard of Oz, and to Big River, which won a bucket full of awards on Broadway. Who hasn't seen the movie version of Wizard, with Judy Garland, since it's played yearly on TV?

But there's nothing to compare with a stage version.

Big River is new to me, but I've always been a fan of the late Roger Miller, who wrote the music for the show. You know it's going to be worth seeing.

The New York! New York! performance of last year was incredible. I loved every minute of it. This year, the special performance promises to be every bit as good. Going across the country, this year's revue focuses on Hollywood musicals. And it's scheduled for two nights. I can't wait.

If you're not a JWT regular, become one this summer. At the risk of sounding

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melody - and do it the simplest way possible."

Words that ring true to my heart. For years, I've preached, "Simple, please, just simple." Uncomplicated. Stop and smell the roses, that sort of thing.

Funny thing, though, seems that attaining what is perceived as most simple can actually be most difficult.

We who struggle through the muck and mire of the human condition often find ourselves wondering why everything has to be so hard. I have come to the conclusion that it is hard because we make it so.

In my own household, where I constantly struggle to meet a monthly budget on a single income and a meager child support payment, I am forever being faced with "needs" from my teenagers. They "need" this and they "need" that - if you have children of your own, you probably follow fully what I am trying to convey and that is that so many of these "needs" are not actually needs, but "wants."

How much simpler life would be if only we truly focused on our daily needs and not on the trappings of this world in which we live. My sister-in-law, who is currently raising a beautiful child who will turn seven years old next month, is, thus far, doing a wonderful job of avoiding having her daughter come under the influence of television advertising and peer pressure to "conform," helped along by a decision to home school her.

As a result, when this, the very youngest of my nieces comes to visit, I find myself in the company of a child who does not beg and whine for the latest "Barbie" doll or video game and who spends her time focusing on what is

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# Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



# "OA" Rx: Weight control, exercise, rest and medicine

**Q** This winter I shoveled the snow off our driveway. A couple of days later I began having severe pain in my little finger on one hand. The first joint of that finger remains swollen (over a month later) and painful, especially in the morning. I am a 53-year-old woman in otherwise good health. Do these symptoms sound like arthritis?

**A** Although I would need to personally examine you to know for sure, it does sound like you may have a painful condition called osteoarthritis. This is the most common

form of arthritis and is sometimes referred to as degenerative joint disease (DJD). Also, I know doctors who informally call it "wear and tear" arthritis.

The incidence of osteoarthritis (OA) increases with age, and more than 70 percent of those over 40 years old have it to some degree. While we commonly see osteoarthritis in the weight-bearing joints — like the hips, knees and feet, it is also not uncommon in the hands. In many cases, OA develops as a result of persistent overuse of a joint. Acute or chronic trauma can also lead to the development of OA. Obesity is often a contributing cause as well. In younger

age groups, men are more likely to have OA, but after age 45 women take the lead.

To explain a little more about osteoarthritis, I first need to give you a very quick anatomy lesson about joints. One could define a joint as the place where two (or more) bones come together. Usually, at these junctions each bone is covered with a slippery substance called cartilage. This cartilage is bathed in a special lubricant known as synovial fluid.

OA results when the cartilage wears away, spurs grow on the ends of the bones and the body tries to compensate by producing extra synovial fluid. Together, these processes can lead to pain, swelling and loss of motion in the affected joint.

In the hands, OA affects primarily the end and middle joint of the fingers and the base of the thumb. Bulges or swellings called "nodes" develop on

these joints, and the fingers can become enlarged and stiff or numb. It has a similar effect on the knees and hips. Stiffness in the morning or after a period of inactivity can be a sign of OA. If a joint is red or feels "hot," it is probably NOT OA.

The treatment for OA is individualized for each patient. Getting weight under control, if needed, can be a big help. This is probably more of an issue for a person with OA in the hip, knee or ankle than for a problem in the hand; nonetheless it's always a good idea to strive for a trim figure.

Balancing exercise and rest for the affected joint is important. When the hand is involved, as in your case, some people find wearing hand splints and resting the joint for short periods is beneficial. Range of motion and strength exercises can also be helpful, but should be managed by your physician or a physical therapist.

Pain can be managed by acetaminophen, over-the-counter ibuprofen or prescription medications. Surgery is sometimes needed to smooth out the surfaces of the cartilage. In severe cases, your doctor may recommend joint replacement surgery.

Some alternative approaches include acupuncture and nutritional supplements such as glucosamine and chondroitin. Prior to starting any treatment, you should have your diagnosis confirmed by a health-care professional to be sure a more serious condition is not being overlooked.

*Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.*

## Music

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ularly at venues ranging from churches to county fairs to bluegrass festivals; and, in addition, the children do quite well in their regular class work.

During the afternoon of the workshop, the teachers and people who come with the teachers will be able to monitor the Kentucky Bluegrass Music Camp. The camp, which is attended by youngsters ranging in age from six to eighteen, will be winding up after three happy days of learning bluegrass from experienced adults (many of the adult instructors will be of "grandparent" age); and the school teachers will be able to see how this learning is done in the natural and "old-fashioned" way.

The school teachers and the people with them will be invited also to attend the full Festival of the Bluegrass, which starts in the evening after the workshop ends. The first act on the Festival stage will be the graduates of the Music Camp.

For further information about the Teachers Workshop or the Kentucky Bluegrass Music Camp, call: The Festival of the Bluegrass at 859-846-4995, or e-mail Laurie Cottrell at: uprightbas@aol.com, or phone at 502-738-0040.

## Ponder

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likely to perceive their children's leaving home as a major transition, and were less prepared for the emotional impact of the change. Thus, fathers were prone to be more likely to talk about regrets over lost opportunities to be involved in their children's lives, before they left the parents' nest. The researcher suspected that parents' ability to enjoy their empty nests is associated with the children's ability to be successful with the transition to being away from home. It has also been noted that parents

have become more involved with the college students' lives since the 1960's. Perhaps, it might be the influence of children attending colleges closer to home, so that parents are more likely to attend their children's plays and sporting events and becoming part of the parents' association.

So...once again, it appears that awareness of the likelihood of change, goal setting, and planning, make for greater satisfaction in our lives. What changes seem to be peeping around the corner at you?



## Cpl. James M. Runyon in Kuwait

Cpl. James Michael Runyon, USMC, is currently serving his country in Kuwait. Runyon, the son of Marena Runyon, of Pikeville, and Ray Runyon, of Varney, received training at LeJune, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Loretta Meadows, of Langley, and the late Ora Meadows, Orison Runyon, of Pikeville, and the late Ethel Runyon. He is married to Christy Breeden Runyon, who is currently residing in Lexington with the couple's daughter, Brandy Nicole. Cpl. Runyon's family prays each day for his safe return, as well as the safety of all the brave men and women serving in our country's current conflict.

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before her rather than turning her thoughts to wishes of what lies outside her immediate grasp.

Being of the t.v. generation myself, I have to admit that my children are not the only ones who spend valuable time wishing for beautiful things or admiring the "beautiful people" who grace the television screen practically every moment.

It's a dilemma - we're drawn to what appears to be the riches of the world, yet at the same time, we yearn for what is simple as our lives become, daily, more and more complicated.

I've always known, deep inside, that I have the tendencies to be somewhat of a hermit. Give me a good book, paper on which to write, an "excellent" writing

instrument (i.e. fine-point, felt tip pen), quiet, the melodious songs of birds outside my window, or the glow of a full moon and I am happy. Genuinely happy.

So, why do I become so sad when I look around and I see others who have more, who look "better," or are in the nation's limelight?

Guess that's a question, as Dr. Mable, likes to say to us, that I need to "ponder about."

"Till next week, remember to count your blessings and tell those you love that you do.

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like a commercial, I believe we are truly blessed to have this wonderful outdoor theatre right here. Please, please don't take it for granted. Rather, take advantage of big-time entertainment in an outdoor setting,

amidst the frogs and katydids. To get a brochure or make reservations, call 886-9274 locally or toll free, 877-CALL-JWT.

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At the show last Friday at the MAC, I was happy to see Frank and Nancy Carlton of Pikeville. Nancy is recuperating from a stroke, so it was good to see her out, even if in a wheelchair.

I was not so happy to learn that the Carltons are selling their house and moving to Oregon. They have family there, which is important, and they'll move into a place where they can set aside the unpleasant hassles of home ownership and enjoy their time.

This area will sorely miss

# Revival meet

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church, located on Route 3385, will hold a revival meet that will begin on Sunday, April 27, at 6 p.m., and will continue throughout the following weeknights at 7 p.m. Rev. Harold Williams and Rev. James Kelly Caudill will serve as guest speakers. Bro. Hobert Meek, pastor, invites all to attend.

# Summer 'Car Wash' fundraisers

Faith Freewill Baptist Sunday School will hold car washes this coming warm-weather season on May 17, June 7, July 19, and August 9. Cost: Donations only. The car washes will be held at Advance Auto Parts, Prestonsburg. For further information, call 889-9403 or 358-9209.

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Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.

Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

ALL GED CLASSES ARE FREE. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE ALSO FREE. EVEN THE ACTUAL GED TEST IS FREE! So, please take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. For more information about the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

## WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

## W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

## School

### MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

April 27 thru May 4 - "National Volunteer Week." May Valley thanks all their volunteers for their assistance.

Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; TB skin tests, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

### MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office.

Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

### PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

May 16: DEADLINE - \*\*Time to Elect PHS 2003-4 Parent SBDM Council members!\*\* Parent members are elected by parents, they receive training and will serve a term from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Nominations for parent members are due in to Mr. Butcher or the PHS office no later than 3:30 p.m. on May 16. The election will be held on May 19, at 6 p.m., in the school lobby. If you will have a child

that will be enrolled at PHS next year, you are eligible to vote in this election. This includes parents, step-parents, and foster parents. Legal guardians are eligible to vote if the student lives in their home. Results will announced the same evening the election takes place. Contact Don Compton, PHS P.T.O. President, at 886-1206, for further information or questions.

### SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

### THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule

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better known as a fix. To offset the gripes, the city fathers might adopt the prize-winning slogan submitted to explain the torn-up streets of Corpus Christi, Texas:

"When you gotta grow, you gotta grow."

How long has it been since you heard somebody remark that it "sarved" him right?

## FISHING REPORT

Went white bass fishing, the other afternoon. Ran into a passel of tightwads, up around the mouth of Brushy. They wouldn't make up a kitty of \$5, my price for going home.

P.S. They didn't catch any fish, either.

## THE ANSWER

Friend of mine, in serious mood, asked me, not long ago, if I never caught any fish. Well, I had to admit that I'm not the guy to re-write "The Compleat Angler," but I do catch some fish, sometimes. Then he wanted to know why I wrote only of those times when I debated whether to dynamite the fish or shoot myself. Whereupon I had to remind him that anybody can lie or brag enough to be a pretty good fisherman, but that people aren't interested in his suc-

cess, or mine, on these little jaunts of ours to lake or stream. Which would interest you most—a picture of yours truly hooked firmly in the seat of the pants on his back-cast, or tussling mightily with the biggest bass in these parts?

## THE JET AGE

Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Florida schools, tells the story of two second-graders who were standing in the school playground during recess when a jet flew over. "Look at that," said one lad, "It's a BX50."

"No, a BX 51," said the other. "You can tell by its wing sweep."

"You're right." The first youngster conceded. "It's not going more than 760 m.p.h., either, because it didn't break the sound barrier."

On this point they both agreed.

"It's amazing the pressure that develops on those planes when they go into a dive," the second boy said. "Almost, 1,200 pounds per square inch."

At this point, the bell called the children back to the classroom. The first boy turned to the second. "There's the bell!" he sighed. "Let's go back in and finish stringing those damn beads."

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**460-Yard Sale**

**INSIDE YARD SALE:** at Riverview Health Care May 1,2 & 3. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ATTENTION:** On Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. there will be a large yard sale held at Action Petroleum Co. in West Prestonsburg. All proceeds will benefit the **American Cancer Society.**

**480-Miscellaneous**

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**60 ACRES** older farmhouse, above ground pool with deck, new barn. Copperas Lick of Abbott. Call evenings at 606-478-2799.

**For Sale: 3 year-old Doublewide**, in excellent condition, blocked, on over one half acre lot with nice yard. septic & city water in Prestonsburg near Allen. 606-874-1684. \*

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**LARGE 3 BR** mobile home, needs repair, \$800 886-8366.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brass Ring Mining Co., Inc., P. O. Box 989, Ashland KY 41105, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit No. 836-5035 which was last issued on Sept. 28, 1998. The permit covers an area of approximately 2.00 surface acres, and underlies an additional 340.08 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 mile west of the junction KY 2030, and the Mud Creek Road, and is 0.1 mile north of Morgan Fork.

The current bonds (Certificate of Deposit) is \$2,800.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by June 9, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for June 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 9, 2003.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION II C.A. NO. 02-CI-1036**

**FIRST COMMON-WEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SIDNEY L. MEADE, INDIVIDUALLY, AND DBA MEADE'S HEATING & COOLING; MARY L. MEADE; WEST VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Judgment entered on March 27, 2003, and Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$64,680.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of May, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Sidney L. Meade, the Male Mortgagor, from Floyd County Board of Education, by deed dated June 11, 1996, of record in Deed Book 396, Page 835, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1: Beginning at the state road on a telephone pole, corner to M.E. Church South's property; thence South with the line of said church property and Mrs. G. M. Hatcher's lot to within ten feet of the southwest corner of same;

thence west to a drain; thence North with said drain or ditch opened for said drain to the state road and the east with said road to the beginning corner

Tract 2: Beginning at the middle of the road at the corner of the yard at a rock N.E. [on the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher estate approximately 120 feet from the creek (Abbott Creek)], and from the said mentioned rock with the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher deed to the state road; thence down the road to a rock nearly opposite a locust post and a rock (approximately 100 feet from the state road for of Abbott Creek); thence down the center of road about 100 feet to the beginning corner at a rock.

Tract 3: Beginning at a stone on the state road, west of the church; thence running east about 50 feet to a stone; thence running south about 50 feet to a stone; thence running west about 50 feet to a stone; thence running a straight line to the beginning.

Tract 4: Beginning at the present county or state road, corner to M.E. Church South's property formerly, but now owned by the first party; thence south with the line of same and property of first party and which formerly was owned by Mrs. G.M. Hatcher, to within ten (10) feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to within twelve (12) feet of a drain; thence in a norther direction, following said drain a distance of twelve (12) feet therefrom, to the present county or state road; and thence east with said road to the beginning corner.

It is expressly agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto that the conveyance of the above described tracts on the second party is subject to all previous easements, restrictions or covenants of record.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful

bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**FINAL RIGHT OF WAY PLAN SHOWING**  
**KY 122 AT MINNIE TO LITTLE MUD CREEK ROAD (SECTION 1)**  
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ITEM NO. 12-301.10

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for the proposed project in Floyd County, Kentucky. The meeting will be held:

**Thursday, May 1, 2003, at The Old Regular Baptist Church Luncheon, located along KY 122, near Minnie, Kentucky, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

This public meeting has been scheduled to afford all interested persons the opportunity to review the final right of way plans and obtain information, and exchange ideas on this project.

The project is the proposed construction from KY 122 at Minnie, to Little Mud Creek Road (Section 1).

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this public meeting, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. Attendees are welcome to review the proposed project and express their views concerning the social, economic, historic and environmental effects the project, as proposed, will have upon individuals, business, cultural resources and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Transportation Cabinet, and Consultants involved in the details of the project will be present to answer questions, address comments and assist the public with any information made available.

For convenience, a comment sheet will be provided for soliciting written comments and a recorder will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements. Statements will be accepted at the meetings, and from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., prevailing local time, Monday through Friday, at the District Office listed below, up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meetings.

Once compiled, the transcript from this meeting, and/or supporting meeting documentation will be made available for review and copying, only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administration Service, State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act," if anyone has a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Mary Westfall-Holbrook or Berita Castle, at 606-433-7791, of the necessary requirements, two days before the meeting. Your request may also be mailed to:

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