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Drug meeting **Tuesday**

Times Staff Report

MARTIN — The first organizational meeting of UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment & Education) is slated to be held Tuesday, Feb. 3 at May Valley Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

According to a press release issued by Congressman Hal Rogers, UNITE field representative Tim Mills will conduct the meeting, which will update local officials and concerned citizens about ways to combat illegal drug use.

"Illegal drugs are tearing our communities apart," said Rogers. "We have young people dying from their addictions to illegal prescription drugs and methamphetamines. Good families are watching helplessly as loved ones go over the edge. The crime rate is skyrocketing as addicts rob and steal to finance their habit. We have an epidemic on our hands and the only way we can stop it is if we all

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City cleans Wheelwright dump

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT - An illegal dump site in Wheelwright that began as a spot approved through the Environmental Protection Agency as a dropoff point for scrap metal and brush during a citywide cleanup last summer, but that eventually

became a site used by local residents to burn or dump garbage, has been cleaned up, city officials said.

Wheelwright Mayor Marlee Sammons said last week that the dump site, situated along a hilltop above 79 Hill that used to serve as a baseball field, is nearly cleared of the several tons of debris and garbage that had accumulated since last summer.

The area was approved by the EPA as a spot for city officials to discard scrap metal and brush compiled during an expansive city cleanup effort last summer. But, as time passed, both city and county residents began to unload other materials at the site.

The city was served notice from EPA officials last month stating that the agency was prepared to slap the city with fines if the site were not cleaned. City officials were given a two-week timeframe to take care of the problem.

The notice came following a spot inspection by agency representatives during which photographs were taken and inventories were gathered of what

(See DUMP, page three)



The still waters of Dewey Lake were even more so Friday afternoon as temperatures dropped steadily throughout the day, leaving large portions of the lake covered in ice.

Man accused of running checkpoint

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Two police officers say they were nearly clipped Thursday while overseeing a traffic checkpoint along Route 321 when a driver charged through the traffic stop apparently attempting to elude inspection.

Police said Robert Lyle Stumbo, 21, of Lexington, sped through the checkpoint, nearly hitting Prestonsburg Police Officer Danny Martin and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Tommy Gearheart when they attempted to stop him at approximately 1:30

a.m. Thursday.

The two officers, along with Prestonsburg Police Officer William Petry, pursued Stumbo's 1999 Dodge along a stretch of Route 321 before finally stopping him, according to reports from KVE Officer Dennis Hutchinson, doing so only when Petry was forced to swerve in front of Stumbo's oncoming vehicle to end

After making the stop, the officers said Stumbo failed a sobriety test and was found to have a pill bottle in his coat pocket containing seven Mylan prescription tablets.

Stumbo was arrested at the

scene and charged with numerous traffic and drug-related offenses, including two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree fleeing or evading police, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, improper registration plates, no registration receipt and no registration plate registered to his vehicle, no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

According to Stumbo's criminal record reports on file in Floyd

(See CHARGES, page three)

Death row inmate files appeal

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG

Attorneys for a death row inmate filed an appeal Friday in Floyd Circuit Court to overturn the verdict and sentence in his case.

Samuel Steven Fields, 32, was sentenced to death by Judge John David Caudill in December for the 1993 murder of Bess S. Horton, 84, of Grayson.

His attorneys, assistant public advocates Rebecca Lytle, of Frankfort, and Mark Baker, of Shepherdsville, filed an order to appeal the verdict to the Kentucky

Supreme Court, which will make M.G. Stevens, said in an investigathe second appeal the Supreme Court has heard in the case.

In 2001, Fields was found guilty and sentenced to die by a Rowan County jury for the same crime, a sentence that was overturned by the Supreme Court during the appeals process. They ruled in Fields' favor during that hearing, stipulating that attorneys presented the wrong instructions to the jury during the penalty phase.

Reportedly, Fields entered the Horton residence, where he murdered the elderly disabled woman and burglarized her home.

Investigating officer, Detective

tive report that Fields confessed to the murder shortly after his arrest. He and other officers at the scene found Fields in Horton's "ransacked" bedroom "going through drawers" the day of the murder, the report says.

Stevens indicated in that report that Horton was lying in her bed with a wooden handled knife protruding from her right temple area. In addition to incisions on her upper and lower lips, Horton suffered from a five-inch slash on her throat, the ultimate cause of death,

(See APPEAL, page three)

Allen last to file for state rep

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT - One more Floyd Countian was added to the list of candidates for 95th District state representative just as the deadline drew near.

Lawton Ray Allen, 65, filed as the eighth candidate to run for the office Wednesday. Allen submitted his papers just minutes before Tuesday's filing deadline and was omitted from a list of candidates for the seat in Wednesday's Floyd County Times.

If elected, the Minnie resident says he has much to contribute to the 95th dis-

"I think our whole politi-

cal system needs changed," he said. "I think our elected officials have forgotten about the normal, average person on the street or up the holler."

Allen, who ran against former Rep. Greg Stumbo during the last election for state representative, says his job as a certified public accountant serves as a beneficial background for the position.

"I work with numbers," said Allen. "I don't understand how when someone gets elected into office, they suddenly find millions of dollars lying around. It seems to me like they need to have someone in there who can understand numbers."

(See ALLEN, page three)



Cathy Neeley, education cooridinator for the East Kentucky Science Center, joined her fellow coworkers in settling into their new campus offices Friday afternoon. The center began seeking membership in mid-December and currently has 61 participants, including numerous \$50 family packages and nearly half a dozen \$1,000 Galaxy memberships. The center offers six levels of membership ranging in price from \$25 to \$1,000.

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Odds and Ends

EAGAN, Minn. -There's nothing fishy about the tale of Dory.

Teacher Linda Krienke said a fire broke out on a desktop in her classroom around 1 a.m. Saturday, causing enough smoke to set off the alarm at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School. But when firefighters arrived, they found only glowing embers on the desk.

The heat had caused a fish bowl on the desk to explode, and the water put out the fire, Krienke said. One of the firefighters spotted the fish, Dory, alive on the floor and hollered for a glass of water.

"She's a Beta, so they're used to breathing air," Krienke said. 'They're a Chinese fish and if they're in China they just live in puddles. If one dries up, they flop to the next one."

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about the fish, she said, and each has written a story about the fire from Dory's point of view.

The fire damaged Krienke's classroom and the room next door, and the classes have been relocated while the damage is repaired. And Dory is swimming around in a new bowl, "happy as can be. I suppose she's thankful to be alive," Krienke said.

BRISTOL, Tenn. -Chad Sproles phoned home just in time.

Stationed in Iraq, the 23year-old Army private had a sudden urge to check on his pregnant wife, Dana.

He tried to reach family members on their cell phones Wednesday. No luck. When his time at a pay phone was up, he ran a mile to the next nearest The students are excited telephone and began dialing errors as he broke into a liquor

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When he tried a hospital in Tennessee, the call immediately was transferred to the delivery

"He called about two minutes before the baby was born," said Dana, 19. "So he was able to experience everything."

Married last year, the couple lives at Fort Campbell in Kentucky. Dana went to Bristol to give birth, but plans to return to the base next week.

The family says Chad can see the video when he gets home, possibly in March. Morgan Aleece Sproles weighed 8 pounds and was healthy.

CLAYTON, Mo. -Police in the St. Louis area are calling it the case of the "Clown

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store earlier this week.

The crook was seen on surslammed face first into a door. slipped and fell.

He also grabbed some cigaveillance video stealing booze. rettes and a magazine, police But just off camera, he said, and bagged his own goods. But he couldn't get out Then he lost his balance, the window where he came in

so he threw all of the stolen items out the window. The liquor bottles then broke.

The man went away emptyhanded, police say. The stolen goods were valued at \$30.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2004. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during reentry, killing all seven crew members: Cmdr. Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload Cmdr. Michael Anderson; Indian-born engineer Kalpana Chawla; David Brown; Laurel Clark; and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date:

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came

into existence.

■ In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese Americans, was autho-

■ In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary general of the United Nations.

■ In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news pho-

■ In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of

In 1979, newspaper

heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco.

■ In 1991, 35 people were killed when a US Air jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Ten years ago:

Jeff Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, pleaded guilty in Portland, Ore., to taking part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan. Gillooly struck a plea bargain under which he confessed to racketeering charges in exchange for testimony implicating Harding.

Five years ago:

With the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed a \$1.7 trillion budget for fiscal 2000. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky gave a deposition that was videotaped for senators weighing impeachment charges against Clinton.

One year ago:

At least 50 people were killed in a Zimbabwe train collision. Former Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng died in Modesto, Calif., at age 84.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Stuart Whitman is 76. Former Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is 73. Singer Don Everly is 67. Actor Garrett Morris is 67. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 67. Actor Sherman

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In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union. ■ In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J.

House passes 'fetal homicide' bill

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT -The Kentucky House overwhelmingly passed a bill Friday to create the crime of "fetal homicide" to punish people for causing the death of a fetus.

The measure would give legal recognition to a fetus from the time of conception. It would exclude use of the death penalty for causing a fetus' death. The maximum punishment would be life in prison without parole.

The bill passed 88-5 and now goes to the Senate. A similar version that has passed the Senate does not prohibit the death penalty.

In the House, the bill's supporters said it would fill a void in Kentucky's criminal code. The issue was prompted by state Supreme Court rulings that a fetus is not a person under Kentucky law and that no one who causes the death of a fetus can be charged with homicide.

Supporters invoked the memories of pregnant women who were killed. They said it was

time state law recognize the loss of their fetuses. "The blood of these slain vic-

tims ... all cry for justice," said Rep. Keith Hall, D-Phelps. Opponents said the bill

would have far-reaching implications that could affect abortion rights. The measure would declare that a fetus is a person from the time of conception. Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo, D-Lexington, said the bill amounted to a "backdoor approach to eliminating the

rights of Kentucky women." The bill would exempt legal abortions. Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-

Louisville, said people should be punished for causing the loss of a pregnancy. But she warned the bill would have "terrible and eventual implications for women's reproductive health."

The bill carries an emergency clause, which means it would take effect immediately if it is signed into law by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

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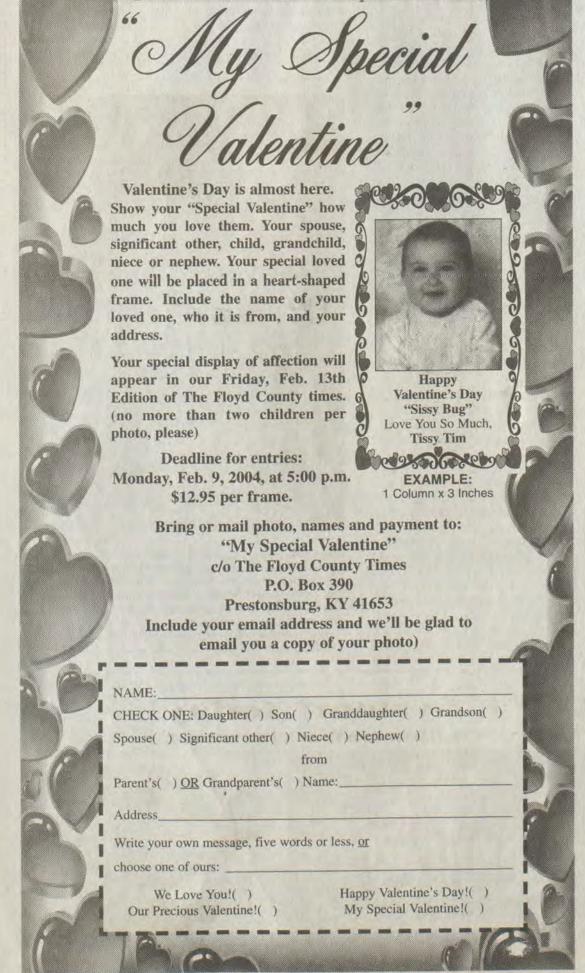
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Abuse-resistant alternative to OxyContin may be on the way

by RANDY GRIFFITH CNHI NEWS SERVICE

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. + A California pharmaceutical company says it has developed an abuse-resistant alternative to OxyContin, the drug blamed for crimes and deaths in American cities and towns.

The new drug uses the same narcotic, oxycodone, and lasts for the same 12-hour period. But it will be harder for abusers to extract a megadose of the painkiller, executives from Pain Therapeutics of San Francisco

Authorities and health-care workers in the Johnstown, Pa., area who have been dealing with the epidemic of OxyContin abuse said the development would be good news, but were skeptical of the company's contentions.

"I think the skepticism is warranted," Therapeutics President Remi Barbier said in a telephone interview. "This is a huge problem and nobody has been able to come up with an answer."

OxyContin, introduced in 1995 by Purdue Pharma of Stamford, Conn., has been blamed for hundreds of deaths nationally. It is designed to release its active ingredient gradually during 12 hours, but

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

County woman arrested in

Prestonsburg this past week for

giving Food City bogus checks

nearly a year ago was, at the

time of her arrest, being sought

after on arrest warrants or had

been found guilty of numerous

other related charges in several

surrounding counties, including

PRESTONSBURG — A Bell

abusers quickly learned they tamperproof, but it didn't take could get the full dose - and a heroin-like high - simply by crushing the pill.

OxyContin abuse brought national attention to the Western Pennsylvania region in an August 2001 edition of People magazine that highlighted the suicide of a 20-year-old Windber. Pa., man who was hooked on the drug. At the time, Greater Johnstown was one of the few areas nationwide to have even heard of OxyContin, let alone seen its widespread

Detective Rod Miller, field supervisor for Cambria County Drug Task Force, said Oxy once accounted for one-third of all drugs bought here.

The new drug, called Remoxy, uses a sticky gel capsule formula that makes it difficult for abusers to extract the oxycodone, Barbier said.

"We think we have a better solution," he said.

Miller said the new drug, which is at least two years from approval by Food and Drug Administration, would be a godsend - if it lives up to the

"I'm skeptical at this time," Miller said in a telephone interview from the district attorney's Ebensburg. in "OxyContin was designed to be

Bell woman arrested for

forging check in Floyd

the drug addicts very long to figure out how to circumvent the time-release."

Dr. Yiyan Hong, director of Pain Center at Memorial Medical Center, also is dubious.

"I have a big doubt," Hong said in a telephone interview from the hospital in Johnstown.

He is not alone. Experts point out that the manufacturer has not published its data nor tested Remoxy on humans.

And even if it performs as predicted, Hong said changing the drug is not the answer.

"It is not a medication problem," he said. "You can literally abuse anything if you want to."

Hong thinks drug abusers will find a way to get around Remoxy's safeguards.

The scourge of OxyContin abuse reached crisis proportions in Western Pennsylvania about three years ago when it was blamed for multiple crime waves and several deaths. Pharmacy robberies, burglaries and muggings were linked to addicts trying to fuel their habit.

Miller said the task force used a three-fold strategy to cut the OxyContin problem by more than half. Stepped-up law enforcement was supplemented by education programs to show doctors and pharmacists how to spot abusers.

"When you combine all three of those things, I think that's how we have been able to reduce it as much as we have," Miller said, adding that Oxy now accounts for just one in five illegal drug buys here.

Representatives from OxyContin's manufacturer helped lead some of the training, Miller said, noting that Purdue Pharma has been working on its own version of a tamper-resistant OxyContin.

But that alternative won't be on the market for at least five years, public affairs Director James Heinz said in a telephone interview from corporate offices in Stamford.

In the meantime, OxyContin addicts and the victims of their

suffering because of its abuse. Many patients whom the drug could help are stigmatized by its notoriety, Heinz said.

Those suffering chronic pain find themselves under extra scrutiny when they pick up their prescription - if they can find a drugstore that still carries OxyContin. To deter would-be robbers, several pharmacies in Cambria, Somerset and Bedford counties have placed signs announcing they don't carry the

"It's a real tragedy," Heinz said. "Criminals are starting to have an undue influence on the practice of medicine.

Hong said the ultimate solucrimes are not the only ones are not always the answer: publication.

"Narcotics are good medicine but there are other treatments."

Million's of Americans suffefrom chronic pain, but less than half of them have tried alternative therapy like hypnosis relaxation exercises and topic liniments.

For cancer patients and others who rely on pain medicine Remoxy may prove to be am acceptable alternative to OxyContin. The FDA is expected to launch a 10-month review of the drug, agency spokeswoman Laura Bradbard said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Randy Griffith is a reportetion would be to convince doc- for The Tribune Democrat in tors and the public that drugs Johnstown, Pa., a CNHI siste-

DirecTV files two more piracy lawsuits

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Three more Eastern Kentuckians have been named in two separate lawsuits brought to federal court by the California-based satellite company DirecTV, which has flooded the court system in the past year with suits alleging pirating of their services.

The two lawsuits were filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville against Greg Justice, of Pikeville, and Matt Ketron, of Independence - who were named jointly in one complaint and Gobel Bartley, of Hager

The three men are accused of ordering pirating devices such as printed circuit boards from the internet company EQ Stuff, and then using the devices to illegally tap into DirecTV programming for themselves and others.

The joint lawsuit claims that Justice ordered two of the devices on Oct. 27, 2001, while Ketron purchased three of the same circuit boards on Aug. 9 of

The lawsuit against Johnson County resident Gobel Bartley alleges that Bartley ordered four pirating devices from an EQ Stuff website - two on July 28, 2001, and two more on Oct. 27,

Tuesday's lawsuits bring the total number of individuals named in complaints filed by the satellite superpower to 26.

Most of those 26 defendants

came from back-to-back lawsuits in February and March. The company filed its first lawsuit at Pikeville in February and Eastern included 10 Kentuckians in that complaint. The following month, the company again filed suit against seven more individuals.

As with the numerous other lawsuits, DirecTV claims the pirating of its services, which is supposed to be protected through a method encrypting transmissions the company invested more than \$1 billion to develop, has forced them to suffer loss of business and revenue.

In the event of a default judgment and citing the Federal Communications Act of 1934 and also Federal Wiretap Laws, the company is asking for \$10,000 in statutory damages on each violation that alleges the men were involved in the importation, assembly, modification sale or distribution of sign theft devices.

Of the several lawsuits file two have been settled for undisclosed amounts, while two other defendants were ruled against default judgments that led fines of \$8,350 and \$37,350.



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ments, Cassandra Goins, 47, of Middlesboro, was arrested Wednesday after being named in a March 11 criminal complaint filed in 2003 by Kentucky State Police Detective Eddie Crum.

In Crum's complaint, he

with two fake, computer-generated checks at Prestonsburg's Food City in amount of \$353 and \$175 on Jan. 28, 2003.

Goins' name was linked back to the bad checks, which were issued on the account of All Care Dental of Allen, by fingerprints placed on the checks through a security system, police reports

Goins was taken into custody last week by Crum and charged with two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument and two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

At the time of her arrest, Goins, who had aliases listed on police reports as Cassandra Hall, Sandy Hall, Sandy Parsley and Cassandra Parsley, was the subclaimed Goins made purchases ject of an arrest warrant sum-

mons on the charges in connection to the Food City complaint in Prestonsburg, as well as similar charges in Harlan, Clark, Fayette and her native Bell County. Goins had been sought after

on an arrest warrant out of Harlan County on nine counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, as well as two separate warrants from Bell County in criminal eases charging her with one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument and two counts of criminal possession of a forged prescription, as well as a single count of use or possession of drug parapher-

In a 1998 Clark County criminal case, Goins was found guilty on five counts of attempted criminal possession of a forged instrument and spent nearly a year in jail. She was also found guilty in 1997 in Fayette Circuit Court and spent

Dump

Sammons described as "about 10 or 15 county truckloads" of residental trash and debris.

Sammons speculated shortly after notification from the agency last month that the personal attacks he has endured from city commissioners, which have included questions about a chainsaw that went missing from Sammons' front porch more than year ago, have been direct efforts of retaliation for his move to contact EPA officials about the condition of the dump site.

Sammons said late last week he was glad to have the problem

6 Charges

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District Court, the 21-year-old has six traffic offenses pending against him in Floyd County in connection to charges brought against him on Jan. 7. An active bench warrant had also been issued against the Lexington resident on Jan. 15 following a Dec. 18 arrest in 2003 for public intoxication.

He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday and was fitted with a \$5,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 2.

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"Most of it's been taken out," said Sammons, who was told during the EPA's inspection that the city had only taken care of about half of the garbage at that time. "I just wanted it taken care

of and get it out of there."

Allen

Allen will face Prestonsburg council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham; business owner and Democratic nominee Chuck Meade; Scarlet Stumbo, wife of school board vice chairman Jeff Stumbo; Floyd County bailiff Mike Fitzpatrick; retired teacher and coach Jimmie Hopkins; and McDowell resident Jimmy Gabe Turner as Democrats seeking the state representative seat. The winner of that race in May will face Republican Chairman

Bobby Stumbo, the lone Republican in the race, in

A special-called election will be held Feb. 17 to fill the vacancy left behind by Attorney General Greg Stumbo. Only two candidates selected by their respective parties, Democrat Chuck Meade and Republican Bobby Stumbo, will square off to see who will fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Appeal

according to the autopsy.

In addition to "technical issues," Baker says the appeal will be sought on the basis of Field's proclaimed innocence.

"Sam maintained his innocence throughout the trial and

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we'll appeal on that basis," he said. "We've been here with him for 12 years now, and we'll be with him in court again ... To sum it up in a nutshell, Sam says he didn't do it. That's why we'll see it in court a third time.'

In addition to the notice of appeal and a notice requesting transcription of testimony given during the Floyd County trial, Baker and Lytle also filed motions Friday in circuit court to withdraw as Field's counsel, requesting instead for the appointment of an attorney with the appellate branch of the Department of Public Advocacy to oversee the appeals process.

According to Baker, public advocate Julie Namkin will defend Fields during the appeal process. She could not be reached for comment Friday.

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make a personal stake in getting drugs out of our communities. I want to encourage everyone in Floyd County to come out for this town meeting and get involved in efforts to fight drug

abuse." Operation UNITE serves 29 counties in southern and Eastern Kentucky and focuses on creating regional drug task forces for ■ Continued from p1

interdiction, confiscation and undercover operations. It also aims to organize local citizens' groups, coordinate drug treatment programs, and expand drug awareness and education pro-

Rogers has included \$16 million in the federal budget over the last two years to create and operate the new initiative.

six months in jail on a charge of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or false state-Goins awaits a preliminary hearing in Floyd Circuit Court set for Feb. 2.

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pression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

Felix Frankfurter

Our View

Otter Creek has a point

Otter Creek Correctional Center took issue with the city of Wheelwright this week over that city's decision to pile the entire cost of rising natural gas prices on commercial customers..

We cannot blame prison officials for decrying the decision as unfair. And while some Wheelwright residents might appreciate this clear pandering to voters because it saves them some short-term money on their heating bills, they, too, are being shortchanged by the city's attempt to balance its budget on the back of business.

Wheelwright's new gas rates are clearly anti-business and will be an additional obstacle to any future economic growth in that community. We cannot imagine the thinking that led city officials to think an arbitrary and selective hike in gas rates would be a good idea.

By increasing the cost of gas to business, Wheelwright has effectively increased the cost of doing business in the area it serves. In these thin economic times and in an area that has had historic problems developing commercial and industrial success, such a jump could be a death sentence for some businesses that are struggling to survive.

It certainly does not paint an attractive picture for any company that might consider Wheelwright as a place to set up shop. How could a business owner possibly think he or she would enjoy a favorable relationship with the city following this decision?

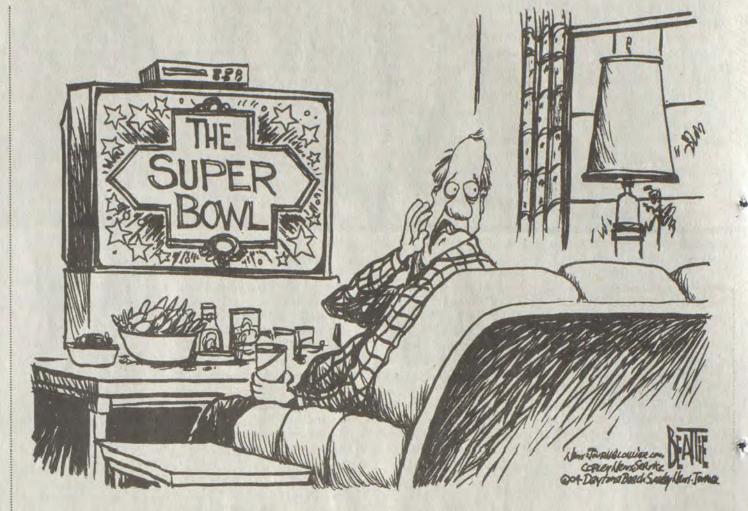
And businesses already in Wheelwright will be stuck feeling the pinch. Money that businesses are unfairly forced to pay to the city is money those same businesses cannot use to expand or hire additional employees. It is money that residents of Wheelwright will not see, except as it passes through city hall and on out of town to a natural gas supplier. In short, it is money that will not be used to improve the community.

And don't think that businesses will simply absorb the increase. It will be passed along to their customers, in the form of higher prices for goods and services.

A city should be a collective effort, in both good times and bad. When some misfortune strikes, such as higher heating costs, the only fair way to shoulder that burden is by distributing it evenly.

In this instance, one group is being asked to carry the entire load. And while that might be a politically popular idea, at least for the moment, the rest of the community will quickly learn the toll such unfairness will ultimately bring.

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"Hurry back . . . the commercials are coming on!"

-Jim Davidson

What goes around comes around

It's been some time now since I have talked with you about the great law that controls everything in the universe. This great law is known as the "Law of Cause & Effect." What this means is that for every action there is and equal and opposite reaction.

Make no mistake; if our actions or causes are good, the effects will be good. By the same token, if our actions or causes or had, the effects will be had, All we have to do as unique individuals is take care of the causes. The effects will always, in time, take care of them-

In reality, this law allows every thinking person to tell his or her own future. What is so sad, at least to me, is that millions of people in America really do not understand this great law and that it applies to them. I make this statement based on common sense. Why else would untold numbers of people set out to deliberately destroy themselves or to fail in life?

The good news is that we can all be

winners, if we will just take the time to learn the great laws that operate in the universe and how to use them to our own advantage. When we do this, it's like paddling a canoe downstream all the time and not struggling against the tide, as so many are doing. This allows us to take our failures in stride.

You want to be a real winner in the

game of life? Always do the right thing. Treat other people with respect, work hard and always do a little more than your share, with a positive attitude. Take pride in what you do; it has your signature on it whether it's signed or not. If you want financial

success, save and invest your resources with sound financial practices. This is what I mean when it comes to using natural laws to our advantage.

A good example of what I am saying is embodied in a cliché that we have all heard, "What goes around comes around." What do don't know is how big a circle it is going to make or how long it's going to take.

I keep up with sports a good deal and I've seen coaches who were on top just pound their opponents into the ground or court by running up a big score on

them. But, lo and behold, in time, the worm turns and these same coaches are on the other end of the beating. Most of us simply sit back and smile and say, "What goes around comes around." What's important to understand here is that this law or principle works in all of life and not just in sports and those obvious cases that we know, read or

hear about.

Because we live in a "negative" world, when we hear the cliché "What goes around comes around", we usually think of something bad. The point I'm making here is that this law also works on the good side, too. When we do good things to help and serve others, this comes back to us as well. My good friend Ruth Baker

sent me an interesting story the other day that illustrates this point very clearly. The story begins, "His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself.

"Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terri-

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Great presidents are spinning in their graves

by DONALD KAUL

I love good quotations. Give me a "Give me liberty or give me death" and I'm happy. That's why I'm always pleased when readers think to send me especially pithy ones, particularly those that have escaped Bartlett

For example, the other day a reader e-mailed me the words of four great American presidents, dealing with major issues of their day and ours. "Any one of the following ... could be applied to our present condition," she wrote.

The first was Thomas Jefferson's comment on the Napoleonic wars:

"We believe no more in Bonaparte's fighting merely for the liberties of the seas, than in Great Britain's fighting for the liberties of mankind. The object is the same, to draw to themselves the power, the wealth and the resources of other nations.'

The second was Teddy Roosevelt on conservation of our natural resources which were, he said, were to be used not merely for the enrichment of the living, but for "...the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant frac-

tion. Our duty to unborn generations bids us restrain our unprincipled present day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations."

Then there was Abraham Lincoln, ruminating on the rise of the corporations in the wake of the Civil War:

"I see in the future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the

money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed."

And, lastly, John F. Kennedy laying out his vision of a just and lasting peace:

'What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children - not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women — not merely peace in our time, but peace for all

Applicable to our present condition? Indeed. In fact, you might say Jefferson could have been talking about the war in Iraq, Roosevelt about the current administration's environmental policies, Lincoln about its economic policy and Kennedy about its doctrine of preemptive war. And each of them as critical of Mr. Bush's policies as the most "partisan" campaign speech of the most rabid Democrat. (It is interesting to note that three of them — the ones on Mount

Rushmore - served in the days before presidents used speechwriters to make them sound eloquent.)

The quotations' contemporary relevance is not accidental or a trick of selective quotation. The views of those four remarkably disparate presidents are articulations of the bedrock principles on which the idea of this nation is built.

The power and influence of the United States through the past two centuries has never been about military or economic power alone. It is the idea of our nation — a democratic republic built on freedom and opportunity for all that has attracted so many people of the world to us. We have never completely realized that ideal but we have moved, ever so slowly, toward it.

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

'He may know the number of hairs on my head but it's the ones in the sink that worry me'

by REV. THOMAS R. BIDDLE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

enough and you are bound to the very hairs of your head are

numbered." That means that God cares about us so much He knows how many hairs we have on our heads, but it is not the hairs on . my head that worry me. It is the Hang around any church long ones I count in the sink. I am afraid that soon I may be among hear Matthew 10:30 quoted, "But the crowd that hears it said, "God knows the number of hairs on

your head, and for some of you that isn't hard to count,"

Exactly what is it that causes a person to lose their head one hair at a time? In recent days I have found that the answer to that question lies in a lack of one word in our lives - trust. In particular, it lies in a lack of trust in

This month I have been frantically preparing for a large event that will be taking place in our area this spring. The event is called MissionsFEST. For one week in April, hundreds of volunteers will come from all over our nation to do various mission projects in our community. As I have been working to pinpoint these projects, gather resources and enlist local support, I have felt this overwhelming urge to just scream in anguish. I keep wondering how every piece of the puzzle is going to fall into place. I can't help but feel that it is all crumbling before my very eyes, and I just want to push the pause button on life. Yet how I feel about one event, other people feel about their everyday existence. How does God help in all of this?

In my search for God's help in planning that event, I made a startling discovery. God doesn't expect me to have every last detail worked out. That event came about not from anything I had done, but what God wanted to do. I had never even heard of MissionsFEST until one day I got a phone call asking me to meet with national leaders on it. It is not my plan, but God's plan. He expects me to do my part and my work. More importantly, He



photo courtesy of Thomas Nosarzewski Kamila Nosarzewski receives a kiss and special blessing from Pope John Paul II on Dec. 3, when she and her family visited the

Little girl's visit with the Pope leaves

by MICHAEL R. MOSER CNHI NEWS SERVICE

CROSSVILLE, Tenn.— Most pilgrims go to the Vatican seeking a special blessing from the Pope. Five-year-old Kamila Nosarzewski went because of a need to tell the stranger who intrigued her at age 2-and-a-half that she loves

Even a Pope needs love. And the love that transcends Kamila's hug, kiss and prayer from Pope Paul II is an amazing story about an amazing journey that started in the Nosarzewski's living room in Crossville, Tenn., just over two years ago.

On a day no different from any other Kamila was passing through the Nosarzewski's living room while playing when she noticed the image of Pope John Paul on the TV screen. "Who is this?" she asked her father. Thomas explained the best he could that the grandfatherly figure, as seen through the eyes of Kamila, was the

"I love him. I want to go see him," responded Kamila. Thus started her journey. Thomas Nosarzewski, her father, has no doubt that it was the hand of God that directed the events that followed.

Thomas Nosarzewski is a physical therapist. He and his wife, Julita, are natives of Poland who moved to Texas 10 years ago and then to Crossville in 1994 at the invitation of Cumberland Medical Center.

Kamila was born with a clubfoot, a congenital deformity of the foot that occurs once per 1,000 births in the U.S. The foot has a typical appearance of pointing downwards and twisting inwards. No one really knows what causes clubfoot. During development, the posterior and medial tendons and ligaments fail to keep pace

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Hemsley is 66. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 65, Jazz musician Joe Sample is, 65. Comedian Terry Jones is 62. Singer Rick James is 52. Actorwriter-producer Bill Mumy is rest of the foot and often 50. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 50. Rock singer Exene Cervenka (X) is 48. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 39. Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 39. Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 39. Lisa Marie Presley is 36. Jazz musician Joshua Redman is 35. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 35. Rock musician Ron Welty is 33. Rapper Big Boi (Outkast) is 29. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 22.

Thought for Today:

'A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have." - President Theodore

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television," Thomas said.

"That is why I found it so

amazing. She did not know

who the Pope was, but she was attracted to him. I cannot

explain it."

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expects me to trust Him enough to known that He will fill in the

divine plan for each of us when we follow His will, I believe He wants to do great works in our lives. The problem is so many of us get so consumed with working it all out on our own that we forget about His presence in our

I am a perfectionist by nature.

I like to make sure I have every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed. I am that type who will write What a great lesson for life. down a list of things to do, and Because I believe God has a then make myself another not to remind me of the list. I want to know who wins the UK basketball game before it starts. Unfortunately, no matter how hard we work, life has its little unknown details and gaps. That

> important. Even as I sit here writing this Him to put them in place.

is why trusting in Him is so

article a country song is playing on the radio that says, "We all: fall down." We do fall down, but the good news is that there is a loving God ready and willing to pick us up. There is a loving God who has the answers when no one else does. There is a loving God who will guide us through the darkest storms. There is a loving God who knows the very number of hairs on our heads. It is time we allow

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn dead at 79



Former Ky. Gov. Louie Nunn, who died Thursday night, is pictured in this 2002 file

by CHARLES WOLFE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn was remembered Friday as a Republican war horse whose fierceness in politics was tempered by compassion for the vulnerable while he was chief executive.

Nunn, whose administration was 1967 to 1971, died Thursday night, apparently of a heart attack, at age 79. He remained a force in Republican politics, though not always in the mainstream.

"He was a tenacious campaigner; there's no question. It was much better to have him on your side than the other side," said Gov. Emie Fletcher, who experienced Nunn both ways.

They were on opposite sides last spring when Nunn's son, state Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow, ran against Fletcher in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Fletcher won the nomination, and Nunn held a fund raiser for him at his home outside Versailles.

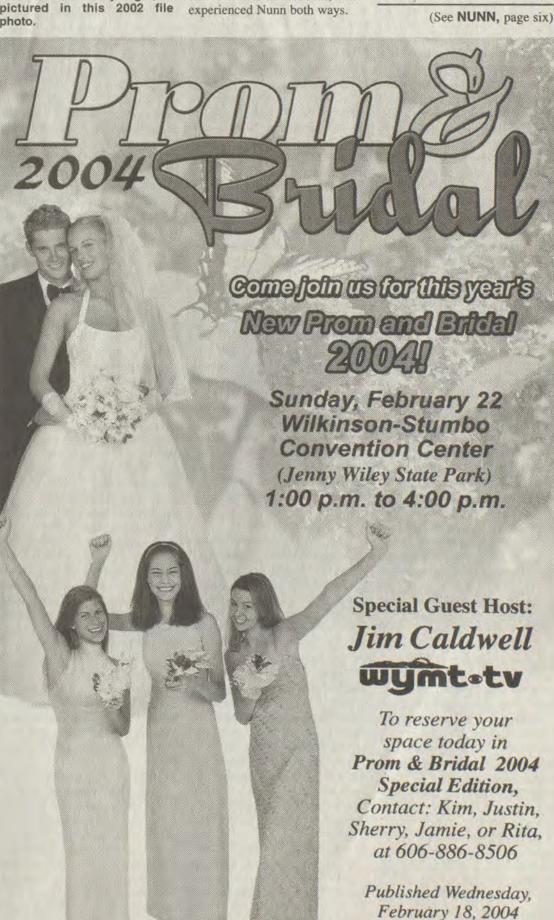
Fletcher on Friday telephoned condolences to Steve Nunn. He also ordered flags lowered to half staff at state government buildings and post offices, a spokesman said.

Nunn's body is to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday. He is to be buried in Glasgow, in his native Barren County, on Tuesday.

Senate President David Williams, a Republican from the

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Sharon LaNell Watson Bingham, 52, died Thursday, January 22. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25, at 1 p.m., at the First Christian Church of Prestonsburg. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Collins, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Bradis Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronald Dean Counts, 57, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, January 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Freda Johnson Counts. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elsworth Lee Crum, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Janet Crum. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Forrest John Duncan, 4, and Caleb LeDale Duncan, 2, children of Charles Duncan and Emily Eve Howell, of Maytown, died Friday, January 23, at their residence, as a result of a house fire. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27,

under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys M. Kittle Gullett, 93, of Bypro, died Monday, January 26, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Charles Lloyd Harless, 90, of Auxier, died Wednesday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Belle (Endicott) Harless. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Eddie "Pete" Howard, 55, of Garrett, died Wednesday, January 21, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Polly Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rev. Harold Johnson, 72, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, January 24, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Selmer Ricker Johnson, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Phyllis Keathley, 57, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, January 26, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jay Lee Keathley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday,

January 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Lovia Ann (Annie) Kinney, 82, of Tram, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, January 23, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Henry Moore Jr., of Whitley City, a native of Harold, died Wednesday, January 21. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Bryant Moore. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Pine Knot Funeral Home.

Elder Edd Moore, 93, of Garrett, died Monday, January 26, at the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife. Una Turner Moore. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ballard James Mosley, 57, of Minnie, died Wednesday, January 28, in the Hazard Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Birdie Lucille Park, 68, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Price, died Monday, January 19, at Edward White Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Ronda Rowe, 74, of Langley, died Friday, January 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ricky Stanley, 48, of Melvin, died Thursday, January 29, at Broad Bottom, Pikeville. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin. Roberts Funeral Home of Robinson Creek, is in charge of arrangements.

Tommy Tackett, 79, of Salyersville, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, January 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Knott County

Shirley Osborne Brown, 79, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, January 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Emma Jean Conley, 62, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, January 21, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Clemon Conley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kelly Franklin Hall, 58, of Vest, died Friday, January 23, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mable Sue "Susie" Thacker Justice, 64, died Friday, January 23, at Richmond, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Sturgill Funeral

Pike County

Winston Adkins, 81, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, January 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Rosenelle Boyd Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral

"Robby" Robert Allen Bunch, 37, of Canada, died

Methodist Hospital. Funeral serwere conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

John Burgett Jr., of Hatfield, died Monday, January 26, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Jean Burgett. Arrangements were under the direction of Hatfield Funeral

Mary M. Carroll, 86, of Delbarton, West Virginia, a native of Beauty, died Sunday, January 25, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing facility. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral

Ruth Larrabee Haley, 70, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 24, at Fort Sanders Picklesimer. Funeral services Parkwest Medical Center. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel, of Knoxville.

Casey Clay Newsome, 23, of Virgie, died Saturday, January 24, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Cecil Phipps Jr., 57, of Pikeville, formerly of Clarkston, Michigan, died Thursday, January 22. He is survived by his wife, Diana Phipps. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home of Clarkston.

Bobby Gene Price, 51, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 26, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral

Elsie McCoy Conn Ford Rains, 90, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 23, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Bessie Ratliff, 79, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, January 24, at Parkview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Douglas. Funeral serconducted were vices Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

William Johnson Robinette, 79, of Stopover, died Saturday, January 24, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Johnson County

Ervin Allen Jr., 50, died Wednesday, January 21, at Crum, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Mary Sue Butcher, 67, of Tutor Key, died Monday, January 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Richard Butcher. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 22, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Bonnie Cantrell, 64, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, January 24, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Henry Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Curtis Castle, 75, of River,

Sunday, January 25, at Pikeville died Monday, January 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Farley Castle. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 23, under the direction of Preston Funeral

> Maxie Fairchild, 87, of Oil Springs, died Tuesday, January 20, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 23, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

James Albert "Whitey" Howard, 68, a Martin County native, died Sunday, January 25, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Phillip M. Picklesimer, 60, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, January 20, Riverside Hospital Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Virgie L. VanHoose were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Ingram Funeral Home,

Patricia Stambaugh Shropshire, 69, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, January 21, at the Kettering Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Tucker, Yocum & Wilson Funeral

Wanda L. Stapleton, 79, of Mt. Sterling, a native of Paintsville, died Sunday, January 25, in the Chillicothe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service was conducted Saturday, January 31, under the direction of Ward Funeral Home.

Martin County

Glen Blackburn, 68, of Inez, died Saturday, January 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Francis Kirk Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

Lake Goble, 86, of Inez, died Sunday, January 25, at Thompsonhood Veterans Center, Wilmore. He is survived by his wife. Veatrice Pack Goble. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Donna Harless, 61, a Martin County native, died Tuesday, January 20, in Jackson, Tennessee. She is survived by her husband, George Harless. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

James Calvin Dingus, 74, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Earie Mae Benton Dingus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Pauline Stephens Finalyson, 102, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 25, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Roger Hoskins, 76, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 26, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Leck Risner, 84, of Salyersville, died Thursday, January 22, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Justine Arnett Risner. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Howard Risner, 76, of Shelbyville, died Sunday, January 17. He is survived by his wife, Carol J. Howard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Williams-Gores Funeral Home of Delton.

Velma Louise "Peach" Tackett Smith, 74, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville.. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral

Lawrence County

Drusilla Sue Peterman Fyffe, 63, of Catlettsburg, died Thursday, January 22, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Roberta Hay Fyffe, of Blaine, died Friday, January 23, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland, Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Elva C. Holt, 93, of North Ridge, Ohio, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, January 26, at North Ridge Nursing Home. Graveside funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 29, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Frieda Wellman Julien, 55, of Las Vegas, Nevada, a native of Louisa, died Tuesday, January 20, at Odyssey Health Care Center, Las Vegas. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Ina R. Skaggs, 71, of Blaine, died Sunday, January 25, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Hurl Skaggs. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 28, under the directon of Young Funeral Home.

bituaries

Shirley Ousley Handley

Shirley Ousley Handley, 56, of Crossville, Tennessee, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at Cumberland Medical Center, in Crossville, Tennessee.

Born October 29, 1947, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Ruth DeRossett Ousley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: Jimmy Hinton and Kenny Hinton, both of Prestonsburg; her fiance, Ralph Thompson of Crossville, Tennessee; six brothers: Jimmy Gene Ousley of St. Louis, Missouri, Allen D. Ousley and Cledus Ousley, both of Printer, Clifford Ousley of Langley, Marvin Ray Ousley of Paintsville and Paul David Ousley of Allen; five sisters: Bessie Chambers of Langley, Dorothy Harris and Edith Ousley, both of Crossville, Tennessee, Della Sue Crace and Jamie Lynn Ousley, both of Martin; and three grandchildren, Jason, Kisha and Charley.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 1, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Robert A. Ousley and Jim Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Ousley Family Cemetery (Spurlock) in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Pallbearers will be her nephews.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Nunn

party's post-Nunn generation, promise not to raise taxes. It said the former governor was "a strong advocate for education and the downtrodden and a worthy political adversary."

"He was as quick a mind as we've ever seen and was very articulate. His wrath could be felt, and I've felt it on many occasions," Williams said.

Happily, Williams said, his last encounter with Nunn ended on a good note - "a great conversation" at a local restaurant. He speculated that the suddenness of Nunn's death was fortu-

"I don't think that Louie Nunn would have made a very good invalid, and so I think he probably went out the way he would have chosen," Williams

Nunn collapsed at the end of a "sedate day" during which he entertained guests at his home, Woodford County Coroner Steve Ward said family members told him.

Steve Nunn said his father's heart stopped around 8 p.m. EST. "He was at home and had had a good day. He felt good. His heart just quit," the younger Nunn said.

Louie Broadie Nunn was Kentucky's last Republican governor until Fletcher's election in November. There were eight Democratic administrations between them.

Nunn was in the back of a convertible during Fletcher's inaugural parade in December but alit and completed about half the parade route on foot.

Former Gov. Julian Carroll, a Democrat who was speaker of the House during Nunn's term and a frequent adversary, said Nunn was "a very strong leader" whom he learned to appreciate.

"He always operated without fear. He always dealt with the members of the General Assembly with confidence," Carroll said early Friday.

Former Gov. Brereton Jones, another Democrat, said Nunn had a plainspoken style. "He said what was on his mind. You didn't have to wonder what he was trying to say," Jones said.

Steve Nunn said his father wanted to be remembered "as a

"He was a man who loved Kentucky and Kentuckians," he

Nunn got the General Assembly to raise the state sales tax soon after taking office, though he had campaigned on a

Continued from p5 proved to be political suicide for him, but Nunn said the state's financial condition left him no

His four-year administration saw Kentucky take strides in caring for the mentally retarded, the mentally ill and juvenile

delinquents. On his watch, a network of 22 mental health centers was completed and, for the first time in Kentucky history, all four state psychiatric hospitals were fully accredited. Nunn later called the revamping of mentalhealth treatment his proudest

accomplishment. The state's university system was also expanded during his term, and housing discrimination was outlawed.

State Rep. Jim Bruce, the only current legislator who was in the General Assembly during Nunn's administration, said Nunn was "a great governor and what we needed in Kentucky at

that time.' "I don't know where the state would have been if he hadn't increased taxes and started doing things that the state needed" in mental health and education, said

Bruce, D-Hopkinsville. Nunn also could be ruthless. Shortly after taking office, his staff fired thousands of state employees. All were Democrats and most in departments that were traditionally patronage strongholds, such as the highway department.

Courts declared the firings illegal in lawsuits that eventually cost the state \$2 million in settlements.

Nunn launched a long political career in 1954, winning election at age 29 as county judge of his native Barren County. In the decades that followed, Nunn thrived on political combat and was never far from the front. He sought statewide office four times and figured prominently in several other campaigns. His record was a mixture of heady victories and

He successfully managed Republican state campaigns for President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and for U.S. Sens. John Sherman Cooper and Thruston B.

galling defeats.

He won his own race for governor in 1967, defeating Democrat Henry Ward, but lost two others to Edward T. Breathitt in 1963 and to John Y. Brown Jr. in 1979. He was the GOP nominee for U.S. Senate in 1972 but lost the general election to Democrat Walter

(See NUNN, page seven)

Pope

tations with six of the top surgeons in the field. Still, Thomas was not satisfied with what he was being told.

The decision was made to take Kamila to a clinic in Paris where the world's foremost authority on clubfoot performs his surgical skills. With Julita at her side, Kamila underwent surgery this summer, followed by three months of recovery, rehabilitation and therapy in Paris. Thomas kept his practice going and took care of 3-yearold son, Julian.

Kamila returned home and continued her therapy until around the first of December when she had to return to Paris for her six-month checkup. This time Thomas accompanied her. They stayed for two Thomas to accept what hapweeks and were joined by Thomas' mother, Teresa, who lives in Poland.

Remembering Kamila's desire to meet the Pope and taking advantage of already being in Europe, the decision was made for the trio to travel

"I thought we should do this," said Thomas. "The Pope is not in good health and with his age (in May the Pope will be 84) I felt we should take the chance to let Kamila see him."

They went to the Vatican on Dec. 3, a Wednesday, because that is the day the Pope has a general audience with pilgrims from all over the world.

It helps to understand

pened next. With mom and daughter in tow, Thomas arrived at the Vatican earlier and sought out an officiallooking person who happened to be one of the Pope's secretaries, and explained his plight. He had a daughter who wanted to see the Pope.

"No, no, no," was the secretary's reply, Thomas recalled. Over 18 million pilgrims have traveled to the Vatican for the chance of getting a glimpse of John Paul II. A 5-year-old from America had about as much chance of telling the Pope she loves him as any one in 18 mil-

The chance meeting did get Thomas, Kamila and Teresa an

and a leading strategist for the

Green Business College, joined

the Army in 1943 and entered the

University of Cincinnati after his

discharge in 1945. He received a

law degree from the University of

Cornelius Aspley of Glasgow in

October 1950. She owned a

Glasgow insurance agency and

had three children from a previous

marriage. They had two children

of their own - a daughter, Jenni

Lou, who has since died, and

divorced in 1994. She died in

the Capitol on Monday from 10

a.m. until 2 p.m. EST, according to

Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in

Lexington, which was in charge of

arrangements. The funeral is to be

at First Christian Church in

Glasgow with burial in the Nunn

family plot at Cosby Cemetery in

uled: Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. at Kerr

Brothers in Lexington and

Monday, 4 to 8 p.m. CST at A.F.

Crow Funeral Home in Glasgow.

Two visitations were sched-

southern Hart County.

Louie and Beula Nunn were

Nunn's body is to lie in state at

Nunn married the former Beula

Louisville in 1950.

Steve Nunn.

Louie Nunn attended Bowling

invitation into a noon audience, which was reserved for invited guests. Over 2,000 peo-

ple filled a small auditorium.

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Suddenly the secretary was before Thomas and asked, "How many in your party?" Upon learning there were three, the secretary led the surprised trio behind a curtain and up onto a stage to stand in a receiving line to meet the Pope.

It seems three members of a foreign embassy had not been able to keep their appointment, and Thomas, Teresa and Kamila found themselves standing in their place.

Thirty people were in the special receiving line. When Kamila reached the front of the line, she found herself face-toboth of his hands and took the child to his lap.

"It was like he was waiting for her," Thomas later said. There was this glow on his face. There was a connection."

With cameras flashing, the Pope smiled and looked the child in the eyes, let her rest in his lap, placed both hands on her head, kissed her on the lips, prayed a blessing upon her and then told Kamila, "I love you." She responded with the same, and then with her family members was led away.

The Pope's gaze followed the little girl.

"I was speechless. I could not say a thing," Thomas remembers. "It was like they had known each other a long time. Kamila is shy around strangers and won't go to them, but when she saw the Pope, she reached out with both arms and he reached out

"He smiled and waved when we left, and his gaze followed

A man from the U.S. who witnessed the event pulled Thomas to the side and told the stunned father it was the most incredible thing he had ever

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face with the man she had seen on TV. She reached out both Nunn arms as Dad lifted her up. Pope ■ Continued from p6 John Paul II reached out with

"Dee" Huddleston even though President Richard Nixon carried Kentucky in a landslide.

In 1991, Nunn threw his weight behind Larry Forgy's 11thhour entry in the Republican governor's race against Larry Hopkins, a seventh-term congressman from Lexington.

Hookins turned his guns on Nunn, deriding Forgy as "the Nunn candidate." Forgy had a fraction of Hopkins' money and organization, but came within 2,200 votes - barely 1 percent of a stunning upset.

Four years later, Forgy was the GOP nominee, but Nunn turned against him. Bob Gable, a former state Republican chairman opposed to Forgy, jumped into the primary against him. Nunn backed Gable and recorded a memorable radio commercial that savaged Forgy. Democrat Paul Patton made repeated use of the commercial and beat Forgy by 25,000

Nunn had the distinction of being board chairman of three universities, each at a time of turmoil.

As governor, he was by law chairman of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. In May 1970, a time of nationwide campus unrest, Nunn ordered state police and the National Guard onto the Lexington campus after the ROTC building was burned to the ground. Nunn's order brought a combination of public acclaim

and bitter criticism. In January 1986, then-Gov. Martha Layne Collins appointed Nunn and Breathitt, his old nemesis, to the board of regents at Morehead State University, where replacement of the president was side offered no constructive alterdeemed necessary.

Three years later, Collins' successor, Wallace Wilkinson, asked Nunn to take control of the board at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Nunn agreed and brought some members of the Morehead board with him, including Breathitt. Again, they oversaw a presidential transition.

> Breathitt died in October. But it was as a Republican gov-

ernor with a legislature controlled by Democrats that Nunn forever made his mark. He manipulated and maneuvered, bullied and bluffed. And his frame fit his style at 6 feet 3, 230 pounds.

Nunn's administration was less than a month old when it reached a pivotal moment. Faced with a choice of a budget deficit or curtailment of vital services, including closure of some mental hospitals, Nunn proposed a record bud-

get to the 1968 General Assembly. To pay for it, he submitted a tax package that included raising the sales tax to a nickel from 3 cents on the dollar and hiking the \$5 fee for license plates to \$12.50.

"I have done what the time, circumstances and conditions demand that I do," Nunn said in his budget message to the legisla-

But Nunn had run for governor on a promise of no new taxes, and the sales tax increase, "Nunn's nickel," would remain a political issue for more than 20 years.

Carroll said the sales tax increase was Nunn's greatest achievement. "He came to helm of state government at a time when the need for additional funds was great, and he met the challenge," Carroll said.

The new taxes helped pay for institutions, roads, jobs, contracts and other favors that were Nunn's currency for the votes he needed in

the state House and Senate. Nunn said in an interview years later it was "a positive program ... that extended to all areas and reached all people in one form or

another.' "And the people on the other native," Nunn said. "Then, of course, there was horse trading. There always is horse trading in the legislature."

Louie Broady Nunn was born at Park in Barren County on March 8, 1924, the fourth of five children of Waller Harrison Nunn and Mary Roberts Nunn, who operated a country grocery. A brother, Lee Nunn, would become Kentucky Republican chairman

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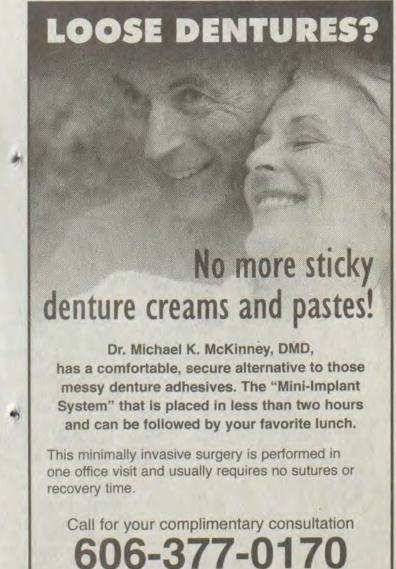
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House OKs bill to force candidates to disclose tax returns

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - A bill to candidates require statewide office to disclose income tax returns narrowly passed the Kentucky House on Thursday over Republican objections that it would invade privacy.

The vote was 50-43 on the bill, part of a package of executive branch ethics bills sponsored by House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green.

Candidates for statewide constitutional offices would have to release two years of state and federal tax returns when filing candidacy papers. Federal candidates would be exempt.

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Democrats joined them. The unified Republican opposition could foreshadow problems for the bill in the Senate. where the GOP is in control.

Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, said "full disclosure" would let voters know whether candidates harbored any conflicts of interest.

Republican Rep. Scott Brinkman of Louisville argued that statewide candidates are entitled, like other people, "to a zone of privacy."

Brinkman said privacy should extend to a person's income, charitable giving, mortgage interest and earnings from investments - all of which could be gleaned from tax returns.

"I fail to see why that's relevant, why that speaks to a person's qualifications to serve as a constitutional officer of the state," Brinkman said.

Rep. Tim Feeley, R-Crestwood, said tax disclosures would have a "chilling effect" on people running for statewide offices, and it would have discouraged him from running for attorney general last year. Feeley lost in the Republican primary.

Feeley said his tax returns "would not shed any light whatsoever" for voters. On a

closures could lead to more mudslinging as candidates pored over their rivals' tax fil-

Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, countered that disclosure would only discourage candidates with something to conceal.

"If there is something that someone running for statewide office wishes to not have exposed in their financial world, I hope they don't run for statewide office because we're going to find out sooner than later," he said. For candidates who "don't have something to hide, you don't have a problem," Cherry said.

House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, pro-

against the bill. Seven broader scale, he said, the dis- posed making candidates for the General Assembly disclose their tax returns as well.

As the bill is written, it would apply to candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer, secretary of state, auditor and agriculture commissioner.

"If we're going to do that to them, we should require it of ourselves," Hoover said.

Richards ruled Hoover's amendment out of order. Richards said his bill dealt strictly with the executive branch.

Meanwhile, another part of Richards' ethics package sailed through the House on a 96-0 vote. That bill would limit the state's use of nonbid contracts.

Davidson

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fying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both

will be proud of.' And that he did. "Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill."

What a touching story. It has been around for many years but unfortunately it is a myth. It does however clearly demonstrate the positive side of the principle "What goes around comes around."

Someone once said to have a truly happy life, we should "Work like we don't need the money. Love like we have never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's heaven on

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Beltway

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The current president, George W. Bush, has violated each of those principles in turn. He calls himself a conservative but he is not. He is not even a reactionary. He is a radical who is bent on reconstituting this nation as a corporate oligarchy and who seems to be succeeding, more's the pity.

I wouldn't be surprised if those four presidents are whirling in their graves, even as we speak.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. His e-mail address donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Pope

When one of Rome's newspapers, Leggo Roma, published its next edition, there on the front page was a color photo of Kamila being kissed by the Pope. The cutline told of the "blond-haired girl with sparkling eyes kissing the Pope on the lips and how the Pope reciprocated."

The Vatican's official news-

paper, L'Osservatore Romano, published a panel of four pho-

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tos showing Kamila reaching out for the Pope, looking him in the eyes, the Pope's hands holding Kamila's head, and the now world-famous kiss.

"I never was a very religious man," Thomas admits, "But this was the most amazing thing I have ever seen. It has changed my life. It is like a fulfillment."

Adding to his awe was a comment from the Mother Superior back at the hotel. She told Thomas that she had been in Rome for 40 years and had never seen the positive energy, the love of God emitting from the Pope to a visitor as it did in the photo of Kamila in Pope John Paul II's lap.

"She asked me to read during their evening mass," Thomas said, and, as the family left, the Mother Superior told him that his daughter was something special. "She then asked me to ask my daughter to pray for her."

Thomas admits that his background of medicine is grounded in science and that he has to see things for himself before he believes. That has all changed.

"Kamila has seen something in the Pope that we do not see,' Thomas said. "There is a purpose in this. I do not know what it is, but there is a pur-

Kamila is at home today and, according to dad, is walking better and better with each day. It appears the surgery in Paris has been successful

As for the Pope, Kamila still wants to go back to see the man whom she said she loved the first time she saw his image on television.

Michael R. Moser is the editor of the Crossville (Tenn.) Chronicle, a CNHI sister publication.



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H.S. BASKETBALL

Raiders roll Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - South Floyd has made a trip to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. The Raiders made the trip back in 2000. South Floyd made an impressive first impression Thursday night in this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Raiders

started out Thursday night's first round game against Phelps on a 19-0 run. South Floyd led 19-4 at the end of the first period and 43-25 at halftime. The Raiders set the tone in the first half and rolled to victory in the second half, winning easy, 81-50. "Our kids played well," said South Floyd head

(See ROLL, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd found little resistance Thursday night on several possessions versus Phelps. Raider senior Adam Tackett is pictured going up for a layin against the Phelps defense.

NOTEBOOK

15th Region players hold -their own in state stats

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball players from the 15th Region - both boys' and girls' - continue to hold their own in the latest round of hoops statistics released by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

South Floyd junior Burnett Little, as of Thursday evening, ranked 10th in both field-goal percentage and rebounding.

East Ridge's Robbie Spears ranked among the top rebounders and a teammate of his, Brandon Spears, ranked fifth in three-point field goals.

Spears recently had a double-double game against Pikeville as he scored 23 points and pulled down 20 rebounds.

Allen Central Lady Rebel Becky Thomas, a junior, found herself in the top-10 in rebounding as she was the state's sixth-best rebounder.

■ Mr. and Miss Basketball honorees will be announced April 16. Tryouts for the Kentucky All-Star boys' and girls' basketball teams will be held April 16-17 at Georgetown College.

■ In Perry County, Perry County Central High quarterback Al Holland, Jr. has committed to play football at Wake Forest and will sign with the Demon Deacons thus week. Holland, Jr. is also one of the 14th Region's top basketball

n In spring sports, John DeRossett will return to guide the Prestonsburg High School baseball squad.

MU to host fantasy camp

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. Marshall University football coaching staff will host it's first-ever fantasy football camp on May 28-29 on the Marshall

The two-day overnight camp, designed for men over the age of 21, will offer participants the opportunity to spend two days as a member of the Marshall football team. Campers will get an inside look at how Marshall football coaches and players prepare each week by participating in team meetings, pregame meals, pre-game introductions, practice, an actual flag football game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, and a postgame celebration.

The camp would make a perfect gift for any Thundering Herd fan.

Pre-registration is required by May 1st and the camp costs \$400 per participant. For more information contact Brian Coutras, Director of Football Operations

304/696-3029 or Coutras@ marshall.edu.

HALL SCORES 23, LEADS BOBCATS TO WIN



Allen Central senior Austin Francis made a move around the Betsy Layne defense. Francis was one of three players to score in double figures for Allen Central as the Rebels came up short.

Betsy Layne beats out host Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The boys' basketball teams from Betsy Layne and Allen Central met on the hardwood Thursday night in the first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Thursday night's meeting was a fourth get-together this season for the two squads. Allen Central took both of the regular-season district meetings. And after Thursday night's game, Betsy Layne has now beaten Allen Central twice, both times coming in tournaments. On Thursday night, the Bobcats trailed after one quarter, but led at the end of the other three, beating Allen Central 79-

Betsy Layne senior center Brandon Hall entered this his final prep season as one of the most highly regarded players in the 15th Region. Hall came to play against Allen Central, scoring a game-high 23 points. Jordan Kidd scored 16

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Jordan Kidd got out on a fast break.

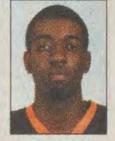
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lindsey holds off Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The nation's No. 1 team went on a 15-5 run to end the game and pull out a 66-57 win in a battle of top-20 programs Thursday night.

Wilson Lindsey College remained unbeaten with its 21st straight win with a 66-57 decision over No. 20 Pikeville College in the



Townsend

Mid-South Conference opener for both teams. The loss ended Pikeville's 13-game winning streak that began Dec. 6.

Pikeville (20-3, 0-1 MSC) took a 52-51 lead on a layup by junior B.J. Townsend with 4:11 to play. But from that point, the Bears missed five

(See BEARS, page two)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 25 Lindsey **Wilson runs** past Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Four players reached double figures Thursday night as the Lady Raiders of Lindsey Wilson College knocked off Pikeville 68-53 in a Mid-South

Conference matchup. Lindsey Wilson (15-6, 1-1), ranked 25th nationally in the NAIA Div. I poll, forced 26 Lady Bear turnovers and had 19 steals in the win. The Lady Raiders picked up the road win despite shooting only 42.2 percent for the game and 55.6 percent from the



Williams

Pikeville (11-13, 0-2) drew within six (33-27) when freshman Heather Dillon hit two free throws with 16:27 remaining, but Lindsey Wilson then went on a 14-2 run over a three minute period where senior Allisia Stewart

(See WILSON, page two)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Slone, Pack lead **MCA over Hindman**

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN Christian Academy hasn't been too kind to opponents from Knott County. After beating Carr Creek earlier in the week. MCA hosted Hindman Thursday night. The Falcons, with cold air outside their home

gym, fired things up inside. MCA led the entire way, never trailing on its way to a 59-46 - Mountain win over the visiting Knott County squad.

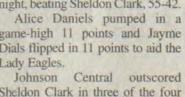
For the Falcons, Landon Slone fired in 17 points and Jeremy Pack added 15. A third MCA player, Byron Hall,

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Johnson Central 55, Sheldon Clark 42

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Host Johnson Central won its second 57th District game in as many outings Thursday night, beating Sheldon Clark, 55-42.

Alice Daniels pumped in a game-high 11 points and Jayme Dials flipped in 11 points to aid the Lady Eagles.

Sheldon Clark in three of the four quarters and held the Lady Cardinals to just three points in the third period. The Lady Eagles (4-

12) led 13-11 at the end of the first period. Sheldon Clark grabbed a lead in the second quarter and led 24-23 at halftime.

Seven different Lady Eagles

Amanda Johnson and Adkins paced Sheldon Clark with 10 points apiece.

the past two months, at times, the

Pike Co. Central 81, Phelps 54

Lady Hawks of Pike County Central have played as good as any team in the 15th Region. Pike Central was back in action Thursday night, playing host to Phelps. The Lady Hawks got out early, leading 23-9 at the end of the first period and outscored Phelps again in the second stanza to lead 42-20 at halftime. After that, the Lady Hawks played in a cruise control mode of sorts. Haley Ratliff paced Pike BUCKLEYS CREEK - Over

(See GAME, page two)

Baseball approves Dodgers sale

by JOHN NADEL ASSOCIOATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Boston real estate developer Frank McCourt was unanimously approved Thursday by baseball owners.

"Welcome to a new era of Dodger baseball," McCourt said at a Dodger Stadium news conference. "I intend to restore the glory days of Dodger baseball with a team worthy of sup-

Game

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Central with a game-high 24 points. Mishay Weddington scored 12 and Paige Lowe added

Belfry 61, Johnson Central 45

PIKEVILLE - Anna Bevins scored 20 points and Vicki Hall flipped in 19 to lead the Lady Pirates to the road victory.

After leaving the first period tied at eight, Belfry (13-7) outscored Pikeville 18-8 in the second quarter and 18-10 in the final period.

Samantha Howard had 12 points for Pikeville (9-8).

Lexington Catholic 75, East Carter 56

LEXINGTON - East Carter fell to one o the states' top teams in Lexington Catholic 75-56 Thursday night in a girls high school basketball game.

The Lady Raiders fell behind 16-9 in the first period and had to play catchup the final three

East Carter (17-3) was led by Molly Jackson with 18 points and Ashley Baldwin with 14. Kim Stapleton added 11 points.

port from our fans. We've committed not just to buy this team, but to win a world champi-

postseason game since winning

"That's way too long," McCourt said. "My first objective is to end the drought. I truly know I can provide the leadership that this team needs to

The price is the second-highest for a baseball team, trailing only the \$660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox two years ago. The highly leveraged purchase, likely to be completed within a week, probably will set off the third change in management in six years for the marquee franchise, which hasn't qualified for the playoffs since

"The Dodgers are one of our great franchises," commissioner Bud Selig said in a telephone interview. "We need stability there. We need a lot of energy. Having an unresolved ownership situation was, frankly, hurting the franchise.'

McCourt said his wife, Jamie, will be vice chairman of the team, and Corey Busch, who helped negotiate the purchase, will be part of the front

"While today is not the day to talk about specific personnel changes, I do want to say I plan to act quickly and decisively to make the changes I feel necessary to get to our goal," McCourt said.

The O'Malley family controlled the Dodgers for nearly 48 years before selling to News Corp. in March 1998. The corporation quickly tired of running the club, and former movie executive Robert Daly took over as chief executive officer in October 1999 after purchasing a minority stake.

onship."

The Dodgers haven't won a the 1988 World Series.

ing on Feb. 18.

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coach Henry Webb. "We moved for South Floyd in the opening the ball real well and played well defensively. It was a good all-around effort.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd with a game-high 19 points. Jack Slone scored 13. Mason Hall and Adam Tackett each had 12 points. At one stretch in the second half, Hall hit on three straight three-point-

The game was never really in doubt after the first five minutes. South Floyd outscored a struggling Phelps team in each of the four quarters.

South Floyd came into Thursday night's game having not played since a close threepoint loss to East Ridge six days earlier. However, South Floyd kept pace in the All "A" opener.

Burnett Little and Steven Stanley scored six points apiece

photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne High

coach Cassandra

Wednesday's first

Touchstone Energy

All "A" Classic. The

first round opponent

for Betsy Layne is

Owen County, the

champion out of the

8th Region. Tickets

for the game go on

sale today at Betsy

Layne.

Akers will guide the

girls' basketball

Ladycats into

round of the

round win over Phelps. Ethan Johnson and Brian Meade had five each.

With the big advantage for most of the game, Webb was able to send new faces into the game on a consistent basis. That allowed several Raiders to score

Wes Hall scored two points and senior Jason Sammons connected on a free throw.

Melvin McCoy and Charlie Hunt led Phelps with 17 points apiece. Jason Taylor had seven points for the Hornets.

South Floyd was back in 15th Region All "A" Classic action Friday night against Betsy Layne. Semifinals and championship game results from the tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Daly has said he will depart when the sale closes. McCourt refused to discuss the futures of team president Bob Graziano, general manager Dan Evans and manager Jim Tracy. The Dodgers report to spring train-

Los Angeles finished second in the NL West last season at 85-77 despite the worst offense in the major leagues. Still, the Dodgers drew over 3 million fans for the eighth straight year.

McCourt, 50, who believes the Dodgers were a bargain, says he will pay over \$200 million in cash in the purchase. He emphasized he wants the Dodgers to win immediately and plans to pay what's necessary to do so. Los Angeles finished with a \$113.2 million payroll last year.

"We're going to have a \$100 million-plus payroll," he said. 'We're going to sign a guy who

He promised other changes as well.

With the sale pending, the Dodgers made few moves during the offseason. Their only free-agent additions were righthanders Rick White and Jose Lima and infielder Jose Hernandez, who agreed to Bubba Trammell, who's expected to come off the bench.

Meanwhile, just down the Santa Ana Freeway, the 2002 World Series champion Anaheim Angels added pitchers Bartolo Colon and Kelvin Escobar and outfielders Vladimir Guerrero and Jose

McCourt, whose grandfather was part owner of the Boston Braves, announced Oct. 10 he had agreed to buy the team along with Dodger Stadium and adjoining real estate, plus training facilities in Vero Beach, Fla., and the Dominican Republic.

He had lengthy talks with officials of the commissioner's

were concerned about the amount of debt in the deal. News Corp. will retain a minority stake.

Selig is convinced McCourt has the money to make the team successful.

"We have more stringent ownership rules than we've ever had," Selig said. "The banks were satisfied. We were satisfied. There's no doubt in my mind that he is will be a good owner of a very storied franchise."

Once one of baseball's most stable organizations, the Dodgers have won six World Series championships — the first in 1955 while playing in Brooklyn. Walter O'Malley

minor league contracts, and office and other owners, who moved them to Los Angeles after the 1957 season and they won the title in 1959, 1963, 1965, 1981 and 1988.

Hall of Famer Tom Lasorda, who managed the Dodgers to their last two World Series triumphs and is now a senior vice president, teamed with longtime broadcaster Vin Scully to present the McCourts and two of their four sons with team jer-

Evans became GM at the end of the 2001 season - Tracy's first as manager. Evans and Tracy are both under contract for this season.

AP Sports Writer Ronald Blum contributed to this report from New York

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Tennessee edges UK 81-72

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Shanna Zolman sank a key 3-pointer with 1:06 left and scored 23

to an 81-72 win over Kentucky on Thursday night.

Shyra Ely added 22 for (17-1, 6-0 Tennessee Southeastern Conference),

points to lead No. 1 Tennessee which won its 10th straight

Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt won her first meeting against former assistant DeMoss, who was an assistant at Tennessee from 1985-2003 before taking over the Wildcats last spring. Each of the five Tennessee starters hugged DeMoss as they were introduced before the game, which drew 8,429 fans, the second largest crowd for a women's game at Memorial Coliseum.

Sara Potts scored a careerhigh 29 points to lead Kentucky (9-10, 1-5), which lost to Tennessee for the 23rd consecutive time, but trailed only 72-67 with two minutes left.

The Wildcats had a chance to get closer, but LaToya Davis intercepted a pass and got fouled at the other end. Zolman sank a 3-pointer from the corner 20 seconds later to put the Lady Vols up by eight.

Tennessee went 6-for-8 from the free throw line in the final minute to seal the victory, its first without point guard Loree Moore. Moore sustained a season-ending knee injury in Tennessee's win at Duke on Saturday.

Summitt and DeMoss, still close friends, briefly embraced at midcourt as the game ended, neither wearing a smile.

Despite four early turnovers, the Wildcats trailed 9-7 six minutes into the game. Danyelle Payne's jumper with 7:54 left in the opening half put the Wildcats up 20-19, their first

The Lady Vols retook the lead and built it to 10, but the Wildcats finished the half with an 8-2 burst and trailed only 36-32 at the break.

Tennessee hit six of its first 10 shots after halftime to restore the double-digit lead.

Potts' 3-pointer from the top of the key with 11:59 left ended a 3 1/2-minute Kentucky scoring drought and trimmed the Wildcats' deficit to 54-43.

Kentucky mounted a 9-2 spurt following a basket by Sidney Spencer. Angela Phillips' pull-up jumper with 9:45 remaining drew the Wildcats to 58-52.

The lead bulged to 12 before back-to-back jumpers Shambrica Jones cut the Wildcats' deficit to 68-63 with five minutes left. Jones, who scored 14, left the game two minutes later with an apparent knee injury.

Kentucky fell to 0-14 alltime against the No. 1 team, including seven losses to the Lady Vols.

ON THE AIR

New sports show set to debut on Q95

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PRESTONSBURG - More than just a newspaper, Mountain Sports Leader and Outdoor Living will debut a radio show Sunday on WQHY, Q95 FM.

The one-hour show will consist of a regional sports forum. Each week the show will feature a variety of different guests from area high school and college coaches to area dirt track drivers. The show is currently sponsored by Mayor Jerry Fannin and the City of Prestonsburg and will air each Sunday from 5-6 p.m. The debut show Sunday just happens to fall on Super Bowl Sunday, but the format of the program will be regional with a heavy emphasis on athletics and athletes in over 20 Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky counties. Sunday's debut show will feature a complete recap of the recent All 'A" regional boys' and girls' basketball tournaments with a preview of the upcoming Touchstone Energy All "A' Classic state event.

Listeners are also invited to call in and take an active participation role in this new regional sports talk show.

Mountain Sports Leader and Outdoor Living is a weekly publication that publishes each Wednesday.

ABOUT Q95

WQHY FM was established in October 1968 as WDOC FM. In September 1981, WDOC FM was changed to WQHY FM, and is now a 100,000-watt stereo radio station.

Facts & History of Q95 FM Q95's format Contemporary Hit Radio (CHR), reaching 18-54 year olds. Q95 gives up to the minute weather forecasts with the latest in satellite technology. Q95 FM participates in a variety of fundraisers, such as broadcasting the Floyd County Emergency Rescue

Squad Radio Auction, and being

media sponsor for the American

news. Q95 received the "Kentucky AP News Contributor of the Year" award three consecutive years, only the second station in the state to have achieved this. O95 news remains one of the most respected informationbased programs in the region and

Cancer Society's Relay for Life

Kentucky. Q95's staff members

are also involved in a number of

civic organizations' activities,

including United Way of Eastern

Q95 is the area's leader in

in

walk-a-thons

Kentucky.

Q95 FM is the most listened to radio station in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Knott counties. Q95 serves listeners in Eastern Kentucky, West Southern Virginia, Southwest Virginia and Southern

Bears

of its final six free throw shots as the Blue Raiders pulled out the win.

Lindsey took the lead for good when junior Cetric Anderson nailed a three from the win

with 3:56 remaining. After a free throw by Townsend, Anderson scored on a layin to begin a 5-0 run and provide the Raiders with some breathing room with under a minute to play.

By the time center Teon Knox scored inside with 42 seconds left the Bears had gone nearly three minutes without scoring and it only trimmed the deficit to 59-55. Lindsey made five straight free throws in the final 20 seconds to stretch the margin to nine.

The Blue Raiders got the win despite a terrific performance from Knox, the 6-8 senior who finished the night with 30 points and 11 rebounds. He hit half his 24 field goal attempts, nailed his only three-point try and was 5of-6 from the line. In addition, four of his rebounds were off the offensive glass and handed out two assists.

But other than Knox' freethrow effort, the Bears struggled from the line. The team finished 9-of-20 from the stripe.

Meanwhile, the nation's best team took care of business from the stripe, hitting 18-of-25 (72 percent).

Knox was joined by only one teammate in double figures, as Townsend finished with 12. He added a team-best five assists and two steals.

Lindsey's balanced attack was led by junior John Spivey who scored 14 points and rebounds. grabbed SIX

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Junior Jared Barnes and

Anderson, Lindsey's secondteam All-American, finished with 13.

sophomore Stephen Russell each finished with 12 points and seven rebounds as the Raiders won the battle of the glass 47-39. Barnes had four assists to lead the Raiders. Pikeville led most of the first

half. Trailing 18-13 after Spivey scored inside, the Bears scored nine straight in a 2:23 stretch thanks to its inside play. Knox had four and Carroll three, including a layup with 4:09 remaining to take a 22-18 lead. The halftime lead was 27-23.

Neither team shot particularly well on the night. Pikeville hit 38.6 percent (22-of-57), which was only marginally better than Lindsey's 35.5 percent (22-of-62). But their effort from the line late was the difference in the game.

Wilson

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scored 13 points, including a layup to make it 47-29 with battle 41-35. 13:20 remaining.

Pikeville led 15-12 after consecutive layups by freshman Ashley Wireman with 10:16 left in the first half, but five Lady Raiders scored in a 15-0 run over the next six minutes, and when Erica Mlachnik scored on a layup with 4:04 remaining, the Lindsey lead was 27-15.

Stewart had 21 markers to lead Lindsey Wilson, who also got 15 points and seven rebounds off the bench from Tiffany Jones. She led four rebounders who had at least five

as the Lady Raiders won that

Mlachnik added 11 thanks to

three three-point bombs, while Tiffany Reid sank all five of her field goal attempts to finish with 10 points.

Reid, a freshman from Louisville, rounded out her night with seven steals and five

Pikeville got 18 points from junior Amelia Cody, while junior Selena Williams turned in a double-double by recording 12 points and 12 rebounds, including seven off the offensive glass.



Region All Classic championship game, Betsy Layne's Kristal **Daniels** posted up against South Floyd's Tab Tackett.

In the girls'

GOLF: Many happy returns for Lefty

by DOUG FERGUSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

The story might sound famil-

The left-hander was coming off a miserable season, which ended with no victories and no trip to the Tour Championship. He spent the offseason retooling his mechanics and renewing his enthusiasm, and it paid off immediately with a victory in the Bob Hope Classic.

A year ago, that player was Mike Weir, who went on to a banner season.

The more famous Lefty -Phil Mickelson — can only hope he's headed down the same

"To be able to start the year with a win is very exciting for me," Mickelson said after his playoff victory Sunday in the Bob Hope Classic. "I'm starting to see results very quickly."

Mickelson was in a similar position as Weir when he arrived in the California desert to start his season, hopeful last year was

Not only did he fail to win for just the second time in his career, Mickelson wasn't even in contention the final six months of the '03 season.

Everything he tried only

Slone

flipped in 12.

"It was a good win for us," said MCA head coach Rick Hughes. "We were able to play 13 kids."

MCA has kept up a busy schedule all season long. The experience the Falcons have gained through playing a tough, competitive schedule shows.

On different occasions Thursday night, MCA enjoyed a

nothing more than a mirage.

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lead of more than 20 points. Clinton Turner scored seven points for MCA and Taylor Clark added six. Jordan Chaffins had two points.

Two different players scored in double figures for Hindman. J. Mosley paced Hindman with a game-high 23 points. The visiting team from Knott County had four different players score

made his game worse.

His confidence eroded each week until the year ended with an 0-5 record at the Presidents

Mickelson plunged from No. 2 to No. 16 in the world ranking, and he wasn't even the best lefty on the PGA Tour. That distinction went to Weir, who used his victory at the Hope as a springboard to greater things, including his first major championship at the Masters.

No reason jumping that far ahead so early in the season.

The majors - and questions about whether Lefty can win one - will arrive soon enough. Suffice to say, Mickelson

could not have asked for a better start to his season.

This is the most fun I've had in a long time playing golf," he

Mickelson had not hoisted a trophy in 19 months and 31 tour events, dating to the '02 Greater Hartford Open. It was the second time in his career he went 31 events between victories.

On both occasions, no one ever questioned his amazing skills or doubted he would return with flair.

Mickelson never lost his

He remains one of the most entertaining players in golf, a power player with an extraordinary wedge game that even Tiger Woods concedes is the best in golf.

"He continues to be the most exciting player for me to watch," said Curtis Strange, an ABC Sports analyst and twotime U.S. Open champion who built his reputation on making the tough pars.

That's a doubled-edged compliment.

"I like to watch him make birdies," Strange continued. 'And you wonder where he's going to make his mistakes."

Mistakes were minimal at the Hope, and most of them were physical, not mental — a tee shot into the water on No. 9, a three-putt bogey from 15 feet on

The most intriguing difference about Mickelson was his style of play.

Lefty went conservative.

It started on the par-5 14th, when Mickelson had a two-shot lead and control of the tournament. There was no need to risk going for the green in two at this

surprised to see him with a 3iron in his hand. Then, he gave it back to his

stage, although not many were

caddie. "I don't like this," said.

He played the smart shot by laying up, and while he still made bogey, it wasn't a strategic error, rather a three-putt. No one is immune from those.

The closing hole was also devoid of heroics.

Mickelson had a 4-iron to the green and needed an eagle on the par-5 18th to win. With a breeze coming in from the left, he would have had to take his approach over the water.

Instead, Mickelson made sure the flag in the back right of the green was as far to the left as he went. His approach landed harmlessly in the rough to set up a routine up-and-down for

"I didn't feel like I wanted to think about 3 right there," he said. "I wanted to get into a playoff and go from there."

On the same hole in the playoff, Mickelson used the same strategy

With Skip Kendall in a precarious position just left of the green, Mickelson knew he could make birdie from the collar of rough right of the flag.

"I wasn't trying to be overly aggressive," he said. "I was trying to be close to the hole, but if I missed it, I wanted to be a touch right of the hole.'

Kendall had to chip up a ridge that fed away from the hole, and the best he could do was 20 feet. Mickelson hit another delicate chip to 3 feet and rolled in the tricky birdie putt to win.

It was the fifth time Mickelson has won his first PGA Tour event of the year,

(See GOLF, page four)



photo by Steve LeMaster

In recent weeks, fans of both the South Floyd Lady Raiders and Raiders have shown their support during 15th Region All "A" Classic games.

Becoming a victim of your own success

COMMENTARY

by JIM LITKE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON - This is what loyalty gets you sometimes:

Two of the hottest headcoaching candidates in the NFL are hunkered down at tables next to each other in the middle of Super Bowl week. Stand between them for even a moment and what you hear sounds like a pingpong match about a lifetime of missed opportunities.

"Whether or not you were good enough to get that job, you'll never really know," Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis began on one

"I never got the feel that I was a quota, a token interview," Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel finished on the other.

Between them, the two men have 47 years of NFL experience, all of it as assistants. They went on a combined seven job interviews with five different teams over the course of a few days and still came empty-handed. Afterward, none of their potential employers raised so much as a single doubt about their abilities or preparation. Both assistants, in turn, refused to question whether they were given a fair shot at every stop.

"I think I presented myself well and I just wasn't the right fit," Weis said.

"I think," Crennel said, "that coming out of every one of those interviews, people thought better of Romeo Crennel than they did going

BASEBALL

Knee injury puts Vander Wal's season at risk

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - A knee injury that John Vander Wal suffered while shoveling snow at his home has put his 2004 season with the Cincinnati Reds at risk.

The Reds signed the free agent to a \$700,000 contract on Jan. 12 as a pinch-hitter and backup outfielder and first baseman.

He underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Tuesday at Beacon Orthopedics Surgery Center in the Cincinnati suburb of Sharonville. Vander Wal slipped on ice while shoveling his driveway last weekend in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Reds general manager Dan O'Brien said it remains to be determined whether Vander Wal will be ready for spring training. Position players, including Vander Wal, are to report Feb. 23 to the Reds' training camp in Sarasota, Fla.

"We'll know more about timetables and playing and how he's doing and will be able to give more information in the next few days," Kremchek said.

O'Brien and team medical Dr. Timothy director Kremchek, citing federal medical privacy regulations, declined to give details of Vander Wal's injury.

Vander Wal, 37, a 13-year

veteran, batted .257 with 14

home runs and 45 RBIs during

117 games with the Milwaukee

Brewers last season. He is fifth

on the all-time pinch-hit list

with 124 hits and third all-time

with 17 pinch-hit home runs.

whether any of those teams thought about either candidate long enough to make a realistic assessment and what, if anything, the NFL is going to do about it at its meetings in March. Under current guidelines,

The real question, though, is

assistant coaches on playoff teams can pursue head-coaching vacancies only while and if - their teams are on a bye week. And no matter how well the first interview goes, employers still can't offer those lobs to any assistant whose team is still in contention. What that leads to, inevitably, are rushed interviews with jobseekers who can't be hired anywhere from a week to a month, and who can't honestly say who they might pick to fill the most important slots on a staff.

In the NFL, this is known as becoming a victim of your own success.

"I don't think there's any question the system is still unfair." Patriots owner Robert Kraft said, "because what we're saying to guys like Charlie and Romeo is that winning is hurting your opportunities for advancement."

Still, some will argue the system in place is an improvement from three years ago, when the hot candidates were

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Former Tug Valley coach pleads innocent to sexual abuse of player

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. -Rodney Cline, former girls' basketball coach at Tug Valley High School, pleaded innocent Tuesday to more than two dozen charges of sexually abusing a

"I ain't done anything," Cline said as he left the courtroom after entering his plea in Mingo County Circuit Court.

A Mingo County grand jury indicted Cline last week on 25 counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian.

Cline, of Martin County, Ky., is accused of having unspecified sexual contact with a player on at least 25 occasions between September 1999 and September

2001, according to the indict-

He began coaching the girl when he was girls basketball coach at Lenore Middle School, according to the indictment. He later became girls basketball coach at Tug Valley, where he also coached football and baseball.

Cline also served as Williamson High School's girls basketball coach during the 2001-2002 season. He is currently employed as a teacher in the Mingo County school sys-

Mingo County schools Superintendent Brenda Skibo said Monday that all coaches are given training to prevent mistaceless Super Bowl by BARRY WILNER - have something of a nationwide fol-ASSOCIATED PRESS

The faces of the

HOUSTON — The media mass was six deep straining to hear the words of New England quarterback Tom Brady, one of the few recognizable faces in this otherwise faceless Super Bowl.

Not far away, sitting alone at a

table and reading a newspaper, was teammate Richard Seymour, an All-Pro defensive tackle and probably the Patriots' best player. On Sunday, it is very possible

Seymour will have more impact on who wins the NFL championship than any other Patriot. On Thursday, though, he was hardly an attraction. The same can be said for many of

his teammates and most of the Carolina Panthers. Most casual football fans will have no idea who they're watching on TV.

Hey, even the stars on these teams barely sparkle compared to the Sapps and Keyshawns and Rices and Woodsons who populated last year's Super Bowl.

"I listen to some of the stuff on TV and it says, 'This team doesn't have a lot of superstars, but they have a lot of good players," said the Patriots' Willie McGinest, a Pro Bowl end/linebacker. "I don't understand what qualifies as a superstar. We have a Super Bowl MVP on our team. We have guys going to the Pro Bowl. We have guys that have been playing well. What's a superstar if you can't go to the big game?"

Rarely have two conference champions been more team-oriented than the Patriots and Panthers.

"Guys can self-promote all they want," McGinest said. "If they're at home at the end of the season watching, what good is that? We're all about team here. Maybe the team concept isn't that popular in the league, but it works for us."

Sure does. The Patriots are just the second team to win 14 straight games in one season, joining the undefeated 1972 Dolphins. Yet only Seymour and Rodney Harrison are All-Pros. They didn't have a rusher in the top dozen of the AFC, or a receiver in the top 20. Their top sack man, Mike Vrabel, wasn't in the top 15 in the

No big-time stats means few headlines. At least the Patriots, having won the championship just two years ago

The Panthers, who toil in the heart of NASCAR country, are often overlooked in their own state. Being just down Tobacco Road from Carolina's college basketball mecca doesn't help, either. Not only are they surprise qualifiers for the Super Bowl, they come to the game with nothing resem-

Krzyzewski to attract attention. "These guys might not have big names," said defensive end Mike Rucker, one of the NFL's best (and least known) pass rushers, "but if you work hard and succeed, people will begin to recognize you. If you win a Super Bowl, everybody gets recog-

bling a Dale Earnhardt Jr. or Mike

Well, not quite. The Patriots are living proof of that.

Not that they care. Self-promotion is as taboo as open practices in New England, and that's the way this group So Seymour can digest an entire

tabloid in peace and quiet during a media session, only occasionally being interrupted to answer a query. "I tell you what, the more we win,

the more we'll get in the national spotlight," he said. "More people will want to know who the Patriots are. Winning takes care of that."

(See FACES, page four)

Rookies fill big roles for Patriots, Panthers

by BOB BAUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON - Rookies don't sit and watch in the NFL. Not anymore. Four of them will start Sunday in the Super Bowl - safety Eugene Wilson and center Dan Koppen for New England, offensive tackle Jordan Gross and cornerback Ricky Manning Jr. for Carolina.

Six more should see plenty of action, including Bethel Johnson, the Patriots' kick returner and backup wide receiver. Manning already has made a big

impact with three interceptions in the Panthers' victory at Philadelphia in the NFC championship game. "It hasn't sunk in yet," Manning said Thursday, the last day-players

were available for pre-game interviews. "I have one more game to go. I can't get overwhelmed. I have to relax, chill out and go out and have some fun."

The NFL's salary cap has opened the door for rookies to play right away, and that makes judging college talent more important than ever.

"Choosing wisely is very, very critical, whether it be free agency or the draft," Carolina coach John Fox said, "because when you make a mistake, you are going to pay for it in a lot of different areas.

The Patriots had openings at safe-

ty when four-time Pro Bowler Lawyer Milloy was cut and Tebucky Jones was dealt to New Orleans. Wilson, a cornerback at Illinois, was New England's second-round draft pick, the 36th choice overall.

"By necessity, we had to move Eugene to safety," Patriots' defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel said. When we moved him, we didn't know how that was going to turn out, but it turned out really good."

Wilson is relishing the prospect of a defensive showdown on Sunday.

"I think the game will be really physical," he said. "We have two really good defenses squaring off and the offenses are pretty much going to have their hands full."

Koppen, who played at Boston College, wasn't selected until the fifth round -- the 164th choice overall. "I didn't expect to play this much

this soon," he said. "But it was by necessity. Damien Woody started the season at center, but moved to guard after Mike Compton was injured.

Koppen started the second game and

has been there since. New England uses four first-year players as backups on defense finemen Ty Warren and Dan Klecko, comerback Asante Samuel and safety Shawn Mayer.

(See ROLES, page four)

Super Bowl defensive coordinators Marvin Lewis of Giants and both men were barred from interviewing for jobs until after the big game.

Baltimore and John Fox of the Panthers, wound up waiting a year for his opportunity. Lewis wound up working two more as an assistant before Cincinnati As it turned out, Fox, who is hired him.

"I think both of these guys will get jobs eventually," Fox said, referring to the Pats assistants. "You have to remember it's not just getting the job, it's getting the right job."

Roles

"Our rookies overall have come in and done a really good job for us," Crennel said. "When you put a rookie in the game, you really don't know what you're going to get. Our rookies being able to come in and play says a lot about our personnel department and choosing good football players."

In today's NFL, first-round draft picks - with the possible exception of quarterbacks - are expected to play immediately.

Gross, a standout at Utah, did just that. The first offensive lineman selected — the eighth pick

overall - he moved quickly into an otherwise veteran offensive line that clears the way for running backs Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster.

back at the Super Bowl this

season as coach of the Carolina

Manning was an All Pac-10 player at UCLA, but he stands just 5-feet-9 and, as a result, slid into the third round as the 84th pick overall.

His steadily improved play eventually moved him into the starting lineup, and his outgoing personality has made him a hit during Super Bowl week.

"One of the older players was kind of complaining about the

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

Betsy Layne announces All 'A' ticket sales

girls' basketball team will play 8th Region champ Owen Eastern Kentucky 9138.

The Betsy Layne High University's McBrayer Arena. Tickets for Betsy Layne-Owen County game will go on sale County on Wednesday at noon Monday at BLHS. Tickets are in the Touchstone Energy All \$7 each. For more information, "A" Classic State Tournament call Rebecca Kidd at 478-

In Crennel's case, you might

Continued from p3 media," Manning said. 'I was like, man, I'm enjoying it. I

enjoy letting you know what's going on. I love the attention. My priorities are straight. I know the game comes first. I'm focused.'

Johnson, who leads the NFL in kickoff return average, tries not to think about what it will be like when he emerges into the electric atmosphere of Reliant Stadium on Sunday.

"I do not want to get too excited," he said. "If I think too hard, I will. I am sure once the game hits, I will be at an all-time high."

Despite his three picks against the Eagles, Manning expects to be tested by the

'I'm not a six-time all-pro. They'll definitely come after me," he said. "I welcome it. I want the challenge, and I'm up for the challenge.

Though they're a confident bunch, New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi offers a reminder that experience still carries a high value.

They've done a good job," he said, "but they're still rookies. They've got a lot to learn."



photo by Jamie Howell South Floyd senior Jack Slone (45) launched a first-half shot in Thursday night's 15th Region All "A" Classic opening round game.



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Senior Brian Meade pulled up to pass for South

Floyd. Meade came in off the Raider bench

Thursday night and tossed in five points.

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Freshman Ethan Johnson launched a three-point shot over the Phelps defense. Johnson came in off the bench and also added five points for South Floyd.

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wonder how he would even know which was the right one, since all five of his interviews with the Bills, Giants, Falcons, Cardinals and Bears - were conducted in the span of 48 hours. Imagine putting 34 years into a business, 23 of them as an NFL assistant, and then having to keep every name, detail and fact straight about five different jobs during what amounted to a whirlwind job fair. Yet he was grateful for the opportunity.

"When you're hot, you're hot, and when you're not ..." Crennel said, his voice trailing

When you're not, as Weis knows only too well, sometimes you take risks to get hot. He started out as a high school coach in New Jersey with modest ambitions - making an impact on kids and his community - then discovered he wanted to make it his lifetime work.

Somewhere along the way, Weis worked long hours practically chained to his desk, grew obese and had gastric bypass surgery to correct a condition that he felt might be blocking his chances for advancement. The surgery nearly cost him his life. Almost as daunting, it led to the perception that Weis' health might not be good enough to withstand the addi-

Golf

■ Continued from p3 including his '91 victory in

Tucson as an amateur. But this should be kept in

perspective.

The desert courses are among the easiest on tour, with generous fairways and pure putting surfaces. Scores are so low that Jay Haas is 100 under par his last four trips to the Bob Hope Classic, and he still hasn't won.

Then again, the only other time Mickelson went through a full season without winning, he rebounded with four victories.

No one would be surprised to see that happen again.

tional rigors of being a head coach.

"I find that kind of confusing because I don't remember anyone checking any medical reports to find out how I'm doing," he said.

To prove he's made a complete recovery, Weis tugged. one of his pant legs up past his

"You see that plastic brace?" he said. "That's the extent of the ramifications (of the surgery) right there."

Both Weis and Crennel get another chance to impress prospective employers Sunday

in the Super Bowl. But since all seven of the NFL vacancies from this past season have already been filled, neither will time soon.

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reap any of those benefits any-'And if by any chance you lose," Weis said, "you're gonna be strung up because it's gonna

look like your priorities are not

in order.' How's that for fairness?

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Beats

points for the Bobcats and Preston Simon tossed in 20.

By winning Thursday night, Betsy Layne earned a shot in the tournament semifinals Friday night against another Floyd County team, South Floyd, another first-round winner.

The Bobcats were able to put the Rebels in a hole in the second quarter, outscoring the host team 25-12. Trailing 44-35 at halftime, Allen Central never really ever recovered.

The Rebels cut the Betsy Layne lead down to just two points (Betsy Layne 70, AC 68) with 2:30 remaining in the final period, but could get no closer. Betsy Layne led 72-70 with just 50.5 left in the last quarter. However, Allen Central failed to get any points off a possession when it had a chance to possibly tie the game or even go ahead.

Ryan Bryant came in off the Betsy Layne bench and got hot from behind the three-point arc, finishing with nine points. Brent Newsome scored eight for the Bobcats while Derek Case and Brandon Kidd flipped in four

Allen Central had three players score 20 or more points in the setback. Austin Francis led the Rebels with 21 points. Rossi Samons and Justin Hall each had 10 points. Hall, in the second half, helped revive Allen Central with

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some long-range connections. Tim Griffith and Alex Hammonds rounded out the Rebel

scoring with six and five points, respectively.

Betsy Layne finished runnerup in last season's 15th Region All 'A" Classic. The Bobcats fell to Paintsville in the 2003 championship game.

Complete results from the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals and championship game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Faces

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For now, though, the "Who's that?" quotient is off the charts. While the likes of Jordan Gross, Dan Morgan, Deon Grant and DeShaun Foster easily could be difference-makers Sunday, how many viewers will know anything about them? How many will be able to tell the difference between those Panthers and Matt Light, Tedy Bruschi, Tyrone Poole and Antowain Smith of the Patriots?

No big deal, Carolina safety Grant claims.

"When you're a champion," he said, "it doesn't matter if they know your name, only that you're wearing that ring."

BRIEFS ROUNDUP

OLYMPICS

DUKAN, Iraq — A new Iraqi national Olympic committee was elected to replace one headed by Saddam Hussein's brutal son Odai, a first step toward letting its athletes compete in the Athens Olympics.

However, the 30 sports officials who cast ballots failed to elect a woman to the executive board, despite International Olympic Committee rules that strongly encourage having a female member.

Iman Sadih Hussein stepped aside after she and a male candidate each received 18 votes for the fifth and final place on the five-member executive board. Officials said they would meet soon to resolve the issue.

The IOC suspended the Iraqi committee May 17 after the U.S.led coalition toppled Saddam's regime.

DENVER (AP) - The U.S. Olympic Committee has given USA Track & Field a month to cooperate in the Jerome Young doping case.

USOC president Bill Martin told USATF president Bill Roe and executive director Craig Masback in a letter that they must provide the IOC and IAAF with documents in the Young case by Feb. 24 or the USOC will begin decertification proceedings.

USATF spokeswoman Jill Geer declined comment, saying only that the letter has been received and USATF officials are reviewing it.

Young tested positive for steroids in 1999, but was cleared on appeal and went on to win a relay gold medal for the United States at the 2000 Sydney Games. USATF has not explained why Young was cleared, despite repeated requests from world governing bodies.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK - Kobe Bryant was selected by fans to start in the NBA All-Star game. The Los Angeles Lakers star led Western Conference guards 1,759,717 votes in final results, fourth among all players.

of his hometown fans at Staples Center on Feb. 15 in the 53rd NBA All-Star game.

Bryant's teammate, Shaquille O'Neal, was beaten out for the second straight year by Houston's Yao Ming. Joining Bryant and Yao on the Western Conference squad were Rockets guard Steve Francis, San Antonio forward Tim Duncan and Minnesota forward Kevin Garnett.

Toronto Raptors forward Vince Carter led all players with 2,127,183 votes. Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal will be the other starting forward for the Eastern Conference. The center is Ben Wallace of the Detroit Pistons, and the guards are Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Orlando's Tracy McGrady.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LOUISVILLE — Rick Pitino returned to Louisville and resumed his coaching duties after a two-day medical leave.

The 51-year-old Pitino underwent tests at the Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday to ical pain" that's persisted in his left side for months. Assistant coach Kevin

Willard stepped in for Pitino and led the fourth-ranked Cardinals to a win over Houston on Wednesday night.

BASEBALL LOS ANGELES — The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Frank McCourt was unanimously approved by baseball owners, more than 3 1/2 months after the

sides reached an agreement. The price is the second-highest for a baseball team, trailing only the \$660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox two years ago. The highly leveraged purchase is likely to be completed within a

week. SEATTLE - Former Seattle Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki cleared waivers and was released. Sasaki plans to continue his career in Japan. He completed paperwork this week in Seattle to terminate his contract, giving up a guaranteed \$8.5 million for next season. Sasaki said he wanted to be with his family in Japan. - The Associated Press

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Minard named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - For a week in which he became Morehead State University's all-time leading scorer, senior guard/forward Ricky Minard (Mansfield, Ohio) has been selected the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.

Minard averaged 20.0 points and 10.0 rebounds in MSU's road wins at Samford and

Jacksonville State. He scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Eagles' 65-60 win at Samford, and he had 21 points and 12 rebounds in their 89-81 win at Jacksonville State. He also handed out 12 assists and had nine steals.

His current career total of 2,087 points is not only an MSU record, but also places him ninth on the OVC's career scoring

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