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briefs

Maytown FD gets fed grant

Times Staff Report

MAYTOWN — The Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant to the Maytown Volunteer Fire Department for over \$60,000, Congressman Hal Rogers announced Wednesday.

The total amount of the grant was \$61,875 and will be used, according to Rogers, for fire operations and fire-fighter safety programs, which will include such activities as training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

"This is great news for everyone living in the Langley area," Rogers said in a statement Wednesday. "I strongly support the federal fire grant program because this funding makes a big difference in the well being of our small, rural fire departments and the communities they serve."

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Today



High: 45 • Low: 22

Tomorrow



High: 49 • Low: 22

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Felony charges against dentist dropped

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Felony charges against a McDowell dentist that came from an alleged altercation with police officers after being issued a speeding ticket in January have been dropped following a decision from the county attorney's office.

Michael McKinney, 36, of Martin, saw charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, fleeing or evading police, failure to use a child restraint device and failure to comply with a traffic officer's signal dismissed without prejudice following a motion entered on Jan. 30 and signed by Judge James Allen on Feb. 2.

According to a citation filed after

McKinney's arrest on Jan. 20 by Martin Police Officer Matt Varney, McKinney was issued the citation and then allegedly "cursed" the officer.

Varney, who said he was standing beside the vehicle's driver side door at the time, reported that he asked McKinney to step from the vehicle only to have the McDowell dentist speed away, nearly

striking him in the process.

A chase followed, according to Varney, that ended a half a mile later along Main Street in Martin when Varney said he managed to get in front of McKinney's vehicle and bring him to a stop.

According to court documents, the

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photo by Mary Music

Members of the Prestonsburg Recreation, Tourism and Convention Commission met Monday to discuss a variety of topics, including specific details of the recently imposed hotel and restaurant taxes and a schedule-posting problem at the MAC.

Monthly collection of tourism tax going smoothly

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local restaurants and hotels are forking over monthly taxes to the Prestonsburg Recreation, Tourism and Convention Commission with no complaints, reported Director Fred James during a meeting Wednesday at the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

The Commission, however, is complaining about one of the entities that receives a portion of those funds.

A city ordinance passed in November requires that the commission receive a 3 percent sales tax from local restaurants and hotels. Of that amount, the commission keeps 33 percent, pays 33 percent to the city parks commission, and pays the remaining 34

percent to the Mountain Arts Center.

James reported during the meeting that all businesses have been notified of the new monthly revenue tax and forms have now been drafted and printed.

"Now people are submitting taxes based on revenues and I've had zero commentary and no nega-

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Stumbo considers lawsuits as next front in battle against drugs

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Although his Kentucky Bureau of Investigation has yet to receive a green light, Attorney General Greg Stumbo has some ideas for combating the state's drug problem through a

"niche" he says is unique to attorney general's offices only.

Stumbo pitched the idea of focusing on the prescription drug distributors during a 2 p.m. meeting with Lt. Gov. Steve Pence's assessment panel Thursday.

Stumbo and others met with Pence for the first of many discus-

sions Thursday as part of a 20-week assessment of what the state may be capable of in the fight against drugs.

"We're going to focus on the distribution aspects," Stumbo said shortly before the meeting. "We've

(See STUMBO, page three)

Local woman seeks to merge two 'good ideas' together

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It could soon be "hats off" to Phyllis Hornbaker, the 77-year-old Prestonsburg resident who is working to organize what she says is just a blend of two good ideas.

Hornbaker, a retired nurse originally from Iowa, said the idea to knit or crochet hats for cancer survivors ages 50 and older came after reading articles recently about the elderly women's group The Red Hat Society and a Lexington resident who has undertaken the

(See IDEAS, page nine)

Paintsville man accused of fraud

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

COVINGTON — A joint effort by the United States Attorney for the Eastern Kentucky District and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has resulted in a federal indictment being handed down against John Shaw, 57, of Paintsville.

The indictment alleges that Shaw used his Paintsville-based Med-Con store to recruit and deceive customers. He is charged with eight counts of health care fraud and 10 counts of illegal remuneration involving kickbacks and bribes.

The scam that is alleged

breaks down like this — representatives of Med-Con offered free oxygen tests to potential customers. The Med-Con workers would, allegedly, boost the test results and then indicate that the customer needed regular doses of oxygen. Supplies of oxygen and "concentrators" to administer it were then made available through Med-Con.

The charges for this service were billed to Medicare through a fiscal intermediary located in Columbia, S.C. Clients were recruited from Floyd, Johnson, Pike and Knott counties.

The indictment goes on to

(See FRAUD, page nine)

30 indicted by grand jury

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who allegedly stole a school bus at Allen Central High School last year is among 30 people indicted by a grand jury this week.

Jason K. Chaffins, 19, of Garrett, was indicted Monday for theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief and second-degree wanton endangerment for the alleged crime, which occurred in September.

According to the arrest citation issued by KSP Trooper John Hunt, Chaffins, with the help of one other unnamed individual, planned

and executed the theft of a school bus from the parking lot of Allen Central High School.

Reportedly, Hunt noticed that the blue light on the bus was lit up as he drove by the school at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 10, 2003, just prior to witnessing the bus roll slowly through a grassy area in front of the school and crashing through the locked front gate.

At the time of the incident, police said that the alleged perpetrators arrived at the school on all-terrain vehicles, and had already planned where they would take the bus before removing it from the property.

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Prestonsburg resident Phyllis Hornbaker hopes to bring two good ideas together and form an organization committed to making red hats for elderly cancer survivors, in the tradition of the Red Hat Society, a national group of women ages 50 or older who wear red hats.

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Odds & Ends

■ **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — It was one post-game celebration Aletha Penn and Steve Cassity couldn't miss.

The girls' high school basketball coaches were married on the court after their teams played against each other Tuesday night.

"Basketball brought us together," said the bride. "I don't know. It just seemed natural for us."

She and Cassity met at a basketball camp and kept in touch. She spent some time in New York working in fashion design, while he was in Wichita as an assistant coach at Wichita State University.

Eventually, Penn returned to Kansas City to coach, and Cassity said he called her "to ask about a couple of her players."

"Let's be honest here," Penn said. "I don't think he was interested in my players."

Cassity, who later got a high

school coaching job, proposed to Penn at one of her basketball practices. Penn suggested they get married in the gym on the night they coached against each other.

The groom's team beat the bride's 65-to-60.

■ **OLMSTED FALLS, Ohio** — Dogs in Olmsted Falls have something to bark about.

The City Council passed a law Tuesday requiring doghouses to be waterproof and lined with bedding that resists dampness. The houses also must be equipped with self-closing doors or flaps.

Violators of the law, which will take effect within 10 days, can lose their dogs and face maximum penalties of 90 days in jail and a \$700 fine.

Councilman Joseph Vitale, a beagle owner, said he supported the measure because, "There are more laws on the

books about how to hunt animals than how to take care of them."

The law was prompted by residents who called police because they were concerned that a woman was leaving her golden retriever tied up outside.

■ **HAGERSTOWN, Md.**

— The city of Hagerstown, in a flurry of regret, is refunding \$100 fines it imposed on dozens of residents this winter for failing to shovel their sidewalks.

The refunds are part of a regulatory overhaul prompted by public outrage that an 86-year-old widow was charged \$223 dollars for not clearing her walk promptly after a December snowstorm. Mary Jane "Sadie" Zook said the neighbor who usually clears her walk couldn't make it in time for her to avoid the penalties.

At least 51 people were

charged the \$100 administrative fee before Feb. 4, when policy changes were proposed, said City Administrator Bruce Zimmerman on Tuesday.

The new policy gives private property owners two days instead of 10 hours after a

storm to remove snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their homes. It also requires the city to clear sidewalks on its property before ticketing private property owners.

In addition, Zimmerman said the city has lowered the

\$100 fine to \$25.

Councilman Kristin B. Aleshire objected to giving everyone refunds, saying Zook had given the city a valid reason but some people have no interest in compliance.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2004. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and

Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

On this date:

■ In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

■ In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit

students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

■ In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

■ In 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno

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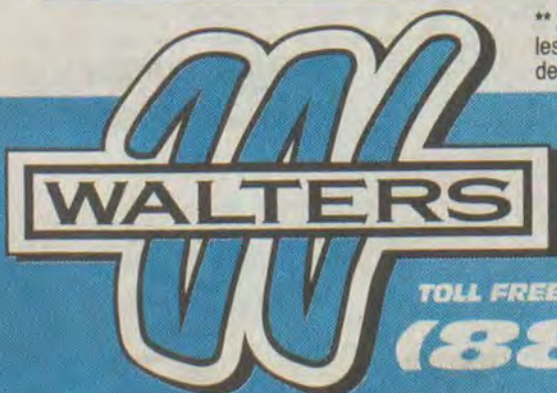
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Charges

Hunt pursued the bus in a high-speed chase through Eastern, where he was assisted by District 1 Constable Brandon Spencer and other officers with the Martin Police Department and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

In the citation, Hunt alleges that Chaffins eluded officers during the chase, at times intentionally driving toward his police car, forcing it into oncoming traffic and the guardrail.

The chase continued through Goose Creek and ended at Stone Coal, police said.

In addition to Chaffins, 29 other individuals were indicted this week by the grand jury and charged with various theft, drug-related, and other charges.

Ten people were indicted on theft related charges:

■ Michael L. Crum, 27, of Prestonsburg, was indicted for unemployment insurance fraud for allegedly failing to disclose information to the Unemployment Insurance Program, and receiving over \$3,000 in benefits from the

Cabinet for Human Resources.

■ Sarah Reed, 25, of Salyersville, was indicted on 22 counts of theft by failure to make required disposition of property and one count of theft by unlawful taking for allegedly taking property of Park Place Apartments.

■ Elizabeth Stone, 24, of Dema, three counts of theft by deception.

■ Danny Ray, 56, of Stanville, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

■ Stevie Ed Caudill, 20, of McDowell, theft by unlawful taking and possession of Hydrocodone.

■ Kevin Gillman, 42, of Hatfield, theft by deception, theft of identity and criminal possession of a forged instru-

ment.

■ Henry Harvey, age unlisted, of Martin, receiving stolen property.

■ Darrell Jenkins, 34, of Prestonsburg, theft of identity, second-degree forgery, improper equipment, controlled substance not in original container, no license and no insurance.

■ Steven Charles Goodman, 26, address unlisted, receiving

stolen property.

■ William B. Friend, 23, of Williamson, two counts of theft by deception, two counts of second degree possession of a forged instrument, and first degree perjury.

Eight people were indicted on alcohol or drug-related charges:

■ Gary Tackett, 39, of Beaver, was indicted for mari-

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Tourism

multiple complaints that it has to go on a monthly basis," he said.

However, as the meeting continued, members aired concerns about the Mountain Arts Center, which receives the biggest part of those tax revenue funds.

According to Tiffany Parsons, who represents Microtel Inn, local hotels, and the city, are losing customers who desire to book packages around special events like the Kentucky Opry Show at the MAC, because the MAC doesn't have show date

information available this time of year.

"I want you to know that I beg for this constantly," said James, who pointed out the problem has existed since the MAC opened. "I'm begging them to give us a schedule so we can print them in our brochure. I've got 75,000 copies of this brochure sitting at the press today because I don't have a schedule."

Events at the MAC were excluded from the brochure last year for the same reason, he said.

"We've got plenty of things for them to see and do when they visit here," said member Boyd Thompson, "but we haven't got the times that these things are happening."

The problem, said James, would not be solved until the MAC gets a new director.

"There's not going to be a decision on those things until they have a permanent director," said James. "They need a permanent director, we all know that."

During the meeting, members passed a motion, in compliance with state regulations, to create an exclusive bank account for the deposit and disbursement of funds received from the restaurant and hotel taxes.

Previously, the bureau shared a "collection pool" account with the city of Prestonsburg, said James, and they will no longer be able to do so. According to him, the city will continue to maintain that account.

In other news, the council also:

■ Discussed travel and motor coach shows. James reported that 18 motor coaches have scheduled expected tours of the city this year for various functions.

■ Discussed the effect that the new Pikeville civic center will have on business at the MAC. Members collectively agreed that it would only "enhance" tourism in

Prestonsburg, saying that it will be hard for the corporation to "break even" because they will be charging by the seat. It would be hard to fill a 6,500 seat facility, said James. According to him, the Commission will have to "work harder to bring people from the outside" into the area.

■ Discussed "Main Street Live," a summer event proposed by the commission several months ago. Area merchants, in cooperation with the commission, will hit the streets with crowd pleasing attractions during Fridays in June. Ideas relating to the event are now circulating.

■ Discussed "Travel the World," a tourism initiative to enhance travel to Kentucky cities like Paris, London, Florence and Bethlehem.

■ Discussed the success of last month's dance and cheer-leading competition held at the MAC.

■ Discussed the small meetings and conventions contest, a new contest "for local folk" sponsored by the commission and the Chamber of Commerce. James urged "local folk" to get involved by booking conventions and meetings in the area. Those who participate will receive 1 point for each guest who spends the day in Prestonsburg, 2 points for every overnight guest. The contest will run through Sept. 30, with the winner receiving a package, valued at \$250, excluding travel expenses, to either enjoy Prestonsburg events or stay at one of two out-of-town locations picked by the commission.

■ Discussed the Legislative Breakfast Coal Companies Invitation, an initiative taken by travel industry representatives in the 14 counties along the Country Music, the Daniel Boone, and the Barbecue and Bluegrass Highways that are participating in the "Motorcoach Trail Incentive." Travel industry representatives will hand-deliver invitations to members of the General Assembly, asking them to continue tourism development and to continue funding the "Coal Severance Motor Coach Incentive Program."

Stumbo

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done our own internal assessments so we can show what we're capable of, but we're limited to 32 investigators and a lot of them are assigned to various things."

But where his office may have to admit limitations in manpower in dealing with "street-level drug pushers", Stumbo says an "attack on distributors" could be the area in which the attorney general's office could shine.

"We think this is where our niche is," Stumbo said of his plans. "What we're going to try to do is to begin gathering information about these distribution systems and we do have the unique authority to file civil suits against these entities."

Some states have already put the idea in motion.

Stumbo said he met recently with bureau officials in Oklahoma and learned that that state's attorney general had actually followed through and filed suit against at least one distributor. During the trip, Stumbo said the information he was given was more than helpful, leading him to realize that one of the first steps is to identify which drug companies could be pointed out.

One way to do this is to compare the company's sales to a national standard, Stumbo said.

"There's a national standard and they (Oklahoma officials) had stores selling far beyond what was the standard," said Stumbo. "They filed suit against them for public nuisance."

The idea of engaging these distributors in the legal process is something Stumbo said has been placed on Pence's plate in the past, adding that the plan was well received.

Stumbo compared the idea of attacking drug distributors with legal action to investigators efforts to bring down organized crime in 1930s Chicago.

"They just keep hitting these guys with legal suits and kept them in court for so long until they ran them down," Stumbo said.

With the first meeting Thursday and 20 weeks ahead before decisions can be made about what resources the various offices have, Stumbo said the end result would be an overall plan formulated from the meetings which will be enacted at the end of the assessment period.

A public meeting to update and involve citizens is planned next month in Prestonsburg,

Dropped

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charges against McKinney were dropped without prejudice and with a stipulation of probable cause, which says the court accepts that the police officer had sound foundations for making the arrest.

Considering the conditions

the charges were dismissed under, the court, by law, reserves the right to bring the case back for consideration at a later date.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said his decision to dismiss the case came, in large part, after discussions with Martin

city officials who expressed concerns about a civil suit they feared could result from the alleged incident.

"It was a traffic stop that was for allegedly speeding in the city of Martin," Bartley said. "There was no radar in the car, but he (Varney) thought McKinney was traveling at a high rate of speed. There was apparently a verbal confrontation between the officer and Mr. McKinney, but they blamed each other for starting it and then blamed each other for it having escalated."

Bartley said it quickly became a matter of one person's word over another's.

"I don't know who's right and who's wrong," Bartley said, "but I do know that the city of Martin was very worried about getting sued by Mr. McKinney, so worried that they thought there might have been something to the complaint about the police officer."

The stipulation of probable cause effectively rules out any move McKinney might decide to make in regard to a civil suit, Bartley said, and was something that made both parties happy.

"This pleased city officials and Mr. McKinney, as well," Bartley said. "Personally, I think he (McKinney) was overcharged to start with. As I understand the facts, he gave this guy a citation because he stopped him after speeding. He (Varney) said the guy was verbally abusive and wadded up the ticket and then drove off really fast. This was not fleeing or evading by all accounts."

McKinney, who operates a dental office at Minnie, posted a \$20,000 bond shortly after his arrest and had been scheduled to appear in court on the four felony charges on Feb. 18.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Benjamin Franklin

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on U.S. challenge of obesity findings: So, according to the Bush administration, the scientific proof is not conclusive that the consumption of junk food helps cause obesity. Let's see, the White House can find WMDs in the flimsiest of intelligence, but it doesn't believe decades of research showing a link between high-fat, high-sugar foods and weight gain? Hmmm.

The United States is contesting a report by the World Health Organization that does make that connection, as well as opposing the WHO's plans to combat that epidemic without some significant changes. ...

OK, OK, so fast food doesn't cause fat people, undisciplined appetites do. ... We don't underestimate personal responsibility. Everybody should exercise.

All we know is, obesity-related medical costs hit an estimated \$75 billion in this country last year, \$3.4 billion in Illinois alone, according to a recent study done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with others. So we have a health-care-cost crisis in this country, but the Bush administration wants to ignore the influence of obesity on those costs. Apparently they fear the U.S. Sugar Association, which last year lobbied Congress to end its WHO funding unless this obesity report was killed, more than they do the American Medical Association. Perhaps it's time to reconsider sugar subsidies.

Stuff like this just makes America look silly to a rest of the world we expect to help us when we go off and attack somebody because he allegedly has WMDs. ...

Los Angeles Times, on a commission to examine intelligence handling:

Presidential commissions can play a key role in analyzing White House scandals. The 1986-87 Tower Commission investigated the Iran-Contra affair and concluded that by "failing to insist upon accountability," President Reagan permitted dishonest staff members to try to sell arms to Iran to gain release of U.S. hostages and illegally fund Nicaraguan rebels. ...

The Bush administration's failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq does not enter that category of deliberate wrongdoing, but its consequence - war with Iraq - is larger. The matter requires a similar panel that can conduct a com

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Guest Column

Embarrassing? Stamp it secret

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Shhhhh ... I have to whisper this to you because it's a secret that the Bushites want to keep from you: They have become totally obsessed with secrecy and are spending billions of our tax dollars in an anti-democratic lockdown to keep public information from ... well, us — the tax-paying public.

I'm not talking about deep, dark spy stuff affecting national security — I'm talking about everyday materials on what various Bush officials are

doing that affect our jobs, liberties, clean air and water, food, and other basics. The Bushites are slap-happy about secrecy, slapping "Top Secret" on any and every document that might reveal what they're doing to us ... and who benefits from their backroom, closed-door actions.

Even before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks gave them a political excuse for shutting out We the People, Bush and Company were removing more than 33 million public documents from public scrutiny — nearly a 50 percent increase over the previous year. They spent about \$5 billion classifying, storing, and guarding documents, a 40 percent increase over the Clinton years.

This autocratic penchant for executive secrecy is so un-American that it has alarmed many conservative Republicans. Rep. Porter Goss, for example, thinks it's ridiculous. Head of the House intelligence committee, Goss says "I read report after report

after report all day, and they've got some type of [secret] classification cover on it. I'll say, 'What's classified about that?'"

Sen. Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican, thinks that the rush to secrecy is not merely ridiculous, but dangerous: "A lot of the documents are classified for the wrong reason — because they're embarrassing, or perhaps because of a cover-up," he says.

Conservative or liberal, we can't let executive power hide behind a secrecy stamp, because next time some president you don't like will use it against you. To battle the stamp of autocracy, call the Federation of American Scientists: 202-546-3300.

Jim Hightower (www.jimhightower.com) is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

Letters

Family offers thanks

I am writing this letter in regard to all the warm and wonderful people who may have called, who stopped by the hospital, who put our family on their church prayer list or who just made sure our family was taken care of during our special time.

Through this trial, we have met so many remarkable people and heard some beautiful stories. I would just like Eastern Kentucky to know how much we appreciate each and every one of you.

All of the churches from McDowell to Allen, from Wheelwright to Garrett, and from Martin to Prestonsburg, and all those in surrounding towns in Eastern Kentucky, you are beautiful. I often tell people there is no wrong way to pray.

Our hearts overflow with the many blessings our Heavenly Father has given

us. One of those blessings is to live right where we live and be surrounded by such special people every day.

Jacob Grant is home and is doing just fine. Thank you for your prayers and for so richly blessing our lives.

Keith and Regina Parsons and family
Allen

Don't change malpractice law

This letter is directed to the voters and the lawmakers of the state of Kentucky. It is with some reluctance and considerable reservation that I write this letter.

We, like most of you, have been disturbed at the awards that have been rendered in some medical malpractice suits.

We, like most of you, have been of the mindset that some of these awards were

excessive.

We, like most of you, have been of the mindset that every lawsuit brought against the medical profession was strictly about money. No doubt, some suits were just for that reason. But when the medical profession (those who have the power) refuses to weed out the doctors who are a threat to our society, what other avenues do we have? The courts are our only hope.

I beg to differ with those who say these lawsuits are driving our good doctors from this state. Instead, I would say to you that if everyone did their job, we could drive out the bad doctors and put them where they belong. It may be that our only hope is the ultimate judgment.

In most cases when a life-threatening event occurs, one goes to the emergency room. An emergency room doctor is expected to be able to diagnose the problem and refer one to the proper specialist.

With today's technology,

one does not have to be a brain surgeon (no pun intended) to read laboratory results. The machine does it for you by flagging the tests that are abnormal.

When a doctor think that he is so infallible or is so inept that he refuses to look at the test results a second time, even when the patient has requested him to do so (not once, but twice), then I say to you, get rid of him before he causes the same anguish to you that we have suffered.

I would urge those responsible for making the laws and those responsible for installing these lawmakers in their present positions to think long and hard before changing the present laws governing medical malpractice lawsuits.

Our thinking has certainly changed since Sept. 21, 2003.

I pray to God that what happened to us does not have to happen to you or to your loved ones before your thinking is changed.

Raymon and Judy Short
Munfordville

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AT THE MOVIES:

'50 First Dates'

by ANTHONY BREZNICAN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Adam Sandler's new movie "50 First Dates" is a romantic comedy that has a goofy take on the question of predestination: If you start out from the same place, under the same circumstances, in the same state of mind, will your day end the same way?

The movie also has a gigantic walrus that sprays monstrous amounts of vomit on people.

That should illustrate the two forces at work in this picture.

Sandler, who often mocks his egg-shaped head, actually has some interesting and funny ideas rattling around inside that noggin, but he also has a tendency to surrender to juvenile jokes like a sleep-deprived, sugar-infused 12-year-old.

Luckily, someone seems to have given him a nap and a carrot stick. There isn't too much gross-out in "50 First Dates" — just a little, to satisfy the baser tastes in his fan base.

Sandler and company find a lot more honest and hard-won laughs in their premise: Drew Barrymore plays Lucy



"50 First Dates," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor and drug references. Running time: 91 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Whitmore, an accident victim who, when she goes to sleep, forgets everything that happens to her the previous day.

Her long-term memory is intact — she remembers her gruff dad (Blake Clark) and steroid-taking brother (the formerly plump Sean Astin of "The Lord of the Rings") and other details from her life in Hawaii. But every day is a Sunday, her dad's birthday, and she freaks out when she realizes that more than a year has passed since then.

Of course, she's OK the next

day when she awakes, thinking it's Sunday, her dad's birthday ... Then it all starts again.

The truth is overwhelming for her, so dad and brother go along with her delusion — putting the same outdated newspaper on the kitchen table, eating the same kind of birthday cake for dinner and watching "The Sixth Sense" again and again each night — bored stupid, while she is always amazed by the twist ending.

Then she meets Henry Roth, played by Sandler, who's a veterinarian at a marine park and a

notorious womanizer. He desperately wants her to remember him, and interferes with dad and brother's scheme, asking the salient question: How long can they keep this up?

"What happens when she wakes up one day and realizes she just aged 10 years overnight," he asks them. They don't have an answer.

The jokes come out of the different ways he has to win her over each day. The first time, he used a toothpick to make a door for a little waffle-house she made while playing with her breakfast. It charms her, and they hit it off.

The second time he tries it, she's unimpressed. "I'm sorry, are you from a country where it's OK to put your fingers all over someone else's food?" she snarls.

What changed? Nobody knows. But sometimes he wins her over, sometimes he annoys her, and sometimes — like when she wakes up in bed next to this stranger — he gets pulverized with a lacrosse racket by her.

The movie takes it's made-up memory ailment seriously and

(See MOVIE, page six)

'Fairly OddParents' is not just for kids

by MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — "The Fairly OddParents" is the second-highest rated program in America for viewers 2 to 11 years old.

But kids make up only 60 percent of the 3.8 million-strong audience.

"The Fairly OddParents," like the even bigger Nickelodeon cartoon hit, "SpongeBob Squarepants," is nearly as popular with teenagers and adults as it is with children.

And that's by design. "The show is for kids, but we write what we like," said series

creator Butch Hartman. "We write stories that we like and hope the kids like them too. But we definitely make sure that they skew toward a kid audience."

"The Fairly OddParents" follows. (See PARENTS, page eight)

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Greg Stumbo endorses Chuck Meade.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo endorses Chuck Meade for state representative. Greg believes Chuck is the best candidate in the race to fill his seat in the Kentucky General Assembly this session.

Greg joins Chuck in asking that you go to the polls and vote on **Tuesday, February 17th.**

Greg needs Chuck's help in Frankfort.

CHUCK MEADE
State Representative

Paid for by Chuck Meade; Darrell Madden, treasurer.

Community Calendar

CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

D.A.V. MEMORIAL FLAG

Betsy Layne Chapter 169 of the Disabled American Veterans is accepting donations to erect a memorial flag at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel. The flag will be dedicated to honor all deceased veterans. Donations may be tax deductible. For more information, call Larry Roberts, commander, at 478-9810, or 478-5066; or Shular Hurd at 478-9810 or 478-5631.

AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM

The Floyd County Conservation District is taking applications for the 2004-2005 County Cost Share Program. If you have an agricultural or environmental problem that you are in need of assistance with, contact the District's office at 889-9800, or email to: conserve@mikrotec.com.

■ Feb. 17 - Regular monthly meeting, 10 a.m., at District office. Open to public.

'KY. JOE' TO VISIT WCS

Roger "Ky. Joe" Bingham, from the "Survivor" television series will visit Wesley Christian School on Tues., Feb. 17, at 12:30 p.m., to kick-off school agriculture essay and poster contest. WCS parents and nearby community members invited to attend.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

SPECIAL CHURCH PROGRAM

The Prater Creek Baptist Church, located at Banner, will present Dr. Jack Reiss, a born-again Jew and the director of the Baptist World Missionary Outreach Ministries, on Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the church. Dr. Reiss will conduct a Passover demonstration. All are invited to attend this special service. For more information, contact Pastor J.B. Hall at 437-6328.

MARTIN HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

The Martin Homecoming Committee will meet on

Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m., at Giovanni's Rest, in downtown Martin. Purpose of meeting to discuss options for one last Homecoming. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Children's Mental Health Conf.

"Caring for Every Child's Mental Health - Communities Can Conference" will be held March 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Conf. hosted by Mt. Comp. Care and Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Ctr. Both registration and a catered lunch are offered at no charge. To register, call Teresa Clay at 886-8572. Registration deadline March 1.

HRMC CALENDAR

■ Feb. 21 - Child Birth Class, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., HRMC Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Place A & B.

■ Feb. 26 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd Room. "You've Got the Beat," Diabetic Heart Health tips.

■ Feb. 26 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

All classes free of charge - call 886-8511 for more information.

JUBILEE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

■ Feb. 15 - JCA Mountain Movers Senior Ministry for those 50 and older. Meeting immediately following Sunday service.

■ Feb. 16 & 17 - Operation Eat. Mon., 6 p.m., food will be packaged for homebound at Old Church on Long Fork. Tue., 9 a.m., food will be distributed.

Church located S. Mayo Trail, Pikeville. Call 437-0292 for more information.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

■ Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m.

For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

■ Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more

info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned preg-

nancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each

(See RECORD, page nine)

Obituaries

Dorothy Baldrige Wells Hall Bickford

Dorothy Baldrige Wells Hall Bickford, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born April 18, 1915, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late Willie Baldrige and Bessie Webb Baldrige. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Puckett of Prestonsburg, and Doris Wallen of Westland, Michigan; one sister, Audrey Setser of Auxier; seven grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 14, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg.

Interment will be in the Government Relocation Cemetery, at Auxier.

Visitation is 4 p.m., until 9 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Bickford family.

(Paid obituary)

Linda Jane Stephens

Linda Jane Stephens, 81, of Lexington, the youngest daughter of the late John and Nola Baldrige Stephens, died Tuesday, February 10, 2004, following an extended illness.

Miss Linda, as she was known by generations of students, graduated from Prestonsburg High School, and then obtained a BA in Education from Berea College. She was an outstanding student, and her love for learning led to her to return to the University of Kentucky to earn certification in Library Science. She was the librarian at Prestonsburg High School, in addition to teaching Latin for 33 years. She was a devoted, well-loved, and respected teacher, who inspired and challenged her students.

She is survived by her sisters: Thelma Wallen of Water Gap, and Elsie Mae Stephens of Lexington; three nieces, two nephews, three great-nieces, and two great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, two brothers and a sister, Morgan G. and Clayborne Stephens, and Mary Stephens, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, February 13, at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Burial will follow at the Davidson Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to: The Rock, 1015 N. Limestone, Lexington, KY. 40505, or the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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(Paid obituary)

Jesse C. Breeding

Jesse C. Breeding, 89, of Troy, Michigan, formerly of Hi Hat, died Saturday, February 7, 2004, at Cambridge Health Care Center in Clawson, Michigan.

Born September 23, 1914, in Inman, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Homer and Gussie Fannin Dorton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Breeding.

Survivors include a son, William Harold Breeding of Whitesburg; a daughter, Jonell Adams; a brother, Ray Dorton of Elizabethtown; a sister, Shirley Adams of Burnside; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Donald "Blackie" Dorton, Harry Dorton, Arnold Dorton, and Robert Dorton; and two sisters, Reta Jo Bounock, and Margaret Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Don Fraley Jr. officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart-Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Merlin Hall

Merlin Hall, age 81, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Teaberry, husband of the late Della Mae Hall, passed away, Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1922, in Teaberry, the son of the late Wayne Hall and Mary Hall. He was a coal miner and a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include two sons: Tom Hall of Silver Lake, Indiana, and Sterling Hall of Fort Wayne, Indiana; two daughters: Shirley Hicks of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Merlene Minick of Albion, Indiana; one brother, Dave Hall of Kansas; three sisters: Olvie Hamilton of Teaberry, Ellen Young of Ashland, and Lizzie Turner of Peru, Indiana; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Clergymen Orville Mitchell and Grant Newsome officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hollybush Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is after 11 a.m., Thursday, at the church, with nightly services, at 7 p.m.

Military service will be provided by DAV Chapter 128, at Garrett.

(Paid obituary)

Martha Marie Adkins

Martha Marie Adkins, age 73, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, widow of Orgie Adkins, passed away, Monday, February 9, 2004, at the Manor Care Nursing Home, Westerville, Ohio.

She was born April 19, 1930, in Hindman, the daughter of the late Charlie Thacker and Nora Sloan Thacker.

Survivors include two sons: Adrian Adkins of Westerville, Ohio, and Brent Adkins of Corning, Ohio; one daughter, Beverly Whatman of Columbus, Ohio; four brothers: Dan Thacker, Ed Thacker, Charles "Copper" Thacker and Whitey Thacker, all of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters: Esther Jacobs of Columbus, Ohio, and Mildred Hamilton of Plain City, Ohio; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, February 12, at 2 p.m., at the Adkins Cemetery, at Hueysville, with Clergyman Raymond Lawson officiating.

Arrangements were under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

(Paid obituary)

John Morgan Howard

John Morgan Howard, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 17, 1932, in Bradley, he was the son of the late Samuel J. Howard and Alda Ann Lykins Howard. He was a former power use advisor for Big Sandy R.E.C.C. He attended the Freewill Baptist Church, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hill Howard.

Other survivors include two daughters: Jane Morgan Crews of Richmond, and Rebecca Howard Fitzer of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Don Howard of Berea, Dan Howard of Bradley, and Kenneth Howard of Rhode Island; three sisters: Naomi Elrod, and Kay Rice, both of Bradley, and Arta Hale of Saline, Michigan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jo Hahn; and one brother, Fred J. Howard.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Brian Stratton officiating.

Burial will be in the J. Polk Hill Cemetery, at Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, 5-9 p.m., at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the Floyd County Animal Shelter, Sally Stephens Branch Road, Prestonsburg, or the church of ones choice.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Howard family.

(Paid obituary)

Daniel Campbell

Daniel Campbell, age 70, of Allen, loving husband of the late Lavilla Aileen Delong Campbell, passed away, Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born August 12, 1933, in Dema, the son of the late James Campbell and Edith Meade Campbell. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Martin County Coal Company, a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the American Veterans Post No. 27, a member of the VFW, a member of the DAV Chapter 169, Betsy Layne, and a member of the Martin Freewill Church.

Survivors include three daughters: Gail Ann Sheridan of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Shelia Lee Setser of East Point, and Sandra Renee Donohoe of Allen; two brothers: Garnard Campbell of East Point, and Clinis Campbell of Indiana; three sisters, Anna Lee Frazier of Ohio, Thelma L. Hale of Martin, and Rita Fay Smith of Allen; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Lynn Campbell Tussey.

Funeral services for Daniel Campbell will be conducted Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Johnny Blair officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Military service will be provided by DAV Chapter 169, Betsy Layne.

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View

prehensive probe of the intelligence services and National Security Council. ...

The panel will have nine members. The seven named Friday by the White House are generally lackluster Washington insiders. In addition, Bush gave the panel the very narrow task of identifying intelligence errors, rather than a broad mandate to look at the administration's handling of intelligence. ...

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi

Annun stated at Davos, Switzerland, last month that the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was a warning for the U.S. not to follow the "laws of the jungle" and said it must meet higher standards for military action. A limited probe of the type envisioned by Bush, carried out by a less-than-best panel of experts, will do nothing to make other nations trust U.S. intentions the next time around.

Movie

isn't afraid to take a few down-beat risks for the sake of originality.

There really seems to be no hope for Barrymore's condition, so instead of being a story about how Sandler cures her through love, "50 First Dates" is really about how one man learns to love someone even though she can never really love him back. After all, she has always just

met him. That's kind of sad, but these two likable stars — who previously appeared together in 1998's "The Wedding Singer" — make it very funny, too.

"50 First Dates," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor and drug references. Running time: 91 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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Statistics show few miners winning black-lung benefits

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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FRANKFORT — Coal miners are overwhelmingly losing black-lung claims under a review system created two years ago, according to statistics presented to a House committee Tuesday.

Labor leaders seized upon the numbers as evidence that flaws exist in awarding benefits to miners afflicted with black-lung disease — pneumoconiosis, an ailment caused from inhaling coal dust.

"The proof's in the numbers that the bill is not working like we had hoped that it would," said Steve Earle, a United Mine Workers lobbyist.

Rep. Robin Webb, herself a former coal miner, said later

she has drafted legislation that would alter the review of black-lung claims. Webb, D-Grayson, said she planned to introduce the bill this week.

It could revive a thorny issue that has entangled the General Assembly in the past. Two years ago, at the urging of then-Gov. Paul Patton, lawmakers revamped the system for reviewing and awarding black-lung claims.

Since then, miners have filed 1,062 black-lung claims, according to statistics provided by the Office of Workers' Claims.

Most were new claims but 150 were claims filed for another review after having been rejected under previous, more restrictive standards.

So far, 44 miners have been

awarded black-lung benefits, said Larry Greathouse, commissioner of the Workers' Claims office. Thirteen more claims resulted in agreements between miners and their employers.

Nearly 86 percent of claims — 336 in all — have been dismissed so far by administrative law judges under the new system, Greathouse told the committee.

Meanwhile, the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund, used to pay black-lung awards, has grown to a balance of \$21.4 million.

Bill Londrigan, president of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said afterward that the numbers show that the new system, though well-intentioned, has been "a total failure."

"The amount of awards is minuscule," he said. "It's as if they've wiped out black lung with the stroke of a pen."

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, took aim at one key part of the review process that draws upon the medical expertise of radiologists.

Those specialists enter the review when a miner and employer can't settle a claim. A panel of three radiologists reviews a miner's chest X-rays and tries to reach a consensus on whether black lung exists.

Those findings are submitted to the administrative law judge.

So far, those panels have reached consensus on 690 claims. In 595 cases, the radiologists concluded that black

lung did not exist. In 88 cases, the panels agreed that low-level traces of black lung existed. The panels found more advanced levels of black lung in seven cases. In 10 cases, the panels failed to reach a consensus.

"It appears that the reliance upon the doctors is not the outcome we need to do the award benefits and that the consensus program is not working," Yonts said.

Yonts pointed to one claim that remained in limbo among the specialists. In that case, one radiologist found no sign of black lung, another found an early stage of the disease and another detected that black lung had set in and was more advanced, he said.

Webb said in an interview

that the number of awards in relation to the total claims filed is "unconscionably low."

Her bill would get rid of the doctors' panels and give administrative law judges more latitude. The bill also would lower the age at which miners with black lung could choose cash awards instead of retraining benefits. Currently, miners age 57 and older can take cash. Her bill would lower it to 52.

That provision also is supported by the UMW. Earle said retraining was not practical for older, one-time miners because their getting another job would be almost impossible. "No employer is going to want to put that miner on his health care insurance," Earle said.

'Fetal homicide' bill appears on fast track

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill to create a crime of "fetal homicide" — and confer legal recognition to a fetus from time of conception — cleared a Senate committee Thursday on an apparent fast track toward final passage.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, predicted the bill would come to a vote in the full Senate next week.

The bill has been passed by the House. If passed in the Senate without changes, it would be the first bill of the 2004 General Assembly sent to Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

"I believe that it's a good, strong piece of legislation that will protect the unborn," Williams said.

While the bill specifically exempts legal abortion, a civil-liberties activist said the bill would advance the cause of criminalizing abortion.

The bill seeks to carve out a new section in Kentucky's criminal code to punish those who cause the death of a fetus. The Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled that an assailant can be convicted of homicide for the death of a pregnant woman but not for that of her fetus.

The Republican governor has endorsed the concept of "fetal homicide" legislation.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill after defeating two amendments that would have rewritten key sections.

Under the bill, the maximum punishment for killing a fetus would be life in prison without parole. Capital punishment would be excluded. The Catholic Conference of Kentucky lobbied for the bill but asked for the exclusion.

Sen. Katie Stine, R-Fort Thomas, wanted to undo that by amendment — allowing the death penalty for killing a fetus when there is an "aggra-

vating" circumstance, such as multiple killings or a killing that occurred in the course of another felony.

Stine's motion died when no other senator would offer a second. Stine abstained when the committee voted on the bill.

Stine said later that a fetus is entitled to "the same level of justice as someone who's been born."

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, tried to change the bill to recognize a fetus from the point of viability — the ability to survive outside the womb. His motion was defeated.

Amanda Kreps-Long, lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said she once suffered a miscarriage that could have pointed up a flaw in the legislation.

In her case, she said, no fetal heartbeat was detected during an early checkup, which her doctor said was normal. A second checkup four weeks later again detected no heartbeat.

Had she been in a car crash between checkups, it could have been considered a factor in her miscarriage, Kreps-Long said. "I'm just afraid that these kinds of questions are going to play in prosecutions yet to come," she said.

Scorsone also said people involved in traffic crashes with pregnant women could be lumped with those who deliberately harm a fetus. But Williams said prosecutors and juries would have the latitude to weigh a defendant's intent.

"If it was an unavoidable accident, any injury that they did to the individual in the car or to the fetus in all probability would not rise to a criminal level," he said.

Kreps-Long also said the bill was an attempt to undermine abortion rights, though the measure specifically exempts legal abortions.

"Once you make it a crime

for one group of people to kill an embryo, the agenda of criminalizing abortion and other reproductive rights is advanced," she said.

Fetal homicide also is an issue outside the legislature. The Kentucky Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday over whether to change its position that a death in the womb is not homicide.

The attorney general's office is appealing a case in which the Kentucky Court of Appeals overturned a guilty plea to manslaughter in a highway crash that resulted in a fetal death in Pike County.

State Rep. Kathy Stein, a Democrat and a fierce defender of abortion rights, said the court's eventual ruling could be made moot by the General Assembly.

But Robert Cetrulo, an attorney for Northern Kentucky Right to Life, said the ruling would be important if anyone sued to challenge legislation enacted this year.

The Court of Appeals case involved Christopher Charles Morris, who was charged with killing Veronica Jane Thornsby and her fetus in a crash in March 2001. Morris pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter — one for the woman, one for the fetus — but has contested one of the charges.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake will close its gates to the Downstream Recreation Area today, February 9, 2004, at noon, through April 1, 2004, at which time the Downstream Recreation Area will reopen for public use for the 2004 recreation season.

Visitors and fishermen who wish to access the Downstream Recreation are welcome. However, due no parking facilities at the downstream recreation area gate, the Corps of Engineers recommends parking either at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office, or in the parking area in front of the concrete intake structure, which is located just off KY Route 302 (on top of the dam).

This action is necessary due to recent vandalism and destruction of the Downstream Recreation Area's restrooms and facilities.

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- In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.
- In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb.
- In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.
- In 1984, 20 years ago, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.
- In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Ten years ago:
At the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, American Tommy Moe won the men's downhill, defeating local hero Kjetil

Andre Aamodt by four-hundredths of a second.

Five years ago
In his weekly radio address, President Clinton said as many as 4,000 American troops would go to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force if warring Serbs and ethnic Albanians reached a political settlement. A federal judge held American Airlines' pilots union and two top board members in contempt and promised sizable fines against them, saying the union did not do enough to encourage pilots to return to work after a court order.

One year ago:
Clara Harris, who'd run down her cheating husband with her Mercedes after catching him with his mistress, was convicted by a Houston jury of murder despite her claim that

she'd hit him accidentally while in a heartsick daze. (She was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) An investigative panel found that superheated air almost certainly seeped through a breach in space shuttle Columbia's left wing and possibly its wheel compartment during the craft's fiery descent, resulting in the deaths of all seven astronauts. A U.S. government plane carrying four Americans and a Colombian went down in rebel territory in southern Colombia; the executed bodies of an American and the Colombian were found in the wreckage. Walt W. Rostow, an advisor to presidents Kennedy and Johnson, died in Austin, Texas, at age 86.

Today's Birthdays:
Former test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager is 81. Actress Kim Novak is 71. Actor

George Segal is 70. Actor Bo Svenson is 63. Actress Carol Lynley is 62. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage (The Monkees) is 62. Actress Stockard Channing is 60. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 60. Singer Peter Gabriel is 54. Actor David Naughton is 53. Rock musician Peter Hook is 48. Actor Matt Salinger is 44. Singer Henry Rollins is 43. Actor Neal McDonough is 38. Singer Freedom Williams is 38. Actress Kelly Hu is 36. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 32. Singer Robbie Williams is 30. Rhythm and blues performer Natalie Stewart (Floetry) is 25. Actress Mena Suvari is 25.

Thought for Today
"An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason."
— C.S. Lewis, English author (1898-1963).

Parents

lows the adventures of 10-year-old Timmy Turner and his wacky fairy godparents, Cosmo and Wanda. They grant Timmy's wishes but don't always get them exactly right.

With a premise like that, it's no wonder kids have taken to the show. But the verbal give-and-take and sharp story lines are what keep the parents tuning in.

"I think it's one of the great indicators of smart writing and great character development when adults come as well as kids," said Cyma Zarghami, president of Nickelodeon Television. "It has an incredibly broad appeal."

Take for example the episode in which Timmy wishes he could be older. Wanda and Cosmo transform him into an adult, but he's bald, his back hurts and he has no job. When he tries to help an old lady across the street, the woman is less than thrilled.

"When you're a kid, helping an old lady across the street is kind of cute. But when you're an adult, it's just plain creepy," Hartman said.

In another episode, Timmy wishes he is invisible so he can hide from a schoolyard bully. But on the day he's made invisible, he's unable to receive his perfect attendance award at school.

"Captain Kangaroo and Fred Rogers completely appealed to the kids themselves," said Robert Thompson, head of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "The Nickelodeon approach — which is a smart one — is to not only appeal to the kids, but to the whiny, smart-aleck adolescents those kids will become as well as the parents."

"Captain Kangaroo and Fred Rogers worked on one level. These shows work on a number of levels, and college students get into this stuff like crazy."

The show, which trails only "SpongeBob" among all broadcast and cable children's programs, is Hartman's brainchild.

The Michigan native, who long dreamed of cartooning for a living, first received acclaim for his artwork as a kindergarten

student.

"The teacher had us draw a picture of her. She raved about it for like a week," the 39-year-old Hartman recalled during a recent telephone interview. "She hung it up on the wall. All the other kids felt a great sense of humiliation."

By the time he reached high school, Hartman wanted to enter into animation full time and eventually attended the California Institute for the Arts.

He joined Hanna-Barbera in the 1990s. There he wrote and directed episodes of the Cartoon Network series "Dexter's Laboratory," "Cow & Chicken" and "Johnny Bravo."

It was as his tenure was ending at Hanna-Barbera that he came up with "Fairly OddParents."

"When 'Johnny Bravo' was going to end, I thought, 'I really need to sell something. I need a job.' So, I sat down and just sketched this little boy with a fairy godmother," Hartman said. "I was going to do a boy version of 'Cinderella.' I thought, 'Hey, that's kind of cute. Let's see who she's married to.' And I ended up drawing a husband for her. And that's kind of where the idea

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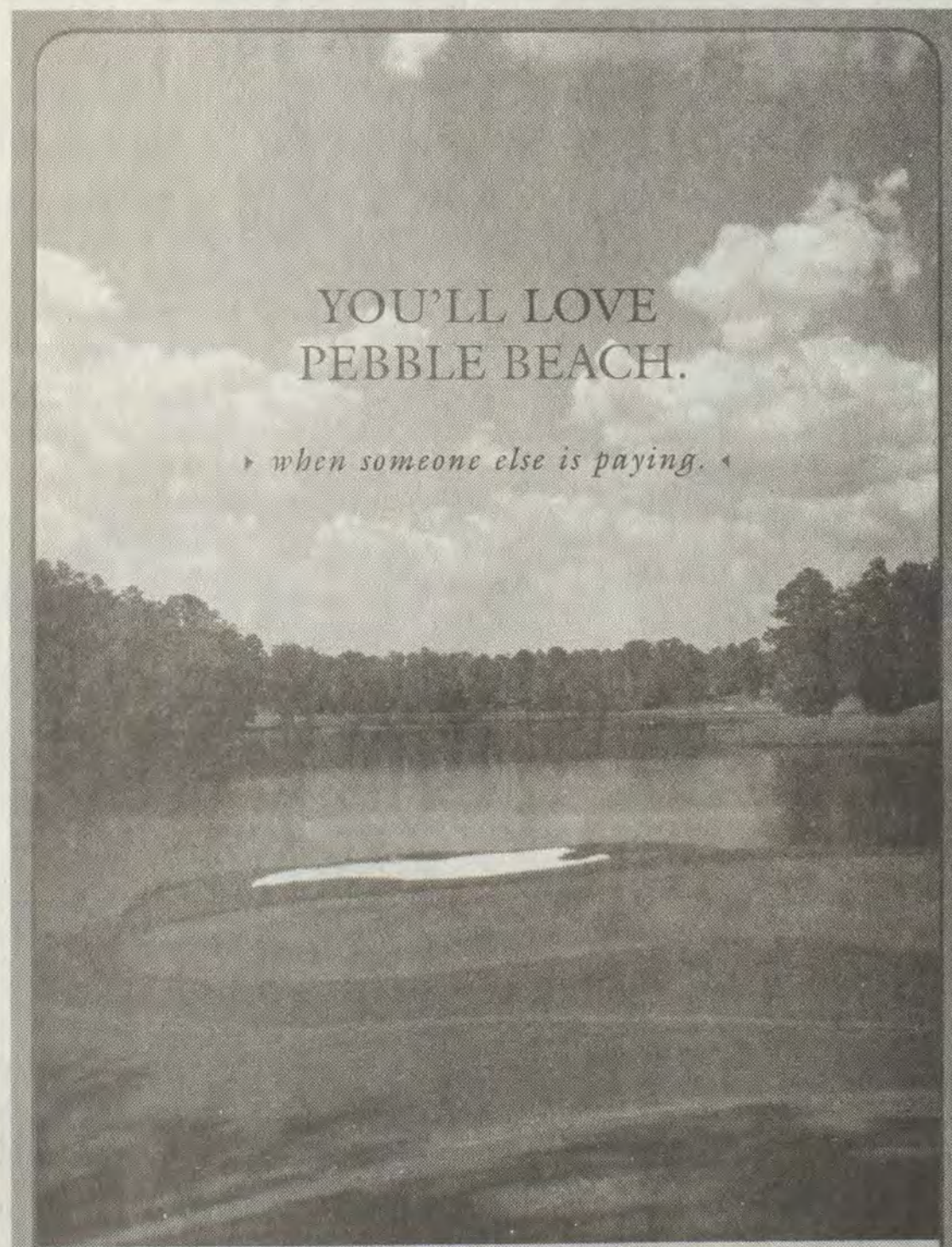
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House committee approves expungement bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Barbara Hopper tearfully told lawmakers Wednesday that her fraud conviction nearly a decade ago haunts her every time she applies for a nursing job. A background check by the prospective employer invariably turns up her felony offense, she said. So Hopper, a single parent

from Bellevue, finds herself unemployed with no job prospects in Kentucky. A bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee would allow Hopper, and certain other nonviolent felons, to petition the courts to have convictions wiped from their records. Hopper, 43, said she made restitution and met all other conditions of probation. She has

had no other scrapes with the law. "Lord knows I'm trying, and I've got to have some help," a sobbing Hopper told the committee. "I can't have this following me the rest of my life and not be able to get a job." The Kentucky Press Association opposed the legislation. Its attorney, Kenyon Meyer, offered the example of a

prospective lawyer who had a perjury conviction expunged. The prospective lawyer could tell the Kentucky Bar Association that he was never convicted of a felony, Meyer said. "This bill creates a legal fiction that permits something that happened to be deemed never to have happened," he said. Meyer said the expungements also could inhibit media efforts to evaluate the performance of judges or prosecutors. The bill cleared the committee with bipartisan support. Rep. Kevin Bratcher, R-Louisville, told Hopper that she has "a good heart," but he said all cases wouldn't be like hers. "There are some rough people out there," said Bratcher, who

abstained on the vote. Bob Lotz, representing the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said the bill offers a chance for redemption. A felony conviction also can hinder one's ability to rent an apartment or obtain credit, he said. "We need to be able to take the big red 'F' off their forehead at some point in time," Lotz said. Misdemeanor offenders already can seek expungement. So can felony offenders who have completed diversion programs, Lotz said. The bill would apply to people convicted of a Class D felony or a series of Class D felonies arising from a single incident. Class D is the lowest

of four categories of felony. Common Class D felonies include fraud, writing bad checks or failing to pay child support, Lotz said. Once a felon submitted an expungement petition, the commonwealth's attorney would check the person's background for other convictions. The prosecutor also would interview the victim or victim's family. The prosecutor would have "absolute veto power" over an expungement request, said Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, the bill's sponsor. An expungement petition could not be filed until 10 years after the conviction. A felon also would have to complete all terms of the sentence.

Complaint details asbestos violation

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Occupational Safety and Health Program's 13-page citation and notification of penalty to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park points to nine violations the agency considered serious, according to an OSHA report made available Thursday.

According to those reports, the lodge employees fitted with the task of cleaning the affected area did not respond appropriately after the asbestos was found behind the wall during remodeling of park director Julian Slone's office this past October.

The report indicates that the workers — including an electrician, a carpenter and a general laborer — should have used various means to clean the particles from the office, including either wet cloths or vacuum cleaners, but, instead, dry dusted the area

with a broom. This approach did little to ensure that workers were protected from the materials during cleanup efforts, OSHA contended.

"We consider this a serious problem," Charles B. Wells, executive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said in response to the report. "We are very con-

cerned about the health and safety of the employees of the park."

Other violations dealt with the disposal of the material and other debris that became exposed after removal of a wall in Slone's office.

According to OSHA's reports, the asbestos was not

Fraud

allege that a commission, based on volume of sales, was used as an incentive to get staff of Med-Con to build up their customer base. The document further states that a clinic in Martin was involved. A physician's involvement was necessary because a doctor had to sign off on the bills provided to Medicare. The doctor — who is unnamed in the indictment — received a monthly fee of \$650 dollars for this service.

If convicted, Shaw could face up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 dollars and restitution, if applicable.

When reached for comment, Shaw declined to make any statements. So far no one else involved in the case has been indicted and it remains to be seen if others will face charges.

Shaw is scheduled to appear Feb. 23 before U.S. District Judge David Bunning in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Parents

sprang from." Nearly three years after the show made its debut,

Hartman's creation will get the royal treatment on Monday when a "Fairly

OddParents" special airs on Nickelodeon at 8 p.m. EST.

The 30-minute show, "The Fairly OddParents' Big Superhero Wish," will be preceded that day by a 12-episode marathon from 2 to 8 p.m.

Timmy, Cosmo and Wanda are joined in the special by The Crimson Chin, Timmy's comic-book hero (voiced by "Tonight" show host Jay Leno).

Also appearing, as always, is Timmy's baby sitter Vicki — who is the reason he has fairy godparents.

"She makes his life miserable every single day," Hartman said. "Cosmo and Wanda show up to make his life better, because fairy godparents are assigned to miserable kids."

While Hartman suffered neither a miserable childhood nor a mean baby sitter, he does share a special connection with Timmy.

"Timmy is my alter ego. He's a wise guy. He's sarcastic. He's quick-tempered. ... He loves comic books. He loves video games," Hartman said. "He's pretty much my alter ego, except I didn't have fairy godparents."

Charges

juana cultivation of five or more plants for allegedly growing nine marijuana plants behind corn in his garden.

■ Jackie D. Chapman, 47, of Raccoon, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of Percocet and second-degree possession of Lorcet.

■ Albert M. Bertram, 37, of Allen, driving under the influence and driving on a suspended or revoked license.

■ Ollie J. Calhoun, 65, Prestonsburg, forgery of a prescription and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

■ Brandon Prater, 24, Hueysville, driving under the influence, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, fleeing or evading the police, possession of drug paraphernalia, and persistent felony offender.

■ Barry Robinson, 45, of Langley, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license, persistent felony offender, failure to wear seat belt, no insurance, and no registration receipt.

■ Edgar Tackett, 59, of Betsy

Lane, three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license, and leaving the scene of an accident.

■ Loretta Reed, 37, Prestonsburg, forgery of a prescription.

Seven individuals were indicted on various other charges:

■ Donnie Bentley, 29, of Dwale, fleeing or evading, first degree wanton endangerment, driving on a revoked or suspended license, reckless driving, improper passing and persistent felony offender.

■ Daniel K. Hatfield, 27, of Hi Hat, four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

■ Lloyd Ralph Short Jr., 47, of Salyersville, flagrant nonsupport.

■ Christopher Shawn Howell, 28, of McDowell, flagrant nonsupport.

■ Harold Lloyd Prater, 64, of Martin, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, terroristic threatening.

■ John Osborne, 39, of Ligon, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree

criminal mischief and persistent felony offender.

■ Ray Collins, 52, of Debord, first-degree assault and two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

Three other indictments were handed down by a grand jury, but are sealed until warrants are served in the cases.

Calendar

month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers -Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Goodman pleads guilty to drug charges

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Eastern man nabbed in separate county drug roundups pleaded guilty to a two-count indictment against him in Floyd Circuit Court.

Stevie Goodman, 24, of Goose Creek at Eastern, pleaded guilty to counts of first- and second-degree drug trafficking after having turned down a plea offer from the commonwealth several months ago.

The plea came just before trial was set to begin Wednesday, said Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, and Goodman will now be sentenced today in Floyd Circuit Court.

"The trial was set for today and we had a pretrial several months ago and tried to work it out and, at that time, he refused to accept any sort of agreement," Turner said.

Through his plea, Goodman admitted to selling Oxycontin tablets to an undercover informant on Dec. 15, 2002, and for selling Talwin tablets to another informant on March 14, 2003.

Turner said Goodman sold Oxycontin to an informant working with the Floyd County Drug Task Force on Dec. 15, a transaction caught on audio tape. During this deal, the informant apparently paid for the drugs through a bedroom window of Goodman's home, giving them to Derek Hoover, who pleaded guilty and took a probated sentence in exchange for testimony against Goodman had the case gone to trial. Hoover then gave the money to Goodman who returned him to the bedroom window with the Oxycontin tablets.

On March 14, investigators again provided audio tapes which consist of Goodman

speaking with an informant during another controlled buy.

On this date, Goodman met with the informant at the mouth of Goose Creek on Route 680 to sell the prescription drug Talwin, not a drug commonly named in trafficking cases.

"On the tape of the buy, Goodman could be heard talking about the drug Talwin and explaining basically what it was to the informant," Turner said. "He told her where to go on the internet if she wanted to read about it and even spells it out for her on the tape."

Aside from the charges to which Goodman entered pleas

Wednesday, the Goose Creek man has three other indictments pending against him in circuit court, one in relation to doctor shopping, one charging him with prescription fraud and a third concerning charges of receiving stolen property.

Turner said the outcome of those cases will be partly determined after seeing what type of judgment is handed down from the court on Wednesday's case.

"At this point, the plan is to wait and see what the judge sentences him to," said Turner. "Depending on what his sentence is, that'll determine how

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Ideas

task of knitting hats for cancer survivors.

"I just thought it would be a good idea to get a group together here locally who would be willing to combine those two groups and knit hats for survivors of cancer who are over 50," Hornbaker said. "I'm not very good at it, but I enjoy doing it and it's just something I feel compelled to do."

Although Hornbaker herself is not a cancer survivor, her 80-year-old husband, Joe, had successfully battled back from both prostate and bowel cancer.

The idea came after she realized that she wanted her "red hat", Hornbaker said.

"I woke up the other morning and saw the article and told my husband that I had to have my red hat because I'm old enough," Hornbaker said, laughing and adjusting a colorful, handmade knitted hat down closer to a set of playful blue eyes. "He just laughed, but it got me to thinking."

Hornbaker said she placed a quick call to a friend whom she

knew enjoyed knitting and crocheting and got a positive response. The idea was quickly becoming an effort.

Now she says she only hopes she can get other people involved.

One plan is to appeal to the St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg, of which she and her husband are both members, to coordinate a place to hold meetings for the organization.

Spending a fair amount of time with a sewing needle will not be an altogether new concept for Hornbaker, who ran her own sewing business for several years before undergoing a second bypass surgery that ended her involvement with the industry.

"It's just something I would like to see people get involved in," Hornbaker said. "I'm just going to see what I can do."

Hornbaker has asked those who might be interested in taking part in her efforts as a group member to call 886-6619 for further information.

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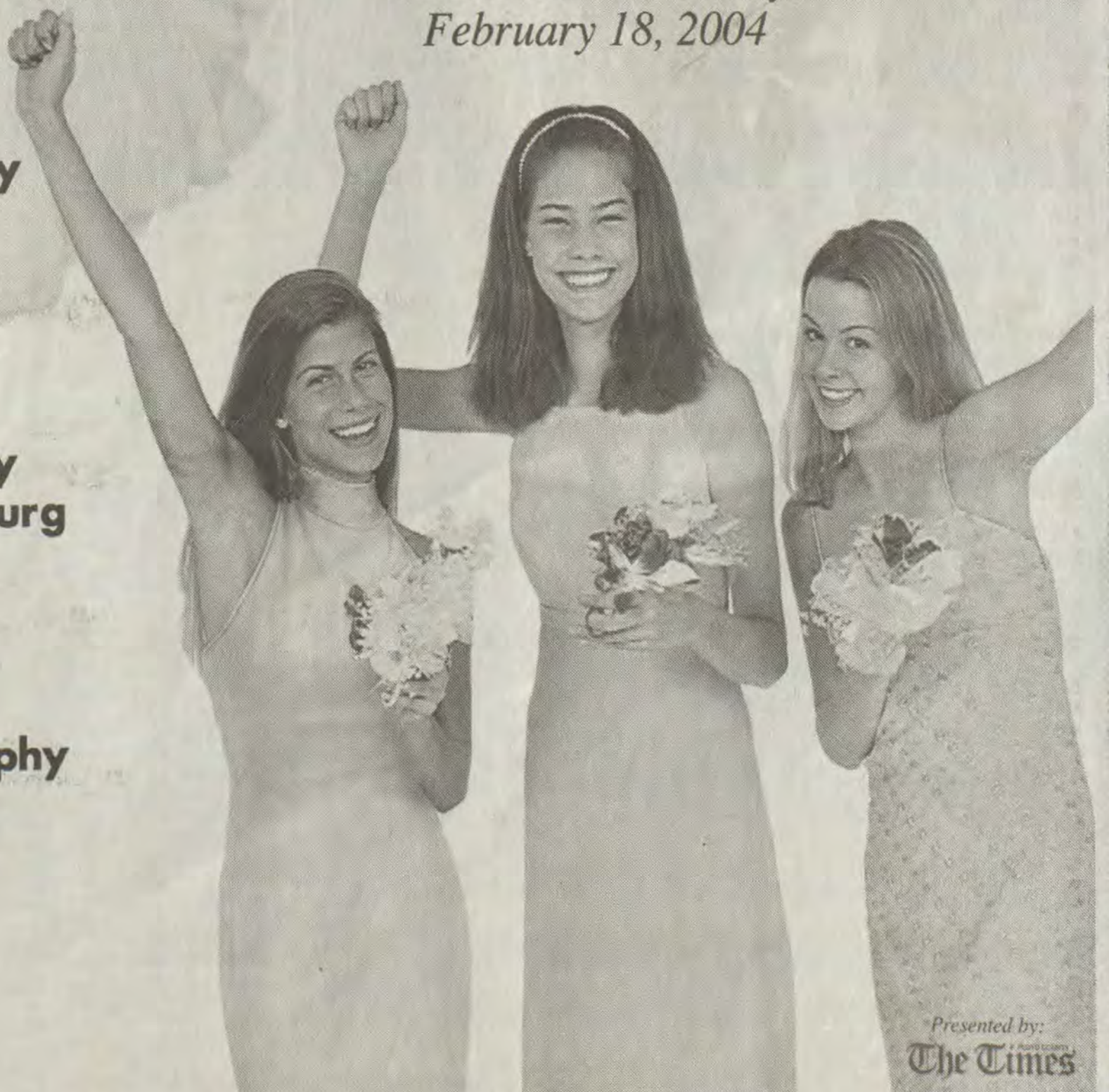
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Man files suit to stop alleged coal spills

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky man has filed a federal lawsuit against a coal company to stop alleged black-water spills into a stream that runs through his property.

James Evans claims that Sidney Coal has discharged coal waste into Big Creek more than 100 times in the past three years, violating provisions of the Clean Water Act.

"I just want them to stop dumping dirty water into Big Creek," Evans said. "It shows a total disrespect for citizens who live downstream."

In the lawsuit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, Evans asks that the company be ordered to

stop polluting the stream and to pay appropriate penalties to the U.S. treasury for past violations of the Clean Water Act. He asks for a permanent injunction from the court to stop any further releases of pollutants into the stream.

Jeffrey Gillenwater, a spokesman for Sidney Coal, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Evans, who lives at Hatfield about two miles downstream from a coal processing plant operated by the Massey Energy subsidiary, is not seeking personal damages. However, he is asking that Sidney Coal be ordered to pay his legal fees from the lawsuit.

State regulators have investigated at least two major spills into Big Creek in the past two

years. In April 2002, 135,000 gallons of black waste leaked into the stream, contaminating the water and killing fish. In March 2003, another 20,000 gallons of coal waste got into the stream and had to be sucked out by vacuum trucks.

"This isn't an isolated event," said Amanda Moore, an attorney for the Appalachian Citizens Law Center, which is representing Evans. "These blackwater spills are occurring across the coalfields on a regular basis."

The lawsuit comes on the

heels of an effort by state regulators to crack down on black-water spills.

LaJuana S. Wilcher, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection, has appointed representatives of the mining industry and environmental groups to a task force to recommend ways to curb the frequency and severity of black-water spills in the state.

In addition, Attorney General Greg Stumbo has called for a review of the blackwater spills.



photo by Sheldon Compton

A three-car accident in front of the Family Dollar Store on North Lake Drive left at least three people injured Wednesday afternoon. The stretch of road has long been a trouble spot for drivers.

Three injured in wreck at dangerous intersection

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A three-car accident along a stretch of road in Prestonsburg that has now been the site of numerous wrecks in the past couple of years left several people hospitalized Wednesday.

North Lake Drive's main strip was again choked off to traffic just before lunch Wednesday following an accident involving three vehicles, a mishap that resulted in no serious injuries, but did send at least three people to nearby Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Fred Mynhier, the officer investigating Wednesday's wreck, was not able to provide the identities of the individuals involved in the accident at the scene, and could not be reached Thursday for comment.

At the scene Wednesday, officers waived traffic through the main strip while onlookers mar-

veled at "another wreck."

"This makes I don't know how many wrecks that's happened here," one man told a group of friends standing nearby. "They're going to have to do something."

Medical technicians busied themselves bringing a woman holding her child from a rear-ended Pontiac Grand Prix and onto a stretcher, while others helped fit two men driving a Nissan Maxima near the back of the three-vehicle pileup into neck braces.

Prestonsburg officials have considered plans to expand the section of road with additional lane options, and have ordered studies to see if adding lanes would be feasible in light of how much traffic the area handles.

Police have said the accidents happen most frequently when drivers attempt to direct other vehicles around them during stops, hoping to assist them in blind spots where vehicles may be pulling from the road.

Complaint

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properly disposed of after cleanup efforts. The asbestos and other debris was placed inside a "hopper", according to the report, which failed to ensure that none of the material leaked through potential openings, while the worker cleaning the area did not wear an air-purifying mask during the cleanup.

In place of these specific masks, workers used a basic dust mask, OSHA officials said.

Another violation presented in the report was that the

workers failed to transport contaminated clothing in sealed bags following the incident. The report contends that the employees left the clothes in the general laundry for cleaning and that Slone failed to collect the items for proper cleaning.

The report also cites the park for not identifying the material discovered behind the wall, which had been in place since construction of the lodge in 1962, as asbestos. Bulk samples taken where the old wall had been returned results showing 2 percent chrysotile asbestos, according to the report.

Fines of \$1,875 were attached to each of the nine violations.

Following the incident, The Kentucky Department of Parks suspended Slone, who replaced outgoing park manager Mark McLemore last year. His suspension has been called temporary and Slone will continue to receive wages.

Cabinet official John Paul is currently acting as the park's manager.

Pleads

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we proceed on the other cases."

Turner said if a sentence that was "satisfactory" to the efforts of his office was returned, he would consider offering Goodman a concurrent sentence on the other cases in return for guilty pleas on those cases.

Goodman could face a possible one to 15 years in prison on the two trafficking counts to which he pleaded guilty Wednesday.

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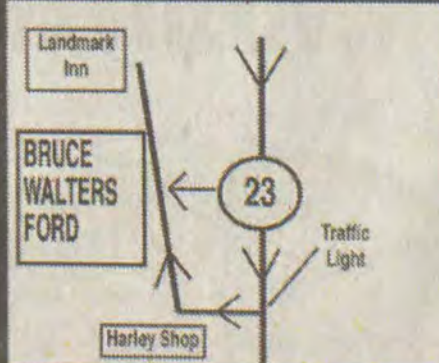
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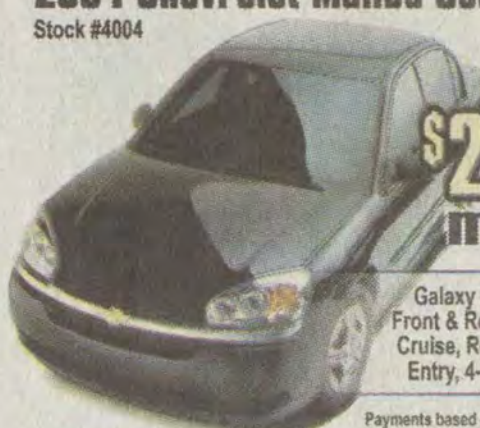


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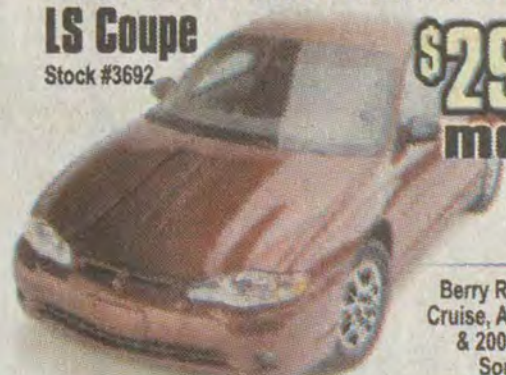
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COMMENTARY

Miracle movie hits mark

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

There are some things that we simply have to do.

Take out the trash. Go to work. Avoid at all costs those annoying "Brilliant!" commercials on ESPN.

For me, seeing the remarkable film *Miracle* was another.

We went this week to check it out, hoping against hope it wouldn't disappoint. See, that's one of the problems with films such as this. The "real deal" was so good, so passionate, so emotional I was afraid it would be impossible for me to be pleased with this movie's outcome.

I was incorrect.

Being only 12 years old when the *Miracle on Ice* happened that wonderful winter of 1980, I don't have an extensive memory of it. Truthfully, I don't have a tremendous memory of what I had for lunch yesterday. But four names from that time have stayed with me.

■ Herb Brooks. The coach of the team was the team's only star at the time, but that changed as the fortnight played out. He was not quite as beloved a figure as he was portrayed when he died last year, but he knew exactly what he wanted for this team and would accept nothing less.

■ Jim Craig. I told someone this week I don't remember ever hearing him called "Jimmy" before this film, but I do recall his amazing abilities in

(See BENTLEY, page two)

J. Central outlasts Paintsville in 2OT affair

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – It took two overtimes Tuesday night, but Johnson Central outlasted host Paintsville, beating the host Tigers 85-76.

Senior Mike Walters led Johnson Central in scoring with a game-high 27 points. Junior Josh Stapleton added 21 points for the Golden Eagles. Juniors Nick Music and Tony Hatfield each had 11.

The two teams split over the first two quarters. Paintsville, which won the first regular-season meeting between the two squads, led 18-17 at the end of the first quarter. The two rivals were deadlocked at 33 at half-time.

Johnson Central (12-10) took a four-point lead out of the third quarter before the Tigers tied it back up to send it into overtime. Tied at 65 at the end of regulation, the two units both managed just four points each in the first extra session. The visiting Golden Eagles won in the second extra session by making 10 of 13 free throws.

Freshman Jamie McCarty

(See 2OT, page two)

54th District draw held

HYDEN – The 54th District boys' basketball tournament draw was held yesterday and two of the top teams in the state will square off in the opening round, leaving one team without a trip to the 14th Region Tournament. All "A" Classic Champion Hazard is pitted against rival Perry County Central in the opening round. In the other first round game, Leslie County will play Buckhorn.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Rebs escape P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – So close but so far away was the feeling on the Prestonsburg side of the floor on Tuesday evening. Allen Central escaped a last second shot by

Prestonsburg to win by a final of 43-42. Allen Central had to hold on to beat Prestonsburg in an early season matchup at Eastern and the same was true on Tuesday. In a low scoring game, neither team could

(See ESCAPE, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
 Prestonsburg junior Molly Burchett (10) split Allen Central defenders Tab Caudill and Terri Mullins (12). Allen Central held on late and beat the host Lady Blackcats.

Rebels rough up P'burg



photo by Jamie Howell
 Allen Central junior center Tim Griffith gathered in a rebound during Tuesday night's 58th District game against Prestonsburg.

Lady Cats handle South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Returning to their home floor Tuesday night, the Betsy Layne Lady Cats took care of business against 58th District rival South Floyd. It was Betsy Layne's first game back following a trip to last week's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. The Lady Cats held South Floyd to just six points in each of the first two periods and held the visiting team off in the second half to post a 56-45 win.

Fatigue was still a factor for Betsy Layne, a team that kept busy before and

(See HANDLE, page two)



Kim Clark

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Raiders beat Betsy Layne, lock up share of conference title

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – South Floyd got a game-high 22 points from Adam Tackett and 18 more from Steven Stanley in a 74-62 win over host Betsy Layne Tuesday night. The Raiders remain near the top in the 15th Region.

"I believe this was one of our best games," said South Floyd head coach Henry Webb, talking about his team's win over Betsy Layne. "I thought we played a solid game on both ends of the floor. Adam Tackett had an excellent game with 22 points and played excellent defense on (Jordan) Kidd. I felt our halfcourt defense, rebounding and our

(See BEAT, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson made a move against the Allen Central defense.

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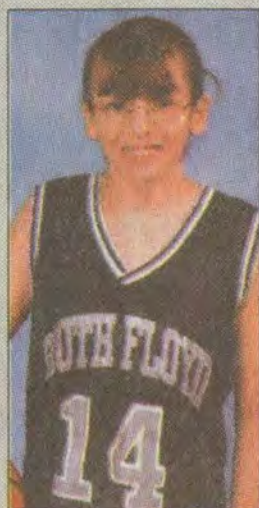
BASKETBALL

David School defeats State Police 85-71

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN – The David School Falcons, in their second year of existence, doubled their career victory total Wednesday night by winning their second game in school history, topping the Kentucky State Police Post Nine team in a basketball game played at the Mountain Christian Academy gym. The final score of 85-71 was reflective of the well-played high-scoring game that featured a sizzling performance by David School sophomore Josh Nelson who led all players with 20 points.

(See DEFEAT, page five)



Vanessa Skeens

Skeens picked to play basketball overseas

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd Middle School student-athlete Vanessa Skeens will be living out a dream this summer when she travels to New Zealand, Australia, Canberra and other foreign lands to play the sport she loves – basketball. Skeens will play overseas as

part of the People to People Sports Ambassador Program. She is the only girl from South Floyd to get invited to play overseas. She was interviewed for the program on the campus of East Tennessee State University back on Feb. 3. Skeens will be sponsored by a person who

(See SKEENS, page two)

Foreman's return to ring not so crazy

by STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

My money is on George Foreman.

If Foreman says he can fight again at his age and girth, he can do it. No one who witnessed his many transformations over the decades should doubt that Foreman can do anything he sets his mind to do.

He is boxing's Buddha and America's favorite pitchman. He's a preacher who built a youth center and a rancher who loves Icelandic stallions and Arabian horses. He's a broadcaster and a businessman, selling his famous lean, mean grilling machine brand for a cool \$136 million. Some of that cash helped build the pediatric ward of a cancer center in his hometown of Houston.

He was a mugger and street brawler as a teen, turned into the Olympic and heavyweight champion as a young man, and has emerged in middle age as a polished, smiling entrepreneur. These days, he's hawking a new line of signature clothes for "discriminating, style-conscious, big and tall men."

Foreman's announcement Wednesday that he plans to fight again is startling, not sad, curious more than crazy.

The idea that anyone — 35, 45 or especially, as he is, 55 — could beat a credible opponent seven years after last fighting might seem ludicrous. Except when it comes to Foreman.

He may be 25 or 50 pounds over fighting weight, but he probably still has a left jab that could hurt most opponents and a right that could knock them out. Fighters don't lose their punches as quickly as they lose their legs and reflexes. With Foreman's energy-efficient style, he could still be dangerous if he whips himself into shape.

In a division that just lost its champion with the retirement of Lennox Lewis, it's not too far-fetched to think that the "one fight" on national TV that Foreman envisions could turn into another pursuit of the title.

Foreman has been picking away at salads the last couple of years, rather than gorging himself on cheeseburgers as he once did. He's a man of discipline who thrives on new challenges. What could be more challenging

than changing people's perception of an athlete's limits?

Foreman's first comeback was strictly for money at a time when he had trouble scraping two dimes together. Now that he's got more than he and his heirs could ever spend, why would he put himself at risk by climbing back in the ring?

He claims he wants to show people that age is a state of

mind, whether you're young or old.

"You can still dream," he said at his news conference in the town of Humble, Texas.

Humility suited Foreman as well as the dapper black-on-black ensemble from his new line of clothes.

"I feel pretty good, but I'm not going to get into the ring, unless I'm 225 pounds, and I

haven't been that weight since 1978," he said.

Foreman will have to undergo a physical before he can box, but that doesn't worry him.

"I want to show doctors, 'This man is serious. This man is in shape.' I want to be examined like any other 25-year-old."

That's Foreman's secret. He thinks he's still 25. Actually, he's become more youthful in

spirit than he was at that age. That was the year when he got knocked out by Muhammad Ali in Zaire. Foreman was the dope in Ali's "rope a dope" strategy but he wised up. He learned to be likable and now no one wants to see him get hurt.

Foreman enjoys an eternally young state of mind. He has

(See RETURN, page five)

Bentley

the net. This guy could do it, and became the star of the team in Lake Placid.

■ Mike Eruzione. The captain of this team wasn't its best player, but was easily its most passionate. But stars are people who shine when the spotlight is brightest, and "Rizzo" did just that with 10 minutes left in the conquering of the Soviets.

■ Al Michaels. I've written here before that in my estimation Michaels is why we remember this team so fondly. We "knew" Michaels before Lake Placid, but as the voice of Monday Night Baseball. When he left the tiny New York hamlet, he was undeniably the biggest star of the Games.

There's a reason that only Michaels appeared in this film as himself. The meetings could be recreated. The practices, the drills, the brutal conditioning

Brooks put this team through, all could be reproduced in a rink or on a set.

But the delivery of Al Michaels could not have been. It would have been an error on the part of those in charge of this film to cast someone to play the role.

That said, the story of Michaels is the only part I was disappointed with. In the semifinal win over the Soviets, he was the reason there was so much passion, the suspense so palpable. As the game progressed, particularly into the third period and especially after Eruzione's go-ahead goal, the tone of Michaels' voice let us know the magnitude of what we were seeing.

I suppose in the confines of a film they used him as much as possible. But I had hoped the delivery of his "Do you believe

in miracles? Yes!" would have stood out better.

As it was, it seemed as if Michaels' voice was just one in a crowd of cheers, players and the noise of the action on the ice.

In my estimation, the reason this is remembered as the "Miracle on Ice" and not just another nice win by the good guys is the delivery of that line, and I just felt it was overshadowed.

But what was not overlooked was the passion with which Brooks coached his team. He knew what he needed, and asked for no help in finding it. When assistant coach Craig Patrick pointed out he had left off many of the best players trying out for the team, Brooks was decisive that he wasn't looking for the best players, but for the right ones.

He certainly seemed to have found them.

A key subplot for both the team and the movie was the blending of the infamous "Conehead" line. As early as the tryouts, the camp was divided between players from Boston and Minnesota, largely because of an event in the postseason of 1976 where one player knocked another out of the title game.

During an early practice session, the principles from that night squared off, and Brooks' reaction was critical, if one that may not play so well 20 years later. He let them fight, and when it stopped pointed out how silly they looked.

A later practice saw the blending of these different camps, with the "Coneheads" being so perfectly in tune that they talked in a weave as perfectly as the one they played on

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ice.

The fight scene also gave berth to a recurring plot. After the battle, Brooks had a couple of them introduce themselves. He asked them their name, their hometown and for whom they played.

Brooks was a notoriously hard worker, and expected nothing less from his players. In the memorable scene after their first scrimmage in Norway, Brooks kept the players on the ice while the fans left and even well after the lights had been shut off in the arena.

The conditioning session continued until the still-as-yet-named captain stepped up for the first time to lead his team. "Mike Eruzione," gasped a voice in the dark. "Winthrop, Mass."

Brooks paused, then replied. "Who do you play for?"

"The United States of America!" Finally, Brooks got the answer he wanted.

Sometimes there are movies that come along that I feel like I need to see. Mel Gibson's upcoming *The Passion of Jesus Christ* is one of them.

And so was *Miracle*. In the end, I'd ask that you see it for yourself, and encourage you to stay put at the movie's end for a touching tribute to Brooks, who died shortly after filming ended last year. If Michaels' famous line doesn't put a lump in your throat, this certainly will.

I think you'll find it well worth your time.

Will you believe in *Miracle*? For me, the answer was simple.

Yes!

Beat

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execution in the 2nd half, running our offense and getting the ball inside was the difference. I felt this was a quality win as I believe Betsy Layne played very well."

The win over Betsy Layne locked up at least a share of the Floyd County Conference Championship for the Raiders.

We are very optimistic about our team right now," added Webb. "They continue to improve and work very hard."

Burnett Little scored 11 points for South Floyd and Jack Slone tossed in 10. Brian Meade had nine points and sophomore guard Ryan Johnson chipped in six.

Brent Newsome led Betsy Layne in scoring with 14 points. Brandon Hall and Pat Stapleton had 11 apiece.

The group of Bobcats that took to the hardwood Tuesday night featured some different starting-five combinations with young talent highlighting.

A positive for Betsy Layne

head coach Brent Rose was the play of some younger players, who due to injuries have had to step up.

"I thought South Floyd played really well and had made excellent adjustments from our previous games," said Rose. "Adam Tackett and Stanley were terrific. I liked the way our young kids stepped up and played well. I believe if we can get well the injuries we have suffered will help us on down the line. Pat Stapleton, Brandon Thacker, Brenton Akers and Colbert Craft gave us valuable contributions Tuesday and hopefully they will continue to improve."

Jordan Kidd scored 10 points and Brandon Thacker added eight. Brenton Akers and Brandon Kidd netted four apiece while Colbert Craft rounded out the scoring with two points.

Both teams will be back in action tonight. Betsy Layne will be on the road at Prestonsburg and South Floyd will host Allen Central. Tipoff for both high school boys' basketball games is set for 7:30 p.m.

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during last week's All "A" Classic.

"I think we were worn out," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers.

Junior guard Kim Clark led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 25 points. Kristal Daniels scored nine and teammates Kristen Smith and Whitney Lykens added eight points apiece.

Ashley Johnson led South Floyd with 13 points. Johnson, on her final field goal of the game, scored her 1,000th point. Tab Trammel scored nine for the Lady Raiders while Brandy Anderson and Amanda Johnson tossed in eight apiece. Megan Ousley had seven.

Breann Akers scored four in the win for Betsy Layne and Whitney Tackett added two. Betsy Layne was 10-of-18 from the free-throw line.

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came in off the bench and scored nine for Johnson Central. Kyle Rice chipped in six.

Freshman Daniel Pugh led Paintsville (4-12) in scoring with 19 points. Blake Bundy scored 17. Peyton Conley and J.D. VanHoose chipped in 15 apiece. Aaron Penix had eight points and sophomore Kevin Williams rounded out the Paintsville scoring with two.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Adam Tackett, South Floyd, 22 points vs. Betsy Layne



Kim Clark, Betsy Layne, 25 points vs. South Floyd

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Skeens

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wishes to remain anonymous.

Since the fifth grade, basketball has been a part of Skeens' life. Skeens, for a few seasons now, has spent her off-seasons playing AAU basketball for the South East All Stars of Pike County, traveling to Tennessee, Louisville, and more places, which she enjoys.

Skeens has three basketball-related dreams. Her first dream is to score 1,000 career points, just like her role model and teammate, Megan Ousley, a senior guard for the South Floyd High Lady Raiders. A second dream is to play basketball for

the University of Tennessee. Being a Lady Volunteer is something that Skeens holds as a lofty goal. A third lofty dream for the young girls' basketball player is to make it into the professional basketball ranks and play in the WNBA.

"I'd like to thank whoever nominated me," said Skeens. "I'd also like to thank my teammates who have always been a big part of me."

The summer basketball odyssey will take Skeens overseas during the months of July and August.

A LOOK AT NASCAR 2004

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Daytona 500
Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Schedule: Thursday, twin 125-mile qualifying races (TNT, 1 p.m.); Sunday, race (NBC, 1:30 p.m.).

Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles, 31 degrees banking in turns, 18 degrees in tri-oval).

Race distance: 500 miles, 200 laps.
Last year: Michael Waltrip won the Daytona 500 for the second time in three years after the day's second rainstorm shortened the race to 109 laps, 91 short of the scheduled distance.

Fast facts: Greg Biffle won the pole last Sunday with a mark of 188.387 mph. Elliott Sadler will start on the outside of the front row after placing second. The rest of the field will be determined at the twin qualifying.

... Dale Earnhardt Sr. was killed in a crash on the last lap of the 2001 race. ... Only three racers have won the Daytona 500 in consecutive years, most recently Sterling Marlin in 1994 and 1995. ... The winner of the Daytona 500 has gone on to win the series title seven times, most recently Jeff Gordon in 1997. ... Buddy Baker holds the record for fastest winning speed (177.602 mph in 1980) while Junior Johnson owns the mark for the slowest (124.740 mph in 1960).

Next race: Subway 400, Feb. 22, Rockingham, N.C.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

BUSCH SERIES

Hershey's Kisses 300
Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 10:15 a.m.); Saturday, race (NBC, Noon).

Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles, 31 degrees banking in turns, 18 degrees in tri-oval).

Race distance: 300 miles, 120 laps.

Last year: Dale Earnhardt Jr. led 67 of the 120 laps at the Koolerz 300 in Daytona Beach and won the Busch season opener for the second consecutive year. Matt Kenseth, who won the race in 2000, finished second.

Fast facts: Nextel Cup racers won 14 of the 34 Busch races last season. ... Earnhardt Jr. swept both Busch races at Daytona last season after winning the Winn-Dixie 250 on July 4. ... Eight drivers have won this race and the Daytona 500 with only three doing it in the same year, most recently Darrell Waltrip in 1989.

Next race: Rockingham 200, Feb. 21, Rockingham, N.C.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Junior strives for racing icon status

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. is more complicated than he appears.

Sure, Junior loves to party with his friends, hang out with Kid Rock and 3 Doors Down, and appear in commercials — “They ain’t too much work,” he says. Even he admits he’s “all about fun.”

But Little E is also a serious competitor, ready to make his own mark on the world conquered by his late father.

Going into the season-opening Daytona 500 on Sunday, Earnhardt Jr., who drives for Dale Earnhardt Inc., the team his father started, isn’t yet in his old man’s class on the race-track.

The elder Earnhardt, who died in a last lap crash in the 2001 run of NASCAR’s biggest event, won seven championships during the Winston Cup era of the stock car sport.

The swaggering, mustachioed Intimidator was a presence in NASCAR from the start to the end of his career. He was Rookie of the Year in 1979, won his first series title the next season and was still a contender when he died.

The last of Earnhardt’s 76 victories came in the fall race at Talladega in 2000, when he charged through the field in the waning laps for a seemingly impossible win.

“There was really nobody else like him,” Junior said wistfully. “He was awesome.”

The younger Earnhardt, beginning his fifth full season in NASCAR’s top series, would love to be like his father — at least on the racetrack, where he has nine victories in his four seasons in NASCAR’s top series.



Dale Jr.

Off the track, the two men are nothing alike. Earnhardt Sr. was a businessman, a family man, a dedicated hunter and fisherman and as likely to spend his rare off days on a tractor pushing dirt around the fields around his sprawling North Carolina home as fishing from his 74-foot boat, “Sunday Money”.

Junior, a very eligible 29-year-old bachelor, would rather spend his time with a pretty girl on his arm backstage at a rock concert, surfing the Web, playing computer games or eating late night fast food with his friends.

“I’m still in my 20s and I enjoy my life,” he said. “I don’t feel I have to prove anything to anybody. I just feel fortunate to have the opportunity to drive race cars and just enjoy it.”

But far more is expected of the driver in whom Budweiser invested \$10 million before he had driven in a Cup event.

Junior has built a sizable cadre of fans that includes many of the people who idolized his father as well as a hip, younger crowd that loves it when Earnhardt wears his baseball caps backward and sports roguish stubble on his chin.

So, is Junior concerned that he is letting those people down

each year he does not win a championship?

“I used to worry about these things,” he said. “I guess as I get a little bit older and a little bit smarter, it doesn’t worry me as much. I just know I’m trying to get better and be successful.”

Junior won Busch Series championships in 1998 and 1999 before moving up to Cup, where Matt Kenseth beat him out in 2000 for Rookie of the Year.

Last year, while the less popular and considerably quieter Kenseth was dominating the season points on the way to his first championship, Earnhardt also had his best season, finishing third in the points.

As far as Junior is concerned, that improvement showed he is ready to become a champion and step into the leadership role that he believes is expected of him.

“Our team has gotten better every year and I just think that’s going to continue,” he said. “I think we have the equipment and the people to win championships now. Everything just has to come together.”

Three-time champion

Darrell Waltrip, now a TV analyst for Fox Sports, loved racing against Dale Sr. and he would love to see Junior reach his huge potential.

“There’s nobody in the sport right now who has more charisma,” Waltrip said. “All Junior needs is maybe a little more concentration and dedication to the job to be a champion.”

“His father was very single-minded in whatever he did. I

think Junior has other things that sometimes get in the way of his job,” Waltrip said.

Earnhardt Jr. says he’s willing to pay the price for success.

“I’ve learned that no matter how fast you go on the track, you can’t ever think it’s your best lap,” he said. “In this business, nothing is ever good enough. That’s what makes a champion.”

And he doesn’t regret the

attention and expectations that come with being an Earnhardt.

“It’s a lot of fun even though sometimes it’s a little overwhelming,” Junior said. “I could never have anticipated what’s happening now. My name has opened a lot of doors for me.”

“I never wished I was somebody else,” he said. “I’m all about making it fun and trying to enjoy it.”

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Adams wins one, loses one in C-team tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Adams Middle School C-Team made a good showing in the Floyd County Tournament. The Blackcats opened the tournament with a hard-fought 14-12 win over McDowell in a defensive struggle.

McDowell led 12-8 at halftime, but Adams rallied with a second half defensive shutout. With the game tied at 12 and less than a minute remaining, Brad Hicks made a huge steal that led to an Austin McKinney basket to seal the win.

McKinney led the

Blackcats in scoring with 10 points while Kyle Gearheart and Josh Blackburn each scored two to round out the scoring for Adams.

Josh Craynon didn’t score for Adams but played strong defense and executed well from his point guard position.

In the semifinals against Allen Central Middle School, the much improved Adams Blackcats played a better game against the Rebels, compared to the two regular season meetings.

The valiant Blackcat effort fell short though in losing 31-14 in a game closer than the final score indicated.

Austin McKinney led Adams with five points. Anthony Hallam scored four points, Joseph Jamerson and Scottie Morgan added two points each, while Josh Craynon netted one point to round out the scoring for Adams.

Josh Nelson and Hunter Crowder led Allen Central with six points each while Logan Crowder added five points.

The C-team Blackcats finished their season with an 8-6 record.

AUTO RACING

Ganassi drivers learning from rookie mistakes

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Casey Mears and Jamie McMurray are no longer rookies. It’s starting to show.

The Chip Ganassi Racing teammates were the fastest Wednesday during the final practice before the Daytona 500 qualifying races. Their runs put them in the top five on the speed chart for the second consecutive day.

Their times might not mean anything for the twin 125-mile qualifying races Thursday, but it gives the drivers plenty of confidence as they enter their second season in NASCAR.

“Our cars are working well together,” said Mears, whose uncle Rick is a four-time Indianapolis 500 winner. “If we can make them a little better, we’ll be in good shape. We’ve got fast cars. It’s just a matter of getting the balance right.”

Greg Biffle and Elliott Sadler ran the fastest qualifying laps Sunday to ensure their starting positions in the front row for the big race. Most of the balance of the 43-car field will be determined by outcome of the 50-lap qualifiers Thursday at Daytona International Speedway.

Mears and McMurray were the only drivers to top 191 mph Wednesday. They were two of six Dodge drivers in the top nine on the speed chart. The redesigned Fords had just three cars in the top 24.

Handling is more important at restrictor-plate tracks such as Daytona, as is a driver’s ability to draft well and find good drafting partners. Mears and McMurray are in the same qualifying race and expect to work together.

They were the only rookies to qualify for all 36 Winston Cup races last year, but neither won.

The 25-year-old Mears didn’t score a single top-10 finish and ended up 35th in the series standings. He also failed to complete 10 races, leaving him plenty of room for improvement.

There were even whispers midway through last summer that Mears would be replaced by the results-driven Ganassi. Instead, the car owner began entering Mears in every race he could from ARCA to the Busch series to slowly bring him along.

It seemed to work, because by the end of the season, Mears was qualifying strong and showing progress in Winston Cup events.

“Last year was a huge learning experience for me,” Mears said. “I have much higher expectations for this season. When I came to Daytona last year I thought I was mentally prepared for what I was facing,

but it is nothing like the feeling I have this year.

“I have a lot more confidence in myself and this team. I think that comes from the experience of knowing what to expect and what it takes to be successful on and off the track.”

The 27-year-old McMurray won the Rookie of the Year title last year, but he did it without a single trip to Victory Lane. He

had one pole — in the season finale — five top fives, 13 top 10s and wound up 13th in the standings.

McMurray edged Biffle in the rookie race, but it hardly lived up to the success of recent rookie classes that included Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin

(See MISTAKES, page four)

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule

Feb. 15	Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 22	Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C.
March 7	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas
March 14	Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 21	Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 4	Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas
April 18	Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Aaron’s 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 2	Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Pontiac Performance 400, Richmond, Va.
May 30	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 6	MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
June 13	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 20	Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 27	Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 25	New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 1	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 8	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
Aug. 15	Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 11	Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 10	Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 16	UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 24	Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 31	Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 7	Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Nov. 21	Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Blackcats beat Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Adams Middle built up a lead early in the first quarter and never trailed in a 56-33 win over Allen. Jody Tackett led the Adams charge with 15 points. James Lafferty tossed in nine in the winning effort. Bobby Hughes and Seth Setser had seven points apiece. Kyle Hall and Mason Haywood each had six.

Adams led Allen 17-6 through one quarter and 29-16 at halftime. The Blackcats led by 20 points at the end of three quarters, 45-25.

Josh Rodebaugh paced Allen with a game-high 18 points. Brandon Tibbs scored five and Adams Gearheart scored

four. B.J. Spurlock and Kenny Mullins had three points each. Jordan Hall and Dane Sizemore each had three points in the victory for Adams.

B-TEAM — Adams 49, Allen 28: Jody Tackett hit for 18 points, which included three three-pointers, and Chris Schoolcraft netted 10 to lead the Blackcats.

Dustin Campbell, Austin Gearheart and Luke Sturgill added four points apiece.

Matt Sword scored three and Seth Setser, Alex Stumbo and Kyle Hall rounded out the Blackcat scoring, adding two points each.

Kenny Mullins paced Allen with nine points. Brandon Tibbs added seven.



Betsy Layne and Kristal Daniels (20) and Candice Meade each fought for position during last week’s All “A” Classic game against Clinton County.



photo by Jamie Howell
Yumekia Hunter got out in front of Prestonsburg’s Chanel Music in Tuesday night’s win.

photos by Steve LeMaster

RICHMOND LEFTOVERS — The Betsy Layne Layne Cat following was strong during last week’s Touchstone Energy All “A” Classic.

No. 8 Kentucky 66, Alabama 55

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The last time Antwain Barbour enjoyed so much success in Rupp Arena, he was in high school. Now a college senior, Barbour scored a career-high 23 points on Tuesday to lead No. 8 Kentucky past Alabama 66-55, going 10-of-13 from the field and showing flashes of being the basketball player many thought he would be coming out of high school.



Barbour

"It was coming sooner or later," Kentucky forward Chuck Hayes said of Barbour's success. "We see it every day in practice. We know what he can do."

Barbour led Elizabethtown to the Kentucky state title in 2000, scoring 42 points in the semifinals, then, later the same day, 31 points in the champi-

onship game against Lexington Catholic at Rupp Arena.

After leading Wabash Valley (Ill.) College to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I title in 2001 and earning third-team juco All-America honors in 2002, much was expected of Barbour at Kentucky. But success has been slow in coming.

Barbour started four games last season but struggled with consistency and confidence after a broken hand sidelined him for more than a month. Those struggles carried into his senior season, as he missed two exhibition games and the season opener when Kentucky coach Tubby Smith suspended him following an off-season traffic stop.

Until he made his first start of the season against No. 25 South Carolina on Saturday, Barbour had played fewer than 10 minutes in six of Kentucky's

previous nine games. But when leading scorer Gerald Fitch suffered a sprained ligament in his shooting hand last week, Smith said Barbour was the obvious choice to take Fitch's starting spot.

Barbour scored 10 points and had a game-winning three-point play as Kentucky beat South Carolina 65-64, and he single-handedly kept the Wildcats (17-3, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) afloat early Tuesday against Alabama (11-9, 3-6).

Barbour scored Kentucky's first 13 points — he equaled his previous career high in just 11 1/2 minutes — and rallied

Kentucky from a 13-4 deficit. The first points by a Kentucky player other than Barbour came with 8:09 left in the first half, when Erik Daniels hit a 14-foot jumper to tie the game at 15-15.

"I just went out and had a lot of fun," said Barbour, who played a career-high 33 minutes. "My confidence was high, and I just wanted to keep it going."

Barbour had six points in an 11-2 second-half run that stretched a two-point Kentucky lead to 11 points. His layup with 11:49 left put Kentucky up 45-34, and the Crimson Tide came no closer than nine points the

rest of the way while dropping its fifth straight game.

"The crowd was great tonight. I thought they were happy to see Antwain have this type of game," Smith said. "He's a local young man and everybody has been hoping and praying that he would come around. I think most guys, when they get the opportunity to play quality minutes, which he did tonight, it is very beneficial to them."

Alabama entered the game leading the SEC in 3-point shooting at 37.9 percent, but the Crimson Tide finished 5-of-18 (27.8 percent) against the

Wildcats. Leading scorer Kennedy Winston, who had 68 points in Alabama's previous three games, finished with 12 on 3-of-13 shooting.

Earnest Shelton scored 13 points to lead Alabama, which had won two of its previous three games against Kentucky, including one in Lexington.

"I think we're fine," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "We have a seven-game season (remaining). Again, we've had a tough stretch, but we have a lot of basketball left, and I believe this team is going to finish strong. We just have to look forward."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saint Joseph's still unbeaten

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saint Joseph's ends every game with a win, and its fans finish each night with the same cheers.

"Undefeated" and "The Hawk will never die" were heard again Wednesday night following No. 3 Saint Joseph's 81-67 victory over Dayton — its 21st win of the season.

The Hawks (21-0, 10-0 Atlantic 10) and No. 2 Stanford (20-0) remain the only unbeaten teams in Division I, and Saint Joseph's appears to be immune to any pressure there might be.

"Every day is a challenge," junior guard Delonte West said of the streak. "A day that you don't bring it in practice is a challenge. A day where you walk around with your nose in the air is a challenge. We can't take anybody lightly, especially a team in our conference."

Dayton (19-4, 9-1) is considered the second-best team in the Atlantic 10 and the Hawks dispatched of the Flyers, as they have everyone else this season.

West had 24 points and backcourtmate Jameer Nelson had 16 points and seven assists.

"They're a veteran team with unbelievable court savvy because of Nelson and West," Dayton coach Brian Gregory said. "The biggest reason for that is Nelson and West."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was: No. 1 Duke 93, Virginia 75; No. 6 Mississippi State 79, No. 25 South Carolina 75 in overtime; No. 13 Cincinnati 80, South Florida 67; No. 17 Wisconsin 54, Iowa 52; Oklahoma 63, No. 18 Texas Tech 48; No. 23 Southern Illinois 96, Drake 76; and No. 24 Providence 100, Villanova 74.

Tyrone Barley was 3-for-4 from 3-point range and had 14 points for the Hawks, who ended a three-game losing

streak to Dayton.

The Flyers trailed by six early in the second half before Nelson made two free throws and a jumper to push the lead to 10. After the Flyers' Ramod Marshall hit a 19-footer, Pat Carroll answered with a 3 that restored the lead to 11 at halftime.

The lead would be trimmed to eight three more times, but it got no smaller.

"We've gotten a lot of notoriety in the Atlantic 10, but (the Flyers) are the champions from last year," West said. "They flat-out beat us last year. I think we showed them something today."

"There are a lot of naysayers out there," West said. "They call us the little school that's playing nobody. That's always going to come when you have success."

(See UNBEATEN, page five)

C-Team Tournament: Betsy Layne 30, Stumbo 25

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Betsy Layne battled back from a four-point first-quarter deficit Wednesday night and beat John M. Stumbo 30-25 in the Floyd County C-Team Tournament.

Stumbo led Betsy Layne 9-5 at the end of the first period and 16-12 at halftime before grabbing a two point lead (22-20) at the end of the third quarter.

Starting center Casey Adkins led Betsy Layne with 10 points.

Mackenzie Hamilton scored seven and Jason Case added five. Bryce Adkins flipped in four points for the Bobcats. Adam Howell and Landon Slone added two apiece.

"It was a hard-fought win," said Betsy Layne head coach David Gearheart.

Nathan Martin led Stumbo with a game-high 14 points. Dylan Maldonado scored eight and Dakota Hall netted two.

Ricky Newsome scored for the Mustangs when he hit and made good on one-of-two free-throws in the first quarter.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Russell defeats Pike Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RUSSELL Well-balanced Russell upended Pike County Central 62-46 Tuesday night in a high school boys basketball game.

Austin Blair scored 18, Chase Schweitzer 17 and Derek Sloan 16 for the Red Devils, who jumped ahead 18-5 and were never headed.

Russell shot 50 percent from the field after a blistering 17-for-28 shooting performance in the second half. The Red Devils were also credited with 20 assists.

"I thought tonight was an exceptionally unselfish game," said Russell coach Steve Dodd. "We had 20 assists and, if we'd made some shots, we could have had 30."

The victory improved the Red Devils to 10-8 heading into a makeup game tonight at Rowan County.

Pike County Central fell to 8-10. Pike Central (46) — Lyons 14, Prater 9, Lowe 8, Williamson 4, Gibson 3, Thacker 2, Snodgrass 6.

Russell (62) — Blair 18, Schweitzer 17, Sloan 16, VanHoose 2, Jones 2, Lavendar 2, Clark 1, Edwards 4.

Belfry 67, Rose Hill 43

ASHLAND — Doug Howard scored 23 as Belfry defeated Rose Hill in Stewart gymnasium.

The Pirates built a 37-25 advantage on the Royals, who battled hard but fell to 2-15.

Justin Maynard scored 19, sophomore newcomer David Chinn 11 and Austin Robinson 10 for Rose Hill, which plays at Harvest Christian on Thursday.

Belfry (67) — Maynard 9, Doug Howard 23, Cullop 4, Wicker 8, James 10, Hatfield 7, Warren 5, Curry 1. PF: 19. 3-pointers: Howard, Wicker.

Rose Hill (43) — A.Robinson 10, Maynard 19, David Chinn 11, LoYette 1, Houck 2. PF: 17. 3-pointers: Maynard, Chinn 2.

BELFRY	ROSE HILL
12	25
17	13
7	18
6	6
12	12
—	—
67	43

Morgan County 65, Lawrence County 54

WEST LIBERTY — Andy Lewis collected 19 points, eight rebounds, four assists and six steals to carry Morgan County past Lawrence County.

The Cougars led 27-24 at halftime but Lewis set the tone with three consecutive steals to begin the second half to stretch the lead.

Ryan Phipps scored 12 and Ralph Hamilton added 10 for Morgan County, which improved to 17-4.

Brandon Parsons scored 12 and Derrick Endicott 10 for Lawrence County (6-15).

Lawrence County (54) — Parsons 12, Hackler 7, Storts 6, Bradley 4, Lewis 6, Preece 9, Endicott 10. PF: 18. FT: 6-10. 3-pointers: Hackler, Preece.

Morgan County (65) — Barnett 8, Phipps 12, Hamilton 10, Allen 7, Lewis 19, Perry 5, McCowan 4. PF: 17. FT: 14-23. 3-pointers: Barnett 2, Hamilton, Allen, Perry.

LAWRENCE COUNTY	MORGAN COUNTY
14	10
12	12
18	18
—	—
54	65

Wolfe County 59, Knott Co. Central 47

CAMPTON — Host Wolfe County was too strong for the visiting Patriots. The homestanding Wolves had two players score 18 or more points in the victory.

Kevin Pike scored 11 points to lead Knott County Central.

Wolfe County led at the end of the first quarter and held an advantage at the end of every period after that.

Breathitt Co. 71, Pikeville 42

PIKEVILLE — Jesse Miller scored a game-high 20 points, Travis Moore flipped in 14 and Jason Miller added 12 to lead Breathitt County past Pikeville. Breathitt County is coached by Floyd County native Brian Hall.

The Panthers, playing at home, trailed at the end of every quarter. Breathitt County led Pikeville 19-10 at the end of the first period. Breathitt County outscored Pikeville 22-9 in the third quarter. Robert Parrish led Pikeville with 18 points.

15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	15-4
East Ridge	15-4
South Floyd	15-6
Johnson Centra	12-10
Sheldon Clark	11-8
Allen Centra	10-8
Pike County Centra	10-11
Betsy Layne	9-11
Belfry	8-12
Prestonsburg	8-13
Phelps	7-13
Pikeville	7-14
Paintsville	4-12
Magoffin County	1-17
Piarist School	0-10

15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Betsy Layne	16-6
Pike County Central	14-7
Belfry	14-8
Allen Central	13-11
Magoffin County	11-10
South Floyd	11-12
Prestonsburg	11-12
Pikeville	10-9
Paintsville	10-11
Sheldon Clark	8-9
East Ridge	8-10
Shelby Valley	5-11
Johnson Centra	4-14
Phelps	4-14
Piarist School	2-15

14TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Hazard	20-4
Breathitt County	17-3
Perry County Central	16-4
Whitesburg	13-8
Wolfe County	12-7
Cordia	12-8
Owsley County	11-7
Powell County	11-10
Lee County	10-11
Leslie County	8-8
June Buchanan	8-11
Letcher	8-11
Jackson City	6-10
Buckhorn	6-13
Knott County Central	5-13
Jenkins	3-19
Riverside Christian	1-14
Fleming-Neon	1-17

14TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Perry County Central	21-4
Perry County Central	19-2
Powell County	16-4
Leslie County	15-6
Fleming-Neon	14-6
Wolfe County	12-7
June Buchanan	12-8
Knott County Central	11-10
Cordia	10-8
Owsley County	10-10
Jenkins	10-10
Lee County	8-8
Hazard	8-14
Breathitt County	5-14
Buckhorn	2-19
Riverside Christian	1-13
Jackson City	1-15
Letcher	0-16

Mistakes

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Harvick, Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson.

Stewart set a rookie record with three victories in 1999, Earnhardt and Kenseth battled in 2000, and Harvick won twice in 2001.

In 2002, Newman and Johnson duelled to the end. They combined for four victories and 43 top-10 finishes. They finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the point standings.

Even though McMurray was the top rookie in 2003, it was a disappointing season for a driver

who set a NASCAR record by winning in his second career start the previous year.

Now McMurray and Mears are trying to forget about their first seasons. A strong performance in qualifying — and maybe even the Daytona 500 — would help.

"The key at Daytona is to be patient and remember that it doesn't matter where you start at the beginning of the race," McMurray said. "It's all about how you position yourself for a run at the end."

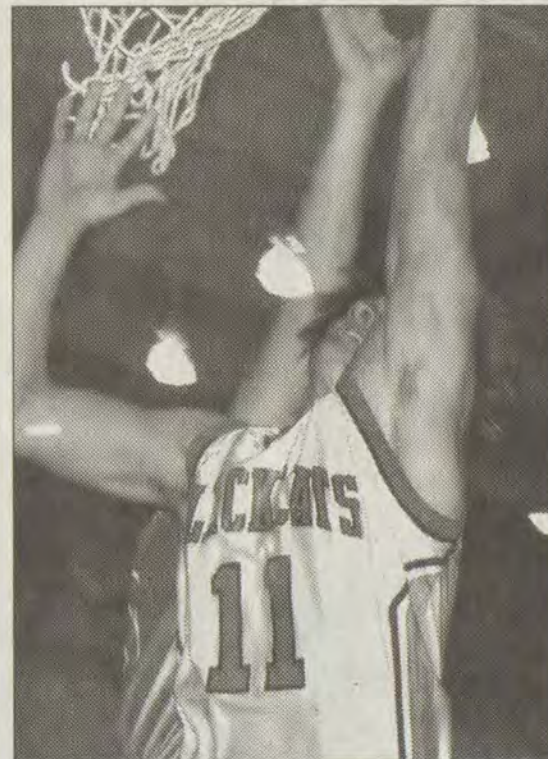


photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg junior Jesse Chaffin (11) went up for a shot against Allen Central. Chaffin led Prestonsburg in scoring in the loss to the Rebels.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Balanced scoring leads Adams past Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Dane Sizemore scored 10 points and eight other Blackcats produced points to lead Adams over Stumbo, 44-28, in A-team action.

James Lafferty added seven points for Adams and Mason Haywood scored six.

Adams led at the end of every quarter. The Blackcats held a 10-8 advantage at the end of the first period, Adams led 20-13 at halftime and 34-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Jody Tackett had five points for Adams. Jordan Hall and Kyle Hall added four apiece for the Blackcats. Bobby Hughes and Nathaniel Stephens had two points apiece.

Jeremy Osborne led Stumbo with a game-high 11 points. Colby Hayes added eight points for the Mustangs and Adam Slone chipped in five. Hayes made good on a pair of three-

pointers. Cory Henry and Travis Slone rounded out the Stumbo scoring with two points apiece.

B-TEAM — Adams 32, Stumbo 21: Seth Setser hit six field goals and finished with 15 points to lead Adams over Stumbo. Jody Tackett tossed in six markers. Allen Craynon had four points for the Blackcats. Kyle Hall and Alex Stumbo, Chris Schoolcraft all had two apiece. Luke Sturgill scored on a free-throw.

Adams scored eight points in each of the four quarters and led at the end of every period.

Adam Slone led Stumbo in scoring with seven points. Jeremy Tackett scored five for the Mustangs and Casey Tackett netted four. Ricky Newsome had three points and Nathan Martin flipped in two. Tackett and Newsome each hit three-pointers in the fourth period to lead a mild Mustang comeback.

Daytona TV crew tries to focus on Nextel

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — When pit reporter Bill Weber gets up in the morning, the first thing he looks at is the word "Nextel" written on the

mirror in his hotel room. He stares at it all day on TV monitors. And it's the last thing he looks at before he goes to bed.

Such is the life of a TV announcer during the biggest sponsor shakeup in the history of NASCAR, the sport that

cherishes its sponsors like no other.

Weber, Benny Parsons, Wally Dallenbach and Allen Bestwick will be on the spot when they call the Daytona 500 for NBC on Sunday. Their goal will be to avoid calling the NASCAR Nextel Cup the Winston Cup, which is what it was known as for 32 years before the historical switch of sponsors in the offseason.

"Any kind of huge change for something that becomes so subconscious, you're bound to slip up," Weber conceded.

Knowing slip-ups are bound to happen, the folks at NBC have started a kitty — \$10 for each time anyone at the network calls it Winston Cup. The proceeds will be donated to charity.

The Nextel-Winston issue figures to be one of the more interesting sideshows during the race. As it did in 2002, the

first time it televised NASCAR's premier event, NBC plans on playing it relatively straight, focusing on action, good camera angles and story lines more than glitzy graphics, the way Fox has in the past.

"The deal on Sunday is to tell the story of the race," NBC producer Sam Flood said. "Our job is to make sure everyone at home knows what's happening. It's to document the race, tell stories, make you care even more about heroes on the race-track."

Since NASCAR signed a revolutionary \$2.8 billion contract with NBC and Fox in 2001, however, Daytona telecasts have been anything but routine.

In the first year of the contract, Fox televised the race and made news when it tried to limit air time of car spon-

sors that didn't buy ad time during the race. The network relented after protests from NASCAR, the teams and the sponsors, whose relationships are as intertwined as oil, gasoline and car engines.

Fox also was criticized for ending the broadcast with the fate of seven-time series champion Dale Earnhardt unknown. He crashed on the final lap of the race, never emerged from his car — an almost-certain sign of a very serious injury — and was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

Later that year, NBC televised the Pepsi 400 from Daytona and was somewhat embarrassed when it was revealed that producers were coaching drivers to look and act excited after the race.

Last year, some guessed the decision to declare the Daytona 500 official after 277 miles and a lengthy rain delay was a television-driven move, although Fox and NASCAR denied that. Fox also got cred-

it for saving the race, in part because of its decision to move the start up by 23 minutes, knowing a bad storm was bearing down.

The Janet Jackson debacle at the halftime show of this year's Super Bowl gave the networks a stark reminder about the pitfalls involved in live television. NBC isn't as concerned, however, about the Daytona 500. Among those performing during the pre-race "Nextel Tribute to America" will be country singers LeAnn Rimes and Lee Greenwood. President Bush will attend.

Then comes the race — 43 multicolored cars circling the tracks in the first of 36 races that will determine the Nextel Cup.

NBC's goal for the race: "People who go to work Monday and didn't watch the Daytona 500 are going to feel as if they really missed something," Bestwick said.

Return

seen the world change and gets a kick out of changing it some more. Given where he's come from and what he's achieved, don't bet against him.

When Foreman was born, the average annual income was \$3,000, a flashy "futuristic" Oldsmobile went for \$1,300 and a U.S. postage stamp cost 3 cents.

These days, even while he sleeps, Foreman makes more than \$3,000 an hour between all his gigs and investments. He has cars with sound systems worth more than \$1,300 and he punches out e-mail replies to his many admirers writing to him at georgebiggeorge.com. He saves on the postage.

An aged Joe Louis, all of 34, announced his retirement on March 1, 1949, less than two months after baby George entered the world with a slap on the rump.

Louis returned to the ring and

lost the following year to heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and the year after that to Rocky Marciano, while everyone lamented how old the Brown Bomber looked.

Jersey Joe Walcott became the oldest heavyweight champion at age 37 in 1951. Foreman shattered that age record when he regained the title at 45 in 1994.

Lennox Lewis just retired at 38.

"He's in the prime of his life and he just doesn't know it right now," Foreman said. "I'm hoping after a year off or so maybe he'll realize he's got a few more in him. Maybe I'll fight him."

If we've learned anything from Foreman over the years, it's not to underestimate him.

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DERBY NOTEBOOK

Eurosilver, Halfbridled among Derby favorites for first future wager

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Eurosilver and juvenile filly champion Halfbridled were among the favorites, with the mutuel field the top choice on the first morning line for the Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia installed the mutuel field — all 3-year-olds other than the 23 horses listed individually — as the 4-1 favorite Tuesday for the May 1 Derby.

Eurosilver, who opened his 3-year-old campaign with a five-length win last week at Gulfstream Park, was the second choice at 6-1.

Halfbridled, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies on Oct. 25, and Holy Bull

Stakes winner Second of June were co-third choices at 10-1.

Action This Day, the 2-year-old champion male who finished fourth in the Sham Stakes at Santa Anita on Sunday, was 20-1.

In the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager, Halfbridled and the mutuel field were co-favorites at 5-1. The Oaks is April 30.

The future wagers allows betting on Derby and Oaks contenders weeks in advance at longer odds than what may be available the day of the race.

The first betting pools for the Derby and Oaks are open Thursday-Sunday. The second pool is March 11-14, and the final pool runs April 1-4.

Richard Mandella trains Action This Day and Halfbridled, while Nick Zito

trains Eurosilver and former NFL player Bill Cesare handles Second of June, the expected favorite for Saturday's Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream.

Zito, a two-time Derby-winning trainer, has two other colts on the list — Birdstone at 12-1 and The Cliff's Edge at 20-1. Mandella also trains Minister Eric, at 30-1.

"The Kentucky Derby picture is always very wide open at this time of year, but the early picture for Derby 130 appears cloudier than usual," Battaglia said.

In the first five years of the future wager, the mutuel field has always been the favorite at the end of first-pool wagering.

On the Net:
<http://www.kentuckyderby.com>

Unbeaten

What we have to do today is just prove it to them every day."

Keith Waleskowski had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Dayton, which had won nine straight.

No. 1 Duke 93, Virginia 75

J.J. Redick scored 25 points

TIMES FYI

BASEBALL

Umpires needed

The Big Sandy Umpires Association is gearing up for the 2004 baseball and softball seasons. Anyone who is interested in being an umpire can call Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807 or 606/218-5357.

BASKETBALL

'82 ACHS Lady Rebels to be recognized, honored

EASTERN — The 1982 Allen Central High School regional championship girls' basketball team will be recognized Monday when the current ACHS Lady Rebels play Sheldon Clark. Any former player, cheerleader or faculty member who was associated with the '82 team is urged to attend. A team picture of the 1982 team will be hung on Monday night.

and Sheldon Williams had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Blue Devils (21-1, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won 18 straight overall and 39 in a row at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Duke has won 18 of 20 meetings with the Cavaliers (12-9, 2-8) dating to the 1995-96 season.

Elton Brown scored 24 points for Virginia, which fell to 1-25 all-time against top-ranked teams, including an 0-13 mark against Duke when it is No. 1.

No. 6 Mississippi St. 79, No. 25 South Carolina 75, OT

Lawrence Roberts had 20 points, including four in overtime, to lead the Bulldogs (20-1, 9-1 Southeastern Conference), who won their seventh straight overall and improved to 10-0 on the road this season, including 5-0 in the league.

Timmy Bowers hit a 3-pointer with 7.2 seconds left in regulation that capped a 17-5 run and tied the game. Brandon Vincent's free throw with 53 seconds left in overtime gave Mississippi State the lead for good.

Rolando Howell tied his career high with 24 points for the Gamecocks (19-5, 6-4).

No. 13 Cincinnati 80, South Florida 67

Tony Bobbitt was 8-for-11 from 3-point range and scored a season-high 26 points for the Bearcats (17-3, 8-2 Conference USA), who used a late 12-0 run to break the game open.

Brian Swift had 23 points for the visiting Bulls (6-14, 0-9), who have lost nine in a row.

No. 17 Wisconsin 54, Iowa

52

Devin Harris scored 16 points and the Badgers (16-4, 7-2) survived a late rally to hold on to first place in the Big Ten.

Pierre Pierce had 20 points for the Hawkeyes (12-9, 5-5), who trailed at home by 13 points early in the second half and had a chance to win but Jeff Horner missed an open 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

Oklahoma 63, No. 18 Texas Tech 48

Freshman Lawrence McKenzie scored 15 points for the Sooners (15-5, 5-4 Big 12), who bounced back from their lowest scoring output in nearly 50 years.

Andre Emmett had 22 points for the Red Raiders (17-6, 5-4), who have lost four of five after a 12-game winning streak.

No. 23 S. Illinois 96, Drake 76

Freshman reserve Jamaal Tatum scored a career-high 19 points as the Salukis (19-2, 13-0 Missouri Valley Conference) won in their first game as a ranked team since 1976. The win was their 11th straight, the school's longest winning streak in 37 years.

Lonnie Randolph had 13 points for visiting Drake (9-12, 5-8).

No. 24 Providence 100, Villanova 74

Donnie McGrath and Ryan Gomes each had 23 points for the Friars (16-5, 7-3 Big East), who handed the Wildcats their worst defeat in the 18-year history of Villanova's Pavilion.

Curtis Sumpter had 20 points for Villanova (13-9, 5-4).

Play

Allen Central's senior trio of Hall, Samons and Francis has produced since the Rebels tipped off their season back in December.

"Our three seniors are playing real well," added Martin. "That's a real big key for our team, how well our seniors play.

No Prestonsburg player managed to score in double figures.

The Blackcats had a tough time fighting back and overtaking Allen Central when the Rebels took control of the game in the second quarter.

Jesse Chaffin led Prestonsburg with eight points. Trevor Compton scored seven and Nick Jamerson netted six.

Allen Central will be back in action tonight when it travels to South Floyd. Prestonsburg is scheduled to host Betsy Layne. Both games are final 58th District matchups for the two respective Floyd County teams. Both contests, each scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tips, will be preceded by 'girls' basketball games.

Rebels to host Johnson Central

Allen Central will play host to Johnson Central Saturday night in a boys' basketball game at J.E. Campbell Arena. Johnson Central is coached by Les Trimble. Tip-off for the varsity game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Stewart chosen as Nuxhall's replacement

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Reds have chosen Baltimore Orioles radio announcer Steve Stewart to take over for Joe Nuxhall when he retires from the broadcast booth after this season.

Stewart, 41, was selected Wednesday from a field of candidates that included former Reds players as well as broadcasters from other teams. Nuxhall still holds the distinction as the youngest player ever to appear in the major leagues, getting into a Reds game as a reliever in 1944 at age 15.

The self-described "old left-hander" has spent the last 37 years broadcasting Reds games on radio. He and Marty Brennaman are entering their 31st season together.

Nuxhall, 75, plans to announce about 80 Reds games this season, with Stewart filling in for the other half of the schedule. Stewart will take over full-time next season, replacing one of the most revered figures in franchise history.

Nuxhall's signoff line — "rounding third and heading for home" — is featured in bright lights atop the administration building at the Reds' new ballpark.

He has never met Stewart but will have some advice ready when he meets him for the first time.

"Just go ahead and do the job the way you've always done it, and eventually this thing will blow over," Nuxhall said Wednesday. "Certainly for 37 years, with a voice that's been there that long, folks are going to miss it for a while. But if you don't try to trick anyone and you go ahead and try to be yourself, I

don't see any problems."

Nuxhall, who is in Sarasota, Fla., for the start of spring training, said sharing duties this season won't be difficult.

"My problem is thinking about next year," he said. "That's going to be the tough part of it."

Stewart, who got a two-year contract, has worked for WBAL-AM in Baltimore, covering approximately 30 Orioles games per season. He also was a part-

Defeat

Nelson, who came into the game averaging approximately three points per game, put on a stunning offensive performance as the State Police team tried to offset the inside power of the David team. The State Police team, which was led in scoring by Les Stapleton with 15 points and John Hunt with 11 points, jumped out to an early 26-21 lead after the first quarter. Led by Nelson, the David School team exploded in the second quarter by scoring 24 points. Nine players on the David team scored and Paul Mullins pulled down three rebounds and had a crucial blocked shot to ignite the winning team's rally.

"Our game plan was to use our Vanderbilt triangle offense and try to get the ball down low to Adam Meade and Brian Conn," said David School Coach Ned Pillersdorf. "These two talented players could start and star for any varsity team in the county, and our plan was to try to work the ball down low."

"The State Police team tried to compensate for that and our players were unselfish enough to get the ball out to Josh Nelson and Nathan Ousley, who put on a

time sports anchor for the station and has hosted sports talk shows.

Stewart comes from a totally different background than the broadcaster he is replacing. Stewart graduated from Southern Methodist in 1985 with a degree in broadcast news, specializing in political science.

Stewart also has broadcast minor league games and filled in as play-by-play announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals in 2002.

spectacular three-point show."

Josh Nelson had struggled all year offensively although he has always been considered one of the David team's best players.

"He (Josh Nelson) scored as many points in the game as he has probably scored all season, even though he played roughly the same number of minutes in this game as he has played in other games. The credit for Josh's performance really goes to his teammates, who have quietly encouraged him throughout the season. There is no question Josh has suffered a lack of confidence in his offense which certainly was overcome tonight by the confidence and unselfish play of his teammates."

Joining Nelson in double figures for the David School was Conn, who added 14 points, and Meade, who added 13 points. Ousley added 10 points, including two three-pointers. Jason Whitaker had two points and four rebounds, while Joe Tiller added a three-pointer to help ignite the David rally in the second period.

The David School will take on a team from East Ridge High Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Prestonsburg High.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Yep, love 'bites'

I don't know if it's just my old bloodshot eyes or what, but lately all I've been seeing is the color red. Red hearts, red roses, red candy boxes, red lingerie, even red boxer shorts for men. Red, red, red - it's all making me see red (in the angriest sense of the word!)

Valentine's Day, for the single and lovelorn, has got to be the single most dreaded day of the



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

year. It's a day set aside for those in love and for those who aren't, well, we just sorta end up feeling like we're walking around with capital "L's" tattooed on our fore-

heads. (For you older folks, that stands for "Loser," not "Lover.")

Once upon a time (I can vaguely remember still) I used to grow more and more excited as Valentine's Day neared. The thought of Valentine's Day on the horizon was even better than the

(See **EYES**, page seven)

POSTSCRIPT

Weaving notes

Weaver Philis Alvic has a striking exhibit of her colorful weavings and of some historical woven pieces at the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman through this month.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

It's a trip worth taking.

I had the privilege recently of meeting Philis, who is also an author, and of talking with her about her book, *Weavers of the Southern Highlands*, published last year by the University Press of Kentucky.

Weaving is one of those arts I've long admired but have known very little about. Every time KET

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JWT Workshop: It's not too late to join

The Mountain Arts Center & Jenny Wiley Theatre's 2004 Winter/Spring Children's & Teen Theatre Workshops

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Ages 7-11
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February 7 - May 1, 2004
\$200

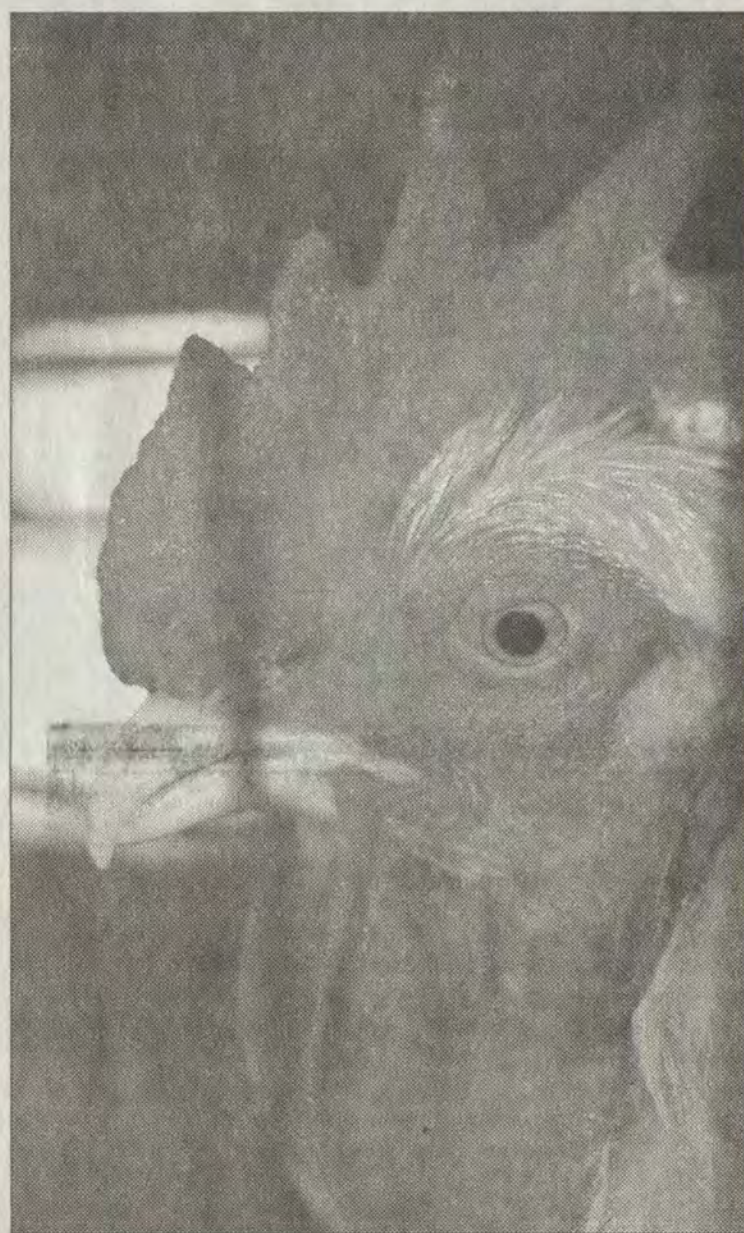
Teen and Children's Theatre Workshops give kids the opportunity to learn about, participate in and experience the joys of acting and theatre in

lots of ways. Students will focus on performance and acting technique, including vocal projection, diction and articulation, musical tonality and rhythm, body movement and choreography, improvisation, drama and performance terminology, character development, plot analysis and comprehension, scene blocking and development, and costume and set design.

As always, a variety of theatre games and activities will be used so that learning will be fun. A final production will be performed by each Workshop. Scholarships may be available.

For more information and registration call:

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The Imaginary Lion

Summary: A U.S. tourist unexpectedly spends the night in an African home in the bush, convinced that a lion will eat her.

By Phyllis Puffer

It was in the West African coastal country of Cameroun. I had been crammed for hours with about 40 other passengers into a small bus with a capacity of about 25 people. Passengers all over the Third World

are squashed into buses, but this surpassed all my previous experience. It was so bad that we who had seats did not sit merely knee to knee with those on the facing bench. We had to alternate sets of knees. That is, my knees reached to within a few inches of the facing bench, fully occupied with a human body, whose knees had to be placed beside mine and not head to head, so to speak. Thus, I sat facing two people, in actuality, whose two sets of knees cuddled my two knees between them. But it got worse. The bus was still stopping from time to time to pick up yet more passengers. Those who came later had to file between the benches and stand in the minute

spaces between the sets of knees. If I had not seen it, I would not have believed it possible.

The passengers were silent and stoic. I don't think they were happy and one young girl even frowned as she was directed to stand among the knees the best she could. Thank heavens we were in the Highlands where it was merely comfortably warm and not in the heavy, humid heat of the coast. No one wore perfume or after shave or that would have overwhelmed me for sure. I had one great advantage in the situation. All the windows in the bus were open and I was on the outside beside the windows. Even though the benches were arranged facing

each other longitudinally inside the bus, and I was facing the center of the bus, I could turn halfway around behind myself to lean outside. In that way, I got space at least for my head and one arm. Nonetheless, gradually, claustrophobia began creeping over me. The bus continued to move down the unpaved, red-dusted road, stopping here and there to take on yet another two or four passengers, and at least one more, heavy, market woman's bundle was lifted to the roof of the bus.

As the day progressed, I began asking people standing around at the stops whether another bus would be

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to ponder: Be Mine

The thought of Valentine's Day brings about different memories for different folks. There's the memory of the first time you recall being aware of the day and its significance. I was still attending Grapevine Grade School in very rural Pike County, probably in sixth or seventh grade. It was also the first time that I recall the teacher passing out a "copy" of a paper that was not intended to be work. Since the copying machine of

today had not been developed, the picture of a fancy doll had been mimeographed and smelled of ink or some kind of chemical. The best part for me was that you could decide how you wanted it to be colored. Similar to today, there must have been a "party time" at some point during the day to exchange Valentine cards and pieces of heart-shaped candy with special messages like "Be Mine." It was so much fun to see

how many different ones could be collected. All of these memories came flooding back when son John had similar Valentine Day activities while he was in elementary school years ago. He would come home and proudly count how many he had received. Of course, a guess is that most moms were like me in that an effort was made for each child to have one. What is your favorite Valentine's Day memory?

Being curious about the "real story" behind Valentine's Day, it was interesting to find out that it was a true-life story that is likely to teach us a lot about the "true meaning of love, sacrifice, and commitment." Like old fairy tales, it begins with a really mean emperor of the Roman Empire in the third century. His nickname was Claudius



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

**Throughout the month of February, on Mondays, from 1:25 - 2:15 p.m., Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital Education Dept., will present an exercise program for 6th grade classes.

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ Feb. 16 - PTO meeting, 6:00 p.m.

■ Feb. 17 - "Very Important Parents" group meeting, 11:00 a.m. Topic: "Gangs/Teaching Kids to be Resilient." All parents/guardians invited to attend.

■ Feb. 19 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4:00 p.m. All invited.

■ Feb. 24 - "Magic Me" meeting, 3:30-4:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

■ Feb. 24 & 26 - Self-Esteem program for 6th grade students.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

**Lost coats have been

turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.**

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments

for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC ser-

VICES. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure

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Births



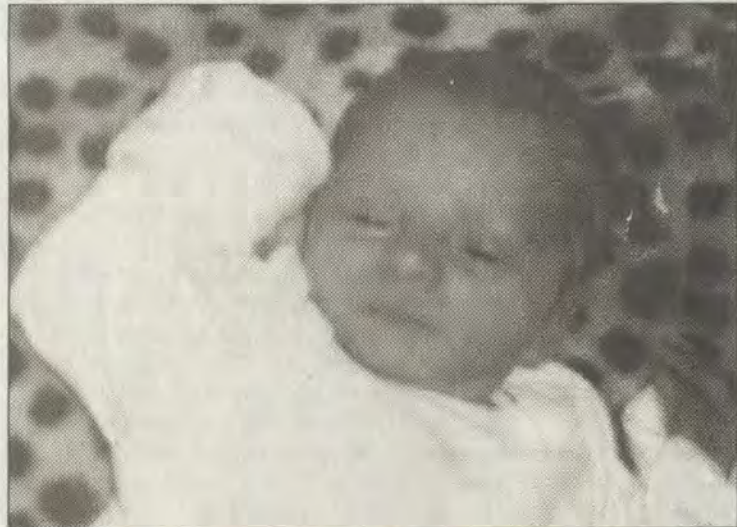
It's a Boy!

Joseph Henderson Bays was born January 19, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center to proud parents Sam and Amy Bays. He weighed 9 lbs., and measured 21 1/2 inches in length. Joseph is the grandson of Cheryl Carter, of McDowell, and Fred Carter, of Jenkins, and Sam and Brenda Bays, of Prestonsburg.



It's a Boy!

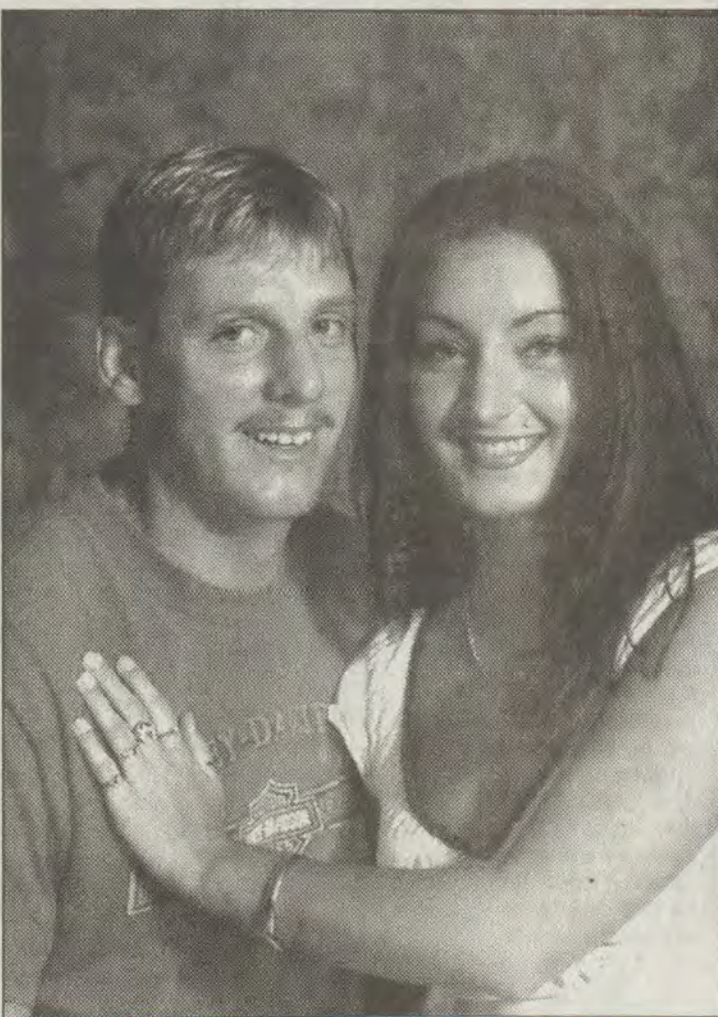
Dylan Scott Hamilton was born January 20, 2004, to proud parents Greg Hamilton and Delanna Evans, of Grethel. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. Dylan is the maternal grandson of Dank and Lois Evans, of Grethel. His paternal grandparents are Ethel Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Carlos Hamilton. Dylan is the great-grandson of Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg, and the late William Hall. Dylan's entire family is overjoyed with his arrival.



It's a Girl!

Hollyn LaKole Shepherd was born January 23, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Holly Shepherd and Kathy Brown, of Garrett. She weighed 4 lbs., 8 oz., and was 17 inches long. LaKole was welcomed home by her two sisters, Ashley LaRae and Kiley LaKae, her big brother, Joshua Serge, and two uncles, Chris Brown and Devan Brown. Also welcoming her home were her Godparents, Morris and Peggy Wireman, of Fredville. LaKole is the maternal granddaughter of the late Edgel and Glenna Brown, formerly of Garrett, and the late Serge and Mary Daniels, also formerly of Garrett. Her paternal grandparents are Robie Shepherd, of Gunlock, and the late Norma June Shepherd.

Wedding Engagements



Kidd-Brown

Jessica Kidd and Rodney Harrington Brown were united in marriage on February 3, 2004, in a private ceremony. Jessica is the daughter of Joyce Odetta Tackett, of Whittinsville, and Jimmy Lee Kidd, of Greenwich, Ohio. Rodney is the son of Ellis and Veneta Brown, of Langley.

Birthdays



Aryn is 1!

Aryn Nicole Wells celebrated her first birthday on December 3, 2003, with a "Winnie the Pooh" theme party held at the home of her Great-Grandmother Dotson. Several family members and friends attended. Aryn is the daughter of Terri and Kenny Ray Wells, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Amos Dotson, of Prestonsburg, Darlene Lewis, of Tucson, Arizona and Kenny and Velma Wells, of Paintsville. She is the great-granddaughter of Eliza Dotson, of Middlecreek, and the late Greeley Dotson, and Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg, and the late William Hall.

Eyes

days before Christmas. Being ever the romantic fool that I am, it never really mattered to me what I might receive on this wonderfully giddy day, the exciting part was in knowing that I was going to receive some token of love from what ever "lucky" fella I happened to be seeing at the time. (And by the way, I don't throw the word "lucky" out there in an off-the-cuff way - I am pretty sweet, you know.)

These days, however, with no one really around to say they love me except three long-legged teenagers (who often forget to take the time) the upcoming romantic holiday seems to only

bring along more melancholy and bittersweet memories of younger days. The only excitement I can generate for it at all is in the anticipation of clicking off the hours throughout the dastardly day until it's over once again. This year, it's even worse - the darned day is falling on a Saturday. Bad enough to find yourself sitting at home with a movie rental and a bowl of microwaved popcorn on a Saturday night, but to know that you're sitting at home on a weekend night while the entire world goes about dropping diamond engagement rings into flutes of champagne and scattering velvety rose petals all about their bed-

rooms is enough to make you stand up and scream loud and long, "Eee-nuff!"

Maybe I'll pop into my local doctor's office Friday afternoon for some high-powered sedatives or something. I think all this seeing red has given me a sick headache and most likely the best cure for me is to probably just go home and sleep it all off 'til cute lil' Cupid flies his little butt on home.

And, while we're still on the subject of red, I'll have to admit that my curiosity got the better of me and I finally broke down and gave the folks at the Red Light

cialized with all of the push to send flowers and buy chocolates and cards, with someone making a good profit. In contrast, another opinion was that people would not buy these things at this time, if there were no meaning. The idea was that there was an emotional connection and that Valentine's Day is a symbol of romance, being important to our society, by placing a definite value on love.

It is also important to remember that a man died for his beliefs in fanning the flames of love by encouraging people to marry, which gives the day a deeper meaning. Isn't it nice to know that Valentine's Day was really founded on the concept of love in marriage? What do you plan to do for your loved one this Valentine's Day?

While it creates nice warm and fuzzy feelings to give and receive special gifts, have a candlelight dinner, or share special words of love on Valentine's Day, the true spirit of Valentine's Day needs to last all year long. Here are a few ways to hopefully bring about love into your marriage: (1) Schedule priority time together. Usually this takes some true planning and determination for busy couples and ones who have never taken time for themselves. Actually get the calendar out and set aside a date night every week or two. You don't have to spend a lot of money, but make a strong effort to spend time together and talk. Most importantly, movies do not count. (2) Laugh together. When was the last time that you and your mate had a true "deep belly laugh" together? Share a funny story. Loosen up and laugh. Live lightheartedly. (3) Play together. Don't you remember how much fun that was when you were first getting together? Find a new hobby or re-find an old one that both of you enjoy, such as bowling, hiking, or biking. And, (4) be romantic together. Leave a note of encouragement occasionally to just say, "I love you!" Spend at least two weekends away each year with your loved one.

Even though Valentine's Day is a great time to think about how you can keep or put a spark into your number one relationship, every day needs to be filled with Hallmark moments. It's up to you! Remember that, if you are going to love somebody, do it now. Life goes on whether we live or not. Most importantly, remember that love is a gift and needs to be treated as one.

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Diner a call. You see, what got me going was the marquee out front of the restaurant which right now reads, "Valentine's Day Special - Ribeye and Rattlesnake."

Now I was thinkin' that maybe the Diner had just applied for their liquor license or something and had come up with a shake-your-boots-right-off new cocktail, but no, they assure me, they really are going to be serving up baskets of rattlesnake meat this coming Saturday.

"Rattlesnake" - yep, now that's gettin' closer to describing some of my most recent Valentine Day experiences.



Family Medicine

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



Q A few weeks ago I began having pain in my left ear. I thought it was an ear infection, and I went to the doctor. He said I had a TMJ disorder. Could you tell me what causes this and what I can do to get better? My doctor is sending me to an oral surgeon. Will I need surgery?

A Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) syndrome is a painful condition that causes inflammation in the joint created by the temporal bone in the skull and the lower jaw bone (or mandible). As you can see, the term "temporomandibular"

comes from combining "temporal" and "mandible" to make an adjective. Therefore, the abbreviation "TMJ" literally refers to the joint itself, although it is often used to refer to the disorder rather than the joint.

There are many things that can cause this problem. Teeth that don't align properly — "malocclusion" in medical lingo — is a very common cause. Some people grind their teeth — a condition called bruxism. This usually occurs at night and can lead to pain in the TMJ. Injury to the jaw or the side of the head can also cause TMJ syndrome. And, you can get arthritis in the

TMJ, just like any other joint in the body.

The primary symptom is pain with opening and closing the mouth. This pain is usually worse in the morning and is just in front of the ear. This pain can radiate to the ear, cheek, neck or shoulder. Some people also complain that their jaw catches when they open their mouth. Some people have a grating or clicking sound in their TMJ when they eat.

Your doctor probably made the diagnosis of TMJ syndrome by feeling this joint with his fingers while you opened and closed your mouth. This is a technique we call palpation. He may have felt clicking or deviation of the jaw to one side when you opened your mouth. Also, he may have noted that you couldn't open your mouth as wide as normal. You may have indicated that you felt pain when he

applied slight pressure as he palpated the joint. And, depending on the results of this physical examination, he may have asked for an X-ray or MRI to aid in the diagnosis of your condition.

In most cases, TMJ syndrome can be treated with dietary modifications to eliminate very chewy foods, gum chewing and ice eating. Non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen are also very helpful as is moist heat to the area a couple of times a day for 10-15 minutes. Some people who grind their teeth or have pronounced malocclusion benefit from a dental appliance that prevents the jaw from closing completely. This has been shown to relieve the symptoms in over 70 percent of patients with TMJ problems. Some cases of TMJ syndrome respond very well to osteopathic manipulative treatment;

so, if your physician is a D.O., you might ask if this manual medicine technique might be effective in your case. Fortunately, the odds are you probably won't need surgery. Statistically, the need for this is rare; it is indicated in less than 5 percent of cases.

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School

checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ Feb. 18 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in media center. Notice: The Feb. 16 regularly scheduled meeting has been canceled.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

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

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

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Feb. 17 - Floyd County Health Dept., Dental Program, K-3.

■ Feb. 19 - VIP meeting, Stress Management, 10:30 a.m., in Resource Center.

■ Feb. 19 - Dollars & Sense Store, 5th grade, Martin Comm. Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call

587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ WCS will play host to special visitor, Roger "Ky. Joe" Bingham, from the "Survivor" television series, on Tues., Feb. 17, at 12:30 p.m., to kick-off the school's agriculture essay and poster contest. Parents of WCS students, as well as nearby community members, are invited to attend.

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

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not

claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

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Announcements



'Headstart' on Christmas from area sponsors

Employees from Wendy's Restaurant, of Prestonsburg, helped make Christmas wishes come true for the children of the Prestonsburg Headstart by donating jogging outfits to each child. The Pin Zone Bowling Alley, also of Prestonsburg, also helped sponsor a fundraiser for the Headstart center to raise money to purchase additional gifts for the children. Alice Lloyd College also donated beautiful gifts to each child. The children were thrilled to receive all of their Christmas treats.

has its on-air fund drive, I salivate over the premiums from Churchill Weavers in Berea, but to date I haven't been able to give at that level. Nor have I been able to buy a piece from there outright.

My favorite restaurant in Whitesburg has a beautiful woven wall hanging with an abstract design of purples and greens that depicts the mountains. I don't even think about what it must have cost, but it warms me to see it.

I've always, in the back of my mind, had an image of a spinning wheel and loom by the fireplace in the cabin of my ancestors. They made nearly everything they needed, so it stands to reason they wove the fabric they used to make coats, dresses, pants, shirts and whatever else they had to have.

After talking to Philis, this image is made more real. Now, I can just about imagine the big old loom, alongside the bedsteads, chests and iron pots, in the back of a wagon coming over Pine Mountain at Pound Gap.

Weaving pretty much ceased for most of our people as fabric making became mechanized and a variety of materials became more accessible. The coal camps, I suppose, contributed to

the demise of weaving. Bolts of gaily-colored fabrics arrived on the trains that brought goods into the mountains and took coal out.

A regular sight in the coal camps and at cabins in isolated hollers was the peddler (such as Mr. Dawahare) who brought the products of the northeastern and southern textile mills with him.

My mother and aunt often reminisced about the fashionable clothes their grandmother, Katherine Castle, would bring to them on her semi-annual trips to Auxier. She bought fabrics from the peddlers on Marrowbone Creek and sewed them on her treadle machine into the latest fashions for her grandchildren.

In Philis Alvic's book, she writes about the attempts in the early part of the 20th century to revive the art and function of weaving in the mountains. The effort centered around settlement schools and similar organizations in the hills of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

Women were furnished looms, wool or cotton, patterns, and, in a kind of work-at-home scheme, were paid to turn out hand towels and other small decorative pieces.

Some of the centers tried to set up a central weaving factory — though they didn't call it that — where women would come to do the work and would be supervised.

The concept was not universally accepted, much to the chagrin of the organizing missionaries. They did not take into account that most of the women did not want to leave their homes and their children to work, and most of them had no transportation.

One of the most startling things Philis mentioned was the movement in the early 20th century to get mountaineers to migrate to the textile mills in Georgia and South Carolina. It was, she said, considered by some as a "way to deal with the problem of Appalachian people."

Boy, if that doesn't hit you square in the eyes. As with so many other minority groups, government agencies and sociologists have long seen us as a problem to be dealt with.

In some perverse way, I kind of like that. But I would prefer if they would deal with us by learning more about us and by appreciating us without spending so much time trying to change us and passing judgment on us.

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Lion

coming along behind us. "Oui, Mademoiselle. Oui, Mademoiselle." I was repeatedly assured that another bus would be coming along at 5 o'clock. In any country outside North America and Europe, and, of course, Japan and possibly Sri Lanka, I knew better than to take "5 o'clock" literally. "Five o'clock" could mean anything from perhaps 3 PM to midnight, but I felt that "another bus today" would serve the purpose.

Such an interpretation looked more and more inviting as my nerves reacted increasingly to the ferocious overcrowding. Then, automatically, without thinking about it, I started to uncross my knees. One knee moved a few inches and then got stuck among all the other knees. It could not move in

either direction: not up, not down, not sideways. It was paralyzed. No matter how hard I tried, my knees could not be either uncrossed or recrossed and my foot remained suspended. I could have finished the trip this way. My foot was as secure as if it had been sitting on a rock. But then my leg began to go to sleep. The mass of humans had cut off the circulation. The bus then stopped, unbelievably to pick up even more passengers. Enough was enough. I called rather sharply to the man in charge of tickets announcing that I was getting off right now. A suspended foot was one thing. Gangrene from blocked circulation was another. The "conductor" seemed surprised that I didn't like the accommodations. He returned

some of my money, got my little suitcase down from the roof, and climbed back onto his perch outside the bus. The bus left and I looked around.

It was a pleasant, tranquil, country scene. The bus had stopped at a fork in the road. Most of the roadside activity was concentrated in one spot not far from the fork where a local merchant in long Muslim dress had a very small business. He sat on the ground under a large tree near the open door of his tiny store. He watched his store from the more comfortable location outside and listened to his radio. A friend joined him. They did not talk much and he did not speak often to the several people who passed by or shared his tree, but his spot was somewhat a center of activity.

One of the people who shared the tree was a teenage boy who was making rope from long grass. He slowly and steadily worked the five to six feet long grass blades while the finished rope grew over the top of his hands. An older man was busy with a hatchet, cleaning bark and twigs off long, strong branches. He was making clubs which looked like the kind used to pound grain into flour. Chickens and goats wandered around. A village was a short distance away, down the right fork of the road. A few women and children passed from time to time. Many of them waved. The merchant listened to his radio which played a variety of programs. First was the BBC in English. Then came Radio Cameroun in university-level

French. A woman and a man held a most enlightened and academic conversation about the liberation of women just as a village woman passed purposefully by with a load of firewood on her head. Finally, a program in what might have been Arabic came on.

At long intervals during the calm, sunny afternoon, two well cared for late model automobiles with Europeans came down the road toward the fork in the road. Each time the automobile started down the left fork. Slowly, it stopped, backed up to within hailing distance of the tree, and the driver asked which fork was the correct one for such and such town. Each time the merchant anticipated what the vehicle would do. He repeated slowly and quietly just

before the automobile acted, "Stop." "Backup." In both cases, the driver had chosen the correct fork. It seemed to me pretty clear that the fork badly needed a sign.

Buses passed occasionally. Each time the merchant and his friend said no, it wasn't the right one. When 5 o'clock arrived, I prevented myself from worrying, but when 6 o'clock came, I became very worried. It would be pitch dark at 6:30 and Africans had trained me to be off the street at dark because of "bandits." I had been prepared for buses that were late, but now I was to learn that sometimes they never showed up.

By now there was another traveler with my problem. He

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was a big, strong, young man. Probably a northerner because he carried an Islamic prayer mat. He seemed very much in a hurry to travel on. He had been trying to hitch rides on passing trucks rather than catching buses. When I saw him do that, it crossed my mind to do the same thing. None of the trucks had taken him up.

Discussions commenced about what to do about me. It became apparent that the other traveler would stay with the merchant. The question of my disposition remained. By now there were no other women in sight. Furthermore, the merchant had told me earlier that his wife was in the next big town having a baby. A complication was that the merchant's French turned out to be more limited than I had at first thought and I had no knowledge of the local language. The decision making moved forward from time to time with the aid of various young boys passing by who attended school and who could translate.

Night fell. The merchant gave the other traveler and me boiled yams, which looked and tasted just like large potatoes, and orange soda. This part of Cameroon becomes chilly at night and I had to put on my coat. A lighted kerosene lamp was now in the store doorway. The solution to the problem became more and more evident and was finally inescapable. When the proposal was finally put into words, I was ready to accept it. I would spend the night in the hut of the merchant's absent wife.

I double checked with the schoolboy translator of the moment. Yes, the merchant did have a wife. Yes, she was in town having a baby. On that admittedly slim character reference, I followed the merchant into his private compound.

From where I had passed the afternoon under the tree, I had been impressed by a novelty of this man's establishment. It was surrounded by a fence made of poinsettias. Truly. The fence consisted of posts with wire

strung between them, just as in any other country, but the posts were actually living. They were small trees cut off at the appropriate height and from the top of each one bloomed a poinsettia flower. It was most colorful and memorable, especially in contrast with the uninteresting red dust of the road and the dull red clay of the several round huts inside the fence.

The merchant's compound was a large, walled circle perhaps 50 or 60 feet across. Several round huts formed part of the wall. That is, instead of the little round buildings being placed inside the wall, the wall extended from the side of each building. The huts were thus in a circle connected to each other by the wall. One hut was the store with a door outside onto the road and another inside onto the courtyard. One hut was the wife's (temporarily mine) with a door only into the courtyard. There were one or two others. The latrine was a hole in the ground surrounded by a high fence. It was the only construction to be outside the wall rather than being part of the wall, but it opened into the circle.

Inside the compound, the earth was swept bare. I later learned that the French colonists had introduced this custom as a protection against snakes. There was a circle made of empty soft drink bottles half buried, bottom up in the earth. I never knew what it was for. There was a rather large wooden platform along the wall. The merchant's four goats and two sheep spent the night under the platform and his chickens roosted on top. The center of the compound was open with a well in the exact middle.

A mud hut is misnamed. It's not mud. It's only mud while it's being built, then it becomes dried clay. I suppose it's what we in our Southwest call "adobe." The inside of mine was horrendously dusty. It was like being inside a heavy shell of dust. Combined with the dust of the unpaved road and the dust of the open courtyard, it was suffocating. Later, I was told that this

meant the hut had not been occupied for a long time. The first thing a person does in a long-vacated hut is to sprinkle it down with water and sweep it out.

The interior of my little house was about 15 feet or so in diameter. It was something like being in a family size tent. The roof was made of the long, tough, African grass packed tightly together in bundles and attached securely to rafters built in a cone shape over the walls. The circle of the hut was divided in half by a wall-high partition, also of dried clay, with a doorless opening in the center. In the front room was a wooden table, more like a tall bench, on which was gathered a collection of objects which looked like fossils. In each room, leaning against the wall, was a large oblong object made of what we would call wicker. At first I thought it was a bed, then I decided it wasn't because it was full of cubbyholes and might be a set of shelves. I later learned it was a bed and the cubbyholes were the underside view, made for reinforcement and strength. In any event, the master of the house brought me a folding cot.

My benefactor set up the cot quickly, while holding a flashlight. He left, shutting the big, very heavy, metal door. I could see glimpses of his light moving around as he prepared his little kingdom for the night. Then he went into his hut and there was no more activity in the compound.

It was unimaginably dark. The expression, "You couldn't see your hand in front of your face," had real meaning. I tried holding my hand in front of my face, and, really, I could not see it. The only way you would know you had a body at all was from prior knowledge and touch. It became colder. I thought about winter stories in my native Michigan about people who froze to death in their cars returning home late from New Year's Eve parties. It was quiet. It was very quiet.

Then there was a sound. It took me a minute to realize that

it was drums in the quite far distance. The drum sounds were mellow. They were round sounds, not the hard, flat, abrasive sounds of Western heavy metal. They were gentle sounds, kind sounds. Yet they projected over quite a distance. The rhythms were rapid, complicated, rippling, turning here and there, and up and down. There were little yips from moment to moment as human voices added punctuation. In a village somewhere people were dancing. After a short time, the drumming stopped. That village, too, was sleeping.

After those beautiful moments, misery returned. I was worried. I wondered how I would get through this horrible night. I wondered what I had gotten myself into this time. I thought about opening the heavy door to let in some clear air, but I was too stiff with fear to move from the middle of the cot where I huddled against my suitcase. Furthermore, it was too dark to see exactly where the door was. I thought about lions. Africans, both white and black, were as full of lion stories as they were of warnings about bandits after dark. The lion stories Africans had told me were sketchy, but always involved a man out at night alone. The end never varied, "And all they found was his belt buckle." Nobody ever had to tell me that the poor man had been completely eaten by the lion. I did wonder, once in a while, why only the belt buckle was left of the man. Did lions eat his shoes, also? On top of that, just the day before, I had spent several hours on a train with soldiers. The insignia prominent on their caps was the head of a lion with his mouth open in a gigantic roar. I knew that fearing being eaten by a lion was not realistic under the circumstances. I was in a strong building with a secure door. No telling how long the merchant and his wife had lived here in obvious safety. This was a settled area with villages all around. But it was like camping in Yellowstone and thinking about being eaten by a bear.

Stupid, but overwhelming.

Suddenly, in the complete silence of the compound and the villages around, there came a rushing sound. "Oh, no," I thought, "Here he comes! Here comes the lion! That's the sound of the air rushing through his open teeth! He's going to crash through the door and eat me!" Within seconds, at the height of my panic, there came another sound, "Kooka doodle do," the merchant's rooster crowed, "Kooka doodle do."

Thereafter, at intervals throughout the night, the rooster flapped his wings with four or five great flaps and crowed. I had always thought that roosters crowed only at dawn. This was an insomniac rooster on guard duty. Each time he prepared to let everyone know that he was on the job by sending out the sound of wind rushing through the teeth of an attacking lion, he sent me into another panic.

The crowing rooster was partly forgivable. After the horrifying rush of air through his wings, then the reassuring crow, came even more comforting calls. Roosters in the compounds and villages around answered. First, our rooster crowed. After a minute or so, a nearby rooster crowed, then one further away, then again one even further away, in a repeated and friendly echo. The calling and responding roosters created a sense of community among the habitations in the region.

About 4:30 the next morning, I heard the merchant sweeping his courtyard in the darkness, with regular, brushing sounds. He stopped a few feet from my door and called, "The first buses are passing, Mademoiselle."

I emerged from the little house a pale imitation of my former self. The merchant helped me out his gate and I sat down on my suitcase. My hands moved stiffly from being chilled and were tinged red from the dust. I slumped dully in my spot, not paying attention to either the merchant or the other traveler who stood to the side watching me, as well as the road, for trucks. In a little

while, the merchant had stopped a minibus and put me authoritatively on it. I waved my deep gratitude to him for a long while as he stood with the poinsettia fence behind him. This time my knees stayed uncrossed, partly because this bus had a normal number of passengers and there was room on the floor for both feet at the same time.

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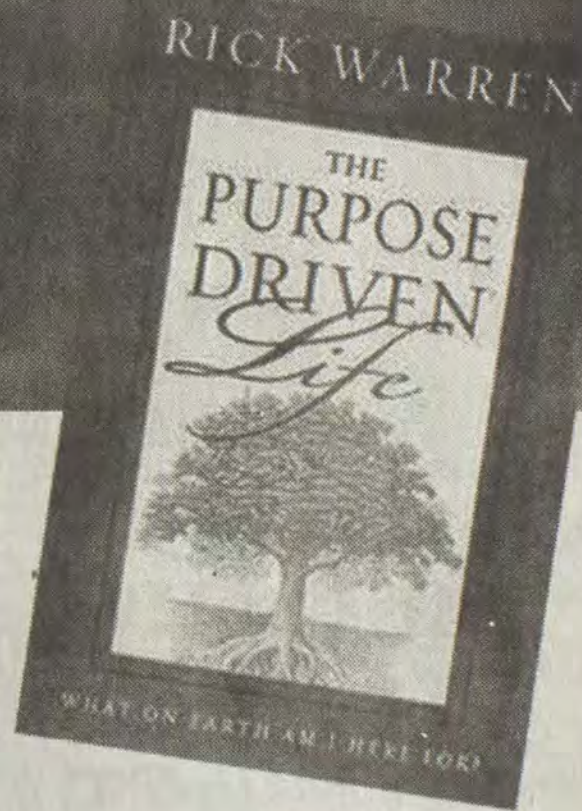
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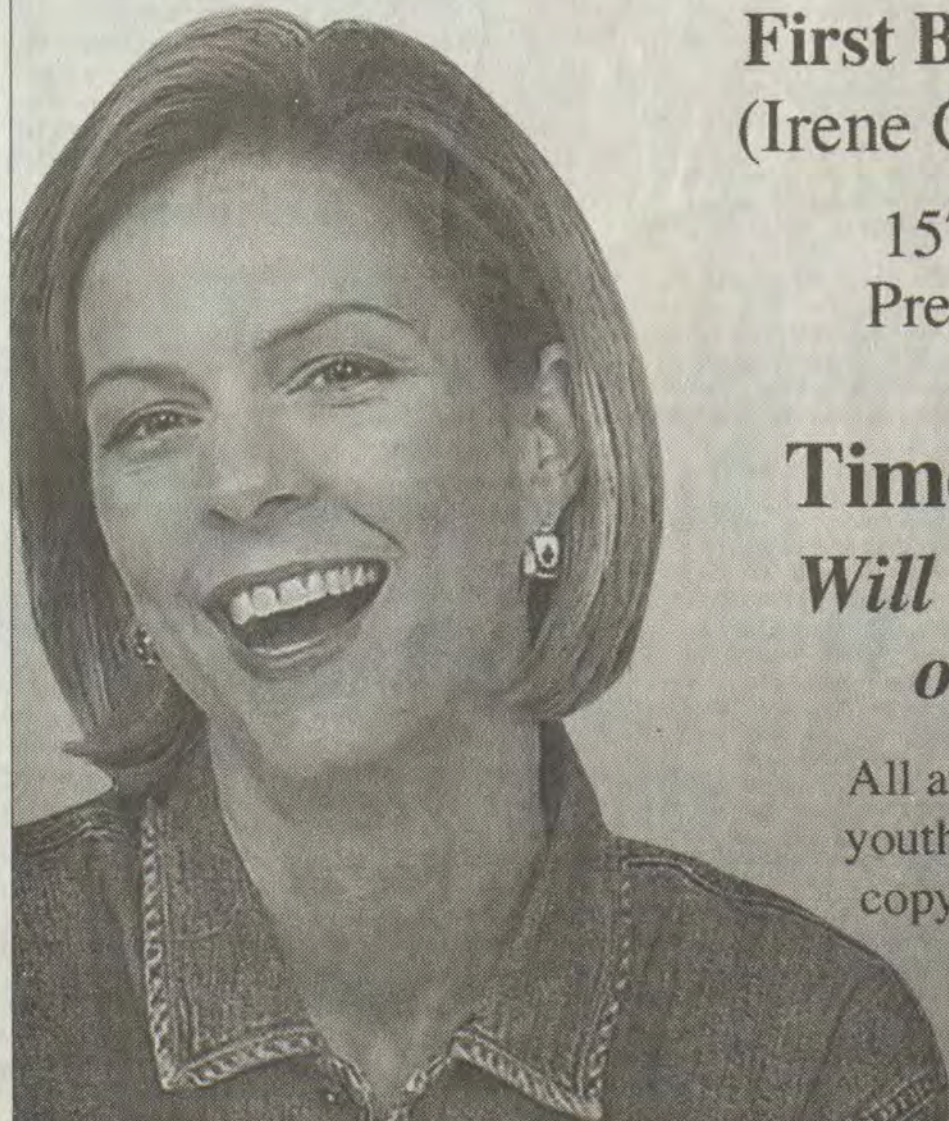
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 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nethon Lafferty, Minister.
 Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
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First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
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BY JOHN LEHTI

DANIEL AND THE IDOL BEL



AS PROMISED HERE IS THE OTHER OLDEST "DETECTIVE" STORY FROM THE APOCRYPHA. CYRUS THE KING EACH DAY PROVIDED THE IDOL BEL WITH BUSHELS OF FINE FLOUR, MANY SHEEP, AND FIFTY GALLONS OF WINE, BECAUSE THIS WAS THE GOD CYRUS WORSHIPPED WHEN THE KING ASKED DANIEL TO WORSHIP THE IDOL. DANIEL KNEW IT WAS HIGH TIME TO EXPOSE THE FAKE GOD AND THE SEVENTY PRIESTS WHO MADE A FINE LIVING AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BEL. CYRUS BELIEVED THAT BEL WAS REALLY A LIVING GOD BECAUSE ALL THE FOOD THAT WAS PROVIDED WAS ALWAYS CONSUMED OVERNIGHT. DANIEL KNEW DARN WELL THAT IT WAS THE PRIESTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO DID ALL THE EATING, BUT HOW TO EXPOSE THEM SO KING CYRUS WOULD KNOW THAT BEL WAS A FAKE GOD? WELL, DANIEL IN TRUE DETECTIVE STORY STYLE, LAID A TRAP FOR THE PRIESTS AND PROVED CONCLUSIVELY TO KING CYRUS THAT THE IDOL WAS A FAKE AND THAT THE ONLY TRUE, LIVING GOD WAS THE LORD GOD WHOM DANIEL WORSHIPPED! HOW HE ACCOMPLISHED THIS FEAT IS FULLY RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF APOCRYPHA, AND IS WELL WORTH READING—IT CERTAINLY ESTABLISHES DANIEL AS A FIRST-GRADE DETECTIVE ALONG WITH THE BEST OF THEM! SO GO TO IT—READ IT AND SEE IF YOU DON'T AGREE!

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 Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
 Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

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 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
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 Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
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 Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Haysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
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 Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
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 Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.
 Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold; 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.

CATHOLIC
 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
 Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
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 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
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 Haysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
 Mere Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
 Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
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 Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
 Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.
 Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
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 First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
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 Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
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 Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
 Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
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 Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
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 Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.
 Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.
 The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 8 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
 Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Amett, Pastor
 Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the Old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.
 International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
 Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.
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NOTICES

805-Announcements

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What is the one thing that we as people can give to another? OURSELVES! Be a volunteer for Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. Highway 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222 (psa)

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812-Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

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815 - Lost&Found

Lost Dog Red Doberman male 1 year old lost in Short Branch area of Abbott 500.00 Reward for safe return. No Questions asked call 885-1696 or 422-4788

850-Personals

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

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900 Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8054, Renewal in accordance with KAR 350.055, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and reclamation mining operation, located affecting 11.95 acre located 0.25 mile east of Ivel in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from U.S. Route 23's junction with Ivel Road, and located 0.25 mile of Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, and J.K. Stratton heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

Arrangements will be made to view all properties meeting the general specifications of this lease project. A representative of the Leasing Branch will contact you so that an appointment can be made to inspect the proposed facility. For any additional information, contact Brien Hoover of the Division of Real Properties, at 502.564.2205 ext. 236.

INVITATION TO LEASE CDL TEST SITE

The Finance and Administration Cabinet of Kentucky desires to lease a site suitable for conducting Commercial Drivers License testing to be located in

Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, or Morgan County(s) of Kentucky. Proposed site(s) must offer a firm and level (gravel, concrete or blacktop) surface area with minimum dimensions of 200 feet by 300 feet. Preference will be provided to site(s) that offer access to utilities (electric, water/sewer, and telephone) and to site(s) located in proximity to US Hwy 23, US Hwy 460, KY Route 80, or the Mountain Parkway. Proposals for existing property must designate the location (street address if available) of the property; the date of availability; the name, address and phone number of the property owner. Responses may be made by any person in writing on or before 10:30 a.m. Wednesday March 3, 2004, and must be sent to Division of Real Properties, RE: PR-4704, ATTN: Leasing Branch, Bush Building, 3rd Floor, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2607. (FAX responses will not be accepted.) All responses received will be publicly opened and read at the above-designated time. Note: If you plan to attend the bid opening and have a disability which requires accommodation by the Division of Real Properties, please contact our office by Monday, March 1, 2004, to permit us to make reasonable arrangements.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE 03-001
AMENDMENT #1**

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Ordinance was given its First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, held on Thursday, September 4, 2003.

**FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 03-001
AMENDMENT #1**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof: Whereas the County of Floyd has realized under budgeted receipts pertaining to the estimated revenue in 2003-2004 Budget, due to the imposition of a home incarceration program on August 15th, 2003, in an effort to try and reduce the expenditures of the Floyd County Jail.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION ONE: The Budget for the fiscal year 2003-2004 is amended to:

A: Increase the receipts of the General Funds by 100,000.00 to include under budgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-4624	Home Incarceration Fees	100,000.00

B. Increase the expenditure accounts:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-5101-107	Home Incarceration Supervisor	18,000.00
01-5101-167	Home Incarceration Clerks	12,000.00
01-5101-398	Contracted Services (Monitoring & Bracelets)	60,000.00
01-5101-429	Fuel	5,000.00
01-5101-445	Office Supplies	3,000.00
01-5101-592	Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00
01-5101-599	Miscellaneous	1,000.00

SECTION TWO: The amounts added to the revenue and expenditure accounts in Section One are for protection to persons & property purposes.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the 4th day of September, 2003.

Motion By: Gerald Derosssett
Seconded by: Jackie Owens

Paul H. Thompson
Paul H. Thompson
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification this the 15th day of January, 2003.

Cordell G. Lawrence
State Local Finance Officer

Notice is now given that this proposed Ordinance will be considered for passage and given its Second Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to be held on February 20th, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the county courtroom, located on the second floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Ave., St. 9, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

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