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### briefs

#### Apartment damage brings charge

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**ALLEN** — A Wayland woman has filed charges against a man she says defaced a rental property she owns in mid-February. Mark Vance, 31, whose address is currently listed as Season's Inn on court documents, was served with a criminal summons last week on charges of criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking. The charges came after a complaint from Kathleen Kinman, of Wayland, that was filed Feb. 20 in Floyd Circuit Court. Kinman said in her complaint that, on Feb. 19, Vance was responsible for approximately \$1,000 in damage to the property she was renting to Vance when he put holes in the walls, destroyed the furnace, broke a door from a stove, clogged up drains, carved names in wood, broke windows and left human and animal feces "all over" the floors. These details in the complaint resulted in the single charge of criminal mischief against the Allen resident, who, according to court documents, is an employee of Puck's Tattoo in Prestonsburg. Also in her complaint, Kinman alleged that Vance also stole a mattress from the property on the same date, a claim that resulted in a charge of theft by unlawful taking.

## Judge revokes probation for two

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Two Floyd county residents were taken back into custody this week after their probation was revoked in circuit court. Michelle Dawn Carroll, 27, of

McDowell, was sentenced to four years following an order filed by Judge Danny P. Caudill that revoked her probation in two separate cases against her. She was indicted in 2001 for theft by unlawful taking on a purse snatching charge. Officials reported that Carroll stole a purse belonging to Tami Seal, then

forged five checks totaling \$800 in Seal's name during the months of September and October of that year. After reaching a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Carroll pleaded guilty to those charges. She was sentenced to one year in jail, sentences that were probated for three years

under the stipulation that she pay restitution in the case. A year later, Carroll was indicted again on forgery charges. This time, she faced 12 separate counts of second-degree forgery for writing nearly \$1,000 in checks under (See **REVOKED**, page three)



Erma Bush, of Louisville, in character as Miss Dinnie Thompson in the historical drama "No Ordinary Woman," which was performed Friday at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

## Judge sends 'bad thief' to jail for 10 years

by **TOM DOTY**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Aubert Clevenger was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison for seven counts of theft involving shoplifting, stealing and breaking and entering. Four of the counts were incurred after Clevenger was out on bond for three other charges. The defense asked for a lighter sentence on the grounds that Clevenger was doing well in prison, where he is getting his general equivalency diploma, and that he had close ties to his family which has led to health problems for his parents due to the stress they

incurred when he was convicted. The prosecution pointed out that Clevenger had broken the law on several occasions and even continued to steal while on out on bail. Judge John David Caudill agreed with the prosecution's argument, saying of Clevenger's record, "The good thing I can say about him is he hasn't tried to kill anyone yet." Caudill gave Clevenger a bit of a break by allowing him to serve all of his time concurrently. The total years of his sentence terms would otherwise have added up to 46 years. He also gave Clevenger credit (See **THIEF**, page three)

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## College notes Black History Month with play

by **TOM DOTY**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Big Sandy Community and Technical College was the scene Friday for a one-woman show on the life and experiences of a woman born into slavery. The performance, titled, "Miss Dinnie Thompson, No Ordinary Woman," was scheduled as part of the college's celebration of Black History Month. The presentation

was a unique blend of history and theater. The play began as a research project by an ex-special education teacher from Jefferson County named Juanita White. While researching the history of African Americans in early Louisville, she stumbled across the story of Thompson. It became an obsession for her to find out more about this woman, who died in 1939 and never did anything spectacular except manage to get by through the harsh

conditions which were the norm for all Americans after the Civil War devastated the lives of millions. The play incorporates a script based on research techniques that historians regularly use. White compiled her work through archival studies and interviews with people who knew Thompson. The resulting presentation can be enjoyed as a mix of drama and "living history." Through "Miss Dinnie's" life (See **PLAY**, page three)

## Stolen transmission leads to charges

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Prestonsburg man now faces two criminal charges after being accused of trespassing and then later of theft. According to charges filed in Floyd District Court, Shawn Blair, 27, of

Dodson Branch, in Prestonsburg, was served a criminal summons warrant Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Shepherd at Blair's home. The charges against Blair — second-degree trespassing and theft by unlawful taking — came after a (See **STOLEN**, page three)

## Vernotzy ruled competent to stand trial

by **TOM DOTY**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — An accused sex offender was found to be competent Friday to stand trial for four counts of first-degree sexual abuse. Dale M. Vernotzy, 49, of Prestonsburg, appeared in court for the competency hearing. Vernotzy sat still and stared into space for almost a full hour as Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and defense attorney Bernard Pafunda each produced mental health care professionals who offered differing views on Vernotzy's capacity to

understand the legal process. The defense offered a forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Robert P. Grainger, who testified by phone that he subjected Vernotzy to a "battery" of tests which proved to his satisfaction that the accused was not competent to stand trial. Turner, however, brought forth a psychologist from Mountain Comprehensive Care, Dr. David Bliss, who testified that Vernotzy was fully capable of standing trial and functioned well enough to meet his own day-to-day needs. Bliss pointed out that had the accused been as severely impaired as Dr. Grainger's tests indicated, he

would not be able to "cook for himself and not burn his house down." Pafunda cross-examined Dr. Bliss and started to question the legitimacy of one of his testing instruments but backed off when Judge John David Caudill opined, "I'll make the legal determinations here." Both experts agreed that Vernotzy suffers from schizophrenia and a degree of retardation which is increasing as he gets older. Caudill made the final determination that Vernotzy is indeed competent to undergo trial and announced that a pretrial conference would be scheduled.



Dale Vernotzy, right, looks ahead as his attorney, Bernard Pafunda, questions a psychologist about his client's competency to stand trial. photo by Tom Doty

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# Odds and Ends

**MORGAN LAKE, N.M.**

— If you caught a toothy fish from the Amazon in Morgan Lake, who'd eat whom?

Not to worry, fish folks say, unless you bait your hook with fruit.

The fish, called a red pacu, has a mouth full of teeth, but they're molar-like and not particularly sharp. The fish is a

vegetarian, and Amazonian anglers have been known to use fruit for bait. The fish is known to swim inland during floods to eat fruit that has fallen from trees.

A solitary pacu was believed to have been found Feb. 14 in the channel near the Four Corners Power Plant, which adjoins the lake, said

Nathan Tohtsoni, plant spokesman. Morgan Lake water cools the coal-fired units of the power plant.

The same fish also may have been spotted in 2000, he said.

"We can guess it's been there at least four years," Tohtsoni said.

The specimen is about 20 inches long and about 10 inches thick.

Theories vary on how it got into the lake — maybe from a dumped aquarium, or just maybe from the agency that regularly provides the fish for the Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department to stock the lake.

That would be a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery in Texas that breeds bass — but also where red pacu are known to live.

So far no bass have been munched by their dentate pond mates.

"We know this particular species of fish eats vegetation and insects," Tohtsoni said. "We don't believe it's harming anything else."

**PHILADELPHIA** — Talk about turning tricks and tools of the trade.

A prostitution suspect managed to flee in a stolen police van Thursday night, despite being handcuffed at the time, police said.

Philadelphia police fasten handcuffs behind suspects' backs, Detective Debra Kelly said, and it was not immediately clear how the woman managed to get her hands in front. It is possible that she got her hands low enough that she could step over them, Kelly said. The suspect then managed to steal the unmarked Dodge Caravan that police were going to use to take her to the station, police said.

The woman abandoned the stolen van and remained at

large late Thursday.

The officers who arrested her after she allegedly solicited them were looking at mug shots in an attempt to identify her. Women arrested for prostitution often give many addresses, making it difficult to find them, Kelly said.

**FLINT, Mich.** — Mayor Don Williamson publicly renewed his campaign pledge to plug the city's deficit — currently at \$14 million — with money from his own pocket and accused the state of failing to take him up on it.

But state Treasurer Jay Rising said the state did not refuse the offer, which he

called "extremely generous."

"We haven't seen anything in writing, we don't know any details," Rising said. "We haven't been negotiating on it at all."

Since 2002, Flint's finances have been overseen by a financial manager appointed by then-Gov. John Engler. With about 125,000 residents, it is the largest city in Michigan to face a state takeover.

Williamson, who was elected in November and is believed to have amassed hundreds of millions of dollars in the auto parts industry, told Flint television station WSMH that he had been trying to work behind the scenes to pay the

city's debt.

"If you keep your business real close to your vest, sometimes you can accomplish more," he told the station, according to a Thursday story in The Flint Journal. "But last Friday afternoon we had a lot of people in the conference call and it went an hour 45 minutes, two hours, and we couldn't accomplish nothing."

Rising said Williamson was referring to a call with financial manager Ed Kurtz and Rising's staff in which Williamson referred to the offer but did not give details.

Williamson pledged during his campaign to pay off the deficit.

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## Today in History

**The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2004. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

■ On Feb. 29, 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939. Victor Fleming was named best director, Vivien Leigh best actress, and Hattie McDaniel best supporting actress, the first black performer to receive an Oscar. Best actor went to Robert Donat for "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

**On this date:**

- In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.
- In 1792, composer Gioacchino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.
- In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.
- In 1904, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey was born in Shenandoah, Pa.

**In 1956, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.**

■ In 1968, the discovery of the first "pulsar," a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell at Cambridge, England.

■ In 1968, President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

■ In 1968, at the Grammy Awards, the Fifth Dimension's "Up, Up and Away" won record of the year for 1967, while album of the year honors went to the Beatles for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

■ In 1980, former Israeli foreign minister Yigal Allon, who had played an important role in the Jewish state's fight for independence, died at age 61.

■ In 1984, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 years in power.

**Twelve years ago:**

Muslims and Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina began casting ballots in an independence referendum; Serbs boycotted the

vote, calling it illegal.

**Eight years ago:**

About 30 television and entertainment industry executives met with President Clinton at the White House, where they promised to devise a TV ratings system. Daniel Green was convicted in Lumberton, N.C., of murdering James R. Jordan, the father of basketball star Michael Jordan, during a 1993 roadside holdup. (Green was sentenced to life in prison.) A Peruvian commercial jetliner crashed in the Andes, killing all 123 people on board.

**Four years ago:**

George W. Bush won Republican presidential primaries in Virginia, Washington state and North Dakota, defeating John McCain; Vice President Al Gore crushed fellow Democrat Bill Bradley in Washington state. Six-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich. Sparky Anderson was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame along with Turkey Stearnes of the Negro leagues and 19th-century second baseman Bid McPhee.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Actress Michele Morgan is 84. Actor Arthur Franz is 84. Actor James Mitchell is 84. Actor Joss Ackland is 76. Actor Alex Rocco is 68. Former space shuttle astronaut Jack Lousma is 68. Actor Dennis Farina is 60. Actress Phyllis Frelich is 60. Actor Antonio Sabato Jr. is 32. Rapper Ja Rule is 28.

**Thought for Today:**

"There are many fine things which you mean to do someday, under what you think will be more favorable circumstances. But the only time that is yours is the present." — Grenville Kleiser, American author (1868-1953).

## Valuable prints found at Capitol

**The Associated Press**

FRANKFORT — While cleaning up the Capitol in December, crews took three pictures of blue jays and other birds off an office wall and stacked them out in the hallway with other undesired furnishings.

But building superintendent Donna Waldrum spotted them, and thinking they might have an interesting history, called David Clinkenbeard, acting director of the state Division of Historic Properties.

Turns out the prints are worth about \$17,000. And they do have quite a history.

Clinkenbeard said on Friday that the pictures are original Julius Bien prints made before the Civil War.

The prints are based on paintings by famous ornithologist John James Audubon,

Clinkenbeard said. Audubon lived in Western Kentucky during the early 19th century and two of his children are buried in Henderson.

Clinkenbeard said after Audubon's death, his sons began an "American Edition of Birds of America" with Bien, a New York printer. Bien transferred images from engraver Robert Havell's copper plates onto lithographic stones, then reproduced the subtleties of the original engravings. Havell had been engaged by Audubon years earlier to reproduce his series "The Birds of America."

The Bien edition of prints began in 1858, but production was brought to a sudden halt by the beginning of the Civil War. Only 150 plates were ever completed.

Three ended up on the walls of the Capitol.

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 Prestonsburg High School students Susan Webb, Tom Edward Britt and Mark Woods accepted rewards of \$25 for having perfect attendance during the month of February. A fourth student scoring perfect attendance, Jonathan Rohr, was in class at Garth Vocational school during the presentation but received his reward later in the school day.

# PHS awards attendance prizes

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Four Prestonsburg High School students were rewarded Friday afternoon for perfect attendance, taking home \$25 in cash each and a continued chance at winning the end-of-year attendance prize.

Organized by PHS official Carolyn Ford, the school has a monthly and weekly attendance incentive program. Friday's rewards were handed out to senior Jonathan Rohr, junior Mark Woods, sophomore Tom Edward Britt and freshman Susan Webb.

The school is currently running two attendance reward programs, including the program the four students were awarded Friday, which finds one student from each grade level at the high school who had perfect attendance, defined as being present for the entire school day, with what has been in the past a \$25 gift certificate, but was given in cash Friday.

Ford said the program is funded by local area businesses which donate the \$100 handed out each month through the school's family resource center.

But \$25 for perfect attendance each month, beginning

with the first this month and running until May, is not the only incentive the school is offering students.

At the beginning of the school year, PHS principal Ron Hampton accepted the keys to a Honda Accord donated from Layne Brothers Ford. The car stands as the top prize in the school's second attendance program.

The second program, that runs the course of the year, will see each student posting perfect attendance for the week added to a drawing. Under the guidelines, a student boasting perfect attendance for the entire year would have 56 chances at having his or her name drawn to win the vehicle.

# Study: Kentucky among top 10 gun-exporting states

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Kentucky is the No. 6 exporter of guns used in crimes in other states, according to a gun-control advocacy group.

The study by Americans for Gun Safety says 1,226 guns bought in Kentucky were traced to crimes committed in other states in 2001, the most recent figures available. Kentucky recorded 31 gun exports per

100,000 residents, the study said.

The study was based on statistics by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The top-ranked state in the study was Mississippi, which was the origin of 1,772 guns used in crimes in 2001, or 64 guns per 100,000 residents.

The advocacy group says gun traffickers use the so-called gun show loophole "to fuel the illicit market in guns." Federal law does not require background checks for guns sold by unlicensed dealers at the shows.

A spokeswoman for the group, Deborah Barron, said Kentucky and the other top 15 states on their list do not require background checks for buyers at gun shows.

Seventeen states require a background, license or permit to buy a firearm at gun shows. Kentucky is among the 33 states that do not. Last year, 43 gun shows were held in Kentucky.

"A gun purchased in Kentucky would easily go for lots of money in New York — a receiver state," she said.

Although there are no records

# Fletcher, Democrats show strain of budget, taxes

by CHARLES WOLFE  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — If Gov. Ernie Fletcher ever had a honeymoon with the General Assembly, it's over, at least with the Democratic majority of the Kentucky House.

Relations have been sorely strained by the combination of an austerity budget and Fletcher's desire to have Democratic leaders agree in advance to make profound changes in the tax code.

It all degenerated into acrimonious jawing last week, pitting Fletcher and his chief spokesman against House Speaker Jody Richards and Rep. Harry Moberly, powerful

chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

It was set off by House Democratic leaders thwarting Fletcher's request for a private meeting in which he hoped to learn whether the Democrats would play ball with him on a revision of the tax code.

Fletcher said he wants a "revenue neutral" revision that would raise some taxes, including the excise tax on cigarettes, while lowering others, including individual and corporate income taxes.

The Democrats, along with a delegation of House and

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## Play

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experiences the audience gets a ground zero view of life during a turbulent time that ripped at the fabric of the nation.

The dedication of White would have gone for naught had she not entrusted the role of Thompson to Louisville actress and writer Erma Bush. Bush does a wonderful job of breathing life into a person who audiences may otherwise never have known. She draws the audience

into Dinnie's world and achieves the difficult task of breaking the "fourth wall" by directly speaking to the audience. It's a moving performance and the perfect complement to White's inspired script.

The performance was funded by the Kentucky Humanities Council and groups who wish to see the show should contact them at (859) 257-5932.

## Stolen

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complaint filed by fellow Prestonsburg resident Clyde Bentley.

In a Feb. 13 complaint filed in Floyd Circuit Court, Bentley claimed that Blair visited his home along Tipping Road on the day before and was told to leave. Bentley said Blair left, but returned a short time later.

In was during this return trip that Bentley says Blair allegedly took "the inside of a transmission" from his garage and then left. Bentley claimed in his complaint that the piece of machinery cost well over \$300, for which a theft charge is then considered as a felony.

Blair is not set to appear in district court for formal arraignment until March 31. He will answer to the charges before District Judge James R. Allen.

## Revoked

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the name of Zetti Stumbo during the month of April 2002.

A plea arrangement led to a probated sentence of three years on each of the 12 counts, with each sentence running concurrently with all the charges against her.

According to the probation revocation order filed Thursday by Judge Caudill, Carroll violated her probation when she was arrested by KSP Trooper Scott Layne for second-degree burglary.

Additionally, the order says, Carroll was arrested last month for driving under the influence and for leaving the

scene of an accident. Her probation was also revoked because she refused to give a urine sample upon the request of jail officials.

Carroll will now serve the four-year sentence.

In addition to Carroll, Judge Caudill revoked probation for Wayland resident Ronnie D. Terry, charged with cultivating more than five marijuana plants.

With the promise of probation given to Terry in a plea agreement, he pleaded guilty to that charge in April of last year and was given a two-year suspended sentence.

Caudill revoked Terry's probation based on reports from the probation and parole office, which said that he admitted to using Oxycontin and that he possessed a firearm and ammunition, both of which violated the terms of his release.

The probation violation charge against Terry came about after he was indicted last month for trafficking Oxycontin and for being a persistent felony offender.

Both Carroll and Terry are incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center.

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# expression

Solitude: A good place to visit, but a poor place to stay.  
— Josh Billings

## GuestView

### Voting summit is important

There are many reasons why people don't vote, run for office or otherwise get involved in the democratic process, but the simplest explanation is, to be blunt, ignorance and apathy.

People don't know enough about how the government works and don't understand why they should care.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson has a plan to cure those ills, but it's a plan that will take generations to work and will be hard to gauge the success of.

So let's get started.

Grayson says the solution is to start young and build a lifelong interest in "civic literacy." This shouldn't be a haphazard and half-hearted effort but a formal part of Kentucky's curriculum, he says.

That's why Grayson is proposing a summit be held at Northern Kentucky University, using the school's new Center for Civic Engagement, to discuss the issue. The summit would evaluate and figure out a strategy for improving civic literacy programs in schools, then present a plan to implement that strategy to the state General Assembly before the 2005 legislative session.

Resolutions being considered in the state House and Senate would get the process started, and they'd also give the effort legitimacy.

There are numerous measures that show the need for such an effort, including a recent study that shows fewer than 40 percent of adults under age 24 voted.

One of the problems is that Kentucky schools don't require a government class for high schoolers, Grayson says.

The result is that often citizens of other countries have a better appreciation of American democracy than Americans do, says Laurie DiPadova-Stocks, the director of the center for civic engagement.

That concern is shared by the American Political Science Association, which two years ago created a standing committee on civics education and engagement.

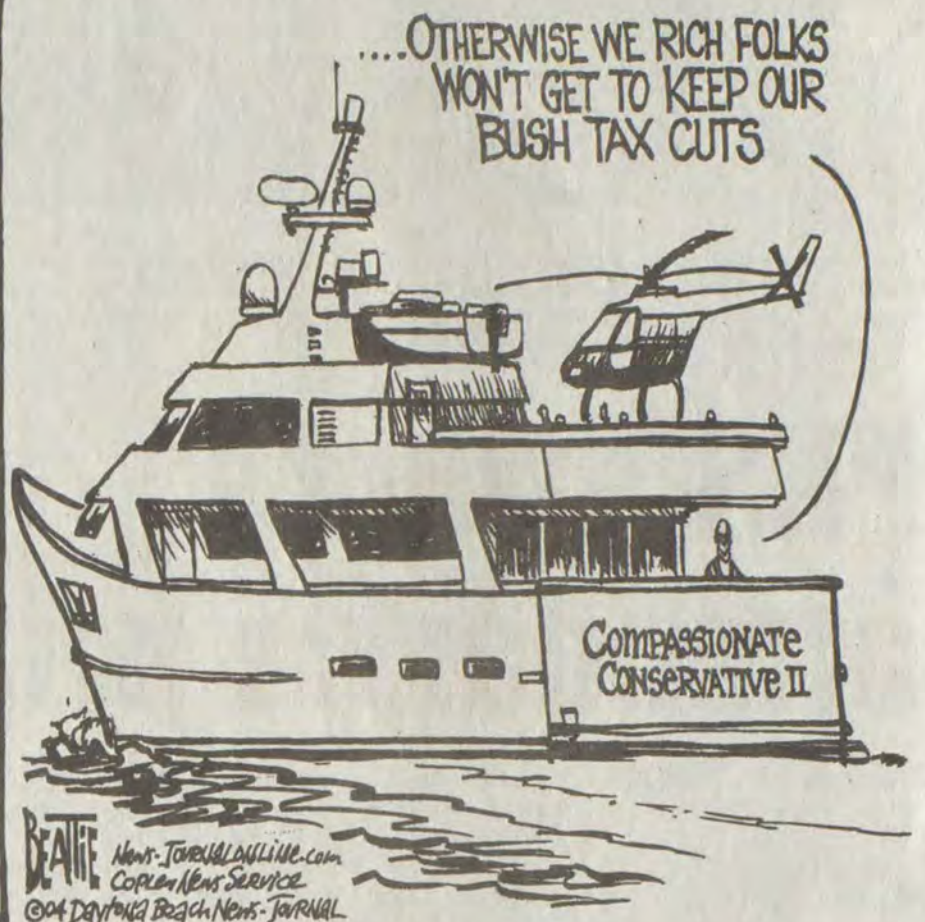
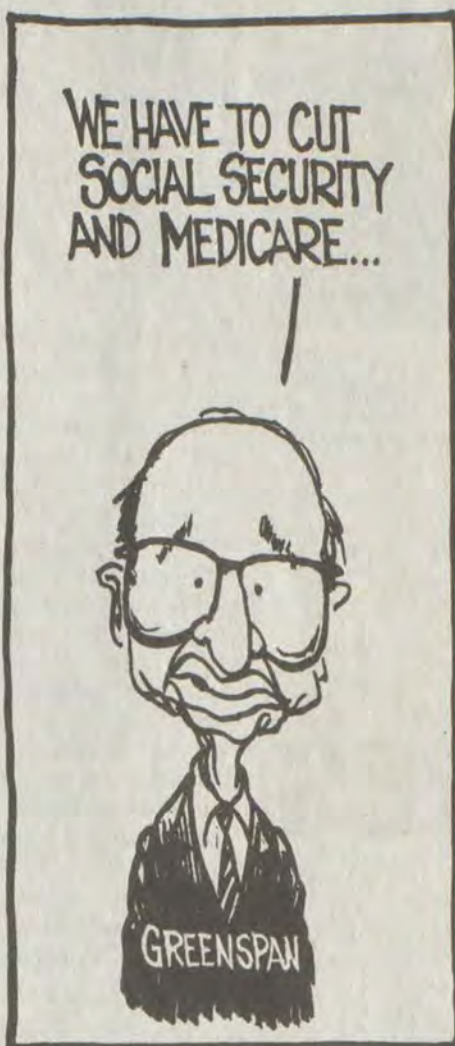
Some political scientists note that too often teachers and textbooks focus not on fostering an appreciation of our system of government but on critical analysis only. The result is massive distrust of government, alienation and apathy.

Low voting totals are an outgrowth of that apathy. That's why programs like Kids Voting are so important.

But it's more than just voting. It's also the notion of basic citizenship and connection to society, and that's why efforts like that proposed by Grayson need to happen.

We urge legislators to sign on to the summit immediately.

— *The Kentucky Post, Covington*



— Jim Davidson

### Have you lost your marbles?

One evening last week I said to Viola, "Honey, can I take you to Stoby's for breakfast in the morning?"

In her usual cooperative spirit she said, "Sure, I will be happy to go."

What she did not know at the time and won't until she reads this, is the reason I was motivated to take her. A few days before, a very thoughtful reader, whose name is Janet Williams, had sent me something titled, "1,000 Marbles — Something to Think About." This was an e-mail article that has been forwarded thousands of times to people across the country and, sadly, to me, was written by an unknown author. This article contains a very profound message about the priorities we place on our time and the fact that someday all of our time will be gone. This reminds me of W. Clement Stone's favorite saying, "DO IT NOW." The truth is, if we don't, it probably won't get done.

As I share this article, please think about your own life and what you have been doing with your precious time. In reality, have you just been busy or have you been doing things that really mat-

ter?

The emphasis here is on Saturday mornings and it begins:

"A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time ...

"Turning the dial up on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net, I came across an older sounding chap. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about a thousand marbles. I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say. 'Well Tom, it sure sounds like you have been busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well, but its a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week just to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital.'

"He continued, 'Let me tell you something, Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities.' And that's when he

began to explain his theory of a thousand marbles.

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on the average, folks live about 75 years. Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and came up with 3,900, which is the number of

Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was 55 years old to think about all this in any detail,' he went on, 'and by that time I had lived through over 2,800 Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be age 75, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy.'

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1,000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I've taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your

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### beyond the beltway

### Fond memories of the Reserves

by DONALD KAUL

I've been enjoying the saga of George Bush at War. Not this war, the war in Vietnam during which he served in the Texas Air National Guard and got good job ratings, despite the fact he wandered off to Alabama for a time and didn't attend meetings much. (I'd like those of you who believe he actually fulfilled his Guard requirements to send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I have some Enron stock I'd be willing to let you have — cheap.)

Not only have his explanations been amusing in and of themselves, they also brought back warm memories of my own service in the Naval Reserve at the tail end of the Korean War.

Some people thought I joined the Reserve to escape the draft, but they couldn't have been more wrong. Like Mr. Bush, I joined to serve my country in time of war. And I stood as ready to defend my home base in Ann Arbor, Mich., from sea attack as he was Alabama from a Vietcong air attack.

Ours was a typical college-based unit of that era. Most of us were students and our commander was a mathematics instructor who spent most of his drill time playing three-dimensional tic-tac-toe. The rest of us filled the hour or two studying Morse code, on the way to

becoming communications technicians (a task made more difficult in my case by my not being able to differentiate between dots and dashes). In our spare time we'd broaden our minds by reading the stories in a new literary magazine that had just been published. "Playboy."

I remember one roll call in particular when the commander upbraided a fellow for wearing blue suede shoes. The young man explained they were the only shoes he had that weren't brown. The commander accepted the explanation. It was a loose ship, but a happy ship.

I'll never forget the year we were sent to sea for our two-week summer duty. I was assigned to an "attack transport" and put on a gunnery crew. My job was to feed ammunition into an anti-aircraft gun.

On target-practice days the Navy would send a slow-moving plane trailing a red windsock past us and we were expected to hit it.

Except that our crew chief, whom we nicknamed Blinky, could never see the red sock until it had gone by. "There it is, there it is," we'd all be yelling and he'd be yelling "Where?" We never hit anything.

Still, such an exercise was the occasion for my signature moment in the Naval Reserve. One day as the target plane trolled majestically past us, I con-

fidently grabbed a clip of ammo out of its case and hoisted it to shoulder level, ready to jam it into the gun — at which point the shells, about the size of bananas on steroids, fell out of the clip and began bouncing around the deck.

Blinky was the first to respond. "Get that blankety-blank out of here before he kills us all," he screamed. From then on I was made to stand by the rail while the rest of the crew tried gamely to hit the almost motionless sock.

The war ended shortly after that and the zest, what zest there was, went out of the Reserve for me. My enlistment was almost over in any case and I looked forward to returning to civilian life full-time. Until, at the last minute, the Navy advised me it had extended my enlistment for another two years.

I thought that unfair. We had made a deal, and the Navy wasn't holding up its end. As a matter of principle, I stopped going to meetings. You either believe in the sanctity of a contract or you don't.

Two years later, they sent me my honorable discharge. So I'm not going to be critical of Mr. Bush's Air National Guard service. It was too much like mine. Neither would I lie about mine, though. That would be tacky.

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# Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

## Lent a time to become more Christlike

by FATHER BOB DAMRON  
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Many churches began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, the sacred season of Lent. For those churches that observed the sea-

son of Lent, Lent, which means springtime, is traditionally a six-week period of prayer, abstinence, repentance and alms-giving in preparation for Easter.

As the buds open on trees and the days lengthen, the spiri-

tual season of Lent calls for greater openness to God and a conversion in every area of our lives. It is a time to face the darkness within our lives and expose that darkness to the light of Christ. Lent is a special time

to confront the inner demons of our lives and expel them.

Lent is a time of returning to God. It is a time to confess how we keep looking for joy, peace and satisfaction in the many people and things surrounding us, without really finding what our hearts desire. Only God can give us what our hearts desire. So we must be reconciled with God, as St. Paul says, and let that reconciliation be the basis of our relationships with others. Lent is a time of refocusing our lives, of re-entering the place of truth and of reclaiming our true

identity as children of God.

As Jesus went into the desert for 40 days after His baptism in order to prepare Himself for His public ministry, so we go into the "desert" of Lent to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

During Lent, each person is given the opportunity to look truthfully at every aspect of his or her life and focus upon that part of that life which is not Christlike. During this sacred season, the aspect of our lives which is not filled with the presence of Christ is focused upon

and through prayer, Bible reading, penance and charitable love, the person begins to change that aspect of his life towards being more Christlike.

As some of us being Lent 2004, may God bless our Lenten endeavors, and may we awake Easter morning more Christlike in our words and actions than we were at Ash Wednesday (last Wednesday) when we began this sacred season of Lent.

## Women's health issues, changes in care focus of forum March 8

PIKEVILLE — When Mary Pauline Fox, M.D., graduated from medical school in the late 1950s, not only was she one of a few women licensed to practice medicine in the state, but she also had the distinction of being the first woman doctor in Bell County.

A pioneer in bringing the concept of family planning to the women of Eastern Kentucky, Dr. Fox became an advocate for women's health issues at a time when it was not uncommon for a

woman to have a dozen children or more with barely nine months between deliveries. Prenatal care was nearly unheard of. Infant mortality rates were high, and many women died in childbirth. Fueled by the knowledge that mountain women were literally dying from having too many children too quickly, Dr. Fox took her message to women at a time when family planning was neither a politically or medically accepted practice. Today, nearly five decades later, ask her

how medicine has evolved with respect to the fairer sex and she will tell you that "the greatest change in women's health care is women."

On March 8 Dr. Fox will be joined for a panel discussion on women's health issues by prominent cardiac surgeon Thomas A. Donohue, M.D., F.A.C.S., medical director of the Heart Institute at Pikeville Methodist Hospital (PMH), and Ethel Day, R.N., a longtime leader in the field of nursing.

Dr. Donohue will address changes in women's health care over the years relative to heart health. The American Heart Association has identified heart disease and stroke as the number one and number three killers of women. Among the disparities in women's heart health are differences in the symptoms of heart attack and stroke and

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## Kentucky nuns traveled 2000 miles to help start New Mexico school

by BERRY CRAIG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA FE, N.M. — Father Jean Baptiste Lamy, first U.S. bishop of the New Mexico Territory, needed Catholic teachers.

"I have 6,000 Catholics and 300 Americans," the French-born bishop was said to have pleaded in one of several letters he sent back East.

Seven nuns from Loretto were the first to answer his call. "The Sisters of Loretto traveled all the way by steamboat and the Santa Fe Trail," said Sister Susan Swain, a member of the Loretto Community in Englewood, Colo.

The 1851-1852 trek took 8 months and covered 2,100 miles. Only four sisters reached Bishop Lamy in Santa Fe, capital of New Mexico. "I just love our history," Sister Susan said.

That history began in the Bluegrass State in 1812, when the Sisters of Loretto started a school in Marion County for the children of Catholic settlers. The Loretto school grew into an academy, which lent its name to a town that sprouted around it.

"Today, Loretto, Ky., is best known as the home of Makers Mark whiskey," Sister Susan said. "But we were there first."

The Sisters of Loretto started west in September, 1851. The "great women permeated with the love of God" first traveled 900 miles by boat along the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

"Cholera broke out on the boat as they were traveling up the Missouri," Sister Susan said. Mother Matilda succumbed to the deadly disease, and two other sisters became ill.

Mother Matilda was buried on a Missouri farm near the river. The other sisters recovered and returned to Kentucky.

At Independence, Mo., the four remaining nuns left the boat for the storied Santa Fe Trail.

The old wagon road linked Independence with Santa Fe, 1,200 miles to the southwest.

"Traders, not families, traveled the trail," Sister Susan said. "The Sisters were the only women in the group that went with the traders to Santa Fe."

Indians sometimes attacked the wagon trains as they crossed remote, windswept prairie and sunbaked desert. But Sisters Magdalen, Catherine, Hilaria and Roberta, riding in a covered wagon, arrived safely in Santa Fe in May 1852.

The sisters opened a school for girls. They also donated \$30,000 of their inheritances to help build the Loretto Chapel, a Santa Fe landmark.

The stone chapel was completed in 1878. It was modeled after the historic Sainte Chappelle in Paris, loved by Lamy, who was a priest in Cincinnati before he went to New Mexico. Willa Cather's 1927 novel, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, was based on Lamy.

The Loretto Chapel is famous for its "Miraculous Staircase." The spiraling, completely unsupported flight of steps leads to the choir loft.

Apparently because of a design error, the chapel was built without choir loft stairs. Unsure what to do, the nuns prayed for nine days to St. Joseph, the father of Jesus and a carpenter, for someone to build the stairs. According to the story, a mysterious carpenter arrived on the ninth day.

He built the stairs without nails or glue, using only wooden pegs to hold them together. Afterwards, he vanished without seeking pay.

The identity of the carpenter is unknown. But records at the Loretto Community's Motherhouse at Nerinx, near Loretto, say he was an old, gray-bearded man who came with a donkey and a few simple tools.

## Rogers announces cancer initiative for southern and Eastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

SOMERSET — The University of Kentucky will oversee a new health care initiative that aims to increase survival rates from certain forms of cancer in southern and eastern Kentucky.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced the initiative Friday at the Center for Rural Development. He said it should help increase early detection and improve the quality of treatment, particularly for people who suffer from liver, lung, pan-

creatic and esophageal cancers. The university's Markey Cancer Center will help with the project's operation.

Rogers said the project received \$1 million in federal funding. The project is named "The Marty Dreisler Lethal Cancers Project" in honor of Rogers' former chief of staff, who died in November after a three-year battle with lung cancer.

"It was out of Marty's concern and dedication to helping others that this program was born," Rogers said.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Bradley S. Akers, 74, of Martin, died Wednesday, February 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin. He is survived by his wife, Rubestene Click Akers. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Opal Akers, 91, of Ligon, died Tuesday, February 24, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Virgil Bailey, 81, of Hippo, died Friday, February 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nola Boyd, 79, of Dana, died Thursday, February 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lola Faye Bryant, 64, of Allen Park, Michigan, formerly of East Point, died Tuesday, February 17, at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan, after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 22, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Betty Lou Hale Chaffin, 65, of Anchorage, Alaska, died Wednesday, February 18, at the Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Don L. Chaffin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Tincy Lafferty Crisp, 88, of Allen, died Saturday, February 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Ann Duff, 58, of Wayland, died Sunday, February 22, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Ronnie Duff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Connie Ray Hurd

Connie Ray Hurd, age 52, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, at Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

He was born May 24, 1950, at McCosbs, the son of the late Edgar and Josephine (Clark) Hurd. He was the husband of Linda (Hughes) Hurd, who survives.

He was a sign builder, for commercial business.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: Michael Hurd and Jason Hurd, both of Prestonsburg; and one daughter, Connie Thompson, of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Lonnie Hurd and Arthur Hurd, both of Prestonsburg; and Robert Hurd of Maytown; three grandchildren: John Thompson, Brandon Thompson and Amanda Lee Ann Thompson, all of Prestonsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 28, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, with Brother Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Clark Family Cemetery, at Johns Creek, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Richard Goble, 94, of Harrisburg, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, February 20, at Doctor's Hospital West, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Phil Hall, 53, of Galveston, died Thursday, February 19, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Anna Louise (Allie) Hall, 74, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, February 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Christy Ann Hamilton, 14, of Auxier, died Sunday, February 15, at her residence. She is survived by her parents, Francis Hamilton and Christine Goble. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

John Morgan Howard, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hill Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 14, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Opal Ola Vaughn Jarvis, 79, a native of Edgar, died Monday, February 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by her husband, William Henry Jarvis. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Dianne "Baby" Meade, 52, of McDowell, died Wednesday, February 25, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lee New, 70, of Allen, died Friday, February 20, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. He is survived by his wife, Debra Jervis New. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sarah Elizabeth Butcher Setser Newberry, 87, of Auxier, died Thursday, February 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Donna "Jane" Rigsby, 64, of Cutler Ridge, Florida, died Wednesday, February 18, at Larkin Community Hospital, South Miami, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Donald P. Rigsby. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ralph Eugene Stanley, 67, of Jeffersonville, died Tuesday, February 24, at Mary Chiles Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kathryn Steele Stanley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 27, under the direction of Herald & Stewart Home for Funerals.

Maggie Snyder, 81, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, died Tuesday, February 24, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Roderick Allen Wooten, 32, of Winchester, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 20, at Shelbyville, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Nicole (Underwood) Wooten. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24, under the direc-

tion of Burke Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Willard Adams, 66, a Johnson County native, died Monday, February 16, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ross (RJ) Castle Jr., 85, a native of Thealka, died Tuesday, February 17. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Sweeney Castle. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Janowiak Funeral Home.

Shafter Salyer, 74, died Monday, February 16, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Tera Ilene Evans, 65, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 17, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Ellis Evans. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

William Truman Peterman, 82, of Lawrenceburg, formerly of Firebrick, and a Lawrence County native, died Monday, February 16. Memorial services were conducted Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Ritchie and Peach Funeral Home.

James Howard "Sheepie" Queen, 82, of Louisa, died Sunday, February 22, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alice Ewers Queen. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Winnie Carter, 58, of Beauty, died Tuesday, February 10, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Presley Carter. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mable C. Hammond, 85, of Inez, died Wednesday, February 18, at J. J. Jordan Nursing Home, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Velma Hinkle, 78, of Milo, died Thursday, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Nathaniel Ray Hinkle, infant son of Eric and Amanda Sue Kirk Hinkle, of Inez, died Saturday, February 14, at University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Mable Sites Kelps, 78, of Tomahawk, died Saturday, February 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Steward Maynard, 48, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, February 18, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Cain Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James Ed Morrison, 56, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Inez, died Sunday, February 22, in Taylor, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Walter H. Salyers, 92, of Inez, died Friday, February 6, at his residence. He is survived by

his wife, Ruth Lorraine Honeycutt Salyers. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Mary Sparks, 75, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Monday, February 16, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Clyde Sparks. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Jean Webb, 77, of Lovely, died Sunday, February 22, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Pauletta Louise Whitt, 25, of Paintsville, formerly of Inez, died Saturday, February 14, at Hager Hill. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Callie Amburgey, 87, of Middletown, Ohio, formerly of Pinetop, died Wednesday, February 25, in Middletown. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Edgar "Little Ed" Campbell, 63, of Mousie, died Sunday, February 22, at McDowell ARH. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Hall Campbell. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Keith Sexton, 36, of Crab Orchard, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, February 16, at Berea Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lettie Hall Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

## Johnson County

Estalena Borders Blair, 93, of La Grange, died Friday, February 20, at Baptist Northeast Hospital, La Grange. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Danny Isom Grim, 47, of Flat Gap, died Friday, February 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Christine Gamble Grim. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Arbie Skerven, 80, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, February 18, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Anna Louise Blair. A private memorial service was held Sunday, February 22, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Maxine Gipson Craft, 68, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, February 17, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Goldie Keeton Gibson, 60, of Salyersville, died Saturday, February 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Curalene (Ritchie) Holbrook, 67, a of Salyersville, died Tuesday, February 10, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Pansy Carty Howard, 89, of Salyersville, died Friday, February 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted

Monday, February 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Daniel Minix, 29, of Salyersville, died Thursday,

February 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## Anti-price gouging measure passes House

### Anti-gouging bill passes House

FRANKFORT — A consumer protection bill passed the House Friday that would prohibit prices for basic needs such as food, gasoline and housing from being raised more than 10 percent during a state of emergency or national threat.

House Bill 471, sponsored by Rep. Tommy Thompson, D-Owensboro, is intended to protect consumers from excessively inflated prices, known as "price gouging," when the U.S. threat level is a "Red" or when a state

or federal emergency has been declared. Similar laws are in place in 25 states.

Violators could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a felony for two or more offenses, according to the bill. The legislation would, however, allow prices for these goods, or services such as repair work, to be increased by slightly more than the 10 percent limit if necessary to cover additional supplier, labor or material costs.

Thompson said consumers now have no protection in the law from price gouging during difficult times.

HB 471 "will" protect Kentucky families from those unscrupulous people who would try to take advantage of them in times of emergency," he told the House of Representatives. "It puts in place something that's missing today, and that is a system whereby families have some recourse."

HB 471 passed 91-0 and now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

## Study

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that show whether guns used in crimes came from gun shows, Barron said, 74 percent of crime guns trafficked across state lines in 2001 came from states that did not require background checks at shows.

But Ron Dickson, a promoter for the Great Eastern National Gun Day Show in Louisville, doesn't see the connection between gun shows and crime.

He said he has never seen any gun traced to his show in his 17 years as a promoter.

"Kentucky could very well be a trafficking state, but it has nothing to do with gun shows," Dickson said. "There are guns that sell for \$10,000 at the gun show. Do you think someone's going to traffic that?"

## Beltway

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

## Davidson

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time here on earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign off with you and take my lovely wife out to breakfast. This morning I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time. It was nice to meet you, Tom. I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 75 year Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning."

"You could have heard a pin drop when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss.

"C'mon honey, I'm taking you to breakfast this morning."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile.

"Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while were out? I need to buy some marbles."

As I read and pondered this article, it made me realize that my priorities had been wrong for a good part of my life, especially in those first 55 years. I've decided that in the future, if I can't take my wife out to breakfast, at least I can do the dishes. Did you know that no husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes?

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

## Health

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approaches to treatment. Dr. Donohue has performed more than 5,000 heart surgeries and, before coming to Pikeville, was president of the Lexington Clinic. He was also the chief heart surgeon at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington for 23 years.

Ethel Day is currently nurse administrator of continuing education at PMH and serves as clinical instructor of hospital education. She will discuss changes in the field of nursing respective to women's health care. Throughout her distinguished career, Day has held various positions, including staff nurse, head nurse and supervisor. She has received several accreditations from the American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council.

Dr. Fox will share her experiences as a physician and an educator and her unique perspective

as a former public health officer in Pike, Leslie, Knott and Perry Counties for 37 years. From the health department in Pike County that bears her name, to the numerous honors and awards upon which she has been bestowed, her lifelong passion for helping others helped to transform rural health care in this region.

The hour-long forum on women's health care is sponsored by the special events committee at Pikeville College in conjunction with Women's History Month. The event will be held on the college campus in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The community is cordially invited to attend. The forum will feature discussion from each member of the panel, followed by a question and answer session with the audience. For more information, call the Public Affairs office at Pikeville College at 218-5270.



# Fletcher pitches idea of new tax code to state Chamber

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher pitched his desire for a new tax code to one of the state's largest business groups Thursday night and said he hoped it would exert some influence on the General Assembly.

Fletcher has been guarded about most details of his concept but has generally described a code with lower or fewer taxes on businesses and individuals. He has said it would make Kentucky more attractive to entrepreneurs.

However, the Republican governor has been in a stalemate with Democrats who control the Kentucky House, where any tax legislation must originate.

Had the tax code been changed 10 years ago, "we would have had thousands of more jobs, and you look at the impact that would have had," Fletcher told a packed convention hall at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The audience included many members of the General Assembly.

"I'm looking at 10 years from now and thinking: What will Kentucky look like?" Fletcher said.

Afterward, Fletcher told

reporters he wanted to impress his goals upon the state Chamber. "I'd like to see some help from this organization" on a tax plan and some of his other legislative initiatives, Fletcher said.

Fletcher also defended his proposed budget, which he said was faithful to a campaign promise that he would not raise taxes. He says the new tax code he envisions would not increase tax revenue for at least the first year.

The austere budget for the two-year period that begins July 1 came on the heels of about \$300 million in spending cuts to avoid a deficit in the current fiscal year.

Fletcher said parts of his budget were "painful" but that it would put the state "on the right path to fiscal discipline."

With the top Democrat in the legislature, House Speaker Jody Richards, sitting at his elbow, Fletcher told the audience that House Democratic leaders had "walked away" from negotiations on a tax plan.

Richards later had his turn at the microphone and indicated that his colleagues had not ruled out legislation for a new tax code.

He said the General Assembly would have "quite possibly a revenue-neutral tax

package to consider" before the legislative session ends in mid-April.

Richards criticized Fletcher's proposed budget at length, especially its funding of education, which the governor insisted he has not cut.

The proposed budget, still being dissected by the House appropriations committee, would keep basic state funding of schools unchanged at \$3,191 per pupil in average daily attendance for another year. Base funding would be increased \$7 per pupil in the second year.

"To say that flat funding ... is not a cut is hard for me to understand," Richards said.

He noted that each meal served at the Chamber dinner Thursday night cost more than what Fletcher proposes as an increase in funding per pupil in the second year.

"When money is scarce, as it is now, we show our true colors," Richards said.

Senate President David Williams, a Republican who has been Richards' chief political rival in the legislature, gave a ringing endorsement of Fletcher's policies.

"This governor was elected to come to Frankfort and make some change, and it's change he's making," said Williams, who followed Richards at the

microphone.

Fletcher's 10-point victory over Democrat Ben Chandler in the governor's race, followed by Chandler's own landslide victory last week in a special congressional election after signing a no-tax pledge, proved that voters do not want higher taxes, Williams said.

People "don't believe state government has been a good steward of their tax dollars," Williams said, drawing prolonged applause.

"I don't think we're in a crisis in this state. The governor has given us a budget ... we can live with and can progress with," Williams said.

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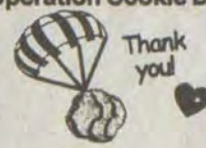
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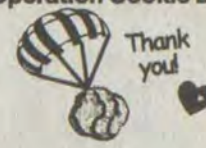
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# Casino gambling legislation introduced in both chambers

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislation to bring casino gambling to Kentucky was introduced Friday in both chambers of the General Assembly. Two ranking lawmakers immediately expressed doubts about its odds.

The legislation envisions nine casinos — five controlled by the state's horse tracks and four independent casinos elsewhere in the state.

House Speaker Jody Richards said he had a "moral problem" with allowing casino gaming. He also said the proposal would have a hard time mustering enough support with only one month left in the legislative session.

Senate President David Williams said he detected no support.

"There might be support that comes later," he said. "But I haven't had one person in the Senate come to me and talk about expansion of gambling at this juncture."

Supporters are pursuing a two-pronged approach.

First, they want to amend the state Constitution to allow for expanded gambling. A companion bill would allow licenses for nine casinos and create a gaming commission to regulate

them.

The House legislation was introduced by Rep. Larry Clark, the House speaker pro tem. Sen. David Boswell is sponsoring the Senate version.

The gaming commission would decide what games casinos would offer. The games could include poker, keno, blackjack, craps and roulette.

The legislation calls for casinos to be operated near the Ohio River and the Tennessee border. Independent casinos could not be opened within 25 miles of tracks licensed to operate their own casinos.

Clark, D-Louisville, said Kentuckians living far away from the casinos would share in the benefits. Clark has estimated that within five years, the casinos could generate more than \$400 million each year for the state. About 60 percent would go to education and Medicaid.

"We've tried to have something in there to let people know all over the state that they'll participate in the revenue sharing," he said.

Another \$2 million would be earmarked each year to treat compulsive gambling, Clark said.

Also, the non-track casinos would pay a fee — equaling 10

(See GAMBLING, page eight)

### Floyd County Clerk—Chris Waugh Income Statement YTD Actual 12 Period(s) Ending December 31, 2003

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES CONTINUED
<b>STATE FEES FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
Tax Bill Preparation 3,321.45	Fish & Game 13,813.75
Election Personnel Reimb. 15,790.50	<b>Taxes</b>
Registration of Voters 267.75	Delinquent Tax 62,554.33
Total STATE FEES FOR SERVICE 19,379.70	Legal Process Tax 18,267.76
<b>FISCAL COURT FEES FOR SERVICE</b>	Total Taxes 80,822.09
Tax Bill Preparation 3,321.45	<b>PAYMENTS TO FISCAL COURT</b>
Calculation of Taxes 6,084.00	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>
Board of Assessment 300	Tangible Personal Property 355,771.78
Board of Elections Commissioner 350	<b>Licenses</b>
Election Cost Reimb. 47,780.38	Occupational 934.85
Total FISCAL COURT FEES FOR SERVICES 57,835.83	Beer & Liquor 10,117.50
<b>LICENSES AND TAXES</b>	Total Licenses 11,052.35
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Taxes</b>
Licenses & Transfers 1,102,040.54	Delinquent 68,862.73
Usage Tax 3,509,541.09	Fire Acreage 264.23
Tangible Personal Property 2,745,673.89	Deed Transfer 36,821.55
Total Motor Vehicle 7,357,255.52	Total Taxes 105,948.51
<b>Licenses</b>	<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER DISTRICTS</b>
Fish & Game 14,162.75	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>
Marriage 15,973.50	Tangible Personal Property 1,350,349.68
Occupational 1,053.08	<b>Taxes</b>
Beer & Liquor 10,800.00	Delinquent 302,453.88
Total Licenses 41,989.33	Delinquent Taxes (Paid to Sheriff) 8,646.59
<b>Taxes</b>	Delinquent Taxes (Paid to County Attorney) 81,738.16
Deed Transfer Tax 40,121.50	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>
Delinquent Taxes 569,860.90	<b>Personnel Services</b>
Total Taxes 609,982.40	Official Maximum Compensation 72,860.50
<b>FEES COLLECTED FOR SERVICES</b>	Official Expense Allowance 3,600.00
<b>Recordings</b>	Deputies Salaries 430,594.29
Fixture Filings 1,574.00	Total Personnel Services 507,054.79
Releases (Mrtgs / Deeds) 20,485.00	<b>Employee Benefits</b>
Deeds, Easements, Contracts 25,713.00	Social Security 30,211.29
Real Estate Mortgages 65,520.00	Medicare 7,065.61
Chattel Mortgages / Financial Statements 121,302.00	Life and Health Insurance 29,228.32
Power of Attorney 2,324.00	Unemployment Insurance 3,088.26
Notary Bonds 3,380.00	Training Fringe Benefits (HB 810) 5,259.35
Property Bail Bonds 2,163.00	Total Employee Benefits 74,852.83
Wills 1,704.00	<b>Contracted Services</b>
Leases 2,191.00	Advertising 963.75
Articles of Incorporation 599	Imaging, Indexing & Internet Webs 1,616.39
Mechanics Liens & LIS Pending 9,610.00	Audit & Accounting 11,000.00
All Other Recordings 775.24	Tax Bill Preparation (PVA) 6,639.90
Total Recordings 257,340.24	Total Contracted Services 20,220.04
<b>Charges for Other Services</b>	<b>Supplies &amp; Materials</b>
Copy Work 2,453.31	Office Utilities 2,905.07
Postage 1,583.45	Office Supplies 26,081.97
Total Charges for Other Services 4,036.76	Office Expenses 3,671.07
<b>Other</b>	Total Supplies & Materials 32,658.11
Candidate Filing Fees 100.00	<b>Other Charges</b>
Miscellaneous Account 0.00	Conventions & Travel 2,640.52
Bank Interest Income 1,332.70	Fees, Dues & Subscriptions 3,130.00
Overage / Shortage (58.95)	Postage 13,739.02
Total Other 1,373.75	Errors & Omissions Ins. 1,425.57
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS 8,349,193.53</b>	Rental Fees 8,536.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	Lease Fees 28,690.20
<b>PAYMENTS TO STATE</b>	Election Expenses 47,780.38
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	Total Other Charges 105,941.69
Licenses & Transfers 843,197.68	Office Equipment 1,269.00
Usage Tax 3,412,138.95	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 8,239,126.72</b>
Tangible Personal Property 931,196.84	<b>NET RECEIPTS 110,066.81</b>
Total Motor Vehicle 5,186,533.47	

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Eleven founding members were recently inducted into the Alpha Lambda Pi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, a new academic honor society at Pikeville College. The international English honor society stresses the importance of linguistic and literary fields of study and promotes a love of reading and of writing. The society's motto is "Sincerity, Truth, Design." The group is sponsored by Katricia Cross, assistant professor of English at the College, and Brigitte LaPresto, Ph.D., professor of English and chair of the Division of Humanities. The students have several projects under way, including a book sale and a quilt raffle, and are making plans to attend the national conference in Daytona, Fla. New Sigma Tau Delta members include Amanda Rogers, president; Tiffany Williams, vice-president; Julie Rogers, secretary; Kerri Fletcher, treasurer; Jon Coleman, historian; Jennifer Shepherd, public relations chair; Mindy Fleming, activities chair; Alexis Blackburn, membership chair; Michael Pierson, membership chair; Mark Hankins, membership chair; and Billy Newsome, technical liaison.

## Ideas

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Senate Republicans, met privately with Fletcher on Wednesday. But they bailed out of a follow-up meeting on Thursday, opting instead to send Fletcher a letter that asked him to put a plan in writing and bring it before the appropriations committee in the coming week.

Fletcher declined. His communications director, Wes Irvin, said the governor thought the Democrats were "acting ... like children" and needed to exhibit some leadership. Richards said it was Fletcher who made "tax modernization" a major theme of his campaign and that he shouldn't be "timid or fearful" about defending it.

The House is collectively skittish about taxes. Regular sessions of the General

Assembly always occur in an election year for House members, who have two-year terms and who suspect constituents would remember the taxes that were raised, not those that were cut.

Democrats in the House are on heightened alert these days. Republicans took the governorship with Fletcher's election in November and have their sights on the House. The GOP already had taken control of the state Senate and the congressional delegation. It even picked off a pair of constitutional state offices for the first time since 1967.

Under the constitution, a tax bill must originate in the House. Democrats fear votes for passage would be exploited by Republicans in the Senate, especially the Senate's ambitious president, David Williams. Fletcher made a point of saying that he had secured a promise from the Senate that it would not use the tax issue as a "political club."

To further roil the waters, state Democratic Chairman Bill Garmer weighed in with a statement that Fletcher's plan would "substantially raise taxes on all Kentucky citizens to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy."

There is no legal connection between Fletcher's desire for a new tax code and the lean budget he has sent to the House because the budget is not predicated on any tax action. In fact, it is predicated on no tax action, meaning no tax increase, which was a Fletcher campaign promise.

Some think the budget is so bad that it improves Fletcher's chances of getting the General Assembly to do something about the tax code.

"Nobody is wanting to defend this budget," said Rep. Scott Brinkman, a Republican who has been involved in Fletcher's meetings on the tax code.

A lot of people want to attack it, however, most notably Moberly, the appropriations chairman.

He zeroed in last week on Fletcher's plan for education spending, accusing the governor of breaking a promise to eliminate enough "waste, fraud and abuse" in state government to ensure adequate funding of education.

Moberly also said Fletcher has used Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit as a shield. Fletcher has deflected criticism for a round of cuts in some education programs, including family resource centers and after-school services, by saying he followed Wilhoit's recommendation.

Wilhoit said he did recommend that cuts, if they had to occur, should be spread across all programs.

Rep. Jon Draud, a pragmatic Republican and, like Moberly, a fierce defender of education, said the onus is on the General Assembly.

The budget has been cut for the last three years, Draud noted, and former Gov. Paul Patton "offered to take the political hit" for a tax increase, but the legislature wasn't interested.

His passion is education, Draud said, but it is 62 percent of the budget. And if the state is staring at the prospect of a \$700 million or \$800 million deficit, "you have to cut education."

"I don't know that you can blame the governor for that," Draud said.

## Gambling

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percent of revenues — to support the thoroughbred industry, he said.

Owensboro has been among sites mentioned for a stand-alone casino.

Boswell, D-Owensboro, said it was time for Kentucky to respond to the competition from riverboat casinos along the Ohio River. The money spent by Kentuckians flocking to those casinos helps build roads and improve schools in neighboring states, he said.

Clark said Kentucky's budget woes will continue to worsen unless lawmakers find new sources of revenue. "If you think this budget ... is bad, 2006 is going to be terrible," he said.

Meanwhile, the legislation would give local leaders veto power over a casino proposed for their area, Clark said. Each proposed casino would require approval by the county governing body, he said.

"It protects the people in some counties that don't want casino gaming," he said. "Their

local people can control that issue."

For several years, Kentucky horse tracks have come up short in seeking the right to offer expanded gambling. This time, supporters need to recruit others that stand to benefit from casino gaming — including those in the hotel and tourism industries, Clark said.

Clark said the proposal also hinges on a commitment from Churchill Downs to operate a casino in downtown Louisville. Without it, "we will not pass the bill, it's that simple," he said.

Alex Waldrop, senior vice president of public affairs for Churchill Downs Inc., wouldn't comment on Clark's comment. Clark had intensive negotiations with the thoroughbred industry leading up to the legislation.

"While we may not agree on all points yet, we're confident that we can come to a resolution that works for the horse industry and the state of Kentucky," Waldrop said.

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**H.S. BASEBALL**

## Defending baseball champ Allen Central busy at work

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Defending 15th Region Baseball Champion Allen Central held its first practice of the 2004 season nearly two weeks ago. Allen Central has a new voice at the top of its program. When Ronnie Patton wasn't hired back as head coach, Craig Kidd, a member of last season's staff, was named to fill the top spot in the program.

The Rebel baseball team will be sharing the Stumbo Park field with Betsy Layne for home games this season.

"The lack of a regulation field near the school really puts us at a disadvantage," said Kidd.

"We are unable to take batting practice at Garrett due the short dimensions of the field. Nearly every kid can hit "bay shots"(Beaver Creek) at Garrett. The 250 feet down the lines and 358 feet dead center just won't contain our boys.

"It just takes too many balls to take batting practice at Garrett. The field is surrounded not only by Beaver Creek, but also by Route 80 in foul territory."

Even with some early obstacles, Allen Central still has some positives that have come out of early workouts.

"The first two week of practice have been very encouraging," said Kidd. "All of our guys came in with a high level of energy, enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn.

"In the months leading up to the first practice, I noticed that there was a spirit of excitement and anticipation developing with the guys. Everyone has been talking baseball up here. Hopefully, this will carry over into the season."

Allen Central has had a great deal of success over the past few years.

Last season was capped off with a regional championship.

"We had a sensational team last year," added Kidd. "I would attribute our deep pitching staff and senior leadership to our district and regional championships in 2003."

Unfortunately for the Rebel faithful, Allen Central lost seven seniors and doesn't have a returning player that pitched in the second half of the season last year.

However, Allen Central does return four players that started at key positions on the regional championship team.

Tyler Turner, the 2003 Floyd County Conference Player-of-the Year is back. He will anchor the Rebel pitching staff, provide loads of power at the plate, and give the team solid defense at third base.

Sophomore Nick Music is back, 15 pounds lighter, and much quicker than last season.

"Nick is a tremendous glove, he is going to give us some innings on the mound and is the spark plug on this team with his bat," Kidd noted.

Sophomore Justin Jacobs is also back. Jacobs is a talented hitter who hits for average and power. He will see time on the mound, various infield positions, and behind the plate.

Ryan Hammonds — one of the Rebel baseball team's two juniors — is back. Hammonds, a three-sport athlete, will play first-base, pitch at times and also see time in the outfield.

Sophomore Brock Kidd is back for Allen Central. He saw very limited playing time last year as the team's backup catcher to Dustin Hammonds and has dropped some weight for this season as

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**ON THE AIR**

## Coaches, one-time rivals, team up for radio show

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE —Two former rival basketball coaches are teaming up for a radio show scheduled to debut in March.

Joe B. Hall, the one-time coach at the University of Kentucky, and Denny Crum, the former coach at the

University of Louisville, will host The Joe B. and Denny Talk Show.

The broadcast is scheduled to debut on March 15 and air from 10 a.m. to noon. The show, which originate at Clear Channel Radio in Louisville, will run Monday through Friday. So far, two stations — one in Lexington and one in Louisville —

are on board, but more are expected to carry the show.

Modeled after the popular Wimp and Sonny Show, a Birmingham, Ala.-based program featuring former coaches Wimp Sanderson of Alabama and Sonny Smith of

(See RADIO, page two)



Joe B. Hall

PERFECT IN REGION, DISTRICT



file photo by Steve LeMaster

The quest for a return trip to the Girls' Sweet 16 begins this week for Betsy Layne. In the 58th District Tournament the Lady Cats will await the winner of the South Floyd-Piarist game.

# BETSY LAYNE ENDS REGULAR-SEASON ON WINNING NOTE

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The regular-season has come to an end for the Betsy Layne Lady Cats. Betsy Layne finished the regular-season Thursday night with a 61-46 win over the home-standing Pikeville Lady Panthers.

Betsy Layne junior Kristen Smith was out of action Thursday. She was out sick, but her teammates still took care of business.

Breann Akers stepped into the Lady Cat starting lineup and netted 12 points.

"Breann stepped in and we didn't miss a beat," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "Kim (Clark) had to run the point and Whitney (Lykens) stepped up to the two-guard and the girls played really good defense."

The backcourt duo of Kim Clark and Whitney Lykens led Betsy Layne in scoring with 16 points apiece. Kristal Daniels had eight points, eight blocks and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Pikeville (11-14) had to play from behind early. Betsy Layne led the host Lady Panthers 16-7 at the end of the

first period and 33-13 at halftime. Akers' team held Pikeville to 10 points or less in each of the first three quarters.

Tabetha Witt added three points for Betsy Layne. Kaitlin Lawson, Candice Meade and Samantha Hall netted two points apiece.

Shawna Howard led Pikeville with 13 points. Evin Shockey scored 11. Lawren McCoy and Samantha Howard chipped in seven each.

Magoffin County 64, Ashland 47:

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Lambuth ladies beat buzzer, Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Forward Kelly Logsdon pulled down a rebound and scored with four seconds remaining to push Lambuth University to a 48-46 win over Pikeville College on Thursday night.

Logsdon, a 6-0 junior from Louisville, was fouled on the play and missed the toss to keep Pikeville's hopes alive, but junior guard Crystal Burton pulled down the rebound and the Lady Eagles dribbled out the



Ashley Wireman

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Bears hold off Lamburth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 17 Pikeville College moved into a second-place tie in the Mid-South Conference regular-season standings with a 74-70 win over Lambuth University Thursday night.

The win put the Bears two games up on Cumberland with two games remaining in the regular-season schedule. The Patriots knocked off Campbellsville 65-59 Thursday night. Because the Bears have swept the Pats this season, they can be seeded no lower than third in the league tournament.

Pikeville (25-5, 5-3 in the MSC) will be home on Saturday afternoon when second-ranked Georgetown comes to call at 4 p.m.; the regular season ends on Friday when the Bears visit Campbellsville.

Lambuth (16-13, 2-6) went on a 7-0 run in the middle of the second half, ending when senior Antonio Rhodes scored on a layup with 8:34 left with the Eagles on top 59-55.

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## As Kentucky point guard, Hawkins catches Smith's ire, praise

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Cliff Hawkins

LEXINGTON — Cliff Hawkins says Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith no longer has to say anything to him to communicate. That can be a good thing and a bad thing, Hawkins said.

"He knows how to get your attention and he can just give

you a look and you know what you have to do," Hawkins said of Smith. "Over the years, I know what those certain looks mean."

Smith acknowledges that he's sometimes tougher on Hawkins than on other players, for two reasons — Hawkins is a senior and he's the Wildcats' point guard. Smith has alternately criticized

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Heather White was the lone senior Lady Blackcat honored Thursday night during Senior Night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. White scored 12 points against Pike Central. A staff report on the game appears inside today's edition.



# 2004 Bristol Motor Speedway Preview: Action-packed year lies ahead

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway officials have revealed the venue's complete 2004 schedule of events. New additions to the BMS calendar include the highly touted Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's American Outdoor Experience and a UARA Late Model event. The USAR Hooters ProCup Series also makes its inaugural visit to BMS.

As in the past, the Speedway's season kicks off

with the March NASCAR race weekend.

Charter Communications returns to the Bristol family of sponsors to back Charter Communications Pole Day, which will see practice and qualifying for the NASCAR Busch and NEXTEL Cup Series on Friday, March 26. NASCAR Busch Series drivers will take to the high banks on Saturday, March 27 in the Sharpie Professional 250. On Sunday, BMS will host the sixth race of the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series season, the

Food City 500. Food City also will host its annual Food City Family Race Night at MeadowView Conference and Convention Center in Kingsport on Thursday, March 24.

Bristol Motor Speedway welcomes a new event to the venue, June 11-13. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's American Outdoor Experience promises to be one of the nation's largest gatherings of its kind. Transformed into one huge outdoor expo, the RMEF's American Outdoor Experience

will utilize the entire acreage of Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway and will offer opportunities for the entire family and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages to partake in nearly every aspect of the outdoor sporting world.

In addition to experiencing first-hand the latest outdoor

sporting merchandise, such as shotguns, fishing rods and tackle, bows and arrows, camping equipment and hunting gear, individuals will find opportunities to try out a variety of offerings from the outdoor sporting world. Interactive displays will include shotgun, rifle and

archery ranges, rock-climbing walls; ATV and 4X4 test tracks and hands-on youth conservation learning activities. On display, visitors will find RMEF's Great Elk Tour, a display of

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## FISHING

# Where do the big fish swim?

## SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - The hottest places to fish last year in Kentucky were Lake Cumberland and farm or private ponds according to the results of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Trophy fish awards program.

Lake Cumberland produced more trophy striped bass, smallmouth bass and walleye than any other water body in Kentucky. Farm and private ponds led the state in producing trophy bluegill, channel catfish and largemouth bass.

By a wide margin, Lake Cumberland produced the most trophy striped bass entries in 2003. Out of the 22 striped bass entries in the Trophy Fish awards program last year, 21 came from Lake Cumberland including the three largest entries. Deloris Brock's 48-inch long, 40-pound, 2-ounce striped bass was the largest striped bass entered last year.

Lake Cumberland further accounted for 17 out of the 32 smallmouth bass entries while fished, next door neighbor Dale Hollow Lake produced four trophy entries. The two largest smallmouth bass entered last year from Lake Cumberland included Barry Bucciarelli's 24 and one-half inch, 7-pound, 4-ounce and James Settles' 24-inch, 7-pound, 11-ounce bronze-

backs. Five of the seven trophy walleye entered in 2003 also came from Lake Cumberland. The longest Cumberland walleye was James Settles' 32-inch plus fish that weighed 8-pounds, 4-ounces, yet, the heaviest was Walter Gaulke's 10.32 pounder from the Green River.

Most Kentuckians catch their first fish from a small farm or private pond, and it is usually a bluegill. Seven of the 13 trophy bluegill submitted last year came from farm ponds or private ponds. The largest bluegill submitted last year was a 1-

pound, 15-ounce trophy taken at a rock quarry in Jefferson County.

Largemouth bass are the most popular game fish in the state. Farm and private ponds accounted for six of the 10 trophy largemouth last year including the second heaviest, a 9-pounder from a farm pond in Boyle County. The top largemouth bass submitted last year, a 10-pound, 11-ouncer caught by Gregory Silcox, came from

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## Hawkins

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and complimented Hawkins at times this season, and Hawkins is used to receiving the brunt of Smith's ire when the Wildcats aren't faring well.

"It's been a long learning experience and I'm still learning," Hawkins said. "It's been tough. A lot is expected out of you and all the times you don't do what's expected out of you, you hear about it."

As he has throughout his career, Hawkins struggles with his shooting — he's hit 41.8 percent from the field this season and has a career shooting percentage of 40.4 percent. He's also been careless with the ball at times, committing five or more turnovers in a game five times this season.

Still, Hawkins has bailed out No. 9 Kentucky (20-4, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) on a handful of occasions this season. Smith and his teammates say Hawkins' improved play is a major reason the Wildcats have

won three straight games and are playing what Smith says is their best basketball of the season.

"He's the point guard," sophomore swingman Kelenna Azubuike said. "If he can get us into our offense effectively and distribute the ball well, that's definitely a plus for the team."

Hawkins' late 3-pointer at Tennessee got the Wildcats into overtime in a Jan. 20 game they eventually won 69-68. His 11-assist, no-turnover game against Arkansas on Feb. 18 was a primary reason for Kentucky's 73-56 win. At Auburn on Saturday, he scored eight of his 10 points during the final 5:14 as Kentucky closed the game with a 19-10 run en route to a 68-59 win. His 15-point, seven-assist outing helped Kentucky rout Tennessee 92-60 on Wednesday.

Hawkins was his usual understated self after the Auburn win, choosing not to take too much credit.

"It is good that I am able to set up the offense and see the open guys," said Hawkins, who is averaging 9.5 points and 5.2 assists per game as Kentucky prepares to play Sunday at LSU (17-7, 7-6). "I just want to do what I can to help the offense."

His teammates say that's just how Hawkins is.

"He's just being humble," junior forward Chuck Hayes said. "That's a sign of humility. As an athlete, you want to stay humble. You pat yourself on the back every now and then, but you know you always can improve."

Hawkins, a Dumfries, Va., product who played for two seasons at national high school hoops powerhouse Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., orally committed to New Mexico before a whirlwind recruitment by Kentucky, which was initiated after Hawkins' father called Kentucky's basketball office.

Hawkins averaged 11 minutes a game as a freshman before breaking into the starting lineup as a sophomore. Academic troubles — Smith said Hawkins "kind of took the spring off" from attending class — sidelined Hawkins for the first semester of his junior season, and by the time he returned, he'd lost his starting job. He adjusted to his sixth-man role and helped the Wildcats win 26 straight games en route to a 32-4 finish.

"One thing I appreciate about Cliff is how he has matured," Smith said. "He has really grown up a lot, and as a coach, that's what you want to see. He has gotten smarter, taken care of business in the classroom and has done the things he's supposed to on and off the court. He's going to be missed because he brings so much to the table."

## Bears

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But the Bears exploded for a 16-2 run, hitting four straight three-point baskets, including three by junior point guard Jarell Jones. When he hit a free throw with 2:17 remaining, the Bears were on top 71-61.

Lambuth didn't quit though and drew within two, 72-70, when Rhodes hit a layup with 20 seconds remaining. But senior guard Greg Davis sank two free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

Jones led four Bears in double figures with 17 points. He added four assists. Davis flipped in 14 and dished out five assists. Teon Knox and B.J. Townsend added 10 points each.

Knox, who had seven

rebounds, blocked four shots and added two assists. Junior Daniel Price led the Bears with eight rebounds; he also had seven points and three assists.

Lambuth got a double-double from senior Robert Liggins, who finished with 15 markers and 10 boards. Taurus Thomas had 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Rhodes and Ivan Bozovic scored 11 points apiece.

The Bears shot 50.9 percent (28-of-55) from the field and sank 9-of-20 (45 percent) from the arc. Lambuth, meanwhile, hit 41.3 percent (26-of-63) from the floor and were solid from the arc as well, connecting on 7-of-18 (38.9 percent).

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## Beat

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clock.

Lambuth (11-19, 3-6 Mid-South Conference) took a 46-39 lead — their biggest of the game — on a basket by Logsdon with 4:23 remaining. But Pikeville scored seven unanswered points and tied the game for the sixth time in the second half on a pair of free throws by junior Selena Williams with 30 seconds left.

After a timeout, Lambuth dribbled the clock down until running the game-winning play.

Neither team shot the ball well at all. Lambuth won despite hitting only 28 percent from the floor thanks to holding Pikeville to only 26.9 percent. The Lady Eagles also missed five of their six tries from the free-throw

line.

Pikeville (11-20, 0-9) was led by freshman Ashley Wireman with 13 points and 10 rebounds, one of two Lady Bears with double-doubles and three who reached double figures in rebounds.

Williams had 11 points and 10 rebounds, while junior Amelia Cody crashed the boards for 17 caroms.

Lambuth was paced by senior Jessica Paschall, who finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. She was the only player in double figures; Logsdon added eight and shared rebounding honors with Burton's nine.

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well.

He's gone from one of the slowest players on the team to one of the fastest players on the squad. He's a student of the game and will be a solid glove and arm behind the plate. By all indications thus far, his bat is going to be big. He will also turn in some innings on the mound.

Sophomore Josh McKinney is also back. One of the team's top pitchers, great contact hitters and very reliable in the field, McKinney will play at times this season nearly every position in the field.

Ramon Spurlock also returns for the Rebels. He saw some

action last season at designated hitter. Spurlock packs a powerful bat and is solid glove in the outfield. He will also see some time behind the plate during the upcoming campaign.

In addition to a talented group of sophomores, juniors and seniors, Allen Central will also have on its roster some talented freshmen and junior high contributors.

Dale McKinney, Johnny Hall and Jon Hall, standout player from last season have been named to the Allen Central baseball coaching staff.

"Dale brings loads of baseball knowledge and enthusiasm to

our team and will likely be our third base coach," said Craig Kidd. "He also very connected to the Reds organization. That tie has already benefited our pitchers. Dale arranged a private workout with former Major-League pitcher and Reds and Fox Sports Ohio announcer Chris Welsh in the Reds medical and rehab facility in Cincinnati. This complex is equipped with operating and rehab rooms along with a full indoor field with pitching and hitting stations."

"Johnny Hall is a brilliant baseball mind and brings a great understanding of pitching to our team. He's our pitching coach and my bench coach. He brings a great set of eyes for the field to the dugout. Johnny and I have known each other since we were both toddlers."

"Jon Hall is taking a year off from baseball to focus on college but he will resume his baseball career at Alice Lloyd in the fall. He brings a wealth of knowledge to our team and is our defensive coach. He will likely be our first base coach. His layoff from baseball was a perfect fit for our team."

Allen Central will play a challenging schedule made up of the top teams in the 15th Region as well as the likes of Knott County Central, Middlesboro, Lawrence County and others.

Allen Central will also play host to the 58th District Tournament.

"We don't have the power that we've had in recent years but we've got a lot of contact hitters," said Kidd. "I have guarded enthusiasm and optimism about this team. I think we can be very good. Youth is our biggest unknown. Most of these guys have played a lot of ball together, though."

"It's a very exciting time for Allen Central baseball and I know I speak for all of the coaches when I say we feel very fortunate and blessed to be associated with such a great group of guys. We are all looking forward to a very fun and successful season."

## Radio

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Auburn, Hall and Crum intend to mix good-natured banter and experienced insight.

"We're just going to have some fun with it," Hall, 75, said. "I don't do anything I don't have fun with."

Crum, who turns 67 on Tuesday, noted the knowledge he and Hall can give listeners.

"There's so many misconceptions out there," he said. "We have a lot to share and give."

Hall and Crum, who combined for 1,048 victories as coaches, plan to use their contacts and friendships to bring on many guests from basketball. Crum was certain that John Wooden, for whom Crum worked for as an assistant at UCLA before going to

Louisville, will make an appearance.

"All I've got to do is call him," Crum said.

It's too early to say how much Hall and Crum will be paid, said Dick Robinson, a Lexington businessman who helped launch the program.

But Smith noted that he and Sanderson are handsomely compensated. "Six figures, put it that way," he said.

An appearance by Hall on the Wimp and Sonny Show this winter sparked the idea of a show featuring the former UK and U of L coaches.

As Hall sat in a Lexington drugstore booth talking to Sanderson and Smith on the phone, Robinson sat across the table writing on a napkin. He then showed his writing — "Joe B. and Denny Show" — to Hall. "He smiled," Robinson said.

About three weeks ago, Robinson, Hall and Crum met with officials of Clear Channel. Enough stations on the networks run by Clear Channel, UK and U of L signed on to set the March 15 launch date.

"This isn't a Louisville-against-Kentucky show," Crum said. "This is the ex-Louisville coach and ex-Kentucky coach coming together and sharing what they know."

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Magoffin County broke open a tie game Thursday night and went on to beat Ashland convincingly.

Calloray Howard led Magoffin County with 17 points. Ashley Howard netted 14 and Savannah Howard flipped in 10.

The third quarter was Ashland's ultimate demise. The Lady Hornets outscored Ashland 18-5 in the third frame.



# Sports jinxes are like opinions; everybody has one

by JIM LITKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Sports jinxes are like opinions.

Just about everybody has one.

We're not talking about run-of-the-mill superstitions, like ballplayers turning their caps inside-out to conjure up late-inning rallies, or even wearing the same underwear day after day to extend a hot streak at the plate.

No, to qualify as a real jinx, somebody has to invest serious time and money to get out from under it, and invite serious clucking from the rest of a skeptical world, the way Thursday night's ballyhooed obliteration of the "Bartman ball" has.

Such curses aren't limited to Chicago or baseball, of course.

The so-called "Sports Illustrated cover jinx" — which the magazine claimed two years ago had resulted in "a demonstrable misfortune or decline in performance following a cover appearance roughly 37.2 percent of the time" — has felled more golfers and tennis players by far than any other group of athletes. And though the consequences are much less serious, appearing on the front of a Campbell's Chunky Soup can in recent years has become the NFL equivalent of turning up on the side of a milk carton.

Still, nobody does curses better than baseball. When he was running the Philadelphia Athletics at the turn of the last century, Hall of Fame baseball manager Connie Mack hoped to ward off a spell of bad luck by employing a hunchback named Louis Van Zelst as a mascot. For three years running.

And sometime this spring, in a bid to reverse the Curse of the Bambino, world-renowned salvage expert John Fish will troll the mile-long Willis Pond in Sudbury, Mass., in hopes of dredging up a piano that legend has it was put there by Babe Ruth in a fit of pique the year before he was traded to

the Yankees.

"And this time," said Eloise Newell, whose group has been behind two previous attempts, "we'll either find the piano or run out of lake trying."

Newell is the director of the Restoration Project, a rehabilitation program for adults with mental illness based in Sudbury, that hopes to use the publicity to shed some of the stigma attached to her cause. She may be a firm believer in science, but she is also a Red Sox fan.

"They've had some spectacular 11th-hour losses," Newell said. "We believe a major component of success is to be able to visualize yourself crossing the finish line. And getting that piano out of the lake would remove one very big obstacle."

Whether the destruction of the beginning of the Cubs' end in last season's NL playoffs has the desired effect remains to be seen. But there's no denying that the people behind it invested some serious time and expense.

Grant DePorter, who paid \$113,824.16 for the ball at a

December auction on behalf of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, has lined up three hours of music, comedy and celebrity appearances leading up to the climactic event. Its end will be choreographed by Michael Lantieri, a die-hard Cubs fan and Oscar winner who wrecks things for a living and has worked on such movies as "Jurassic Park."

Lest anybody feel too sorry for the baseball, know that it spent Wednesday touring the city and Wrigley Field one last time, then retired to a hotel suite where a last supper of steak, lobster and an ice-cold Bud was set out. But there was no chance of a last-second reprieve.

"What would happen if we didn't destroy it and some Marlins' fan got a hold of it?" DePorter said. "What if someone used it to psych out the Cubs next year? No, it's got to go."

A rational man might pose the same question, consider the time and expense already invested, and arrive at a completely different answer. But that's almost beside the point. Cubs and Red Sox fans —

and everybody else who's ever believed in a curse — already know there are perfectly reasonable explanations for why things turn out the way they do. Statisticians explain away the centurylong championship droughts experienced by both ballclubs in terms of probability, and psychologists view repeated failures to deliver in the clutch as nothing more mystical than a very human failure to deal with pressure and the burden of heightened expectations.

What's easy to forget the longer such droughts continue is a very basic fact. Success in any endeavor, no matter how often or how little it graces a particular athlete or team, is the exception rather than the norm. Winning is, and always will be, a happy confluence of talent, timing and luck.

An entire metropolis will ignore those verities for at least one more night, but it's a sign of progress that nothing more important than a baseball will be sacrificed to provide peace of mind. Besides, sooner or later, those fans will have to face up to the reality laid out by one local columnist

who pleaded for the ball to be spared:

"If the glove doesn't fit, you have to acquit."

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# ALC men's team ends season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BRISTOL, Va. — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team had a long, strange season. The season came to an end Wednesday. The ALC men made a respectable showing at the AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference) Tournament, but still came up short. Virginia Intermont College eliminated Alice Lloyd by winning 67-62. Alice Lloyd's Shannon Akers had a three-point attempt blocked that would have tied the score at 65.

Virginia Intermont got 21 points and 10 rebounds from Jeremy Boykins. Chris Wise added 12 points and five rebounds. Tyrone Sanders

scored eight points and Patrick Glenn added seven.

Alice Lloyd held a 34-31 lead over the Cobras at the end of the first half. Virginia Intermont won the rebounding battle, out-rebounding Alice Lloyd 39-32.

Matt Spencer led Alice Lloyd with 16 points. Jimmy Stumbo and Ryan Shannon had 11 points apiece. Jeremy Daniels finished with 10 and Akers tossed in eight. Jason Knott and Chris Hurt scored four and two points, respectively.

The Virginia Intermont defense recorded 27 defensive rebounds, seven steals and four blocks.



Jeremy Daniels



Jimmy Stumbo

## COMMENTARY

# Boone back to Cincinnati?

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Just three months!

That was the extent of the stay for one Aaron Boone, who was traded from the Cincinnati Reds to the New York Yankees during the Reds fire sale last fall.

Wednesday, New York announced they were giving Boone an unconditional release meaning that Boone could sign with any other major league club — including the Reds. However, the Yankees have indicated to Boone that once his injury has healed 100 percent, they would like to bring him back to the club.

Boone, who suffered a sea-

son-ending injury during a basketball game this winter, violated a clause in his contract with the Yankees. That, and the fact the Yankees signed Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers and moved him from his normal position at shortstop to third base, made Boone expendable.

Cincinnati had indicated they had an interest in talking with Boone of the possibility of returning to the Reds in 2005. The Reds are in dire need of a dependable third baseman and Boone would fill the void.

Boone's biggest hit of his major league career had to be the pinch hit home run that clinch the pennant for the Yankees against the Boston Red

Sox. MEANWHILE... The University of Kentucky can clinch the SEC east division with a victory over the Bayou Tigers of LSU today in a 4 p.m. tip off. However, the Wildcats still trail Mississippi State by a game as the SEC's top team. The Cats assured themselves of no less than a two-seed in the upcoming SEC tournament. Here is hoping they find themselves in a bracket opposite of Georgia, South Carolina and a home game against Florida await the Cats the last week of the schedule.

Now that we have seen a little more of Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas, I like both of them. I think Perry will be an outstanding basketball player for UK and Thomas is a big man on the boards. He is a lot like Chuck Hayes as a freshman. The two twin-towers are still struggling.

Orbutz cannot catch the ball and is pitiful around the boards as far as rebounding goes. I look for Alleyne to red shirt after this season, opening another scholarship for UK to use and we know who will get that one, Joe Crawford.

The Cats have some good recruits coming next season — all guards — and should get immediate help from a couple of them. But the presence of Eric Daniels will be sorely missed next season.

Well, our favorite time of the year is just over the horizon as the boys state tournament looms big, the SEC tournament, seeding day for the NCAA and finally the NCAA tournament. Wow! Should be great! Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## Lies

awe-inspiring bull elk, and Bass Pro Shop's Legendary Bucks Tour. Also, a variety of outdoor sporting celebrities will conduct seminars and offer instruction.

Racing returns to BMS with a Wednesday night doubleheader featuring the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series O'Reilly 200 and the USAR Hooters ProCup Food City 150 on August 25. In 2003, series champion Travis Kvapil won the first truck race at Bristol since 1999. The Food City 150 marks the Bristol debut of the USAR Hooters ProCup Series.

On Thursday, August 26, the NASCAR Busch Series takes to the concrete for practice and qualifying on Bud Pole Day. Friday, August 27, will see plenty of on-track activity with NASCAR NEXTEL Cup practice and qualifying, as well as the Food City 250 NASCAR

Busch Series event under the Bristol lights. NASCAR fans' most popular race, the Sharpie 500, returns on Saturday, August 28, as NEXTEL Cup drivers battle it out in front of a sold-out crowd of 160,000.

The Speedway Children's Charities Golf Tournament (August 23), Blue Lizard NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Transporter Parade, Food City Family Race Night and the Eastman Motorsports Club Speedway Children's Charities Auction will accompany the on-track action during the increasingly popular August race week.

The UARA-STARS Series makes its inaugural visit to Bristol Motor Speedway, bringing with it plenty of grass roots Late Model short track racing action in September. The Late Model wranglers will practice

on Friday, September 24. Saturday will see qualifying, heat races and a feature under the lights.

Bristol Motor Speedway gears up for the holidays with a third season of the York Ice Skating Rink. The rink opens on November 2, and will provide skating fun through February 6, 2005.

Bristol Motor Speedway's annual holiday light spectacular, Speedway In Lights Powered by TVA, caps off the 2004 schedule of events. The Southeast's most popular holiday light show opens on November 19 and runs through January 8, 2005. The event serves as the chief fundraiser for the Bristol Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities.

For more information on Bristol Motor Speedway events, please call 423/764-1161.

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## BASEBALL

# BASEBALL: HAP Little League to hold signups

HAP Little League signups will be held on March 7 in the Dome at Betsy Layne. Signups and tryouts will be held March 20-21 for all new players from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday (March 20) and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Allen Park.

Players ages 5-14 are eligible for baseball. Girls ages 9-12 are eligible for softball.

Signup fees will be \$25 for the first child, \$15 for the second child and \$10 for each additional child.

All returning players need to register once again, but do not have to tryout.

There are coaching positions available for coach-pitch as well as the junior league division.

For more information contact Mindi Watson at 478-1482 or Drema Case at 478-2953.

## Beaver Creek Little League signups

Beaver Creek Little League signups will be held on March 6 and March 13 from noon until 2 p.m. each day. Another signup will be held on March 20 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Martin Community Center.

The league will also conduct signups for girls' softball on the same dates. For additional information, contact Sarita Jacobs at 285-0668, Rodney Nelson at 285-4230 or Debi Bentley at 285-5070.

## Fish

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Kentucky Lake.

One other intensely pursued fish at farm or private ponds is channel catfish because of their taste and willingness to bite. These waters yielded nine of the 14 trophy channel catfish. The best catch, a 35-inch, 17-pound channel cat, was landed by Brian Delk from a Hardin County pond.

The largest river in the Bluegrass State holds the most of the largest type of catfish. Eight of the 11 trophy blue catfish, submitted last year, came from the Ohio River. Top in this category was a 46-inch, 50-pound blue taken by Louisville resident James Mivalez. The Ohio River also proved a hot spot for hybrid striped bass. Sixty-eight of the 88 entries for trophy hybrid striped bass came from the Ohio River, but the largest, a 30-inch, 12-pound, 8-ounce hybrid caught by Brett Kendrick, came out of Fishtrap Lake.

New State Record Fish Caught in 2003 Denny Hatfield of London, Kentucky caught the new state record river redhorse out of the Rockcastle River on September 20, 2003. The fish weighed 9-pounds, 1-ounce with a length of 26 inches and a girth of 16 inches.

Hatfield was still-fishing a worm on 8-pound line when the record fish struck.

Jon Hoover of Louisville fished a private pond in Jefferson County on July 21, 2003. He was casting a Shad Rap crankbait when the new state record warmouth hit. That fish weighed 1-pound, 6-ounces. It measured 10 and three-quarter inches long with a girth of 11 and one-half inches. For complete information on Kentucky's state record and trophy fish recognition programs, consult the 2004 Kentucky Sport Fishing & Boating Guide, available at all fishing license outlets in the Commonwealth.



photos by Jamie Howell

P'burg sophomore Meaghan Slone (4) scored a game-high 24 points in Thursday night's loss to visiting Pike Central.



Darcey Hicks put up a shot in heavy Pike Central traffic.



Senior Heather White played her final regular-season game as a Lady Blackcat Thursday night. She finished with 12 points.

# Ratilff, Lowes vault Pike Central over P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg led visiting Pike County Central 33-27 at half-time Thursday night, but was outscored in each of the final two periods. Pike County Central outscored Prestonsburg 20-13 in the final period and went on to beat the host Lady Blackcats 67-61.

Haley Ratilff paced Pike County Central (16-10) with 20 points. Paige Lowe scored 17 and Kayla Lowe added 11.

Rachel Miller scored 10 points, giving Pike Central four players in double figures points.

Freshman Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg (12-14) with a game-high 24 points. Darcey Hicks scored 15 and Heather White, who was honored prior to the start of the game during a Senior Night recognition, scored 12.

Pike Central led Prestonsburg 14-11 at the end of the first period and regained its lead later in the third quarter.



# DISTRICT TOURNAMENT BASKETBALL

## ROAD TO STATE

### NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 17-20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The complete bracket is also posted at [www.khsaa.org/basketball](http://www.khsaa.org/basketball).

Rupp Arena, Lexington • All Times Eastern & Local to Site  
 Wednesday, March 17  
 Region 10 vs. Region 12, 12

p.m.; Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30 p.m.  
 Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30 p.m.; Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 18  
 Region 1 vs. Region 9, 12 p.m.; Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 p.m.  
 Region 14 vs. Region 16, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

### HOUCHENS/KHSAA GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 24-27 at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. The complete bracket is posted at [www.khsaa.org/basketball](http://www.khsaa.org/basketball).

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Local to Site  
 Wednesday, March 24  
 Region 8 vs. Region 6, 12 p.m.; Region 12 vs. Region 9, 1:30 p.m.

Region 11 vs. Region 14, 6:30 p.m.; Region 5 vs. Region 10, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 25  
 Region 13 vs. Region 2, 12 p.m.; Region 15 vs. Region 16, 1:30 p.m.

Region 1 vs. Region 7, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 vs. Region 4, 8 p.m.

through ticketmaster.com. At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale through the KHSAA.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

### NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications to apply for one

of the National City Sweet 16 scholarships is next Monday, March 1. In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recognized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website.

### 2004 57th District Girls' Basketball Tournament

#### Magoffin County

Mar 1 at Magoffin County

Sheldon Clark

#### Paintsville

Mar 1 at Magoffin County

Johnson Central

Mar 4, 7:00 PM at Magoffin County

### 2004 59th District Girls' Basketball Tournament

#### Shelby Valley

Mar 1 at Pikeville

East Ridge

Mar 3 at Pikeville

Pikeville

Mar 5 at Pikeville

### 2004 60th District Girls' Basketball Tournament

#### Phelps

Mar 2 at Pike Central

Belfry

Mar 4 at Pike Central

Pike County Central

Mar 6 at Pike Central

## WYMT Mountain Top Ten

### GIRLS' TOP 10

1. Perry Central
2. Whitesburg
3. Rockcastle County
4. Jackson County
5. Pulaski County
6. South Laurel
7. Betsy Layne
8. Corbin
9. Leslie County
10. Belfry

### BOYS' TOP 10

1. Hazard
2. Perry Central
3. Breathitt County
4. Morgan County
5. South Laurel
6. North Laurel
7. Clay County
8. Cawood
9. Shelby Valley
10. Barbourville

### 15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	19-6
East Ridge	19-7
South Floyd	17-10
Sheldon Clark	15-9
Johnson Central	14-12
Pike County Central	13-13
Allen Central	12-12
Betsy Layne	10-14
Belfry	10-14
Prestonsburg	10-15
Pikeville	8-18
Paintsville	5-15
Phelps	5-19
Magoffin County	2-20

### 15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Betsy Layne	22-6
Belfry	16-8
Pike County Central	16-10
Allen Central	16-11
Magoffin County	14-11
Prestonsburg	12-15
South Floyd	12-16
Sheldon Clark	11-11
Pikeville	11-14
Paintsville	11-14
East Ridge	10-11
Shelby Valley	8-13
Johnson Central	6-17
Phelps	6-17
Piarist School	2-18

Note: Games played this past Friday and Saturday are not included in records.

### STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling 859/299-5472 or by ordering online at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org) or

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#### Boys' state basketball poll

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Mason County
3. Fern Creek
4. Wayne County
5. Elizabethtown
6. Pleasure Ridge Park
7. DeSales
8. Seneca
9. Warren Central
10. Daviess County
11. Covington Catholic
12. Scott County
13. Henderson County
14. Hazard
15. Perry County Central
16. Hopkinsville
17. Jeffersonstown
18. Boone County
19. Apollo
20. Clay County
21. Owensboro Catholic
22. South Laurel
23. Male
24. Bishop Brossart
25. George Rogers Clark

#### Girls' state basketball poll

1. Sacred Heart
2. Henderson County
3. Christian County
4. Elizabethtown
5. Jackson County
6. Rockcastle County
7. Lexington Catholic
8. Daviess County
9. Scott County
10. Mercy
11. Marshall County
12. Newport Central Catholic
13. Central Hardin
14. Perry County Central
15. Clinton County
16. Henry Clay
17. East Carter
18. Butler
19. Pulaski County
20. Whitesburg
21. Mercer County
22. Boone County
23. Monroe County
24. Harrison County
25. Louisville Christian

### 2004 57th District Boys' Basketball Tournament

#### Johnson Central

Mar 2, 7:00 PM at Magoffin County

Magoffin County

#### Sheldon Clark

Mar 3, 7:00 PM at Magoffin County

Paintsville

Mar 5, 7:00 PM at Magoffin County

### 2004 59th District Boys' Basketball Tournament

#### Pikeville

Mar 1 at Pikeville

Shelby Valley

Mar 3 at Pikeville

East Ridge

Mar 5, 7:00 PM at Pikeville

### 2004 60th District Boys' Basketball Tournament

#### Belfry

Mar 2 at Pike County Central

Phelps

Mar 4 at Pike County Central

Pike County Central

Mar 6 at Pike County Central

### 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament

#### South Floyd

Tue. March 2  
8:15

Prestonsburg

#### Allen Central

Wed. March 3  
8:15

Betsy Layne

Fr. March 5  
7:00

Champion

### 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament

#### Betsy Layne

#### Betsy Layne

Tuesday  
March 2 - 6:30pm

#### Piarist

Monday  
March 1 - 6:30pm

#### South Floyd

#### Allen Central

#### Allen Central

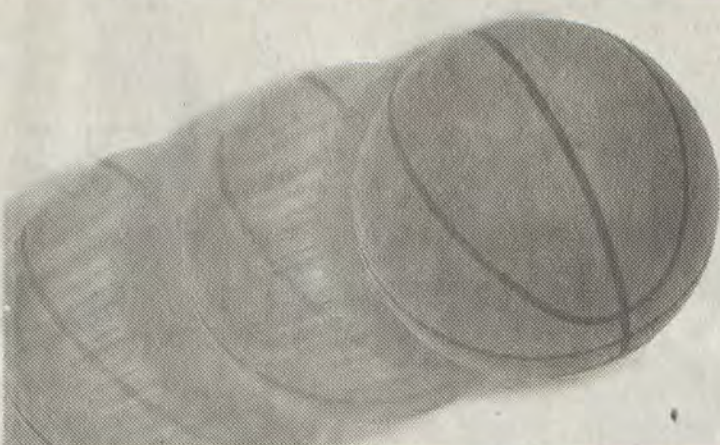
Wednesday  
March 3 - 6:30pm

#### Prestonsburg

Tuesday  
March 4 - 7:00pm

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photos by Jamie Howell  
 South Floyd's Adam Tackett (pictured with the basketball) and Pike Central's Chase Lyons lead their respective teams into district tournament play during the upcoming week.

**Good Luck To All Teams!!!**  
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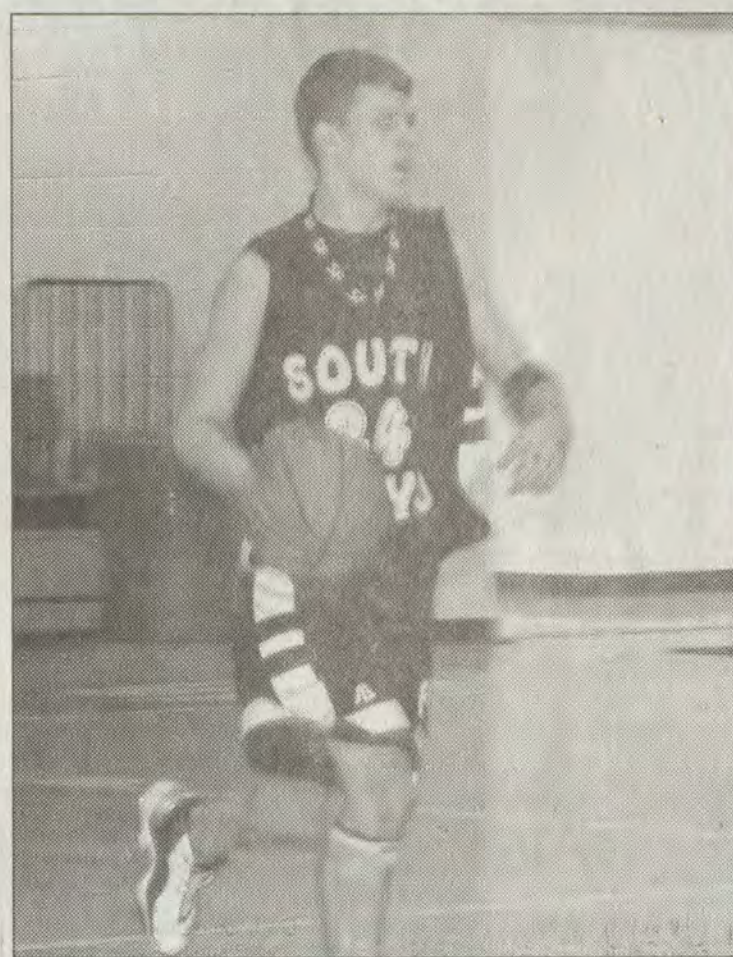


photo by Steve LeMaster  
 South Floyd sophomore Ryan Johnson has developed into of the better second-year high school players in the 15th Region.

On behalf of the City of Prestonsburg, I would like to invite you to the 2004 15th Regional Tournament. We are proud to be hosting the tournament and encourage you to visit one of our many places of interest during your stay, or keep Prestonsburg in mind when planning a trip of leisure. We wish all the teams good luck and safe travel.

The Mountain Arts Center, home to the Kentucky Opry, hosts nationally known recording artists such as Patti Loveless, Kathy Mattea, Merle Haggard, and many others. Performances from gospel and bluegrass groups are also scheduled regularly, as well as the promotion of local talent.

The Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is a great place to get away for vacation. The Jenny Wiley Theatre, located at the park, is an outdoor amphitheatre with performances every summer, from May until August.

Thunder Ridge Racing Complex offers stock car and harness racing, as well as year around off track betting.

For those who love golf, I urge you to visit StoneCrest Golf Course, a challenging 18-hole championship course. This newly constructed course is located on a mountaintop that offers a breathtaking view.

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*Mayor Jerry S. Fannin*

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
 Becky Thomas (52) and Tab Caudill helped Allen Central to 58th District title last season.

**Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet**

LEXINGTON - Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. This year's Banquet is set for Tuesday, March 16 and will be held in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center (Next to Rupp Arena). A social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ET). The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Following is a listing of this year's inductees:  
 Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Ancie Casey, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, Jim Watkins and The Dawahare Family.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippet at the KHSAA at 859/299-5472.

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### SPECIAL COLUMN

## This Town, That World

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

### THIS ACTION AND MORE NEEDED

The Food and Drug Administration has cracked down on the so-called "pep pills," demanding that they be sold only on prescription. And it's about time.

Wonder if this covers the "yellow jackets," which are so popular hereabouts? And who will either reduce the alcoholic content of the skin bracer family, or make it a bootlegging offense for a retailer to sell the stuff to known drunks?

As matters now stand, the House of David basketball team could buy a case of after-shave, anywhere, and sometimes from men who look down their noses at a common, ordinary, illegal vendor of whiskey and beer.

### WHO FIRED THAT SHOT?

You probably have heard of a fellow being hoist on his own petard. Well, I've been blown up by my own wife.

It falls my lot on Thursday mornings to show up at this office by 7 o'clock, or earlier, and so it happened that on a recent Wednesday I bethought me to set the alarm clock for 6:30, since I had a feeling I might be drowsy, come morning, having stayed up till past 11.

This was a good idea, as far as it went. But I made the mistake of leaving the aforementioned clock in a room somewhat removed from my own; the clock went off, but I went on sleeping.

An explosion snapped me out of it, I saw the flash outside my window, heard the roar — and sprang (yes, sprang) from my bed to see what was the matter, meanwhile entertaining some vague notion of taking a broomstick to whatever young miscreant had aroused me. A look outside and then back inside failed, of course, to locate any such miscreant, and I was at the point of retiring all over again when it suddenly dawned on me that that alarm clock should be buzzing.

The alarm clock had been turned off, and my keen, analytical mind quickly came around to the conclusion that it had sounded off till the woman had grown tired of listening to it, and that she had then decided to do some

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## M E E T A P P A L A C H I A

### Herman Porter

**Age:** 99  
**Occupation:** Retired "Jack of all Trades"  
**Education:** Primary school instruction from Ms. Fairchild, Allen. Boarded with Gertrude Cheek in Prestonsburg, second/third grade. Boarded at Lizzie Porter's boarding house, Louisa. Boarded at the Mayo Mansion College, Paintsville. Self educated electrician, radio, TV repairman.  
**Life quote:** "I've learned that I know very little."

### About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

— MARY MUSIC



photo by Mary Music  
Herman Porter celebrated his 99th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 15, with a party hosted by his son, Tom Porter. Herman said he had to use a "waterhose" to get the candles out on his cake last year, but it wasn't a problem this year, he said.

# Herman Porter "Jack of all Trades"

by MARY MUSIC  
Staff Writer

It was April 24, 1924. The residents of the city of Allen were just waking up from a long winter and were preparing for the upcoming gardening season. Dave Luallen left a fire in his grate unattended, as Herman Porter recalls it, and before anyone "knewed" it, the blaze caught the Spring wind and jumped from house to house, destroying every home and business in the town.

"The hotel, the street, the whole daggone shabang burned," Herman said. "Dad and I had this washing

machine and we were trying to carry that thing out of the hotel and the wind was blowing so hard and hot, it was hard to breath. We had to drop it and run around the cliff to get away from the heat. When we were running I saw a cat trying to get away from the fire. After it was all over, I went back and looked at the cat laying in the street and it looked like it had died in mid-step. Its paw was stretched out like it was ready to walk away."

Herman says it wasn't long before residents of the

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Herman married Bernice when he was 20 years old. Bernice, who loved quilting, became his bookkeeper, "chief cook and bottlerwasher." They were married 71 years before she died in 1996.

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## Hell Comes to Frogtown — 1987, Rated R

by TOM DOTY  
Staff Writer

Some days can twist you in knots and leave you hankering for some mindless entertainment. This is the perfect movie to remedy that kind of day because there isn't a brain cell in sight. Just sit back and dig this antidote to Mondays.

The story is, of course, very simple. The world is an irradiated wasteland. World War IV has all but obliterated society. The fallout of the nukes has left most men sterile and things couldn't get

much worse. Well, they do. Mutant frog people have formed a barrier to our future by kidnapping a load of young and fertile females. Who you gonna call — Mad Max? Nah ... he's a leather-clad sissy. Kevin Costner ... too bland. Snake Plisken ... well, he'd probably be your man, but since he wasn't available, this film offers wrestling icon "Rowdy" Roddy Piper as our post-apocalyptic savior.

The plot, as it is, shapes up like this. Piper must team up with the army and infiltrate Frogtown — which is actually an abandoned factory with some dimstore curtains — to rescue the ladies before they get gobbled up by Commander Toady. Along the way he bonds with the frosty Sgt. Spangle (Sandahl Bergman of "Conan" fame) and is fitted with an electronic truss which keeps a running log on his sperm count. The truss is also capable of sending shocks to his nether region should he try to escape, but let's not go there.

The movie is half over by the time Piper gets to stomp some "greeners" (the nuclear winter proves incapable of freezing out racism ... or, in this case, amphibianism?) but that gives you plenty of time to nuke some snacks and get back for the final grudge match between the "Rowdy" one and Mr. Toady.

The film never takes itself too seriously and is a perfect vehicle for Piper. A year after this Roddy improved his acting chops for "They Live" and has since replaced Wings Hauser as the king of direct-to-video flicks. There are also small parts for screen vets like Rory

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# Search for a smile and share it

by JOHN & ANN MURPHY  
FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL AT WORK"

It was a typical Wednesday. My wife and I were speaking in a nursing home about our successful recovery from a heart attack. Afterward, one of the residents, Miriam, asked if we had a few minutes to talk.

"I've always thought that to be happy I need three things: someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to," she said. "I've got people here to love, and the activities keep me as busy as I want, but I don't have anything I'm looking forward to.

Do you have any ideas?" "What did you look forward to before you came here?" we asked.

"Oh, I used to love to laugh with others," Miriam said.

"What did you laugh about?" we asked.

"Everything I could see, hear, feel, taste or smell," she said with a smile.

At that very moment, we got

the idea to start our project. We began looking for humor, and we used all of our senses.

We started with a poster that said: Life is too important to be taken seriously. We found a button that read: Enjoy life. This is not a dress rehearsal. On a teabag was the message: You are like this tea bag ... only in hot water do you realize how strong you are.

We continued searching and found

cartoons, videos and audiocassettes filled with humor. People brought us bumper stickers, illustrations, books, games, comic strips and magazines. We put together humor baskets with books, tapes, greeting cards and toys for children of all ages. Stuffed animals were ever popular, followed by Slinkies and Kusch balls. And no basket was complete without bubbles to blow.

Of course, we made a humor basket for Miriam, the woman who had started us on this project. She told us that the highlight of her day was sharing the contents of her basket with others: residents, visitors ... anyone she saw.

Someone said what she was doing was searching for a smile and sharing it. So that's what we called our project: "Search for a Smile and Share it."

The project was so successful that other facilities got wind of it and made special requests.

One nursing home asked us to make a humor cart, like a shopping cart. Volunteers push this down the hallways, sharing smiles and laughs with many residents. Still another nursing home requested that we design a humor room, complete with a VCR for fun videos. Soon families began donat-

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# BellSouth awards science center \$105,000 grant

## Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — As part of a new multi-state education initiative, BellSouth has awarded a three-year, \$105,000 grant for teacher training in Floyd County Schools in partnership with the East Kentucky Science Center. The science education program at seven elementary and middle schools is being administered through the Louisville Science Center.

The three participating Floyd County middle schools are Allen Central, James D. Adams and South Floyd Middle Schools. Participating elementary schools, containing sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, are Allen, Betsy Layne, Stumbo, McDowell and Osborne Elementary Schools.

"BellSouth is committed to helping address the critical education issues of teacher recruitment, training and retention," said Amy Scarborough, BellSouth's regional manager for Eastern Kentucky. "Highly-trained and highly-motivated teachers are essential in maximizing student learning and development. The Louisville Science Center and the East Kentucky Science Center are great partners for us to explore innovative education initiatives in Kentucky."

The program focuses on improving science instruction

and content at the elementary and middle school levels. Teachers of sixth through eighth grade levels will be involved in training and professional development workshops.

Floyd County teachers and students alike will be engaged in hands-on instruction and learning while the Louisville Science Center's 2,500-square-foot traveling education exhibit, "The World We Create," visits Prestonsburg's newly opened science center for three

months this year.

In addition, the exhibit will be open to neighboring school districts, with a goal of reaching thousands of Eastern Kentuckians during its time in Prestonsburg. Family members may volunteer and participate in the exhibit's activities.

"All of us in the Floyd County School District want to express our appreciation to BellSouth for providing 'The World We Create' science exhibit to the students of Floyd County," said schools superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning. "The program will benefit our students' study of science core content curriculum in a very exciting way. We expect the three months of program location in Floyd County will also assist teachers through professional development events."

This is the first Kentucky grant from BellSouth under the new initiative. The company has recently awarded similar education grants in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

## World

alarmin' of her own. What I want to know now is, to whom do you report a woman for shooting fire crackers within the city limits, and not too far removed from the master bedchamber?

If this Hullabloo thing keeps on going, I may have to buy another TV set or the latest model in earplugs.

Take Bonanza, The Defenders. Rawhide and the news off TV, and you can have it for all I care—I think.

## WORTHWHILE

We trust we have given every candidate who appeared before the Ministerial Association here a "fair shake." Trying to set down their every statement was a bit beyond us.

We didn't go to this meeting

expecting anybody to stand up and say he would not enforce the law or do his full duty, and we doubt if anybody else did. But it was good to see these people get together and conduct an orderly meeting such as this, and to hear those seeking office do the good job of it that they did in stating their respective cases.

## Soup

ing favorite videos like "Sports Bloopers," "Candid Camera," and Carol Burnett and Johnny Carson skits.

What started as a simple gesture to help one elderly woman turned into a lifetime project.

Miriam has gone to her final reward now, but when we last saw her she had a sign on her nursing home door: Happy Is

## Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Carolyn Meade recently joined the local office of the financial services firm, Edward Jones, as a Branch Office Administrator (BOA) trainee.

Meade has lived in

Prestonsburg for 20 years.

The title of branch office administrator was adopted for this position because of the wide range of responsibilities associated with the job.

"A BOA is not only responsible for the daily operations of the branch, but also must provide top-level customer service and marketing support for my activities," said Sam

Blankenship, local investment representative for the firm. "On a given day, Carolyn's activities could include processing client trade transactions, providing clients with receipts for money and securities, and assisting in the planning of seminar and special promotions."

Meade must successfully complete the firm's in-depth training program within six

months in order to graduate from the trainee designation into the position of BOA. The program consists of on-line modules that are grouped into study weeks. Each study week ends with a test and there is also mid-term and final exams.

Blankenship said he was impressed not only with Meade's office skills and efficiency, but also with her knowledge of the community.

"I know she will be a terrific asset to our team as we strive to provide our clients unparalleled personal service," Blankenship said.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has 9,000 offices in the United States and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom.

## Porter

city "got up and went to building" the place back up again. That's how things were in those days.

That was just one cornerstone of Herman's life. At 99, he's still kicking pretty high, still loves life, his family, reading, and wouldn't you know it, still drives when he needs to.

Born February 15, 1905, the son of Henry and Katie Porter, Herman's life encircles nearly a century's worth of growth and development. From no electricity to Delco lighting to electric coops. From horse and buggies to trains and cars. He watched loggers send rafts of logs down the river to Cattlesburg, where they were sold, and the men, he said, often came home drunk with half the money in toe. His family owned a one-wire telephone system, which they sold to purchase the Mountain Hotel, not far from where his home sits now. Herman played key roles in building the town's first water plant, concreting the streets with the help of the WPA, and owned the Allen Cable Company, the Herman Porter TV Company, and a grist mill where people would come to grind their corn every Saturday. Herman lived in a time when doctors were trained as understudies, when train engineers would stop so passengers could get off and purchase eggs, and when the boys who boarded at the Mayo Mansion College in Paintsville were chaperoned in the girls dorm, where they ate their meals.

"I don't know why the good Lord wants to keep me here so long, but I still like to read and I live just like I'm gonna live 1000 years, I reckon," he said. "I've got a big family and I love every one of them. They're all good to me and their wives are just the same way. We're just a big ol' family."

Herman, who calls himself "a Jack of all trades," says that life has taught him that "there's plenty more to be learned" and with "something new always coming out on the market," the world, too, learns "little by little."

He was born on Garth Hollow, a few hundred feet from Left Beaver Creek. His family later moved to a house on that creek bank, where he says he remembers his mother boiling clothes in iron kettles with lye soap made of ashes and cinders. That's the same creek, he says, that taught him a valuable lesson about the "boogey man."

"I was not allowed to play around the creek without someone being with me," Herman said. "They told me there was a

boogey man and that he would get me."

To keep the young boy safe, Herman's father dressed up in old clothes, slipped into the creek and "went bellowing out," darting toward him.

"After that, I knew there was a boogey man," he said.

The Porter family moved into a two story home in Alpharetta, Ky., right next door to Dr. Bennie Porter. He recalls sitting in a window and watching the doctor save a man's life by using whiskey and a handsaw to removing his gangrene infected foot.

He also recalls the family's pesky billy goat, a friend to Herman and his brother, Harry, who enjoyed playing with the goat because it would "butt anything" when someone touched it's tail.

"That goat was forever getting me into trouble," Herman said, recalling a time the goat turned over a barrel of flour in the kitchen. "I got more whippings over it than anything else."

The Porters, goat and all, moved to Allen in 1908, where Herman's uncle, Ervin Napier, owned a one-wire telephone system with lines stretching to Hazard. It was a reliable system with hand-crank phones and calls to each customer signified by long and short rings. Napier sold the system to Herman's father "for practically nothing," and when another man wanted to create his own system, the Porter family sold their rights and used the money to purchase the Mountain Hotel from Allen resident Ed Stumbo.

"I met the night train #38 with my three wheel cart," Herman said. "Customers would throw their luggage in it and I would take it to their rooms where I had the fireplace all ready with wood and coal to keep them warm. I'd also make sure to have water in the pitcher, coil oil lamps, and a large wash bowl. The chamber maid would have a chamber under each bed."

Before the railroad was built to Wayland, the Porter family owned a delivery stable with seven or eight horses for hire. Traveling salesmen would stay at the hotel during the first part of the week, and would take off on those horses to sell their goodies along Beaver Creek.

During the war, Herman said that coal companies would pay his father to meet their workers at Elkorn city. He'd bring them home and tuck them away for the night and the company bosses would come pick them up the next day.

"Round about that time,

the Woman Who Can Laugh at Herself. She Shall Never Cease to be Amused.

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Herman says a representative of the Delco Light Company visited the hotel for a night's lodging and talked his father into taking part of the dealership. It took a gallon or so of coal oil to charge a Delco light battery, and they were extremely useful in a city without electricity, especially to doctors who often had emergencies at night. Herman's current home is still wired for Delco lights, he said, with the "engine" still in his basement. They sold those lights all over Floyd and surrounding counties.

Back in those days, people depended on the bartering system, a trade that Herman grew very fond of. When he lived at the Mountain Hotel, he trapped muskrats and bartered their furs to the Sears and Roebuck Company, where he earned enough to purchase a picture developing outfit and an incubator that heated 100 eggs at a time, among other treasures. The barter system also played a part in the family's grist mill, where customers, carrying long sacks of corn across their saddle, would pay a "toll" of their corn to Herman, who would grind it for them every Saturday. He says he sold his "tolls" in 5-, 10-, and 20-pound paper bags at his father's store.

The family also cut a deal with Edmon Hawkins Hardware, who owned a distribution building. They built a room large enough to hold 300 pounds of ice and a "hog's head" of beer. After bringing the ice from Pikeville, Herman says they placed the ice near the wall, tucked nicely with a layers of sawdust and, of course, layers of beer, which no one could drink until the layers of ice were sold.

And then, of course, there were the newspapers that Herman sold like crazy to customers passing through by train. He ordered at least 150 copies of the Cincinnati Post everyday, and when the train stopped to load or unload passengers, corpses, the mail, or whatever else they were hauling, people would throw money into Herman's shoe box.

"Every morning a train from Wayland would turn their engine around and lay up on the side track at the depot until train #36 from Ashland arrived," Herman said. "The baggage man would throw off my bundle of newspapers. As soon as I cut the strings, customers would begin throwing in nickels, dimes, and quarters in my cigar box. They would grab a paper and did not wait for change. The prospectors wore silk shirts and ties. Business was good. I had so much silver I put it in a trunk tray and broke it down."

During WWII, a troop of sol-

## Lagoon

Calhoun and William Smith (who starred in more 1970s biker flicks than anyone on the planet).

Technically this film was made for about 20 bucks but often hides that fact, though you have to watch for a scene at the end when a guy falls off a cliff and lands on

a pretty obvious airbag covered with sand.

This movie won't challenge you in anyway but it sure will entertain you if you lower your standards for one night.

Best Line: "I ain't meeting my maker in Frogtown."

diers, about 20 box cars full, were passing through Allen by train on their way south for an overseas mission. The last car on that train, Herman said, jumped the track as it "cleaned" the bridge. While engineers were working to get the car back on track, the soldiers got off and threw a party, piano and all, in the middle of the street.

"They were flirting with girls, eating up everything," said Herman. "They carried out the piano into the street, playing music, dancing, you name it."

When the train was ready to go, several soldier lagged behind, and were still trying to catch the moving train a mile up the road. Herman said government officials arrived in Allen the following month looking for AWOL soldiers. No one ever knew what came of them, he said.

During his childhood, Herman received his education by boarding with various people. He gained his primary school instruction from Ms. Fairchild in Allen. He later boarded in Prestonsburg with Gertrude Cheek, who was a few grades above him. She rented an apartment off a doctor in Prestonsburg, and he says she played a tremendous role in teaching him math skills. He also boarded for a spell with his aunt, Lizzie Porter, in Louisa, who could make steak and gravy that was "out of this world." She had a school with 4 girls and 4 mischievous boys. One of those boys, a West Virginia native, drew a life sized white skeleton on a black sheet, which he and Herman, on a nice moon lit night, hung from a tree limb over the path to the outdoor toilet. Herman and the boy ran over and dropped the sheet down while another student, Buddy Hatchett, was using the john. When Buddy came out and saw the white of the skeleton shifting in the wind, he took off screaming, diving through a garden and ended up passed out in the door of the home that he "just fell into" when the girls came to let him in. He couldn't speak. Herman and the young artist, of course, acted innocent, and the whole incident remained a secret for several months.

Buddy Hatchett wouldn't go to the toilet by himself anymore, Herman said.

When Herman was a little older, he boarded a while at the Mayo Mansion College in Paintsville.

He stayed on the third floor and was heavily chaperoned each day when he ate at the girls dormitory. While staying there, he was called one evening to repair an engineer's Delco Light Plant. So, he left the school, heading toward the Paintsville Depot, and

as he crossed the Little Paint Creek Bridge, came upon a wagon trying to cross the creek. The wagon, along with two men, one crippled, and two mules, were taken under by a swift current, so Herman ran to a nearby garage for help. With a rope, they managed to save the crippled man, who hung onto the wagon seat, but the other man, along with the wagon and mules, became the victims of the water that day.

Herman didn't complete his studies at the Mayo Mansion College because he said they were "too slow" in teaching him. He hooked up with a mail order company who sent him lessons about electricity. He'd read each lesson, answer questions and mail the work back in. Soon, they started sending him radio parts in the mail. When he completed the course, he had enough parts to build an "old timer" radio that tuned stations in with four separate knobs. He self educated himself on many areas of his life, all of which paid off tremendously as time passed by.

As he was growing up, Herman played several key roles in making the city of Allen into what it has become today. When the town superintendent had problems finding suitable water for the town, Herman went with a friend to Ohio to learn how to build a water filtration plant. When they got back, they ordered a water chlorinator and put in their own system, Allen Water Company, which was later sold to the Prestonsburg City Utilities. He also owned a television company that was sold in a similar way. In 1937, Herman and Eugene Allen answered the city's pleas for concrete streets by driving to Lexington on a motorcycle to look for a concrete mixer. Workers with the WPA agreed to provide the concrete and do the work if the town furnished a truck and a mixer, a deal Herman didn't want to pass up. He and Eugene set off on their motorcycle, even though people in the town said it'd take too long. They found a mixer, and a friend, Junior Webb, had the mixer loaded and ready to go before the boys returned from driving around Lexington. Though the office was closed, they decided to take it home with them anyway, promising to call back later to make payment arrangements, which is exactly what they did.

"That's the way we concreted the streets of Allen," Herman said.

Herman married his wife, Bernice Webb Porter, on May 20, 1925, one year after the fire destroyed the city of Allen. She was studying at Burea College

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when Herman was causing a shine with the little artist boy at Lizzie Porter's boarding school in Louisa. They lived with Herman's parents (who moved in a house on a hill in Allen after the fire) until they completed construction of their own home which Herman still lives in. By this time, Herman was working as a TV, radio, and refrigerator repairman. He also kept bee hives in the barn, a hobby he thoroughly enjoyed. Bernice became his "bookkeeper, chief cook and bottle washer." They were married 71 years before Bernice died on September 21, 1996 with breast cancer. They had four children Paul Fayburn Porter, now deceased, survived an air compressor accident at the age of 14. He went on to establish the Porter Electric Company. Katherine Grace Porter, also deceased, was a school teacher for many years. James Henry Porter, who worked with the air force, founded Porter Construction, Porter Limestone and Porter's (a gas station, parts supply and concrete service business). Thomas Edison Porter founded Sandy Valley Hardware and Sandy Valley Explosives. He survived a near fatal electrocution that cost him the lower half of his arm and half of both his feet. He retired and lives comfortably without government or disability assistance. Herman now has at least 12 grandchildren, many of which are certified pilots, and numerous great grandchildren. His family celebrated his 99th birthday with a party held at Thomas's home in Allen. Herman respects and loves his family very much, making sure to pass along little tidbits of his knowledge as often as he can.

Herman is currently working on a "book" in which he details various stories of his childhood and he also keeps a log book of "little everyday things" that happen in his life. He is currently reading "Miracle on Caney Creek."

The secret, he says, to living a long life is nothing more than a bit of hard work, a skill that "jack of all trades" has much experience with. Exercise, he says, is "the biggest thing," recalling how hard it was digging ditches for the city's water system.





# Sunday Comics

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## MAMA'S BOYZ WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM JERRY CRAFT



## R.F.D. by Mike Marland



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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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  - Bouvet Is.
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  - Cocos Is.
  - Cook Is.
  - Falklands
  - Greenland
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  - Jersey
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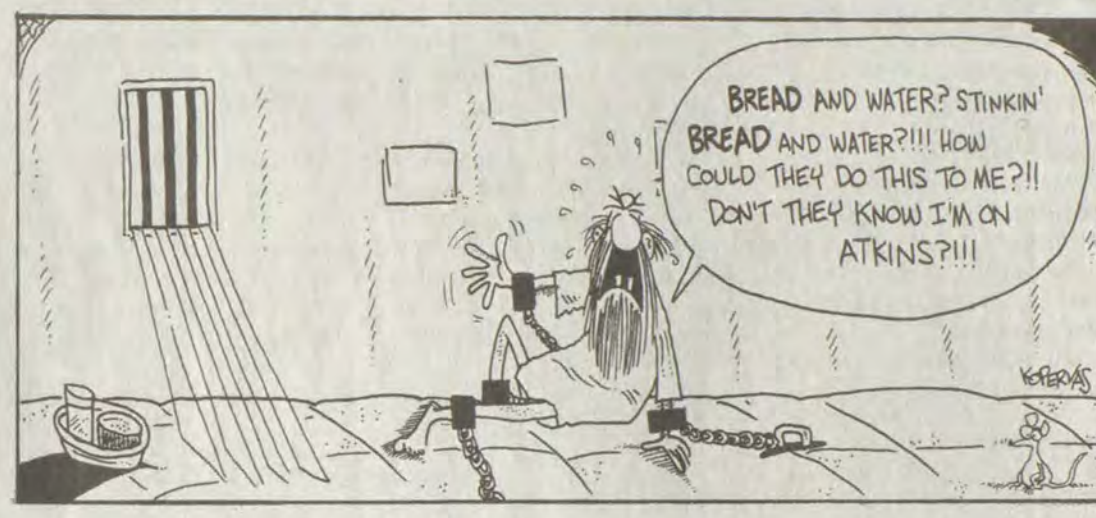
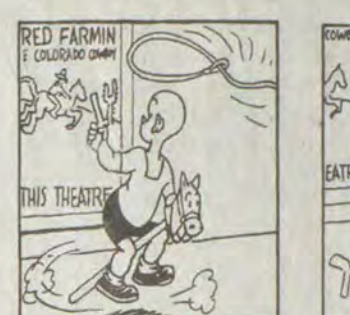
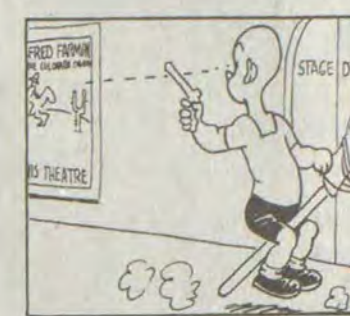
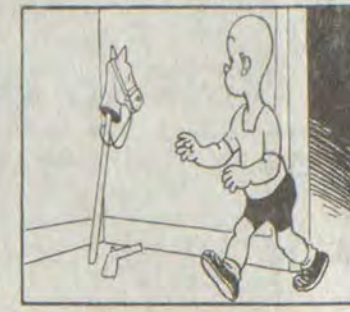


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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

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## PURCHASING POWER Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Kon-Tiki," for one
  - 5 Relay length
  - 9 Lawyers' org.
  - 12 Pontificate
  - 18 Grasso or Raines
  - 19 Preowned
  - 20 Daring
  - 22 European peninsula
  - 23 "Giselle" composer
  - 24 Sour fruit
  - 25 Cupid
  - 26 Elect
  - 27 Start of a remark by Evan Esar
  - 31 "Nightmare" street
  - 32 Party potable
  - 33 Likely to last?
  - 37 Chemical compound
  - 41 Gangster's gun
  - 43 Kafka character
  - 46 Bother
  - 47 Homer's field
  - 48 Pen pals?
  - 50 Govt. notes
  - 52 Duty
  - 53 Part 2 of remark
  - 55 Steel support
  - 56 Ryan's
  - "Love Story" co-star
  - 57 Travel agcy.?
  - 59 Salad veggie
  - 61 Football's Herber
  - 63 Christine of "House-keeping"
  - 66 Actor Brynner
  - 67 Penny —
  - 69 Seoul man?
  - 70 Grass' "The Tin —"
  - 74 Part 3 of remark
  - 77 Philanthropist Cornell
  - 78 Creche figure
  - 80 Whelan or Sorkin
  - 81 Tear
  - 83 Brawl
  - 84 Made like Mata Hari
  - 85 Chicken feed
  - 90 Doctrine
  - 91 Canine grp.
  - 92 Cry of regret
  - 94 Part 4 of remark
  - 95 Rocker Morrison
  - 97 — piece
  - 100 Easily digested
  - 102 See 75 Down
  - 103 Skater Midori
  - 104 — Carlo
  - 105 — been had?
  - 106 Like Mister Ed?
  - 108 Neanderthals
  - 111 Remind one's spouse?
  - 113 Part of a crane
  - 114 End of remark
  - 123 Candles
  - 126 Enrages
  - 127 Monthly expense
  - 128 Vegetate
  - 129 Go to extremes
  - 130 Wonka's creator
  - 131 Inland sea
  - 132 Tun
  - 136 New Mexico resort
  - 5 Brawn
  - 6 Cairo creed
  - 7 Uris or Trotsky
  - 8 Churchill's successor
  - 9 Diminish
  - 10 Gasconade
  - 11 Baseball family name
  - 12 Important
  - 13 Superior to
  - 14 With 72 Down, "Spartacus" actor
  - 15 Exist
  - 16 102, to Tacitus
  - 17 See 133 Across
  - 21 Thirsty
  - 28 Craving
  - 29 Weasel relative
  - 30 Uggams or Caron
  - 34 Mississippi port
  - 35 Nabokov novel
  - 36 Deli delicacy
  - 37 Neuwirth of "Cheers"
  - 38 Artistic output
  - 39 Coll. cadets
  - 40 Qatar's continent
  - 41 Sarcastic remark
  - 42 Santa —, CA
  - 44 Desert
  - 45 Sphere
  - 49 Novelist Cather
  - 51 Rural sight
  - 54 Attempt
  - 58 Attention
  - 60 "That hurts!"
  - 61 Put on
  - 62 Martha of "Jumbo"
  - 64 Coal by-product
  - 65 Claire or Balin
  - 67 Fuzzy fruit
  - 68 Govern
  - 69 Mend, as a bone
  - 70 Record players?
  - 71 Caviar
  - 72 See 14 Down
  - 73 New York team
  - 75 With 102 Across, table accessory
  - 76 From Cork
  - 79 Splendor
  - 82 Child welfare org.
  - 84 Island outfit
  - 85 Summon electronically
  - 86 Taj town
  - 87 Film —
  - 88 Takes in
  - 89 Add... fringe
  - 92 Position correctly
  - 93 Actress Tyler
  - 95 Morrow or Dana
  - 96 — standstill
  - 98 "The Sage of Concord"
  - 99 Loman
  - 101 Prickly plant
  - 107 Broad sash
  - 109 Film critic Roger
  - 110 — Gras
  - 112 Bridal path?
  - 113 Doctor Salk
  - 115 Pitch in
  - 116 Where to speak Farsi
  - 117 Metric weight
  - 118 Neighbor of Brazil
  - 119 Lean
  - 120 Concept
  - 121 Toast topper
  - 122 Stack role
  - 123 Poult's papa
  - 124 Palindromic, name
  - 125 — diem

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**GEOFFREY D. MARSH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 112 WEST COURT STREET**

**S u i t e** 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd County Circuit Court to notify the Unknown Heirs of Brennan Dye of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about February 11, 2004, in which the Unknown Heirs of F. Brennan Dye were named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number I of the Floyd County Court and is represented by Civil Action No. 03-CI-00435. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for property located in Floyd County.

**NOTICES**

**805-Announcements**

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The Unknown Heirs of F. Brennan Dye shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd County Clerk if he/she desires to do so. If he/she does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court.

**Rn Day Shift Available** 8:30 am-5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. High way 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222(psa)

Any one having information concerning the Unknown Heirs of F. Brennan Dye please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at 606-886-3311.

**812-Free**

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**900-Legals**

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**FRASURE CREEK MINING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** 836-5432  
**ISSUEDO40130 CONSOL OF KENTUCKY INCORPORATED** 836-5455  
**ISSUEDO40107**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5439, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 0.5 mile southwest of Craynor, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 2.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 194.08 acres, for a total permit acreage of 196.08 acres.

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Divisions 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 permits conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date

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The operation is located 1.5 mile southwest from the junction of KY 979 and Mink Branch Road, and is located 1.5 mile southwest of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 25' 53" and longitude 82° 40' 22". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Chester Newsome. The operation will underlie land owned by Chester Newsome, Blaine Slone, Joseph Mining Company, Inc., Sue Hall, John Hall, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, and Donna Terry.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

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