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briefs

Theft charges filed in error

Charges of theft by deception against Barrie Lynn Johnson and Susan Gibson reported in "For the Record" in Friday's Floyd County Times have been dismissed, after authorities learned that they had been filed by mistake.

The charges, which were filed by Intermountain Cable, were the result of an accounting error, according to the county attorney's office, and were dismissed once the mistake was realized. The two women are now not charged or accused of any crime.

On a related note, the Susan Gibson named in "For the Record" is not the same person as Susan Slone Gibson of Turkey Creek.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny

High: 47 • Low: 28

Thursday
Showers

High: 50 • Low: 24

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Father Ralph Beiting, pictured here talking with treatment panelists at Gov. Fletcher's drug policy public input meeting in Prestonsburg Tuesday, has said one way to offer solutions is to encourage people to find hope in the face of a mounting area drug crisis.

photos by Sheldon Compton

Leaders, residents discuss drug problem

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Just as officials did with the smallpox epidemic, it seems Kentucky has decided to take the same approach to the newest public health crisis, that of drug abuse and addiction, according to remarks from the state's commissioner of public health, Rice Leach.

"There just ain't no such thing as your side of the canoe leaking," Leach told those attending Tuesday's drug assessment policy public meeting at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Leach, who has been commissioner since 1992, was speaking of the state's efforts with past epidemics, such as smallpox and tuberculosis, affecting the health and well-being of citizens, comparing those to the current problems with rampant drug abuse,

addiction and trafficking. His comparison was used to point out that, just as with those past community problems, the focus on drug problems across the commonwealth had drawn in voices from local, state and federal agencies.

In keeping with Leach's opening comments, the prevalent idea was one of combined resources during Tuesday's meeting, the fifth of 16 such meetings that will be held across the state as part of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Drug Control Policy Team's 20-week assessment plan.

Leaders from all areas of government spent Tuesday morning and early afternoon splitting into three groups at May Lodge in Prestonsburg, encouraging visitors to move among discussions focused on enforcement, educa-

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Acting as host for Tuesday's public input meeting, Attorney General Greg Stumbo welcomed visitors to Jenny Wiley's May Lodge. Stumbo serves on the enforcement summit panel that will, along with education/prevention and treatment panels, ultimately make a final report to Gov. Fletcher on aspects for new drug policies throughout the state.

State police investigate burned baby

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

DWALE — Kentucky State Police is currently investigating an incident over the weekend in which a toddler was burned with hot bath water.

According to KSP Public Relations officer, Scott Hopkins, the Pikeville KSP Post received a complaint Monday that a 22-month-old child had been badly burned.

"We received a complaint yesterday [Monday] that a 22-month-old child was badly burned and taken to Highlands, then transported to Shriners in Cincinnati," Hopkins said. "The detective and troopers are working on the case, but unfor-

tunately, we're in a situation where we don't have a lot of information right now."

Saying that investigators were "too early into the investigation," Hopkins offered no information about the circumstances surrounding the incident.

KSP Detective Byron Hansford, investigating officer, said no arrests have been made in the incident. Hansford said he has not yet spoken with family members about what happened because they are currently with the child in Cincinnati, where he remains at Shriners' burn unit.

Shriners' would not comment on the child's current condition.

Judge denies shock probation

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Maytown man jailed on drug trafficking charges since December 2002 saw his motion for shock probation denied Tuesday.

Michael Dale Hagans, 21, of Turkey Creek at Maytown, offered a handwritten motion for shock probation in late January, saying his "young age" should be considered, along with the fact that he has served more than a year of a three-year sentence to be followed with two years of supervised probation. He also

included that he has completed high school equivalency tests while incarcerated.

However, Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill denied the motion in an order filed Tuesday.

Hagans, who was 20 when first taken into custody, was arrested Dec. 11, 2002 and charged with one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance for selling methadone two months earlier, according to court documents. That charge was later amended by Judge Caudill to second-degree trafficking just before

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Owner of several businesses dies

Times Staff Report

IVEL — Lona "Pet" Hall, age 82, of Ivel, longtime owner and operator of several Allen area businesses, passed away Sunday, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Hall, along with her husband, Cecil, who died during surgery in 1991, in Lexington, founded several successful businesses in the Allen-Ivel area during her lifetime.

Born in January 1922, in Pyramid, to the late Miley and Laura Hicks Prater, Hall attended the Mayo Vocational School, from which she graduated with a professional beautician's license prior to her marriage to Cecil Hall in 1945. Together, she and her husband opened both a small

restaurant and beauty shop in Allen, later moving to Ivel where they then opened the Cecil Hall Full Service Gulf Service Station in 1951, later expanding the business to include a small convenience store.

In 1961, the couple opened the Alpike Motel, named for its location midway between the cities of Allen and Pikeville. The motel was characterized and made unique by its rows of multi-colored entrance doors. In 1998, along with son, Gregory Cecil, Hall expanded the motel, adding 26 new suites and renaming the business the Alpike Inn & Suites, still owned and operated by the Hall family.

In addition, the family also opened

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Lona "Pet" Hall



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Drawing upon a quote from world renowned scientist Albert Einstein, Louisville artist Albert Schneider created this wondrous piece of art now on display in the East Kentucky Science Center, located on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus. The quote, seen in the bottom right-hand corner, reads, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." Schneider's works, commissioned by the center, are now on display for public viewing. For more about the East Kentucky Science Center, see section C.

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Odds & Ends

■ **LEXINGTON, Neb.** — Beware showing any whiskers in Lexington these days.

Lexington Mayor John Fagot has implemented a "ban" on shaving for every man in town older than 21. Those caught clean-shaven without a shaving permit could face being dunked in a horse tank or other benign punishment.

The mayor implemented the lighthearted ban to get the town in the spirit of this summer's Plum Creek Days, a festival bearing the town's former name. One of the festival's traditional highlights is a beard-growing contest.

The not-so-consequential edict is in effect until July 5, the last day of the three-day festival.

The ban is part of a

Lexington-area tradition that began in 1939 with the first Plum Creek Days festival. Those wanting to shave can avoid being arrested and taken to Kangaroo Court by purchasing a special shaving permit.

Along with the shaving ban, the mayor has proclaimed all men and women must dress in Western or historic clothing on Fridays beginning in May.

Kangaroo Court will be held every Friday beginning June 4 and will include "trumped-up charges and fun sentencing," Fagot said.

■ **BAKERSFIELD, Calif.** — A man who allegedly had a few too many drinks decided he shouldn't drive drunk so he handed his car keys to his female companions — all too

young to drive, police said.

Lionel Cerda told officers that he had been nodding off, so he first let a 14-year-old drive. But when police pulled the car over after midnight on Saturday, they found Cerda in the front seat, with empty bottles at his feet, the 14-year-old in the back with an open can of beer, and a 10-year-old at the wheel.

"This," said Lt. Dave Haskins, "is a strange one." Officer Christina Abshire saw a car swerving and breaking erratically, going 5 mph. She followed the car, then pulled it over. As she walked over to the driver's window, the car sped off. She then pulled it over again, and found the three inside.

Abshire said Cerda explained to her in thick, slurred speech

that the girls were his relatives, and he was teaching them how to drive. Cerda was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and child endangerment.

■ **LONGMONT, Colo.** — The American Cancer Society in Longmont is stuck with 36,000 daffodils after an order mix-up.

The society intended to order 3,600 daffodils for its annual

fund-raiser from a company in Washington state, but accidentally faxed a request for 3,600 bunches.

The 25 boxes of flowers, containing 36,000 daffodils, showed up on the society's doorstep Friday.

Tammy Evevard, an assistant director at the cancer society in Longmont, said an invoice for \$4,000 alerted the society that there was a mistake with the order.

But the flowers were already on a delivery truck and couldn't be turned around.

Evevard is confident that the flowers could be a "blessing in disguise" and said the society hopes to sell the extra flowers at its fund-raiser to advance cancer research and education.

The nonprofit's fund-raising goal is \$10,000.

"Who knows, maybe we will be selling them on the street corners," Evevard said.

Fletcher creates 'Office for Minority Empowerment'

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced Friday he was creating a new office aimed at improving conditions for

minorities in Kentucky.

Fletcher named Tierra Kavanaugh Turner to head the new Governor's Office for Minority Empowerment, which the governor said would be responsible for helping minorities gain better representation in the state.

"It is very important to make sure that we empower individuals," Fletcher said. "Government can't do some things, but we can certainly cre-

ate an environment that will facilitate empowerment of individuals."

Earlier this week, former state Sen. Georgia Davis Powers criticized Fletcher, saying he had not hired enough minority candidates to high-ranking positions within his administration. But Fletcher dismissed the criticism Friday, saying his administration had done "an outstanding

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The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 10, the 70th day of 2004. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:

■ In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

■ In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

■ In 1785, Thomas Jefferson

was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

■ In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

■ In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

■ In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

■ In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

■ In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

■ In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death in Purchase, N.Y. (Jean Harris, convicted of murder, served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in January 1993.)

■ In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

Ten years ago:

White House officials began testifying before a federal grand jury about the Whitewater controversy.

Five years ago:

During a visit to Guatemala, President Clinton acknowledged the U.S. role in Central

America's "dark and painful period" of civil wars and repression.

One year ago:

Facing almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain delayed a vote in the U.N. Security Council to give Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to disarm.

Today's Birthdays:

Talk show host Ralph Emery is 71. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 66. Actor Chuck Norris is 64. Playwright David Rabe is 64. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 64. Actress Katharine Houghton is 59. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 57. Actress Shannon Tweed is 47. Actress Sharon Stone is 46. Rock musician Gail Greenwood is 44. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 41. Britain's Prince Edward is 40. Actress Jasmine Guy is 40. Singer Edie Brjckell is 38. Actor Stephen Mailer is 38. Actress Paget Brewster is 35. Country singer Daryle Singletary is 33. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 32. Actor Cristian de la Fuente is 30. Actress Bree Turner is 27. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 27. Actress Emily Osment is 12.

Thought for Today:

"We must not waste life in devising means. It is better to plan less and do more." — William Ellery Channing, American clergyman (1780-1842).

Three dead after weekend flash floods

The Associated Press

GRAYSON — Three people have died after heavy rains caused flash flooding in central and Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

Authorities said on Monday that a female body was recovered in Nelson County. She had been missing since Friday night when high waters swept the car she was driving into a creek. Her name was not released.

It was the third body recovered after flooding hit the region.

The body of 4-year-old Abigail Dummitt was found about 11 a.m. EST Sunday morning near Kehoe, in Greenup County, said coroner Neil Wright. The girl disappeared while riding in a pickup truck that was swept into high water near Grayson.

The girl's body was found on the bank of Tygarts Creek — several miles from where she vanished, Wright said.

On Saturday, authorities found the body of a man who was caught in floodwaters while riding an all-terrain vehicle near the Carter-Boyd county line.

Weyland Ingle, 42, of Rush,

was found dead at 8 a.m. EST Saturday in Williams Creek.

Sgt. Rod Williamson said Ingle left his home at 2:30 a.m. Saturday with others, who later found his vehicle abandoned with the engine still running. His body was discovered about a half-mile away from the ATV, he said.

Dummitt disappeared in an area where the National Weather Service reported 2 inches of rain had fallen by Saturday morning.

Carter County Sheriff Kevin McDavid said the girl was a passenger in a pickup truck traveling along a road through high water from swollen Grassy Creek.

McDavid said rescuers think the force of the floodwaters overturned the truck, ejecting the girl. Four others were rescued.

Geraldine Williams, 49, lives nearby and saw the truck bobbing in the creek. She said the girl's father told her she slipped from his hands into the raging stream.

"He said, 'I went under the water, and she's gone.' How he even got out, I don't know," Williams said.

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Drugs

tion and prevention and treatment issues as they related to the state's drug problems.

The idea has been to gather information from the public meetings to be reviewed later by committee members, who will then turn over their reports to the three summit panels appointed by Lt. Gov. Steve Pence. These summit members will then use the information in presenting recommendations and a final report to Fletcher at the end of the 20-week assessment June 28.

In search of suggestions, assessment team members were in full supply Tuesday, and not all of them were about drug problems many members expected to hear.

With the abuse of the painkiller Oxycontin such a frequently offered subject matter in discussion about the drug problem in Eastern Kentucky, enforcement panel members were interested to hear reports from Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Tom White on the growing problem that the county has experienced with methamphetamine labs.

White, who said Johnson County law enforcement officials uncovered their first meth lab in October 2002 and have discovered roughly 20 others since that time, expressed concerns in state law that appear to open loopholes for prospective manufacturers.

According to state law, a "person is guilty of manufacturing methamphetamine when he knowingly and unlawfully possesses the chemical or equipment for the manufacture of methamphetamine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine."

White says this makes charging or prosecuting individuals who have realized ways around the language in that 1998 statute difficult.

"You might have somebody who has all the components to make meth except one or two," White told enforcement panel members. "Well, according to state law, we can't charge them."

White asked that the law be looked at, and also took suggestions from Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain, one of the state's leading authorities on meth manufacturing.

While Cain, who holds meth lab seminars across the commonwealth, was assisting White, in an adjacent room, Floyd County Schools Asst. Supt. Pete Grigsby was pushing curriculum changes, arguing that the schools should be fitted with instructional time that pinpointed drug abuse and addiction, while Rhonda

Clark, owner of a DUI and substance abuse service with offices in Prestonsburg and Pikeville, asked for support in adult prevention.

"We serve about 68 people a month," Clark told members. "Sixty percent of the people who come to us are for prescription drug abuse, and we deal with individuals ranging in age from 16 to 70 years old and older."

One of the more lively subcommittee panels, members with the education and prevention panel also listened to suggestions from Floyd County Prevention Specialist Jamie Minix, who said the fight does not end with educating youth.

"We have to make efforts to educate parents, as well," said Minix. "There is a lack of awareness in the community as a whole."

Downstairs, just off from the lodge's cafeteria, Norman Caldwell was touching on a similar subject in addressing the treatment subcommittee members.

Caldwell, a juvenile services director with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Wolfe County, was telling a story with a familiar theme.

"With about 90 to 95 percent of the kids we see having drug problems, parents are just

not educated about drugs in the home," Caldwell said. "We had a child who had a bong in the basement of the home and the parent didn't even know what it was, and this parent was the principal at a school in the area."

In other cases, children with drug problems are often being raised by single, working mothers, making for a difficult home environment that, many times, adds to problems, Caldwell said. "A secondary problem for us is that when the child comes home, the environment hasn't changed."

Christian Appalachian Project and Mountain Christian Academy founder Father Ralph Beiting was in attendance for Tuesday's meeting and pressed panelists on what could be done with the resources already available, suggesting a spiritual approach to motivating people to "help themselves" to a more stable life.

"We have to get them into their inner selves and we have to give them a dream," Beiting said. "We have to get them to realize that there are people out there who do care and will help you if you allow them to make the effort ... You have to make them realize there is hope."

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Mountain Comprehensive Care's Victim's Service Program victim advocate Linda Spurlock and outreach education coordinator Lisa Hamilton were on hand Monday afternoon to witness Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson sign documents proclaiming March as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Floyd County.

Judge

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Hagens was sentenced July 31.

According to court documents, Hagens pleaded guilty to the amended charge May 21, just over a week after plea negotiations with the commonwealth's attorney's office. The Maytown resident was given credit for having served 213

days of his five-year sentence, which was probated for two years.

In a 2001 Floyd County case, Hagens was found guilty of public intoxication, two counts of shoplifting and one charge of prescription in an improper container.



photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg Fire Department Lt. Bill Callahan tested the city's tornado siren Tuesday morning as part of an annual check of the system. March is Severe Storms Awareness Month.

City drills for severe storms

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local residents were blasted yesterday with the city's annual tornado drill, which began during the morning hours and drummed several minutes with a screeching alarm which pounded through the city.

According to Prestonsburg Fire Department Lt. Bill Callahan, the department tests the tornado warning every year at this time, in accordance with state requests, with two-minute blasts of the city siren proceeded by 30 seconds of silence, a test which is performed six times before an "all-clear" siren, which runs for a solid three minutes, is sounded.

"If we were experiencing a

real tornado, the all-clear siren would sound after it passed the area," said Callahan.

The siren, which is placed on top of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, has evolved from its original purpose since it was purchased by the city in the 1960s as a way to call out volunteer firefighters.

"Years and years and years ago, we had this big siren on top of the old firehouse to let us know when we had a fire," Callahan said. "That's how they called us out."

Callahan explained that the siren would ring once to notify firefighters that there was a fire in Lancer; twice for a fire in the lower end of town; three times for West Prestonsburg; and four times for Goble Roberts area. If the siren rang five or more times, that meant the rescue squad had been called out to duty, he said.

The siren was moved to its new location in 1974, when the Prestonsburg Fire Station was built.

Callahan said he began as a volunteer firefighter at age 14, sleeping at his West Prestonsburg home with his window cracked each night in order to hear the alarm.

Callahan said the fire department's "wish list" now entails moving that siren to a tower on top of a centrally located hill in the city, where its warning could reach more people.

The Lancer Fire station is equipped with the same type of siren.

Hall

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the Alpike Mobile Park & Rentals in 1968 and the Hall Mart BP Service/Convenience Store in 1991.

Known throughout her community as gracious and friendly, she once prepared and served three meals a day for several days in a row for guests staying at her motel who had become stranded in the area due to high water and flooding in the area in 1963. An energetic and determined businesswoman, Hall remained active in the family business into her 80s and just prior to her death.

She is survived by two sons, Gregory Cecil and Terry Hall, both of Ivel, and one daughter, Jan Hall Rich, of Louisville.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced? Go into politics when your opponents will do it for you."

—Mark Twain

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Our View

No excuse for noncompliance

Sunday's news that several local officials continue to show apathy toward the county's ethics ordinance really isn't news at all. It's seemingly the same story we read about last year, and the year before that, and the year before that.

And as a story, it's getting to be quite old, but we're beginning to think it's one voters should keep in mind. If voters cannot be confident that their elected officials are able to fill out one financial disclosure form a year, as required by law, how can they be sure that they will be able to perform any other duties of office?

It's not as if the forms are really that invasive, anyway. If anything, they are probably an inadequate indicator of potential conflicts of interest. But they are all local residents have been given, and what little information the forms do provide should be available to them.

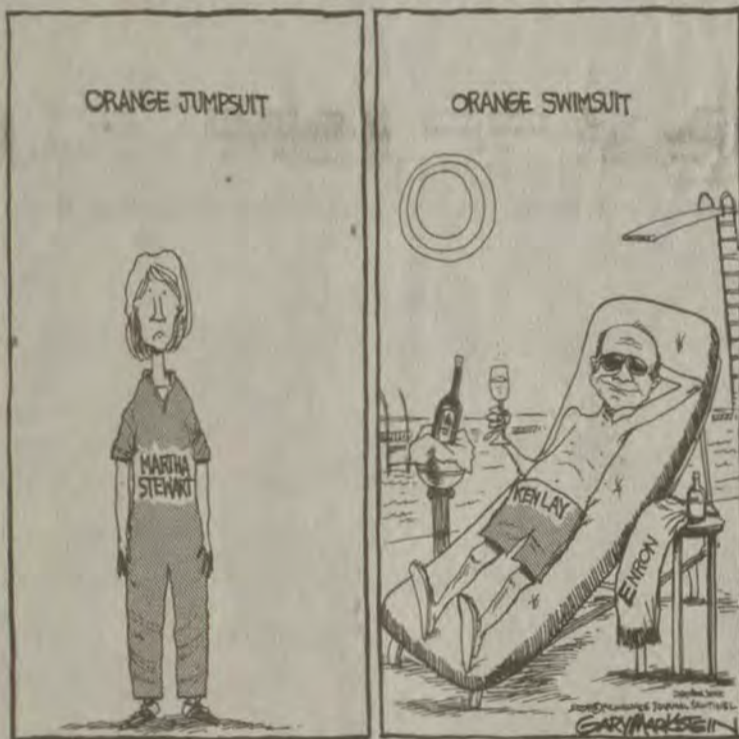
We hope our local ethics commission makes good on threats to crack down on this noncompliance. After a fair warning period has passed, the commission should quickly seek to levy healthy fines against whatever laggards remain.

We're pretty sure that once local officials see that they will be held accountable for continuing to ignore the ethics ordinance, the problem will quickly solve itself.

—The Floyd County Times



CORPORATE FASHION UPDATE



Sticks & Stones

Task force should be foundation for federal plans

The county has decided to give more funding to the drug task force, and for good reason. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, they say.

But once federal programs such as UNITE and Pence's assessment team start breezing through the area, it's likely that our own "little" drug task force might fall by the wayside.

That's unfortunate, because, even at close examination, there can be very little criticism of the task force or those joining this team of local law enforcement officials in the battle against drug abuse and trafficking in this area.

What will likely happen is that when federal officials make their way out to Floyd County, it'll be their show. The task force members will disassemble and return to their prior duties, but I can't figure out why this should be.

It would seem far more logical to maintain

the Floyd County Drug Task Force and simply help with funding. We've seen what this group of men and women can do with what little extra funding a very cramped fiscal budget can manage to provide. What could they do with the funding a federal program could pony up?



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But despite this point, it seems inevitable that the task force will be broken up and replaced by whatever the government feels is appropriate. But we may not have to lose the precious ground that has been

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Letters

Waste Management responds

This letter is in response to the letter that appeared in the paper on Wednesday, March 3, from Edgar Collins and others regarding the garbage service.

I would first like to apologize to the letter writers for any problems they have experienced that were a result of poor service by any Waste Management employee. Our company goal is 100 percent customer satisfaction and we continually work toward meeting that objective. I would also like to thank Mr. Collins and the others for voicing their complaint. We sometimes have no way of knowing something is wrong unless the customer tells us.

As to the issue mentioned in the letter, the low hanging line across the road, our driver did exactly as he was supposed to do in not attempting to maneuver around, or under, any low hanging line. We have no

way of knowing whether the line is high voltage, telephone, cable or what. Safety to our drivers and the public is our number one priority, and we will not waver from that commitment. As soon as the problem is resolved, we will once again resume picking up the trash on the regularly scheduled day.

Mr. Collins mentioned that a Waste Management employee told him that someone from our company had, "... talked to county officials and can get no help from them." I don't know how this misunderstanding occurred, but nothing is further from the truth. We have received tremendous support from Judge Paul Hunt Thompson and Solid Waste Coordinator Lon May whenever a solid waste issue arises. When I discussed this with each of them on Wednesday, both were aware of the situation and were working to get it resolved.

Once again, we at Waste Management will continue to do our best to provide excellent waste pickup to the citizens of Floyd County, appreciate the comments of the citizens about our service, and thank the county officials who provide such strong support.

David N. Bradley
Waste Management

'Passion' is perfect

Controversy smontroversy. Last evening I watched "The Passion of the Christ" and I wonder what all the hubbub is about. While I do not know all the reasons Mel Gibson made this movie, I thought the movie was a beautiful depiction of what my Lord, Jesus, suffered for me.

In the two hours of suffering displayed on the film my eyes saw the perfect sacrifice, the perfect friend, the perfect hero and the perfect love story. Speaking from a Christian point of view, I think most people will miss the point of "The Passion."

I believe that the same man who died on the cross and was raised again to meet His Father in heaven knew

what was about to happen. I believe that He knew that you and I would sin and that even before He gave us life at conception He would die for me and die for you. I believe before He and the Father planned the crucifixion millions, possibly billions of years ago. He knew the death He would gladly die. You see that is what the Passion is all about.

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Jesus plainly said in the Bible, and Gibson quoted Him in the movie, "I lay down my life." This was no cosmic Superman. I believe He was and is 100 percent God and was at the crucifixion 100 percent man. Please get this ... He gave His life

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Health Extra

Kentucky HIV cases rising in two new groups, medical workers say

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Health officials in Kentucky say they are seeing an increase in cases of HIV among young people as well as those in their 50s who are back on the dating scene

after being divorced or widowed.

State officials, who began collecting HIV statistics three years ago, won't release the numbers, saying the data are not accurate enough to make sense. But clinic workers and pharma-

cists are reporting an increasing trend of HIV cases among younger and older Kentuckians, The Courier-Journal reported in Sunday's editions.

Groups especially vulnerable to infection of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, are:

—Teens too young to remember the peak of the epidemic a decade ago.

—Those who came of age before the epidemic was recognized in 1981 but who recently have become sexually active with new partners because of divorce or death of a spouse.

—Sexually active people who have what some health experts call "safe-sex fatigue," a weariness of using condoms and other techniques known to reduce the risk of infection.

"It's important for people to understand that they are more at risk than they know," said Kimberly Smith, an HIV-AIDS prevention specialist who directs the AIDS Project, a non-profit education and testing group based in Louisville. "They should know their risks and look into how to protect themselves, whether they are 18 and just started dating or 55 and just started dating again."

Deborah Wade, program director of the HIV-AIDS outpatient clinic at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, has encountered people in their 50s who assume AIDS is "just a young person's disease."

"They think that since they can't get pregnant, they don't need to use condoms," Wade said.

Officials are encouraging sexually active people to be tested for HIV.

"It's important for people to know their HIV status," said Jackie Johnson-Clark, an educa-

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Body piercing regulations to go in effect April 1

FRANKFORT - The Cabinet for Health and Family Services and local health departments will start regulating body piercing April 1 under a law requiring registration and certification.

The 2002 law requires persons performing body piercing to become registered with their local health department and to obtain certification of the body piercing studio.

Facilities that pierce only ear lobes using an ear piercing gun will be required to obtain a limited ear piercing studio certification and a limited ear piercing registration for each person performing the procedure, according to Anita Travis with the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety.

Local health department environmental health inspectors currently provide oversight for the tattoo program and will also provide oversight for the body piercing and limited ear piercing programs.

This oversight will include:

- n The health and cleanliness of places of businesses,
- n Sterilization of body piercing instruments and equipment,
- n Procedures to prevent the spread of disease and
- n The registration process for body piercing and limited ear piercing artists and the certification process for the body piercing and limited ear piercing studios.

The body piercing studios will be inspected twice a year, as are the tattoo studios, and the limited ear piercing studios will be inspected once a year. The registration for the studio and those performing procedures will be posted in a conspicuous location within the studio for the

general public to view. Currently, there are 400 tattoo artists and 300 tattoo studios statewide.

"The new law requires minors wishing to obtain a tattoo or a body piercing to provide a written notarized consent of a custodial parent or a legal guardian," Travis said.

Tattooing and body piercing is prohibited on skin which has a rash, pimples, evidence of infection, open lesions, mole, sunburn, or manifests any evidence of unhealthy conditions without the written clearance by a physician licensed by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

The regulation requires that each client be provided with written and verbal after care instructions that includes information on the care of the tattoo or piercing, possible side effects, any activity restrictions,

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Minority

job" in that area. Creating the office was an example, Fletcher said, of his commitment to empowering people.

The new office would be aimed at helping minority applicants get better paying jobs, Fletcher said. Too many minorities working in state government have low-end jobs, he said.

Instead, the new office would work toward improving such things as education and economic conditions for minorities in Kentucky, Fletcher said.

"One of the things that I wanted to do is to make sure that we provide a better environment for minorities in Kentucky so that they can reach their full potential," Fletcher

said. The governor particularly identified summer employment in state parks as an area where more minority applicants could be hired. Out of 1,200 summer jobs available last year, the state only hired 11 minorities, Fletcher said.

"We're actually going to put together a very aggressive campaign to dramatically increase the number of minorities that will participate in summer employment opportunities," Turner said.

Turner is a native of Danville. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville. She and her husband, Jeffrey Turner, own the Louisville-based Executive Courier Express.

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 The family of Daniel Campbell would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation, to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Johnny Blair for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
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 The family of Lola Ellen Clark would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. Your love and support will never be forgotten; we greatly appreciate you all.
 THE FAMILY OF LOLA ELLEN CLARK

Card of Thanks
 Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair
 Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
 As any friend could say.
 Perhaps you were not there at all,
 Just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did to console our hearts,
 We thank you so much, whatever the part.
 Special thanks to Dr. Jurich and the nurses at Highlands Regional Medical Center on the third and fourth floor, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 THE FAMILY OF SUSIE SHEPHERD

Obituaries



Lona "Pet" Hall

Lona "Pet" Hall, age 82, of Ivel, wife of the late Cecil Hall, passed away, Sunday, March 7, 2004, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 24, 1922, in Pyramid, the daughter of the late Miley Prater and Laura Hicks Prater. She was a retired owner and operator of Alpike Inn and Suites, Alpike Mobile Home Park, Hall Mart, Inc., and also Alpike Rentals.

She is survived by two sons: Gregory Cecil Hall and Terry Hall, both of Ivel; one daughter, Jan Hall Rich of Louisville; one brother, Charles Prater of Pikeville; one sister, Ruth Prater of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services for Lona "Pet" Hall will be conducted on Wednesday, March 10, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Ken LeMaster officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Frankie Handshoe Hall

Frankie Handshoe Hall, age 68, of Hueysville, widow of Orville Hall, passed away, on Friday, March 5, 2004, at her residence.

She was born April 11, 1935, at Handshoe, the daughter of the late Wordon Collins and Exie Hicks Vanderpool. She was a member of the Upper Quicksand Free Pentecostal Church, and a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons: Edward Handshoe and Leroy Handshoe, both of Hueysville, and Dennis Handshoe of Graceville, Florida; one daughter, Tina Bolen of Hueysville; four brothers: Rondal Conley of Hueysville, Stevie Vanderpool of Mongo, Indiana, Michael Vanderpool of Illinois, and Harm Hall of Seco; five sisters: Helen Donnaker of Albion, Indiana, Anna Nell Howard of Van Lear, Gaynell Handshoe of Hueysville, Hazel Brown of Mousie, and Myrtle Hughes of Garrett; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Claude Handshoe.

Funeral services for Frankie Handshoe Hall were conducted on Monday, March 8, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Bill Tussey Jr., Ondie Wireman, and Earl Miller officiating.

Burial was in the William Handshoe Cemetery, at Quicksand, in Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where services were held nightly, at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers: Tony Bolen, Willis Handshoe, Brent Handshoe, Michael Vanderpool, Greg Robinson, Dustin Conn, Winford Cornett, and Arthur Adams.

(Paid obituary)

Piercing

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signs and symptoms of infection and instructions to consult a physician if signs and symptoms of infection such as fever, swelling, redness or drainage occur.

"These new regulations will help foster industry uniformity and add a level of protection for our citizens," said Guy F. Delius, acting director of Public Health Protection and Safety.

If you have questions about tattoo or body piercing, call your local health department environmental health specialist or the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety at 502/564-7181, Ext: 3718.

Aids

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tor with the Louisville Metro Health Department.

Robbin Melton, 41, is a Louisville AIDS activist who has been HIV-positive for 15 years.

"You would think it would go without saying at this point that you need to protect yourself, but it doesn't, clearly," Melton said.

Nationally between 850,000 and 950,000 Americans now live with HIV, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's the largest number since the epidemic began more than two decades ago.

A preliminary estimate by the CDC found that about 3,900 Kentuckians had HIV at the end of 2002 — about twice the number who had AIDS.

At the same time HIV is increasing in new age groups, both the virus and AIDS continue to afflict a disproportionate number of blacks.

Kentucky AIDS cases among whites have risen 23 percent since 2000, while cases among blacks have declined slightly. But the number of AIDS cases per 100,000 for blacks is about seven times higher than the rate for whites and other races.

Blacks make up 7 percent of Kentucky's population, yet accounted for 37 percent of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2001, the latest year for which such analysis is available.

Letters

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up. He had planned this event before He created man. He

had planned this before He created angels. He had planned this before the beginning of things and the dawn of time.

Roman, Jew and all of mankind are the reason He died, but He allowed them to take His life. Jesus could have stopped them at any time. He could have killed the Jews with one thought. He could have defeated the Romans in one breath.

He chose to die. He chose the time to die. In a time when the world's worst execution was in practice, He chose to become human so He could suffer that death. He knew every stripe He would bear, every blow He would take and every hand that would deliver them eons before He became a man.

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Randell Reno
 Prestonsburg

Russell Boyd

Russell Boyd, 71, of W. Carrollton, Ohio, passed away Sunday, February 29, 2004.

He was born April 2, 1932, in Betsy Layne, the son of the late B. Palmer (Pal) and Goldie (Conn) Boyd.

Survivors include his daughters, Beverly Carlin and Phyllis (Doug) Gray; brothers: Clifford, Orbie, Gradis and Archer D. Boyd; several nieces and nephews; family friend, Tom; and for-

mer wife, Josephine.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3, at the Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, Kettering, Ohio, with Pastor Wayne Burke officiating.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family would like to offer a special thank-you to the staff members at Elm Creek Nursing Home, and also Hospice of Dayton.

(Paid obituary)

Rosalee Thompson Blocker

Rosalee Thompson Blocker, 67, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Born July 24, 1936, in Weeksbury, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Beatrice Thompson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Free Pentecostal Church of God, at Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Lee Blocker.

Survivors include three sons: Harold Jr. Blocker and Randy Blocker, both of Weeksbury, and Michael Blocker of Endicott; three daughters: Priscilla Akers of Allen, Virginia Jones of Newport, Ohio, and Patty Tackett of Weeksbury; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 9, at 1 p.m., at the Free Pentecostal Church of God in Weeksbury, with Rev. John (Jay) Patton and Rev. Cecil Howard officiating.

Burial was in the Weeksbury Cemetery (Caleb Fork), at Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Anthony Newsome

Anthony Newsome, 68, of McDowell, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 24, 1935, at Beaver, he was the son of the late Jarvey and Rhodina Vance Newsome. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMW.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mertie Blevins Newsome.

Survivors include two sons: James Anthony Newsome, (wife, Susie) of Glasgow, and Glenn Dale Newsome of McDowell; two daughters: Nora McNear, (husband, John) of Louisville, and Freda Gayle Bentley, (boyfriend, Randall Vickers) of McDowell; one brother, Tivis Newsome of McDowell; one sister, Alice Johnson of Melvin; five grandchildren: James Michael, Mark Anthony, Brett, Tommy (T.J.), and Murtie (Cookie).

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Estill Newsome, Foster Newsome, Robert Newsome, and Anderson Newsome; and three sisters: Lula Bell Tackett, Maxie Moore, and Thelma Adams.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 8, at 1 p.m., at Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist of the New Salem Association, at McDowell, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Osborne Cemetery, Frasures Creek, at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

John Arthur Harris

John Arthur Harris, age 57, of Hueysville, husband of Patricia McCrory Harris, passed away, Friday, March 5, 2004, in Langley.

He was born June 8, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of the late John Arthur Harris and Ruth Collins. He worked for Rayconn Landscaping.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six sons: John Arthur Harris Jr., of Flint, Michigan, Jeremy Harris of Arkansas, Joshua Andrew Harris of Alabama, Joseph Aaron Harris of Tampa, Florida, William Lewis Assel of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and James Ronald Assel of Fairmont, West Virginia; five daughters: Joni Alisha Harris of Jonesville, Michigan, Jolene Angel Harris of Michigan, Julie Amber Harris and Jennifer Ashley Harris, both of Hanover Horton, Michigan, and Christine Carter of Prestonsburg; one sister, Betty, of Syracuse, New York, 17 grandchildren; and his ex-wife, Jeanette Harris Tullock of Hanover Horton, Michigan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Julie Harris.

Funeral services for John Arthur Harris will be conducted Wednesday, March 10, at 11 a.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, with Clergyman Chester Varney officiating.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Mildred "Midge" Halbert

Mildred "Midge" Halbert, age 69, of Langley, wife of the late Donahue Halbert, passed away, Friday, January 16, 2004, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

She was born August 30, 1934, in Langley, the daughter of the late C. C. "Lum" Reffitt and Maggie Robinson Reffitt. She was a retired self-employed merchant, a lifetime member of Garrett Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 128, Ladies Auxiliary, and a Kentucky Colonel.

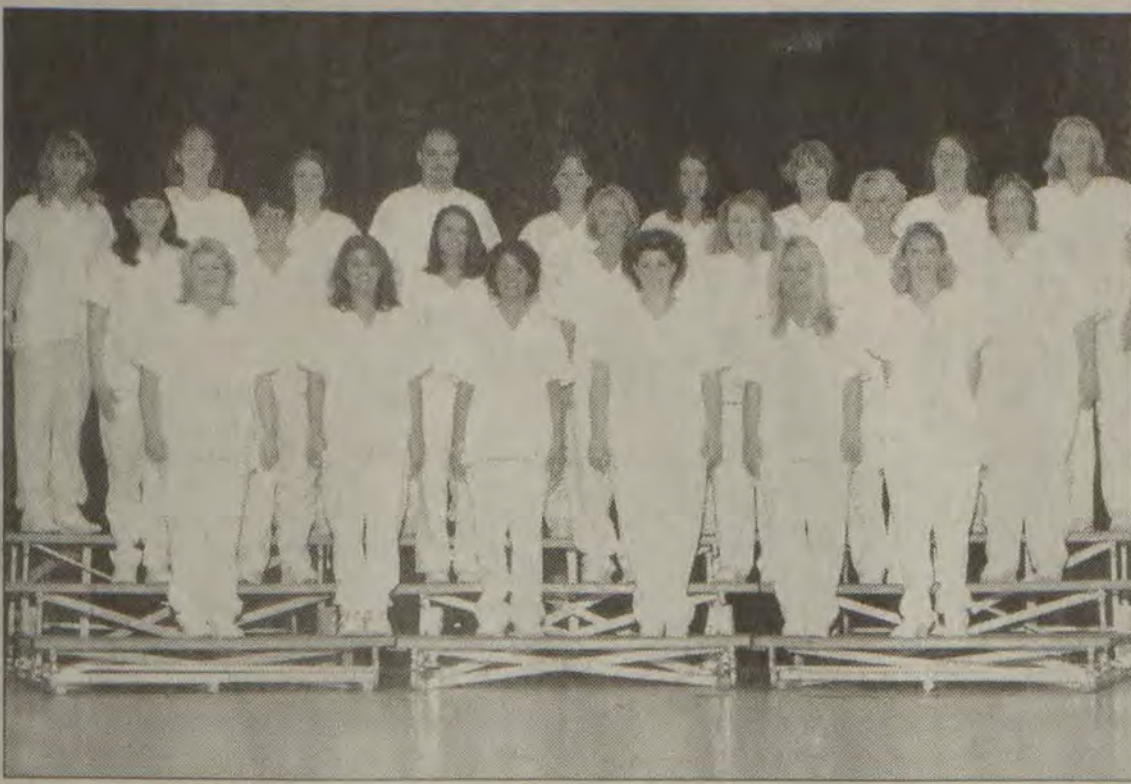
Survivors include two brothers: Claude Reffitt of Hillsboro, and Robert Reffitt of Manhattan, Kansas; two sisters: Harriett Ann Schumacher and Wilma May, both of Louisville. Also survived by a special nephew and niece, Bobby Joe Reffitt and Mildred Reffitt and her loving cat, Bubber Halbert.

In addition to her husband, and parents, Midge was preceded in death by one brother, Beverage Reffitt; one sister, Christine Shadlay.

Funeral services for Mildred "Midge" Halbert were conducted Sunday, January 18, at 12:30 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Philip Bartley officiating.

Burial followed in the P.D. Allen Cemetery, at Langley, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Bobby Reffitt, Matt Vanover, Justin Carrol, Freddie Shepherd, Chris Bailey, Nathan Reffitt, Beckham Reffitt and Tony Salisbury. (Paid obituary)



The May 2003 graduates in the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX State Board Examination for registered nurses. Members of the class are from left, front row, Dawn Renee Patrick, Jamesa Carole Scott, Christina Dotson, Lisa Dawn Hall, Sherrie Renee Howell and Sara Lynn Coleman Justice. Middle row, Mary Jeanette Anderson, Brenda Marie Crum Preece, Sarah Ann Charles, Amanda Nicole Lester, Kathy Lee Scarberry Thacker, Amanda Rose Ratliff and Tina Clouse. Top row, Jessica Denise Anderson, Lee Ann Cantrell, Tabatha Machel Thompson Brewer, Danny Christopher Whitt, Stacy Lynette Kimbler, Kathy Jo Hubbard, Darlene Dawn Thacker Ellis, Susan Marie Scarberry Goble and Kortney Brooke Thompson.

Pikeville College nursing graduates maintain perfect NCLEX-RN pass rate

PIKEVILLE — For two consecutive years, graduates of Pikeville College's Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX State Board

Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Twenty-two students - the College's largest number of nursing graduates since 1997 - took the NCLEX-RN in June 2003. The national pass average was 85 percent; the Kentucky average was 92 percent.

"Our graduates continue to excel in all areas of their education," said Mary R. Simpson, Ph.D., RN, chairperson of the Nursing Division. "We work closely with our clinical agencies to provide quality nursing care. For example, this group completed the first preceptor program with nurses at Pikeville Methodist Hospital (PMH) to ease the transition to practice."

Simpson also commended the nursing faculty for individualized instruction, mentoring, and retention efforts with all nursing students.

The 2003 graduates were employed at PMH, Williamson area hospitals and in Lexington, according to Dr. Simpson.

An associate degree in nursing from Pikeville College can be completed in four semesters. Upon passage of the NCLEX, graduates are licensed for immediate employment as registered nurses. For more information on the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program at Pikeville College, please contact the Division of Nursing at (606) 218-5750 or visit www.pc.edu.



Genna Stumbo and Robbie Hall of McDowell, Ky., wish to announce the birth of their 3-lb., 13-oz. baby boy, Shelton Gregory Rydell Hall.

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County officials, expecting the task force to be set aside in the wake of Frankfort and Washington planning, backed off funding in the past weeks, watching the total funds slump below \$500 at one point before finally deciding to scratch that approach and move ahead with

plans as usual. The county has decided, it would seem, that pretty ideas and fancy talk about what can be done aren't nearly as important as the effective track record our local folks have established here in our backyards where the real casualties are piling up.

No one is saying that federal funding wouldn't be a welcome sight, or that bringing in more warm bodies and extra ammunition couldn't help. The point is that we already have a solid foundation from which to expand on. Unlike in the past, we have, at last, developed a war plan that seems to be working. The fear is that those with lofty ideas about what could be done may be missing out on the fact that things are being done, and being done well.

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State shuts Appalachian Commission offices early

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — A state whose leaders have fought to keep the federal Appalachian Regional Commission alive had no such resolve when it came to a Kentucky agency created for the same purpose, to bring economic parity to mountain communities.

The Kentucky Appalachian Commission will close March 15, the victim of state budget

cuts. That's some three months earlier than had been originally planned.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher cut the \$392,000 in funding for the commission in his proposed \$14.9 billion General Fund budget for 2005-06. The legislature, which could have continued the funding, opted not to do so.

The commission had been funded through June 30. The Fletcher administration decided to close the office when executive director Ewell Balltrip

resigned, effective March 15.

Three others who worked in the office will be laid off that day.

While local leaders have lamented the closing, state lawmakers have not acted.

"Appalachian Kentucky needs all the help it can get," said Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman. "I thought the Kentucky Appalachian Commission did a good job uniting our people for the common goal of improving the quality of life."

Former Gov. Paul Patton created the commission to help with

economic development and to be a voice for the needs of people and communities.

"I don't understand this," Gorman said. "It's not going to save that much money, but it's going to deprive our region of a great service. With all the needs in eastern Kentucky, I'm just sorry they did that."

State Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, House majority leader in the Kentucky General Assembly, said he doesn't expect a push by the legislature to save the commission.

Balltrip, who resigned to

accept a position outside state government, took a neutral stand on the decision.

"This has been an exciting time," he said. "It's been invigorating to be able to make a positive contribution to the region. If I had it to do over again, I'd do it again."

Assistant Director Ben Hale, a former judge-executive from Floyd County, said he doesn't believe the closure is in the best interest of eastern Kentucky.

"If this is any indication of the administration's view of eastern Kentucky, it's going to be a long

four years," Hale said. "I would hope they would not be that mean-spirited toward eastern Kentucky."

Phyllis Liebman, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, said the duties performed by the Appalachian Commission will be assigned to staffers in the Department for Local Government.

Liebman said the work of the commission will continue from Frankfort — not Hazard.

"There is no intention of ever reopening that office," she said.

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Hickman first Kentucky nurse to receive AONE national award



Cheryl Hickman

PIKEVILLE — Each year, the Award & Recognition Program of the AONE (American Organization of Nurse Executives) Institute for Patient Care and Education honors outstanding nurse leaders and organizations that make significant contributions to advancing the profession of nursing

leadership. Pikeville Methodist Hospital is proud to announce that Chief Nursing Officer Cheryl Hickman, BSN, MS, RN, CNA, BC, was the 2004 co-recipient of AONE's highest and most prestigious honor — the Community Partnership Award.

A nominee for the Community Partnership Award is someone who has been a leader in his or her hospital or healthcare system and has been a leader in the community, enhancing the image of nursing, fostering involvement in public affairs and forming strategic relationships and partnerships within the Community.

Hickman, an AONE member of four years, is the only nurse professional in Kentucky to have ever received the award. She will travel to AONE's annual meeting in Phoenix, April 17-21 to be recognized for her accomplishment in the company of nurse executives working in healthcare facilities throughout the United States.

Hickman was nominated for the award by PMH Director of Pediatric Nursing Sheila Belcher, BSN, RN, CPN. In her nomination letter to AONE, Belcher noted many of Hickman's professional successes at PMH such as establishing the hospital's first nursing council to increase communication between nurse directors, managers and charge nurses; developing PMH's first NICU (neonatal intensive care unit); developing an inter-facility transport system; planning and designing nursing units in the hospital's \$100 million Walter E. May Tower (which opened in

December 2000); promoting professional development of nurses by encouraging certifications and specialty training; supporting staff education with an emphasis on skills and competencies with the hiring of the hospital's first two clinical nurse specialists; and planning and assisting with all new services that have been added to PMH in the past year.

"Cheryl sets an excellent example with her high values and passion for nursing," said Belcher. "Her influence extends well beyond just the hospital. Through her long-standing ties in the community, she has sought opportunities to bring new and better healthcare services to the community and the region whenever she could. She has used her position to enhance both the nursing profession and the hospital's image within our community and throughout our region of Kentucky."

Two examples of Cheryl's community involvement that were considered by the AONE were her implementation of a Safe Sitter class at PMH in 1995 and her presentation of a nursing scholarship in 2002 to a local high school student interested in the nursing profession who acted heroically by stopping a criminal act in her neighborhood.

Due to the Safe Sitter class being taught, a Safe Sitter graduate began CPR efforts on a child she rescued from a pool in the community, which saved the child's life.

Additionally, Cheryl has been part of an administrative team at PMH that has worked

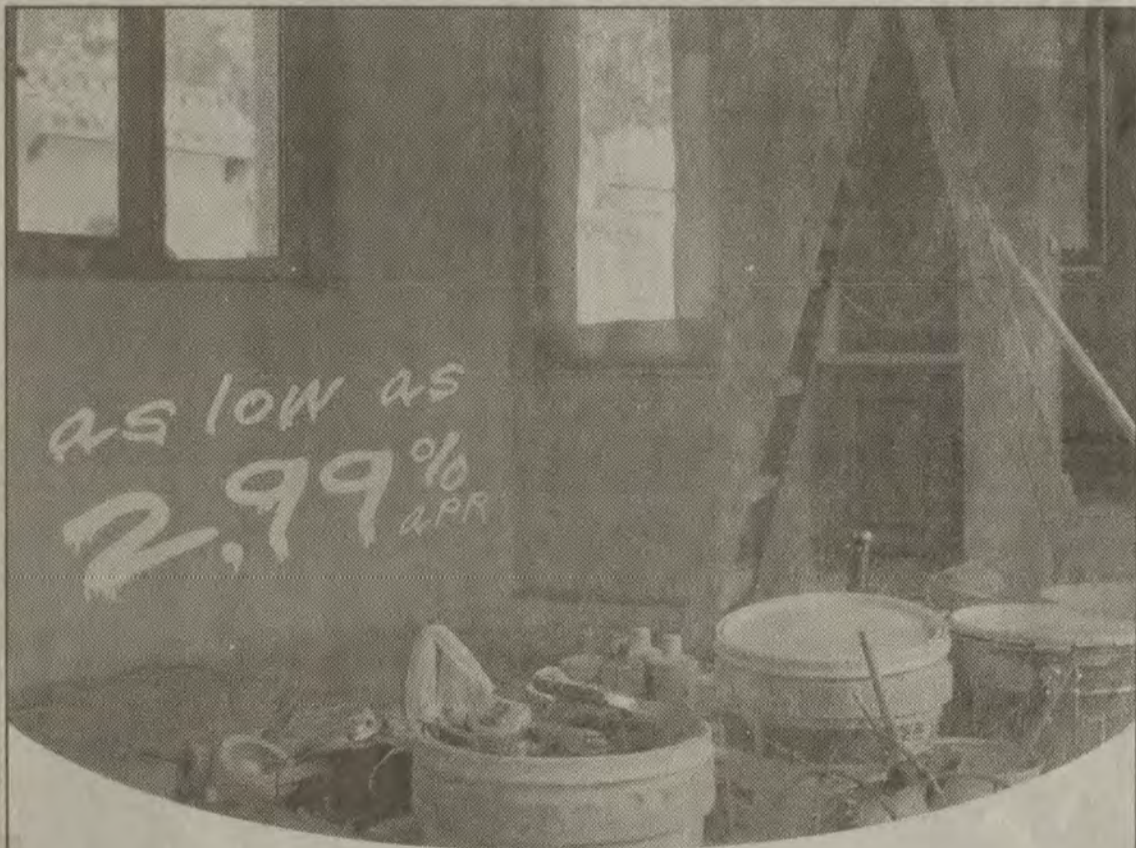
collaboratively to develop and implement new programs to meet the needs of the community such as cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, interventional cardiology, air and ground transport, home health, medical detoxification and inpatient physical rehabilitation. Hickman has recruited staff and provided training and education to ensure the success of the hospital's new services.

Moreover, she has worked closely with Pikeville College's Elizabeth Akers Elliott Associates Degree in Nursing Program by developing a preceptor program at PMH for graduating student nurses. Hickman has also partnered PMH with Morehead State University to offer the RN tract component of the school's Baccalaureate Nursing Program on-site at the hospital.

PMH Chief Executive Officer Joann Anderson, MSN, stated, "I am very proud to have Cheryl as a member of the administrative team at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. As a nurse, I respect her contributions, leadership and advocacy for nursing throughout the organization. As a senior executive, I appreciate her energy, stamina and commitment to high-quality results."

"Cheryl has been a tremendous asset to Pikeville

(See HICKMAN, page ten)



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House sponsor of gambling proposal says unlikely bill will pass

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The House sponsor of legislation to bring casino gambling to Kentucky said Monday it's unlikely to pass during this session of the General Assembly.

Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark said he met with horse racing

industry officials Monday afternoon and they could not agree on a plan.

"There'll be no gaming legislation as far as I'm concerned passed this session," Clark told reporters in his Capitol Annex office.

Clark introduced legislation that would put to voters a proposed constitutional amendment

that would allow for casino gambling. His plan calls for as many as nine casinos throughout the state.

Casino gambling would be a windfall for the state that could bring in more than \$437 million each year, Clark has said.

But industry officials could not agree on a plan, Clark said. Particularly, the industry would

not agree to a provision that would allow local communities to have the final say whether they wanted a casino.

They also were unable to agree on terms that would have Churchill Downs build a casino in downtown Louisville, Clark said.

"I don't know if they're being greedy, but they walked

away from \$1.5 billion because they couldn't agree amongst themselves," Clark said.

Bob Elliston, a Turfway Park official who has been the racing industry's spokesman, declined to comment as he left Clark's office. He did not return a phone call later seeking comment.

Clark's legislative package includes a proposed constitutional amendment and a separate bill that spells out the details.

Industry officials wanted some of the bill — about five pages worth — in the proposed constitutional amendment, Clark said. That would have been "bad public policy" because it would have required another constitutional amendment to make future changes, Clark said.

Clark's legislation was scheduled for a hearing before a House panel on Wednesday.

Whether the legislation goes before the committee would depend on whether industry officials change their mind, Clark said.

For now, he said he would let them "sleep on it" and would not withdraw the proposal.

Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, has proposed the same legislation as Clark's in the Senate. Boswell said he was "on the same page" as Clark and would follow his lead.

Still, he didn't completely dismiss the possibility of a gambling proposal eventually coming through.

"As long as this legislature is in session, anything can happen," Boswell said. "So we've got time yet to work through any problems that they may have had."

Bill would punish meth makers who produce drug around children

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State lawmakers are considering a bill that would make it a felony to manufacture methamphetamine around children.

A proposed Senate bill would create a separate offense for exposing a child to a lab or the highly toxic chemicals used

to produce methamphetamine. "On a number of occasions we have taken children from houses where manufacturing is going on," said Sgt. Jim Acquisto, a Daviess County sheriff's detective who has joined other law enforcement officials in support of the bill.

It sets up various penalties — one to five years if the child is exposed but isn't injured; five to 10 years if the child is injured; 10 to 20 years if there is a serious physical injury; and life in prison or the death penalty if the exposed child dies.

State police say 498 methamphetamine labs were seized in the state last year, compared with 376 in 2002 and 170 in 2001. The labs are generally in homes but also are found in vehicles, motel rooms and barns, garages or sheds.

An effort to remove the possible death sentence failed on the Senate floor.

Manufacturing methamphetamine now carries a penalty of 10 years to life in prison.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester. It passed the Senate 35-2 and goes next to the House Judiciary Committee, where the chairman, Rep. Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, said he will give it a hearing.

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Methodist Hospital and its rapid progression," added PMH President Walter E. May. "She is well-deserving of this national award for her many contributions to our hospital and to the community we serve. Cheryl is the only individual in the state of Kentucky to have been given the award, and all of us at Pikeville Methodist are very proud of her."

Hickman was born in Charleston, W.Va., and grew up in New Jersey. After graduating from St. Vincents Academy High School, she left New Jersey in 1969 and became a volunteer with St. Vincents Mission in David, Kentucky.

Envisioning for her a life dedicated to the service of others, Hickman decided to enter the nursing profession and graduated from Prestonsburg Community College's first class of registered nurses in 1974. Having realized a strong attachment to Eastern Kentucky and its people, she decided to begin her career at PMH the same year.

Hickman previously held such positions as Charge Nurse on Medical/Surgical Units, Critical Care Charge Nurse, House Supervisor/Assistant Director of Nursing and Director of Pediatrics/NICU prior to being appointed Chief Nursing Officer in 1998.

Along the way, Hickman earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehead State University and her master's degree in Healthcare management through LaSalle University. She is certified in nursing administration through

the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Hickman is married to Reggie Hickman, vice president of Brock McVey, and has three daughters, Sarah, 24, an employee of Community Trust Bank; Kim, 22, a student at Eastern Kentucky University; and Elizabeth, 21, a student at Merrimack College.

Hickman credits the nursing staff, Anderson, administrative staff, the hospital board of directors and her family for receiving the Community Partnership Award. She further noted that she shares the award with the nursing department at PMH.

"You don't win these awards alone," she said. "People are successful only because everyone around them is successful. We have a great staff at Pikeville Methodist that the community can be proud of and that anyone would be proud to work with every day. This staff can compete with anyone locally or nationally."

"Family support is essential in everyone's life, and I have been fortunate to have a family that supports each other in all we do," Hickman continued.

"I truly believe we were put on this earth to not just live our own lives, but we were also put here to help our fellow man. Being able to do this as part of your daily work is truly a blessing that everyone needs to be thankful for. Helping another human being is not just a gift, but a privilege. Working at Pikeville Methodist Hospital gives up this privilege every day."

Host 'couldn't believe the dirt' in his agency

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Jim Host says his first day at the office as Gov. Ernie Fletcher's secretary of commerce was an eye opener.

"I couldn't believe the dirt and the filth and the condition of the offices," Host told The Associated Press. He said he had to quickly set about "changing the culture" of a sprawling and newly reorganized agency.

Employees were told that their new boss expected offices to be clean. He expected his employees to be at work on time and to be cleanly dressed. "Just do the right things," Host said. "That's all we're asking people."

But, according to Host, the grimy offices were metaphorical. In a wide-ranging interview with the AP, Host said his new domain — made up mostly of the old Tourism Development Cabinet and its Department of Parks — was rife with inefficiency and deeper problems.

Host said there was "huge evidence" of sexual harassment in the parks department and that he expected to document three to four

cases. There was cheating on time sheets. There was theft of state property. The agency was top-heavy with employees but had a miserable record for minority hiring.

All cabinet employees in Frankfort were required to sign a policy statement on harassment. One employee has since been fired for making racial slurs, Host said. The tolerance level is zero.

"I told them if they got caught stealing anything, and it was documented, they'd be immediately fired," Host said. "There will be no second chance. I'll take my chance with the merit system," the civil service protection for state government employees.

Taking a chance would be nothing new for Host, who gained a national reputation in marketing, especially sports marketing, through Host Communications, the company he founded in Lexington in 1971 after losing an election as the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor. Prior to that, he was Gov. Louie Nunn's commissioner for public information — more marketing.

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Funding for fire departments approved by House

FRANKFORT — Firefighters were the focus of legislation passed by the House Monday that would improve fire department funding and firefighter training.

House Bills 435 and 436 would help paid and volunteer fire departments should the legislation become law. HB 435, which was passed 93-1, would allocate \$1 million from the state Firefighters Foundation Program Fund each fiscal year for firefighter training. The same amount was allotted from the fund each year from 1992 to 2001 to provide revolving low-interest loans to volunteer departments for major equipment and construction.

HB 436, which was passed 92-0, would increase state aid to volunteer departments from

\$8,250 to \$10,000 per year if at least 50 percent of the department is IFSAC I (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) certified, or up to \$11,000 if at least 50 percent is IFSAC II certified. The IFSAC accredits international, national, and regional fire service certification programs, with special emphasis on examination procedures.

HB 436 would also provide a \$3,000 salary supplement to each Kentucky fire and rescue training coordinator employed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and each civilian firefighter employed by the Kentucky Air National Guard who meets training requirements.

Both bills now go to the Senate for its consideration.

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Host

Host was securely retired in Florida when Fletcher, Kentucky's first Republican governor since Nunn, cajoled him into coming home to join his cabinet.

"I turned him down six times," Host said. "I was a Florida resident. We were going to be in Jupiter Island, planned on playing golf."

"Ernie started working on me right before the election and then right after the election, and he wouldn't take no."

Host, a former University of Kentucky and minor league baseball pitcher who said he habitually scores games when he's a spectator, drew up a list of 35 questions for his prospective boss. "The toughest question of the group was 'Are you prepared and really committed to make change?' ... He said yes."

Host said he wanted Fletcher's assurance that he would have a free hand to run the agency — that

staffing would not be done "the old-fashioned patronage way," in which he would have to take whomever the governor sent over. Fletcher gave his word.

To run the department, Host hired George Ward, who had 22 years of hotel industry experience.

Drawing on his sports connections, Host hired former Kentucky quarterback Derrick Ramsey as his deputy secretary. Ramsey persuaded another former Wildcat football star, Jerry Blanton, to leave a security business in Kansas City to oversee security and internal auditing in the parks department.

"These people that I have gone out and recruited ... are not considered to be political hangers-on who've been around the system for all these years," Host said.

At 66, Host is tall and dynamic. Commerce employees found they had a boss who rises every day at 4 a.m., is at the office before

5 and is given to 7 a.m. staff meetings. "Anybody that wants to work there ... understands the ground rules. If they don't, they don't have to be there," he said.

For the last week, Host has made his morning rounds at

Commerce Cabinet offices in the bland, 24-story Capital Plaza Tower before crossing town to the Capitol, where he has been temporarily doubling as Fletcher's chief spokesman. He said he expected a new communications

director to be hired in two to three weeks.

Host indicated that most of his attention has been commanded by the Department of Parks, which runs a system of 51 parks and shrines across the state. Thirty-one are "resort parks," meaning they have lodges and restaurants.

Host said the system is mired in the past and has an operating deficit of \$29 million a year — a deficit Host said he was committed to eliminating in four years. "You can't run government like a business, but you can run it with business principles," he said.

The parks system had too many employees — Host said one park had five financial officers — but most were in the merit system, so many have been reassigned to shortage areas. Twenty-two probationary employees were released in the last week. "That's the business part of me," Host said.

Host said he found that state park campgrounds are operating at

only 38 percent capacity. He said that was understandable, given that they are in poor condition and are unsuitable for large recreational vehicles.

"We have more campground sites than everybody else put together, and people are coming through the state as opposed to stopping to utilize them," he said.

Worse, Host said, is an archaic reservation system that does not allow online booking of rooms. "To me, that's insane, and we're going to change that immediately," he said.

Host said he was told that parks had no online reservations because park superintendents wanted to

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Senate panel hears testimony on broadband bill

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Senate panel on Thursday approved a contentious bill some say would change Kentucky's telecommunications landscape by preventing the state from regulating broadband services.

Essentially, the bill pits larger telephone companies, such as BellSouth, that own much of the existing infrastructure needed for broadband services against smaller communications companies that use their equipment to do business.

Rather than leave the industry's regulation to the state's Public Service Commission, the state's broadband service would be monitored only by the Federal Communications Commission.

Supporters say the bill streamlines industry regulation and encourages phone companies to invest more in the infra-

structure needed for expanding high-speed Internet service. Without such a law, supporters say, there is no incentive for companies to invest in broadband technology.

"It allows us to have the certainty required to know that we're not going to have double regulation," Joan Coleman, a spokeswoman for BellSouth, told the committee about the bill.

Opponents, meanwhile, say the bill would do just the opposite. Instead of facilitating a competitive environment, opponents say, it would open the industry to go unchecked by state regulators and wedge smaller competitors out of business.

"What BellSouth wants to do is they want to lessen competition," said Albert Cinelli, chairman and CEO of Cinergy Communications Company.

Among other things, Cinelli's company provides broadband Internet access in Kentucky. If this bill becomes law, his company would not be

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Dave Evans Added To Don Rigsby's Homecoming Show!

On Saturday, March 13th, at the Mountain Arts Center, soulful bluegrass performer, Dave Evans, will be joining a star-studded group of musicians at Don Rigsby's sixth annual Homecoming Show.

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Slone advised local business owners as well as political candidates to remove any signs they think might be on state right-of-way.

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Fletcher pledges support for Commission on Women

by BRUCE SCHREINER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher promised to support the Kentucky Commission on Women at a ceremony Friday that included a silent protest from some women upset with his handling of the agency.

The commission currently has no office or staff. Fletcher promised to appoint an executive director soon and to find a new home for the agency.

Fletcher announced the appointment of new commission members Friday and a new agency chairwoman. He said his wife, Glenna, will be an ex-officio member.

The governor said the 40-year-old commission's future wasn't jeopardized by the state's budget problems.

"Our desire to realize more efficiency in state government is not intended to reverse the gains

women have made over the past several decades," he said. "We will not tolerate that."

He spoke at a Capitol ceremony in which the Fetters unveiled the portraits of four prominent Kentucky women.

Fletcher's administration closed the commission's office in downtown Frankfort last month. Betsy Nowland-Curry, the commission's executive director, stepped down at the administration's request.

The commission had three full-time positions. Fletcher spokeswoman Jeannie Lausche said the governor's office is reassessing staffing needs.

The ceremony drew a large crowd of women, and a handful of them wore masks over their mouths during Fletcher's speech to protest his handling of the commission. Other women had masks but did not do them.

"Women's rights are being trampled on," said Jeanne Owers of Owensboro, who wore a mask. "We're being muzzled and not heard."

Fletcher cited national rankings that placed Kentucky women near the bottom in employment and earnings, health and political participation. He said his administration would strive to reverse those trends.

Owers said later the commission needs to play a key role. But she worried that the governor's office will try to control the commission.

"Nothing will be done to change any of that as long as we give our future over to the men that have made the decisions that have been wrong for women," Owers said in an interview.

Nancy Eskridge, a commission member from Owensboro, disapproved of the silent protest. "We need to give this governor an opportunity to do what he says he's going to do," she said.

Eskridge, who was appointed by former Gov. Paul Patton,

said she didn't think Fletcher would try to dictate the commission's direction.

But she said the patience of women shouldn't be unlimited.

"If he fails, we can hammer him," she said.

Carolyn Bratt, among the women honored at the ceremony, praised the commission for "educating, advocating and agitating on behalf of Kentucky women." She said the commission played a key role in shaping laws to protect women from domestic violence.

Bratt, a noted civil-rights activist, is a University of Kentucky law professor and is former chairwoman of the Commission on Women.

The other women honored were Hannah Hume Baird, who served on President Carter's Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity for Women; Dr. Louise Gilman Hutchins, who was medical director of Berea's Mountain Maternal Health League; and country music singer Loretta Lynn.

At the ceremony, Fletcher announced the appointment of Sarah Blanken Kahmann of Florence as the commission's new chairwoman. Kahmann has been a commission member since 1997.

Fletcher also appointed former state Rep. Pat Friebert of Lexington and Martie Wiles of Benton to the commission.

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House leader: More money found for school raises

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The House's version of a budget will give more money for public schools and bigger raises to school employees and state workers than Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed, ranking House members said Thursday.

"I believe teachers and state employees are going to be pretty pleased with what we've found," Speaker Jody Richards said after he and other legislators met with Fletcher.

The House appropriations committee, which has held hearings on Fletcher's budget, is to finish assembling its version Friday. The full House would vote on it as early as Tuesday, then send it to the Senate for another round of hearings. A final version would be negotiated by House and Senate conferees.

"We think it's an improvement over the governor's budget, and the No. 1 priority is education," Rep. Harry Moberly, chairman of the appropriations committee, told reporters.

The governor's budget, a \$14.9 billion spending plan for the biennium that begins July 1, would give less money for some education programs that are not part of the state's basic school funding formula.

The budget also provided raises of 1.5 percent in the first year and 3 percent in the second to state employees and classroom teachers. Other certified school employees — superintendents, principals, counselors and librarians — were left out.

School districts were expected to pay the first year's raise,

with the state picking up that cost plus the expense of a 3 percent raise in the second year.

Richards said the House version would give all school personnel a raise in at least the first year. An "enhancement" of the raises would come from state dollars, not local dollars, he said. Richards did not say where the money was found, except that it came from "a lot of different places."

"We've squeezed a little bit here, squeezed a little bit there," Richards said.

Richards also said the House budget would not contain language authorizing prison furloughs — a drastic, budget-saving step that turned into a public relations disaster for former Gov. Paul Patton.

"I think that was a mistake in the Patton budget, and I'm not in favor of having it in this budget," Richards said.

Host

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control the rooms. "They ain't controlling the rooms any more," Host said. "The rooms are going to be controlled by a central reservation system, and the rooms are going to be controlled properly and right."

Host said he has other plans — big plans — for marketing not just parks but the entire state — its inland waterways, musical heritage centers, horse industry and historical sites. Also its golf courses, some of which Host swears are better than the hugely popular Robert Trent Jones courses in Alabama. "We're going to absolutely kick butt," he said.

Senate

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able to offer high-speed Internet services at a low cost, Cinelli said.

But with state regulations on top of federal regulations, companies are not inclined to invest a lot of money into what they see as uncertain markets, Coleman said. With state regulations in place, companies would be required to provide broadband services to competitors at an uncertain wholesale discount rate, Coleman said.

"It's important to know that we don't have to give it away below cost," she said.

As the bill is currently written, phone companies would be able to raise local rates

without PSC approval, said Deborah Eversole, a commission spokeswoman.

"We're going to work with the bill's sponsors and with the companies to come up with language that we feel comfortable will protect local rate consumers," Eversole said. "We do have problems with what came out tonight, but they understand that we're going to be working on amendments."

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee approved the measure late Thursday after hearing hours of testimony on the bill. It now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

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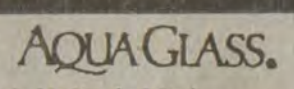
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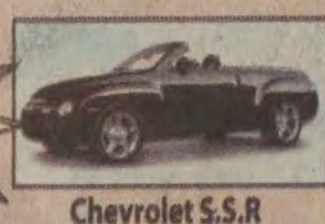
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Matney to Johnson Central

Jim Matney is the newest Johnson Central Golden Eagle. - See Page 4B



Jamerson receives Birchell Duff Award

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The inaugural Birchell Duff Award in memory of the former maintenance supervisor and referee of 25-plus years was presented Friday night at the conclusion of the 58th

District boys' basketball tournament. The recipient of the award, in its first year of existence, was Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson.

The award will be given annually to a deserving student-athlete who excels in four areas - academic achievement, basketball abil-

ity, citizenship and sportsmanship.

On hand to present the award to Jamerson, a deserving honoree, was Birchell Duff's wife Pat and daughters Sandy and Sheila. His son, Todd, not present Friday night, has been chosen to officiate in Bowling Green in

the upcoming Girls' State Tournament. Todd Duff officiated at Friday night's 57th District title game between Magoffin County and Sheldon Clark.

Jamerson will walk-on in the fall and play football at

(See AWARD, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson received the first annual Birchell Duff Award.

57TH DISTRICT

Cardinals claim 57th District title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Eleven years later, Sheldon Clark is back on top in the 57th District.

The Cardinals jumped out quickly on host Magoffin County Friday night and played their way to a 57th District title, beating the Hornets 55-42.

"This is the best feeling in the world," Sheldon Clark Coach J.R. Hammond said after the game. "There's no better group of kids that deserve this than ours. We've worked towards this goal for a long time."

Sophomore Brandon May tossed in a game-high 25 points and grabbed

(See CARDS, page five)

58TH DISTRICT BOYS



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg returned to the top of the 58th District Friday night when it topped Allen Central in the finals.

Blackcats claw way to district title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - By beating 58th District Tournament top-seed South Floyd, Prestonsburg assured itself a spot in this year's 15th Region Tournament. Prestonsburg, winless in the 58th District in regular-season play, took another leap Friday night. The Blackcats outscored host Allen Central

(See CLAW, page four)



A spirited crowd rallied behind the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

Action Express Marts sponsoring regional tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball program began the 2004 portion of the 2003-2004 season by hosting the renewed Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament. Now, over two months later, Prestonsburg is set to host the

Boys' 15th Region Basketball Tournament. What do both events have in common?

Identical sponsors.

The Jenny Wiley tourney was sponsored by Action Express Marts and the boys' 15th Region tourney will be, too. Tim McDonald of Action Express Marts has played a key role

in sponsoring both events. He, Prestonsburg Athletic Director Jerry Butcher and others partnered together in January and made the Jenny Wiley tournament into of the area's top boys' high school basketball events.

The 15th Region Tournament has

(See ACTION, page two)

Boys' regional tourney gets underway today

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG

Prestonsburg High School is serving as host to this year's 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. The tournament will get its start tonight when the host Blackcats (12-16) take to the floor to battle with two-time defending 15th Region champ Shelby Valley (20-7) in the opening game. The nightcap will pit Pike County Central (16-13) against Magoffin County (3-22).

Games on the second night will place Allen Central (13-13) against East Ridge (21-7) in the opener and rivals Sheldon Clark (18-9) and Belfry (11-16) versus one another in the second contest.

East Ridge has the most wins of any team in the tournament with 21. Magoffin County's three victo-

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Looking back on Prestonsburg's regional title

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - What is expected to be an exciting 2004 15th Tournament tips off tonight at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. For Prestonsburg fans, the Fieldhouse brings back memories of the Blackcats' only regional basketball title.

The year was 1989 and Gordon Parido was at the helm for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg fell to a powerful McDowell team led by Henry Webb and Dickie Joe Shannon in the finals of the 58th District Tournament, but the Blackcats would return the favor in the regional championship game.

Prestonsburg had one of its most team oriented groups ever and teamwork would pay off in the end. The Blackcats had several players provide leadership in the 1989 season.

Thomas Nairn ran the team from the guard position with Chris Slone being his running mate. Danny Hamilton and Todd Justice were the starting forwards

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Dotson re-elected to KHSAA Board

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - And the results are in.

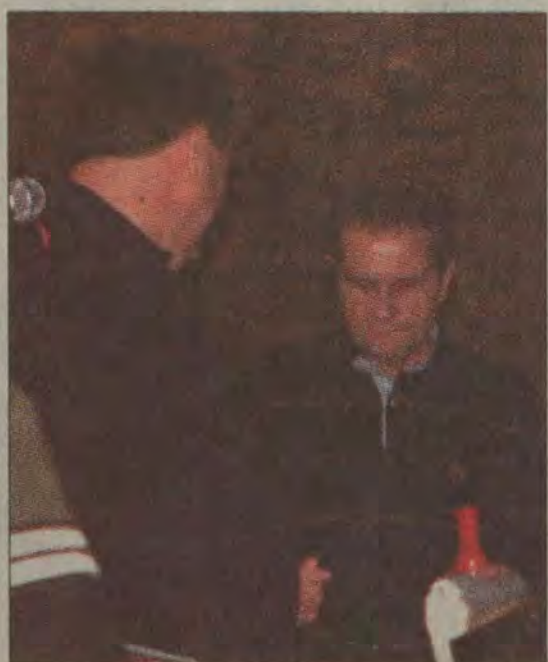
Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced Monday election results for the KHSAA Board of Control. Elected members will begin a four-year term in July.

Representing Regions 15 and 16 will be Paul Dotson, Assistant Superintendent of Pike County Schools. Dotson, current Board president, was re-elected as he is currently serving the

(See DOTSON, page two)

photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin and his Runnin' Rebels are paired with East Ridge in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament. Martin (left) is pictured with Danny Johnson, who assisted with Sunday's Boys' 15th Region Tournament draw.



Lady Cats beat Paintsville, advance to region semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Betsy Layne took a step toward another regional championship Monday night. The Lady Cats, defending 15th Region champs, outbounced Paintsville 30-19 and committed 12 turnovers, 10 fewer than the Lady Tigers, en route to a 53-40 win in the first round of the Girls' 15th Region Basketball Tournament. "We survived," said Betsy

Layne Coach Cassandra Akers "I didn't think we shot very well from the field. We rebounded well and played defense, that was the difference in the game. Any time you can get a double digit win and not shoot well that speaks to your defense and rebounding efforts. I'm very proud of my team for finding a way to win."

Betsy Layne hit two three-pointers as senior Whitney Lykens con-

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Breann Akers (14) and Kristal Daniels kept a close eye on the action. Pictured for Paintsville is senior guard Desiree Haney.

Kenseth wins second straight race

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Defending champion Matt Kenseth rolled to his second straight NASCAR Nextel Cup win Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, surpassing his victory total of 2003 in only the third race of the season.

Kenseth, criticized last season for winning the series title with boring consistency and only one race victory, was dominating for the second straight year in the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400.

"It's been a fun two weeks, the most fun I've had in a race car in my life," Kenseth said.

"We've just got an unbelievable team and unbelievable equipment. Man, this thing was fun to drive."

In his win two weeks earlier at Rockingham, Kenseth had to hold off a challenge from rookie Kasey Kahne, winning by only inches. This time, there was no one to challenge Kenseth after he moved past Kevin Harvick on lap 230 to regain the lead for the fourth and final time in the 267-lap event.

The 23-year-old Kahne, in only his third Cup start, wound up second again Sunday, inheriting the runner-up spot five laps from the end when Harvick ran out of gas

and coasted to the pits. Harvick wound up 21st.

Kahne, who started from the pole, crossed the finish line 3.426 seconds — about half a straightaway — behind Kenseth's No. 17 Ford.

Tony Stewart finished third, followed by Jamie McMurray, Mark Martin, Elliott Sadler, Casey Mears, Kurt Busch and Rusty Wallace.

The race was supposed to be the first true test of the new combination of a shorter rear spoiler and softer tires, intended by NASCAR to make the racing more exciting by allowing more passing.

But this race didn't look much different than the previous six on the 1 1/2-mile Vegas oval, with mostly single-file racing.

There were 18 lead changes among 10 drivers, but many of them came during pit stop sequences and had nothing to do with passing on the race-track.

Kenseth, who started 25th, led a race-high 123 laps, including the final 38. He appeared to have the fastest car all day. Several times, the winner built leads of up to 4 seconds before caution flags

erased the margin.

He was leading Stewart by about 20 car lengths when Kevin Lepage's blown engine dumped oil on the track on lap 183. The leaders made their final pit stops on lap 184 and an uncharacteristic slow stop by his Roush Racing crew left Kenseth seventh for the restart on lap 193 with Harvick in the lead.

"If there was ever a time to have a bad one, that was a good one," Kenseth said of the slow stop. "We actually adjusted the car a little bit and made it better."

Once the green flag flew, Kenseth set sail after the leaders, gaining two positions on the first two laps, moving to fourth on lap 200, third on lap 209 and passing Stewart for

second on lap 221.

He then cut into Harvick's lead on every lap and pulled alongside the leader coming off turn four on lap 230. The two crossed the finish line side-by-side, with Kenseth ahead by the nose of his car.

But, by the time they reached turn one, Kenseth was

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Dotson

final year of a four-year term.

Donna Wear, Principal at Lone Oak High School, was re-elected to the Board as the female representative for Regions 1 through 8. Wear was appointed to the Board last year to complete a term after the resignation of Betsy Glover.

Whitesburg Athletic Director Ozz Jackson, former Board member and Board president,

was elected to represent Regions 13 and 14.

The KHSAA Board of Control is comprised of 18 members who serve four year terms. Four members are appointed by the Kentucky Department of Education and two of the 18 members are elected to represent the Association's private member schools.



The all-conference team for Floyd County included five South Floyd Raiders.

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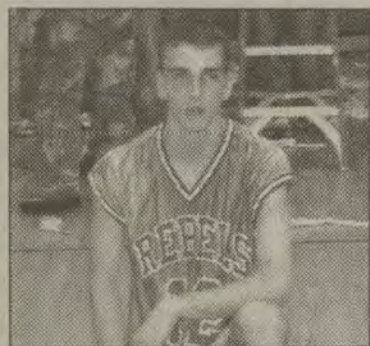


photo by Jamie Howell
Rossi Samons was named the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. He was joined on the team by some of the top players in Floyd County.

Samons named Floyd County Conference Player of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — During an awards ceremony held at the conclusion of the 58th District Tournament championship game Friday night, Allen Central senior Rossi Samons was named Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. Samons was joined on the all-district squad by teammates

Justin Hall and Austin Francis. Conference champ South Floyd placed its starting five on the team as Ryan Johnson, Adam Tackett, Jack Stone, Burnett Little and Steven Stanley were all recognized. Brandon Hall and Jordan Kidd made the team from Betsy Layne. Prestonsburg's Trevor Compton and Nick Jamerson were also included on the team.

Boys

ries is the fewest in the tournament. Magoffin County upended Johnson Central in the opening round of the 57th District Tournament to earn a spot in the regional event.

The Allen Central-East Ridge game may be the top matchup of the first round.

"At this point, it really doesn't matter who plays who," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin, a veteran boys' basketball coach back on the 15th Region Tournament.

The semifinals of the 15th Region tourney will be played Friday night. The championship game to determine a regional champion will be played Saturday night.

Many regions began tournament play Monday night. A look at action from the 14th and 16th

regions follows.

14TH REGION BOYS

Wolfe County 74, Leslie County 67: Wolfe County advanced to the semifinals with a victory at Breathitt County.

Tyler Halsey led the way for Wolfe (18-80) with 22 points.

Senior Pete Brock scored 23 points for Leslie County (16-10).

Breathitt County 81, Letcher 53: Surging Breathitt County didn't have any trouble against Breathitt County. Brothers Jesse and Jason Miller combined for 33 points to lead the Bobcats to victory.

16TH REGION BOYS

Lewis County 58, Rowan County 55: Tyler Clark poured in 31 points to help Lewis County rally at Morehead State.

Region

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nected on both treys. The Lady Cats hit 19 field goals and nine of 21 free throws.

Kristal Daniels led Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points. Lykens scored 12 points and Kim Clark added 10. Clark helped the Lady Cats pull away by hitting four of six free throw attempts in the final quarter.

Betsy Layne led 13-9 at the end of the first period and put the Lady Tigers behind by 10, 26-16 at the half.

Betsy Layne enjoyed a 15-point cushion at the end of the third quarter as it led 41-26.

Whitney Reynolds led

Paintsville with 13 points. Desiree Haney and Chelsea Jarrell scored seven apiece. Ashley Hall scored five and Kendra Carroll added four. Jennifer Chaffin and Savannah Moore chipped in two each.

Kristen Smith, before fouling out, scored seven points for Betsy Layne. Breann Akers and Tabetha Witt rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points each.

The win places Betsy Layne into the regional semifinals. Betsy Layne will have nearly a week to prepare for its next opponent, Pike County Central.

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Lewis won despite being outbounded 39-19.

Lee Chaney scored 12 points to lead four players in double figures for Rowan County (12-17).

Ashland Blazer 58, Raceland 38: Matt Johnson scored 13 points, and Ashland (21-7) pulled away in the second half.

Daniel Watts scored 11 points for Raceland (14-14), which managed just 4-for-21 shooting in the second half.

Award

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the University of Kentucky. He is a member of the Prestonsburg High football, basketball and track and field teams. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Honor Choir.

Jamerson, both all-conference and all-district in basketball, helped the Blackcat boys' basketball team to this year's 58th District crown.

Action

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found its way back to Prestonsburg High School. Prestonsburg captured its one and only regional basketball championship on its homefloor back in 1989. The boys' regional tourney will tip off tonight at 6:30 p.m. when the host Blackcats take on tournament favorite Shelby Valley.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 9 Kentucky 82, Florida 62

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gerald Fitch scored 21 points and Erik Daniels added 15 points, 14 rebounds and six assists to lead No. 9 Kentucky past Florida 82-62 Sunday.

The Wildcats (23-4, 13-3 Southeastern Conference) beat the Gators (18-9 9-7) for the sixth straight time, and eighth in the last nine meetings. Both teams have clinched first-round byes in this week's SEC tournament in Atlanta.

Kentucky, the SEC East division champion, finished second overall in the conference, behind West division champion Mississippi State. The Wildcats' six-game winning streak is their second-longest this season, after opening with seven straight wins.

Early in the second half, Kentucky used a 17-0 run, which featured consecutive 3-pointers by Antwain Barbour, Daniels, Fitch and Barbour again, and a conventional 3-point play by Cliff Hawkins, to turn a six-point lead into a rout.

The Wildcats led 52-29 after the run, and Florida, which had its four-game win streak snapped, came no closer than 14 points during the final 15:44.

Kentucky, which has struggled with its perimeter shooting most of the season, attempted 30 3-pointers, and made 10. It's the third time in the last four games that the Wildcats made at least 10 3s.

Kentucky's Chuck Hayes also had a double double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and six

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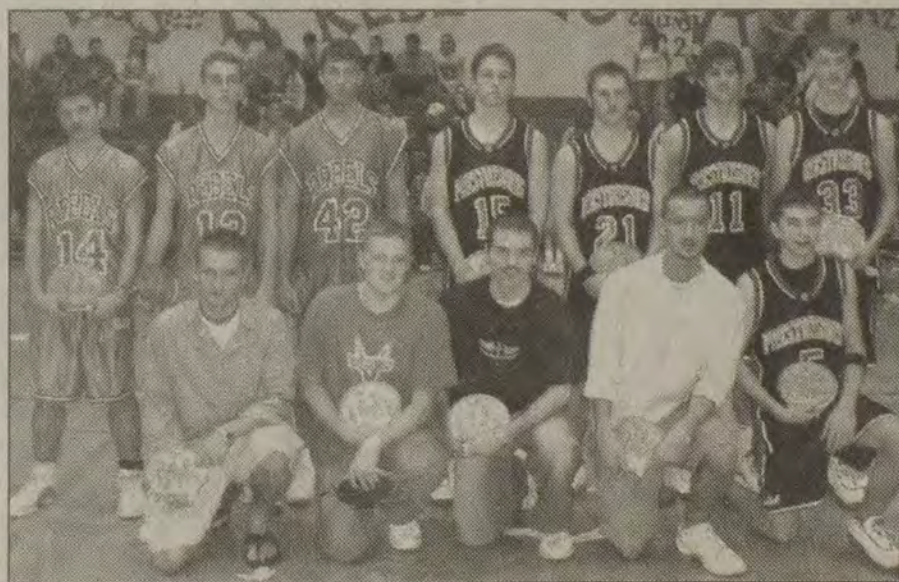


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Prestonsburg had five players make the 58th District All-Tournament Team.

Five Blackcats lead All-District squad

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Five individuals from Prestonsburg High were named All-District at the conclusion of the 58th District Tournament. Prestonsburg, the tournament champ, beat Allen

Central to win the 2004 58th District title.

Prestonsburg's Nick Jamerson, Trevor Compton, Jesse Chaffin, Sean Leslie and Michael Stephens took five spots on the All-District squad. Floyd County Conference Player of the

Year Rossi Samons, Austin Francis and Justin Hall made the team from host Allen Central. Brent Newsome and Brandon Hall made the team from Betsy Layne, while Burnett Little and Brian Meade were included on the squad from South Floyd.

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and Scott Hall was the center on the 1989 team. David Layne, John Allen Wright and several others also played key roles in the Blackcats title run. The 1989 Blackcats were well known as the "Cardiac Cats" after nearly falling in the first round of the regional tournament before roaring back to win in overtime. It seemed as if that Blackcat team was one of the most memorable teams ever, not only for winning the school's only region title but for the fundamental team basketball it displayed.

Many memories come to mind when thinking back on that magical week 15 years ago.

The cheering section was the loudest I have ever heard at any basketball game and the gym was standing room only. McDowell was coached by current State Senator Johnny Ray Turner and the fanbase from McDowell was loud as well.

Prestonsburg fell behind by as many as 14 points in the first half, before storming back to win going away in the second half. Prestonsburg faced the unfortunate task of

playing Madisonville in the opening round of the Sweet Sixteen. Travis Ford scorched the Rupp Arena nets for seven three-point field goals and the Blackcats just could not overcome Ford's stellar performance.

Prestonsburg ended a great season in the opening round of the State Tournament, but the feeling of winning the 15th Region title was still great. Prestonsburg hopes to rekindle some of that 1989 magic tonight at the Fieldhouse in the opening round of the 2004 Boys' 15th Region Tournament. The Blackcat faithful are in anticipation of another great run like the Blackcat team of 1989 had. The Blackcats face a tough task tonight in the two-time defending 15th region champion Shelby Valley Wildcats.

Race

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several car-lengths ahead and pulling away steadily.

The victory was the eighth of Kenseth's Cup career and vaulted him into the series point lead, one race earlier than he took the top spot for good on the way to the 2003 title. He leads Stewart by 88 points going into next Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Sunday's race was disastrous for Dale Earnhardt Jr., who came here leading the

Browns reach deal with Garcia

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Free agent quarterback Jeff Garcia agreed to a \$25 million, four-year contract with Cleveland, ending Tim Couch's rocky era with the Browns.

Garcia's agent, Steve Baker, confirmed the deal Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Browns president Carmen Policy told WTAM, the team's radio rights holder, the contract was worth \$10 million over the first two years, and there's an option for the final two years.

The 34-year-old Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowler, was unable to agree on a restructured contract with the San Francisco 49ers, who released him earlier this month.

Garcia's arrival will end

Couch's five-year tenure with the Browns, who drafted him with the No. 1 overall pick in 1999. The team cannot afford both QBs and most likely will trade or release Couch, who is under contract for two more seasons.

A phone message was left Tuesday for Couch.

The Browns had been trying to get Couch to rework his contract this offseason. He rejected an offer last week that would have cut his salary by more than half. Now it appears Couch will be playing elsewhere next season.

He had been San Francisco's starting quarterback since 1999. In 2000, he set a franchise record, passing for 4,278 yards and earning his first Pro Bowl berth. Garcia was a mobile, steady and tough-nosed competitor in San Francisco, attributes that clearly endeared him to Browns coach Butch Davis.

Garcia passed for 2,704 yards and 18 touchdowns while battling various injuries for much of last season.

Couch's 2003 season wasn't nearly as rewarding. He lost his starting job to backup Kelly Holcomb in training camp only to get it back when Holcomb got hurt and then struggled.

Couch, a former star player for the University of Kentucky, was Cleveland's first draft pick when the franchise returned to the league as an expansion team in 1999. He was immedi-

ately thrown into the starting role but never found his place in the team's offense.

His tenure with Cleveland was beset by inconsistency and injuries. The low point came in an October 2002 loss against the Ravens when Browns fans cheered as Couch staggered off the field with a concussion.

Couch said recently that he would be willing to take a pay cut — as long as he had assur-

ances the money would be used to strengthen the team.

He didn't respond to an offer last week that would have cut his salary from \$7.6 million to \$3 million in 2004 and from \$8 million to \$3.5 million in 2005.

On Monday, Couch said he was surprised the Browns had moved so quickly to sign Garcia and hoped he could go somewhere and start if things didn't work out in Cleveland.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Knox MSC Player of the Year runner-up

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Pikeville College's Teon Knox made headlines this season leading his Bears to 26 wins, and as a result was second in his league's player of the year voting.

Knox, a 6-8 senior from Baltimore, finished behind only Georgetown's George Baker in the voting for the All-Mid-South Conference team.

"I don't think there's any doubt Teon is one of the best players in the league if not the

country," said Coach Randy McCoy. "He's a special talent who works hard on and off the court. His focus has been tremendous this season and it has paid off, both for him and for us."

Knox finished the season with an average of 15.1 points per game, which was fifth in the league. His 8.5 rebounds per game were second and 16th nationally. He was also second in free throw shooting, hitting 79.3 percent, and was fourth

(See MSC, page four)

photo by Jamie Howell

After an undefeated season in 58th District/Floyd County Conference play, South Floyd Coach Henry Webb was named Coach of the Year.



OUTDOORS

Deer seasons set for 2004-05

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission set the 2004-2005 deer hunting seasons and zones at its quarterly meeting March 5 in Frankfort. The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

2004-2005 Deer Seasons:
Archery: Statewide: September 4, 2004 - January 17, 2005

Early Muzzleloader: Zones 1-3: (either sex); October 16-17, 2004

Zone 4: (antlered only); October 16-17, 2004

Late Muzzleloader: Statewide: (either sex); December 11-19, 2004

Modern Firearms: Zones 1-2: (either sex); November 13-28, 2004

Zone 3: (either sex); November 13-22, 2004

Zone 4: (antlered only); November 13-22, 2004

Crossbow: Zones 1-4: (either sex); November 29-December 8, 2004

In other deer related business, the Commission approved the deer zone changes for the 2004-2005 seasons. Meade County moved from Zone 1 to Zone 2.

Woodford County moved from Zone 2 to Zone 1 and Estill, Powell and Rockcastle counties moved from Zone 4 to Zone 3.

The Commission also recommended extending the December muzzleloader deer season by two days and to allow deer hunters to use leashed dogs to recover wounded deer.

In turkey related business, the Commission extended the October and December turkey seasons from five to seven days and increased the bag limit to two birds. Only one bird may be taken in a day. The Commission also now allows the use of dogs for the fall turkey seasons.

In fisheries related business, a 16-inch minimum size limit

and a one fish daily creel limit on rainbow and brown trout was passed for the section of Paint Creek in Johnson County from the KY 40 bridge downstream to the U.S. 460 bridge. A 15 fish daily creel limit with a posses-

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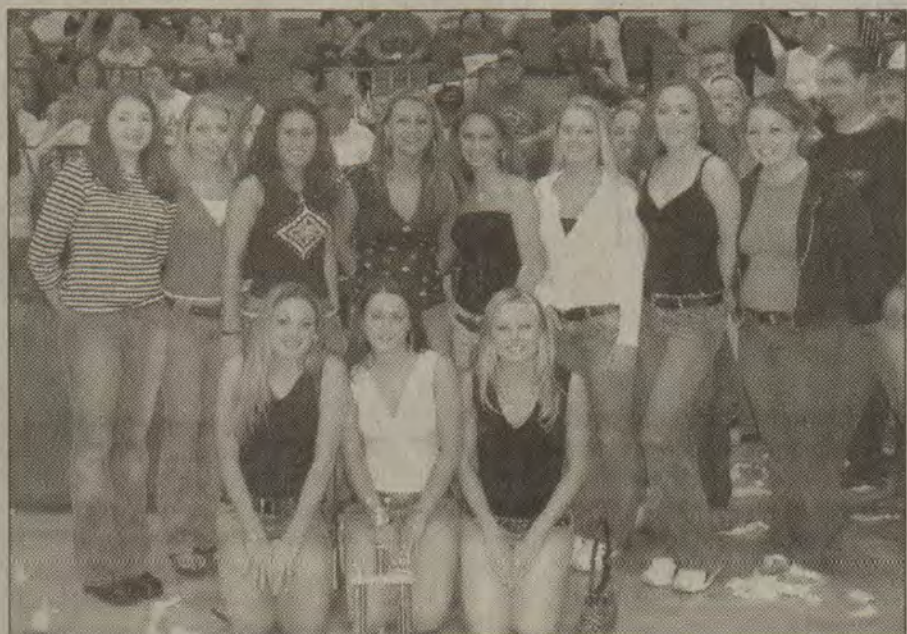


Gearheart to compete in Virginia State AAU Tournament

Grant Gearheart, formerly of Prestonsburg, has been selected from a pool of more than 80 players in his local basketball league in Lynchburg, Va. to play for the Quick Release Cavaliers 9&under AAU basketball team. The Cavaliers will compete in the Virginia State AAU basketball tournament in Richmond, Va., March 19-21. The team is coached by Michael Wright, and former University of Virginia standout Curtis Staples, who is also president and founder of Quick Release Sports Academy in Lynchburg. Gearheart is the son of Charles and Eva Gearheart, of Lynchburg, Va., and the grandson of Joe T. and Mary Gearheart of Prestonsburg, and Vernon and Anna Ousley of Martin.



Cheerleading squads from Prestonsburg High (above) and South Floyd High finished first and second, respectively, in 58th District competition.



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Bears drop, host Lambuth in tourney Thursday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Friday night's loss to Campbellsville University cost Pikeville College two spots in this week's final rankings of the NAIA Div. I men's basketball teams.

The Bears, 26-6 as play begins in the Mid-South Conference tournament Thursday night, are 18th in the poll, all but guaranteeing them a berth in the Div. I basketball tournament, which commences March 24 in Kansas City.

In order for Pikeville to be eliminated from the event, 14 of the 16 automatic bids would have to go to teams ranked below the Bears in this week's poll. Two teams have already won their way in: No. 7 Robert Morris and unranked Vorhees (S.C.). So now, only one team ahead of the Bears need to win to get in.

Mountain State (W.Va.) is the unanimous No. 1 team for the third straight week. Azusa Pacific (Calif.) moved up one spot to second, with

Georgetown following them to No. 3. Concordia is fourth, sliding two places, and Cumberland (Tenn.) fifth.

Lindsey Wilson moved up two spots to sixth. Pikeville at 18th follows, while Cumberland (Ky.) fell out of the poll and is 30th in the ratings. The Patriots will need help to qualify this year.

The Bears could also win their way in should they win the league tournament, which begins on Thursday night. This is the final year of three in a row without a single site for the post-season tournament, meaning the higher seed in each game will serve as host.

Pikeville is seeded third in the event and will host Lambuth, which finished the season 16-15 but was 2-8 in the league. The Bears swept the Eagles in the regular season, winning in Jackson 70-68 on February 5 and knocked them off 74-70 February 26 at home.

Thursday's winner will visit Columbia on Saturday afternoon for the semifinal round. In the

other half of the bracket, Campbellsville visits Cumberland Thursday night, with the winner playing at Georgetown on Saturday.

The Mid-South Conference title game will be Tuesday night, March 16, at the home of the highest remaining seed.

Thursday's game will begin at 7 p.m. Season tickets to Bears regular-season games are not valid to post-season events. Faculty, staff and their spouses and students will be admitted free of charge with a valid identification card.

Admission is \$6 for reserved seating, \$5 general admission and \$2 for students.

15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
East Ridge	21-7
Shelby Valley	20-7
Sheldon Clark	18-9
South Floyd	18-11
Pike County Central	16-13
Johnson Central	14-13
Allen Central	13-13
Prestonsburg	12-16
Betsy Layne	11-15
Belfry	11-16
Pikeville	8-20
Paintsville	6-16
Phelps	5-21
Magoffin County	3-22

Claw

16-8 in the fourth quarter on their way to a 58-54 win in the 58th District championship game.

For a second straight outing, a determined group of Blackcats came ready to play. Starters and reserves contributed to the Prestonsburg win.

John Mark Stephens gave Prestonsburg a huge lift. The junior center came in off the bench and scored nine points, seven of which came in the fourth quarter.

Senior Nick Jamerson led Prestonsburg in scoring with 17 points. Sean Leslie had 13 points, 10 of which came in the second half.

"Our kids played well, our starters played well and the kids that came in off the bench did a super job, too," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "Our turnovers weren't that bad. We knew we had to come in and take away the three-point shot. Denying the three on defense was real key for us."

Allen Central made good on five three-pointers.

Prestonsburg jumped out to an early lead and led host Allen Central 14-10 through one quarter. The Blackcats led 30-26 at halftime before Allen Central turned the momentum back in its favor in the third period.

Justin Hall hit two three-pointers and added a field goal in the third quarter to help the

Deer

sion limit of 30 on bluegill and all other sunfish was passed for Greenbo Lake in Greenup County. These new fishing regulations take effect March 1, 2005.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2004 at the Game Farm

MSC

with 41 blocked shots.

In addition, Knox chalked up 12 double-doubles, which was second in the league and tied for eighth in the country.

Knox was also named MSC Player of the Week three times this season.

Knox and Baker were joined on the team by Cetric Anderson, John Spivey and Scott Cook of Lindsey Wilson; Travis Wright and Brandon

Warner of Campbellsville; Cumberland's Pierre Darden, Terrico Smothers and Jacob Elder; and Marshall Williams of Georgetown.

Pikeville's B.J. Townsend was one of seven players selected honorable mention all-MSC. The 6-4 junior from Canton, Miss., averaged 10.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game this season, shooting 48.4 percent from the floor, 35.6 percent from the

arc and 68.1 percent from the line.

Additionally, 10 players were named Academic All-Conference, and two were Bears. Senior Greg Davis, a psychology major from Kermit, W.Va., qualified for the third consecutive year, and was joined by sophomore Martin Gerlero of Neuquen, Argentina. Gerlero majors in business administration.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pike Central 69, Shelby Valley 65

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Pike County Central found a way to get by Shelby Valley Monday night in the opening game of the Girls' 15th Region Tournament.

The Lady Hawks, after trailing for some of the game, held on for a 69-65 win over the visiting Lady Cats.

"We're very lucky to be moving on," Central coach Tammy Tussey said. "They (Shelby Valley) outplayed us and deserved to win."

Shelby Valley outrebounded Pike Central by a 33-18 margin.

"I don't know how we won the game," Tussey added. "I'm standing here still trying to figure this out."

Pike Central eighth-grader Paige Lowe finished with a game-high 20 points, including 17 in the first half. The Lady

Hawks were ahead at the break, 38-36.

"Paige kept us in the game all night long, especially in the first half scoring," Tussey said. "Haley never seemed to get into the flow of the game at all."

Mishay Weddington followed with 17 points and Taylor Brown added 13. Brown's basket with 3:03 to play pushed Central up 63-55. Weddington's basket with one minute left put the Lady Hawks up 66-60.

Shelby Valley didn't go away easy.

Beth Hall tossed in 16 points to lead the Lady Cats. Esther Fleming followed with 14 while Sha Howell and Leandra Mullins tossed in 11 each and Ashley Tackett netted eight.

Fleming basket with 3:20 to go in the first quarter gave Valley its biggest lead of the game at 12-3. Hall's basket with 2:44 left before the break made it 33-26.

Pike Central rallied and went ahead at 38-36 on a basket by Elizabeth Birchfield as time expired.

Fleming's basket with 5:44 to go in the game put SV ahead for the final time at 55-54.

Pike Central used a 9-0 run and held on down the stretch despite missing numerous free throws.

The Lady Hawks (19-10) will face Betsy Layne, a first-round winner of Paintsville, next Monday in the semifinals.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Jim Matney (standing) took over the Johnson Central High football program Monday when he was introduced as the school's new coach. Pictured seated is Johnson Central Principal Steve Trimble (left) and Johnson County Schools Superintendent Orville Hamilton.

Matney named new Johnson Central football coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – "A new era is beginning in Johnson County athletics."

Johnson Central has a new head football coach – Jim Matney. The longtime Sheldon Clark coach was named Monday to replace Bill Tom Ross as Johnson Central's head coach. Matney was introduced as the new head coach during a press conference held Monday at the Johnson County Board of Education.

Matney is a 1977 graduate of Belfry High School, where he participated in football, wrestling and baseball, setting two Kentucky high school state records in football and qualifying for state competitions four straight years in wrestling. Upon graduation from Belfry, Matney enrolled at Liberty University where he was under scholarship and wrestled, serving as team captain.

Matney helped get football started at Sheldon Clark High School in Martin County. At Sheldon Clark he has served as a teacher and head coach for both the football and wrestling programs. While at Sheldon Clark, he led the Cardinals to 12 State Playoff appearances. In the 90s,

he compiled a record of 104-54. Sheldon Clark's 1998 team was a regional champion and a state semifinalist. Matney's 1999 squad had a perfect regular-season and captured a district title. In 2000, Sheldon Clark won another district championship. The 2003 season saw Sheldon Clark, with Matney at the helm, make it as far as the second round of the State Playoffs.

Johnson Central is excited about the direction of its football program. The administration feels under Matney's watchful eye the school's football program will grow and prosper.

"We're excited to have Coach Matney here leading our football program," said Johnson Central Principal Steve Trimble. Matney, too, is excited about the opportunity.

"The foundation laid through Johnson County's football feeder programs of youth and elementary football has continually provided large numbers at the middle school level. I am looking forward to working with every one of those student-athletes at the varsity level and continuing that winning tradition from the middle school."

Johnson Central will open the 2004 season on the road in Pineville on Aug. 21 against Whitesburg in the Laurel Bowl.



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Runnin' Rebels, 58th District Runner-up.



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Runnin' Rebels to a 20-12 advantage in the eight-minute frame.

But Prestonsburg would not be denied.

The Blackcats turned up their defensive pressure in the final period and from the free throw line, connecting on free tosses, hitting eight of nine charity shots from the stripe.

Seven different Blackcats scored in the district championship victory. Junior Jesse Chaffin, who was sidelined with three fouls for most of the second half, netted eight points. Trevor Compton went five of six from the free throw line and finished with five points. Joe Blackburn scored four points and Michael Stephens flipped in two.

Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Rossi Samons led Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 18 points. Justin Hall scored 13 and Austin Francis tossed in 12. Tim Griffith netted seven while Ryan Hammonds and Ryan Collins flipped in two each.

Prestonsburg, before this year's district championship effort, had finished runner-up in the 58th District each of the past two seasons. The Blackcats will return to the hardwood tonight in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament when they take on defending region champ Shelby Valley. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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off U.S. 60 in Frankfort.

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Smith: Fitch injury ended up being a positive for Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Had Gerald Fitch not missed three games because of a hand injury, Kentucky probably wouldn't be as good a basketball team as it is now, Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Tuesday.

Fitch's injury opened a starting spot for fellow senior Antwain Barbour. The formerly luckless Barbour, who struggled in a reserve role, seems to have found his rhythm as a starter, and Fitch now gives Kentucky something most teams don't have — its leading scorer coming off the bench.

No. 8 Kentucky is 8-1 with Barbour in the starting lineup and will carry a six-game winning streak into its Southeastern Conference tournament opener on Friday in

Atlanta. SEC East champion Kentucky (23-4, 13-3 SEC) will play either Georgia (15-12, 7-9) or Auburn (14-13, 5-11) in the quarterfinals.

"Fate has its way of inspiring you, or it can go the other way," Smith said of the forced lineup change. "I'm glad it's been a positive change for us. I think it has been a big key to our improvement."

Fitch strained a ligament on his right (shooting) hand on Feb. 3 against Florida and didn't return until Feb. 18, when the Wildcats played Arkansas. Fitch, who is averaging 15.4 points per game, hasn't publicly complained about not regaining his starting spot, and Smith said it hasn't been an issue of contention.

Fitch said he'd rather finish games than start them.

"If you're in the game, you still have to do the same things that you do when you're starting, coming off the bench," Fitch said. "It's not a big difference."

Kentucky has thrived on balance this season. All six players who have started this season have led Kentucky in scoring at least once. Five players have scoring averages between 9.9 points and 15.4 points.

That balance is reflected in the All-SEC teams announced Tuesday. No Kentucky players made the first team, but four Wildcats were listed among the

league's top 17 players. Erik Daniels and Fitch made the second-team list, while Cliff Hawkins and Chuck Hayes were third-team selections.

Only one other league team (Florida) had as many as three players picked.

"We don't have 'a man' on the court," Hayes said. "Everybody just thinks team first. Coach always tells us to make your teammates look better, and that's what we try to do."

Smith tried to convince skeptical media members that the Wildcats didn't care if they played Georgia or Auburn on Friday. But he later conceded that it was "human nature" that the players would want another chance to face Georgia, a team which twice has beaten Kentucky this season, 65-57 in Lexington on Jan. 17 and 74-68 in Athens, Ga., on Feb. 14.

Kentucky won 68-59 at Auburn on Feb. 21 in the only meeting this season between those teams.

Speculation that Kentucky could be in line for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament if it wins the SEC tournament doesn't concern Smith, who said there wasn't much difference between a No. 1 seed and a No. 2 seed.

"Whether you're a one or a two, three, four, five, six, you've got to go in there ready to play," Smith said.

Cards

14 rebounds to lead the Cards.

Junior Jeremy Preece, who sat out 10 games this season with mono, gave Sheldon Clark a huge spark of the bench, scoring seven points and pulling down seven rebounds.

"Jeremy (Preece) stepped up in two of the biggest games of his career and delivered," Hammond added. "He controlled the paint and the glass tonight. We'll need that from him night in and night out as we look ahead to the regional tournament."

This season marked the first time Preece had played organized basketball in high school.

"This win was nothing more than a team effort," Preece said. "It's not about points scored for me. It's about doing what I need to do for my team to win."

The victory over the Hornets could be a major stepping stone to the schools second-ever Sweet Sixteen appearance. Sheldon Clark made the state tournament in 1983.

"I think we have as good a chance as anyone," Hammond added. "If we continue to play hard and rebound, I think we could make some noise next week."

Sheldon Clark (20-7) never trailed in the game.

Magoffin County (3-21) got

within 10 points of Sheldon Clark a couple of different times in the fourth quarter. The Hornets could get no closer.

"You have to give them (Magoffin County) credit," Hammond said. "They have come a long way."

Magoffin County hit just 15-of-42 attempts from the

floor.

Dustin Allen was the only Hornet player to land in double figures with 11 points.

Asher Maynard chipped in 12 points to follow May.

Sheldon Clark hit 19-of-52 attempts from the floor and made good on 14-of-23 tries from the free-throw line.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Finalists selected for Wooden Award

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Josh Childress of top-ranked Stanford, Jameer Nelson of No. 2 St. Joseph's, and Hakim Warrick of defending national champion Syracuse are among 20 finalists for the John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's player of the year.

The winner will be announced April 10 in a live CBS broadcast from the Los Angeles Athletic Club. A panel of more than 1,000 sports media and college basketball experts decide the voting.

Childress missed nine games early in the season, then

returned to help Stanford win the Pac-10 title.

Other finalists are: Travis Diener of Marquette, Ike Diogu of Arizona State, B.J. Elder of Georgia Tech, Andre Emmett of Texas Tech, Gerald Fitch of Kentucky, Matt Freije of Vanderbilt, Francisco Garcia of Louisville, Ryan Gomes of Providence, Devin Harris of Wisconsin, Julius Hodge of North Carolina State, Luke Jackson of Oregon, John Lucas of Oklahoma State, Chris Duhon of Duke, Emeka Okafor of Connecticut, Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State, Wayne Simien of Kansas and Blake Stepp of Gonzaga.

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assists. Hayes and Daniels alone matched Florida's rebound total of 26, as Kentucky finished with 53 rebounds.

Kelenna Azubuike, who didn't start for the first time this season, added 12 points — all in the first half — for the Wildcats. Barbour also scored 12 points for Kentucky, which recorded assists on 25 of its 32 baskets.

Anthony Roberson went 6-of-8 from 3-point range and scored 22 points for Florida. However, he had 19 in the second half, after Kentucky built a sizable lead.

David Lee added 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting for Florida, and Matt Walsh scored 12 points — 10 in the second half.

Florida led 13-12 with 10:53 left in the first half, but a Kentucky had a 19-4 run to take a 31-17 lead.

Kentucky led 35-26 at half-time as Florida's top two scorers, Roberson and Walsh, combined for only five first-half points. The margin could have been more lopsided had Lee not scored 12 points on 3-of-3 field-goal shooting and 6-of-6 on free throws.

Roberson cut the Kentucky lead to six points with a 3-point shot early in the second half before Kentucky went on its game-clinching run. Barbour capped the run with a dunk off an assist by Fitch.



The Mountain Thunder AAU basketball team is made up of players from Floyd and Pike counties.

Mountain Thunder AAU basketball team making noise

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Mountain Thunder, a 9-and-under boys' basketball team made up of players from Floyd and Pike counties, heads into state competition this weekend with some already impressive performances already behind it.

The team, coached by Tim Watkins and Scott Bailey, includes four players each from

Floyd and Pike counties. One coach hails from Floyd County and the other from Pike County.

The AAU boys' basketball team has won tournaments in Fleming County and Georgetown. Most recently, the Eastern Kentucky hoopsters won a tournament over the weekend in Georgetown.

The team will participate in the AAU State Tournament this weekend in Lexington.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

MSC: Bears fall in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE — Campbellsville University heated up in the second half from both the field and line to knock off Pikeville College 75-65 Friday night in a Mid-South Conference battle.

No. 16 Pikeville (26-6, 6-4 in the Mid-South Conference) will now be seeded third in next week's MSC tournament and will play host to Lambuth University on Thursday.

Campbellsville (18-14, 3-7) will be seeded fifth and travel to

Cumberland College on Thursday.

The Bears needed to win and for Cumberland to knock off Lindsey Wilson to move past the Blue Raiders and get the second seed and the first-round bye that goes with it. As it turned out, neither happened; Lindsey beat the Patriots 66-58.

The Tigers led the Bears 36-35 at the break, but got it going on the offensive end and pressured the Bears into poor shooting. Campbellsville went 14-of-28 from the floor and 10-of-12 from the line after recess, while Pikeville was only 8-of-23 (34.8) percent.

Campbellsville got out to a quick 9-3 lead by scoring seven straight, ending with a basket by Jeremy Peckinpaugh with 16:32 remaining. But the Bears went on a 6-1 run of their own to pull within one (10-9) when Daniel Price sank a three, and a three-point play by Teon Knox later pushed the Bears on top, 14-13 with 9:56 remaining.

The lead see-sawed back and forth for much of the rest of the half. Campbellsville pulled out to a 28-20 lead when Jeremy Christie sank a three with 4:03 left, but the Bears scored 10 straight keyed by five points from Emanuel Tekie to take a 33-31 lead.

The Tigers took a one-point lead to the break.

The lead was 47-45 with 10:47 left after Morease Gray scored for Pikeville, but the Tigers scored six of the next seven to stretch the lead to 53-46. The Bears got as close as two, 61-59, when Davis rang up a three with 2:48 left, but Campbellsville scored five quick points and the Bears never got within seven the rest of the way.

Junior Daniel Price came off the bench to score 21 for Pikeville. Senior Teon Knox recorded a double-double, scoring 15 and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Emanuel Tekie came off the bench to score 10.

Campbellsville matched Pikeville with three in double figures. Travis Wright, the league's leading scorer, had 21 on his Senior Night. He added eight rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

Junior Brandon Warner chipped in with a double-double, scoring 19 and added 12 rebounds. Peckinpaugh had 17 and seven rebounds.

Campbellsville won the battle of the glass 42-31 and had four players with at least seven

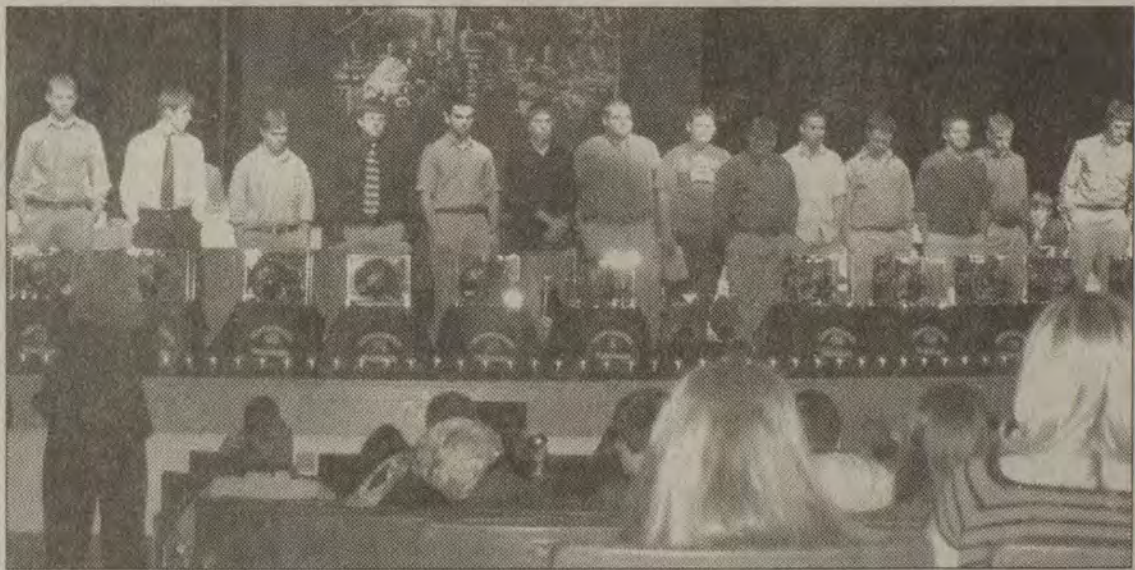


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Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers gave her team instructions during a timeout.



Junior Kristal Daniels put a shot up over the Paintsville defense. Daniels had a game-high 20 points in the win over the Lady Tigers. Betsy Layne will face Pike County Central in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals.



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High football coach John DeRossett (pictured below) recognized players during the team's annual banquet held Sunday at the Mountain Arts Center.



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POISON OAK

LBJ and other unforgettable characters

Although witnessed by hundreds of people, no photographer was standing by to snap that brief instant, and record for posterity, the time when the palm of my hand, and the palm of a future president of the United States met in a sweaty handshake.

It was June 1, 1961, and the occasion was graduation ceremonies taking place in Brock Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Kentucky State College.



Clyde Pack

Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, who had just delivered the commencement address (that I had sat through but had failed to hear), stood

Texas tall, as I held a bachelors degree in my left hand, and shook his hand with my right. Wish I could remember what he muttered as we briefly touched.

I gave little thought to that fleeting encounter until a few years later when he visited Paintsville, as president, and Wilma Jean and I stood on the sidewalk on College Street as he and Lady Bird rolled by waving at us from the back of a long, black open convertible. It didn't impress her much when I told her that I had once shaken his hand. Of course, it wasn't long until I forgot all about seeing him again until I'd hear something about his war on poverty.

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KIM'S KORNER

Suffer the little children

Years ago, an on-line Prayer Chain was started and, thank the good Lord, continues today. When phone calls, or emails for prayer requests come in and so many are afflicted with some form of illness or pain it can most definitely tug on the heart strings and make the stomach feel as though someone has punched you right in the gut.

It seems during the past few weeks, and especially the last couple of days, requests for babies have been coming in more and more often. Knowing there probably isn't a soul anywhere that doesn't have a soft place inside of them where a baby is concerned, makes receiving these particular requests so much harder.

Maybe it's because of the illnesses my very own niece and nephew have fought and continue to fight that when the requests come through for these little ones that my heart feels as though it's been ripped out and torn to shreds.

In just three days, we have received prayer requests for two toddlers that have been severely burned.

One somehow pulled a "Fry-Daddy" deep fryer off a kitchen counter just after it had been used, and now has horrible burns all over her entire little body. Another has been burned from the waist down from too hot bath water and is suffering from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree

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E K S C R E G I O N A L S C I E N C E F A I R

Includes session for teachers

Saturday, March 13th

The East Kentucky Science Center recently added new components to its East Kentucky Regional Science Fair, according to Regional Science Fair Chairman Solomon Kilburn. The 2004 Science Fair includes a session to help science teachers prepare for the 2005 Regional Fair, as well as

star shows in the Center's planetarium for participating students and teachers. The EKSC Regional Science Fair will be held Friday, March 12, and Saturday, March 13, on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community & Technical College (BSCTC).

Kilburn will conduct a meeting for science teachers on Saturday, March 13, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the audi-

torium of the Pike Building on the BSCTC campus. The session includes tips for producing competitive regional science fair projects and for organizing a science fair on the school level.

"Now is a good time for teachers to prepare their students for their next Science Fair," Kilburn said. "A winning science fair project isn't thrown together. It takes research to

determine a good topic and experimentation to produce results."

Approximately 147 students, representing 38 schools are expected to participate in the 2004 Regional Science Fair. Registration and project set-up day for students is Friday, March 12. Students may set up their

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photo by Kathy J. Prater
Albert Schneider, Louisville artist, busied himself last week hanging the art work he was commissioned to do in the new East Kentucky Science Center building, located on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College-Prestonsburg campus. Schneider, a science fiction fan, said that he very much enjoyed working on the paintings that are now on display in the center.

ART MEETS SCIENCE AT EAST KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

"Woolly Sand Sifters," horse head nebulas, martian landscapes, and more than a few "surprises" all combine to present an awe-inspiring image of the infinite universe in which we live through the meticulous artwork and paintings of Louisville artist, Albert Schneider.

Schneider, a native of Louisville and former owner of Albert Galleries

for more than 30 years, spent some time last week hanging the artwork he was commissioned to do for the new East Kentucky Science Center (EKSC), now open and located on the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, in Prestonsburg.

Schneider, who says that he spent his childhood collecting bugs, snakes, frogs and "anything else nature threw my way," also says that following high school he spent sev-

eral years traveling around the country camping in the nation's beautiful parks and painting the sights that he encountered along the way.

In 1968, he opened Albert Galleries on Bardstown Road and as the years passed he expanded the gallery to include nature's artwork as well as his own, designing jewelry and other works of art from rocks and fossils.

In 2002, he retired from running the gallery to devote himself full-

time to studying astronomy and his art.

When asked how it came about that he became involved in creating the unique works of art commissioned for the center, he related a humorous story about his first encounter with EKSC's director, Ray Shubinski.

"Well, it came about that Ray came into my store one day, and

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CRITTER CORNER

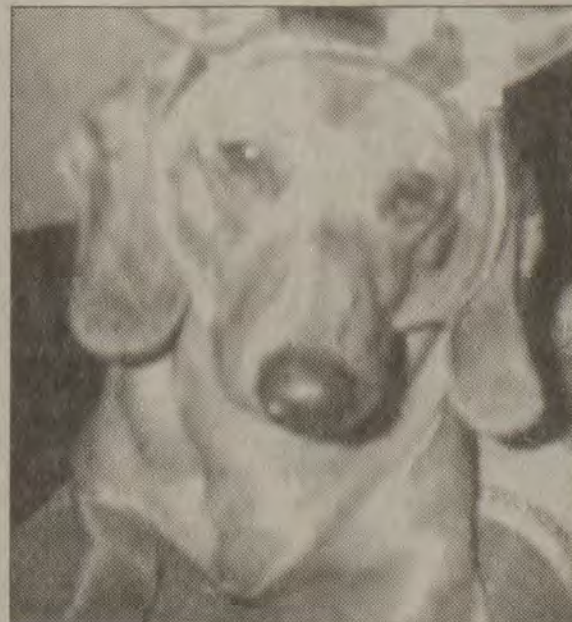
Dog Shows-part 2

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

Last week, we were discussing dog shows and how they work. I'm running these articles in preparation of the return of the Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club dog show to Paintsville on March 20th and 21st. As a spectator, you will enjoy the show more if you know a little about what's going on in the rings.

So far, we have covered the Breed

competition, where the dogs of each breed compete in one of six classes (Puppy, Twelve-to Eighteen Months, Novice, Bred by Exhibitor, American Bred and Open) to earn points toward a championship. We discussed how the sexes are judged separately, with the winning males from each group competing to become "Winners Dog", followed by the "Winners Bitch" being selected from among the



This is "Festus," a feisty little dachshund owned by Patty Wilson, of East Point. Patty, our circulation manager here at the Times, says of Festus, "He's my baby!" Patty also says that Festus would be very happy if his "mommy" could just stay home all day and not have to go to work!

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School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Mar. 12 - "Career Expo" for 8th grade at First Methodist Church.

■ Mar. 15 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts.

■ Mar. 15 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m.

■ Mar. 16 - Parent support group meeting, 11 a.m., in FRC. Topic: "School Safety." Refreshments provided. All parents/guardians invited to attend.

■ Mar. 16-18 - Peer Pressure program conducted by Our Lady of the Way Hospital Education Department.

■ Mar. 23 - "Magic Me" meeting (weather permitting), 3:30-4:30 p.m.

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents.

Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

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

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate

to the rec room, please call the center.

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Lost coats have been turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Mar. 10 - Meeting to discuss consolidation of Clark and Prestonsburg elementary schools, 6 p.m., in Clark School auditorium. For more info., contact Wayne Combs, principal, at 886-2487. Public invited to attend.

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in

the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Mar. 12 & 15 - Musical program for 5th grades by Ray

Slone.

■ Mar. 17 - School assembly, 9 a.m. Lexington Children's Theater performance of "Why Mosquitoes Buzz."

■ Mar. 18 - VIP (Parent support group), 1 p.m., school library.

■ Mar. 23 - Lice prevention/information program for Mrs. Anna Shepherd's kindergarten class.

■ Mar. 22 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., school library. Open to public.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00

a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Mar. 16 - V.I.P. (Very Important Parent) meeting, 1:30 p.m., in FRC office. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

■ Mar. 16 - Family Reading Night, 6:30 p.m., in school library.

■ Mar. 16 - P.T.A. meeting, 6:00 p.m., in auditorium.

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-7088.

■ April 25 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(March 16 and March 18, 1994)

Court-appointed solid waste custodian Bob Meyer has submitted his first comprehensive report on the condition of the county's solid waste system, and it could be his last. Meyer's appointment last month by Circuit Judge John David Caudill has been challenged by Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond...Two young brothers died, Friday morning, after fire destroyed their home at Ivel. Travis Eugene Caudill, 3, and Cody Nathaniel Jarrell, 2, were pronounced dead at the scene, Friday, by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson...One of the three candidates for Floyd County's vacant circuit judge's seat, has withdrawn from the race, which eliminates a vote for that post on the May primary election. Barkley J. Sturgill announced, Monday, that he will not seek the circuit judge's seat, so that he can retain his law practice and spend more time with his family...Prestonsburg's new city administration, apparently intent on creating its own identity, went behind closed doors, Monday evening, for the fifth time in as many meetings to "discuss personnel," but council returned to open session with no formal recommendation for changes...Methods for informing residents of walk-aways and how to better define the role a prison plays in a community were the top issues at the first citizens' advisory committee meeting at Otter Creek Correctional Facility, Thursday night. Warden Tim Maguigan and deputy director Mark Stanley met with three members of the citizens' committee at the prison, Thursday, to discuss the recent walk-aways from the prison, and other issues that will affect the facility and the community...A multi-county, multi-agency investigation, resulted in the arrests of a Pike County man and a Shepherdsville couple being arrested Thursday, on federal drug charges. William "Happy" Coleman, 58, of Pikeville, and William and Diann Smothers were arrested, Thursday, by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Louisville, and charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine...Four men and one juvenile were

arrested, Friday night, after they allegedly tried to steal chickens from a residence at Turkey Creek. Floyd County Sheriff's deputies, Johnny Layne and Daniel Hutchinson, arrested Joseph Lewis, 22, of Banner, Scott Williams, 18, of Allen, Charles Lewis, 28, of Banner and Clyde R. Endicott, 22, of Banner, after property owner, Bill Hagans allegedly caught them trying to steal fighting roosters from his home...Last week's final test results, released by state officials, offered no surprises for Floyd County schools, which showed most improvements were made in elementary schools...Forget the feud between baseball and track programs. This is March. It's basketball season. Time for the Big Dance. And, Allen Central is going to the ball. When the Rebels take the floor, next Wednesday evening, at Louisville's Freedom Hall, it marks the first time the Floyd County school has represented the 15th Region in the prestigious Sweet Sixteen high school basketball tournament...Martin City Council is not crazy about the idea of handing over management of the city's water and sewer department to the Big Sandy Area Development District. At a special meeting, Wednesday, council reacted negatively to a proposal from Big Sandy ADD to manage the office and field work of the two problem-plagued departments...Floyd County Development Authority board members are somewhat concerned about Prestonsburg City Council's apparent intent to hire an economic development director. At Wednesday's authority meeting, board member H.D. Fitzpatrick suggested that board members talk with Mayor Jerry Fannin about the issue. Fitzpatrick said that it was assumed that city council would contribute funds to the authority to assist in attracting industrial development to the county...Floyd County's besieged solid waste commission would be eliminated and replaced with a single solid waste coordinator, who would answer directly to the fiscal court, under an ordinance proposed by the court-appointed custodian of the solid waste agency. The ordinance, drafted by custodian Bob Meyer, would clarify the county's intent to establish mandatory participation in the program, and would provide the fiscal court exclusive authori-

ty to set rates and oversee the waste disposal system...While Floyd County students are excelling in state and regional athletic competitions, they're also tearing up the boards in more academic pursuits, with at least one student clawing—or rather writing—her way to the top. Lorrie Patton, 14, an eighth grader at McDowell Elementary School, defeated approximately 85 other students from around the state to place first, Saturday, in the Governor's Cup Competition 1994 State Finals, English Composition category...Former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta resigned, Wednesday, March 16, from the board of directors of the joint Prestonsburg-Floyd County Public Properties Commission. Mayor Jerry Fannin has been appointed to fill Latta's unexpired term which lasts through June 1995...There died: Travis Eugene Caudill, 3, and his brother, Cody Nathaniel Jarrell, 2, Friday, March 11, following a house fire at their home at Ivel; Michael Ray Moore, 14, of Richville, Ohio, Saturday, March 12, from injuries received in an auto accident; Ethel Collins, 76, of Ivel, Monday, March 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Taylor C. "Bud" Helvy, 94, of Louisville, Sunday, March 13, in the Jewish Hospital in Louisville; Audrey Triplett, 63, of Mousie, Wednesday, March 9, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Winnie Ross Hatcher, 93, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Beckley, West Virginia, Friday, March 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Howard Keathley, 51, of Elyria, Ohio, formerly of Teaberry, Saturday, March 12, at Vermillion Manor Nursing Home, Vermillion, Ohio; Gilford B. Hall, 82, of Frankfort, formerly of Knott County, Saturday, March 12, at the Humana Hospital, Lexington; Homer Frasure, 75, of Martin, Sunday, March 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Norma Mae Mullins, 79, of Virgie, March 13, at her residence; Gertrude Wallen, 78, of Prestonsburg, Friday, March 11, at her residence; Virgie Johnson, 92, of Bypro, Wednesday, March 16, at her residence; Julia John Clark, 67, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 16, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Ruth W. Martin, 74, of Garrett, Wednesday, March 16, at the residence of her son, Dickie Martin; Albert

Johnson, 98, of Weeksbury, Wednesday, March 16, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Jack Floyd, 60, of Louisville, Monday, March 14, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 21, 1984)

A Dana woman, Geraldine Jarrell, 43, was charged with murder, Monday, following the shooting of her husband, Jackie Lee Jarrell, 48, at the couple's residence, Saturday evening...Wheelwright can look for a major overhaul of its leaky water system, next year, as the result of a federal funding commitment sealed last week...There died: Muriel Hill, 70, Saturday, at her home on Abbott Road; Edward Gearheart, 62, of Dwale, Friday, at the Grundy Veterans Hospital; Lee McCown, 70, of Bypro, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Frank Smith, 77, of Weeksbury, March 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 20, 1974)

As many as four murder trials, some of a sensational nature, may be heard during the Floyd Circuit Court term, which will convene here April 1...A four-member recruiting team from the Kentucky National Guard, last week, began enlisting members of the Guard unit being organized here...House Bill 9, the legislation aimed at removing the grip of the broad form deed, emerged from Senate committee, last Friday, and was due for a Senate vote, Tuesday...The 1973-74 basketball season came to an end, last Saturday night, with Louisville Central winning the Kentucky state championship over Louisville Male by a score of 59 to 55...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. May R. Music, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Lorery Lynn, March 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Slone, of Maytown, a son, March 12...There died: Ernest Crisp, 52, of Estill, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Graham Calhoun, 56, of Spurlock, Thursday, at

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Critter

females. Only the WD and WB receive championship points for that breed. They may earn from one to five points depending on the number of dogs competing. Fifteen points are required for a dog to achieve championship status.

The Winners Dog and Winners Bitch go on to compete against other dogs of the same breed who are already champions to determine the Best of Breed. Since there are

over 140 breeds recognized by AKC, there has to be a way to weed through all of these Best of Breed dogs to narrow the field that will be considered as Best in Show. That's where the Group competition comes in.

The AKC divides dog breeds into seven Groups based on their characteristics and/or the purpose for which they were developed. The seven groups are Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. From this point on, the sexes are not divided. This is the level where the Westminster Kennel Club broadcast begins, so this part of the show will be familiar to television viewers. All the Best of Breed dogs from one Group will be judged in the same ring, and from these entries, the Judge will pick a first, second, third and fourth place winner. The first place dog in each group goes on to the Best in Show competition.

The Best in Show ring always contains seven dogs,

the best from each Group. Only one award is made here, the coveted Best in Show. This is where the newcomer generally asks, "How can a judge possibly compare dogs that are so different from one another?" The answer is that he is not comparing the dogs to each other but to the image of an ideal specimen of each breed that he carries in his mind.

Let's take a look at a typical Best in Show competition. There could be, for example, an English Setter representing Sporting breeds, a Dalmatian representing Non-Sporting, a Chihuahua representing Toys, a Black and Tan Coonhound representing Hounds, a Doberman Pinscher representing the Working Group, a German Shepherd representing Herding dogs, and a Scottish Terrier, representing, of course, the Terrier Group. If the Scottie wins Best in Show, it means he came closer to the ideal Scottish Terrier than any of the other entries came to the ideal specimen of their respective breeds.

Now I've described what's going to be happening in the Johnson Central High School Gym—across the way, in the Middle School Gym, there's a whole different competition going on! The Obedience Trials will be held there. If a Dog Show were compared to a Beauty Pageant, the Conformation judging would be the Evening Gown competition and Obedience the Talent competition. (Sorry, no swimsuits!) The rules are different, the atmosphere is different, yet you will still see a variety of breeds strutting their stuff. Some of it you will have to see to believe.

Next time, I'll introduce you the basics of competitive Obedience.

School

FREE lunch!

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Our goal this year is to collect \$400,000 in receipts.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

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

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

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to

12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

New Arrivals

Feb. 28, 2004

A son, Dylan Durand Shepherd, to Shelia & Durand Shepherd

Feb. 28, 2004

A daughter, Sydney Shyanne Caudill, to Lasha Jarrell

March 2, 2004

A son, Berry Dank Collins, to Melissa and Berry Collins

Betsy Layne area treated to 'Postal Bingo' games

The Betsy Layne Post Office and the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center partnered together to host a "Stamp Bingo" event this past February 19. Prizes awarded to lucky players included U.S. postal products that helped introduce

the Betsy Layne seniors to the latest in stamp art. Postmaster Charlene Nelson served as honorary bingo caller and reports that all had a fun time playing bingo and that she enjoyed "showing off" some of the great stamps now available.

Birthdays



Happy 1st Birthday!

Brenton Michael Newsome, the son of Brent and Selena Newsome, of Teaberry, celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, February 7, 2004, at home, with a "Pooh Bear" theme party. He is the grandson of Mike and Brenda Newsome, of Teaberry, and Michael and Ozella Kidd, of Harold. Guests attending Brenton Michael's party were Lucas and Shellie Hamilton, Chelsea Newsome, Jordan Goble and Shianna Ward.

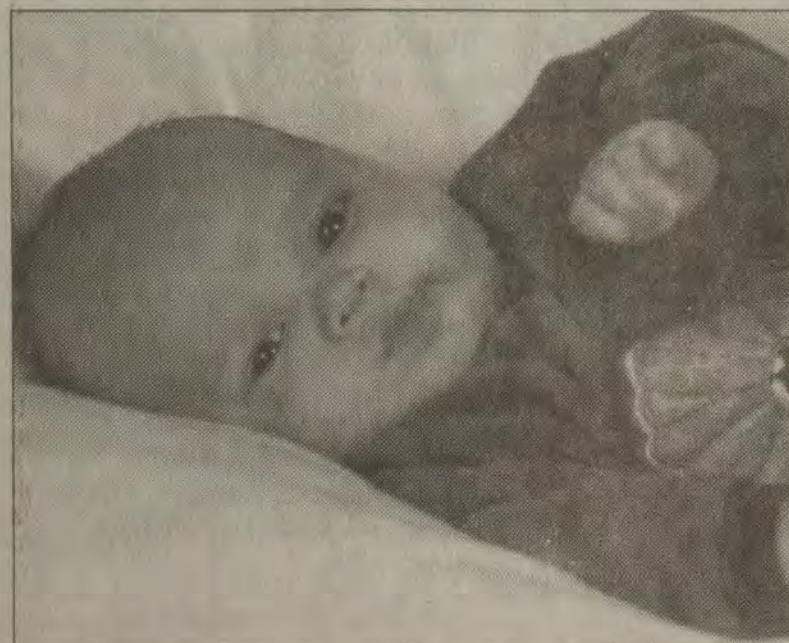
It's a Girl!

Amanda Brooke Spears was born on February 16, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, to proud parents Irvin and Sherry Spears, of Nicholasville. She is the maternal granddaughter of the late Leonard and Betty Stephenson, formerly of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Ethel Spears, of Prestonsburg, and the late Elitc Spears. Amanda's "Big Brother," Austin, and all of her aunts and uncles are thrilled with her arrival.



It's a Boy!

Wesley Dale Prater was born on January 6, 2004, at 1:28 p.m., at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, to proud parents Arnold "Poochie" and Gwen Prater, of Hueysville. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He is the grandson of Arnold and Allene Prater and John Henry and Hala Hale, all of Hueysville. Wesley Dale was proudly welcomed home by "Big Brother" Shawn David.



Ivel Post Office offers free blood pressure screening in observance of American Heart Month

While you were out buying flowers for your sweetheart, cutting out paper hearts for friends and munching on candy hearts, did you pause to take a moment to think about your own sweet heart? On February 19, folks at the Ivel Post Office, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, offered free blood pressure screenings by Heather Hammond, R.N., who also gave out brochures on blood pressure management. Refreshments were served and several prizes were given away. Postmaster Susan Wallen commented that the U.S. Postal Service has a proud history of partnering with local communities to promote education and special events in order to raise public awareness. Each day is a day to reflect on the health of your heart. The postal service's latest stamp, the Candy Hearts

stamp, sends a sweet message of love on letters to loved ones and serves as a reminder to take care of your own "Sweet Heart" as well!

Oak

It's not likely that I'd even have remembered our meeting again now, had I not seen the tail-end of a documentary on TV the other day about "unforgettable characters" that had passed through peoples' lives, and some politician had commented on how LBJ had influenced him.

Guess I hadn't thought much, either, about the word "character," much less about our 36th president being one. I suppose I always thought of "a character" as being someone with whom you were familiar; who was always a little different than most folks around; someone who, for one reason or another, set himself apart from everybody else.

Characters were folks from my growing-up days in Muddy Branch, like Granny Cotton who, when she milked her cow, would go to the cow, instead of having the cow come to her. I can still see her, milk bucket in hand and bibbed-apron flying, scurrying through the camp, along about dark, in pursuit of her wandering bovine.

Then there was Booten Puckett, who could make up a rhyme on a dime, and remove an

Korner

burns.

The third was given a liver transplant and seemed to be doing well, only now her little body is rejecting the new liver.

These prayer requests are forwarded beyond the mind's imagination. They go as far as Israel, Canada, the Ukraine and states far and wide. The Power of Prayer is most awesome. And many of you have often read about the miracles God still performs today when these prayers are lifted.

Please remember these three most precious little ones in each of your prayers. Brookelyn, Trey, and Delaney. And until next week, May God Bless each of you.

Science

projects from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Johnson Building on the BSCTC campus. The project room for grades 4-8 is Room J102, and project room for grades 9-12 is Room J112. Students who are unable to set up their exhibits on Friday, may do so at 8 a.m., Saturday, Kilburn said.

Project judging begins at 9:45 a.m., Saturday. Students must be in the auditorium of the Pike Building on campus at 12:30 Saturday to receive directions regarding the interview process. Student interviews begin at 1 p.m.

The awards ceremony, which begins at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Pike Building, will conclude the Regional Science Fair line-up of activities. First, second, and third place winners will receive awards. School science departments that have students who win first place in the Regional Science Fair will also receive a monetary award. Approximately \$8,500 will be awarded through funding from Citizens National Bank and the MSU East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project.

Times for the planetarium demonstrations will be posted at the East Kentucky Science Center during the Regional Science Fair. For additional information about activities at the East Kentucky Science Center, call (606) 889-0303 or visit its website, www.wedo-science.org.

ugly seed wart from a little boy's hand by merely rubbing it, provided, of course, that the little boy "believed."

And Liss Baldrige, my grandfather, was quite a character and could wear long sleeves and long underwear on the hottest day of summer, and hardly break a sweat. I suppose then, like the well-known Readers Digest article suggests, everybody does indeed have "unforgettable characters" in their past. And since it's apparently legal to call a U.S. President a character, and since LBJ is a part of my past, he's in excellent company when placed alongside Granny Cotton, Booten Puckett and Liss Baldrige. Unforgettable characters, all.

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Art

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being one who has done a lot of work with animals and local shelters, I have always tended to have a dog in my store. On this particular day, the dog that was in the store quickly found her way over to Ray and became very friendly. Well, it turns out that Ray makes a habit of carrying dog biscuits in his pockets, some-

thing that even I don't do and I've done a lot of work with dogs," Schneider said.

From this chance encounter of "dog meeting biscuit," the artist and the science director forged a friendship that resulted in Schneider being asked to create more than a few of his visionary paintings for the new center.

The paintings, vibrant and exhibiting a creativity that exemplifies both excellent artwork and a vast knowledge of the universe, are now on display in the science center, which is open daily to visitors. The center's planetarium will be open for its first public presentation on Saturday, March 27.

The center invites one and all to visit their new offices and to tour the science center's offerings and view Schneider's paintings. "We're very excited about our center and all the wonderful things that are happening daily," said Janice Shepherd, public relations director. "Albert's paintings are amazing and everyone should really take the time to come out and see these beautiful works of art."

For more information about the East Kentucky Science Center, their educational programs or the upcoming Regional Science Fair, to be held Saturday, March 13, in the center's exhibit hall, contact the center offices at 889-0303, or log onto their website at www.wedoscience.org.

To contact Albert Schneider and learn more about his "art-work that's out of this world," telephone to 812-945-1606, or email to: themanintheshack@earthlink.net.

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

Weddings/Engagements



Smith-Johnson

Fred and Sonia Johnson, of Bevinsville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Arlis Ray, to Rebecca Smith. Rebecca is the daughter of Woodrow and Wanda Smith, of Decoy. Arlis Ray is the grandson of the late Arlis and Vonda Bates, formerly of Bevinsville, and the late Willard and Disia Johnson, formerly of Wheelwright. Rebecca is the granddaughter of John H. Patton, of Weeksbury, and the late Grace Patton, and Creasia Smith, of Decoy, and the late J.B. Smith. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at 12:00 p.m., at the Left Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church. Following, the newlyweds will reside in Winchester.



Hopson-Thornton

Martha Frances Hopson, of St. Matthews, and Matthew Alexander Thornton, of Louisville, were married on Saturday, August 24, 2002, at Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tenn. Bishop Roy Clark, of Nashville, performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Edwin and Jane Hopson, of Louisville. The groom is the son of Jim and Bonnie Thornton, of Louisville. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davidson Fitzpatrick Jr., of Prestonsburg. Olivia Fitzpatrick, the bride's cousin, was matron of honor. Caroline Duley, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Jim Thornton, the groom's father, was best man. The bride wore a strapless silk chiffon gown designed by Lee Ann Belter. On the wedding day, guests enjoyed tennis, fly-fishing, horseback riding and the spa at Blackberry Farm. The reception was held in the dining room at the farm. The rehearsal dinner was held in a tent on the grounds of Blackberry Farm. An engagement party was given by Kathleen and John Baumann. A linen shower was given by Beth Pollitt and Dana Mainka. Dinner parties were given by Mary F. and Ed Glasscock at Harmony Landing Country Club, LaForest and Alex Campbell at Louisville Country Club, and Kelli and Woodford Webb at The Camberley Brown Hotel. Molly Baughman and Peggy Kamer gave a bridal shower attended by the staff of Thornton Oil. Jim and Bonnie Thornton gave a reception at the Pendennis Club prior to the wedding. Jan and Ed Hopson gave a reception at their home following the wedding. The bride is a graduate of Ballard High School; the University of Georgia, where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration; and the University of Louisville, where she received a law degree. The groom is a graduate of the South Kent School in Connecticut and the University of Alabama. He is president and CEO of Thornton Oil Co. Following a wedding trip to Paris and Barcelona, the couple are living in St. Matthews.

Yesterdays

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Pikeville; Mrs. America Isaac Johnson, 59, of Halo, Monday, at McDowell; Claude Branham, 70, March 8, at home at Dwale; Mrs. Allie Calhoun Herald, 85, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Howard Goble, 67, Monday, at home at Allen; Mrs. Josephine Newsome, 73, of Wayland, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Claude May, 68, of Langley, March 12; Mrs. Arcolas Allen, 47, formerly of Grethel, Tuesday, at Chelsea, Michigan.

Forty Years Ago

(March 26, 1964)

A Court of Appeals decision handed down, Friday, virtually scuttled Floyd County attempts to convict approximately 15 persons on charges of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages in dry territory...Two hundred six cases, in two of which defendants are charged with murder, are on the docket of the April criminal term of circuit court here...County Attorney Barkley Sturgill filed a written protest, this week, to the granting of a license to George C. Moore for the establishment of a pool room on U.S. 23, at Tram, after a committee of citizens from the area presented a petition bearing 149 names protesting the issuance of the license...Anti-organization Republicans decisively defeated the incumbent organization leaders here, Saturday, and installed Jack Hyden as county chairman at a hectic two-and-a-half hour meeting of precinct committeemen and committeewomen...Two teen-age girls, pupils at the same Middle Creek School, were hospitalized, this week, and both are believed to be suffering from a form of spinal meningitis...Wayland High School's Wasps, representing the 15th region, lost in the first round of state tournament play, 74-72, in overtime, after leading a much taller Allen County squad through almost the entire game...There died: Ed Carver, 49-year-old Printer miner, Friday, when he was caught by a mechanical boom and thrown into a drilling machine, in a mine, near Printer, where he was working; Franklin Delano Hall, 27, formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday, when a truck he was driving left the highway and overturned near Clay's Ferry, Kentucky; Mrs. Kate Neeper, 74, formerly of this county, March 10, at a Lima, Ohio, hospital from injuries sustained in a February 22, auto accident; Mrs. Laura W. Greer, 81, of Abbott Creek, Monday, at the home of a son on Abbott; Ashland L. Shepherd, 49, of Pyramid, Tuesday, at his home.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 25, 1954)

Fire caused an estimated \$50,000 loss at Martin, Saturday morning...A bitter campaign was ending here, this week, with the bond issue to finance construction of a gymnasium at Prestonsburg high school to be decided by popular vote, Friday...Two Floyd County students—Janet Wells, of Auxier, and Bobby Elkins, of Harold—will reign as queen and king at the eighth annual May festival of Pikeville College, it was learned this week...Charter Night for the newly-formed Martin Kiwanis Club will be observed, Friday evening...William B. Damron resigned the post of head basketball coach, here Monday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hunt at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, March 17, their first child, a son—Danny; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmons, Huntington, W.Va.; their second child, a daughter—Patricia Ellen...There died: Ray Hall, 6, Monday, at Hi-

Hat; Frank M. Rasnick, 48, March 14, at Garrett; W. M. Sexton Sr., 74, at Garrett, Friday; Mrs. Eda Bradley, 82, last Thursday, at Hippo; Mrs. Mary Jane Goble, 85, Saturday, at Lancer; Mrs. Ruthie Garrison, 51, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, at Lexington; Mrs. Belle Ritchie Porter, 84, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Pikeville; Dr. John Franklin Hall, 64, Floyd native, Saturday, at Paris, Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Moles Boyd, 87, Wednesday, near Dana; Mrs. Jenny Sizemore, 75, Friday, at McDowell; William Harrison Yates, 81, Monday, at Glo; Mrs. Judy H. Hamilton, 49, of Ligon, Friday, at a Martin hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 23, 1944)

Floyd County Republicans, this week, prepared for the election here, Saturday, of a county party chairman...Floyd County's draft boards have received a call for 156 men to go into Army and Navy service, this month...The German shepherd dog of William Lee Wells Jr., of Auxier, has completed "war dog" training at Front Royal, Virginia, and has been placed on sentry duty...Signalman I-C Wyman Walters, formerly of Emma, has been transferred to a new Japanese prison camp at Tokyo...Claude P. Stephens, Prestonsburg attorney, was nominated, last week, by President Roosevelt, to the office of U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Kentucky...I.N. Hood, Ashland truckdriver, has been named in a voluntary manslaughter indictment, at Louisa, in the recent death of Melvin Anderson, of McDowell, in a car-truck collision...Ray Patton, Floyd County's candidate for big league baseball fame, reported, this week, to the Louisville Colonels, for spring training. Joe Weddington, of Emma, who had signed a Louisville contract as a catcher, has been inducted into the Marine Corps...Bruce Martin, 31st judicial district parole officer, announced his resignation, this week...There died: Miss Retta Leslie, 55, March 16, at Betsy Layne; Harlan Paul Delong, 10, Monday, at Banner.

Seventy Years Ago

(March 23, 1934)

Ex-Magistrate A. B. Flanery sustained a skull fracture, Tuesday, when a car, in which he was a passenger, collided with a truck on the Sugar Loaf curve...John D. Thomas, of Prestonsburg, was admitted, this week, to the practice of law without examination, having been a licensed attorney in West Virginia before coming here. Also admitted to the bar were Afton M. Smith, of Hindman, and D. Hollender Hall, of Pippa Passes...The Floyd County Board of Education voted, Saturday, to ban public dances from county gyms and schools...Deputy Sheriff W. J. Vaughan Sr., was wounded in the neck, Sunday, by a bullet from his own revolver. The weapon fell from a shoulder holster as he stooped to lift a confiscated slot machine, the lock striking the machine...Dr. R. H. Messer, Prestonsburg dentist, underwent an appendectomy at Pikeville, Monday...The home of Melvin Anderson, in McDowell, was destroyed by fire last week...Representative J. B. Wicker, of Knott County, last week, described the lobbyists on the floor of the House, as being "as thick as Egyptians in the Red Sea"...A rural housing survey report, from Washington, says there are 568 log farmhouses in Knott County...There died: Luther Sturgill, 22, of Harold, Saturday, at a Pikeville hospital.



Herrity-Hopson

April Nicole Herrity, of Simi Valley, California, and Edwin S. Hopson Jr., of Venice, California, formerly of Louisville, were married on Saturday, August 30, 2003, at St. Peter Claver Church in Simi Valley. The Rev. Lawrence Seyer officiated. The bride is the daughter of Joe Herrity and Dr. Vishna Herrity, of Simi Valley. She is the granddaughter of Nikola and Angela Franic, of Cleveland, Ohio. The groom is the son of Jane and Ed Hopson, of Louisville. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davidson Fitzpatrick Jr., of Prestonsburg, and the late Judge and Mrs. Henry Hopson. He is the great-grandson of Emily Jane Salyers. Letitia Kouchekey served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Fran Thornton, sister of the groom, of Louisville; Olivia Fitzpatrick, of Prestonsburg, cousin of the groom; Stephanie Pier, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jill Bruyere, of Seattle, Washington; and Shelly Burns, of Los Angeles, California. Scott Beaver, of Los Angeles, formerly of Louisville, served as the groom's best man. Groomsmen were Matt Thornton, brother-in-law of the groom, of Louisville; Rob Wilkes, of Florida, formerly of Louisville; and Bryan Fitzpatrick, cousin of the groom, Sean Herrity, brother of the bride, and David Stolfa, all of California. Carol Wilmouth served as guest book attendant. Jim and Denise Leslie provided vocal and instrumental music during the ceremony and Madeleine Sorenson played the harp. Mate Carich provided a blend of Croatian and American music during the reception. The bride wore an ivory satin halter dress with a full tulle skirt, featuring a corset bodice, accented with a floral design of pearl and crystal encrusted Alencon lace and finished with rum pink trim. A sprig of rosemary, tied with ribbon in the colors of the Croatian flag was given to each guest as a sign of good luck, happiness and everlasting love. Music included traditional Croatian "kolo" folk dancing music. The reception was held at Mandalay Beach Resort in Oxnard, Calif. The rehearsal dinner was held at Buoni Appetito Gondola Restaurant, in Oxnard. A linen shower was given by Fran Thornton, the groom's sister, and Kathy Fitzpatrick, the groom's aunt. A bridal shower was given by Becky Knell, cousin of the groom, and Letitia Kouchekey, in Pasadena, Calif. A family gathering was held at the Herrity household the day after the wedding for relatives and out-of-town guests. Entertainment was provided by Sean Herrity, brother of the bride, and Domagoj Markovic, cousin of the bride, who traveled from Croatia. The bride is a graduate of Simi Valley High School; the University of New Mexico, where she graduated summa cum laude; and the Cleveland Chiropractic College in Los Angeles, where she was selected a valedictorian. She is a doctor of chiropractic. The groom is a graduate of Ballard High School and Columbia University in New York. He attends Cleveland Chiropractic College and also is a doctor of chiropractic. Following a wedding trip to Honolulu, the couple is living in Venice Beach, Calif.

Business/Professions

Operation UNITE names manager for Big Sandy Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) has announced that Scott Barker, a 24 year veteran with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been named Manager of the Operation UNITE Big Sandy Narcotics Task Force.

As manager, Barker will coordinate drug investigations on a regional basis and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Task Force. The Big Sandy Task Force serves the counties of Bath, Rowan, Menifee, Morgan, Lawrence, Magoffin, Johnson, Floyd, Martin, and Pike.

"Scott Barker has more than two decades of experience in narcotics investigation," Rogers said. "We are counting on him to use his far-reaching knowledge and extensive contacts

within the law enforcement community to get dealers off the streets."

Barker is a native of Morehead and holds a BS in Law Enforcement from Eastern Kentucky University and a MA in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan University. Barker began his law enforcement career in 1974 as a Dispatcher and Police Officer with the Morehead Police Department. Barker went on to serve in the United States Army Military Police Corps for four years and was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. Barker joined the FBI in 1980 and worked in a number of roles including: narcotics coordinator for the state of Kansas; SWAT member of the New York City division; and most

recently as the state drug program and HIDTA coordinator for Kentucky. Barker retired from the FBI this past February after 24 years of service.

Operation UNITE, which

stands for Unlawful, Narcotics, Investigation, Treatment, & Education, serves 29 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. The region-wide program focuses on three main tasks: creating

regional drug task forces for interdiction, confiscation, and undercover operations; organizing local citizens' groups and coordinating drug treatment programs; and working with educators to expand drug

awareness and education programs. Rogers has included \$16 million in the federal budget over the last two years to create and operate the new counter-drug initiative.

Education at Work Scholarship applications being accepted

FRANKFORT - The Education Cabinet, formerly the Cabinet for Workforce Development, is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. The scholar-

ships are for clients who have used

Workforce Development employment and training programs and services. Workforce Development is an agency in the Education Cabinet. Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox said the Education at Work scholarships would help 25 Kentuckians continue their education and preparation for work.

"Pursuing postsecondary education helps Kentuckians reach their potential and contribute to the workforce and society. Recipients of the Education at Work Scholarship will be people who have put a priority on education and improving themselves and who overcome many obstacles to succeed," said Fox.

To be eligible, applicants must be a client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job placement, high school technical education, and Workforce Investment Act services and

training, among others. Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2004 semester.

Kimi Sheth, one of the first 20 recipients of the scholarship program that started in 1999, said the scholarship helped her to reach goals both personally and professionally. Sheth, who has had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis since 7 years of age, was a client of the Department of Vocational

Rehabilitation (DVR). After receiving the scholarship, Sheth graduated from the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in sociology and now works for DVR as a rehabilitation counselor. Last year one of Sheth's DVR clients was awarded the scholarship.

Sheth said education is important for her because going to college was her best chance to be independent financially. "It helped me financially to reach my goal and beginning working for the first time in my life and be independent for the first time," she said.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the

Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and Workforce Investment Act service providers. The completed application packet must be postmarked by April 23, 2004.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the Workforce Development Web page at www.workforce.ky.gov. The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

For more information or questions about the scholarship, contact Wynnee Hecker at (502) 564-6606.

Kentucky Business Enterprises begins food vending services at Martin Co. prison

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Business Enterprises (KBE), a division of the Kentucky Department for the Blind (DFB), has been awarded the vending service contract at the Big Sandy Federal Prison in

Martin County. Leonard Caldwell, a blind vendor who has been trained by KBE, will run the vending operation for the maximum-security prison. KBE develops vending and food service opportunities for blind business people under the authority of the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act. The federal act gives priority to blind vendors to operate food service and vending contracts on federal property so that blind people can become economically self sufficient.

KBE Director Stephen Johnson said, "This is a good

career opportunity for Mr. Caldwell and I'm excited about the Department for the Blind's partnership with the Big Sandy Federal Prison."

The facility is now open with partial staff and some inmates and is scheduled to be fully operational by summer 2004. At capacity it will house up to 1,800 inmates and employ 350 people, said Johnson. The vending machines will be available to visitors and employees.

Caldwell, who was formerly employed by American Printing House, said, "I couldn't think of anything better. There isn't a better job in the state."

DFB, an agency in the Education Cabinet, has vending operations in two of Kentucky's federal prisons

and anticipates an opportunity in the new McCreary County Federal Prison, said Johnson.

DFB assists thousands of Kentuckians with visual disabilities in keeping their jobs or finding new jobs. For more information about DFB services, visit <http://blind.ky.gov> or call toll free 1-877-592-5463.

Floyd County woman artist awarded KFW grant

Women and the arts in Floyd County recently won support when the Kentucky Foundation for Women awarded an Artist Enrichment grant to Leatha Kendrick, of East Point.

This artist had to demonstrate high quality work, commitment to the empowerment of Kentucky women and girls, and understanding of the relationship between art and social change to obtain one of the 47 grants totaling \$100,000 awarded throughout the state. Ms. Kendrick will write a

series of essays, incorporating references to books and films as well as crisis points in her own life to explore the tensions between achievement and nurturing in women's lives.

"The record number of pro-

posals KFW received for this round of grants proves that feminist art is flourishing throughout the state," said KFW Director, Judi Jennings. "The artists selected to receive these grants are committed to creating high-quality art that encourages new thinking and improves the lives of women in Kentucky. KFW believes that improving the lives of women leads to positive social change for all citizens of the Commonwealth."

Artist Enrichment grants are awarded annually. Applications for the 2004 cycle will be available in July for an early September deadline. Information about the Kentucky Foundation for Women is available online at www.kfw.org and by contacting the office at 502-



Ellen Harris



Pam Kidd



Vickie Rice

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550-Land/Lots

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RENTALS

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640-Land/Lots

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650-Mobile Homes

3 BED ROOMS, 1.5 BATH MOBILE HOME FOR RENT. Extra nice. \$410 mo plus utilities & sec. deposit. Call 606-874-2802.

670-Comm. Prop.

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

To place your ad call Pauline 886-85061

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)

812-Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

FREE FILL DIRT right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

Free: To good home Beagle mixed puppies call 606-452-4550

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850-Personals

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-00654

AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. MARTHA DOTSON (F/K/A MARTHA CASE); RACEY CASE; COUNTY OF FLOYD; AND COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,570.87, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Left Beaver Creek, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

One tract of land lying and being in the county of Floyd, State of Kentucky, and being one plat of land 150 feet by 125 feet bounded on one side by Walk Carver, other side by Will Carver, other side by Lula Salisbury, front side by County Road, and being Lot Numbers 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in the W. L. Stumbo Subdivision to Salisbury, Kentucky.

Being the same property conveyed from Carolyn Sue Newsome, an unmarried person, to Martha Dotson, a widow, by deed dated 1/4/90, and recorded 02/13/90, in book 334, page 5, of the public records of Floyd County, KY.

Tax Map Reference: 049-20-02-004.00

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0303

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 261.39 surface acres and will underlie 476.28 acres of auger of which 363.28 acres underlie surface acres, and

the total area within the permit boundary will be 374.39 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-0-323 FIRST COMMON-WILALTH BANK OF PRESTONS-BURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TAMMY KIDD STEWART, SINGLE; NANCY TACKETT; BANK ONE, N.A.; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

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located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Lois Tackett's line at Route -o30, running across the bottom toward the creek 9-feet to iron stake; thence in a northerly direction 68 feet to an iron stake; thence straight down the bottom to iron stake -5 feet; thence right handed toward Little Mud Creek 30 1/-; thence north down Little Mud Creek as the creek flows to an iron pipe 97 feet; thence left toward Route oo30, 36 i/z feet; thence right handed down the bottom to an iron pipe 30 feet 3 inches; thence across the bottom to Route -o30, 88 -/z feet to iron stake; thence from said iron stake at Route -o30, 180 feet to the beginning.

There is a 1a foot access road excepted from this conveyance for Sylvia Lois Tackett running from the bridge at Route -o30 to the bridge crossing Little Mud Creek. There is a water well on this property that is shared by Sylvia Lois Tackett, Dexter Spurlock, Tammy & Tracy Stewart for their houses, and this conveyance is subject to the use of the said well by said persons.

Being the same property conveyed to Tammy Stewart by deed from Aaron B. Tackett and Mazie Tackett, dated August 28, 1996, and of record in Deed Book 398, Page 187, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 898-5054, RENEWAL NO. 4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, has applied for renewal of an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 499.17 acres located 2.3 miles west of Pikeville in Pike and Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.60 miles north-east from KY Highway 1384 is junction with CR-1552 road and is along Dog Fork of Hurricane Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 09" and the longitude is 82° 35' 18".

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Elkhorn Coal Company and Bob Billips. The operation will underlie land owned by Bobby Adkins, Harrison and Octavia Adkins, John and Betty Adkins, Mack Arthur and Charlene Adkins, Richard Adkins, Roscoe Adkins, Ernest Baldridge, Bob Billips, Robert C. Billips, Edward and Cleo Burgess, Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, Mrs. Marvin Gettings, James H. Hatcher's Heirs, Dawson James, Abraham and Stella Justice, Jim Justice, Phil Dean and Thelma Justice, Mildred S. Martin, Claude McKinney, Gene Ray, Richard L. Ray, Ella Mae Robinson, Elvie Salisbury, Earl Steven, Gladys Wagner and Leland and Icy Wagner.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501-9331. Written comments, objection, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Prepare your home, family & community for survival.
In a wildland fire emergency, call 9-1-1, your local Fire Department, or your local Division of Forestry office.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Floyd County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for (3) 24 X32 modular classroom located John M. Stumbo Elementary until 10:00 A.M. March 18th 2004 at the office of Gregory Adams located at 23 Martin Street, Allen Kentucky.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. For an outside inspection, please contact Gregory Adams, 606-874-9569.

Sealed bids may be mailed or hand delivered to Gregory Adams 23 Martin Street, Allen Kentucky. 41601. Bids must be clearly identified on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID ENCLOSED/MODULAR UNITS"

The owner reserves the right to reject to any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time will be returned unopened to the bidders.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1252 INEZ DEPOSIT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. ROGER HALL AND SABRINA HALL, HIS WIFE; LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$81,422.49, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on waters of Tolers Creek, containing 1 lot, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the creek at the mouth of Sturgill Branch and running with branch to Columbia Gas line and east with said line to a stake 101 feet more or less, thence running 100 feet more or less to Tolers Creek, thence running with Tolers Creek to the beginning, with exception of the 12 foot road. It is understood by all parties hereto that a 12 foot road running from county road and up the branch to other homes. And being the same land conveyed to

Roger Hall and Sabrina Hall, his wife, by deed dated October 18, 1989, from Paul Conn and Edna Conn, his wife, which is recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 409, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CRIMINAL NO. 03-35-DLB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...PLAIN Tiff VS. DAVID SLONE VERNON SLONE...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on February 5, 2004, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable David L. Bunning, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property:
CURRENCY:
\$1,892.00 in United States currency
\$3,405.00 in United States currency
\$22,100.00 in United States currency
\$793.00 in United States currency
\$10,591.00 in United States currency
\$8,525.47 in United States currency

\$805.00 in United States currency
\$3,175.00 in United States currency

REAL PROPERTY:
1. Real property with residence and mobile home in Floyd County, Kentucky, conveyed to Najwana Sue Moore by deed dated February 3, 1994, and recorded in the Floyd County Court Clerk's office at Deed Book 374, Page 131; said mobile home is owned by Vernon and Debra Slone and described as a 1996 Clay Mobile home, 28x52, VIN CLM021035TNAB. The property is located at Bevinville, Kentucky, PVA Map number 056-20-03-009.00.

2. Real property and improvements in Lawrence County, Kentucky, conveyed to Debra Slone, by deed dated June 24, 1999, and recorded in Deed Book 244, Page 113, and conveyed to Vernon Chad Slone, by deed recorded in Deed Book 249, Page 488, all in the records of the Lawrence County Court Clerk.

3. Real property and improvements in Menifee County, Kentucky, conveyed by Vernon Chad Slone to Shawn Whitaker, by deed dated April 4, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book ____, Page ____, in the records of the Menifee County Court Clerk.

CONVEYANCES:
1. 2000 GMC Sierra pick-up truck, Ky. license 890-GGD, VIN2GTEK19T9Y13 62704
2. 1993 Chevrolet 3500 pick-up truck, Ky. license 7349-FD, VIN1GCHK33K9PJ3 09353
3. 1999 Ford F250 pick-up truck, Ky. license 2882-CH, VIN1FTNW21F7X3B 81999
4. 1999 Harley Davidson Fatboy, Ky. license 2245G, VIN 1HD18ML14XY0229 13
5. 2000 Harley Davidson Fatboy, Ky. license 8694H, VIN 1HD1BWY12440310 23
6. Harley Davidson motorcycle FLHTC, no year or tag, VIN SUN72FLT0543290 1
7. 2000 Honda Foreman 4-wheeler, VIN478TE22074410 8765
8. 2001 Honda Foreman 4-wheeler, VIN478TE20071420 0967

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), if you have a legal interest in this property, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

THE PETITION must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title, or interest, in each item of property, the time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title, or interest, in each item

of property, and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853(n)(2), NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION.

ANY HEARING on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your own behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PETITION to assert your right, title, or interest in the above-described property, within thirty (30) days of this notice, your right, title, and interest, in this property shall be lost and forfeited to the United States. The United States then shall have clear title to the property herein described and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Pikeville Docket, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1144. You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS), FOR THE PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY (LEVISA FORK BASIN), SECTION 202 PROJECT AGENCY: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ACTION: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in repose to Section 202 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (WRDA). This act authorizes the Corps to design, construct and implement flood damage reduction measures relating to the Levisa and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River and Cumberland River in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia. The DEIS documents analyses of flood damage

reduction measures that would provide protection for the Levisa Fork and Russell Fork basins within Pike County, Kentucky, against flooding such as occurred in April 1977. The flood of record for most of the county.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before April 5, 2004, to ensure consideration in final plan development. A public hearing on the Pike County, Kentucky, (Levisa Fork Basin), Section 202 Project Draft EIS will be held at the Pikeville High School, 120 Championship Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky, on Thursday March 4, 2004, beginning at 6p.m.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project to the following address, by March 26, 2004. Requests for copies of the DEIS or to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to the address below. S. Michael Worley, Chief Planning Branch and Project Management Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District 502 Eighth Street Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070 Telephone: (304) 399-5636 or Fax:(304) 399-5136 E-mail: Stephen.M.Worley@usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Detailed project studies have included consideration of a number of basin-wide and local flood damage reduction measures including flood-wall/levee systems protecting Pikeville and Coal Run, non-structural flood-proofing measures, flood-plain acquisition and ring walls protecting several individual structures. The project would provide flood protection measures to approximately 2,000 structures, 75 percent of which are residential. Three alternatives, based on these flood damage reduction measures, along with the no action alternative, have been evaluated in detail and the results documented in the DEIS.

A Public Meeting on the DEIS will be held at Pikeville High School on Thursday March 4, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Levisa Fork Basin flooding problems as they affect Pike County and the environment are urged to participate in this meeting. USACE has distributed copies of the DEIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local government officials in Kentucky, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained by contacting USACE Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers (See ADDRESSES) and are available for public review at the following locations. 1) Pike County Public Library, 119

College Street, d.b.a. Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a nursing facility. All persons qualifying for nursing facility care shall be admitted to this facility regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, handicapping condition age or religious preference. Patient referrals can be made at the facility at 79 Sparrow Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 or by phone, 606-886-9178. Melissa J. Allen, Administrator

2) Pike County Public Library, Elkhorn City Branch, 309 Main Street, Elkhorn City, KY. 41522
3) Pike County Public Library, Phelps Branch, 38575 State Highway 194 E, P.O. Box 404, Phelps, KY 41553
4) Vesta Roberts Johnson Memorial Library, P.O. Box 548, Virgie, KY 41572
5) Frank M. Allara Library, Pikeville College, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41500
6) US Army Corps of Engineers, Room 3100, 502 Eighth Street P D-R Huntington, WV 25701
7) Internet- http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/current/pikelevisafork

After the public comment periods ends on April 5, 2004, USACE will consider all comments received. The Draft EIS will be revised as appropriate, and a Final EIS will be issued.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information about the proposed project, contact Mr. Mark D. Kessinger, PM-P, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV. 25701-2070. Telephone: (304) 399-5083. E-mail: Mark.d.kessinger@usace.army.mil

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

H.Q.M.of Floyd County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of American Electric Power Company from May 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003.

Errol K. Wagner
Director of Regulatory Services
Kentucky Power Company
d/b/a
American Electric Power

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS INVITATION TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE

The Administrative Office of the courts desires to lease approximately 800 square feet of office space for Drug Court. Space should be located within 3 blocks of the Floyd County Justice Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Space should be available on or before April 15, 2004.

Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8292 clearly marked on the front. Please send responses to Facilities Department, Administrative Office of the Courts, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, KY. 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.) Each proposal should include the type, location, floor plan and availability date of the property. All proposals must be received before 1:00 P.M. EST, March 19, 2004. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time. A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, and all applicable building codes. For any additional information, contact Trevor Hanson in the Facilities Department at 502-573-2350

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

For the Project Titled:
PHASE II ADDITION AND RENOVATION JOHN M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Floyd County Schools
Grethel, Kentucky

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for construction of the above named project until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, **Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004**, at Greg Adams' office, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of the renovation and systems upgrade of a single-story of 58,139 square feet K-8 school. The renovation contains primary and intermediate classrooms, computer classroom, administration offices and a kitchen suite. A base bid 253 square feet addition includes waiting and vending area, and a 508 square feet custodial receiving room addition comprises an alternate to the project. Additional alternates include an aluminum sidewalk canopy and selected minor interior and site improvements.

The structure will be a combination steel frame and masonry bearing walls with concrete foundation and spread footings. The roof system, where new is required, will be adhered EPDM over steel deck and trusses.

Exterior walls at additions will be face brick and concrete masonry unit backup. Infill of existing exterior walls will be drainable EIFS with 6" metal studs and impact resistant gypsum board. Interior partitions will include concrete masonry units and gypsum board on steel studs.

Windows will be color anodized extruded aluminum, projected, with insulating glass. Exterior doors will be hollow metal with tempered glazing. Interior doors will be factory-finished solid core wood in hollow metal frames.

Finishes include vinyl composition tile, ceramic tile, carpeting, poured flooring, paint over gypsum board and masonry, and suspended acoustic panel ceilings.

Specialties include kitchen equipment, toilet compartments, cabinetwork and signage.

Site work includes fences, walks, curbs, drives, parking area, storm water lines, site structures, utility work, wastewater treatment plant, seeding and sodding.

Heating and cooling will be a water source heat pump system with heat pumps in ceiling spaces, wall mounted classroom unit ventilators, a/v console units. The system includes hydronic loop piping, circulating pumps, chemical treatment and fluid coolers.

The Existing building is fully sprinklered. Work includes: modifications to the existing system as well as extensions to serve building additions.

The power system includes 208 volt, 3 phase, fed from existing building. Exterior lighting will be metal halide fixtures. Interior lighting will be primarily fluorescent lamps with incandescent fixtures for accent. Emergency lighting will be self-contained battery self-packs.

Other electrical work includes fire alarm modifications and conduit and boxes for information technology, television and telephone systems.

Original Bidding Documents and any Addenda to the original Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following places:

- McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C. 2321 Fortune Dr., Suite 112A Lexington, KY
- McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C. 1812 Taylor Avenue Louisville, KY
- Reed Construction Data/A.B.C. 132 Venture Court, Suite 12 Lexington, KY
- Builders Exchange 2300 Meadow Drive Louisville, KY
- Construction Market Data 1951 Bishop Lane, Suite 202 Louisville, KY
- JRA Architects 300 E. Main St., Suite 301 Lexington, KY
- Adams Frazer Andersen 715 Westland Drive Lexington, KY
- Poage Engineers & Associates 446 East High Street Lexington, KY
- Joby Smith and Associates 8111 Lesourdville Westchester West Chester, OH

Addendum 4 is a supplement to original Bidding Documents and includes Drawing and Specification modifications to the original Bidding Documents dated 10/03. Addendum 4 may be purchased for the nonrefundable amount of \$50.00 per set. If Addendum 4 is to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging.

Original Bidding Documents, including Drawing and Specifications, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$180.00 per set. If original bidding documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$20.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging.

Both sets are available from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859) 255-1021. The successful bidder is responsible for all additional sets they may require for completion of the work.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on bid Form of Proposal included in Addendum 4. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the Owner's office.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids, will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids, without constant of the Owner.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., Local Time, at Greg Adams' office, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky.



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This Week: Newspaper Tour

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TOUR THE NEWSPAPER!

How well do YOU know your newspaper? I'm your tour guide, Reed Newsome, and today we'll explore the newspaper.



When we're done, you'll be an official News Navigator!

Sports

What's your favorite sport? Read all about it in the sports section of the newspaper.

Read each game description. Then, draw a line from the ball to the article that describes that sport.



Jackson threw a high curve ball which Hernandez hit to center field for a double. However, Jackson struck out the next three batters, leaving the tied in the eighth inning.

Whittington scored 12 points in the first period. She assisted in two rebounds later in the game. At the buzzer, her last basket was a wild shot from half court that somehow hit the backboard and fell through the hoop.

Quarterback Troy Greene threw an interception late in the fourth quarter that gave State College a chance to score a field goal and take a 10-7 lead.

Front Page News

The stories the editor thinks are the most important and interesting stories of the day are found on the front page of the newspaper.



DOWNTOWN – Mayor Alice Brandt said today that she expects a large crowd at this weekend's Spring Festival.

"Everyone is looking forward to it," Brandt said. "Our hotels are completely filled with people from as far away as New York City."

Last year's Festival attracted more than 30,000 people. They enjoyed activities such as the Four-Leaf Clover 5K Run and the Arpil Showers Dance.

NEWS NAVIGATOR SEARCH ITEM #2

How many of the following things can you find on the front page of your newspaper?

- Price of this newspaper
- Some good news
- Name of this newspaper
- Some bad news
- The name of a city you know
- The index
- A news photo

Standards Link: Research: Understand the organization of newspapers and how to use print material.

Local News

If it's happening in town, it's in the local news section. **ACTIVITY:** Reporter Bob Deletekey misspelled 10 words in this article. Circle and correct them. Write the words, spelled correctly, on another sheet of paper.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context.

NEWS NAVIGATOR SEARCH ITEM #3

How many times can you find and circle the name of your town in today's newspaper?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify answers in text.

- WIN COURT GAME**
- SCORE GOAL OUT MATCH FIELD PENALTY LOSS PLAYER ADVANCE CHAMPION PLAYOFFS**

Standards Link: Research: Understand the organization of newspapers and how to use print material.

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LARRY'S ROOT BEER EMPORIUM
12th & Market St.

Advertising

If you're looking for something to buy, you'll find all sorts of cool stuff in the newspaper ads. Did you know that the words in a newspaper ad are called **copy**? Pictures in an ad are called **art**.

Finish this ad for Larry's Root Beer Emporium. Do the math to see where to place the ad copy. Then, draw a picture of someone enjoying a mug of root beer.



- 21 - 5 - 6 = Try a refreshing mug of Larry's Root Beer today.
- 7 + 4 + 5 = You'll root for it!
- 14 - 3 + 1 = 99¢ per bottle

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences to 25.

Extra! Extra! Headlines

Newspaper headlines tell the main idea of a story. Write headlines for three books you have read.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Summarize main idea.

NEWS NAVIGATOR SEARCH ITEM #4

Imagine you won \$1,000 in a contest. Look through the newspaper ads to see how many things you can buy. Make a list of things you WANT and things you NEED. Which list has more items?

News Navigator Bonus Search

The newspaper isn't all serious stuff. Comics, puzzles, movie listings and more make the newspaper entertaining. Set a timer for five minutes. Look through the newspaper and see how many fun things you can find. Circle each item with a blue crayon. Have a friend try next, using a red crayon. Who found the most?



Give these comic characters something funny to say.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

Double Double Word Search

- NEWSPAPER HEADLINES
- LOCAL SPORTS EMPORIUM
- MAYOR REPORTER PICTURES PHOTO COPY COMIC ROOT LIST FRONT WORDS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S T R E T R O P E R
P I C T U R E S E O
S D R O W L O P P Y
S E N I L D A E H A
P O T O H P T C H M
O E L I S T C P O R
R E S W C O M I C L
T S E M P O R I U M
S N E Y F R O N T S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Create a Newspaper Game

Choose a newspaper story, ad or comic. Use the beginning, or cause of the story to start the game. What things will happen on the way to the conclusion of the game?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify the main idea and supporting details of a narrative.

What newspaper do cows read?



ANSWER: The Daily Moos.

Weekly Writing Corner

Newspapers

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Sunday comics. I like them because they are in color and they're entertaining to read.

Briana, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the classified section. I like the classifieds because there is always something you want in it, but your parents will never let you buy it.

Taylor, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Kid Scoop page. It gives your mind a challenge and I always learn something new, from Mars to Lewis and Clark.

Chris, 5th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the front page because lots of interesting things are on the front page—all of the breaking news stories like fires, hurricanes or diseases.

Allanna, 5th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper must be the sports pages. I love sports. I like to find out how the local teams are doing.

Max, 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is Kid Scoop because it's full of fun games. I sometimes see my stories in the newspaper and I like that a lot. My parents and friends get to see some of my stories too!

Kyndal, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the classified ads because I like to look at the price of houses. I've moved a lot of times and the classified ads tell me the prices of houses in different areas.

Sierra, 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the comics. I like it because they are short and sometimes funny.

Billy, 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Kid Scoop page. I like it because I like to write on the topics and then I hope and hope that mine gets picked. When it does, I go crazy with joy!

Colleen, 5th Grade

Write On!

Newspapers

Deadline: April 4, 2004
Published: Week of May 2, 2004

Send your story to:

Ode to Air
P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

Please include your school and grade.

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COLORING PAGE

A REBUS STUMPER!



A **REBUS** is a pictorial representation of a word or phrase. You have five minutes to solve the one above.

Answer: "A misunderstanding between friends." (STANDING is the tough part — ST AND IN G.)

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



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THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Don't get "dizzy" looking for these words. Starting with the given word **MAELSTROM**, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **MAELSTROM**.

1. A violent whirlpool.
2. A small South American monkey.
3. A great composer.
4. A performer of great skill.
5. An intent gaze.
6. To demolish.
7. Body of water.
8. In the same manner.
9. Your grade for this test?

Answers: (From the bottom up): Maelstrom, maelstrom, master, stare, rase, sea, as, A.

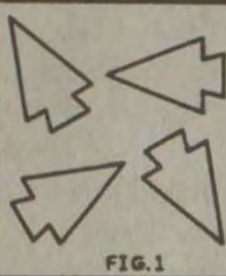


FIG. 1

A DRAWING WAGER! Bet your friends that they can't draw four arrowheads in such a way that, instead of four, they will have five. Figure 2 shows you how this can be done.

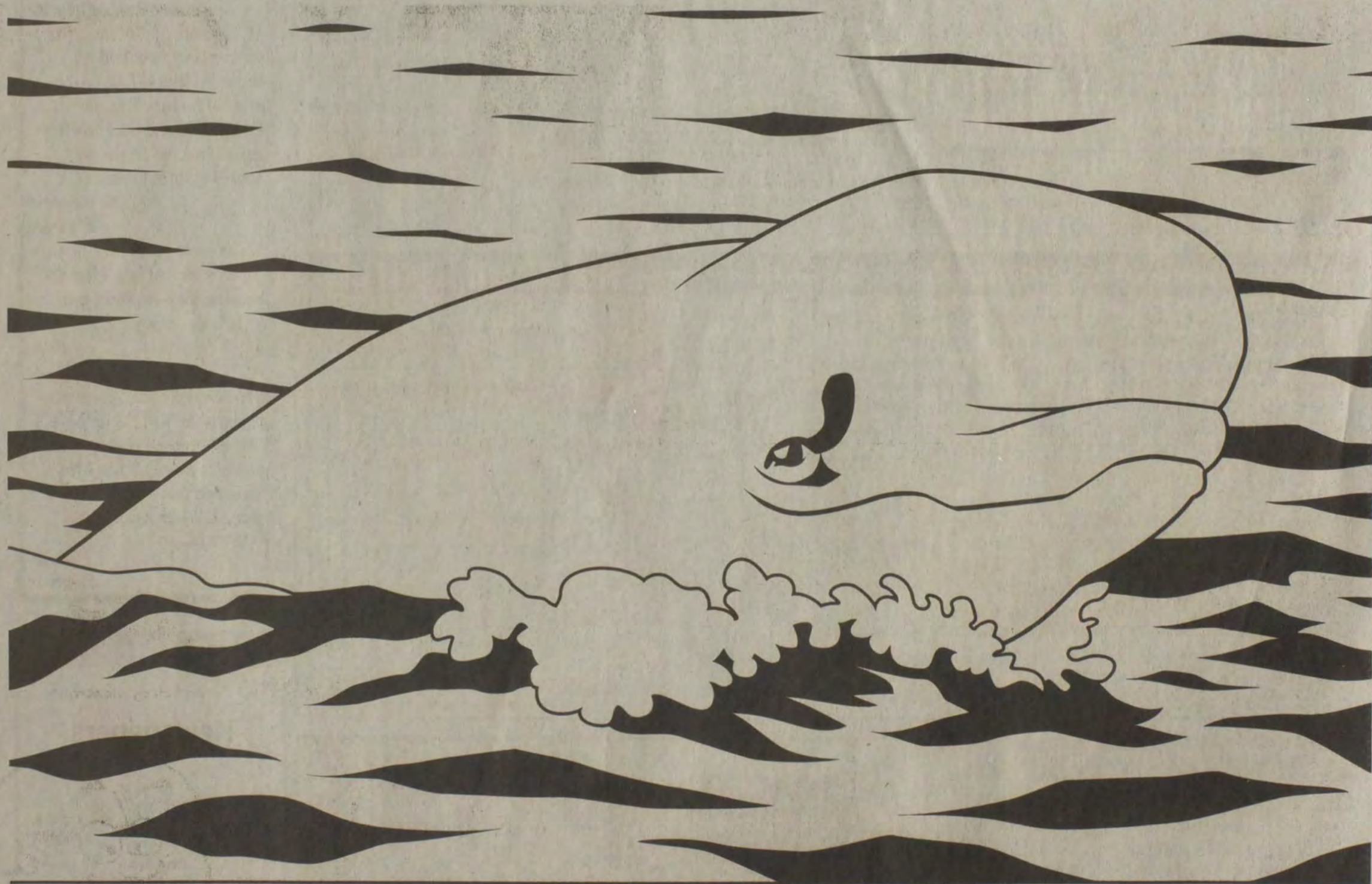


FIG. 2

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 11 through 20 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 75. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

	21	25	
24			22
	27		
			26
[75]			

Answers: First row: 18, 21, 25, 11. Second row: 24, 12, 17, 22. Third row: 13, 27, 19, 16. Fourth row: 20, 15, 14, 26.



WHALE

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: _____

My Kid Scoop™

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Jeff Schinkel, Designer/Illustrator

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

A Nose for Ns

Natty Nan can spot an N as fast as can be. How many words that start with N do you see? Circle each one!



My Rhyme Time

Eight fingers, ten toes,
Two eyes, and one nose.
Baby said, when she smelt the rose,
"Oh! What a pity
I've only one nose."

My Letters

N is for Nose
n is for nose



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter N. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the N sound like the word nose?

My Numbers

How many 9s?
nines



How many nickles?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My nose can _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter N in nose.	Math Play Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	What's that smell? With your child, look through the newspaper and circle in yellow all the pictures of things you think smell good. Circle in red all of the things you think smell bad.	Tear It Up! The simplest small motor exercise you can do with your child is tearing the newspaper. Let your child tear out shapes and then glue the torn pieces onto a piece of paper to make a picture. Black construction paper sets off the pictures well.	Nine Noses Find and cut out nine noses from the newspaper. Glue the nine noses onto one sheet of paper. Find and cut out a large number 9 and glue it on the paper also.	Find the 9s With your child try and find nine 9s on one page of the newspaper. Connect the nine 9s to make a connect-the-dots picture.	Deliver the Newspaper Have your child practice tossing a folded newspaper to different spots in the house. For example, onto a bed, next to a table, onto the front steps.

Learning Buddies!

My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.
Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

Wishing Well®

3	6	7	6	5	2	6	4	6	7	4	7	2
A	I	F	D	E	D	E	A	A	O	T	R	E
7	2	4	6	2	7	6	4	6	7	4	2	4
T	M	T	S	A	U	A	A	T	N	I	N	N
7	2	6	7	3	6	4	7	2	8	6	8	4
A	D	T	T	I	R	H	E	T	S	A	E	U
7	4	6	7	4	7	2	7	8	2	6	5	7
R	M	C	O	I	M	H	A	E	E	T	X	N
8	6	5	7	5	4	6	5	7	4	3	5	4
K	W	P	C	E	L	E	C	E	I	M	T	T
5	8	4	5	3	6	8	3	2	6	2	6	2
C	A	Y	H	H	A	D	I	B	L	E	T	S
8	2	6	5	3	8	3	5	8	5	8	5	5
V	T	H	A	G	I	H	N	C	G	E	E	S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

Rational Numbers answers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.

1	2	3			
4		5	6		
7		8		9	5 0
		10	11		
12	13		14	15	16
17		18		19	
		20			

- ACROSS**
- Seven times 16-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - 1-Across plus 3-Down
 - Two times 18-Down
 - 2-Down minus 18-Down
 - Five more than 11-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Same digit repeated
 - Digits of 4-Across reversed
 - 5-Across minus 12-Down

- DOWN**
- Three times 8-Down
 - 19-Across plus 6-Down
 - Ten more than 20-Across
 - One-third of 10-Across
 - Same digit repeated
 - One less than 2-Down
 - Same digit repeated
 - Two times 13-Down
 - 4-Across plus 9-Across
 - Two less than 17-Across
 - Twenty less than 10-Across
 - Eight more than 4-Down

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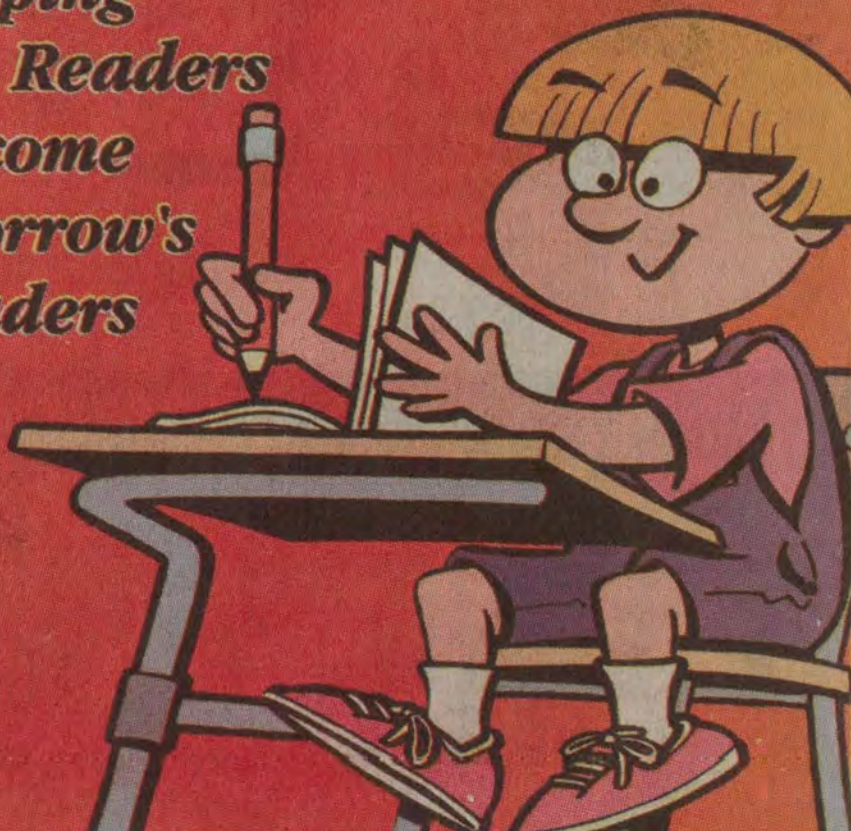
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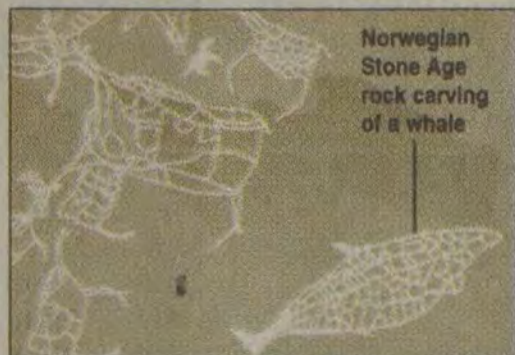
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Whaling

Whale back when

Most historians believe that in prehistoric times, coastal people from all over the world probably killed and ate beached or stranded whales. The Norwegians are thought to be the first to hunt whales at sea. Four-thousand-year-old rock carvings in **Norway** depict whale-hunting scenes.



The Basques

The Basque people of southern France and northern Spain hunted whales in the Bay of Biscay in the 10th century. These early whalers used small boats and worked close to shore. They speared whales with harpoons attached to ropes until the animals eventually died, and then towed them to shore. By 1200, a commercial market for whales was established, and larger ships carried the smaller boats farther out to sea. Whalers carved up the dead whales in the water and then lifted the whale *blubber* (fat) and *baleen* (long, bony plates in a whale's mouth) up to the larger ship.

Basque whalers hunted a particular kind of whale. This whale was preferred because it was the right size, slow moving, had large amounts of baleen and floated when killed. It became known as the "right whale."



Right whale

Whaling's heyday

By the 17th century, many nations competed for rich whale-hunting grounds. For the next 200 years, whalers expanded their operations and made huge profits. Dutch and English whalers preyed on bowhead whales around the islands of Svalbard (north of Norway). Within about 100 years, they killed all the whales in this region and began to hunt elsewhere in the Arctic.

North America

North American colonists hunted whales off the Atlantic coast during the 1600s. At first, they favored right whales, but during the 18th and 19th centuries, **sperm whales** became the whale of choice. Whalers collected the pale yellow sperm oil from the head and blubber to make lamp oil and lubricants. Spermaceti, a waxy oil

found in the sperm whale's head, was used to make candles. **Ambergris** came from the whale's lower intestines. Whales often vomited ambergris, and chunks of it could be found floating or washed ashore. Ambergris was used as a base for expensive perfumes and was worth its weight in gold.

Whaling expanded to the Pacific Ocean, and between 1820 and 1850, the American sperm-whaling industry thrived on both coasts. The industry had a fleet of more than 730 ships and employed more than 70,000 people. About 10,000 whales were killed each year.

When the California gold rush began in 1849, many people abandoned the sea for gold digging. By the end of the century, petroleum replaced spermaceti and sperm oil, and the whaling industry took a dive.



Whaling could be a dangerous occupation; some whales are capable of smashing a small boat to smithereens. Nineteenth-century whaling was also a lonely job; whalers were often at sea for up to four years.

Illustration (above) based on an etching in the British Museum of Natural History

Modern whaling

Whaling techniques changed very little for about 700 years. But in the mid-1800s, commercial whaling began to use modern inventions to assist in the hunt.

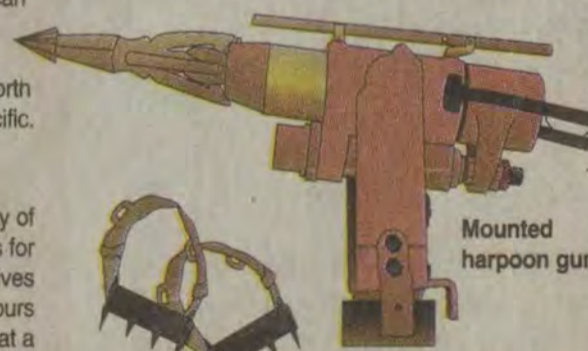
1852 — The bomb-lance, an explosive harpoon, was invented. This deadly harpoon allowed the whalers to keep a safer distance from the whale.

1857 — Steam engines were incorporated into whaling ships. This increased the speed and safety of the ships. But traditional catchers, or rowing boats, were still used.

1863 — The first steam catcher was built by Svend Foyn, a Norwegian sea captain. It was an 82-foot (25m) schooner that combined open rowing and the steam engine. The speed and maneuverability of these boats greatly increased the danger to whales.

1865 — The darting gun was a highly accurate harpoon that exploded when embedded in the whale.

1868 — The mounted harpoon gun was another invention of Svend Foyn. It fired from a cannon-like device onboard a whaling ship. (A modern form of this gun is still used by whalers today.)



Mounted harpoon gun

Whaling cleats/spurs

1925 — The factory ship was home to a crew of about 400 men and a fleet of about 12 catcher boats. As the name suggests, it was a floating processing plant, which allowed the whalers to stay out at sea for longer. These vessels used aircraft, and later sonar, to find and track the whales.

Due to these modern techniques, more whales were killed between 1900 and 1940 than had been killed in the previous 400 years.

Whalers with time on their hands sometimes etched pictures into whale teeth or bone. This art form, called **scrimshaw**, was first practiced by the Inuit (Eskimo) people of the far north.



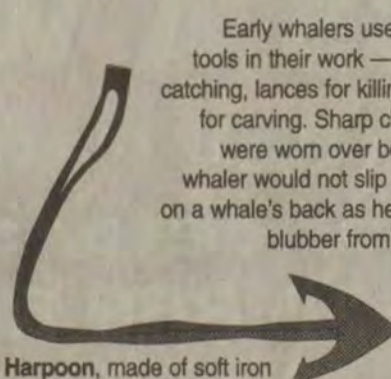
Sperm oil

Commercial whalers did not hunt whales for food, but the demand for whales in the 19th century was as overwhelming as the number of products created from them. Bones and baleen were used to make fashionable **corsets**, umbrella ribs, canes, brushes and knickknacks. **Blubber** was refined into candles, lamp oil, margarine, soap, cosmetics, medicine and motor lubricants. Whale skin was used to make shoes, boot laces, saddles and suitcases.

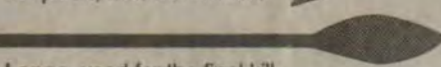
Whales were food for the Inuits, American Indians, Japanese and natives of the North Atlantic and North Pacific.



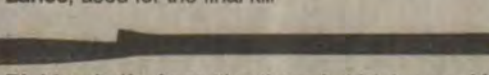
Sperm whale



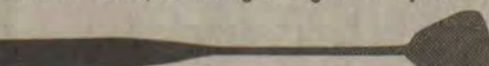
Harpoon, made of soft iron



Lance, used for the final kill



Blubber knife, for cutting through thick layers of fat



Flensing spade, for striping rolls of blubber

Conservation & conflict

The excessive killing during the 1800s and early 1900s severely damaged whale populations around the world.

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) was established in 1946 to regulate the whaling industry and to protect whales from over-hunting.

In 1982, the IWC voted to ban commercial whale hunting worldwide. By 1988, most nations had complied with the ban, but in the 1990s, Norway and Japan resumed whale hunting, shielded by exemptions. The IWC allows whaling for scientific purposes and allows native peoples who have traditionally hunted whales for food to continue their hunts under specific guidelines. Norway says that whaling is a vital part of their culture, and Japan claims it kills whales for scientific reasons (but sells the meat commercially).



International Whaling Commission logo

Population estimates

Scientists use **aerial surveys** to track and count whales in order to estimate populations.

Species	Original level	Present level
Blue	228,000	11,700
Bowhead	30,000	7,800
Bryde's	90,000	43,000
Fin	548,000	110,000
Gray	20,000	18,000
Humpback	115,000	10,000
Minke	490,000	880,000
Right	100,000	3,200
Sei	256,000	54,000
Sperm	2,400,000	1,950,000



Scrimshaw

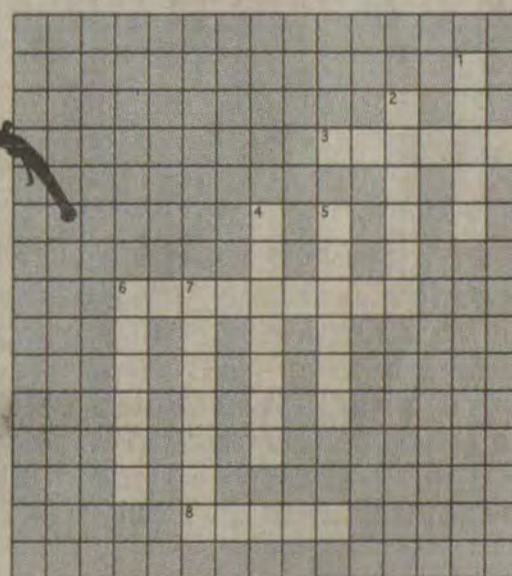
Test your knowledge

ACROSS

- Long, bony plates in a whale's mouth
- , a chunky substance from a whale's intestine, was worth its weight in gold.
- This kind of whale was thought by the Basque people to be perfect for hunting.

DOWN

- North American whalers preferred to hunt this whale in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- Whalers wore these on their boots in order to walk on whale skin.
- Baleen was used to make these.
- The first country to go to sea in order to kill whales.
- Type of survey used to track whales
- This part of a whale was used to make lamp oil.



ANSWERS
ACROSS
3. BALEEN
6. AMBERGRIS
RIGHT
DOWN
1. SPERM
2. CLEATS
4. CORSETS
5. NORWAY
6. AERIAL
BLUBBER

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