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briefs

Two face charges of legal tampering

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Two people were charged Friday with intimidating a participant in the legal process, after a Craynor resident filed complaints against them in district court.

Jerry Woods, 39, and Jim Gillespie, 26, both of Minnie, are scheduled to appear in court April 14 for arraignment on the felony charge.

According to the complaint, filed by Ruth Hall of Craynor last week, Woods and Gillespie tried to intimidate her by threatening her home.

Ruth alleges that the accused told her, "You better watch your home."

Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Delmas Johnson served citations against Woods and Gillespie on Friday.

When contacted, Ruth Hall refused to comment.

Referee assaulted after basketball game

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

High School.

PRESTONSBURG — Warrants have been issued for Terry and Nicholas Samons after police charged the father-and-son pair with attacking a referee at the end of Thursday night's game between Allen Central High School and East Ridge

The attack came moments after the final buzzer sounded when the two allegedly rushed referee Mike Walker. The melee was apparently linked to a perceived foul against Rossi Samons, who is the brother of Nicholas Samons and the son of Terry Samons, by an East Ridge player, which was not called by Walker.

Brian Milam, of WYMT-TV, was on the floor and taping the game when the men rushed past his camera.

"All I saw was him [Nicholas Samons] grab the ref's arm and turn him towards him," Milam said. "Then Nicholas was swallowed up by emergency staff and was hustled out of there."

Mike Omerod, chief of Prestonsburg's

Department of Public Safety, reported that "a criminal summons has been issued for Terry Samons and Nicholas Samons, who is the Allen Central assistant coach."

Terry Samons could not be reached for comment but Nicholas gave The Floyd County Times a terse statement. "Listen I

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Roughly one week after being arrested, Cheryl Lynn Kinslow was indicted and arraigned Friday afternoon on charges that she attempted to pay undercover officers to kill her son-in-law.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Indictment returned in contract killing case

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

hearing scheduled for that same day was bumped to Monday.

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County grand jury returned a two-count indictment Friday morning against Cheryl Lynn Kinslow, the 56-year-old Pulsar County woman charged with trying to hire undercover police officers to murder her son-in-law.

Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he presented the case to the grand jury Friday morning after a preliminary

Kinslow, who was listed as residing in Eubank at the time of her arrest Thursday, was arraigned on one count of criminal solicitation to commit murder, a class B felony punishable by 10 to 20 years in prison. Floyd District Judge James R. Allen entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Kinslow during her arraignment and ordered her held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$250,000 cash bond.

In light of Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill's split schedule covering cases in Perry County, Kinslow's circuit court arraignment was held late Friday afternoon. She appeared with Pulsar County attorney David Taft and entered a not guilty plea two both counts of the indictment.

During the proceedings, Taft advised Caudill that he would ask for a reduction of Kinslow's \$250,000 cash bond when all par-

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Inmate faces burglary, theft charges

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

arrest at the jail Thursday by Prestonsburg Police Officer Gerald Clark.

PRESTONSBURG — A Hindman resident who pleaded guilty this week to misdemeanor theft charges was arrested in his cell at the Floyd County Detention Center on two additional felony charges, alleging that he burglarized a local business.

Christopher Pratt, 44, of Cedar Crest Lane, who pleaded guilty in district court Monday to a misdemeanor theft charge, now faces additional burglary and felony theft charges, following his

He was arrested on the latter charges while serving a sentence for the misdemeanor charge he pleaded guilty to on Monday.

Pratt pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor theft charge, a charge that was

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Judge turns down motion for lower bond

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

degree assault, three counts of unlawful imprisonment and one count of stalking following an incident which occurred between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill overruled a motion to reduce bond for a man charged with stalking and assaulting his family during the holidays.

The order, filed Thursday, denied a request to reduce the \$100,000 cash bond against James Anthony Blair, 32, of Prestonsburg, who was indicted on two counts of second-

Attorney Stephen Owens submitted a motion to reduce Blair's bond during a hearing March 5. Caudill took the motion under consideration and returned with an order overruling it Thursday.

Allegedly, Blair impris-

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Today
Evening showers
High: 59 • Low: 36

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 49 • Low: 33

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Father of burned child released to visit hospital

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ated at the time of the incident on burglary charges, appeared with public advocate Mike Stuebaker to ask that his bond be lowered to attend a possible surgery the child might undergo, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

PRESTONSBURG — The father of a 22-month-old toddler investigators say was badly burned after being placed into hot bath water last week appeared in Floyd Circuit Court Friday afternoon to ask that his bond be lowered so he could travel to Ohio to visit his child at Cincinnati's Shriners' Hospital.

Travis Banks, who was incarcerated

"His attorney talked to the folks at the Shriners' Hospital and said the burns could be severe enough to require skin grafts and that it might be necessary to schedule a surgery," Taylor said after the hearing Friday.

Taylor did not object to Circuit Judge John David Caudill's order granting Banks a \$20,000 unsecured bond, something the judge says he doesn't usually order.

"Normally I wouldn't do this," Caudill said, "but I'm doing this because I think it's an emergency."

Caudill ordered that Banks' bond be set at \$20,000 unsecured, which would enable a family member or friend to post his bond and stand

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Travis Banks, who saw his bond reduced due to emergency circumstances Friday, was in jail when his 22-month-old child was burned in hot bath water last week.

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Odds and Ends

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Hot. Now. Healthy?

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, long known for its high-calorie treats, says it plans to offer a low-sugar doughnut to attract dieters and diabetics.

Exactly how low the sugar content would be was unclear. Krispy Kreme spokeswoman Amy Hughes said the new doughnut is still in the early stages of development. It is set to debut before the end of 2004.

One of Krispy Kreme's Hot Original Glazed doughnuts has 10 grams of sugar and 200 calories. More than half those calories come from fat, 12 grams of it.

DECATUR, Ala. — A Decatur man arrested during an argument with a store clerk over the price of a cup of ice has won an 18-month court fight.

But he says the dispute that began over a \$2.40 cup of ice

has left him with a \$4,500 legal bill.

Cecil Parker, who was acquitted of a disorderly conduct charge by a jury March 3, wants the city to pick up the legal tab.

Parker's ordeal began in September 2002 when he tried to buy a bottle of Mountain Dew and a cup of ice at a convenience store. Parker and the clerk argued over the nearly \$4 cost of the purchase, with Parker saying he was overcharged \$2.40 for the ice, which he thought was advertised for 25 cents.

A sign in the store at the time said ice cost 25 cents. But the sign did not specify which size cup was 25 cents, and Parker said he filled the largest size cup with ice.

In haggling over the cost, Parker said he wanted to leave the cup of ice with the clerk and walk out. But Police Officer Tim Burleson told Parker to pay for the ice, and when Parker refused, he was handcuffed and taken to jail for disorderly conduct.

He was convicted in city court but was found innocent when the case went before a jury.

Parker told The Decatur Daily that he spent about \$4,500 on attorney fees and court costs. He said he also paid \$100 to pick up his vehicle that was towed away from the store where he was arrested.

Parker said he filed a court complaint for false arrest against police.

RAVENNA, Ohio — Sleeping on the job could be costly for a suspected burglar.

Eric L. Palmer, 34, of Akron, was arrested Thursday by police in nearby Brimfield Township after he apparently fell asleep on the garage floor of a home that

police say he was trying to burglarize.

Brimfield Police Chief David Blough said Palmer, allegedly armed with a handgun and two knives, has been charged with aggravated burglary with a gun specification.

Police arrived at about 6 a.m. after a home health care worker called to report a suspicious person in the garage of the home where she worked 10 miles east of Akron.

"We approached him very

silently and had the handcuffs on him before he even woke up," Blough said. Police think Palmer fell asleep while waiting for someone to open the door so he could enter.

Palmer was held in the Portage County jail on a \$100,000 bond.

WILLIAMS, S.C. — Doug Mixson Jr. has become the nation's youngest serving postmaster — just barely old enough to celebrate his promotion with a

champagne toast. Mixson, 21, was named postmaster of Williams last week, the U.S. Postal Service said.

"Doug is an outstanding young man," said Wendell Butterfield, postmaster in Smoaks. "He has shouldered every responsibility we've given him like a pro."

Mixson was hired at age 18 for the postmaster relief job after graduating from Community Christian Academy in 2001. He

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Analysis: Black-lung bill would double awards

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill to change the evaluation of black-lung claims would result in twice as many coal miners winning awards at a cost of millions, according to an analysis given to a House committee Thursday.

The bill's supporters sought to discredit the estimate. The bill then won approval for a second time from the Labor and Industry Committee.

The United Mine Workers union is pushing for the bill, and the coal industry opposes it. The union contends the current review process denies benefits to sick miners.

The committee approved the bill last month, but House leaders sent it back for a cost analysis.

The changes envisioned would add from \$20.1 million to \$27.8 million in overall costs to the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund, used to pay black-lung awards, according to the analysis by

the National Council on Compensation Insurance. Those costs would cover claims dating back to 1996.

It predicted the increase in annual costs to the fund would range from \$3.5 million to \$11.2 million if the bill became law.

The black-lung fund currently has an \$18 million surplus, according to Bill Londrigan, president of the Kentucky AFL-CIO. Money in the fund comes from an assessment on coal operators.

The analysis predicted 40 percent of Kentucky miners filing black-lung claims under the proposed evaluation system would win awards. The approval rate currently is 18 percent.

Londrigan and several committee members said the projections were inflated. Londrigan said the number of additional miners that would win awards "is not going to break the bank." He said black-lung awards have

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 14, the 74th day of 2004. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, Warren G. Harding

became the first president to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's orchestral work "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of

diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the Birmingham Six, who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago:

Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, a longtime friend of President and Mrs. Clinton, resigned because of controversy over billings he'd charged while in private law practice. Secretary of State Warren Christopher wrapped up three days of meetings with Chinese leaders, who rejected attempts to link their human rights record with preferred trade status.

Five years ago:

The Clinton administration conceded the Chinese had gained from technology allegedly stolen from a federal nuclear weapons lab but insisted the government responded decisively; Republicans disagreed and pressed for a comprehensive review of U.S. policy toward China.

One year ago:

Actor Robert Blake was released from jail on \$1.5 million bail, 11 months after he was arrested on charges of murdering his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, Christopher Boyce, whose Cold War spying was immortalized on film in "The Falcon and the Snowman," was released from a halfway house in San Francisco after about a quarter-century in prison.

Today's Birthdays:

Former astronaut Frank Borman is 76. Singer Phil Phillips is 73. Actor Michael Caine is 71. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 71. Former astronaut Eugene Cernan is 70. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 63. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 59. Rock musician Walt Parazalder (Chicago) is 59. Actor Steve Kanaly is 58. Comedian Billy Crystal is 56. Country singer Jann Browne is 50. Actor Adrian Zmed is 50. Prince Albert of Monaco is 46. Actress Penny Johnson Jerald is 43. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 39. Actress Megan Follows is 36. Actress Elise Neal is 34. Rock musician Derrick (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 32. Actor Jake Fogelneft is 25. Actor Chris Klein is 25. Actress Kate Maberly is 22. Singer-musician Taylor Hanson (Hanson) is 21

Thought for Today:

"The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity." — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Senate passes proposed amendment to ban gay marriages in Kentucky

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Senate passed a proposed amendment to the state constitution Thursday that would ban same-sex marriages and ignore civil unions.

Lawmakers invoked scriptural passages from the Bible in arguing about the amendment. Others said the decision should not be based on religious principles.

"I would caution that we not push for legislation — much less constitutional amendments — that purport to enact the word of God," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington. "Because if we really wanted our constitution to reflect what the Bible says about marriage, then we'd have our work cut out for us."

The proposed amendment, which the Senate passed on a 33-4 vote, would ask voters whether they want to change the state's constitution to define marriage as something that can only be between a man and woman. It would also invalidate and ignore civil unions.

Same-sex marriages are already illegal in Kentucky. Still, they have been a contentious — yet largely bipartisan — topic around the General Assembly this year.

A similar proposed amendment that does not mention civil unions has been introduced in the House. The House also approved a resolution that urges Congress to send the states a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the matter.

Voting against the amendment were Scorsone, the state's only openly gay lawmaker, and Sens. David Karem, D-Louisville; Tim Shaughnessy,

D-Louisville; and Lindy Casebier, R-Lexington. Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, passed.

National debate over same-sex marriages has created the need for "decisive action" at the state level, said Sen. Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs.

Judges and elected officials are trying to legislate social policy and put traditional marriage "under attack," said McGaha, who sponsored the legislation. Now it is up to state lawmakers to prevent the "desecration" of traditional values, he said.

"Marriage is a divine institution designed to form a permanent union between man and woman," McGaha said.

"According to the principles that have been laid down, marriage is not merely a civil contract. The Scriptures make it among the most sacred relationships of life."

But amending the state's constitution to exclude same-sex marriages was tantamount to attempts in the early part of the previous century to ban interracial marriages, Scorsone said.

"I would urge that we not use the Bible as a shield or a prop," Scorsone said.

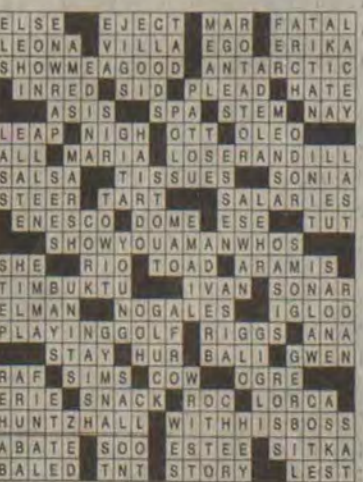
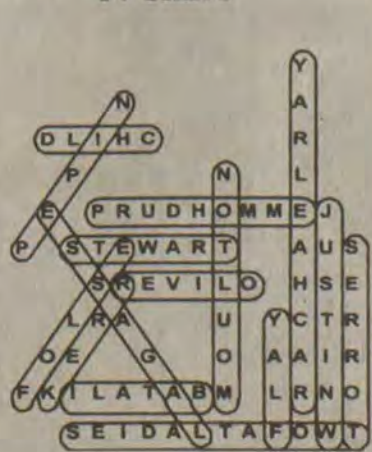
Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said the amendment did not have to do with discrimination against gay people.

Andrea Hildebran, executive director of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, said if the amendment were to pass, it would hurt families across Kentucky.

"I don't think that reflects how Kentucky feels as a whole," Hildebran said. "Most Kentuckians know people who are gay."

The proposal now heads to the House for consideration.

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ties could agree on a timeframe for presenting a motion.

Caudill, who said he had not been fully briefed on the case, has said tentatively that he would be reluctant to reduce Kinslow's bond from the amount that had been set during district court proceedings.

Taft said after the court hearing Friday afternoon that he has had experience with cases somewhat similar in theme to Kinslow's.

"These are unfortunate cases, to be sure," Taft said, "but I do have some experience with cases, not exactly the same as this one, but somewhat similar."

Roughly a year ago in Pulsar County, Taft said he participated in a case involving an individual who attempted to have a sheriff's deputy killed.

According to sheriff's department officials, Kinslow offered a down payment of \$1,000 on an \$8,000 agreement to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Bob

Caudill to kill her 46-year-old son-in-law, Daniel Thomas Hart, of Westview in Breckenridge County, during the second of two meetings beginning Feb. 24.

Although Kinslow was arrested and originally charged with the single count of criminal solicitation to commit murder, a grand jury returned another count of being a persistent felon in addition to the original charge against the former Martin resident following Turner's presentation Friday morning.

Turner said the second count of the indictment stems from a 1997 Warren County case against Kinslow.

According to documents filed in her case in Floyd Circuit Court, Kinslow was convicted on five counts of second-degree complicity to commit forgery and one count of fraudulent use of a credit card in November 2000 following an indictment in 1997 on those charges in Warren County. She was handed a three-

year suspended sentence and five years supervised probation in the case.

The added persistent felony offender count in Kinslow's indictment Friday enhanced her class B felony to a class A felony, punishable by 20 years to life in prison.

Kinslow and her husband, David Kinslow, also pleaded guilty in 2000 to theft charges in Floyd County in a case brought against her by Hart, according to circuit court documents.

According to court files, Hart filed a complaint against the Kinslows in May of 2000 claiming the two had purchased a cell phone in his name and ran up a bill of more than \$430. Both Kinslow and her husband pleaded guilty in the case to individual counts of theft by deception, class D felonies, and accepted one-year probated sentences and restitution payments to Hart.

Turner said the 2000 case in Floyd County was the only criminal case in which Kinslow and Hart were in direct conflict prior to the recent charges brought against Kinslow.

But family members claim Hart has a vast criminal history record that includes abuse against his wife, Kinslow's daughter, Elesa, as well as threats against her children and involvement in drug trafficking.

In a Feb. 20, 2002, article in The Overton County (Tenn.) News, it was reported that Hart was arrested and charged with four counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by forgery or fraud following a joint investigation of the Livingston Police Department and the Overton County Sheriff's Department. That report, written by staff writer Becky Meredith, also cited that Hart was "reportedly out on parole in relation to other charges he faced in Kentucky".

According to Overton County court documents obtained by The Floyd County Times Friday, Hart claimed during divorce proceedings between he and Elesa Hart, that his wife had a "drug problem" and had "made threats about killing herself and the children".

Daniel Hart was awarded custody of the children and later filed a temporary restraining order against Elesa, according to those documents.

Elesa Hart's sister, Melanie Wilkes, of Memphis, said Thursday that she only wished her mother, who now awaits a pretrial conference June 10, could be understood.

"My mother is the type of woman who goes around taking elderly widows to doctor appointments and cleaning their homes," Wilkes said. "People are looking at my mother like she's some kind of wonko and they don't realize that this is a

college-educated woman who never took a nickel to raise three of us on her own ... People need to understand what type of woman she is and maybe a person would understand why a person would reach wits' end and make a mistake."

Wilkes claims that Hart was also on trial in Jefferson County in 1983 for conspiring to murder the 3-year old child of a woman he was supposedly dating and living with at the time, adding that Hart was acquitted in the case.

The Floyd County Times, after obtaining Jefferson County Court documents, did verify that Hart was on trial in Jefferson County in 1983 on a charge of complicity to commit capitol murder along with then-Louisville resident Brenda Gail Trent in the death of Trent's 3-year old daughter, but could not verify the exact nature of the case's disposal.

House speaker: Democrats 'betrayed' by colleagues

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House Speaker Jody Richards talked of betrayal Friday to sum up feelings among Democrats after six of their colleagues lined up behind Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax plan.

Richards, D-Bowling Green, also spoke of consequences.

Hours after standing alongside the Republican governor on Thursday, the six House Democrats faced colleagues behind closed doors.

"I think that some members of the caucus felt they had to vent their frustrations, and they did it very effectively," said one

of the six, Rep. Mike Weaver of Elizabethtown.

Afterward, Weaver said he still felt at "home" among Democrats and didn't fear losing his committee chairmanship.

Fletcher decided to deal directly with individual Democrats after the House's Democratic leadership declined to join him in private negotiations of tax legislation.

Weaver and five others stood behind Fletcher at a news conference Thursday in which the governor outlined his proposal for a new, "revenue neutral" tax code. The plan would raise some taxes and reduce others.

Others who joined Fletcher were Reps. Bob Damron of

Nicholasville, Jack Coleman of Burgin, Carolyn Belcher of Preston, Jim Gooch of Providence and Jody Haydon of Bardstown.

Richards was rankled that they had dealt secretly with Fletcher.

"I do think there has to be some consequences for this," Richards said in a news conference. "We had a venting yesterday. ... Our members felt betrayed."

Richards did not say what consequences the six might face.

Damron said he and others wanted to jump-start talks and get a tax plan before the General Assembly. "There may be some members that would have preferred that it just be the governor's plan," Damron said. "But we didn't see any movement in trying to develop a plan."

Damron said he didn't see a party division. "I'm still a Democrat," he said.

Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said the six should have adhered to a chain of command. "I respect them as colleagues, but they can't speak for me," she said. "They're not my leadership."

Fletcher said Weaver, Damron and the others showed courage. He said he hoped Richards wouldn't punish them. He also said "a number" of Democrats support his proposal.

Damron said perhaps a dozen

Democrats might eventually come out for the plan. That wouldn't be enough for the plan to pass the House, even if it received votes from all 36 Republicans, which many think

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oned his wife and two children at their residence for nine days during the holiday season.

Reports say that he allegedly stalked his wife during that time and that he contacted her by telephone and threatened to kill her.

Allegedly, he hit his wife with a flashlight and a video cable.

Blair is currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center. His trial is scheduled to be heard July 26, 27 and 28.

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merged during the hearing with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in an original container and public intoxication.

District Judge Eric D. Hall sentenced him to 90 days in jail and fined him \$130.

Pratt pleaded not guilty Friday during his arraignment on the burglary and theft charges.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 15.

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good for the money until Banks returns to custody.

A stipulation put on the order was that Banks was to return to court March 22 so the conditions of his bond could be converted to a \$10,000 cash or property bond.

News of Banks' child being burned first came to the attention of authorities on March 8 when police received a call that

a 22-month-old had been "badly burned" and had been taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center and later to the Shriners' burn unit in Cincinnati.

Kentucky State Police Detective Byron Hansford, who is investigating the incident, has not reported any arrests made in the case and officials are continuing to examine information.

Referee

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don't have to talk to you right now," was all he had to say at this juncture.

Nicholas Samons is in his first year as the assistant coach for Allen Central where he played basketball himself as a student. This is his first job since

graduating from Alice Lloyd College, where he also played basketball.

Officials at the board of education and Allen Central were in meetings and did not return calls to The Times.

Park to host Operation Clean Sweep March 27

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Dewey Lake will host its annual "Operation Clean Sweep" on Saturday, March 27.

The event is open to the public and begins with registration at 10 a.m. at the Office of Recreation and Interpretation. The event will feature t-shirt giveaways and be capped by a cookout at 2 p.m.

This year, sponsors include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coca Cola, Kinzer Drilling Company, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Friends of Dewey Lake and State Wide Press.

Those who want more information about the event can call Ron Vanover at (606) 886-2711 or Stoney Burke at the Corps of Engineers office at (606) 886-6709.

Drug defendant has bond reduced

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who allegedly used false information or means to obtain more than two

dozen drug prescriptions was granted his request for bond reduction, according to documents filed this week in circuit court.

Daryl Bentley, 50, of Minnie, charged with 25 counts of false-

ly obtaining a controlled substance prescription, filed a motion Jan. 9 on his own behalf, requesting that the court amend his \$50,000 partially secured bond to a more accessible amount.

Bentley based his request on the fact that he is a lifelong resident of Floyd County and is not a flight risk.

Judge Danny P. Caudill, who took the request under consideration following a hearing last month, filed an order modifying Bentley's bond Thursday, marking the second time his bond has been modified since he has been incarcerated.

Originally, Bentley was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond, which Caudill later changed to a partially-secured bond of the same amount.

Caudill's order reduced Bentley's bond to a \$25,000 partially-secured bond.

He was indicted Sept. 30 on the 25 felony charges because he allegedly used false information to wrongfully obtain controlled substance prescriptions between July 2001 to December 2002 at the Med Zone Pharmacy, McDowell Professional Pharmacy, McDowell ARH, Reid's Pharmacy and Cooley Apothecary.

He is currently incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center.

String of guilty pleas continues

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Larry Johnson, of Garrett, became the latest dealer to cop a plea to charges stemming from Floyd County Drug Task Force arrests of last April.

On Friday, Johnson pleaded guilty in circuit court to attempting to sell Lorcet. Johnson will serve a one-year sentence, to be followed by two years probation for the offense.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor appeared for the state for all of the cases presented on Friday.

Taylor also was present for sentencing on a domestic violence case in which Justin M. Endicott was sentenced to two years of strictly supervised pro-

bation for various charges which included wanton endangerment, terroristic threatening and child abuse. The terms of the probation include no contact between Endicott and his victims.

Taylor explained that in cases of domestic violence a deal like this works well for all involved.

"Our main concern is the safety of the victim," Taylor said. "We take into account what the victim wants. What's important is to structure it in a way to guarantee safety."

Taylor went on to say that victims of domestic assaults often have to relive their abuse in the courtroom, but that the victims were spared that indignity in this case.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guestview

Scholarships too Important to lose

Only 17.1 percent of Kentuckians 25 and older are college graduates, a number that's downright shameful when compared to other states.

The national average for all states is 24.4 percent. And when compared to the seven states with which it shares a border, Kentucky is ahead of only West Virginia. ...

That, in a nutshell, is why legislators should preserve the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program. Since KEES was created in 1998 to boost college enrollment and help keep smart youths in state, undergraduate enrollment has jumped 25 percent. This year, the program is helping 60,000 students.

But the state lottery, which funds the program and other scholarships, is projected to be \$3.3 million short of what's needed by the 2005-06 academic year, so legislators are considering several bills that would tighten eligibility requirements. Others, who have long criticized KEES as a set-aside for the middle class, want it to die altogether.

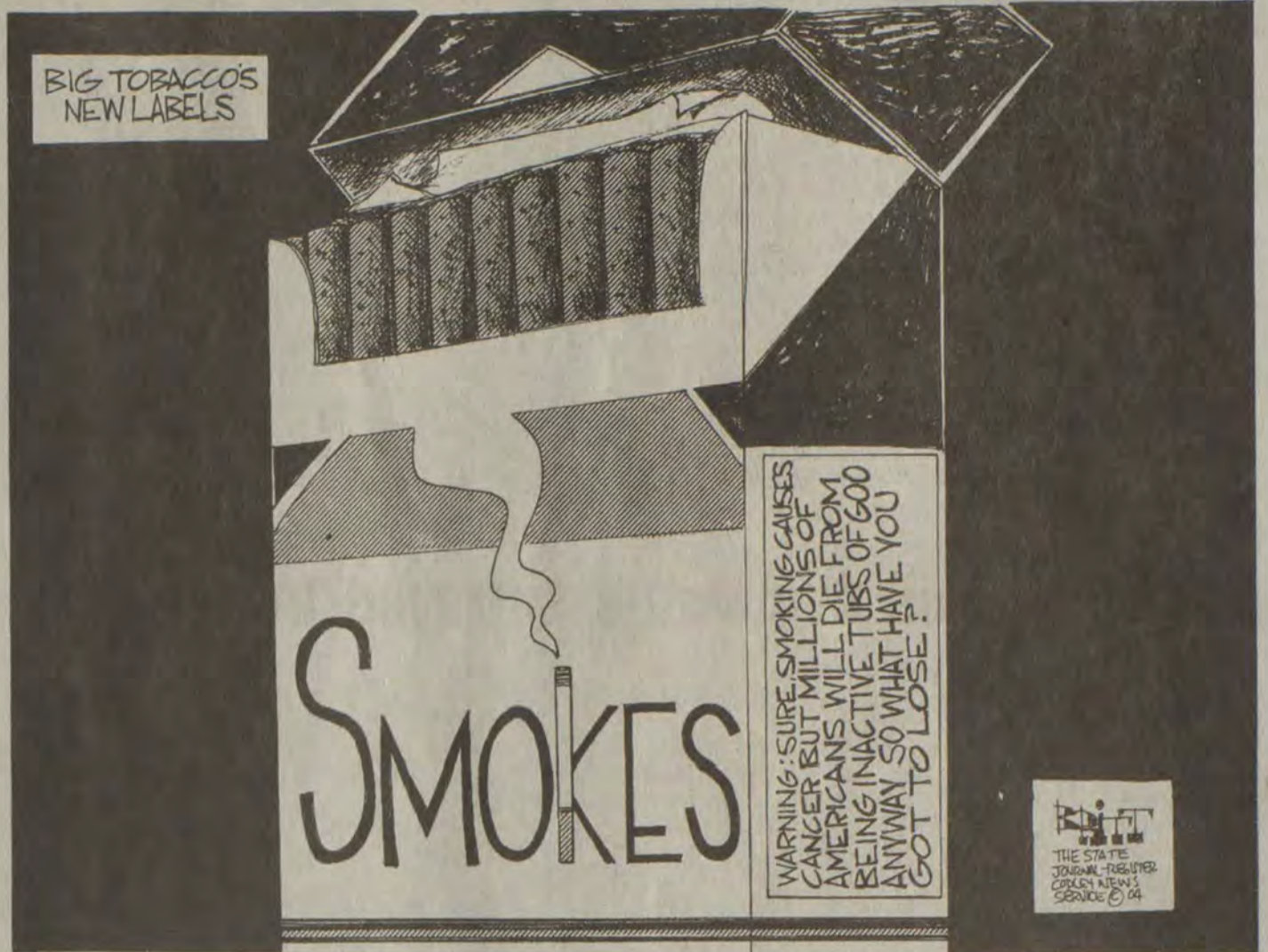
We scoff at the suggestion that only rich kids get good grades and shake our heads at statements that KEES is pointless since colleges just snap it up anyway with higher tuition. We argue that higher tuition is exactly why KEES is needed.

Because Kentucky's governor and its legislature continue to value their political futures above the needs of Medicaid recipients, elementary school kids, single mothers and colleges, tuition is increasing dramatically across the state. To make up for insufficient state funding, Northern Kentucky University, for example, is considering a double-digit raise after raises over the last four years of 6.9 percent, 5.5 percent, 9.2 percent and 16.4 percent. Students are definitely feeling the hurt.

They'll feel it even more should KEES be killed or dramatically scaled back. The program rewards with cash students who get good grades throughout their four years of high school and score well on college entrance exams. The better the grade, the better the payment. Students can earn a maximum of \$2,500 for each of four years of college. ...

In a perfect world, every high school student could afford college and would be smart enough to breeze through it. But the reality is that high schools don't prepare students as well as they should for higher education, and even Kentucky's so-called middle class finds it difficult to afford the upper tier schools. That's where programs like KEES come in.

— *The Kentucky Post, Covington*



— Jim Davidson

Can you connect the dots?

Do you have any idea how many people there are in this country who live a hand-to-mouth existence? While I don't know the exact number, I suspect there are millions, especially in light of the number of bankruptcies that are filed each year.

When I say hand-to-mouth existence, of course I'm talking about the people who get a paycheck and it's all gone before the next payday. When I was talking with a young man the other day who is in this predicament, I told him there is no good reason why a person with good health and a sound mind should have to live this way, in light of the tremendous economic opportunities in this nation.

As I pondered his situation, my mind gave me an interesting concept that may help to explain why so many people are deep in debt and how many of these people can get a handle on their finances. This may not apply to you but I bet you know someone that it does.

Before the days of "fast food" many restaurants used to have "place-mat" menus and on the reverse side of many of them was a series of dots that could be connected to reveal the outline of a picture of some kind. The reason for

these menus was to serve as a distraction in case the service was slow. There was always a starting point and you could just go dot-to-dot-to-dot until the outline was complete and you could then see the completed picture.

This brings me a little closer to what I'm trying to say here. Back when I was in school, one of the few things I remember from my math classes is that "the shortest distance between two points is a straight line." This is a principle that affects each of us every day of our lives and it also comes into play when a person attempts to connect the dots on that menu that I talked about earlier.

Taking this thought a step further, this same principle also applies to the people who are deep in debt and living a hand-to-mouth existence. The reason this is true is because these people can't visualize or see the big picture, which is to say these people have no goals or the self-discipline to stay on a straight line to achieve financial success.

You see, it's what happens between the dots that does them in. They make poor choices and bad decisions and wander around for days, weeks and

even months before they are shocked back to reality. All the while they are spending money on non-essential things, paying a high interest rate and late fees and in many cases thinking the system is rigged for the rich and powerful. When a person gets so far down, they give up and lose their incentive to achieve financial success.

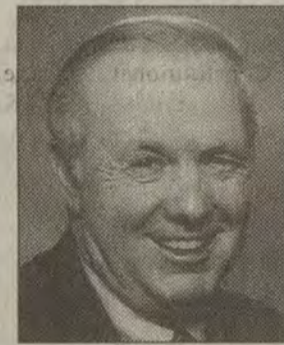
The good news is that there is still hope for most of these people if they can get the right information to help them get out from under the load.

The first step in achieving financial success is mental and that's why it's important to be able to visualize what will happen in the future if they can stay on course, follow a straight line and connect the dots.

Here is a good example that will further illustrate what I'm saying. Just suppose this person is you and you drive an automobile and a friend wants you to meet him at a certain location on the other side of town. The time he wants you to be there is during the rush hour when there is more traffic on the streets than any other time of the day.

If you are a person who can connect the dots, here is what happens when you start out on the trip across town. In your mind you begin to visualize the streets,

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— beyond the beltway

Marriage, presidential style

by DONALD KAUL

Well, I guess we all know what marriage is now. It's a word.

That, at least, is one logical interpretation of President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

"If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America," he said.

By "marriage" he said he meant the institution as defined in the Defense of Marriage Act: "the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

That seemed pretty straightforward. I took it to mean he wanted an amendment that would make marriage between two people of the same sex — gay marriage, to put a name on it — illegal in these United States. But later in the speech he said:

"The amendment should fully protect marriage while leaving the state legislatures free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage."

Say what? Does that mean it's OK for states to legitimize gay marriage so long as they don't call it marriage?

Marriage, no; civil union, yes?

On the other hand, it's altogether possible he meant that the federal government would deny gay couples benefits available to the ungay — Social Security survivors benefits, tax breaks on inherited property, pension rights and even hospital visitation rights, if the hospital in question chose to withhold them — no matter what they called their union. In which case, what does it mean to allow states to legitimize "civil unions?" The logic of the speech was, at best, murky, even for President Bush.

It's tempting to write it off as election-year balderdash, a blatant appeal to the Religious Right. But while the proposal does have its political dimension, I would be willing to bet that this balderdash came from the president's heart.

My guess is that he really intends to deny gay couples whatever he can deny them. He is, at bottom, a religious primitive who divides the world into good and evil and sees the Bible, as interpreted by religious literalists, as the final arbiter of which is which. Marriage is good, homosexuality is bad, and never the twain should meet, let alone get married.

It seems absurd to me, but then again I'm not religious (and glad of it, I might add).

What I don't understand is this: What is the proposed amendment supposed to protect marriage from? Just what, precisely, is the nature of the threat?

Are people like Mr. Bush afraid that traditional marriage won't be able to hold its own against the charms of its same-sex counterpart?

Do they think that sexual orientation is a matter of choice and that gay people have so much more fun than straights that, given half a chance, straight people would flock to unisex marriage by the horde? That, to prevent this, society must make homosexual relations seem perverse, nasty and illegal? I fear that's where President Bush is coming from.

There's a word for that kind of thinking.

Dumb, that's the word.

But even if I were not supportive of the idea of gay marriage I wouldn't be in favor of a constitutional amendment banning it. The Constitution should be used to protect rights, not deny them to people because they're different from us.

Personally I've always thought that all couples — gay and straight alike — who wish to be considered married in the eyes of the state should have to have a civil ceremony conducted by a licensed officer of the state. If they then

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: The decision is ours

by REV. M. GERALD & PATRICIA MOYER
MERRY HEART MINISTRIES

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14).

Scripture Reading:
Philippians 4:1-9

As we fight the good fight of faith today, remember this: Our mind is where the battle will take place. You see whatever we allow to rule our mind will rule our life. Will it be the Word of God or the lies of Satan?

The decision is ours. If you and I want the Word to reign, make up our mind now to resist the Devil when he comes to plant doubts within us. Refuse to surrender to the circumstantial pressure he brings our way. Decide at the onset that we will not succumb to this trial. Let us dig our heels in and stand

immovable upon the promises of God.

When thoughts come that are contrary to God's will, cast them down. And above all, don't worry. Worrying is meditating the thoughts of Satan. When you recognize you are worrying, stop it immediately. Replace worried, fearful and doubtful thoughts

with the Word.

Be assured, Satan will continually try to tell us that our situation is hopeless. He will persistently peddle doubt, defeat and discouragement. But if we won't allow him to sell us his goods, his commission will be zero. If we don't buy his lies, he can't cause them to come to pass in our life.

God has promised that He will always cause you and I to triumph in Christ. We are guaranteed victory over the adversity we are facing today. If we will make up our minds right now to be a winner, we will spread the knowledge of victory in Christ everywhere we go. PRAISE THE LORD!

Does it matter whether "under God" remains in the Pledge of Allegiance?

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

Does it matter whether the Pledge of Allegiance proclaims that the indivisible American republic is "under God"?

In a political sense, the answer is certainly yes. The attorneys general of all 50 states, the Bush administration and many members of Congress joined briefs backing the current wording, an issue to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 24.

But the religious answer to the "under God" question is more complicated, as indicated by the unusual lineup of groups taking stands and what they're saying.

Pledge proponents think general acknowledgment of religion is good for society, and dropping God would rewrite history or threaten religion's legitimate status. Opponents, some of them religious believers, argue the phrase violates church-state separation as well as the religious rights of some Americans — or that it's just a meaningless

phrase and possibly demeaning to persons of faith.

Formal support for deletion of "under God" comes largely from atheists, secularists, Unitarians and Buddhists. Grass-roots sentiment has silenced most Protestant and Jewish organizations that normally champion church-state separation.

In the biggest surprise, the American Jewish Congress, one of the most militant separatist groups, joined conservative religious organizations in asking the court to retain the God reference.

Marc Stern calls this the "most uncomfortable" decision the Jewish congress has faced during his 27 years as a lawyer there, but political realities left no choice.

Victory for "under God" is inevitable, Stern figured, so his group should offer a path to approval on narrow grounds. Further, he feared that if "under God" is banned, public fury might cause a "train wreck" — a Constitutional amendment undermining the Supreme Court's separation rulings since 1947.

Seven Orthodox Jewish organizations, meanwhile, made an openly religious appeal for the pledge. "Jewish tradition teaches that human recognition of God is the hallmark of civilization," they said. The pledge expresses peoples' universal acknowledgment that "man's destiny is shaped by a Supreme Being" but doesn't endorse any one religion.

Many pledge proponents offer secular justifications to fit Supreme Court rulings. They claim "under God" isn't any sort of religious exercise or prayer but simply a factual acknowledgment of the nation's past heritage of faith, for patriotic rather than religious reasons.

If God is eliminated, they say,

what about the Declaration of Independence ("endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights") or Gettysburg Address ("this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom") or the full text of the National Anthem ("and this be our motto: 'In God is our trust'").

Proponents also wonder if the constitutions of the 50 states would become unconstitutional, since all refer to the deity.

To Alan Wolfe, a Boston College political scientist and an atheist who accepts the pledge, such references to God are "relatively harmless" because most people think they point to "a kind of friend and counselor, rather than a commanding

judgmental presence."

But pledge opponents don't want to give up the fight.

"Under God" is a classic example of what scholars call "civil religion" or "ceremonial deism," the merest reference to a purposely vague deity acceptable to anyone.

That's exactly why the pledge is objectionable to believers like Episcopalian Randall Balmer, a professor of American religious history at Barnard College, one of the interfaith religion scholars who filed a brief against "under God."

Balmer says such ritual recitations that mention a generic God "lead to a trivialization of faith."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL

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Fletcher would tax all tobacco, not just cigarettes

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposed tax plan would do more than raise the excise tax on cigarettes. It would impose, for the first time in Kentucky, an excise tax on other tobacco products — cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco.

The administration projects the new tobacco taxes would raise \$333 million over the biennium that begins July 1. That would be the single largest revenue source in Fletcher's plan to raise some taxes and cut others — mainly income taxes on individuals and corporations — in nearly perfect balance.

Fletcher made a campaign promise that any tax changes would be "revenue neutral." But his administration is banking that the cuts will stimulate economic growth, leading to revenue growth, within two years.

State Budget Director Brad Cowgill said the administration expects its plan, if enacted by the General Assembly, to result in 7,000 new jobs and \$43.2 million in new revenue by 2008.

The idea of raising tobacco taxes is unsettling to retailers like Dan Simpson, who does a brisk drive-up business at his Bridge Tobacco Shop in Russell.

Simpson said his cartons of cigarettes are \$4 to \$5 cheaper than at stores across the river in Ironton, Ohio, thanks to Kentucky's historically low cigarette tax.

"If we stay below Ohio I'll survive. But if we go above Ohio I'm out of business,"

Simpson said in a telephone interview Friday.

In first outlining his proposal Thursday, Fletcher said he wanted to raise the cigarette tax, now 3 cents per pack, by 26 cents. The increase would be \$2.60 per carton.

Details of the plan, released Friday by Cowgill, include a higher tax — 39 cents per pack — on cigarettes made by independent manufacturers that did not join the tobacco industry's legal settlement with the states over costs of treating sick smokers.

Under the plan, snuff and chewing tobacco would be taxed at 9.5 cents per package. Smoking tobacco and cigars would be taxed at 10 percent of the wholesale price.

Kentucky is one of three states, including Virginia and Pennsylvania, that do not tax tobacco products other than cigarettes, according to the administration. Neither does the District of Columbia.

Another category of "sin taxes" — those on alcoholic beverages — also would undergo change. Fletcher proposed doing away with excise taxes and a nickel-per-case production tax paid by distillers. In their place, he would raise the wholesale tax rate, currently 9 percent for all beverages.

New rates would be 15.53 percent for liquor, 11.94 percent for beer and 12.86 percent for wine.

Consumers would pay an extra 34 cents on a 1.75-liter bottle of bourbon costing \$20 at retail. Beer drinkers would pay an extra penny per can or bottle. The cost added to a \$10 liter of wine would be 22 cents.

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Venelia (Sammons) Allen, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 6, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Rosalee Thompson Blocker, 67, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, March 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Russell Boyd, 71, of W. Carrollton, Ohio, a native of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, February 29. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, Kettering, Ohio.

Nicole Brown, 32, of Martin, died Tuesday, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Myra M. Caudill, 64, of Melvin, died Monday, March 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Douglas "Slim" Collins, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Christopher Scott Combs, 21, of Allen, died Wednesday, March 3, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clyde Crum, 93, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 3, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Mildred "Midge" Halbert, 69, of Langley, died Friday, January 16, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lona "Pet" Hall, 82, of Ivel, died Sunday, March 7, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frankie Handshoe Hall, 68, of Hueysville, died Friday, March 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, March 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Arthur Harris, 57, of Hueysville, died Friday, March 5, in Langley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Reddy Hall Hill, 72, of Topmost, died Thursday, March 4, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Lee Hill Jr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Henson, 66, of Price, died Sunday, March 7, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Billie Fay Tackett Henson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nellie Marie Kaufman, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sandra Gail Leedy, 48, of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, March 7, at the Presbyterian University Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Mollette, 76, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, March 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 9, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Anthony Newsome, 68, of McDowell, died Friday, March 5, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lorene Isaacs Newsome, 63, of Harold, died Tuesday, March 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Emmitt Jackson "Jack" Osborne, 74, of Hueysville, died Monday, March 9, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Aileen Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Glenn Pack, 89, of Allen, formerly of Garrett, died Thursday, March 11, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, at McDowell, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Shelby Jean Rowe, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vada Reed Taylor, 73, of Ashland, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, March 7. She is survived by her husband, William S. Taylor. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 9, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Deloris Faye Hensley Graves, 72, of Georges Creek, a Lawrence County native, died Tuesday, March 2, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Orville Spillman, 74, of Louisa, died Sunday, March 7, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Johnson County

William "Bill" Litteral, 42, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, February 18, in Roswell, New Mexico. A memorial service was held Monday, March 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charity Rain Lonergan, infant daughter of Eric Thomas and Jessica Varney Lonergan, died Thursday, February 26, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 29, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Mollette, 76, of Paintsville, died Saturday, March 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 9, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Janetta Louise Burchett Murphy, 63, a native of Johnson County, died Sunday, March 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Steven Lamar Williams, 38, a native of Johnson County, died Thursday, March 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Regina Lee Cook

Williams. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Eugene Dials, 54, of Warfield, died Friday, March 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Susie Webb Endicott, 92, of Louisa, died Tuesday, March 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Deloris Faye Hensley Graves, 72, of Georges Creek, a Lawrence County native, died Tuesday, March 2, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

William Ray Jewell, 74, of Lovely, died Wednesday, March 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Davis Jewell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Gerald David (Jug Head) Luster, 51, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Inez, died Sunday, February 29, at Alzheimers Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Sue Luster. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William Maynard, 54, of Inez, died Wednesday, March 3, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Martha Muncy Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Elbert Smith Jr., 75, of Inez, died Thursday, March 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pricie Spaulding Smith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Brenda Jo "B.J." Jacobs, 52, of Versailles, formerly of Knott County, died March 1, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Danny Slone, 40, of Mousie, died Friday, March 5, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Pike County

Robert "Cat Bird" Blanton, 75, of Lookout, died Sunday, March 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Joseph Seth Brown, infant son of Joe and Brandy Bentley Brown of Pikeville, was stillborn, Sunday, March 7, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home, Zebulon.

Emma Jean Epling, 63, of Ashcamp, died Sunday, March 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Epling. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Effie Hamilton Kiser, 92, of Booker Fork, died Monday, March 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Draxie R. Owens, 88, of Indian Creek, died Monday, March 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Billy Richard Ratliff, 73, of Regina, died Sunday, March 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lois Ann Spears Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Kathleen Roberts, 81, of Frogtown Road, died Monday, March 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Lula Mae Rogers Trout, 80, of Canada, died Monday, March 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Michael Vacca, 37, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Davidson

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the signal lights and the traffic patterns to plan your route where you can make as many right turns as possible. I've seen people, and you have too, who make a left turn against the traffic during the rush hour where there is no signal light and they wind up taking their life in their own hands and lose some valuable time in the process. By contrast, people who take time to visualize the trip don't waste valuable time making left turns against the flow of traffic. Do you see what I am saying?

The bottom line is this. To achieve success in any undertaking or in life itself, we must be able to connect the dots by using that great mind that God has given to each of us. We must first visualize the best possible route and then stay the course until we arrive.

If you don't already do this, set some goals and begin now to pay yourself by setting aside about 10 percent of your earnings before spending anything on non-essential items. While you may need debt consolidation, beware of credit card companies and others who offer to help you or those you care about. Remember these people charge for their services and that just adds more debt to the load you may already be carrying.

My final question to you is simply this: "Can you connect the dots?"

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Beltway

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wanted a religious ceremony to ratify the union in the eyes of God and they could find a minister to do it, that would be their business.

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." If that's not a clear declaration of the principle of separation of church and state what is?

That, in any case, is my reading of the Bible. Coincidentally, it's also my reading of the Constitution.

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

Black Lung

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totalled \$3.3 million since 1997.

Rep. Denver Butler said the same group has submitted cost estimates on previous black-lung bills that were "out of whack."

"Why should we feel that these figures would be any different?" said Butler, D-Louisville.

The analysis projected that the bill would lead to hundreds more claims being filed each year. Rep. Robin Webb, the bill's chief sponsor, said that was unsubstantiated.

The bill would abolish a "consensus procedure" in which three radiologists review chest X-rays, then decide whether black lung is present. The procedure is invoked when a miner and employer cannot agree on a settlement. Findings are submitted to an administrative law judge.

The bill would create a system in which two X-ray interpretations from radiologists would be submitted to an administrative law judge. Their rulings would be based on X-rays and pulmonary function studies. Miners could refile old black-lung claims since 1996 that had been rejected.

The bill also would lower the age — from 57 to 52 — at which miners could choose cash awards for black lung instead of retraining benefits.

Kentucky Coal Association President Bill Caylor said the current system relies on objective medical evidence while the proposed change would have judges decide whether a miner had black lung. He said it also would revive "doctor shopping" by miners and coal companies.

Standards for black-lung cases were raised in the mid-1990s at the urging of then-Gov. Paul Patton, a former coal operator, who said costs were bankrupting the industry. The claims approval rate dropped to a fraction, and Patton said he had gone too far. The General Assembly loosened standards in 2002.

Obituaries

Burnis Akers

Burnis Akers, 82, of Banner, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at his residence.

Born September 8, 1921, at Ivel, he was the son of the late Amos Akers and Mintie Clifton Akers Smith. He was a retired railroad employee and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Ditty Akers.

Other survivors include three sons: Revis Akers of Fellsmere, Florida, Vernon Akers of Prestonsburg and Joey Akers of Banner; two daughters: Marie Damron of Pikeville and Emogene Marshall of Martin; two brothers: Leonard Akers of Banner and Woodrow Akers of West Virginia; two step-sons: Robert Meade of Lexington and Michael Meade of Indiana; two step-daughters: Virginia Kegley of Workman; and Zoe Ann Meade of Tennessee; three half-brothers: James Akers of Banner, Charlie Akers of Gallion, Ohio, and Lee Akers of Ashland, Ohio; one half-sister, Josephine Bear of Gallion, Ohio; three grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Roy Akers; one daughter, Betty Lou Akers; two brothers: Namon Akers and Hurley Akers; three sisters: Zella Akers, Ella Boyd and Annie Howell and one half-sister, Marie Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 15, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Burnis Akers Cemetery, on Gunnells Branch, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Creating jet fuel from coal getting close to reality, scientists say

by MARC LEVY
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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The Air Force's search for a jet fuel that doesn't break down under high heat could lead it to a hard, bright black mineral identified with propelling the steamships and locomotives of the industrial revolution, instead of modern aircraft.

After about 15 years of study, scientists at Pennsylvania State University say they are getting ready to test a fuel, half of which is derived from coal, which they believe can provide the stability required by the ever-hotter-burning engines in fighter jets.

Not only that, but Penn State scientists say they have removed a major obstacle to producing a coal-blended fuel by coming up with a way to make it in an existing refinery, instead of building a new one. And if they can sell off some of the byproducts, they believe that getting fuel from coal could finally be less expensive than refining crude.

"This looks eminently

doable," said Harold Schobert, a professor of fuel science and the director of Penn State's Energy Institute.

The progress comes at a good time, when politicians are clamoring to reduce the country's reliance on foreign oil.

For Pennsylvania, which has lost 75 percent of its coal production since 1918, the peak year, there are hopes that the project could mean more work in depressed areas still marked by piles of black coal slag and shuttered mines.

Clean-energy advocates question whether the fuel can be environmentally sound, and competing researchers say they are working on a different coal-to-fuel technology that would be cleaner but require the construction of refineries.

Without real production or engine tests, it is too early to say whether Penn State's fuel can succeed in the marketplace and satisfy all Air Force engine specifications.

Penn State scientists "are doing things that have never been done before," said Bill

Harrison, an Air Force fuels expert at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, who is involved in the project.

"It's a novel way of using coal with petroleum to make fuel (but) we always look to see whether this can be commercially viable."

Penn State scientists say they have come a long way since the early 1990s, when they first sat down to figure out why jet fuels broke down into solids under the high heat of jet engines.

Now, after simulating refinery and engine combustion processes in their laboratory, the scientists believe they could be a year away from running a large-scale production test and perhaps two years away from trying it out in a jet. They say they are realistic about the challenges ahead, and are working hard to ensure that they satisfy the Air Force, refineries and engine makers.

"It's not like we're a bunch of nut-case professors in their laboratory dreaming something up," Schobert said.

While the initiative and

money for the project have come from the Air Force, Penn State scientists are looking to develop fuel formulas that could power the country's military and commercial aircraft, which together consume about 35 billion gallons of fuel a year, at least during peacetime.

Such broad use could mean eventually replacing up to 1.5 million barrels of the 9 million to 10 million barrels of crude oil that the United States imports each day, Schobert said.

"The principle application is for fighter jets, but we're trying to make it as similar to existing jet fuel as we possibly can," Schobert said.

The intriguing element of the coal-blended fuel is its ability to remain fluid in temperatures reaching 900 degrees.

Currently, the Air Force uses fuels that, with additives, can remain stable up to 400 or 425 degrees, Harrison said.

Coal has molecules that more readily share hydrogen atoms under intense heat, keeping the fuel fluid and shutting down the chemical reactions that result in the formation of solids, Schobert said.

In a jet engine, fuel also serves as a coolant. When exposed to high enough heat, fuel can break down into what Harrison described as "gums and varnishes," creating a constant maintenance problem. The solids gradually build up and plug engine valves or fuel injec-

tors, "like clogging your arteries," he said.

Fighter jets are always achieving higher speeds - and hotter temperatures - as engine technology advances. But the heat-resistant properties in jet fuels have not similarly advanced, Harrison said.

The result, he said, are engine designs that must adjust for the heat limitations of existing fuels.

"If you look at commercial aviation fuel 30 years ago vs. today, they're nearly identical," Harrison said. But "in the military, we've made a series of improvements over that period" in engines and fuel additives.

For the Penn State scientists, a number of hurdles remain.

They need more than the \$2.5 million a year they have been getting from the Air Force to follow through with tests that could convince the military, commercial refineries and engine makers that the fuel is viable, Schobert said. About \$30 million over four years would do it, he said, and Pennsylvania's representatives in Congress have pledged to request the money.

While the coal-blended fuel would improve upon the sulfur emissions from conventional jet fuel, the scientists say they must significantly reduce its soot emissions if the fuel is to work in all military engines.

And the country's commercial refineries must be able to produce it at a cost that is competitive with refined crude.

One refinery executive who has consulted on the project said the long-term goal is for his refinery to produce the jet fuel, but it is too early to say whether it is possible.

Robert Ennis, the vice presi-

dent of planning and engineering for United Refining Co., said he has not seen a final formulation or production flow chart for the jet fuel.

"Participating in research is one thing," Ennis said. "Making a statement on economic viability is another thing."

Clean-energy advocates note that creating a fuel that is both economically and environmentally viable is a tall order that many researchers have failed to satisfy, and cautioned that using coal could result in a bigger problem for air quality.

The project's goals are "admirable," said Nathan Willcox of PennEnvironment, but he worried that it was "taking one dirty fuel and turning it into another dirty fuel."

Federally funded research on technology to gassify coal and blend it with oil is happening at the University of Kentucky, and would result in a much cleaner fuel, said Gerald Huffman, a professor of chemical and material engineering at the school.

While this process would require the construction of a multibillion-dollar refinery, tightening federal air-quality standards could make Penn State's project impractical, Huffman said.

That aside, pushing any coal-to-fuel project across the finish line is going to take more support from the federal government, Huffman said.

"What it's going to take," he said, "is for someone in the federal government to wake up and say ... \$150 billion of our trade deficit is because of all this oil we're importing."

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is unlikely.

Rep. Harry Moberly, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said he would begin hearings on the plan Tuesday.

"I want to hear what the governor has to say about it," he said. "I think he deserves a full hearing. And it's our responsibility to let him make a full explanation of what he thinks the benefits of this are."

Moberly, D-Richmond, said the plan appeared "very credible" at first glance but that it

begged for deeper analysis.

"We want to look at the fairness of it, whether it's fair to all income groups, whether it's fair to individuals as compared to business taxes," Moberly said.

Richards, who ran for governor himself in 2003, said Fletcher's "back-doored" dealings with the six Democrats were "amateurish" and "inept." But he said Democrats would put their pique aside and work with Fletcher.

Summer medical program offered for high school students

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine is now accepting applications from area high school students for the sixth annual Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) June 19-July 9.

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Blue Jays 8,
Reds 2

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SARASOTA, Fla. Eric Hinske and Simon Pond each homered for the first time this spring, and the Toronto Blue Jays ended the Cincinnati Reds' five-game winning streak with an 8-2 victory Friday.

Hinske hit a two-run homer in the first inning and an RBI single in the fourth. Pond led off the fourth with a homer off Reds starter Paul Wilson and also doubled and singled in four at-bats, raising his spring average to .471.

Wilson, the Reds' likely opening day starter, allowed five hits, five runs and three walks in 3 1-3 innings. Cincinnati starters had thrown eight straight scoreless innings.

"His pitches were moving more than he wanted them to," Reds catcher Corky Miller said. "The last couple of batters he figured out his release point down. He's a veteran and that's what spring training is for."

Blue Jays starter Miquel Batista got the win. He allowed a run on two hits, walked two and struck out five in three innings.

Miller's double to left in the second scored Sean Casey for the lone run off Batista. Six relievers limited the Reds to just two hits over the remaining six innings.

John-Ford Griffin, Jorge Sequea and Alexis Rios drove in a run apiece for Toronto.

Reds outfielder Adam Dunn was scratched from the lineup with an infection in his left ring finger, caused by the removal of part of the nail. He is expected to miss a few games.

Ken Griffey Jr. singled in three at-bats for his third hit of the spring. Notes: Reds closer Danny Graves pitched a scoreless inning against Toronto and has allowed just one earned run on six hits in five innings this spring. ... Reds 3B Brandon Larson has an inflamed ligament in his right big toe. "We will give it the weekend to calm down and get him back to baseball activities by the middle of next week," trainer Mark Mann said.

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Lambuth University outscored Pikeville 14-5 in the final 3:34 to upset the Bears 69-64 in the opening round of the Mid-South Conference Tournament Thursday night.

Lambuth (17-15), the sixth seed in the six-team tournament, closed each half with huge runs to eliminate the defending tournament champions.

Many stats went Pikeville's way Thursday night: The Bears shot 50 percent at home, outrebounded their guests by 10 and outscored the Eagles from the bench 39-2.

But the Eagles forced 16 Bears turnovers and hit 75 percent from the line while the Bears made only 53.8 percent, providing the difference in the game.

Seven different Bears scored during a 19-3 run early that put Pikeville on top 24-9 with 10:18 to play in the first half.

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15TH REGION SEMIS

East Ridge escapes Allen Central

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Coach Johnny Martin and his Allen Central Rebels have enjoyed a successful season on the hardwood in the 2003-2004 year, but the campaign ended on a down note on Thursday night with a loss to the East Ridge Warriors. East

Ridge came out on top, winning 49-48.

Allen Central was not expected to be a major factor this year, but once again Martin worked his magic and molded his team into a winning squad.

The Rebels entered the 15th Region Tournament as the 58th District runner-up

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Howell

Allen Central's Austin Francis made a move to the basket Thursday night against East Ridge.

photo by Steve
LeMaster

Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson put in 17 points in Friday night's season-ending loss to East Ridge.

ALC baseball
drops three
games to
Montreat

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Alice Lloyd College baseball team dropped three games Monday to Montreat College. Montreat took the first game, winning 13-3. Pitcher Jason Smith took the loss for Alice Lloyd. One of the hitting highlights for Alice Lloyd was a double by freshman Trenton VanHoose (Johnson Central). Noah May was two-of-four from the plate. Joey Hager, Derrick Whitaker and David Hatfield all scored runs for Alice Lloyd.

In the second game, hurler Jeff Robbins (1-2) took the loss for the Eagles. Montreat won 15-1. Nicholas Perkins had the only RBI of the game for Alice Lloyd. Whitaker, Adam Blevins, Jerrod Frasure and Jesse Smith all had one hit each.

Montreat double up the Eagles in the third game, winning 8-4. Brett

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Hawks halt
Prestonsburg's
region runLyons scores 23,
leads Pike Central
into title gameby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg head coach Jackie Day Crisp was well aware of the great size the Pike County Central boys' basketball team possessed.

"They're so big," said Crisp, when the mention of Pike Central came up shortly after his team's opening round win over Shelby Valley in the 15th Region Tournament Wednesday night. "They work the ball inside a lot and that's something we'll have to defend well."

In the regional tournament semifinals Friday

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Chase Lyons had a game-high 23 points, leading Pike Central to the 15th Region Finals.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Adams
named new
ALC women's
basketball
coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College officials recently named David Adams the school's new women's head basketball coach. Adams is a native of Knott County and an alumnus of Alice Lloyd College. He was a member of the Eagle basketball team from 1979-1981 where he was named MVP of



David Adams

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Floyd players among Alice
Lloyd men's basketball leaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team wrapped up the 2003-04 season with a first-round setback in the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament. Under head coach Gary Gibson, Alice Lloyd put up a valiant effort in its conference tournament loss. This past season saw senior Ryan

Shannon step up and help the Eagles while in a very valuable role. The South Floyd High product led the team in assists, averaging 2.5 per game.

And he wasn't alone in his efforts. Matt Spencer led Alice Lloyd in scoring, averaging 11 points per game. Betsy Layne graduate

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photo by Jamie Howell

Belfry guard Doug Howard worked against the defense of Sheldon Clark's Jason Hammond.

Cards push past
Belfry in OTby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It took overtime, an extra session, but Sheldon Clark got past Belfry Thursday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament, beating the Pirates 55-49. Sheldon Clark senior Nathan Moore scored eight of his

18 points in the extra session, including four free throws.

Following the game, Sheldon Clark Coach J.R. Hammond credited his team and looked forward to the next time it hit the coach.

"This is such a huge win for our program," said Hammond.

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Postseason starts poorly for No. 1s of this season and last

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The No. 1 team in the country and last year's NCAA champions made quick exits from their conference tournaments.

While both top-ranked Saint Joseph's and 2003 national title winner Syracuse lost Thursday, they'll be in the NCAA's field of 65. But falling so quickly in their conference tournaments hardly is the way to prepare for a championship run.

And for Saint Joseph's, such a resounding first loss — 87-67 to Xavier in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament in Dayton, Ohio — was stunning.

"Any loss is devastating, especially when you work so hard," star guard Jameer Nelson said. "We take pride in our defense and we let ourselves down with our defense today."

It was the worst loss by a No. 1 team against an unranked opponent. Romain Sato led Xavier with 24 points and 11 rebounds, Lionel Chalmers scored 23, and Anthony Myles had 19.

The Hawks came in with a 27-0 record, three victories from becoming the first team since 1991 to enter the NCAA tournament undefeated. But they trailed Xavier by as many as 37 points.

"It's like I told Coach (Phil) Martelli after the game," Xavier coach Thad Matta said. "We couldn't have played any better than we did today."

Syracuse certainly could have against Boston College. The 19th-ranked Orangemen blew an 11-point lead in falling 57-54 in the first round of the Big East tournament in New York. Jared Dudley made four free throws in the last 93 seconds for Boston College (23-8). Craig Smith led the Eagles with 22 points.

The Orangemen (21-7) were outbounded 41-27.

"They just killed us on the backboards in the second half," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "That was the difference in the game."

Elsewhere in the Top 25, No. 2, Stanford beat Washington

State 68-47 in the Pacific-10 quarterfinals, where No. 21 Arizona edged USC 79-76; No. 6 Pittsburgh beat Virginia Tech 74-61 in the Big East, where Connecticut eliminated Notre Dame 66-58 and Villanova knocked out No. 20 Providence 69-66; No. 13 Cincinnati beat Louisville 64-62 in the Conference USA quarterfinals, while Saint Louis upset No. 23, Memphis 72-61; and No. 25 Air Force (19-9) fell to Colorado State 60-48 in the first round of the Mountain West tourney.

Pacific-10

At Los Angeles, Josh Childress scored 17 points and Stanford (27-1) led all the way against Washington State. Before Washington ended Stanford's 26-

game winning streak Saturday, the Cougars put a scare into the Cardinal, who needed seven points in the final 25 seconds for a victory.

For Arizona (20-8), freshman Mustafa Shakur made a 3-pointer as time expired to beat USC. Shakur took an inbound pass with 4.7 seconds left, quickly dribbled upcourt and let fly from the top of the key. The ball hit nothing but net.

Hassan Adams led Arizona with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Shakur had 16 points and six assists.

Big East

At New York, Jaron Brown scored 20 points and Pittsburgh (28-3) opened defense of the tournament title with convincing

win. Carl Krauser had 16 points for the Panthers. The game was the last in the Big East for Virginia Tech (15-14), which moves to the ACC next season.

Connecticut's Ben Gordon scored 29 points and the Huskies (25-6) overcame star center Emeka Okafor's absence to beat Notre Dame. Okafor did not dress for the game because of back spasms related to a small stress fracture of the fifth lumbar.

Randy Foye led a Villanova spurt of 11 straight points down the stretch in its win over Providence. The Wildcats (16-15) became eligible for at least an NIT bid. The loss was the third straight for Providence, which has tumbled from as high as No. 12 in the rankings.



photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central senior Rossi Samons launched a long-range shot in the second half Thursday night.

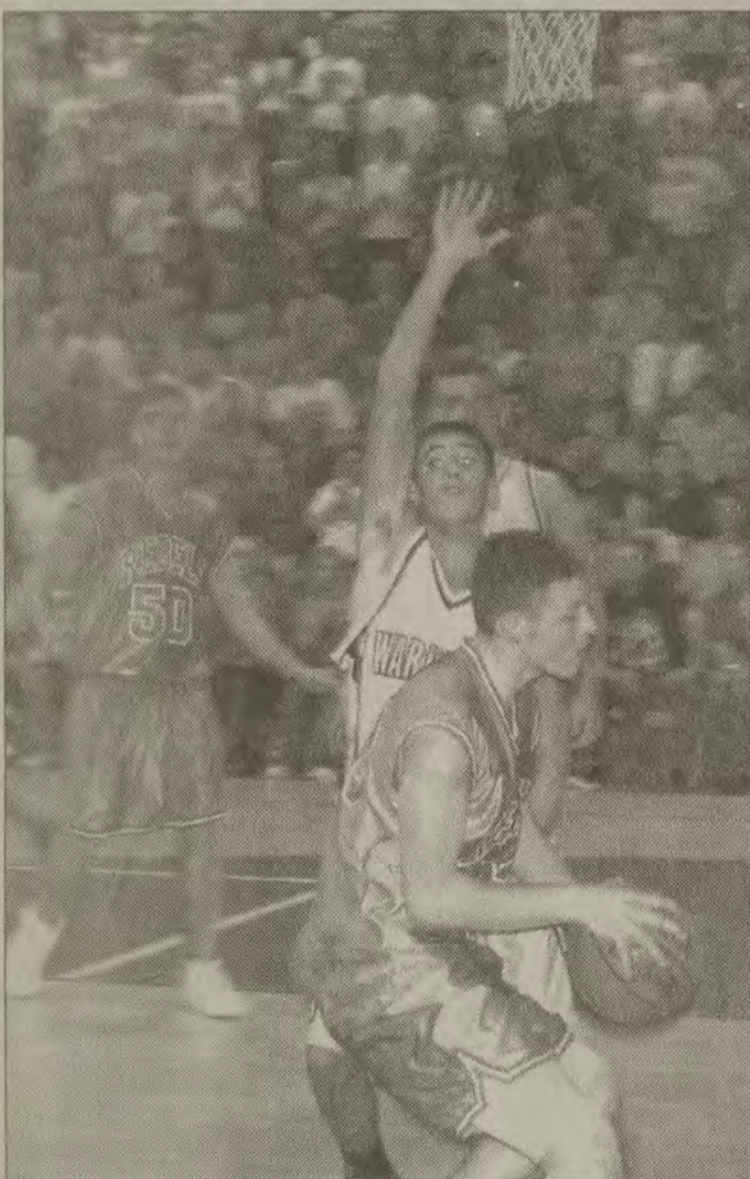


photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central juniors Tim Griffith (with basketball) and David Kilburn (50) are the among the players who'll return next season for the Runnin' Rebels.

Knott Central, Whitesburg girls advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The Knott County Central Lady Patriots are in the 14th Region Tournament Semifinals. Forward Keisha Johnson made three three-pointers and scored 27 points for Knott County Central in the first round contest at Perry County Central High School, an 83-73 win over Powell County.

Elisha Hall followed with 17 points for the Lady Patriots (17-12). The Knott County girls made just 12 of 25 free throws in the win.

Sarah Tipton had 23 points for Powell County (21-8). Ilya Hunt added 20 points. Four different players scored in double figures for the Lady Patriots.

Whitesburg 52, Leslie County 36: Camille Cook led Whitesburg with 16 points in the first-round

game played at Perry County Central. Whitesburg (27-5) got 11 points apiece from Whitney Hogg and Autumn Morris. Ashley Stidham chipped in eight points.

Whitesburg held Leslie County to just five points in the first period and six each in the second and third quarters. The Lady Yellowjackets led 113-65 at the end of the first quarter and 22-11 at halftime. Whitesburg extended its lead out to a 34-17 advantage in the third quarter.

Heather Benton led Whitesburg in scoring with a game-high 19 points.

Cards

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"We knew coming in that we were good enough to win. We can win now."

Sheldon Clark entered the regional tournament as the champ out of the 57th District.

Belfry senior Zane Smith fouled out in the fourth quarter and that didn't help Belfry's cause much. Junior Adam Wicker sent the game into overtime for the Pirates (11-17) when he hit a jumper with just :03 remaining in regulation.

"We can't take nothing away from Belfry, they played a great game," Hammond added. "Those kids don't have a thing to be ashamed of."

Sheldon Clark beat Belfry when the two teams met in the regular season.

Moore was clutch for the Cards, especially when it counted. He hit

four free throws in the final 42 seconds of the extra period to give Sheldon Clark the win.

With the game tied at 49-all, Sheldon Clark took control and went to score the victory.

Senior Asher Maynard led Sheldon Clark (19-9) in scoring with a game-high 19 points. He shared game-high scoring honors with Belfry's Doug Howard, who also hit for 19 points.

Brandon May and Jason Hammond added seven points apiece for Sheldon Clark. Jeremy Preece rounded out the scoring for the Cardinals with five points.

With the win, Sheldon Clark advanced to the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals and a game against 59th District Champion East Ridge, a first-round winner over Allen Central.

Escape

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and most expected the East Ridge-Allen Central game to be the best first round game of the tournament.

The Rebels came out firing and took control in the early going behind the play of Tim Griffith. The Allen Central junior pumped in seven first quarter points as the Rebs built a 16-8 lead after one quarter of play.

East Ridge switched up defenses in the second quarter and the Warriors were determined not to let AC senior Rossi Samons touch the basketball. But like all great players, Samons found a way to bring his team back late in the game.

East Ridge went on a 14-4 run in the second quarter to take a 22-20 lead at the half and the rebels looked frustrated. The third quarter would go back and forth as the teams exchanged baskets and East Ridge would hold a 32-28 lead heading to the fourth quarter. The final quarter would hold all the drama on this night as the Rebs would get hot from the floor and storm back from eight down in the fourth quarter.

Samons and Justin Hall both hit three-pointers in the fourth quarter and David Kilburn contributed two big buckets down the stretch.

Allen Central had taken a one-point lead in the final :30, but Paul Deese would nail a jumper with 9.6 second remaining to give East Ridge a one point lead.

On the inbound pass, Samons drove to the basket and put up a shot at the buzzer.

That point is where things turned sour on this night. Samons was knocked into the goal by the East Ridge defender as the clock expired and everyone expected some sort of call to be made. The signal was given

that East Ridge had knocked the ball out of bounds and Allen Central would regain possession, but the clock now displayed 00:00 East Ridge escaped with the win.

The Allen Central crowd was furious and a scuffle ensued on the court. The incident involved a fan as well as an official and security was needed.

Robbie Spears led East Ridge with 13 points.

The ending was a sad way to end the year for Allen Central, but the Rebels gave their fans some memorable moments this season and for that they can be proud. Once again, Martin turned his team into a tough opponent for 15th Region teams.

Samons led the Rebs in his final game with 16 points on the night, and Griffith added nine in the loss. Kilburn tossed in eight points for the Rebs and Austin Francis tossed in seven. Justin Hall added five points on the night and Ryan Hammonds rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with three points.

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But three different Eagles scored six points apiece in the final 8:32 of the half as the guests outscored Pikeville 25-6, and when Ivan Bozavic sank their fifth three-pointer of the run, the Eagles led 36-30 at the half.

Pikeville (26-7) scored five straight late — four by senior Joey Mirus — to take a 59-55 lead with 3:51 remaining.

But from there the Eagles took over, hitting 12-of-14 from the line in the 14-5 run to pull away for the win.

Pikeville had three players in double figures, with Teon Knox and Emanuel Tekie pac-

Leaders

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Jeremy Daniels averaged 10.5 points and Jimmy Stumbo, another South Floyd alum, added 9.7 each outing. Stumbo was the team's leading rebounder, grabbing 5.4 boards per game. Daniels was a close second with an average of 5.3. Daniels led the team in field goal percentage with a mark of .502.

Shannon Akers of Shelby Valley High fame led the Eagles in three-point percentage (.340).

Chris Hurt, a graduate of Johnson Central High School, led the team in steals with 1.2 swipes per game.

Alice Lloyd will hold a summer basketball camp for boys in grades 1-8. The camp will run from June 21-25. Additional information will be available soon.

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the 1981 Eastern District Tournament. Adams brings 19 years of successful coaching experience to ALC. He replaces Tim Rice, a Floyd County resident. School officials would only say that Rice would not be back next season.

Rice, who replaced Denise Campbell, coached the Alice Lloyd women's basketball and softball teams for two seasons each. Rice revived the school's softball program last year after a three-year hiatus. Before entering the college coaching ranks he spent 16 years coaching at the high school level.

Adams will keep his newly inherited Lady Eagles team busy in the coming months all the way through the summer season. The Alice Lloyd summer basketball camp for girls will be held June 28-July 2. The camp is for girls in grades 2-12.

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Zito's aim: Three colts at Kentucky Derby

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. — Sitting on a bench in the middle of Gulfstream Park, Nick Zito reached over and knocked three times on a wood fence that frames the walking ring, as if to say:

Lookin' good, so far.

Seven weeks before the Kentucky Derby, the trainer has a trio of 3-year-olds in tiptop shape. In fact, with a lineup of Birdstone, Eurosilver and The Cliff's Edge, Zito might just have one of the strongest Derby contingents in years. But first they have to make it into the starting gate May 1.

"I will be extremely disappointed, not if we don't win the Kentucky Derby, but if we don't get all three in the gate," Zito said a few days before Saturday's Florida Derby, one of several Kentucky Derby preps this weekend. "That's my goal. That was my goal way back when. And I'm sticking to it."

For a guy who gears his operation to winning the Kentucky Derby, the past two years have been tough. A Derby winner with Strike the Gold in 1991 and Go for Gin in 1994,

Zito's last starter was A.P. Valentine in 2001. Just before last year's Derby, he stood outside his barn at Churchill Downs muttering, "We'll regroup. We'll be back."

He's back, all right.

The Cliff's Edge takes on favorite Read the Footnotes and eight others in the \$1 million Florida Derby, while Eurosilver is the favorite in the \$150,000 Swale Stakes on the undercard. Birdstone runs in the \$500,000

Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park next Saturday.

Zito has been kind to his colts, picking races he believed wouldn't be too tough on the often bumpy road to the Derby. Fearing the Fountain of Youth

on Feb. 14 might be tough for Birdstone's 3-year-old debut, the colt easily won an allowance race that day on the Gulfstream undercard.

"We have complete faith in Nick," said John Hendrickson, husband of Birdstone's owner Marylou Whitney. "We know he will do the right thing for our horses. Some may want to second-guess his strategy, but how can you? He's won the Derby twice."

Victories in the upcoming Derby preps would be nice, but not necessary, Zito said. If all goes well, the colts will have their final preps April 10 — Birdstone in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, Eurosilver in the Blue Grass at Keeneland, and The Cliff's Edge in the Arkansas Derby at

Oaklawn Park. "I'd like these horse to have some credentials, but also not be beaten up before they get into the Derby," Zito said. "That's my approach."

Zito has also avoided head-to-head competition among his horses, who have different owners. Only once did two hook up — Eurosilver won the Lane's End Futurity on Oct. 4, with The Cliff's Edge sixth.

In other races with Derby implications: The 2-year-old champion filly Halfbridled tops the field for Saturday's Santa Anita Oaks; 2-year-old male champion Action This Day takes on the likes of St Averil, Odds On and Preachinathebar in Sunday's San Felipe, and

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AUTO RACING

IMAX film opened Friday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Sitting next to Jeff Gordon during a qualifying lap.

Taking a turn at Bristol Motor Speedway on Ryan Newman's back bumper at speeds reaching more than 130 mph.

Watching from inside the headquarters of Dale Earnhardt Inc. as machinists sculpt car bodies and engine fabricators tighten every nut and bolt.

A new 3D movie captures it all, taking viewers on a 45-minute spin from the engine shop to the track. The only thing missing is the smell of burning rubber and a cold beer.

"One of the main goals of doing this project was to appeal to new potential fans and be able to take NASCAR and explain the whole sport to someone who has never experienced it," said Paul Brooks, NASCAR's senior vice president and president of NASCAR Digital Entertainment.

"NASCAR 3D: The Imax Experience," which opened Friday at theaters nationwide, is also a primer on the history of stock car racing, its stars and what has gone into making it a multibillion-dollar sport with an estimated 75 million fans.

The movie was filmed last year over several months and at several racetracks, culminating at Bristol, Tenn., in August.

To do that, Roush Racing built a car to hold the nearly 300-pound Imax camera and enable it to shoot from six different positions, capturing the driver's point of view.

"It's as close to being there without being there," director Simon Wincer said. "It's as close to driving one of those cars without actually driving the cars."

A native Australian, Wincer had never seen a stock car race. Once he did, he said he knew he needed to capture the speed and views from inside the cars in the movie.

NASCAR was founded in 1948 by Bill France, who decided to organize a sport that had been run in ragtag fashion.

The movie, narrated by actor Keifer Sutherland, begins just how the sport did — with men running moonshine through winding dirt roads in the North Carolina mountains. Their truck winds through backwoods — a police car is unable to keep up — and seems to jump right out of the screen.

The film introduces the sport's most famous drivers and racing families, including Junior Johnson, who won 50 races in his career, and the Petty family of Lee, his son "King" Richard (200 career wins), grandson Kyle and great grandson Adam. The younger Petty died at 19 in 2000 when he hit the wall during practice at the New Hampshire International Speedway.

Viewers are taken inside the gymnasiums, where metal weights clank up and down as pit crews train for changing four tires, making adjustments to the car and gassing it up in under 15 seconds.

They even get to watch as the tractor-trailers carrying cars and a myriad of equipment are unpacked behind the tracks.

The movie also shows the final laps at the Daytona 500 in 2001 that preceded the death of Dale Earnhardt. In a tribute to the man known as the Intimidator, who is memorialized with a bronze statue at Daytona International

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Robinson announces summer league

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WEST LIBERTY — Floyd County native Donna Robinson, the head girls' basketball coach at Morgan County High School, this week announced a summer basketball league. Robinson said the league currently needs three teams. Games in the

league will be played on Tuesdays in June starting at 5 p.m. Each team will play two games per evening. The entry fee is \$150 per team.

In addition to her top post in the girls' basketball program, Robinson is also the Morgan County High track and cross country coach.

No. 13 Cincinnati 64, Louisville 62

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Armein Kirkland's short bank shot with 16.9 seconds left gave No. 13 Cincinnati a 64-62 victory over Louisville on Thursday in the Conference USA quarterfinals.

Taquan Dean's rushed 3-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark, providing a second consecutive dramatic finish this season for the longtime rivals.

Cincinnati (22-6) lost by 27 points at Louisville in January, ending its season-opening winning streak at 13. The Bearcats needed overtime to beat the Cardinals in the rematch on their home court.

Playing in a downtown arena near campus, the Bearcats overcame Francisco

Garcia's career-high 28 points and one of the nation's stingiest defenses.

Cincinnati shot 48.9 percent from the field, the best mark that Louisville (20-9) has allowed all season. The Cardinals are among the nation's best at holding down shooters.

They couldn't stop the one shot that made the difference.

Kirkland got loose to the left side of the basket, took a pass from Jason Maxiell and made an easy bank shot to snap the seventh and final tie.

Dean, who has been playing despite a groin injury that impedes his shot, had to take the final one because Garcia was double-teamed and the clock was winding down. He went only 1-of-8 from behind the arc, finishing with five points.

Maxiell scored 15 points and Kirkland had 12 as the Bearcats won the game upfront.

Garcia, who aggravated a sprained ankle in Louisville's first-round win over East Carolina, showed no lingering problem as he went 10-of-14 from the field.

He hit a pair of 3s and a pull-up jumper as Louisville surged ahead 15-4 in the first six minutes. Then, he picked up his second foul, went to the bench and watched the Cardinals' offense collapse.

Louisville fell into a 1-for-16 funk, going 10:05 without a field goal. Cincinnati took advantage by working the ball inside to its brawny front line to build a four-point lead.

Luke Whitehead, also recovering from a sprained ankle, ended Louisville's drought by scoring off a drive with 46 seconds left in the half. Nate Daniels' 3-pointer gave Louisville a 25-23 half-time lead.

There were six ties and five lead changes in the first 11 minutes of the second half, when both defenses dug in and made runs tough to come by.

Nick Williams, who lost his job as the Bearcats' point guard down the stretch, hit a 3-pointer from the left corner to spark 10-1 spurt that gave Cincinnati its biggest lead, 50-43.

Louisville pulled even with 48 seconds left, when Maxiell grabbed the net and was called for goaltending on Dean's off-the-mark layup attempt.

Center Robert Whaley, who quit the Bearcats out of frustration over his limited playing time, was on the bench in street clothes for the first time since he left last month. Several players quit the team last season but were welcomed back.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Former Pikeville High star leads juco to title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Lexington.

Former Pikeville High stand-out Murray Garvin coached Clinton Junior College to the Carolina Junior College league title this season with a 22-10 record. Clinton went on a great run at the end of the season, winning 20 of 22 games before falling to Allegany in the national juco district tournament. Garvin cut his coaching teeth as an assistant at

Clinton Junior College, located in Rock Hill, S.C., has fielded a men's basketball team for more than 60 years and women's for more than 40 years. CJC is a member of National Junior College Athletic Assoc. (NJCAA) Division I Region to Basketball Conference.

In addition to his basketball coaching duties, Garvin is also the athletic director at Clinton Junior College.



Garvin

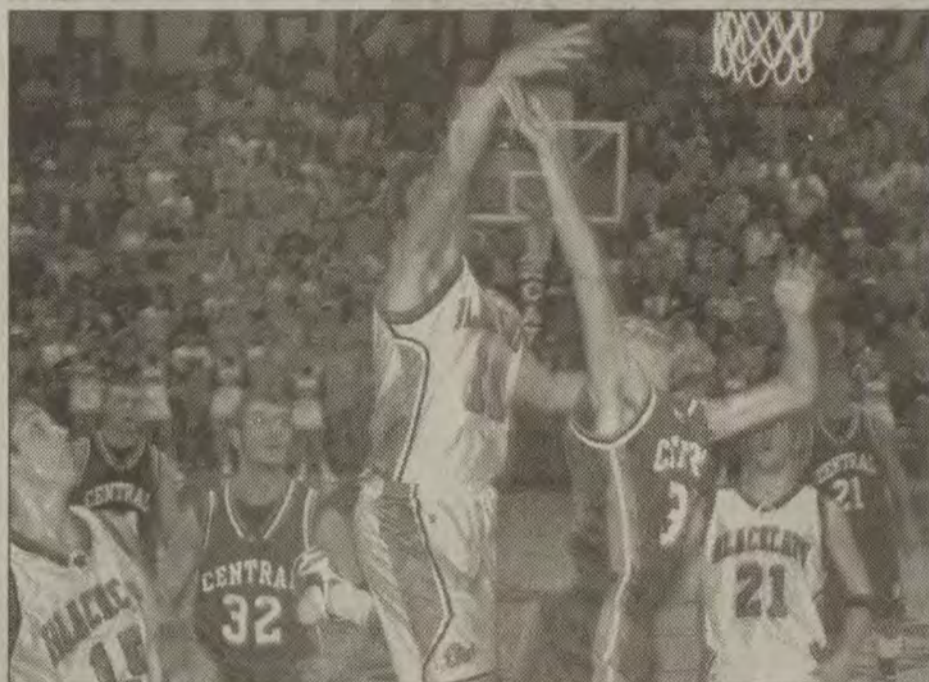


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Pike Central's Anthony Gibson defended against Chaffin.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Jesse Chaffin tossed in eight points in Prestonsburg's final game of the season.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Surrounded by Prestonsburg defenders, Pike Central's Adam Prater dished off a pass.

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

- BOYS**
4th Region
 Russellville 57, Allen Co.-Scottsville 48
 Clinton Co. - Warren Central
15th Region
 Allen Central - East Ridge
 Belfry - Sheldon Clark
- GIRLS**
1st Region
 Paducah Tilghman 68, Calloway Co. 52
 St. Mary - Fulton City
2nd Region
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3rd Region
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5th Region
 Elizabethtown 72, Green Co. 45
 Washington Co. 47, Taylor Co. 29
6th Region
 Lou. Fairdale - Lou. Butler
 Lou. Iroquois - Lou. Presentation
7th Region

- Lou. Ballard - Lou. Sacred Heart
 Lou. Christian Academy - Lou. Mercy
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13th Region
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14th Region
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16th Region
 Boyd County 79, Bath Co. 42
 Russell 77, West Carter 63

No. 8 Kentucky 69, Georgia 60

Halt

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by PAUL NEWBERRY
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ATLANTA — Kentucky wasn't about to lose to Georgia again.

Cliff Hawkins scored 23 points and the No. 8 Wildcats took control with a 12-3 run late in the game, beating Georgia 69-60 in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament on Friday.

Kentucky (24-4) has its sights on a top seed in the NCAA tournament, but that wasn't possible if the Wildcats couldn't figure out Georgia (16-13).

The Bulldogs already had beaten the league's most venerable program twice during the regular season and were in position to become just the second team in 84 years to sweep three games from Kentucky in a year.

With five minutes left, the improbable looked possible. Georgia stormed back into the game with an 10-0 run and tied it at 52 on Rashad Wright's 3-pointer. Jonas Hayes had a chance to put the Bulldogs ahead with 4:41

remaining, but he missed a pair of free throws.

That was Georgia's shortcoming the entire day. The Bulldogs made only 6-of-16 from the foul line, preventing them from pulling off a trifecta over the Wildcats.

Gerald Fitch put Kentucky ahead to stay by making two free throws with 3:17 remaining. After Wright missed, the Wildcats raced the other way and got a layup from Erik Daniels to push the lead to 56-52.

A long 3 by Wright turned out to be Georgia's last hurrah. Hawkins responded with a trey of his own over Wright — voted the top defender in the league — and Kentucky got a fortunate bounce after Fitch missed a 3-pointer. The rebound went straight to Kelenna Azubuike, who laid it in, was fouled and finished off the three-point play by hitting a free throw.

Then came the knockout, once again delivered by Azubuike. The sophomore saw an opening along the baseline and streaked to the basket for a monstrous dunk with one minute to go, putting Kentucky ahead 64-55.

Fitch scored 15 points and Azubuike added 11 for the Wildcats, who advanced to meet either LSU or South Carolina in the semifinals.

The loss likely prevented Georgia from a spot in the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs probably will settle for the National Invitation Tournament in their follow-up to last year's academic scandal, which cost coach Jim Harrick his job and prompted the school to withdraw from both the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

Despite having only seven healthy players on scholarship, Georgia stunned Kentucky in both regular-season meetings, winning 65-57 at Rupp Arena and following up with a 74-68 upset in Athens.

Since 1920, Tennessee was the only team to sweep three

games from Kentucky in a season, pulling off the feat in 1979. Conversely, Georgia had pulled off three wins over the same team only once, against Mississippi State in 1984.

While the game was played just over an hour's drive from the Georgia campus, the Big Blue Nation turned Atlanta into "Cat-lanta." The Bulldogs had one section of red-clad fans — everyone else in the Georgia Dome appeared to be wearing blue.

Still, the Bulldogs made a game of it after Hawkins hit one of his four 3s, putting Kentucky up 49-38 with just under 12 minutes left.

Wright, who led Georgia with 23 points, started the comeback with a trey of his own. Overall, he was 5-of-8 from outside the arc.

Wright drove the lane for another hoop, Chris Daniels spun in the late for a basket and Levi Stukes swished his only 3 of the game from the top of the key, completing the 10-point run.

The previous day, Stukes tied an SEC tournament record with eight 3-pointers, accounting for nearly all of his career-high 25 points. He was only 1-of-6 against the Wildcats.

But 3-point shooting wasn't Georgia's problem. The Bulldogs couldn't buy a free throw after finishing fourth in the conference at 71.5 percent during the regular season.

night, Prestonsburg outscored Pike Central for one half, leading the Hawks 23-22 at the break, but couldn't hold on in the second half. Senior Chase Lyons caught fire for Pike Central in the second half and finished with a game-high 23 points, leading Pike Central to a 55-49 win and a spot in the regional tournament championship game.

The Hawks began the 15th Region tourney with a 45-31 win over Magoffin County.

Pike Central led Prestonsburg 10-8 at the end of the first period. The Blackcats led 18-17 with 3:50 remaining in the second period before the Blackcats lived up. Prestonsburg battled back in the quarter and tied the game up at 22-all in the second period when Nick Jamerson hit on a putback. Michael Stephens hit one of two free throws for the final points of the second quarter to give Prestonsburg the one-point cushion at the break.

Pike Central found some momentum toward the end of the third quarter when it drained a three-pointer as the buzzer signaling the end of the period sounded. The trey made it a 39-33 lead for Pike Central as play entered the third quarter.

Prestonsburg got within four points of Pike Central in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer. The Hawks led 53-49 with 14.9 remaining and Prestonsburg could get no closer. Chase Snodgrass hit one of two free throws to extend the Pike Central lead out to five

points and the ending 55-49 score.

Six different Pike Central players scored in a balanced offensive attack. Adam Prater followed Lyons with 13 points. Snodgrass ended the contest with six points and Anthony Gibson netted five. John Williamson and Brian Ratliff each had four points.

Jamerson led Prestonsburg (13-17) with 17 points. Jesse Chaffin scored eight. Stephens and Joe Blackburn each finished with seven apiece. Junior guard Trevor Compton finished with five points. Stephens was the only Prestonsburg player to

come in off the bench and score points. He got six of his seven points in the final period.

Prestonsburg made quite a post-season run, reeling off three wins, triumphs over four-time defending 58th District champ South Floyd, Allen Central and two-time 15th Region champ Shelby Valley. In the process, the Blackcats captured a 58th District crown.

Pike Central, (18-13), coached by David Rowe, was back in action last night in the 15th Region Tournament title game against East Ridge. Results were unavailable at press time.

Erik Daniels featured on upcoming TV Guide

TIMES STAFF REPORT

University of Kentucky senior forward Erik Daniels will grace the cover of the March 20-26 edition of TV Guide. The magazine will be on newsstands as early as Monday.

TV Guide is distributing the magazine with 10 different covers all over the country to promote the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

Other covers include:
■ Jason Maxiell, Cincinnati Bearcats
■ Matt Lottich, Stanford

Cardinal
■ Chris Duhon, Duke Blue Devils
■ Carl Krauser, Pittsburgh Panthers
■ Emeka Okafor, Connecticut Huskies
■ Rashad McCants, North Carolina Tarheels
■ Ronny Turiaf, Gonzaga Bulldogs
■ Jameer Nelson, St. Joseph's Hawks
■ Brandon Mouton, Texas Longhorns
■ Francisco Garcia, Louisville Cardinals

IMAX

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Speedway, the screen temporarily fades to black.

Soon, it's time.

Hundreds of thousands of fans fill the grandstands, each wearing the colors and numbers of their favorite drivers on shirts and hats. The infield fills up with RVs and barbecue grills.

"There's Rusty," one fan on the screen yells.

The national anthem is sung, a group of fighter jets buzz overhead, and the drivers slide through the open window of their cars and into their seats.

With a flick of a few switches, 43 engines roar.

The fans stand, answering in approval with their own deafening roar.

"OK, strap in and hold on," Sutherland says. "We're going racing."

AUTO RACING

Elliott missing Atlanta for first time in 25 years

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Bill Elliott is enjoying semiretirement so far.

"It's been great watching the races," Elliott said. "To tell you the truth, I know I made the right decision. It was the best decision I ever made."

He'll be watching Sunday's Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway from the radio booth, part of an audition of sorts as an analyst for the Performance Racing Network. It's the first time the former champion of NASCAR's top series has missed a race at his home track since 1979.

His team, Evernham Motorsports, couldn't put together a sponsorship package to make this event part of his partial schedule.

"Bill Elliott brings a timely and unmatched perspective to our broadcast team," lead announcer Doug Rice said. "We are all excited and honored to have Bill join us."

Last week at Las Vegas, the 48-year-old Elliott ran his first official event of the year and finished 10th. He was 14th in the Bud Shootout — a non-points race — at Daytona in February, and he's spent much of his time helping his team develop a new style of car.

That might be all he'll be able to do. So far, Elliott has a deal for only one more Nextel Cup race, the Samsung-Radio Shack 500 at Texas Motor Speedway on April 4.

Part of what helped his adjustment go so smoothly has been the performance of his replacement, rookie Kasey Kahne. The 23-year-old Kahne has back-to-back second-place finishes and a pole at Las Vegas.

After he narrowly lost to Matt Kenseth at Rockingham, Elliott was one of the first people to call Kahne and congratulate him.

"That meant a lot, that Bill would take time to do that," Kahne said.

It's all part of Elliott's new role as Kahne's mentor. The two worked together at a few pre-season tests, and when Kahne had trouble during a session at Atlanta a few weeks ago, he talked it through with Elliott.

"He told me things that could fix that from the driver's standpoint," Kahne said. "Bill's got a lot of knowledge."

That's especially true at Atlanta, one of the fastest tracks

on the circuit and only about 100 miles south of Elliott's hometown of Dawsonville. In 54 starts, he gave his fans plenty to remember, winning five times, including a sweep in 1992.

Along the way, the 1988 Winston Cup champion was voted NASCAR's most popular driver 16 times, a record that probably will not be broken. Kahne hopes to get some of those fans by keeping the No. 9 Dodge up front.

"I think there's probably a lot of ups and downs with fans," Kahne said. "Some of them want to pull for me and some don't. If the 9 car is still running good, hopefully we can get more of them."

Getting Elliott more opportunities on the track is the goal of team owner Ray Evernham. His organization debuted three years ago, and Elliott has the only four victories in that span.

So Evernham feels a responsibility to help Elliott end a 27-year career on his terms.

"He's been really, really happy with the success that Kasey has had," Evernham said of Elliott. "He certainly should get a feeling of accomplishment. He's got a big part of where Evernham Motorsports is at."

Either way, Elliott will continue to work with Kahne.

"He's a good kid, and he's got his act together," Elliott said. "I think I might be able to throw a couple of things his way at some tracks."

"He's going to get to do it his way. I'm not in his face. If he has a question, I'll be there to answer."

Derby

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Swingforthe fences and Limehouse head the field in the Tampa Bay Derby, also Sunday.

Plotting for the Derby began last summer for Zito.

Eurosilver had just three starts as a 2-year-old. The son of Unbridled's Song, owned by Mahmoud Fusok's Buckram Oak Farm, finished second in his first race, then broke his maiden at Saratoga on Sept. 1 and won the 1 1/16th-mile Lane's End Futurity. Because of shin problems, he didn't race again until winning at Gulfstream on Feb. 4.

Since the long-striding Eurosilver has already won around two turns, Zito opted for the seven-furlong Swale instead of the 1 1/8-mile Florida Derby. "We're almost there with him," Zito said.

The Cliff's Edge, owned by Robert LaPenta, was second in his 3-year-old debut in the Sam F. Davis Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs on Feb. 21. The son of Gulch, a heavy favorite, drew the outside No. 12 post and was kept outside all the way around the track. He closed out his five-race, 2-year-old campaign with wins in the Iroquois and Kentucky Juvenile Cup, both at Churchill Downs.

"Cliffy ran hard in the fall, and we found a race for him to start this year we thought would be easy," Zito said. "But he never got a break. He needed the race, though, and responded beautifully. We're looking forward to a really good Florida Derby and moving on."

Birdstone could be the best of all. The son of 1996 Derby winner Grindstone capped his

2-year-old season with a victory in the Champagne at Belmont on Oct. 4, then didn't race again until winning the same day Read the Footnotes won the Fountain of Youth.

"That would have been a tough race to bring him back from," Zito said. "So it's worked out nicely for Birdstone, too."

The Lane's End will be Birdstone's next start because Zito wants to keep jockey Jerry Bailey aboard. Bailey, the best rider in the business, also rides Read the Footnotes.

"We figured: Let's wait another week on him, and we'll keep Jerry Bailey," Zito said. "We'll hope for a good race in the Lane's End and go on to the Wood Memorial."

And if it all works out, Zito's colts will meet up three weeks later in the Kentucky Derby.

ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE

Jenkins named to AAC First Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT



Jenkins



Reynolds

PIPPA PASSES — Delores Jenkins was selected for the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) all-conference first team. Jenkins had a stellar season in an Alice Lloyd College women's basketball uniform, posting 21.3 points per game and pulling down 5.8 rebounds a contest. Jenkins handed out 1.6 assist per game for the Lady Eagles as well as averaging 1.5 steals per outing.

Jenkins shot a team-leading .520 from the field during the 2003-2004 season including .354 from behind the arc. She went over the 40 point mark three times during the season.

Floyd County native Devon Reynolds led the Alice Lloyd women's team in assists with 2.8 helpers per game. She ranked third on the team in steals, playing from her point guard position.

In scoring, Belicia Mullins ranked second on the team with an average of 14.9 points per game. Erica Webb finished with a 13.8 scoring average.



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Belfry pushed Sheldon Clark to the limit Thursday night, taking the Pirates into overtime.

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SPECIAL COLUMN

This Town, That World

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

It says here:

"The years are beginning to add up, if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired."

WHO ASKED THAT?

Speaking of how long it takes to recuperate, consider the time it takes to do nothing. I have on occasion wondered why the women-folks could look at an array of hats, shoes, coats, et cetera, waste a day, buy nothing, and then announce they had been shopping.

Now comes the equalizer. The question is asked:

How can a man spend an entire day casting a plug into the water, catch nothing, and then come home and tell his wife he's been fishing?

WEATHER WON'T COOPERATE

Fishing...um-m. Every time I get the urge to shove off, the wind picks up, it turns colder and starts snowing...They never did accuse the old gray mare of not being what she used to be, till she insisted on the bars being laid down before she would venture into the neighborhood field.

IN APPRECIATION

The Prestonsburg Community College deserves our thanks for bringing here, through the kind offices of the University of Kentucky Talented Artists to offer programs of cultural value. John Jacob Niles was the most recent to appear at the college, and none grew deeper interest or higher praise than he. We will all express our appreciation more clearly than with words, if we attend these concerts and other offerings.

FROZEN TO LIVE

The Russians have come up with an idea of freezing people, thus stopping the bodily processes and permitting them to remain for years as young as they were when the temperature dropped. Scientist's have an idea that's the way to get a human from earth to the most distant star, a journey of an ordinary lifetime, without age claiming the traveler on the way. We dunno. Nobody wants to freeze to death, and I'm square enough to doubt their means of thawing a-body out, once he gets to that distant destination. If, on the other hand, one should accompany the Soviets to where I think a good many of them are headed, the thawing-out facilities would be waiting.



photo by Mary Music

Lindsay tends to her horse, Holly, at their Martin residence. She began riding horses at age 3.

Meet Appalachia

Lindsay Marie Webb

by MARY MUSIC
 Staff Writer

Lindsay Marie Webb

Age: 13
Occupation: Student, Life Enthusiast
Education: 7th grade, Allen Central Middle School
Life quote: "No matter what happens, you can always pull yourself through it."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

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

— MARY MUSIC

Meet Lindsay Marie Webb, the energetic, over-achieving daughter of Thomas Dean Webb of Henry's Branch in Martin and Jackie Sammons of Allen.

Lindsay, a seventh grade student at Allen Central Middle School, is constantly rising above the obstacles in her life, striving every day to push herself to do the best she can do at whatever task she tries to accomplish.

"I am extremely proud of her," her father said, watching Lindsay tend to her horses. "She's overcome a lot and does exceptionally well at anything she goes to do."

The family owns four horses: Holly (the show horse Lindsay received as a Christmas present), Ginger, Heather, and Rebel, who Lindsay says has jealous tendencies toward the other horses.

Thomas, a life long horse enthusiast, said Lindsay began riding when she was three years old. He wasn't afraid of his daughter getting injured, but says "she was always close at

(See LINDSAY, page six)



photo by Mary Music

Lindsay and her father, Thomas Dean Webb, spend time together with her horse, Holly.



photo by Mary Music

Lindsay shows off one of her latest works, which she modeled after this poster she colored years ago.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

The Black Oak Conspiracy — 1977, Rated R

Back in the early 1970s, "Walking Tall" hit it big on the drive-in circuit. This led to a wave of similarly themed flicks which tried to cash in on the elements that made W.T. a success.

The formula used had three ingredients — one, set the film in the South; two, give the hero an unusual name; and, three, have the hero be coming home after an

absence and finding that corruption has taken root in his hometown.

This movie does all three. The setting is distinctly Southern, the hero is named Jingo and he is coming back home to com-



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

fort his ill mother but finds that his neighborhood has transformed into a hotbed of corruption which only he can undo by finding every offender in town and treating them all to a thorough beating.

The bad guys here turn out to be a corporation which intends to profit from an abandoned mine but must first clear a large tract of land. The local sheriff and doctor decide to help the corporation out and line their pockets while they turn locals out of their homes.

The hero has a best friend who figures out all of the plot stuff so Jingo can be free to pursue his old flame, play pranks on the chubby, comic-relief deputy (like the old potato in the tailpipe gag) and engage in a few dust ups till things boil over.

By the time Jingo gets involved, the sheriff has had a complete meltdown and gone on a brutal killing spree which graphically takes out all of the bad guys. It just remains for Jingo to pound the snot out of the sheriff. Here it gets a little flimsy because Jingo doesn't bring a weapon, even though the sheriff has been blatantly shotgunning people like they burned his breakfast.

Not as good as Walking Tall but this does deliver the goods in the action and atmosphere departments.

Director Bob Kellijan proves that his Count Yorga movies were no flash in the pan and he handles the action sequences with a sure hand.

The actors are perfectly cast and deliver top performances for what must have been bargain prices. Jesse Vint does a good job as Jingo and also wrote the script. Robert F. Lyons is solid as a vertically chal-

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Chicken Soup For The Soul: The smell of grass

Adelaide Isaacs

Oh, how cool and tranquil it was, lying in the freshly cut jade grass. The aroma of wet grass was enough to take Amber back to when she was 4. Spread out in that grass, she gazed into the soft, blue heavens. She and her father would make clouds into animals, and her father would always say they looked like elephants. The cicadas would buzz, a sound of summer. Even though the heat was sweltering, the cool backyard grass was just the trick to refresh Amber and her father.

Every time she thinks of her early-childhood summers, she remembers grass, melon, Popsicles, plastic pools,

sprinklers, blue skies, clear water and green, green grass. Amber snapped out of her memory and unlocked the front door. Lately, she had been thinking a lot about her back yard and those summers she spent with her dad.

Amber's father had died Aug. 24, 1990, when she was 5 years old. He'd been diagnosed with cancer that summer but kept it a secret from Amber, not wanting to ruin their last few weeks together. She missed him a lot lately; last Tuesday he would have been 45 years old. Even though she was so young when he died, she remembered everything about him. His big smile, tan complexion, his comforting laugh. She loved every second of the day she spent with him;

she was definitely her father's daughter.

Amber plopped her stuff down on her mother's desk and started her history work. After 20 minutes had passed, she stretched and looked around. She needed a pencil sharpener. She fumbled through every drawer of the old oak desk. She came across a ragged blue book in a pile of others. Her hand trembled as she felt the leather cover. She took a deep breath. She opened it up and began to read the black scribbly writing:

July 26, 1990

I still haven't broken the news to my little angel. Every time I look

into her sweet eyes, I can't find the words to put it lightly. I know I will miss her the most. If only I could stay to see her grow; we are so much alike. I pray to the Lord every day to keep her strong and beautiful, and I know I will watch over her, when I no longer exist in this world. I will desperately miss all of our fun times playing in the grass in our yard. I will be waiting for the day she comes to play with me up in heaven.

Amber put the book down. She did not need to read any more. She was already sobbing quietly — partly out of sadness, partly out of happiness, but mostly because four small blades of

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DIABUDDIES CORNER

Diabetes Tip of the Day: Most people who have diabetes need to take an aspirin a day. However there may be reasons your doctor does not want you to take it. Ask your doctor if an aspirin a day is right for you.

Diabetes Recipe for the Week: Chocolate Chip Cookies
Obtained from the web site www.equal.com

Makes: 2 dozen cookies
28% calorie reduction from traditional recipe
Ingredients:
1/3 cup stick butter or margarine, softened
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup Equal® Spoonful*
1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or mini chocolate chips
* May substitute 8 packets Equal® sweetener

Preparation:

Beat butter with electric mixer until fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla until blended. Mix in Equal® and brown sugar until combined. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix into butter mixture until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips.
Drop dough by rounded teaspoons on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 350° F oven 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden color. Remove from baking sheet and cool completely on wire rack.
Nutrition information per serving:
67 cal., 1 g pro., 8 g carb., 4 g fat, 16 mg chol., 80 mg sodium

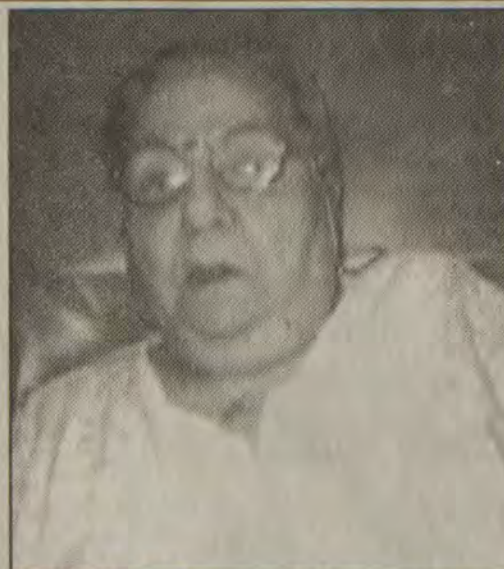
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Announcements



Girl Scouts show they care

Brownie Troop #486 and Junior Girl Scout Troop #487 participated in Wee Care Week (Feb. 7-14) by donating baby items to the Betsy Layne Health Department. The items will be distributed to infants in the Floyd County area.



Riverview Health Care Center Resident of the Month

Ruby Hughes has been named "Resident of the Month" for the Riverview Health Care Center for the month of March. Mrs. Hughes has been a resident of the center since December, 2002. She is from East Point.

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@tiusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

Lagoon

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lenged guy who has it in for anyone over 5 feet, 10 inches tall. The best actor award goes to screen veteran Albert Salmi as the sheriff who goes postal in a big way.
Best line: "Did you get to do all of those weird things with those movie stars?"

Soup

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dried grass fell out of the book and into her hands.

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This boy counts!

Shawn M. Butcher recently won the first place award for the "Big Sandy Math Counts" competition. In recognition of his achievement, Shawn won a \$500 scholarship award. Shawn, the son of Charles M. and Ronda Butcher, of Daniels Creek, is an eighth-grader at Johnson Central Middle School. Shawn will be going to Louisville to compete in the state championship event.

Local wins acclaim at regional art show

Local artist Randy Lawson, of Prestonsburg, received the highest honor at the Greenbo Art Festival, held this past February 21. The festival was sponsored by the Kentucky Creative Artist Club and the annual art show was held at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. The show included over eighty talented artists from across Kentucky, including many award-winning painters and wood carvers.
Lawson won the highest honor, "The Award of Excellence," for his painting, "Old Town Branch Bridge,"

owned by Randy and Polly Bradley, also of Prestonsburg. Lawson also received the show's second highest honor, "Honorable Mention," for his painting, "Jenny Wiley Elk I." Lawson currently teaches art at the Wesley Christian School, in Allen. He is also an instructor at the Mountain Arts Center and the Roy F. Collier Community Center. He will be exhibiting his work in the Prestonsburg area in the upcoming fall season. He plans to continue his work as a teacher while working to become one of Kentucky's leading artists.

Lindsay

hand."
At 13, Lindsay now helps care for those horses, making sure to brush, feed and water them almost every day. She also helps care for the family's herd of goats, chores her father says teaches her great responsibility, a characteristic that has come to be a strong influence in her life.

The teenager, who brings home A's and B's, says she's just an average student, but her accomplishments and mature outlook of the world says otherwise.

She is a painter, thanks to her grandmother, Gertrude Webb, 80, otherwise known as "Big Mom," who helped raise Lindsay after her parents divorced several years ago.

Lindsay began taking painting lessons from "Big Mom" last summer, and has since decided that she'll keep the hobby, because she likes "watching the white canvas turn into something beautiful."

"Grandma used to say that not everybody can draw, but everyone can paint because it's just learning the motions," Lindsay said, flipping through several of her own pieces of art.

Lindsay said she got some flack from some students at her school last year, who believed that her paintings were too pretty to be her original work.

Instead of reacting angrily to their comments, Lindsay took them as a compliment and says she felt proud that they thought she couldn't paint such beautiful things.

When she was younger, Lindsay says she loved watching her grandmother's hand move across the canvas. Now, that art is a big inspiration in her life, along with the many other things she enjoys learning and doing.

In addition to her love for animals and painting, Lindsay loves Science, reading, writing, the "freedom" of four wheeling, target shooting (but not hunting), dancing, music, cooking and, of course, the unalienable teenage right to talk on the phone for hours on end.

Like painting, writing serves as a way of escape for Lindsay, who says she was deeply troubled by her parents divorce.

Along with several other awards she brought home last year, Lindsay won first place in her school for her young author's book, "In Search of Freedom." A

short story about the wrongs of slavery. Lindsay said she wrote it to address racism expressed toward a black girl at her school a few years ago. She says the most important quality in a person's life is kindness. It's very important, she says, to treat others equally.

Lindsay has read at least 30 "chapter books" in her life, a hobby she grew to love after her grandmother introduced her to Dr. Seuss in Kindergarten. From there, she became addicted to Scooby Doo books, and now says her favorite author is Edgar Allen Poe. Reading is a gift to Lindsay, who says it expands her comprehension level and helps her succeed in her classes.

When asked what her favorite thing in the world is, she says she's torn between her love for horses and her love for reading.

You won't catch Lindsay wasting her time in front of the television set. She says she has more important things to do.

"A lot of stuff on TV is just boring," Lindsay said. "It promotes violence and drugs and meanness. Some stuff on MTV I love to watch, but other shows on there are plain awful."

But when she does watch it, she says her favorite programs are CNN, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. She says she likes CNN because it gives her the news as it happens, and keeps her informed about what's going on in the world. The government, she says, should be more concerned about improving our economy.

"I like to know how the world is going and I like to know about things when they happen, other than 2 or 3 weeks down the road," she said.

Lindsay, who took ballet and jazz dance classes for four years, says she likes all kinds of music, particularly classical works from the Baroque period (Mozart, specifically), ACDC, Creed, Celine Dion, and many others. It's important, she says, to enjoy many different things in life, else, we'd all be "bored" with ourselves.

"If you focus your life on one thing, you'll get bored of it," she said.

A member of Allen Central Middle School's Science Olympiad, Lindsay is currently taking an eighth grade math course, where she's learning

about linear equations and graphing. But her favorite subject, in addition to reading and writing, of course, is science, because she says she likes learning about animals, the ecosystem, and "the way of the world." Lindsay said her brother Chad, 19, who is studying to become a pharmacist at Alice Lloyd College, taught her a lot about science. She says she'll be a veterinarian or a pharmacist, like him, when she grows up.

She brought home numerous awards—at least one in every class—with the school's academic team last year, which placed first in regional competitions in the Future Problem Solving category. She placed in the school's conservation essay contest and also received awards for her attendance, among other things. She also worked with the sixth grade showcase and was named Snowflake Queen at a school dance last winter.

She's not at all shy, and says she loves winning these awards because it shows her that she has accomplished something with her life.

She loves school, her teachers, friends and her family. Seven of her aunts and uncles (her father has eight brothers and sisters) live within walking distance from her home in Martin. When she's older, she says she hopes to obtain a college education, a good job, and a family, who'll live with her on the same hollow she lives now.

She is an amazing individual who says the world should recalculate the way they view her generation.

"I've heard so many older people say that our generation is going down the drain," she said. "Well, they need to give us a chance. Me and my friends, we work hard and try to do our best. A lot of kids in schools don't care about things like that. They don't care what their grades are or what's going to happen to them tomorrow, and that's not the way to be. I was always taught to be my best. Maybe that's why I didn't try to do it their way. ...I push myself to do my best. I believe that if you work hard while you're young, you'll have time to do things you want to do when you're older."

Everyone, she says, is special in their own way.



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photo by Mary Music

Lindsay and her grandmother, Gertrude Webb, are like two peas in a pod. Lindsay says she's one of the biggest inspirations in her life.



photo by Mary Music

One of Lindsay's favorite pastimes is reading. Here, she dives into a book by Edgar Allen Poe, her favorite author.

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

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210-Job Listings

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT TITLED: GYMNASIUM AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATION

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL EASTERN, KENTUCKY KDE BG 04-119

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Gymnasium Air-Conditioning Installation, Allen Central High School, until 1:00 p.m., Local Time, March 25, 2004, at the office of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. Liquidated damages will be assessed per the specifications.

The work consists of adding an air-conditioning system to the gymnasium.

The instruction to Bidders, Form of Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C., 2321 Fortune Drive, Suite 112-A, Lexington, Ky.;

McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C., 1717 Alliant Drive, Suite 10, Louisville, Ky.;

AGC of Kentucky, Inc., 311 Barbourville Street, 2nd Floor, Corbin, KY;

A B C / R e e d Construction Data, 1300 New Circle Road, Bldg. B, Suite 112, Lexington, KY;

Reed Construction Data, 1812 Taylor Avenue, Louisville, KY;

Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY.;

JRA Architects, 300 E. Main St., Suite 301, Lexington, KY.;

Adams-Frazier-Anderson, Inc., 715 Westland Drive, Lexington, KY.

Bidding Documents, including Drawing and Specifications, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$50.00 per set, payable to Lynn Imaging. Documents may be obtained from the distribution department of Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, Ky., 40507, (859) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging. The successful bidder is responsible for the purchase of any additional sets they may require. The issuing of partial sets is not permitted.

Bids must be submitted on Form of Proposal included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the Owner's office. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for receiving the bids, all proposals that are completely filled out and have been properly submitted with the appropriate attachments in accordance with the Contract Documents, will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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. The award of the contract shall be made on the basis of the lowest and best bid in the interest of Floyd County Schools. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities, and shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

All questions during bidding period shall be submitted via facsimile or mailed to: Mr. Tom Wilson, Adams-Frazier-Anderson, 715 Westland Drive, Lexington, KY, Fax No. (859) 231-5024. All questions shall be submitted no later than four (4) days prior to the established bid date. The list of current plan holders during the bidding period will be made available at the distribution department of Lynn Imaging and posted on their website at www.lynnimaging.com.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT TITLED: GYMNASIUM AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATION BETSY LAYNE DOME GYM BETSY LAYNE, KENTUCKY KDE BG 04-120

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Gymnasium Air-Conditioning Installation, Betsy Layne Dome Gym, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, March 25, 2004, at the offices of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. Liquidated damages will be assessed per the specifications.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Paul

Roberts, Rt. 979, Box 555, Harold, Ky. 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to make a fill. The property is located 1 mile south of Harold on 979 of Mud Creek. Any comments or

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